

Meetinghouse Messenger

from the First Religious Society

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January Services

January 2015 -- A Month of Special Services.

Jan 25 -- Lisa Perry-Wood leads a Service for All Ages
"Blessed are the Peacemakers."

In the spirit of the life and work of Dr. King, we will explore what it means to make peace in our world. Beyond wishing and hoping for peace, there is hard work to be done - that work begins with us, in our own hearts, in our relationships, and in our communities.

A Message from the Religious Education Director Surrounded By Love

This week was our Social Action Sunday, as well as the celebration of the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. During the service upstairs, we heard the inspiring story of Ruby Bridges, the little girl who integrated the New Orleans schools 55 years ago, in 1960. Ruby was "surrounded by the love" of her family, giving her the courage to enter a school every day where she was clearly not wanted. Afterward, the children watched a video about the life of Dr. King and talked about his work for worldwide peace and racial justice. While they watched, they made origami cranes and other birds, which have become symbols of peace worldwide. You can see these lovely birds hung on a branch in Union Hall - our children's wishes for peace in the world.



There is still time to sign up to teach one of our Spring

frs@uucarlisle.org

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:

Rev. Diane Miller
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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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Music Director:

Dan Ryan

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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. We especially need help for the lesson on Islam (4/12) and to lead Easter activities (4/5.) Curriculum and support will be provided. 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 or 781-883-3411.

News and Programs

The Bagshaw family from England, who spent several years in Carlisle and at FRS in the past, shared the following in a Christmas greeting to Barbara Ritz: "David Bagshaw has been accepted into the main choir of the National Youth Choirs of Great Britain. We are very proud of him. It was in the Family Singers of FRS that his singing career began, and we are ever thankful for this." Note from Marguerite Shaw: David was about five or six years old when he was in the *Family Singers*, a group that included people of all ages, and many were parents and their children.

Church Directory: The latest version is available in hard copy at the church, or you may click [here](#) to download it as a pdf file. There is also a list of staff and committee chairs, which you can download [here](#).

Save the Date!

Potluck and conversation with Harvard Historian of Science Naomi Oreskes, Thursday February 5 in Union Hall. 6:30 potluck supper, 7:30 talk and discussion. Family friendly. Bring a plant-based (vegan) dish to share, with copies of the recipe.

Save the Date!

Our next Circle Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, March 28. Please plan on attending a fun evening and welcoming many of our new FRS members. More information to follow

Urgent:

The Coffee Committee is in need of volunteers for January 25 Coffee hour. Please contact Gio DiNicola if you can help.

Share the Plate

Sharing the Plate on January 25 will be the Open Pantry of Greater Lowell. The Everybody-Bring-Something-for-the-Open-Pantry Sunday has been moved to the fourth Sunday of each month, the service for all ages.

Behind the Scenes

Thank you to **Susan Emmons** and **Bryan Sorrows** for dealing with more frozen pipes, this time in the former Red Balloon space. **Beth Sullivan** for prodigious work at the Parsonage. We had another incredible Social Action Sunday, thanks to the support of **Lauree Eckler** and **Christine Lear**! The evidence of their and the children's efforts - beautiful origami paper cranes - is hanging in Union Hall.

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.



Feeding Ministry:

Once more, dear friends, a fifth Friday looms. On January 30, our FRS volunteers will provide and serve dinner to 120 individuals in need of a good hot meal on a cold winter's night in Lowell.

Our last offering in Lowell came on Halloween, and the night of the now legendary Men's Group pig roast. Suddenly, Columbus Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Eve have come and gone and I have yet to thank all who contributed on that evening. Many, many thanks to all the October 31 volunteers: Joan Crooker; Mike Dundorf; Fontaine Richardson; Lauree Eckler; Dave Barber; Roger Goulet; Tom Rourk; Alison Saylor; Sue Kirk; Mary Hult; Linda Myers Tierney; Sally Stokes; Diane Miller; Linda Clark; Barbara Ritz; Beth Sullivan; Christine Lear; Margaret Darling; Anne Ketchen; Marguerite Shaw; Nancy West; Hannelore

Munson; Nancy Hendrie; Stephanie Hackbarth; Art Milliken; Sally Zielinski; Lisa Sama; Tim Hult; Ellen Huber; Lilliana Mottershead & Charlie Gettys. Special thanks to Beth Sullivan for false noses and costumes!

On January 30, we will serve our ever-popular lasagna, salad, fruit and home made desserts. We will need lasagnas for 10 persons each; a total of six gallons of 2% milk; materials for a salad for 120 persons - washed and chopped 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

Are You Interested in Carlisle Senior Housing?

Carlisle Elderly Housing Association (CEHA) is the non-profit organization that built the Village Court housing on Church Street. The heavy lifting was done back then, and the organization's role is relatively simple now with a smoothly running housing complex. The Corporate Board is open to new members who would attend the annual meeting at 10 AM on Monday, February 2 in the Sleeper Room at Village Court. If you are a Carlisle resident interested in senior housing and would like to become a member of the Corporate Board, please let me know. It would be wonderful to expand awareness of this civic asset. -- Rev. Diane Miller

Facebook Afficionados: "Like" the church page on Facebook so you are more likely to see the photos and updates on your news feed. You can always visit the page by writing "First Religious Society in Carlisle" into the Search box on Facebook. Or type in the URL in a browser and go there directly: <https://www.facebook.com/FRSCarlisle>

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 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

Community Events

The Friends of the Carlisle COA and the Gleason Library invite you to attend a three-part lecture/discussion series to be held on **Wednesdays, 1:30 pm on January 28, February 11, 18 at the Gleason Library**. Music educator and director Richard Travers will present Music of the Cold War era looking at the facts, films and musicians of a dark period of American/Soviet relations.

January 28: The effects of the Korean War, McCarthyism, the Space Race, the Iron Curtain, the Voice of America broadcasts and the Bomb Shelter. The composers and artists who wrote music protesting the conditions of the early part of the Cold War will be presented.

February 11: The power of the nuclear bomb, the Bay of Pigs, Cuban Missile Crisis, the building of the Eastern Bloc, the influence of J. Edgar Hoover and the Truman Doctrine will be examined. The rock 'n' roll music of the 1950's through the 1970's and music from the Vietnam era will also be discussed..

February 18: A close look at the Reagan Administration, Perestroika and Glasnost, and at the influence of classical music and ballet (Nureyev) from the Soviet perspective and Soviet propaganda, as well as music from Billy Joel and Sting

Richard Travers earned a degree in Choral Directing from the Boston Conservatory and a degree in Music Education from Berklee College of Music. A music educator in the Newton Public Schools since 1976, he was the director of four choirs at Newton North H.S. and has served as director of the Masterworks Chorale, Choral Director of Fitchburg State College, the New England Conservatory Youth Chorale and the Newton Community Chorus. He recently completed his tenure as Music Director of the Rosie's Place Jazz Choir.

Please register at the library at 978-369-4898.