



# Meetinghouse Messenger

from the First Religious Society

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through October 26, 2014

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**Office hours:**

Mon. 8-9:30am

## A Message from the Minister

Our Fire Drill went well after church on October 5th. The congregation and RE class groups went up the sidewalk toward the school, across from the parsonage. I learned something important -- I wedged open a door to make it easier for people to exit the Sanctuary. Doors can be held open to make it easier for people to pass through, but the automatic closing mechanism should not be defeated. The doors should be able to close when the fire alarm goes on. This creates fire breaks. The designated person checking a floor should remove any door wedges when going through. The point of a fire drill is to practice and learn. Many thanks to Bryan Sorrows for introducing the drill, and educating us on fire safety. We hope the systems now in place will not be needed. With a 200-year old building, it is good to have them! -- Diane



## Upcoming Services

**Sunday October 26** - Jim Scott, Guest musician and service leader. Jim Scott is an exciting acoustic guitarist, singer, and composer of powerful music that furthers the ideals of ecology, justice, and peace. Jim makes an impact on hearts and minds across the world. He will lead our all-ages service in October, working with the Choir as well as engaging children in the service. Three of his songs are in our hymnbook, including "Gather the Spirit," one of the FRS favorites.

**Share the Plate:** The Stella-Rosie Foundation

**Coffee Hour this coming Sunday:**

Congregants with last names Q-U. Please bring a light,

10:30am-noon

Tuesday: 8am-noon

Closed Wednesday

Thursday 8-noon  
and 1pm-4pm

Friday 8am-noon  
and 1pm-3pm

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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

dryan@uucarlisle.org

healthy snack and consider showing up early or staying on after to help with set up or clean up. Your time and contributions are greatly appreciated.

**November Sundays.** Services will continue to explore biblical stories in conjunction with the Sunday School classes. Two stories this month tell of people who found clever ways to survive and win against the odds. On Nov. 2 it will be Miriam and the Moses basket and a sermon about other women whose stories have been distorted or left out of scripture. On that Sunday Ernie Huber will share his Spiritual Journey, and the service will conclude with the Hallowing of the Names (see below). The David and Goliath story on Nov. 9th will be explored with a sermon titled "Unlikely Triumphs." On Nov. 16th the sermon will tie in with a social justice project, and Nov. 23 will be an all-ages celebration. The Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving, November 26, you are invited to the ecumenical service hosted this year by St. Irene Roman Catholic Church on East Street. Nov. Nov. 30 will be a special Holiday Arts Sunday with a brief gathering in the sanctuary, followed by activities for all ages (see below).

**Hallowing of Names on Sunday, November 2.** On the Sunday closest to All Souls Day it is a meaningful tradition in this congregation to read the names of beloved persons who have died. Four readers, standing in the four corners of the sanctuary, speak each name, followed by tolling bell and a moment of silence. Submit names you would like to have read to Ann Quenin in the church office -- via email, phone, or mail. Ann will place the names in the list in the Order of Service. There will also be a sheet in Union Hall at Coffee Hour this Sunday. Additional names can be added that morning, written on index cards. Please include pronunciation guidance.

**Fifth Sunday Arts Celebration Nov. 30th** The format of this Sunday is new. We will gather for fifteen minutes in the Sanctuary to light the advent wreath and open the service. Then everyone is invited to choose an activity, perhaps more than one, for the balance of the hour. Learn carols. Fill Stockings for the House of Hope. Make a holiday card for the gift project and for the Pastoral Concerns Committee to use. Decorate holiday cookies. Make an Advent wreath to use at home. Would you like to be part of this Arts Sunday,

by assisting with a project or leading one? **Contact the minister.**

### **A Message from the Religious Education Coordinator**



### **Common Cathedral: FRS Children Join in Feeding the Homeless**

This week was our Social Action Sunday, which happens the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of every month. In worship, the children and I interviewed Linda Myers-Tierney to learn the "who, what, where, when, how and why" of the Common Cathedral project in Boston. Then we spent our RE time baking and packaging brownies to be frozen and delivered on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Many FRS parishioners and some of our children will go into Boston to Common Cathedral after the service that day. The children enjoyed the baking project, as well as a slide show about homelessness in Boston and some very moving picture books as well.

Next Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, we all look forward to singing along with Jim Scott in our 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Service for All Ages. We hope all families will join us for this very special event. Nursery care for younger children will be provided, as always.

If you haven't signed your child up for Religious Education, please go to the RE table, before church or at coffee hour on Sundays. Or feel free to drop by the RE office on Tuesdays or Thursdays, when Lisa has office hours.

### **News and Programs**

**Condolences** to Gio Dinicola, Steve Huberman, and their daughter Amelia and the entire family on the death of Gio's mother, Clara Dinicola. Clara was an active member of the Knitting group KISS and Carlisle's oldest resident.

### **Another fifth Friday rolls around on All Hallows Eve, 10/31/2004, and St Paul's Kitchen in Lowell calls.**

A pleasant surprise this time is provided by Alison Saylor who froze the unused, grass-fed ground beef purchased for the

Sloppy Joes at the Harvest Fair. She suggested we use it to make lasagnas, and Roger Goulet and Tom Rourke have volunteered to lead this culinary effort. Roger expects to get 6 to 8 lasagnas from it, so we will still need another 6 or 7 lasagnas from some generous contributors. In addition to lasagnas, we need bread or rolls for 120 people; six gallons of 2% milk; 12 salads for 10 persons each of tomatoes, lettuce, and cucumber; our usual variety of fresh fruit - grapes, apples, clementines, cantaloupes, plums, bananas etc, and those home-made desserts from our renowned pâtissières, that go down so well. Please let me know by e-mail or phone if you can add to the bounty or come to serve in Lowell. Costumes or attire for the servers is optional. Cheers, Frank Rigg

**FRS Returns to Common Cathedral on Nov. 9 - Sign Up Now Please. An Invitation to FRS Adults and Youth to offer Spiritual Support and Food to Boston Homeless:**

On November 9 a group of FRS adults and youth will go on its eighth annual trip to Common Cathedral, to participate in the worship service and serve lunch for approximately 100 homeless congregants. Common Cathedral/Ecclesia Ministry offers an outdoor service for Boston's homeless community on Boston Common every Sunday, year round. This has been an inter-generational effort that has been very fulfilling for those who have attended in the past. It is also a big undertaking for our congregation, and one that relies on the participation of many families and individuals. We are inviting volunteers to make the trip, to make and bring in food to be distributed, and to provide monetary donations to fund a large birthday sheet cake. Sign up sheets with detailed instructions will be available at Coffee Hour in Union Hall on October 26, or email the FRS office with questions or to volunteer to make food or to visit Common Cathedral, at [atfrs@uucarlisle.org](mailto:atfrs@uucarlisle.org) . Thank you !

**Knitting in Service Society (KISS) is Collecting Donations for Common Cathedral**

KISS members met last week to put gift tags on knitted and crocheted hats and scarves donated from knitters throughout the community, that were made for Christmas presents for the homeless congregants of Boston's Common Cathedral. Many thanks to all the knitters who participated, and also to those who have donated yarn. If you haven't yet turned in your knitted items, would like to join the group, or have any yarn to donate, please contact the FRS office

at[frs@uucarlisle.org](mailto:atfrs@uucarlisle.org) Thank you !

**Community Thanksgiving:** Reviving an established tradition, the First Religious Society will once again be hosting a community-wide Thanksgiving Feast in Union Hall on Thursday, November 27. (Thanksgiving Day) This will be an event at which any and all are welcome, and every attendee will have a part in creating the feast. In the best tradition of Thanksgiving, this will be a celebration of food, feast and thanks. By next week we will have details in place, and sign up sheets ready, but in the meantime if this is a way you might wish to enjoy your holiday with your neighbors, then please keep this event in mind.

**Volunteers needed for Greens Sale:** This will be the 26th year for our annual Greens Sale. We had a most successful year last time, bringing in \$8,000 for our church budget. I hope everyone will help again to make it a fun and most beautiful event for the entire town. At the present moment our volunteers include Susan Emmons on publicity, Donna Cantrill and Kerry Kissinger shopping for supplies in Boston, and Hannelore Munson decorating wreaths and baskets. Let me know what you and also your church committee can do to help. Our very first workshop is the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend. **See the schedule below. The Greens Sale will be on Saturday, December 6 from 10am to 2pm.** (Signed)  
Janice Kissinger

**Sunday, November 23** - after coffee hour - bring down decorations and Greens Sale items from the attic.

**Monday, November 24** - 9:00am - decorate the Sanctuary for the Holidays - all are welcome to help.

**Saturday, November 29 - 8:30am - 4:00pm - Boxwood Tree Workshop** - Union Hall.

**Wednesday, December 3 - workshop to make Holiday arrangements (baskets, centerpieces, mugs) - 9:00am - all day.**

**Thursday, December 4 - 9:00am - all day - workshop to decorate wreaths** - Union Hall.

**Friday, December 5 - 8:30am - set up Cafe - price all items**- general clean-up of Union Hall.

Saturday, December 6 - Holiday Greens Sale and Cafe - 10:00am - 2:00pm - all workers should be there by 9:30am  
clean-up is from 2-3pm.

Sunday, December 7 - a few Holiday Greens Sale items will

be available to purchase before and after church service.  
**Hold the date** - Saturday, December 20 - 6:30pm at Kissingers - Holiday Greens Sale Pot-Luck Party - all volunteers and their spouses are invited - Second Wind Quartet will perform - each family to bring a bottle of wine and a dish for ten people.

**Debra Daigle** and **Robert Canavello** signed the Membership Book on October 19th. Welcome!

**Lost and Found** Left behind items will be taken to the swap shed at the end of October. Check over bins of dishes and other things on pegs in hallway outside kitchen.

#### **Behind the Scenes**

*Email appreciations to [frs@uucarlisle.org](mailto:frs@uucarlisle.org) for inclusion in the next newsletter, so we can recognize and thank volunteers.* Thank you for organizing the apple picking and lunch on Saturday the 11th for Kendrick's kids: **Margaret Darling, Roger** and **Florence Goulet** and their friend **Joyce, Ellen Huber** for fixing all the lunches, **Asia Forcucci, Frank Rigg, Gavin Saylor, Peter Fox, Eric Darling, the Mottershead family,** and **Tom Rourk.**

Thanks to **Muggsie Rocco** and **Michael Dundorf** for helping with Coffee Hour setup and cleanup on Oct. 12.

Third Friday potluck on Oct. 17 was a delicious success. Many thanks to **Margot Morse** for setting up and inviting families who are newer to FRS, and to the many who cleaned up after the lively dinner.

Thanks to **Michael Dundorf** for running the informational meeting on Sunday and for setting up all the refreshments, and to **Kate Sacco** for helping set up the DVD.

#### **Community Events**

This **Thursday, October 23, from 8 to 9:30 a.m.**, Peter Greer will be speaking at the Carlisle Congregational Church about the work of his micro-financing organization, HOPE International. Peter grew up in Carlisle, the son of Bonnie and Pastor Keith Greer. Some in our congregation have heard him speak before and been impressed with the organization's work. The talk is free but to reserve a place or for more information, call Deb Pichulo at 369-7830.

**Military Families Support Group (MFSG)** For nine years, the MFSG has offered mutual support and education for families and friends experiencing all phases of deployment. They also provide networking information to ease the transition from soldier to veteran. Each meeting starts with a welcome of new participants and a "check- in" with returning members. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month. MFSG meets at the West Concord Union Church. They welcome partners, parents, grandparents, adult/teen siblings and friends of deployed loved ones and OEF/OIF veterans. To sign up for the monthly notices, email Milfamilysg <at> gmail.com or become a friend of the group on Facebook. Kathleen & Jake Zagata coordinate this area resource. **Next meeting October 21.**

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