



Meetinghouse Messenger

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This Sunday at FRS:

October 11 at 10am: Lisa Perry-Wood, Student Minister, will preach. "Sometimes We (Like Columbus) Are Just Wrong"

A Message from the Minister

The **Black Lives Matter** yard signs arrived on September 21st and there was some immediate reaction from the community. I wrote the letter below to the Carlisle Mosquito, the local paper, and it appeared on October 2nd. I am glad to continue the conversation. If you would like a yard sign to place by your mailbox or driveway or house, pick one up -- they are outside the church office by the Church Street entrance.



To the Editor: The First Religious Society has placed Black Lives Matter yard signs around the Meetinghouse as part of a broad conversation about racism. The signs are part of our witness to the persistence of racism which, sadly, is a significant reality in our nation and world. In June our Unitarian Universalist denomination resolved that local congregations deepen our attention to racism. Last summer a teenage member of the congregation led a service about Black Lives Matter. I preached on the message in September. We will have ongoing events to address aspects of racism. As a majority white congregation, we think it is important that we work for racial justice. The first of our Principles is "the inherent worth and dignity of every person" so of course we value all lives. Because we see that African Americans are a disproportionately targeted and disadvantaged group, we want to address racism that impacts Black lives. These signs are not in response to any

particular incident or local concern. I have spoken with Chief John Fisher of the Carlisle Police Department to assure him that this is not an anti-police message from us. This town is lucky to have his leadership and commitment to fairness, justice and protection of this community. There have been some individuals who have said or done unproductive things under the Black Lives Matter banner, as can happen with any informal movement. This is an important national conversation, and one issue being addressed within a vital and active congregation. We invite you to join us. Rev. Diane Miller First Religious Society

A Message from the Religious Education Coordinator

This Sunday, our Jr. Youth Group really got their hands dirty picking stray vegetables for their Crop Walk Banner. Crop Walk is an annual fundraiser that serves to feed the hungry: Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. It is a worthy cause and our youth plan to walk on October 25th.



Our Middles gathered in a circle and talked about strength in community. We also sang songs together and played a few games. Our Children's Choir is unfolding beautifully.

This Week in RE:

Painting will happen this week, so we will run most of RE upstairs in Union Hall next Sunday. We will know more by the end of this week, so stay tuned.

Littles - 0-4yrs 9:50-11:00am

Middles - 1st - 5th grades

This week, Amy Smack and Sarah Grallerts will be teaching the story The Sword of Wood.

Teens - Jr. Youth Group

Youth will be building their Crop Walk Banner together.

Two items needed:

We will be having an Elf Workshop in our Sunday School in December. We are in search of wool (dyed or natural) and Milk Weed Pods. If you have either, please email me to let me know.

Want to chat? I am in my office the following times, but am also flexible. Send me an email. I would welcome a chance to get to know you better.

Sunday - 9:00-1:00pm

Monday - 10:00- 2:00

Wednesday - 12-5:00





Jr. Youth at Clark Farm

News and Programs

On Saturday, Oct. 10, FRS will be hosting Kendrick Price and a group of young people from Dorchester for a day of apple picking and enjoying the fall country side. Kendrick runs the Big Business Network in Boston, a community organization that advocates for young boys, providing safe programs of challenging projects and group sports, and is a donee of our Share the Plate program. We will take them to the Carlson Orchards in Harvard, MA , and then will be providing lunch for the children and their adult escorts in Union Hall. We can still use volunteers who might be willing to help prepare lunch, or with the outings. All are welcome. If you are interested, please speak to Margaret Darling or Tom Rourk.

Knitting in Service Society - collecting items through October 15

If you have been knitting Christmas presents for the Boston homeless congregants of Common Cathedral, thank you! We are now collecting through October 15 all hand-knit hats and scarves for the FRS Fall visit to Common Cathedral. The ministers there personally select these for the homeless as individually wrapped Christmas

presents. Knitters (and crochet-ers) are welcome to knit with us monthly and at home, and to join us at FRS on October 15 at 7:30 to sort and put Christmas gift tags on the presents. Please drop any items off at the FRS Office or in the basket inside the entrance of FRS before the deadline. For questions or more info, please contact the FRS Office. Thank you.

**Film Screening: Merchants of Doubt
Saturday, October 17, 7pm - 9pm
Union Hall.**

The Environmental Action Committee invites you to a screening of "Merchants of Doubt," starring Carlisle's Naomi Oreskes, a Harvard historian, whose book is the basis of the film. This enlightening 90 minute documentary explores how the truth has been intentionally obscured on issues from tobacco smoke to global warming in order to sow uncertainty and delay action.

A discussion will follow. Popcorn and cold and hot drinks will be offered.

Hallowing Of Names on November 1st

Once again, we will Hallow the Names of beloved family and friends we have lost by reading the names aloud during the service. This moment of reverence is planned for November 1st. Be sure to send the names of your loved ones to the church office prior to the service, to ensure they will be listed in the Order of Service. Include pronunciation help if needed. A sign up sheet will be available at coffee hour in the three weeks leading up to the service. We will not automatically include names read in the past, but will be happy to repeat them if requested.

Volunteers Still Needed for Coffee Hour. A

Message from the Coffee Committee: Coffee Hour has long been an integral part of fellowship at FRS, a place to share ideas, make connections, catch up with friends and welcome newcomers. Please help the Coffee Hour Committee continue this valuable tradition by signing up to be an occasional

volunteer. Responsibilities include helping with set-up, preparing food for the table, making coffee and tea and clean up. That's it! You'll be working with a seasoned member of the Coffee Hour committee. Sign-up sheets will be in Union Hall after the service, during Coffee Hour. We need helpers for the following dates: Sundays: 11/1 and 11/8. Please contact Gio DiNicola at atgfdinicola@gmail.com.

Note: Sign-up sheets will also be in Union Hall after the service, during Coffee Hour.

Standing Invitation: It is no secret: the purpose of our Music & Worship (M&W) Committee is to create and support worship, through word, song, and music, that engages the mind, touches the heart, and invites people to a new depth of spiritual development. To this end (and beginning), the M&W Committee invites you to share your Spiritual Journey, serve as a verger and/or lead our congregation in lighting the chalice and stating together our covenant. Please see Nina Benkley, Art Milliken, Roger Goulet or Kate Sacco for further information and to discuss how you might like to avail yourself of these opportunities. Sally Coulter, Frank Rigg and Tom Rourk can help you too.



The Ministerial Search Committee needs your feedback!

Along with Cottage Meetings, the FRS Survey is the primary forum for members of our church community to voice their thoughts and opinions about FRS for the search committee and prospective ministers. The results will greatly influence the committee's work of the coming year, and eventually help us to choose our new minister. Please take advantage of this opportunity!

We are keeping the survey open for an additional

week, to allow everyone to contribute. Please click [here](#) to fill out the survey. Alternately, a search committee member would be happy to assist you in completing the survey online, or you may request a print copy from Molly Sorrows (frs_search@uucarlisle.org).

The Ministerial Search Committee is creating a website that describes the FRS community. It will include the findings from our Cottage Meetings, the survey results and descriptions of the many activities and community groups that make up FRS. We are looking for photographs to post on this website (which will only be visible to ministers seeking a new church) for the following events. Please email them to Christine Lear if you have photos from any of the following events or activities:

Circle Dinners
Soup & Games Night
Chili Cook Off
Harvest Fair

Thanks for your help! CMLTeaTime@comcast.net

Our Shared Ministry

David Klein of the Council on Aging wrote to thank **Fontaine Richardson** and the many FRS volunteers who hosted the COA/Chelmsford Crossing luncheon on October 1st. With food provided by Chelmsford Crossing, seniors were served an attractive and sociable lunch. Many thanks to Fontaine and the helpers: **Roger Goulet, Stephanie Hackbarth, Jennifer Leone, Tim and Mary Hult, Christine Lear, Teresa Kvietkauskas, Ann Quenin, and Diane Miller.**

Bryan Sorrows and **Susan Emmons** worked on various technical issues this past week, replacing an internet access point and restoring phone service, which was out for a time last week.

The Red Balloon floor was cleared for painting this week by an after-church team of **Cindie**

Bryan, Bill and Stephen Holmes, Mark and Pam Howell, Ann and John James, Diane Miller, and Bob Wallhagen.

The **Harvest Fair**, coordinated by **Alison Saylor**, was an abundant success. More next week.

The Friday night Potluck held in the Red Balloon was a lively success, with many families pitching in for dinner, conversation, and fun for the children. With **Margot Morse** serving on the Ministerial Search Committee, the family potlucks are in need of a people to coordinate setup and clean up. Outside in the fall drizzle many people helped press apples for Cider. **Rick MacDonald** brought in apples from a neighbor's tree, and old fashioned pressing was done by **Rick, John Beckley, Guillaume Blin, Parker MacDonald, Kent Smack, Eric Zimmerman** and likely others cranking the press in the evening.

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