

Meetinghouse Messenger

from the First Religious Society

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Office hours:

Mon. 8-9:30am

10:30am-noon

A Message from the Minister

After church last Sunday I drove out to Sterling, Massachusetts, on a beautiful fall day for the Installation of a Unitarian Universalist colleague who serves a Federated Church. The Sterling Congregation is both UU and UCC (United Church of Christ) and has a liberal Christian identity. Earlier last week I was in Kansas and had tea with the minister of two Midwestern humanist congregations. FRS has a more broad church UU identity, less theologically specific. To some, our UU congregations seem like a game of Twister, as we try to cover the bases for a wide range of spiritual approaches to life. We strive to be inclusive. I love this about our tradition, and know also that it is an imperfect way to be church. We can't be everything to everyone, but we are enriched by our differences. We can be a community of love, search, hope and service to all who gather here. ~ Diane



Upcoming Services Sunday, November 2

"The Absence of Women in the Bible: Filling in Gaps and Retelling Herstory." Rev. Diane Miller. Drawing from the insights of women from Elizabeth Cady Stanton's Women's Bible to the "Cakes for the Queen of Heaven" class, a sermon on how to deal with the erasure of women in religious traditions. "Message for All Ages" will be offered by Lisa Perry Wood. Ernie Huber will share his Spiritual Journey. The choir will sing "An American Folk Hymn of Praise," a spirited, earthy setting of a tune from Southern Harmony (1835). The words describe the multitudes of those who came before joining in praise to God. The organ Postlude will be the exciting and frenetic "Litanies" written in 1937 by French composer Jehan Alain. **Hallowing of Names:** Readers standing in the four corners of the Sanctuary will read the names of beloved persons who have

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.

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died and are remembered aloud on the Sunday closest to All Souls Day. Submit names you would like to have included on the printed list to Ann Quenin in the church office (contact details on left column) Names can also be added Sunday morning, written on index cards. (Please include pronunciation guidance where needed).

Coffee Hour next week (Nov. 2): Congregants with initials V-Z. Please bring a light, 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 Overview

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. The David and Goliath story on **Nov. 9th** will be explored with a sermon titled "Unlikely Triumphs." The choir will sing Mendelssohn's beautiful anthem "He That Shall Endure to the End" from his oratorio "Elijah." For the Prelude and Postlude, violinist Sarah Darling will play Handel's Sonata in G Major with harpsichordist Margaret Darling and cellist Dan Ryan. On **Nov. 16th** the sermon will tie in with a social justice project, and **Nov. 23** will be an all-ages celebration which will include the Jazz Group. 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. 30** will be a special Holiday Arts Sunday with a brief gathering in the sanctuary, followed by activities for all ages (see below).

Fifth Sunday Holiday Arts Celebration Nov. 30th The format of this Sunday departs from the usual. 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



FRS Kids Make a Joyful Noise!

This week children in the K-5 classes celebrated "Gaia, Mother Earth and the Oneness of Everything" in our Service for All Ages led by singer-songwriter, Jim Scott. Adults and kids alike enjoyed singing and making music together, with Jim's skillful (and playful) leadership.

Next Sunday, November 2nd, we return to our twice monthly Fall Curriculum, "Timeless Themes: Stories from the Hebrew and Christian Bibles," with the story of "Moses in the Bulrushes." The K-2 class will hear the story of "The Moses Basket," about what it means to be born a slave, and a young girl who courageously saves her brother. Meanwhile, the 3-5 class will consider the meaning of persecution, and think about hard choices, feeling pity, and adoption. 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

The FRS Men's Group invites all men and their (male) friends and neighbors to a **North Carolina-style Whole Hog Barbeque** being held **Saturday November 1** at Paul Morrison's house (163 Sunset Road, Carlisle). Joe Jancek and Paul Morrison are the "pit masters" for this BYOB celebration of friendship and community. To cover the cost of the hog, rented smoker, and sundries we are asking each attendee to pay \$20, in return for which you will enjoy a fabulous time, all the meat you can eat, plus southern-style beans, cole slaw, corn bread, soft rolls, an array of bbq condiments and whatever appetizers and drinks the spirit moves people to bring. If you are interested in attending please email Paul (pempaz@verizon.net) or call him (369-6282) so that we can size the event to be sure we have enough accompaniments and support materials. Hope to see you there! (We will be slow-cooking through the night so if you want to volunteer for a shift please let us know.)

On behalf of the Butler Middle School in Lowell, **the Social Action Committee requests donations of winter jackets** in all sizes, as well as mitten/gloves. These will be distributed to families in need. Also, reading material for young adults is requested. There will be collection bins in the front lobby. The Butler Middle school students are in grades 5 - 8. The school population has an 80% federal poverty rate. All donations are

gratefully received. Contact for this project is Dollina Borella, tel. 978-771-3732 or dollina.borellaFRS@gmail.com.

Can you JOIN in the VISIT or HELP with FOOD for COMMON CATHEDRAL - NOV 9?

Thank you for all the volunteers who have signed up so far! We still room for more people to join in on the trip. We will carpool to Boston right after the FRS service, service lunch, have fellowship with the congregants, worship with them, and be back in Carlisle by 3:00.

Also we could use six more people to make a "loaf" of 10 sandwiches (any kind), and several people to bring any kind of fruit (grapes, raisens, clementines - anything soft for people with poor teeth). Anything you offer will be very appreciated. Please call FRS at 978.369.5180 or email frs@uucarlisle.org.

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.

The FRS handbell choir is looking for new members. If you have enjoyed the beautiful offerings of the handbell choir and have some music reading ability, I invite you to consider joining the group. Playing in the handbell choir is fun and fulfilling! We meet periodically throughout the year and play on occasional Sunday services and for the Winter Holidays Concert, for which we will soon be rehearsing. Please see me after a service if you would like more information, or email me at dryan@uucarlisle.org.

Save the Date: Next Third Friday Potluck and Program is November 21. Family Friendly potluck in Union Hall and at 7 PM the "Cakes for the Queen of Heaven" class in the Widrick Room.

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 signup sheets ready.

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 978-369-8968

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.

Behind the Scenes

Susan Emmons, Max Barber, Bryan Sorrows for dealing with the alarm and elevator companies last week.

Community Events

Coming to the First Religious Society on Thursday, October

30, at 8 PM,

CSEM presents Les Bostonades, in "Telemann & Bach: Diverse Pleasures-from the Sublime to the Ridiculous."

The Cambridge Society for Early Music (CSEM) will present a sparkling period-string ensemble, Les Bostonades, in music of two great composers who trod many of the same paths. The program on October 30 is a "tasting menu" of chamber music by the two friends, with two magnificent Bach trios, and, by Telemann, two quartets and a cello sonata, culminating in his amusing "burlesque" character suite on Don Quixote. The members of Les Bostonades, headed by harpsichordist Akiko Sato, have an active life performing internationally. For this concert, there will be four strings, harpsichord, and theorbo (a sonorous bass lute). What do the critics say of this group? "That was fun!"

Tickets at the door \$30, seniors \$25 (cash or check only). Students with ID free. A fabulous reception follows. Information: www.csem.org. Tel. 617-489-2062.

Long and Away, a Consort of Viols On Sunday, November 2 at 3pm. in the Sanctuary at FRS.

"The Beggars' Songbook: Revolt in the Spanish Netherlands"

This concert explores music-making during the Dutch revolt against Phillip II of Spain. Geuzen, from the French word gueux, or beggars, was a name taken on with pride by the confederacy of Calvinist Dutch nobles and other malcontents after being dismissed as inconsequential and mere beggars by the Spanish. The rebellion, which spanned 1568-1648, led to the birth of the first republic in Europe and the beginnings of a national identity for the Netherlands.

The Geuzenliedboek ("Beggar's Songbook") was a popular compilation of political songs; Valerius' Neder-landtsche Gedenck-clanck was a history of the war interspersed with songs set to popular melodies from all over Europe. We'll present these Dutch songs of political turmoil alongside works by van Eyck and Sweelinck; diferencias by Cabezon and Ortiz, and English music inspired by events across the Channel.

Karen Burciaga, Jane Hershey, Anne Legêne, Colleen McGary-Smith, James Williamson - viola da gamba

With

Michael Barrett - tenor & recorder

Daniel Meyers - recorder & percussion

Matthew Wright - lute & Renaissance guitar

\$20 donation/\$10 students & seniors

Reception to follow

Bowling / Pizza Event for Kids with Disabilities - November 2 from 1 to 3PM. Kids with disabilities and their families are invited to attend this free bowling/pizza event sponsored by local Knights of Columbus. Bowling lasts for about 1 to 1.5 hours. Then the Knights bring in fresh pizza from a local pizzeria for the whole family. Event is held at Collins Bowladrome, which is wheel-chair accessible, on 325 Boston Rd in Billerica. Interested families must pre-register by Oct 29 by contacting Ken Desilets (978) 692 6866 or at email kgdesigned@gmail.com.