



Meetinghouse Messenger

from the First Religious Society

August 31
through September 6, 2015

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This Sunday

Summer Services Conclude with a Pancake Breakfast

Sept. 6 Pancake Breakfast in Union Hall. A warm welcome on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend. Pancakes with all the fixings. 10-11. Volunteer pancake flippers much appreciated. Coordinated by Tom Rourk and Lisa Sama.

Sept. 13 Services resume in the Sanctuary. Bring small samples of water representing your summer for the Water Ceremony. We will welcome Pam Howell, the new Religious Education Coordinator. Lisa Perry-Wood will return for a second internship year, as Student Minister. Dan Ryan will direct the music and lead the choir. Rev. Diane Miller will speak.

Message from the Minister

"Getting REady for RE in the REd Balloon"



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Hours: Mon. 8-
9:30am

10:30am-noon

Tuesday: 8am-noon

Closed Wednesday

Thursday 8-noon
and 1pm-4pm

Friday 8am-noon
and 1pm-3pm

Minister:

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The Minister is
usually in the church
study for portions of
Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, and

Sunday. Friday is
preparation time,

The ground floor of the Meetinghouse is our classroom and gathering space for children and youth on Sunday mornings. The large room needs many small repairs and simple cleaning projects to make it ready for the K--5 age children starting September 13. If you can spare an hour for one or two of these jobs, stop by and see the cards posted around the room describing a job or task. If you can do a project or two it would go a long way toward welcoming our new RE Coordinator, welcoming new and continuing families, and making FRS an attractive church home for all ages. To get more details about the jobs to be done, email me or stop by the Red Balloon area to see the list of what's needed.

A message from the Office Administrator:

Regular office hours will resume this week. The Meetinghouse messenger will published by 10am on Mondays this church year, so please keep that in mind. Email news to frs@uucarlisle.org and put "Meetinghouse Messenger" in the subject line. Thanks! Ann Quenin

News and Programs

The Parish Committee

will meet on Thursday, September 3 at 7:30 PM in the Widrick Room.



Update from the Ministerial Search Committee

Two spots are open for the Cottage Meeting tonight at the Zimmerman's at 7:30. If this fits your schedule, please go to the Signup Genius link [here](#) and join us. The gatherings are

Saturdays vary, and Wednesday is her day off. Call for an appointment.

Student Minister

Lisa Perry-Wood

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RE Coordinator

Pam Howell

Music Director:

Dan Ryan

dryan@uucarlisle.org

providing us with great information for our ministerial search process. If tonight doesn't work for you, please check the other dates at the same link. As always, contact us with any questions! -- Molly Sorrows, chair,
frs_search@uucarlisle.org

Update from the Parish Committee:

The Parish Committee met in August, and heard from John Lyons of the Ministerial Search Committee about their progress, and about his role in putting together the contractual package early in the search process. John asked us for recommendations for two others to join him in this role--one member of the PC, and one from the church at large.

There will be only two Fifth Sunday Arts Sundays next year, as the RE schedule will be configured differently. Diane thought that after Thanksgiving, and around Memorial Day would be the two Arts Sundays. There will be an all-ages service on the Sunday of Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend. The monthly all ages services will not continue, as they didn't work well for our young RE participants. Diane and the new RE Coordinator, Pam Howell, have been putting their heads together and coming up with some changes for next year. Everyone seems very excited about the new endeavors.

One such project that Diane and Pam are trying to get off the ground is updating and furnishing the Red Balloon space. The first step is repainting the floor, which will happen in September, funded by the Minister's Discretionary Fund because B&G have committed their budget for the year. The large room will be used for RE on Sunday mornings, and available for church and community activities at other times. The small carpeted room will be for Junior Youth Group and for HS Youth.

Diane thought that we should be doing more fun events, and she raised the idea of getting the comedian Jimmy Tingle or a music event for an evening, and perhaps as a bonus, we might be able to raise a bit of money for a particular project. The PC continued discussions about a possible alternative to the Service Auction this year, and would love church members to put their thinking hats and suggest some

alternatives. Any ideas???

Hoping all enjoy their last bits of summer, but look forward to our Pancake Breakfast Labor Day weekend, September 6th. See you there.

Help needed:

Our annual Labor Day Pancake Breakfast will be coming up soon, on Sunday, September 6. Once again we will be opening our doors to all comers and offering pancakes with all the fixin's. To make this happen we need to recruit help from our people. We are looking for pancake flippers, bacon fryers, servers and cleaner-uppers. If we have enough people then only a short effort should be needed from each volunteer. If you can help, please contact Tom Rourk at 978 369 5366.

WomenSpirit - Dessert Potluck - Sunday, September 20

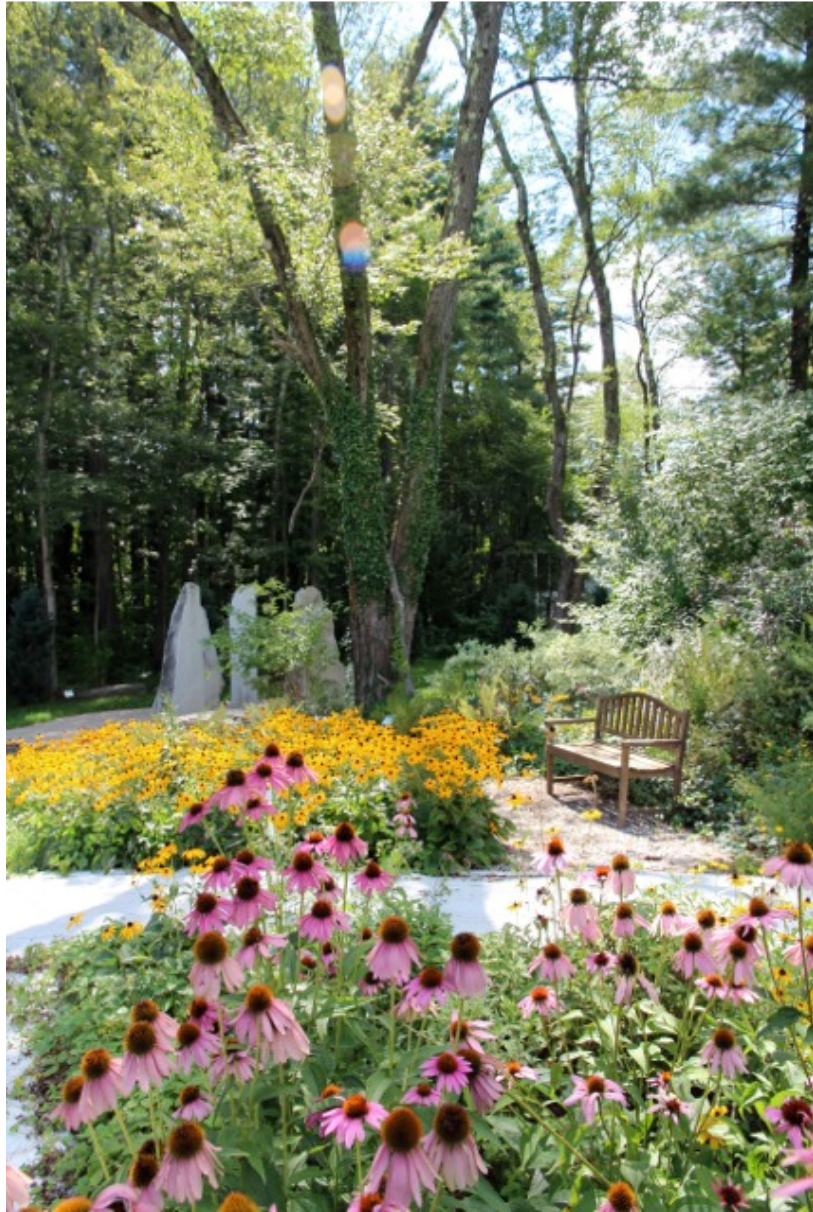
Our first gathering of the church year is a Dessert Potluck scheduled for Sunday, September 20th at 7:00 PM in Union Hall at church. Bring along a dessert to share. We'll be doing some planning for the coming year and will be having monthly discussion meetings (Sunday evenings) and occasional potluck suppers (Friday evenings). Our student minister, Lisa Perry-Wood, has offered to facilitate some of our meetings and we are going to choose a book to read together this fall.

There's always plenty to eat, so please come even if you don't have time to make something or pickup something at the store. Friends and women new to the group are always welcome! Contact Sue Kirk for more informationsukirk@aol.com

UU World Magazine: Is mailed free, 4 times a year, to all current church members. If you do not receive it but would like to, please let the office know so that Ann can add you to our subscriber list. The **UU World** is also available on line, where there are frequent updates and articles posted.

The **Memorial Stones** have names inscribed in the granite. Most of the people inscribed are living, having decided to be included in this lovely Memorial. If you are interested in adding a name, contact the church office for cost and more

information.



Memorial Stones and Infinity Garden -- photo by Betsy Fell

Our Shared Ministry

The FRS Community supports the **Open Pantry** of Greater Lowell with our donations of food and money, and also with the time and caring of volunteers who fill orders for clients on Tuesdays 9--noon. The volunteer schedule is maintained year round by **Barbara Ritz**, who also works at the pantry from

time to time. Regular volunteers are **Maxine Barber, Stephanie Hackbarth, Pat Hayes, Ellen Huber, Sue Kirk, Tom Rourk**, and substitutes **Lisa Sama** and **Diane Miller**. Thanks to all for this important ministry.

The church website, www.uucarlisle.org, was hit by a virus and was down last week. It was restored thanks to the efforts of our volunteer web weavers and the hosting service. Many thanks to **Susan Emmons, Molly** and **Bryan Sorrows**, and **Bob Luoma**.

Please note that our newest **church directory** is available as a pdf in the quick links column to your left. A staff and committee contact list is also there. You may email or call the office if you would like to be sent a copy.

Community Events

Dear All,

The **Carlisle Community Chorus is starting rehearsals on Monday, September 14th** for its Fall 2015 Season. We have a new Conductor, Tara Callahan, a Carlisle Public School music teacher. Rehearsals are from 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM on Mondays at the Robbins Building, room 116 Carlisle Public Schools. We will be singing songs from the British Isles. Our Concert will be on January 12th, 2016.

Just come if you love to sing. All ages are invited. Membership is open to anyone from Carlisle or adjoining communities. There are no tryouts.

Come and sing with us.
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