



Meetinghouse Messenger

from the First Religious Society

July 6 through July 12, 2015

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This Sunday July 12 Concord River Canoe excursion. Fabulous "Church on the River" event. We still have space and canoe seats available for the Annual FRS Concord River Flotilla on Sunday, July 12. If you have your own boat and would like to join us, great! But if you don't, worry not, we will find you a seat! We will gather at the Bedford landing on Rte 225 at 9am on the 12th, paddle down to the Riverview Restaurant in Billerica for breakfast, and return again in our craft to the landing. No experience necessary. Phone Tom Rourk at 978 369 5366 to let him know if you plan to join us, if you have a craft and can take a passenger, or if you will need a seat. He will find a seat for participants whether you have a canoe or kayak or not.

Summer Services July and August - Sundays at 10am in Union Hall

July 19 Joe Sheedy and Woody Widrick

July 26 Jenn Stevens

August 2 Environmental Action Committee (EAC) and Rosalie Anders. Divestment of fossil fuel holdings

August 9 Claude Von Roesgen. Solar and renewable energy

August 16 Kim Kastens. Religion and Human Nature.

August 23 Asia Forcucci returns to lead a Summer Service

August 30 Diane Miller, "Blessing of the Animals." Bring your animal safely constrained, ready for a warm blessing and a time to appreciate all beings, pets, and the interdependent web of life.

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Summer hours will
vary.

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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

Sept. 6 Pancake Breakfast in Union Hall. A warm welcome on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend, pancakes with all the fixings. 10-11. Volunteer pancake flippers much appreciated.

Sept. 13 Services resume in the Sanctuary with the choir. Religious Education begins the Moral Tales curriculum.

Message from the Minister

The Minister will be on vacation in July. Minister *emeritus*, Woody Widrick, is on call for pastoral needs, along with other clergy nearby. A copy of the clergy coverage and contacts is in the church office and with members of the Parish Committee.



A Message from the Minister Search Committee

The Minister Search Committee held our first meeting on Monday, June 29. Ministerial Settlement Representative, Olav Nieuwejaar conducted an introduction to the search process for the committee in the form of a mini-retreat. An interesting note, he was FRS minister from 1965-1967 while he was still a student. He also served at First Parish in Boston, Woonsocket RI and then a church New Hampshire before he retired. Has been Ministerial Settlement Representative for many searches.

Olav reviewed the recommended procedures and timeline for the Minister Search Committee, that will ideally bring the FRS Community to a vote on a candidate in early April 2016. The MSC will employ recommended tools to involve the FRS Community in identifying the qualities we seek in a successful candidate. Members of the FRS Community will be asked to complete a survey and host and attend small 'Cottage Meetings', which are informal sessions that also help to identify the qualities and skills FRS seeks in a Minister. Several areas of responsibility were defined and assigned to members of the Ministerial Search Committee. Molly Sorrows will serve as Chairperson. You are strongly encouraged to participate in the Ministerial Search process by asking questions, making suggestions and participating in each opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas. Members of the committee are John Forcucci, Sally Haven, Kim Kastens, Christine Lear, John Lyons, Margot Morse, Frank Rigg and Molly Sorrows.

Wednesday is her day off. Call for an appointment.

Music Director:

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A message from the Office Administrator: My hours this summer will vary, but mail will be picked up, bills paid, and the MM and Friday postcard will continue as usual. In July, the best time to contact me is Tuesday mornings. If you need to get in touch right away, call my cell phone 781-820-2783. Meetinghouse Messenger announcements will need to be in my hands no later than the Thursday morning before it is published on Monday, so please keep that in mind. Email news to frs@uucarlisle.org Thanks! Ann Quenin

News and Programs

Please note that our newest **church directory** (July) is available as a pdf in the quick links column to your left. A staff and committee contact list is also there. You may email or call the office if you would like to be sent a copy.

Behind the Scenes

Thanks to **the Men's Group** for their generous donation to the Open Pantry. With the funds donated, specialty items that the Pantry does not buy but which clients frequently ask for and need were bought--diapers and wipes, coffee, soy sauce, salad dressings, toilet paper, mustard, ketchup, toiletries and more.

Community Events

A new backpack project: Youth & Community Services of Concord & Carlisle have over 60 children who are in need of a back to school backpack and school supplies for this upcoming school year. If you would like to assist with donating a backpack or two, please contact Aileen Buford, MSW 978.318.3034 or via a confidential email at abuford@concordma.gov. Donated backpacks must be new/unused and preferably include some, most or all of the following items: Pencils (#2 and colored), glue sticks, ruler, pencil case, erasers, pens, pencil sharpener, loose -leaf paper, folders, notebooks, dry erase markers

DEADLINE FOR DONATIONS IS JULY 30th, 2015

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION!!

Two drop-off locations in Concord:

1. Harvey Wheeler Community Center 1276 Main Street
2. 141 Keyes Road - Planning & Development, Concord, MA