

# Meetinghouse Messenger

from the First Religious Society



January 5, 2015

through January 11, 2015

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## January Services

**January 2015 -- A Month of Special Services.**

**Jan. 11 -- Poetry Service, led by the Music and Worship Committee.** The choir and Dan Ryan will be off. Music by members of the congregation, including Nina Benkley and Robert Canavello.

**Jan 18 -- The Rev. Victor Carpenter, "Parish Ministry"** Thoughts on the very special nature of this ministerial profession past and future. Vic was Interim Minister at FRS 2007-2008, and returns to FRS on the weekend honoring the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Jan 25 -- Lisa Perry-Wood** leads a Service for All Ages

**A Message from the Religious Education Director**



This week the children heard the story "How to Heal a Broken Wing," about a young boy whose faith, hope and love for a wounded bird brought about its recovery. This

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Closed Wednesday

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Friday 8am-noon and 1pm-3pm

#### **Minister:**

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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.

#### **Religious Education Director:**

Lisa Perry-Wood

led us into learning the story of The Good Samaritan, focusing on how we can take the time to stop and offer help and hope to those we meet along our journeys. The children were very engaged in the discussion - this is a group that is eager to make difference in other lives, both animal and human.

Next Sunday we'll explore the New Testament teaching of the "Golden Rule." The K-5 children will hear stories and think about how we can treat others as we would want to be treated. This will lead us into a discussion about our Fall Social Action Sundays and brainstorming ideas for the Spring.

Sign-up is ongoing for teachers for our Spring 2015 K-5 World Religions classes. We'll be using a curriculum with lots of engaging stories and activities to introduce our young people to many of the world's religions. Whether you're an experienced teacher or have never taught young children, you are warmly welcomed to sign up to teach; all teachers will have assistants and planned curriculum/activities. You can access the Sign-Up Genius page here: <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.

### **News and Programs**

**This Wednesday, January 7**, the Music & Worship Committee is holding a poetry service planning meeting Wednesday at 7 PM. All are welcome

#### **Save the date: Thursday, February 5, 2015 in Union Hall**

6:30 plant-based pot-luck supper

7:30 talk and discussion with

Historian of Science **Naomi Oreskes** who will share her findings on how scientific evidence and conclusions have been intentionally muddied and obscured on issues of great importance to society. On issue after issue-secondhand tobacco smoke, acid rain, the ozone hole, and climate change-the same cast of characters used the same strategies and tactics to sow uncertainty and delay action. Sponsored by the Environmental Action Committee.

### **Share the Plate**

**Sharing the Plate on January 11** will be a UU Group supporting

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**Music Director:**

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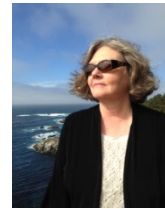
the Ferguson Missouri events.

### Behind the Scenes

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped take down the holiday decorations in the Sanctuary and store everything in the attic.

### A Note from the Minister: January Sabbatical Plans

The Parish Committee approved plans for me to take a month of sabbatical in January, which I will spend with family in Salina, Kansas. Instead of having a sabbatical minister, this is an opportunity for pulpit guests at FRS. I will be back for the February 1st Service. Should you need to contact me, check with the church office or Parish Committee co-chairs. I will be on email only part of the month.



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An ad hoc group of three posts things to the page: Tom Rourk, Rick MacDonald, and Diane Miller. Contact them if you have photos or information you want posted.

**General Assembly** is just six 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. More information at [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org)