



Meetinghouse Messenger

from the First Religious Society

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This Sunday 10 AM

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.

Coffee hour comestibles: Congregants with last names A-D.

Message from the Minister

Labor Day is a time for honoring work and workers. This nation's Work Ethic is part of what we celebrate today. Today we honor workers and the Work Ethic with a holiday. Along with it, let us also praise the Shirk Ethic. This prayer was written by my colleague Dick Gilbert.

*O God of work and leisure
Teach me to shirk on occasion
Not only that I may work more efficiently
But also that I may enjoy life more abundantly.*

*Enable me to understand that the earth
Magically continues spinning on its axis
Even when I'm not tending thy vineyards
Permit me to breathe more easily
Knowing the destiny of the race
Rests not on my shoulders alone.*



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The Minister is
usually in the church

*Deliver me from false prophets who urge me
To repent and shirk no more
I pray for thy grace on me
Thy faithful shirker.*

~ Richard Gilbert ~

**Message from the Religious Education
Coordinator**



Greetings FRS, Summer is winding down and Religious Education is winding up. I am new to FRS, but not new to religious education and children. Both have been my life's work and I enjoy helping children find themselves in the midst of religious community. Here, children are known for who they are as people. They come and we teach them. We come and they teach us. Our children learn and grow into our shared Unitarian Universalist values; they learn the value of helping others and **making a positive difference in a world that needs them.**

We have already been working on preparing for the new RE year at FRS. We have been planning our programming all summer and we are ready for the first church Sunday, September 13th. Here are ways you can help ensure we get off to a strong start:

- We are looking for a couple of adults to help with our **Moral Tales** curriculum and our **Social Action Projects** in our 1st-5th grade program. The Social Justice Project would be one Sunday a month (4th Sunday) in the Fall Term (Sept, Oct, Nov). Moral Tales would be for 5 Sundays in the fall (once in September and two Sundays per month in October and November). Could you help? This would be a great way to serve our congregation, support our children and get to know our RE program.
- We are also looking for **two or three adults to help lead our 6-8th graders** in some local social justice work on Sunday mornings during the Fall Term.
- If you have an interest in assisting the Religious Education program but are unable to commit to teaching during the service, you might consider joining the Religious Education Committee, which meets the first Sunday of the month after coffee hour

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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RE Coordinator

Pam Howell

Music Director:

Dan Ryan
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Please email me (phowell@uucarlisle.org) if you are **interested in serving in any of these meaningful ways.**

Wanted: A rocker and a cradle for our sanctuary. We want to be a welcoming congregation to families with young children. Do you have one of these items sitting around your home? Could you lend it to us for a while to be lightly used during worship services? Please let me know if you do.

RE Registration

You will be receiving an RE Registration packet in your regular mail. If for some reason you do not, we will also have registration materials available on Sunday mornings. Either way, please be sure to stop by the RE table on Sunday mornings and say, "Hello!".

What to Expect on Sunday Mornings

Children in 1st-8th grades begin upstairs in the Sanctuary with their families at the 10 AM service, where they hear a musical prelude, words of welcome, sing a hymn, light the chalice and speak the words of our covenant. After the Message for All Ages, the children will be leave together to our lower level with an adult.

For children 5 and under, parents are welcome to drop their younger children off at 9:50, before the 10am service, in the 'Littles' classrooms in the lower level. Of course, children of all ages are welcome in our sanctuary.

This Week in RE:

Littles - 1year---5years old,

Begin at 9:50am in the Lower Level

Nina Rich will lead our youngest children with a story and craft.

Middles - 1st-5th Grades

10am Begin in Sanctuary, Depart to Lower Level with adult

This Sunday we will have a Children's Chapel for our 1st-5th Graders in the Red Balloon space. We will meet each other, sing a song, light our chalice and hear a story. We will also have our first Children's Choir practice during our regular RE time. This is new and we are grateful for the leadership of Judy Bose in this new adventure.

Teens - 6th-8th Grades

10am Begin in Sanctuary, Depart to Lower Level with adult

Our 6-8th Graders will meet in the lower level in The Cave. They

will begin their work together doing social justice work in and around our community.

Orientation after Service on 9/13 in the REd Balloon area (lower level) 11:30-12:30

Please join us for information about our RE program and to learn how you can be part of its success moving forward.

This is going to be a great year!

Pam Howell

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A Message from Music Director Dan Ryan

I am very pleased to begin my second year as FRS's Music Director. As we begin the program year, I am looking forward to the wonderful music-making that enhances our Sunday services through the participation of FRS community members who sing in the choir, play in the handbell group, jam with the jazz ensemble, or offer their talents as soloists. I invite your participation in our music program! We especially welcome new choir members. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7:30 and offer concentrated musical work, in a spirit of fun and community. Please speak with me after a service if you have any questions or would like to participate.



News and Programs

A Message from the Parish Committee

The Parish Committee met on September 3 discussing a variety of issues. Allison Saylor is organizing the harvest Fair and needs help to make it work. It is early this year, and is combined with the pumpkin sale of the Garden club. Hope to make it a great family happening.

Diane introduced the idea of having a Baby Whisperer. This could show new families with babies where places and items are that would be useful as they enter the sanctuary. We also decided that a handout with that information would be helpful too.

The Red Balloon is being repainted and updated to accommodate small groups for meetings and get togethers. The space will also be rented for groups. We are hoping that

more and more town folks find their way to our church and this is another way to get them into our building. For those of you who are handy, there is a to do list for speeding along the refurbishing of the space, that is clearly posted downstairs in the RB space.

We are still talking about an alternative to the Bi-Annual Auction that we have had for many years. This is a major fundraiser for our church and we need the profits to fund our church. We will be having a Focus group to discuss alternatives, or whether there is a desire to continue the same fundraiser. Some alternatives discussed were Bidding for Good, an online auction, and an entertainment night.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in September.

A Message from the Buildings and Grounds Committee:

The buildings and grounds committee will hold our annual FRS Fall Cleanup Work Party on **Saturday, September 12 from 8:30 to noon** and everyone is invited! There are indoor and outside jobs to do, so come rain or shine. If you can't come on the 12th, Diane and Pam have posted a list of jobs to be done in the Red Balloon/Sunday School area. Stop by and check out the list.

The garden committee has been working very hard all summer and will have some perennial plants for workday workers to take home. Take time to check out all they have done in the gardens.



An update from the Ministerial Search Committee:

Don't forget to sign up for a Cottage Meeting! There are still openings for Tuesday, September 8th at 7:30. If this fits your schedule, please go to the Signup Genius link [here](#) and join us.

These gatherings are providing us with invaluable information for our ministerial search process, and it is very important that everyone attend and have their say! We want to be sure to include ALL insights and opinions in our congregation. If this week doesn't work for you, please check the other dates at the

same link - more dates have been added. The Search Committee is very excited about the feedback we are getting, and your participation energizes us. We are making the final edits to our congregational survey, and will be sending that out in another week. As always, please contact us with any questions!

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A message from the Flower Committee: We are seeking volunteers to provide flowers for the pulpit each and every Sunday. We hope you would consider remembering a loved one who has passed, a special occasion such as a birthday, anniversary, or the birth of a child, in this way. Or perhaps you have a garden full of late summer flowers you would like to share. If you do not have access to flowers or live out of the area they can be ordered and delivered to the church or to a committee member by contacting Copper Penny Flowers @ 978-369-4500, or www.copperpennyflowers.com. Please contact committee member Pam Hall at 978-996-1625 or pcollins179@comcast.net to schedule, or to ask any questions.

Flowers or any special decoration add so much to our worship service. The sanctuary is intentionally plain, according to the beliefs of our predecessors. We are trying to revive the old tradition of marking an important occasion, or celebration, by creating a focal point in the sanctuary to remind yourself, and the congregation, of the value of the day to your family. We will happily add your name and that of your occasion to the Order of Service.

A message from the Coffee Committee

Volunteers Needed for Coffee Hour

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.

If you're interested in volunteering, there's no need to wait until services resume. We need helpers for the following dates: Sundays: 9/20, 9/27, 10/4 and 10/11. Please contact Gio DiNicola at gfdinicola@gmail.com

Refreshments for Coffee Hour

Not sure what to bring for Coffee Hour? Here are some possible suggestions:

- Savory foods, hummus with pita, yogurt dip with crackers, etc.
- Finger foods, egg salad sandwiches, cucumber sandwiches, deviled eggs, etc.
- Seasonal fruit, apple slices, melon chunks, pre-cut clusters of grapes, orange wedges, etc.
- Baked goods, sweet breads (cranberry, banana, etc.) muffins, oatmeal cookies, etc. Homemade or store bought, whatever is easier.
- Cheese and crackers

FRS hosting COA lunch: The three Carlisle churches take turns hosting a lunch for our seniors during the school year. The food is provided by Chelmsford Crossings. FRS hosts its first COA Lunch on October 1st We need help with setting up the table and chairs, setting the tables, getting the food from Chelmsford, serving the food, cleaning-up and putting the tables and chairs away. All volunteers can eat for free. We start setting up at 11am, start serving at noon and clean-up usually lasts until 1:30-1:45.

We need 6 to 7 people to help. If you can only come for part of the time that is fine. Please contact Fontaine Richardson at 617 633 2421, fkf@fontainerichardson.com if you would like to help. We have a lot of fun and it's a chance to catch up with some of our seniors.

Our Shared Ministry

The **Membership Committee** hosted the Pancake Breakfast on Labor Day weekend with the help of many volunteers. Many thanks to **Tom Rourk** for coordinating the whole thing! **Tom, John Redding** and **Joan Crooker** set up on Saturday. Sunday Crew included **Jeannie Geneczko** (who stayed until the last dish

was put away), **Pat Hayes, Tim Hult, Bob Luoma, Kathy MacDonald, Ann Quenin, Dan Scholten, Susan Shaw, Mary Zoll**, and others who pitched in.

Condolences to **Margo Hanson** of Carlisle and her family -- husband Scott, and their children Nick and Vera on the recent death of her brother, Edwin Hurlbut, Jr. "Ted." Rev. Miller officiated for the Memorial in Newton on September 3rd.

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

Come join the Carlisle Community Chorus this season as we perform "Songs of the British Isles". We will pay tribute to the rich history of British composers, from Handel, Britten and Rutter to Gilbert & Sullivan and the Beatles. We will also sing some beautiful traditional melodies from Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. There is something for everyone in this diverse program! No experience is necessary to participate in this non-auditioned, multigenerational ensemble. Our first rehearsal is Monday, September 14 in the Carlisle Public School community room from 7:00-8:45 pm. Newcomers are welcome to come to a rehearsal, listen or sing, and see what we are all about! All student & adult singers from all towns are welcomed! Feel free to email taracallahanmusic@gmail.com with any questions you may have. We hope you'll come sing with us!