



# Meetinghouse Messenger

## from the First Religious Society

May 18 through May 24, 2015

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### This Sunday

May 24 - "Remembrance" - An All Ages service

The theme of this service for all ages is remembering and honoring. Music will be provided by Dan Ryan with special flute music. Stories include the Goddess of Liberty statue in the town rotary, which holds the names of Carlisle men who died in the Civil War. And Juneteenth, a celebration of Freedom begun when word of Emancipation reached Galveston, Texas, 150 years ago. Please bring a non-perishable donation for the Open Pantry of Greater Lowell, our monthly Share the Plate recipient.

**Coffee Hour this week May 24 :** Congregants - R-U

### Upcoming Services

May 31 - "Arts of Spring" - A Fifth Sunday Celebration

Following a brief opening service in the Sanctuary, the congregation will disperse to several activities designed to suit all ages. The seeds started by the RE class will be planted, and other gardening activities will be offered.

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9:30am

10:30am-noon

Tuesday: 8am-noon

Closed Wednesday

Thursday 8-noon

Our Music Director, Dan Ryan, will be offering the following workshop: **Rounds and Canons**. We sing many rounds during the services here at FRS. They are a fun and easy way to harmonize our voices and marvel at the multiplicity of melodic lines that can be brought together. For our Fifth Sunday Arts music portion, we will offer a session on rounds that will give participants an opportunity to try out rounds that are in our hymnbooks, other traditional rounds, and even some humorous ones.

**June Services:** June 7th will be led by Matt Meyer, who returns to lead a service with percussion, song and message. June 14 will be a celebration of Religious Education, and our final service of the church year will be on June 21st, which is Father's Day and the annual Flower Ceremony.

#### **A Message from the Minister**

FRS will be creating a corner space in the Sanctuary for young children, which hasn't been officially Christened but is going by "Wiggle Corner." Some of the moveable chairs and benches will be removed to provide a bit of space for families with infants or young children to sit without being confined to a pew. We will try this experiment in the area under the clock. This idea has the support of the RE Committee, the Music & Worship Committee, and the Parish Committee. Over the next couple months I will be seeking a rocking chair for nursing mothers (one that will be compatible with the sanctuary) and assembling a basket of quiet toys and activity items for young children. When every seat is needed, such as Christmas services, chairs can be put back in temporarily. If you would like to work on this project, let me know. ~ Diane Miller



**A message from the Flower Committee:** The Flower Committee would appreciate contributions of flowers for the pulpit table for the rest of the year. The final church service will be June 21, Father's Day, which will also be our traditional Flower Sunday. Please let any member of the Flower

and 1pm-4pm  
Friday 8am-noon  
and 1pm-3pm

**Minister:**

Rev. Diane Miller  
978-369-0284  
church study  
dmiller @  
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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  
dre@uucarlisle.org  
781-883-3411

**Music Director:**

Dan Ryan  
dryan@uucarlisle.org

Committee know a week in advance if you will provide flowers, so that we might mention your occasion in the Order of Service.

**A message from the Coffee Committee:** The Coffee Committee is in desperate need of help for the following four Sundays: May 24, May 31, June 7 and June 21. If you can come early to help set up, or stay later to help with cleanup, please contact Gio DiNicola: [gfdinicola@gmail.com](mailto:gfdinicola@gmail.com)

**A Message from the Religious Education Director**



If you have questions about 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.

**A message from Minister of Music *emerita* Marguerite Shaw:**

**TRADITION, TRADITION, TRADITION!** At the risk of repeating myself I want you to know that our church community has presented an annual concert for twenty-five years in support of the SPARK (Serving Parents and Resilient Kids) program at Boston Medical Center. No surprise, we'll do it again this year. The date is **Thursday evening, June 4, 2015 at 7:30 in the First Religious Society sanctuary.** 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 are 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. The concert is repeated at the Belmont church on Sunday evening, June 7th at 8:00 PM. 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, hosted by the FRS Music and Worship

Committee, will follow in Union Hall immediately after the concert where there will be an opportunity to make free will donations for SPARK. The concert will last for just about one hour. Plan to come, and bring your family, friends and neighbors. Our building is fully accessible to all, and all are welcome.

### **News and Programs**

**FRS Screening of "Still Alice," Sunday evening, 6:45, May 24th, at FRS.** This Academy Award winning film, based on the book by Lisa Genova, describes the experience of Alzheimer's Disease from the perspective of the professor who is diagnosed with early onset of the illness. Popcorn and cold drinks provided.

#### **A Message from Frank Rigg and the Social Action Committee: St Paul's Kitchen, Lowell, May 29 Community Dinner**

As any residual thoughts of a despicable winter melt in a blaze of spring blossoms, we look forward to the next St Paul's Kitchen Dinner. On Friday, May 29, our FRS volunteers will provide and serve dinner in Lowell to about one hundred individuals in need of sustenance.

Our last offering in January presaged the record-breaking three week long snow deluge. Since then I have travelled to Bologna, Italy's capital of food, home of Ragu sauce and pasta but not, I learned, "spaghetti Bolognese" where tagliatelli alla Ragu is the correct name for that classic dish. The lasagna there is pretty good too and, of course, we at FRS know a thing or two about lasagna and we will offering it at St Paul's, Lowell in two weeks from today.

First, kudos to all who helped create and served the January dinner: Dave & Max Barber; Linda Clark; Joan Crooker; Margaret Darling; Mike Dundorf; Brad & Lauree Eckler; Asia Forcucci; Roger Goulet; Stephanie Hackbarth; Nancy Hendrie; Marilyn Harte; Ellen Huber; Anne Ketchen; Sue Kirk; Christine Lear; Diane Miller; Art Milliken; Hannelore Munson; Ann Quenin; Fontaine Richardson; Barbara Ritz; Tom Rourk; Stephanie Saguero; Lisa Sama; Alison Saylor; Marguerite Shaw; Amy Smack; Sally Stokes; Beth Sullivan; Linda and Steve Tierney; Bob Wallhagen; Nancy West; and Sally Zielinski.

We will serve our ever-popular meal of lasagna, salad, fruit

and home made desserts. We will need lasagnas for 10 persons each; a total of six gallons of 2% milk; materials to make a large salad for 120 persons - washed, chopped or sliced cherry tomatoes, lettuce, and cucumber; bread and or rolls, fresh fruit - grapes, apples, pears, clementines, canteloupes, strawberries, bananas; and home-made desserts and cookies.

Please let me know by e-mail or phone if you can help provision this dinner and/or come to serve in Lowell.

Cheers,  
Frank

### **A message from the Music and Worship**

**Committee. *Summer Services.*** Sumer is i-cumen in! And so come our lay led Summer Services. Have an idea for a service? A favorite subject or opinions/values you would like to share? We have had some very thought provoking and dynamic Lay Led Services in the past, and we are looking forward to more this summer. Don't worry if you have never led one before. 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 we will host a short 30 minute workshop on the practical skills you might need to create such a service. Interested? Contact Tom Rourk (978 369 5366) or Kim Kastens.

On **Saturday, June 6**, we will be once again hosting Kendric Price and the children of his Big Business Network here at FRS. You may remember Kendric from the wonderful service he did for us last year, with Gospel Singers and dancers. Or 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 Rourk (978 369 5366) know if you could help in any way.

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**

Many thanks to the Parish Committee and all who participated for an excellent Annual Meeting on May 17th. Materials will remain available on the FRS website.

### **Community Events**

**New England Flute Orchestra Pops Concert, May 31, 2:00 P.M., First Parish Church, Unitarian Universalist, 7 Concord Rd (on the Common), Billerica MA**

Come see the entire family of flutes, from the tiny piccolo to the 8-foot contrabass flute. A family-friendly concert where children are welcome!

Donation: Adults \$10, Children \$5, Family \$25.