



Meetinghouse Messenger

from the First Religious Society

June 8 through June 14, 2015

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This Sunday

June 14 A celebration of Religious Education, led by Lisa Perry-Wood, the RE Committee, and RE students and youth, honoring graduates, students and teachers and the many volunteers who support Way Cool Sunday School. Marguerite Shaw will lead the children and the choir in song. Robert Canavello will play Schumann. Children will have supervised playtime after the early part of the service, or are welcome to remain in the sanctuary. Dialogue Sermon by Rev. Miller and Lisa Perry-Wood.

Upcoming Services

June 21 Our final service of the church year will be on Father's Day, with the beautiful tradition of the Flower Ceremony celebrating diversity and community and beauty. The choir will sing, directed by Dan Ryan. Sermon by Rev. Miller. Children will begin upstairs, leave to play, and will be invited back for the flower ceremony.

June 28 is the weekend of Old Home Day and the one Sunday morning when there will be no service. **Summer Services** begin July 5th through the weekend of Labor Day. Our church year resumes again on September 13th.

Coffee Hour on June 14 : Congregants F-I

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Sunday. Friday is

A Message from the Minister



Our church staff is complete for the coming church year! It is a wonderful team and I look forward to working with everyone. **Pam Howellis** our newcomer, taking the position of Religious Education Coordinator in September. Pam has already met with the RE Committee and has attended several Sunday services. Pam was recommended by the RE Search Team, of **Paul Morrison, Amy Smack, Roger Goulet, and Rick MacDonald**. Thanks to that group for their work and discernment.

We also have continuity. **Ann Quenin**, is the Church Office Administrator. **Steve Melanson** continues as the church custodian. **Nina Rich**, the adult caregiver in the nursery/preschool room, will be back on Sunday mornings. **Lisa Perry-Wood** will return for her second Internship year, moving from Religious Education to the other Arts of Ministry. **Dan Ryan** will begin his second year as Music Director. I will continue as supervisor of staff through my final year as your Minister. FRS is lucky to have two ministers emeriti on our unpaid staff team, **Eugene Widrick** and **Marguerite Shaw**.

FRS is an employer, as well as a volunteer led congregation. Volunteers on the Parish Committee hire staff and make personnel policies. Volunteers serve on Search Committees, the Internship Committee, and hiring committees. Volunteers work with every person on the staff. The First Religious Society is a partnership and a cooperative team of paid staff and volunteer leaders.

Share the Plate

Sharing the Plate on June 14: Communities for Restorative Justice

Communities for Restorative Justice (C4RJ) is a community-police partnership that offers restorative justice to those affected by crime. Their "circle" process recognizes that crime is a violation of people and relationships, not just a violation of law. They receive **police referrals** and seek to include those affected by crime in the decision-making: victims, offenders, loved ones, supporters, community members, and law enforcement officials. The Carlisle Police Department is one of 12 in surrounding communities that partner with C4RJ.

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

appointment.

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**A Message from the Religious Education
Director**



Our Sunday, June 7th service was led by Matt Meyer - a service of song and celebration. The children started in the sanctuary with Matt to hear a story about "Miriam and the Tambourine." Then they went with their teachers to make final preparations for our RE Celebration Sunday next week.

Next Sunday, June 14th we will commemorate significant milestones for our 1st, 8th and 12th graders; these groups, as well as all who participated in RE this year, will receive special gifts from the FRS community. The children will lead the congregation in singing and we will thank all of the volunteer teachers who helped make our RE program such a success. Please mark your calendars and don't miss out on this special end-of-year event.

Also, of note, is our end of year **Twilight Potluck Picnic**, which will be on Friday, June 19th. A grill, hot dogs, rolls and condiments will be provided - you bring other picnic food to share. There will also be a fire pit, where we'll make the traditional S'mores. Weather permitting, we will gather in the playground or otherwise in the Red Balloon room. Setup will be at 5:30, potluck dinner at 6 and after.

If you have any questions about Religious Education, please drop by the RE table, before church or at coffee hour on Sundays. Or feel free to come to the RE office on Tuesdays or Thursdays, when Lisa has office hours: dre@uucarlisle.org or 781-883-3411.

A Message from the Social Action Committee:

As the regular church year draws to a close, let's remember that the Open Pantry of Greater Lowell remains open all summer. FRS members will also continue to help out on Tuesday mornings. The needs of many in the Lowell community remain high through the summer months. Please be as generous as possible with extra donations of non-perishable food items, and or money, during Sundays in June, to help sustain the Open Pantry, June -- September. Thank you! Please email me (Barbara Ritz) [bpritz219 AT gmail DOT com](mailto:bpritz219@gmail.com) if you have any questions about the Open Pantry.

News and Programs

Adding Names to the Memorial Garden Stones. This week trees and shrubs will be planted in the Infinity Garden and the Memorial Garden. We invite you to visit the Infinity Garden during Coffee Hour on Sunday June 14 to admire the new plantings, which will provide more enclosure and privacy to this beautiful area.

The Memorials Committee invites you to view the Memorial stones, and to consider adding names. The donation is \$1000 per name and \$750 for any additional names requested at the same time. The Memorials Committee can assist church members and families in providing ways to memorialize lives at FRS. The congregation also has a plot for cremation interments at the Green Cemetery, donation \$250. More information is available from any member of the Memorials Committee - Art Milliken, Barbara Ritz, Alison Saylor, Diane Miller.

The Strawberry Festival Is Coming Up-Wednesday, June 17. Much help is needed. Sign up sheets will be out at coffee hour on the 14th. Or if you can't get to church, please call Janice Kissinger (369-8968), Sally Hayen (369-7591) or Ellen Huber (369-6678). Jobs open are biscuit making on the 16th, hulling the morning of the 17th and set up, cream whipping, ticket selling, serving and clean up late afternoon and evening of the 17th. Many hands make light work-and many of these are very sociable tasks. The Trebled Teens will be singing at their third festival and the Still River Sword team will be returning to perform traditional longsword dances from the villages of Yorkshire County in England. FRSer Anne Ketchen is a long-time member of the group. We look forward to young and old helping to make a success of this 62nd annual community event.

We celebrate the end of the Religious Education year with a **Family Friendly Potluck and Twilight picnic, Friday June 19.** Setup will be at 5:30, potluck dinner at 6. will include a grill. Hot dogs, buns, condiments will be provided, as well as S'mores over a fire pit. This will be held in the playground at the church, weather permitting. All are welcome!

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. There will be hard copies available at Coffee Hour or you may email or call the office if you would like to be sent a copy.

Behind the Scenes

A strong contingent of volunteers led the children last Sunday in preparing for the RE Celebration Sunday on June 14th. **Christine Lear, Kristina Beckley and Susie Shaw** helped the kids make cards and a banner, while **Margot Morse** assisted **Marguerite Shaw** in teaching songs they will sing on the 14th. **Amy Smack** supervised all of the activities. Many, many thanks to you all - we really couldn't do it without you!

Congratulations to the Reverend **Emily Gage**, who was ordained by the First Religious Society 18 years ago on June 7th.

Denominational Events

Dollina Borella will be attending the UUA General Assembly in Portland, OR, in June as a delegate from the First Religious Society. A number of the events will be live-streamed for viewing. Look at www.uua.org for details.

Unitarian Universalist camps and conferences provide excellent programs and retreats. Brochures from nearby Star Island, Rowe Camp & Conference Center, and Ferry Beach along with others can be found in the bookshelves in Union Hall. Or check at <http://www.uua.org/directory/where/camps-retreats-and-conferences> for an overview, with links to more information about specific places.

Community Events

Carlisle's Old Home Day, first celebrated in 1912, happens this year on Friday evening, June 26th and Saturday, June 27th. The Theme is Blooming Carlisle. From time to time FRS organizes a parade entry. If you are moved to have fun and pull together a parade entry, now is the time. (We have a Standing on the Side of Love banner and placards ready to go for a drill routine) There will be a table in the foyer with information about FRS, photos on the video screen, and stickers to give away. If you can spend an hour of your Old

Home Day greeting people (perfect location for getting first choice of the pie samples after they've been judged) please let me know. The FRS Meetinghouse is at the center of the action, and will host the art show, cake decorating contest, pie baking contest, and a Carlisle Family Connection fun spot in the playground.