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Upcoming Services

Sunday, September 21: "Life on Earth: No Place Like Home"
Can religion help us address climate change? Rev. Diane Miller
On the day of the Peoples Climate March in New York City,
some reflections on why religion matters in this huge issue. Lisa
Perry-Wood will tell a story, and then the young people will
prepare for a local People's Climate March on the Common. All
are invited to join the marching and bell ringing immediately
following the service. Share the Plate this week is Open Pantry
in Lowell, and all adults are invited to bring a non-perishable
offering on Sunday.

Sunday September 28: All Ages Community Celebration in the
Sanctuary. In honor of the Jewish High Holy Days we will
explore the story of Jonah.

A Message from the Religious Education Coordinator



RE: In the Beginning...

This week our K-5 classes began their study of bible stories, "In the beginning." Mollie Sorrows and Kristina Beckley led the K-2 class in learning how Adam and Eve found hope and light even in the dark, exploring themes of fear and faith, hope and gratitude. They read the book: "Adam and Eve's First Sunset: God's New Day." Jackie Schaefer and Christine Lear's K-5 class became familiar with the two stories in Genesis, which tell about the creation of the first man and woman. They

then began building a fabulous model of creation, with plants, animals and, of course, the first woman and man; many of them were so excited about it that they want to keep working on it next week!

Next week is our Social Action Sunday, on September 21st. The K-5 children will lead the **FRS "People's Climate March."** During our RE time, we'll discuss climate change and make signs, based on their ideas. After the service, joined by adult congregation members, we'll march around the Green, while our church bell rings 350 times! The kids will take turns in that as well. Please let Lisa know if you are willing to volunteer that day, either for sign-making or marching.

If you haven't signed your child up for Religious Education, please go to the RE table, before church or at coffee hour on Sundays. Or feel free to drop by the RE office on Tuesdays or Thursdays, when Lisa has office hours from 1:00-3:00.

News and Programs

Going to the Climate March? Several people from Carlisle are going on buses from Worcester, and others will leave from Alewife Station in Cambridge for one-day trips at \$30. Go to peoplesclimate.org to sign up for this transportation, and email Bob Luoma to let him know your travel plans. Bob will facilitate meeting up in New York City.

Third Friday Potlucks and Programs begin September 19.

A series of six Third Friday Potlucks for all ages, followed by a program, are planned for the church year -- in the months of September, October, November and February, March and April. You are welcome to come only for the potluck, or the program, or both. The potluck will begin early, at 5:30, to allow time for the evening programs. So far people have responded to the Cakes program (see below) and not the UU History video series, so we will go forward with Cakes and hold the video series for another time.

"Cakes for the Queen of Heaven" is a woman-honoring adult religious education curriculum widely used in Unitarian Universalist congregations. It is both informational and designed for personal growth and reflection. There are two parts. "On the Threshold," is a 6-week series that reclaims the stories of powerful women in ancient Judaism and early Christianity, as well as Goddess cultures. We will begin with "On the Threshold"

to parallel the Timeless Themes curriculum in Religious Education. "Cakes" will be led by Rev. Diane Miller. If you are interested in signing up, please call or email Rev. Miller to be on the list.

Note: experience nationwide is that this class often draws only women participants. If men wish to register they are welcome, as long as more than one man participates, due to the structure of the course.

Frank Lloyd Wright

There are still tickets left for the Frank Lloyd Wright lecture. Frank Lloyd Wright expert Stew Roberts, a member of the First Religious Society in Carlisle, will offer a closer look at Wright's life and architectural philosophy. The lecture takes place on Sunday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the Westford Museum (the old Westford Academy) located at 2 Boston Rd, Westford MA. For more information, please call the church office. Coffee and dessert will be served. Stew describes himself as a "Frank Lloyd Wright nerd."

Like Coffee Hour? Want to keep it going, and at the same time find a fun way to share with your fellow FRSers? The Coffee Committee needs you! We have found ourselves short of the number of members needed to maintain a Coffee Hour as we have come to expect, and are searching for ways to address this problem. This is an easy committee to be on, certainly not as time consuming as choir, and you don't need the canvas bag of tools and pickup truck required of Building and Grounds. Members will be on duty for coffee hour one Sunday a month along with one other person. Tasks are set-up, preparing food for the table, making of coffee and tea, and clean up. Coffee Hour has become an essential part of our tradition and our social foundation here at FRS, a place to share ideas, make connections on FRS programs, catch up with friends and welcome newcomers. Let's keep this valuable part of our Sunday! Don't have the time for full membership? Think about volunteering a few Sundays a year. We will have sign up sheets in Union Hall after services, or you can phone Tom Rourke to sign up or volunteer. Be the cheese on our crackers, the jam on our scones and the chutney on our pumpernickel!

Harvest Fair 2014 Saturday September 27 10am - 2pm

The Harvest Fair is early this year partly because the three participating groups; FRS, Carisle Garden Club's Pumpkin-on-the-Common, and Farmers Market wanted an earlier date to have

a better chance for warmer weather, an active harvest, and to catch people before they bought their pumpkins. Yom Kippur prevented us from having it on our preferred Oct 4 date, so our chosen date is Saturday September 27th. The traditional events include a Bake table, Silent Auction, Country Store, Luncheon Cafe and artisan vendors. Anything at all you can "harvest" from your attic or closets for the Silent Auction should be brought to church on Friday September 26. All afternoon and evening that Friday we will be setting up tables, arranging Silent Auction items, making cider, cooking Sloppy Joes, and arranging seasonal floral arrangements (fresh and dried flower donations are gratefully accepted). Anyone wanting table space to fundraise for their favorite charity or social cause is very welcome to join us outside on the front lawn, on the Common, or in Union Hall. Please contact Alison Saylor.

The Food Table at the Harvest Fair on September 27 needs your donations. Baked goods, entrees, baked beans, jams & jellies, any food in a container that you don't want returned, will be appreciated. You can sign up at coffee hours over the next few weeks.

Harvest Potluck Supper Saturday September 27 6pm in Union Hall

We will leave up the decorations and tables from the Harvest Fair to make an easy transition to a Harvest Potluck supper. If we made too much Sloppy Joe, that will be on the Entree table. We are also going to fire up the smoker and cook "something" from a local farmer all day during the Harvest Fair to carve and share at the evening potluck. You may find the item you baked for the Harvest Fair Bake table is brought as a dessert for the Potluck supper. Fresh produce purchased for the Farmers Market that day is sure to be featured in the side dishes and salads that we hope will fill the big wooden Potluck feast tables. This is a family friendly event and is open to all.

Adults, please bring your Open Pantry donations on THIRD Sundays this year, to coincide with the RE social action/outreach weeks. The church continues to actively support this Lowell program financially, through Tuesday morning volunteers and by our donations of non-perishable foods and toiletries. **This means the first offering is this coming Sunday, September 21.**

FRS' Knitting in Service Society (KISS) invites you to Knit

for Boston's homeless faith community, Common Cathedral

Join other knitters in a relaxed and friendly gathering to make hats and scarves for Christmas presents for the homeless. We will bring them to Boston when we visit Common Cathedral and attend the service on November 9. We meet in members' homes at 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. For this month's location and any questions please call the FRS office or go to <http://uucarlisle.org/index.php?page=common-cathedral-and-knitting-in-service-society-kiss>

Time to Turn in Knitted Hats and Scarves for Common Cathedral - deadline October 15

The FRS Knitting in Service Society (KISS) is collecting all the hats and scarves that have been knitted over the past year to bring to Boston on our upcoming visit. If you have any items to donate, please bring to FRS or the COA office in the Town Offices by October 15 so they can be sorted and tagged. Any questions please call the FRS office at 978.369.5180. Thank you.

Behind the Scenes

Enjoy the freshly painted lamp posts and clean lamps on the Church Street entrance, renovated by Beth Sullivan.

Community Events

The League of Women Voters is sponsoring a screening of the film "Disruption" in the Hollis Room of Gleason Public Library at 7 PM on Thursday, September 18th. This is the film about climate change and the upcoming People's Climate March in NYC on September 21. It was screened at FRS by the Environmental Action Committee (EAC) on September 7th, and viewed by over 30 people.