



# Meetinghouse Messenger

## from the First Religious Society

June 1 through June 7, 2015

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### This Sunday

**June 7th** Matt Meyer will lead us in an energetic exploration of rhythm, music, and justice. What does the experience of music tell us about how we live out our faith in the world? What does it tell us about the community we build together? Join us this coming Sunday for rhythm and song, quiet reflection, and an experience of the holy in music. The choir will sing. After starting in the Sanctuary, the children will be preparing for RE Sunday.

Coffee Hour this week June 7: Congregants - A-E.

The Coffee Hour committee is seeking volunteers for June 7. A committee member is signed up for that date, but we need an extra person or two 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@gmail.com](mailto:gfdinicola@gmail.com).

### Upcoming Services

**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. Children will have supervised playtime after the early part of the service, or are welcome to remain in the sanctuary.

**Church Directory,**  
**May 2015**

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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

**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, directed by Dan Ryan.

**A Message from the Minister**

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.



**Share the Plate**

**Share the Plate this week:**

The Friends of the Carlisle Council on Aging is a non-profit volunteer organization that seeks to enrich the lives of Carlisle's senior citizens. The Friends have worked closely with the COA since 1994 to enhance many of our programs, which directly benefit the town's senior population (over 25% and growing). Funds from the Friends of the Carlisle Council on Aging help with fuel assistance and food certificates for qualified elderly; sponsor annual cultural and health lectures; conduct senior podiatry, and blood pressure clinics; subsidize exercise programs; underwrite medical equipment; support COA breakfasts, social and luncheons, provide support for COA van operations and more.

**A Message from the Religious Education Director**

All Church Celebrates Arts of Spring  
Sunday, May 31st was our third and final All Arts Celebration for the year. After a brief service in the sanctuary, some of us planted the



day off. Call for an appointment.

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marigold seedlings the children had started in March. Other children made colorful paper flowers with Nina Rich, our Nursery Coordinator, to adorn the church for Old Home Day, while still others finished yet another fleece blanket for Project Linus. All ages joined in creativity and fellowship! Next week, Sunday, June 7th, Matt Meyer will be leading a service of song and celebration. The children will start in the sanctuary with Matt to hear a story about "Miriam and the Tambourine." Then they will go with their teachers to make final preparations for our RE Celebration Sunday on June 14th. Please mark your calendars and don't miss out on this special end-of-year event. We will commemorate significant milestones for our 1st, 8th and 12th graders; these groups, as well as all who participated in RE this year, will receive special gifts from the FRS community.

Also, of note, is our Twilight Potluck Picnic, which will be on Friday, June 19th. Watch for upcoming details on this final event of the church year.

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 or 781-883-3411.

### **News and Programs**

**Spark Concert** - the 26th annual concert in support of the SPARK (Serving Parents and Resilient Kids) program at Boston Medical Center is in the sanctuary this Thursday evening, June 4, 2015 at 7:30pm. 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 will be 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. 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 after the concert where there will be an opportunity to make free will donations for SPARK. The

concert will last for just about an hour. Plan to come, and bring your family, friends and neighbors. Our building is fully accessible and all are welcome.

On **Saturday, June 6**, we will be once again hosting Kendric Price and the children of his Big Business Network here at FRS. 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 Rourke (978 369 5366) know if you could help in any way.

**A Message from the Social Action Committee:**

As the regular church year draws to a close, let's remember that the Open Pantry of Greater Lowell remains open all summer. FRS members will also continue to help out on Tuesday mornings. The needs of many in the Lowell community remain high through the summer months. Please be as generous as possible with extra donations of non-perishable food items, and or money, during Sundays in June, to help sustain the Open Pantry, June -- September. Thank you! Please email me (Barbara Ritz) [bpritz219@gmail.com](mailto:bpritz219@gmail.com) if you have any questions about the Open Pantry.

**Summer Services.** Have an idea for a service? A favorite subject or opinions/values you would like to share? 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 at 11:30 in the Widrick Room we will host a short 30 minute workshop on the practical skills you might need to create such a service.

**The Strawberry Festival Date Is Set!** It will be Wednesday evening, June 17. Lots of help is needed. Signup sheets will be out during Coffee Hour on Sunday. The annual event is a great time for sociability, for festival goers and workers. More details in coming weeks.

**Family Friendly Potluck and Twilight picnic, Friday June 19.** Setup at 5:30, dinner at 6. This will be held in the playground at the church, weather permitting. All are welcome!

Congratulations to **Laura Fell Scholten**, who was awarded the professional ministry degree, Master of Divinity (M.Div.) at Harvard's Commencement on May 28th. Laura is the daughter of Betsy Fell and Dan Scholten. She will be seeking a Unitarian Universalist ministry position in the future. Laura and her husband, Donnie Cox, are farming in Haverhill, MA.

*If you have graduation news, school plans, new directions etc. to announce, please email the minister or the church office.*

The **Music and Worship Committee** will have its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 3 in the Widrick Room at 7 PM. Summer lay led Services for July and August, and plans for the next church year will be decided.

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.

#### **Behind the Scenes**

Heartfelt thanks go out to this week's RE volunteers, **Rick MacDonald** and **Heather Hedden**, who braved the elements to plant marigold seedlings in the garden with FRS children. And **Christine Lear**, who assisted Nina with paper flower and fleece blanket making, and **Amy Smack**, who showed how to make tissue flowers.. Their efforts helped to make our Spring Arts Sunday a success!

#### **Denominational Events**

**Dollina Borella** will be attending the UUA General Assembly in Portland, OR, in June as a delegate from the First Religious Society. A number of the events will be live-streamed for viewing. Look at [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org) for details.

Unitarian Universalist **camps and conferences** provide excellent programs and retreats. Brochures from nearby Star Island, Rowe Camp & Conference Center, and Ferry Beach along with others can be found in the bookshelves in Union Hall. Or check at <http://www.uua.org/directory/where/camps-retreats-and-conferences> for an overview, with links to more more information about specific places.

### **Community Events**

Carlisle Country Gardens Tour & Plant Sale - Friday, June 12 & Saturday, June 13 - The 2015 tour, "Art in our Gardens," presents six idiosyncratic and idea-packed gardens envisioned and created by Carlisle gardeners. Former abandoned farmlands, ancient orchards, and cozy hillsides have been imaginatively redesigned for life in the 21st century while respecting the heritage of our forebears. This year the tour offers a new feature: each garden will be enhanced by the original sculpture and artwork of one or more local artists. Their work includes stone sculptures, ceramics, plein air painting, and intriguing assemblies of found objects with themes from botany & natural history. Volunteers needed - call 978-369-9649. Plants will be sold at the Town Common. For tickets: Seniors \$20 - Ferns, New England Nurseries in Bedford, or [www.carlislegardenclub.org](http://www.carlislegardenclub.org).