



Meetinghouse Messenger

from the First Religious Society

May 25 through May 31

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This Sunday

May 31 - "Arts of Spring" - A Fifth Sunday Celebration. Following a brief opening service in the Sanctuary, led by Lisa Perry-Wood, the congregation will disperse to several activities designed to suit all ages.

Rounds and Canons. Our Music Director, Dan Ryan, describes the workshop he will lead: We sing many rounds during the services here at FRS. They are a fun and easy way to harmonize our voices and marvel at the multiplicity of melodic lines that can be brought together. For our Fifth Sunday Arts music portion, we will offer a session on rounds that will give participants an opportunity to try out rounds that are in our hymnbooks, other traditional rounds, and even some humorous ones.

Marigold Planting (K-5 children): Several weeks ago, children started marigold seeds in a small greenhouse in Union Hall. This week the marigold seedlings will be lovingly planted in the FRS garden by the RE children.

Paper Flower Making: A children's arts/crafts activity making paper flowers will be set up in the Red Balloon room, suitable for all ages. Some will adorn our Old Home Day table, others will be taken home.

Informal tours of the FRS Infinity Garden led by members of the new Garden Sub-Committee group of Building and Grounds.

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Closed Wednesday

Thursday 8-noon and 1pm-4pm

Friday 8am-noon and 1pm-3pm

Minister:

Sharing the Plate on May 31:

Cure Alzheimer's Fund is the recipient of our Share the Plate on May 31st. This Wellesley-based nonprofit is dedicated to funding research with the highest probability of preventing, slowing, or reversing Alzheimer's disease. Founders and board members cover all operating costs, so 100% of the donated funds go to research. It has had the highest Charity Navigator rating for the past four years. You can see more of their work at curealz.org. Our FRS offering share will be matched by an anonymous donor.

Upcoming Services

June 7th A return visit from by Matt Meyer, who will lead a service with percussion, song and message. The choir will sing. Children will be preparing for RE 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 the Falcone piano.

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.

Coffee Hour this week May 31: Congregants - U-Z

A Message from the Minister

FRS will be creating a corner area in the Sanctuary for young children, which hasn't been officially christened but is going by "**The Wiggle Corner.**" Some of the moveable chairs and benches have been rearranged to provide a bit of space for families with infants or young children to sit without being confined to a pew. We will try this experiment in the area under the clock. This has the support of the RE Committee, the Music & Worship Committee, and the Parish Committee. Over the next couple months I will be seeking a rocking chair for nursing mothers (one that will be compatible with the sanctuary) and assembling a basket of quiet toys and activity items for young children. When every seat is needed, such as Christmas services, chairs can be put back in temporarily. If you would like to work on this project, let me know.



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The Minister is usually in the church 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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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.

~ Diane Miller

A Message from the Religious Education Director

Telling Stories of Remembrance



Last week, Sunday, May 24, all ages at FRS, children and adults, heard stories of hope, loss and remembrance. In the Message for All Ages we heard the Judith Viorst story, "The Tenth Good Thing About Barney."

In Viorst's poignant tale, a young boy whose cat has died lists nine good things about his feline friend, but cannot think of a tenth. When he finally does, it brings closure to his first painful loss. It is a fine message of hope within death and loss that is truly appropriate for all ages. If you and your child don't know this classic already, it's worth checking the library.

Please join us next week Sunday May 31, as the whole congregation will join in our fifth Sunday All Arts Celebration. K-5 children may plant the marigold seedlings they started in early April in the FRS garden, or join in Spring arts and crafts activities. All ages are also invited to learn to sing rounds with Music Director Dan Ryan. Nursery care will be provided for the younger children, as always.

If you have 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 Minister of Music *emerita* Marguerite Shaw: TRADITION, TRADITION, TRADITION! At the risk of repeating myself I want you to know that our church community has presented an annual concert for twenty-five years in support of the SPARK (Serving Parents and Resilient Kids) program at Boston Medical Center. No surprise, we'll do it again this year. The date is **Thursday evening, June 4, 2015 at 7:30 in the First Religious Society sanctuary**. Two flutists will perform, Susan Jackson and Terry D'Errico, both members of FRS, joined by Carlisle resident Robin Hillyard on bassoon. Musicians from First Church in Belmont will sing Russian folk songs, and all musicians are accompanied on harpsichord and piano by Alfa Radford, Minister of Music at the Belmont church. The program will close with the entire company presenting a humorous and upbeat selection from *The Gondoliers* by Gilbert and Sullivan. The concert is repeated at the Belmont church on Sunday evening, June 7th at 8:00 PM. Last year in Carlisle this concert raised over \$1000 for SPARK, the largest amount in twenty-five years. Your support is greatly appreciated. Admission is free and a reception with light refreshments will follow in Union Hall immediately after the concert where there will be an opportunity to make free will donations for SPARK. The concert will last for just about one hour. Plan to come, and bring your family, friends and neighbors. Our building is fully accessible to all, and all are welcome.

Condolences

Our sympathies to Elizabeth (Liz) Moseley, her husband Dan, and her brother Christopher Macdonell, on the death of **Beverley Macdonell**, age 89. A service will be held in Wilson Chapel at Green Cemetery on Saturday, May 30th, officiated by Rev. Miller.

Our sympathies to Dr. John Japp and the family on the death of **Norma Japp**, who died at the age of 87. The family is having a private memorial, led by Rev. Miller. Obituaries are on the website of the Bedford Funeral Home.

The family of the late **Marilyn Garnick** will have a Memorial Service in the Sanctuary on May 30th, and Dan Ryan will play.

A message from the Flower Committee:

The Flower Committee would appreciate contributions of flowers for the pulpit table for the rest of the year. The final church service will be June 21, Father's Day, which will also

be our traditional Flower Sunday. Please let any member of the Flower Committee know a week in advance if you will provide flowers, so that we might mention your occasion in the Order of Service.

News and Programs

A message from the Music and Worship

Committee. Summer Services. Sumer is i-cumen in! And so come our lay led Summer Services. Have an idea for a service? A favorite subject or opinions/values you would like to share? We have had some very thought provoking and dynamic Lay Led Services in the past, and we are looking forward to more this summer. Don't worry if you have never led one before. It's easy, and our format is very informal, with much discussion and exchange of viewpoints. We already have a couple of services lined up (including our now traditional Canoe Flotilla down the Concord River), and we welcome your ideas. On Sunday, June 7 we will host a short 30 minute workshop on the practical skills you might need to create such a service. Interested? Contact Tom Rourk (978 369 5366) or Kim Kastens.

On Saturday, June 6, we will be once again hosting Kendric Price and the children of his Big Business Network here at FRS. You may remember Kendric from the wonderful service he did for us last year, with Gospel Singers and dancers. Or you might remember that we hosted him and his group here last fall for a day of apple picking. This time we hope to share a day at the State Park with his 20 or so kids, have a tour of the dairy, take a hike, and have lunch together. Would you like to help out by being a supervising adult? A hand at lunch? Or just someone to have fun with the kids and share a great day. Let Margaret Darling (978 369-1475) or Tom Rourk (978 369 5366) know if you could help in any way.

Please note that our newest church directory (May 2015) 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

Many thanks to **Rick MacDonald** and **Margot Morse** for leading the RE social action activity on Sunday, May 17th. With their perseverance, in spite of small numbers, one more fleece blanket was completed for Project Linus (that's four in total!) And thanks to **Rebecca Bromark's** assistance to Nina, the Nursery children were able to safely play outside in the good weather. Also, this past Sunday, May 24th, **Amy Smack** and **Abby Zimmerman** capably supervised the Nursery children while Nina Rich was on vacation, so that their parents could enjoy the service. Thank you so very much! Thanks to **Fontaine Richardson** for sharing the back story about the book and film "Still Alice" when it was screened on Sunday evening.