



# Meetinghouse Messenger

## from the First Religious Society

March 30  
through April 5, 2015

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### Easter Services

**April 2 at 7:30 pm: Maundy Thursday** communion service in remembrance of Jesus of Nazareth, in the Sanctuary. The Choir will gather at 7 PM to rehearse with Dan Ryan. This is a communion service in the liberal Christian tradition. All are welcome to participate in this open table.

**April 5 at 6:15--6:30 am: Easter Sunrise Service at River Road Farm.** With snow still in the fields, we will gather on the deck of the studio, behind the home of Liz and Maris Platais, at the intersection of River Road and Skelton. We sing an Easter hymn, greet the sun, and hear some words of prayer and reflection. The brief service is followed by a potluck breakfast hosted by Liz and Maris Platais. All are welcome.

**April 5 at 10 am: Easter Service** in the Sanctuary. Our Easter celebration is festive and inclusive. The sermon by Rev. Miller, "Doubt and Faith," is a reflection on the story of Jesus' disciple Thomas, the doubting Thomas, the skeptic.

Music for the Easter Sunday Service will include Francois Couperin's *Motet for the Day of Easter*, sung by sopranos Lucy Bergin and Janice Saul; Handel's anthem *Shout the Glad Tidings*; and the organ postlude *Toccata* from *Symphony no. 5*. by Charles-Marie Widor. The festive service music will be accompanied by members of the FRS Handbell Ringers.

Children will begin upstairs with a Message for All Ages by Lisa

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usually in the  
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portions of Monday,  
Tuesday, Thursday,  
and

Sunday. Friday is

Perry-Wood, and then depart for Easter activities and stories.

### **April Services**

**April 12 at 10 am:** Rev. Diane Miller preaching in connection with the World Religions curriculum.

**April 19 at 10 am:** The April 19 (Earth Day) sermon will be given by Dr. Gary Rucinski, Northeast Regional Coordinator of Citizens Climate Lobby, a grassroots nonpartisan nonprofit building the political will to move us towards a sustainable climate. Organized by the FRS Environmental Action Committee.

**Coffee Hour this week April 5:** Congregants - A-D

### **A Note from the Minister:**

Five people joined the congregation during the service on March 29th:

Kristina Beckley

Asia Forcucci

Pat Hayes

Susan Shaw

Katy Oliver

Welcome to membership in the First Religious Society!

Thanks to all who planned and led the Fifth Sunday Arts Celebration activities. Some pictures are posted on the FRS Facebook page. If you took pictures you want to share, please email them to me so we can add them into the album. Links to Facebook and Email are on the left column of this newsletter.

~Diane



### **A Message from the Religious Education Director**

Spring Arts for All Ages

Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> was our All Arts Celebration; this event happens only when we have a fifth Sunday in the month - this was our second one this year. After a brief service upstairs, the children chose between egg decorating, palm frond weaving, card decorating and other activities. All ages joined in the fun!

Next week, Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate Easter and the coming of Spring. The children will hear the Easter story in the sanctuary, before their classes. Then all of the children will make



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

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beautiful "stained glass" tissue paper cards, to be delivered with the flowering plants that go to people in our community who are unable to come to church.

This Spring we are studying World Religions. We welcome new volunteers to join our teachers in presenting this fun and engaging curriculum. If you're interested in learning more, please contact Lisa or take a look at our Sign Up Genius page: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094eafa72ca5f49-world>

If you haven't signed your child up for 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](mailto:dre@uucarlisle.org) or 781-883-3411. What Does it Mean to Belong?

### **Pledge Program Status**

As you all know, we are in the middle of our annual pledge program. The initial results are encouraging as we have received over \$86,900 in pledges as of March 29. Thank you very much to those who have pledged early. It is important to our planning for next year to have good information about our level of member support. For those of you who have not yet pledged, please take a moment to find that pledge card and send it in. FRS is fortunate to have such a loyal base of members who financially support the church. If you cannot find your pledge materials please contact the church office or complete your pledge on the FRS webpage. If you need additional information regarding pledging or have any questions about the process please contact Joe Sheedy, the Chair of the Finance Committee. Thank you for your support!

### **News and Programs**

**Help needed at Coffee Hour!** The Coffee Hour committee is seeking volunteers for April 5. A committee member is signed up for those dates. We need an extra person to help out. If you can volunteer for the whole shift, you should plan to arrive at 9:15 to help with set up and stay afterward for clean up. If you can only do set up or clean up, your help is still greatly needed and appreciated. Please let Gio DiNicola know - [gfdinicola at gmail dot com](mailto:gfdinicola@gmail.com)

**From the Flower Committee:** Many of us like to honor the

memory of a loved one by placing flowers or other memento on the pulpit table during the Sunday service. We'd like to remind you that these gifts can be made for celebratory reasons as well. A new baby girl in the family? Place a vase of pink roses on the pulpit table for an hour before taking them to the new mother. Uncle Bob's birthday? Let us all enjoy the sunflowers before they travel to the big party. Or, if the event is too far away to attend, send a picture of your gift on the pulpit table via email, with best wishes from the congregation.

Sign up on the Flower calendar, or email any member of the flower committee: Pam Hall, Jackie Schaefer, or Deb Jancek.

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.

**General Assembly** is just three months away! The annual meeting of Unitarian Universalists will be June 24--28 at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, Oregon. The gathering is for learning, worship and building community among Unitarian Universalists. Youth programming, lay leadership development, social justice work, and more. See [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org) for more information. If you are interested in attending as a delegate, contact the Parish Committee or the Minister.

### **Share the Plate**

**Sharing the Plate on April 5 will be the Stella-Rosie Foundation.** Founded by our Carlisle neighbors Florence Kamahoro Goulet and her husband Roger Goulet, the Stella-Rosie Foundation transforms the lives of Ugandan girls growing up in poverty by providing the best possible education for them. Since many of the Stella-Rosie scholars are orphans, they are also boarded and engaged during school holidays, and given school supplies, uniforms and other necessities.

### **Behind the Scenes**

Thanks to **Andi Gettys**, a member of Pastoral Concerns Committee, for purchasing and bringing in the potted Spring Flowers decorating the Sanctuary. **Heather Hedden** forced forsythia branches and created an egg tree for the chancel table, in a vase made by her father, the late **Prescott Behn**.

**Jacqui Schaeffer** donated the rug now on the nursery floor.

### **Circle Dinner Accolades**

Our annual Circle Dinner was a huge success. I wish to thank all who helped with the planning: **Kathy MacDonald, Michael Dundorf, Nancy Shohet-West, John Redding, Ann Quenin, Judy Munroe, and John Forcucci.** A huge thank you to our hosts: **Pauline Arms, Nina and Carl Benkley, Liz Carpenter and Stephanie Hackbarth, Pam and Bruce Hall, Gio DiNicola and Steve Huberman, and Alison and Mike Saylor.** And to all of you who participated by sharing food and drink with one another. And, of course, to **Diane Miller** for her continued support. I also want to give a standing ovation to **Sue Kirk** who guided Kathy and me through this process.

(Signed) **Lisa Sama**

(Ed. note: who deserves many kudos of her own).

### **Community Events**

#### **Environmental Film Series**

Tuesday, March 31, at 7:00 p.m.

First Parish, 20 Lexington Road, Concord

Have you considered reducing your intake of animal products? Perhaps you're concerned about your health, or the environment, or the way animals are treated. Please join us on March 31 at 7:00pm for a showing of *Cowspiracy: The Sustainability Secret*. While some object to the title, the film itself is an excellent exploration of the impacts of large scale animal agriculture on our environment and why environmental organizations are so afraid to talk about it. Sponsored by the Social Action Committee Council and Reverence For Life.

**You are invited to join the Spring Gathering of Womensphere**, a Sacred Circle Gathering for Women through the New England region of The Unitarian Universalist Association. This year's event is "Live Happy ~ Igniting Your Passion"

We are more effective, more successful and happier when we are doing things that ignite our passions. Discover what makes you joyful and how to put the things you love into your life and work. Saturday May 2, 2015, 9:30am - 3pm. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of South County, 27 North Road, Peace Dale, RI 02879. For details and registration go to

[www.uuwomensphere.com](http://www.uuwomensphere.com)

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