



Meetinghouse Messenger

from the First Religious Society

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through March 15, 2015

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This Sunday

Mar 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. Paul Morrison, co-chair of the Parish Committee, will speak about the Pledge Drive and supporting the church financially.

Upcoming Services

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

Mar 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 Note from the Minister:

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 for more



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Hours: Mon. 8-
9:30am

10:30am-noon

Tuesday: 8am-
noon

Closed
Wednesday

Thursday 8-noon
and 1pm-4pm

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
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information. If you are interested in attending as a delegate, contact the Parish Committee or the Minister. More information at www.uua.org

**A Message from the Religious Education
Director**



Why is This Night Different from All Other Nights?

Our World Religions continued this week, with a lesson for the K-5 classes about Judaism. The children hosted another guest, Ellen Valade, (grandmother to the McDonald children), who talked with the classes about the Jewish holiday of Passover. Ellen then led them through the traditional "Four Questions" of the Haggadah, accompanied by tasting some traditional Seder foods.

Next Sunday will be our Social Action Sunday. We will hear the story of "Grandfather Gandhi" and talk about things that make us angry and how to use our anger to create change in the world. The K-5 children will also be making more fleece blankets for Project Linus (<http://www.bostonprojectlinus.com/>) during their religious education time.

Our Spring K-5 World Religions classes could still use a couple more teachers, especially for our lesson on Islam. 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

The Pledge Drive has begun!

All FRS members and friends should receive a packet this week, including a letter, return envelope and trifold. We hope that you will respond quickly to support FRS programs and our historical building. You can also see our website, uucarlisle.org, to fill out a pledge form, donate, or view the materials. Thank you for your support of The First Religious Society! If you have any questions

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about the campaign, please contact Finance Committee chair Joe Sheedy at jos.sheedy at gmail dot com.

Environmental Action Committee -- Oreskes books. Dr. Naomi Oreskes' books, Merchants of Doubt and The Collapse of Western Civilization, are now available for loan at the Gleason Library and at the FRS in the bookcase in Union Hall. Dr. Oreskes talked at the FRS on Feb. 5 on "Ideology, Ignorance, and the Denial of Global Warming", about how scientific evidence has been intentionally discredited to delay action.

Environmental Cattle Grazing Talk.

The FRS Environmental Action Committee and the Carlisle Agricultural Commission are co-sponsoring a free talk on **Saturday, March 14 at 7 pm** in Union Hall on "Grazing Cattle for Human Health and the Global Environment". Ridge Shinn, from *Biodiversity for a Livable Climate*, will give a slide presentation on the benefits of grass-fed beef for the Northeast. (Refreshments following).

FRS Annual Circle Dinner - March 28 -Save the Date and Sign Up!

Our annual Circle Dinner is only 20 days away. The Circle Dinner is a UU tradition that offers a lovely evening in a member's home enjoying great company as well as sharing a delicious pot luck meal. The main objective is to relax, break bread together and get to know newcomers to FRS or catch up with old friends while having a wonderful evening in a relaxed atmosphere. For those new to this tradition, here's how it works: There are usually 8-12 people at each dinner- each host specifies how many they can accommodate. The host provides the venue and a main dish and guests bring the accompaniments. Specifics are assigned by the planning team in the days prior to the dinner. Sometimes (as is the case this time!), we begin at Union Hall for appetizers and socializing and then head out to the dinner locations. And sometimes (also the case this time!), there is at least one 'family friendly' location/host providing an option for bringing along children.

All are welcome! Sign-up sheets for hosts and participants are available in Union Hall during Coffee Hour. Please consider hosting and carrying on this lovely time honored tradition. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Sama at 978-273-1768 or Lisasama828 at gmail dotcom or Kathy MacDonald 617-803-7244 or kathmv at yahoo dot com.

FRS is one of the sponsors of the **Open Pantry of Greater**

Lowell (located in downtown Lowell). The OP has operated as an independent organization for over 20 years. The Open Pantry receives much of its support from local churches as well as businesses. Our food and cash donations to the Open Pantry help many people who are in need. In addition to our donations, FRS continues to have several church members who work at the Pantry on Tuesday mornings, on a rotating basis, throughout the year. Our current volunteers are **Max Barber, Stephanie Hackbarth, Ellen Huber, Sue Kirk** and **Tom Rourk**. Please speak to one of them, or to **Barbara Ritz**, [bpritz219 at gmail dot com](mailto:bpritz219@gmail.com), if you would like more information about the Open Pantry or would like to become involved, as a substitute or a regular.

Share the Plate

Sharing the Plate on March 15 will be **Clark Farm**.

One aspect of Clark Farm's mission is to increase access to healthy food for everyone. Partnering with the Council on Aging and the Carlisle Public School, potential families are confidentially identified who would not have the means to participate in the CSA (Community Sponsored Agriculture).

We received a letter from **Doctors Without Borders**, thanking us for our contribution of \$911.22 earmarked for the Ebola Response. The letter says in part: "Since March of last year we have cared for more than 7,700 people across eight Ebola management centers in Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Mali."

Behind the Scenes

Ellen Valade, assisted by **Kathy McDonald, Jackie Schaefer**, and **Amy Smack**, led the children in the four questions of the Passover Seder. We are very grateful for Ellen's generous and expert guidance in this beautiful lesson and for all of the extra help to carry it out.

Community Events

Musicians of the Old Post Road presents **Mozart on the Fringe: Chamber music of Mozart and his inventive Bohemian contemporaries**

Friday, March 13, 2015, 7:30 pm at First Parish in Wayland, 50 Cochituate Rd, Wayland; and Saturday, March 14, 2015, 3 pm at

Old South Church, 645 Boylston St., Boston
For tickets and information, visit www.oldpostroad.org or call
781.466.6694.

Household Goods in Acton is in need of donations, especially sheets, blankets, towels, flatware, and pots and pans. The group provides a place where people can find basic home furnishings at no cost. Nancy Hendrie is a regular volunteer there, assisting clients. They are located at 530 Main Street, Acton (978) 635-1710. Nancy Hendrie has offered to pick up donations and take them to Acton. Call her at 978-369-1503.