



Meetinghouse Messenger

October 19, 2015

This Sunday at FRS:

October 25 at 10am: "Mortality and Vampire Theology" Rev. Diane Miller. As we approach Halloween, a reflection on immortality in our culture today. The Bell Choir will ring, Pam Howell will share a Message for All Ages, and we will do the monthly offering for the Food Pantry (non-perishable items and/or cash).

Upcoming Sundays

November 1 "Beyond Categorical Thinking" Guest preacher, with workshop after church.

November 8 Lisa Perry-Wood is preaching, and the Jazz Group will play. The Children's Choir will sing.

November 15 Rev. Diane Miller, "The Education of a Minister"

November 22 Rev. Diane Miller, "Staff of Life"

November 29 -- All Ages Arts Sunday

A Message from the Minister

Last year we had a service about bread on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. If you have a family bread tradition to share, please let me know and we will have another service on the theme.

On Wednesday, November 25th, we will host Carlisle's annual ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service, with Father Donohoe preaching. A combined choir (you need not be a regular choir member) will warm up at 7 and the service is at 7:30 pm. The Music and Worship Committee will arrange a simple reception afterward. Expressing gratitude is one of the most rewarding spiritual practices.



A Message from the Religious Education Coordinator

Thank you everyone for such a generous response to our Jr. Youth Group's efforts toward The Crop Walk. It was an exciting morning watching the youth construct their banner together in Union Hall. Remember, all are welcome to walk with our youth in The Crop Walk. Come join us at 1:30pm at First Parish in Concord. If you haven't had a chance to contribute, a basket will be out at coffee hour next Sunday.



Downstairs, the magic was happening too. We told stories, played Musical Hoola Hoops, and the Children's Choir rehearsed for their first appearance on November 8th in service.

Next Sunday is 4th Sunday, which means we will be collecting food and monetary donations for House of Hope. Once again, we will take the collection from the pews and place our gifts into the hands of our children. Thank you.

This week in RE:

Little RE: 1yr -5yrs- 9:45-11:15

Middle RE: Social Action Sunday - We will be preparing cards and food to give to Common Cathedral.

Teen RE: Finishing the Crop Walk Banner and meeting at First Parish in Concord at 1:30pm.



A Message from the Student Minister



It has been a busy Fall for all of us at FRS, myself included! I thought I'd catch you up on my activities and my new role this year. I'm in my last year at Andover Newton, expecting to receive my Masters of Divinity in May 2016. It has been four long years and, while I've loved school, I'm looking forward to moving on to new adventures!

This year I will be working closely with Diane to learn all I can about the work of a parish minister. This includes planning all aspects of our worship services, attending committee meetings and community events, assisting at Sunday services, preaching several times, as well as a host of other "ministerial activities." I'll also be guest preaching from time to time at other churches in the area. Right now I'm thoroughly enjoying my role as Diane's "shadow."

I'll be in a chaplaincy internship this year as well this year: Clinical Pastoral Education or "CPE." My placement is at Hebrew Senior Life in Roslindale, where I'll be making pastoral visits to nursing care residents, many of them in their 90's. I'll also be regularly visiting an LGBT elders brunch group as their chaplain - I hear it's a lively bunch!

I will also be assisting Sue Kirk in leading the FRS women's group, WomenSpirit, this year. Last night, we had a moving conversation about Kate Braestrup's book *Here if You Need Me*, which chronicles her life and insights as chaplain to the Maine Forest and Game Service. If you haven't attended this group, either currently or ever, please consider joining us on the third Sunday evening of the month. Next month, on Friday, November 6th, we'll host a potluck at the home of Linda Myers-Tierney - more details to come - please join us for the fun and fellowship of FRS women!

I look forward to sharing more about my own journey to ministry in this space. Please feel free to be in touch with me, if you have questions or would just like to talk. Best way to reach me is my cell: 781-883-3411.

Lisa Perry-Wood

News and Programs

Parish Committee News

FRS is in need of a new childcare provider at the end of the month. Sadly, Nina Rich is unable to continue in that role, and we are advertising for a new care giver with our "Littles" (a new name). Our new person would report to our RE Coordinator, Pam Howell. The job pays \$20 an hour, for two hours every Sunday morning.

The Black Lives Matter Signs have created a bit of controversy in the town, with some signs being moved, and some different viewpoints expressed in the Mosquito. The PC thinks that this is a worthwhile conversation to have and will continue to support this viewpoint.

The PC voted to approve the rental policies of the church. The new item this year is the refurbishment of the Red Balloon space- if you haven't seen it, go down and take a look. We are able to rent that space for a reduced price of \$20 an hour to community groups, and will review the success of this new pricing in the spring.

With a vote to call a new minister this Spring, we will make sure we have a number of Membership book signings. By-laws state that one must be a member, someone for 30 days to vote at a congregational meeting, and thus to vote to call a new minister.

We are still discussing the need for our biannual fundraiser, the Service Auction. No one yet has stepped forward to take charge, as Lisa Sama who ran it last time, is unable to do it again. We are thinking about having it without a big meal- maybe desserts and champagne, which might make a lot less work for the organizers of the event. It is an important fundraiser for our church and we depend on the money we make to support our budget and good works that we do. If you have some interest, please call or email one of the Parish Committee members.

Otherwise, the event may have to be canceled.

Annual FRS Visit to Common Cathedral: Invitation to Come and Help Requested

On November 8, about a dozen FRS adult and youth volunteers will visit the Boston homeless congregation, Common Cathedral, to bring and serve lunch, as well as to worship and be in fellowship with the homeless community. To sign up to volunteer to go (we leave FRS in carpools right after our FRS service at 11:00; return around 3:00) or bring food (we need 100 sandwiches, boxes of granola bars, one jar each of PB and J, grape juice for Communion, a \$20 donation for a birthday sheet cake, and a box of napkins and one of sandwich bags), please email Linda M-T at [frs@uucarlisle.org](mailto:atfrs@uucarlisle.org)

This visit will be the topic of the October 25 Message for All Ages and Sunday School. For more on Common Cathedral, see <http://commoncathedral.org/>



THINK OF A MINISTER. DON'T THINK OF AN ELEPHANT.

Chances are you thought of both. And distinct images perhaps came to mind. In terms of a minister, what images came to mind? Was it a person of a particular gender, race, or age? The Search Committee is planning a service and afternoon workshop on November 1st, with the help of some special visitors. This is an important event, and will give us all the chance to examine how we can avoid letting prejudice become a part of our search process. Please save the date, and plan to join us!

Harvest Fair 2015 was a successful community event. Many thanks to all who contributed to the Harvest Fair this year. Despite indifferent weather, the atmosphere in Union Hall was warm and inviting. New this year were the charming carved apple heads and herbal sachets made by the children and youth, which along with the delicious fresh-pressed cider brought in a very respectable \$179. Ellen Huber organized the Bake table which had a terrific selection of homemade cakes, cookies and fudge, and along with the plants and \$1 tables netted \$294.10 (that extra dime is a real mystery). The Luncheon Cafe under head chef

Roger Goulet, served Vegetarian Chili, Pulled Pork Sandwiches and Sloppy Joes with slices of homemade pie. Not only did the Cafe gross \$297, but also had enough left-over Sloppy Joe to feed everyone at the Kendrick Apple picking field trip the following Saturday. The Silent Auction, ably managed by Barbara Ritz, Bob Fox and Dollina Borella has brought in close to \$1000, but probably the most remarkable outcome is that a donated gold charm bracelet made into a necklace that was held back on the advice of Barbara Ritz, has been given an approximate value of \$1000 by Artinian Jewelry in Concord. Many thanks to Stephanie Hackbarth and all the others who stayed on to clean up Union Hall and especially to all who set-up, baked, purchased pumpkins from the Garden Club, and bid on the treasures at the Harvest Fair Silent Auction. - Alison Saylor Harvest Fair Coordinator

Save the Date! Our Greens Sale this year will be on Saturday, December 5, but plans are already underway, with gingerbread making the week of November 16 and a Boxwood Workshop on November 21. Details to follow. Call Janice Kissinger if you'd like to help in any way.

Our Shared Ministry

Thanks to **Stephanie Hackbarth** for hosting the Parish Committee retreat on Sunday afternoon.

Sunday mornings rely on many volunteers to provide welcome, hospitality, and smooth running of the the service and religious education. Thank you!

Thanks to **Tom Rourk** for editing Sunday service recordings and making them accessible for listening.

Denominational Events

Community Events

Please join the Domestic Violence Services Network for its annual Candlelight Vigil on October 21, 2015, at 6:30 PM in Monument Hall, Concord. Renee Graham, a regular contributor to the Boston Globe's opinion page, will deliver a keynote address entitled "Does the Media Have a Domestic Violence Problem?" She was a staff writer at the Globe for 18 years, covering everything from social services to pop culture. She has written for Essence magazine, and is the pop culture correspondent for WBUR-FM's "Here and Now" and a columnist for WBUR's arts blog, "The Artery."

Following the ceremony, there will be a light buffet provided by the Trail's End Cafe.
