



Meetinghouse Messenger

from the First Religious Society

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through February 22, 2015

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February Services

Feb. 22 "Building Bridges" All Ages Service

Stories of different faith traditions, and why it matters that we learn to live in an interfaith world. Led by Diane Miller and Lisa Perry-Wood. Music by the Choir and Dan Ryan. Blanket-making opportunity in Union Hall. Please bring something non-perishable for the Open Pantry offering.

A Note from the Minister:

After consideration, the minister, staff and co-chairs of the Parish Committee decided to cancel Sunday morning services for February 15th, due to the forecast of severe winter weather. I was asked if that was a first for this congregation. It may well be. We departed from our policy of never canceling, advising people to come to church only if they judge it safe. On the 15th I went next door to check on the Meetinghouse and be present for anyone who might show up for church. No one appeared. I said a prayer that all would be safe through the storm, and gratefully returned home.

While this winter's snowfall may set some records, the story of the winter of 1717 provides some perspective. Cotton Mather recorded that Puritans held no church services for two successive weeks. Some small houses were buried in snow. Tunnels were shoveled under the snow between house and barn, and between the houses of near neighbors.

So far no need to tunnel below the snow except for fun. May you be safe and comfortable this snowy winter. ~ Diane



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9:30am

10:30am-noon

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Thursday 8-noon
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Friday 8am-noon
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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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Looking Ahead: March Services

March 1 "Selma 1965: A Dialog Sermon with Wendy Davis and Diane Miller." Wendy and her late husband Jim heeded the call and went to Montgomery for the march on the Alabama capital in support of voting rights and racial justice.

March 8 Pulpit Guest. Rev. Miller will be in Alabama attending the 50th anniversary of the Selma march

March 15 "A Martyr for Racial Justice" Rev. Diane Miller with Mr. Leroy Moton. The story of Viola Liuzzo, who was murdered at the end of the march in 1965. Leroy Moton, who was with her when she was killed, plans to be with us for the service and speak of his experiences.

March 22 "Covenant, Membership and Meaning." All Ages Celebration of what it means to be part of a congregation.

March 29 Fifth Sunday Celebration on Palm Sunday. The morning will begin with a brief service in the Sanctuary, which will include an opportunity for people to join the church by signing the membership book. Then we will disperse to a variety of creative art workshops for all ages with Easter and Spring themes.

A Message from the Religious Education Director

Blankets for a Very Snowy Winter!

February 15 was our monthly Social Action Sunday, a chance for the children to do something to help those in need. With the service canceled, we will make some time on February 22 to begin the blanket project. Everyone is invited to see the blanket making during coffee hour in Union Hall. The children will make simple fleece blankets for Project Linus, which will be distributed to children in need. You can learn more about this project here. <http://www.bostonprojectlinus.com/index.html>



Next Sunday is our Service for All Ages. The children will stay in the sanctuary during the service, though Nursery care will be provided, as always. The children will take part in

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the service, talking about service projects they are involved in.

Our Spring K-5 World Religions classes are going really well, but we could use a couple more teachers, especially for our lesson on Islam and our Spring/Easter celebration. If you have questions about teaching, please contact Lisa. You can access the Sign-Up Genius page here:<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094eafa72ca5f49-worldor> talk to Lisa.

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 contact Lisa directly at: dre@uucarlisle.org or 781-883-3411.

News and Programs

Don't forget the family friendly potluck supper on Friday, February 20, beginning at 5:30pm.

The Nursery space will be open at 5:00 for children to play so parents can set up for the supper. All are welcome. The Cakes for the Queen of Heaven study group will meet at 7:00pm in the Widrick Room.

A message from the Finance Committee: Pledge season is about to begin. Within the next few weeks, you will be receiving a mailing with a reminder to pledge for next year. Pledging is important for the Church so we can budget for next year. Without pledges, we can only guess at what our income will be. So, please return your pledge card as soon as you receive it.

Share the Plate

Sharing the Plate on February 22 will be **the Open Pantry of Greater Lowell.** Everyone, adults as well as children, is invited to bring a non-perishable item for the Open Pantry to distribute.

We received a letter from Ed Fallon, Founder and Director of the Great March for Climate Action, thanking us for our contribution of \$302.50 to the March. They are now organizing a 400-mile walk along the pathway of the proposed Bakken Oil Pipeline.

Behind the Scenes

Golden shovel awards to August Williams, Forrest Williams, Honor Williams, and Lily Sills for prodigious shoveling of the walkway and front steps.

Community Events

Cambridge Society for Early Music presents on **Thursday, Feb. 26, at 8 PM**, at the First Religious Society in Carlisle. a "coffee-house opera" entitled **Othello in the Seraglio: The Tragedy of Sümbül the Black Eunuch**, produced by the early-music cooperative *Diinya*.

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