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Meetinghouse Messenger from the First Religious Society

August 10 through August 16, 2015

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This Sunday at 10 AM in Union Hall

August 16 Pam Howell, the incoming Religious Education Coordinator, will lead the service. The topic:

"Broken Mirrors and Other Tales that Old Wives Tell: The evolving relationship between Superstition and Religion".

Many of the world's great religions have been shaped by superstitious beliefs. What role does superstition play in our own religious life? Come and explore why people believe the things they do. All are welcome.

Summer Services in August

August 23 Asia Forcucci returns to lead a Summer Service.

August 30 Diane Miller, "Blessing of the Animals." Bring your animal safely constrained, ready for a warm blessing and a time to appreciate all beings, pets, and the interdependent web of life.

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.

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The Minister is
usually in the church

Sept. 13 Services resume in the Sanctuary with the choir. Religious Education begins the Moral Tales curriculum.

Memorial Service for Jack Anderegg

The life of long-time Carlisle resident Jack Anderegg will be celebrated on Saturday, August 15, with burial at Green Cemetery at 11 AM, followed by a Memorial Service in the Sanctuary at noon. Rev. Diane Miller will officiate, and Dan Ryan will provide music. A reception will follow at the family home.

Message from the Minister

One year has passed since the police shooting of the unarmed teenager, Michael Brown, in Ferguson, Missouri. Over the past year the public conversation **#Black Lives Matter** has raised the awareness of white Americans about the forms of racism that define our society in these times. From micro-aggressions to point blank unprovoked shootings, there has been a lot to discuss. I am reading the biography "Between the World and Me" by Ta-Nehisi Coates, written as a letter to his 15 year old son, a book centered on our history and current culture of violence toward the Black body. One of the murderous attacks was the gun killing of nine lives at Bible study at the Emmanuel A.M.E. Church in Charleston, S.C. Those lives will be memorialized at an interfaith service in Lowell on Sunday afternoon. I invite you to join me there: Sunday, August 16 at 4pm at Bethel A. M. E., 75 Grand Street, Lowell. Gather in front of FRS at 3:20 if you would like to carpool.



A message from the Office Administrator: My hours this summer will vary, but mail will be picked up, bills paid, and the MM and Friday postcard will continue as usual. In August, the best time to contact me is Tuesday mornings. If you need to get in touch right away, call my cell phone 781-820-2783. Meetinghouse Messenger announcements will need to be in my hands no later than the Thursday morning before it is published on Monday, so please keep that in mind. Email news to frs@uucarlisle.org Thanks! Ann Quenin

study for portions of
Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, and

Sunday. Friday is
preparation time,
Saturdays vary, and
Wednesday is her
day off. Call for an
appointment.

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News and Programs



Greetings from the Ministerial Search Committee!

Here are some notes from our last meeting. Things are moving along, with lots of learning throughout the process! Please read through our notes and feel free to contact us with any questions about the process. Contact information and MSC members are listed at the end.

The MSC continues to meet weekly through the month of August and will meet biweekly beginning in September, with smaller group meetings on alternate weeks.

* The collection of information that churches put together to show prospective ministers has typically been a bound document of 88 - 100 pages. Now this information gets posted on a website that ministers can access, and we will begin working on the creation of ours. Ministers will find information about FRS staffing, organized groups at FRS, finances, summaries from our Cottage Meetings and fall survey, and the town. They will also, certainly, explore our regular church website and learn about the church from there as well. Candidates use this information to understand a community to see if they would like to submit their materials to a church. As we develop this, we will be reaching out to many of you to contribute information, opinions and data to complete this portrait of our community.

* In the spring, the search committee will hear several ministers preach at churches in the general area. This arrangement is called a neutral pulpit, and we are already lining up dates for these. The churches are of similar size and are in the general area, but not in surrounding towns to keep the process professionally anonymous in the early stage. The final candidate who is recommended by the committee to the church will preach at FRS twice later in

the spring.

* The MSC (Ministerial Search Committee) is pleased to see so many people have signed up for the Cottage Meetings. We are optimistic that the trend will continue throughout August and into September. MSC facilitators and secretaries were assigned to each currently scheduled Cottage Meeting. The MSC reviewed and refined the questions to be presented at the Cottage Meetings. While they are not quite ready to publish, the MSC will publish the questions to be considered prior to the Cottage Meetings so participants can think about them before attending.

We strongly encourage everyone to attend a cottage meeting! Cottage meetings are informal discussion in small groups to learn what members feel strongly about... your thoughts on the current state of the church, and your hopes and fears for the future. This information will help the search committee create a portrait of FRS for potential ministers.

Cottage meetings are available for the times below:

Sunday, Aug. 23 at 3:30 p.m. at Ernie & Ellen Huber's house - full

Tuesday, Aug. 25 at 7 p.m. at Stephanie Hackbarth's house

Monday, Aug. 31 7:30 p.m. at Abby & Eric Zimmerman's house

Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Heather Hedden's house

Thursday, Sept. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Liz Carpenter's house

Thursday, Sept. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Gio DiNicola's house

To sign up, you can do any one of the following:

1. Click on the SignUpGenius link - [here](#) (You do not need to create an account to sign up; just follow the prompts through this website & ignore the ads!)
2. Contact us at frs_search@uucarlisle.org
3. Sign up at coffee hour
4. Contact a member of the committee.

Thank you for your interest in the Ministerial Search. We

will continue to send out notes from our meetings to keep you in the loop. Please feel free to contact the MSC at FRS_Search@UUCarlisle.org.

Members of the MSC are Chairperson, Molly Sorrows, Sally Hayen, Kim Kastens, Christine Lear, John Lyons, Margot Morse and Frank Rigg.

Behind the Scenes

Congratulations to **Ken Harte**, who was given the first ever **Lifetime Achievement Award** by the Carlisle Conservation Commission. The CCC was begun 50 years ago, and created a special award for the occasion, given at Old Home Day.

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

Interfaith Memorial Service: In honor of Mother Emanuel Nine (A.M.E. Faithful Nine murdered in Charleston, SC). Sunday, August 16 at 4pm at Bethel A. M. E., 75 Grand Street, Lowell. Gather in front of FRS at 3:20 if you would like to carpool to this with Rev. Miller.