



Meetinghouse Messenger

from the First Religious Society

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through November 16, 2014

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Office Hours: Mon. 8-9:30am

10:30am-noon

Tuesday: 8am-noon

Closed Wednesday

Thursday 8-noon and

This Sunday

On **Nov. 16th** the sermon, "Thank You Marlene Dietrich" will be given by the Rev. Eugene "Woody" Widrick, Minister *emeritus*. By way of description Woody added the lines from William Blake: "May God us keep / From single vision & Newtons sleep."

Our Share the Plate offering will go to the Open Pantry of Greater Lowell. Everyone is invited to bring a non-perishable item for the Open Pantry.

Coffee Hour this coming Sunday Nov. 16th:

Congregants with last names F-I. Please bring a light, healthy snack and consider showing up early or staying on to help with set up or clean up. Your time and contributions are greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Services

Nov. 23 will be an all-ages Thanksgiving celebration which will include the Jazz Group.

The Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving, **November 26, at 7:30 pm**, you are invited to the ecumenical service hosted this year by St. Irene Roman Catholic Church on East Street. Choir members are invited to rehearse at St. Irene at 7 PM. A reception will follow the service.

Nov. 30 will be a special Holiday Arts Sunday with a brief gathering in the sanctuary, followed by activities for all ages (see details below).

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:**

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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. Learn to play a handbell or chime. Fill Stockings for the House of Hope. Make a holiday card for the Butler School gift project and for the Pastoral Concerns Committee to use. Decorate holiday cookies. Make an Advent wreath to use at home. Decorate a candle. Would you like to be part of this Arts Sunday, by assisting with a project or leading one of these activities? **Contact Diane Miller, see left column for contact information.**

**A Message from the Religious Education
Director**



Sometimes the Little Guy Wins!

This Sunday we learned the story of David and Goliath, about how a young shepherd and harp player fought a giant...and won! The children learned that someone small can accomplish something big--a great lesson for young people, who often feel powerless in their own lives. Nursery care for younger children will be provided, as always.

Next week will be our third Social Action Sunday of the year. We'll be making "Welcome" cards for new students entering the Butler Middle School in Lowell throughout the school year. The Butler School has a high percentage of students whose families are at or below poverty level, as well as a significant number arriving from countries like Somalia. The FRS Social Action Committee will be putting together backpacks full of school supplies and our cards will be tucked inside to welcome the new students.

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

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On behalf of the Butler Middle School in Lowell, **the Social Action Committee requests donations of winter jackets** in all sizes, as well as mittens or 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.

Message from Music Director Dan Ryan: 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.

Third Friday Potluck Coming up November 21st. Save the date for another Third Friday Potluck for all ages. New Format: 5:30 PM for active playtime in the large room on the ground level (formerly Red Balloon) followed by potluck dinner in Union Hall at 6:30 PM. Please plan to come a little beforehand or stay a little after to help set up or clean up.

Cakes for the Queen of Heaven will meet at 7 pm on Nov. 21st 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. This will be open to all people, regardless of church affiliation or membership. Doors open at noon, with social time, music making, and games. Bring instruments and favorite games. Seating at 2 PM for the feast. Over twenty are already planning to come, children and adults. Sign-up sheets and food suggestions will be available in Union Hall during Coffee Hour. Or talk to Tom Rourk. This promises to be a fun and rewarding way to share in a Thanksgiving tradition.

Volunteers still needed for Greens Sale: This will be the 26th year for our annual Greens Sale. 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.** (Signed) Janice Kissinger

Sunday, 11/ 23 - after coffee hour - bring down decorations and Greens Sale items from the attic;
Monday, 11/24 - 9:00am - decorate the Sanctuary for the Holidays - all are welcome to help; **Saturday, 11/29- 8:30am - 4:00pm - Boxwood Tree Workshop** - Union Hall; **Wednesday, 12/3- Holiday arrangements workshop 9:00am - all day; Thursday 12/4- 9:00am - all day - wreath decorating workshop** - Union Hall; **Friday, 12/5 - 8:30am - set up Cafe - price all items-** general clean-up of Union Hall. **Saturday, 12/ 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, 12/ 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.

Borrowing tables and chairs: Occasionally FRS'ers borrow tables and/or chairs from the church. Due to events scheduled here this holiday season which will require all our tables and chairs, the church office needs to know in advance if you are planning to borrow either. Email Ann Quenin at frs@uucarlisle.org

Behind the Scenes

Carlisle Police have given warning tickets to cars parked in front of the parsonage. A sign near the library path stating "No Parking This Side of Street" is meant to apply to the street in front of the parsonage.

Thanks to **Roger Goulet** and **John Forcucci** for two Sundays of teaching the K-5 RE classes. Also, thanks to **Molly Sorrows** and **Paul Morrison** for assisting, and to **Amy Smack** for subbing for Lisa as RE Supervisor.

This week (Nov. 9) the adults helped the kids draw life-size outlines of Roger and one of the children, to represent the characters in the David and Goliath story - a favorite activity!

Thank you to all the volunteers who supported the FRS trip to Common Cathedral on Sunday. We had 11 adults and 7 children/ Youths make the trip on a beautiful and sunny Fall afternoon. We were warmly greeted when we attended the Common Cathedral worship, participated in Fellowship with the congregants, and served the enormous amount of food that was generously made and donated by so many FRS families. Thank you all.

Linda Myers-Tierney

Community Events

All are invited to join Merrimack Valley People for Peace at their annual Stone Soup Supper, November 18, 2014 at 6:30 PM at North Parish UU church in North Andover, 190 Academy Rd, North Andover, MA 01845. Everyone brings a vegetable to add to the soup, and, we take a collection for Oxfam. Then Brayton Shanley will speak about his book, "The Many Sides of Peace: Christian Nonviolence, the Contemplative Life, and Sustainable Living," on working full time to build a peaceful community while confronting war. Leader of the Agape community, he practices and trains others to live sustainably.

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