

Meetinghouse Messenger

from the First Religious Society

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through February 8, 2015

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Office Administrator:

This Sunday, February 8th

"For the Love of God: Evolution, Religion, and Science" Rev. Diane Miller

Our service will have a story from Buddhism, some thoughts on love, and reflections on science and religion.

A Message from the Minister

It was wonderful to be back in church on February 1st, to see the enthusiasm for our new RE semester, and to hear the music that is so consistently amazing. So many stepped in to make January a vital month at the First Religious Society and to carry forward the programs and caring community.



A Message from the Religious Education Director

King John Sigismund, the Unitarian King

This week we explored the beginnings of Unitarianism with a read-aloud play during the service about King John Sigismund of Transylvania, the first (and only) Unitarian king. In their classes, the K-2 children learned the meaning of the chalice we light each week, while they each made their own chalices out of clay. The 3-5 class learned about UUs who identify as Humanists and made handwritten scrolls with the UU Seven Principles.

Next week the K-5 classes will learn some of the main



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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

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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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Music Director:

beliefs of Buddhism. During the service we'll hear the story of the Woman and the Tiger, a classic Buddhist tale. In classes, the K-2's will hear the story of The Banyan Deer, a lesson of love and sacrifice for others, while the 3-5 class will learn about the life of the Buddha and talk about how we can stay peaceful within ourselves through practicing meditation.

We still need a few more teachers for our Spring K-5 World Religions classes, especially for our lessons on Islam and our Spring/Easter celebration. Our curriculum has lots of engaging stories and activities and you will teach as part of a team. You can access the Sign-Up Genius page here:<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094eafa72ca5f49-worldor> talk to Lisa.

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 781-883-3411.

News and Programs

A message from the Flower Committee: There is now a calendar hanging on the blue folding bulletin board in Union Hall. Please use this calendar to sign up to bring a floral or other arrangement for the pulpit table. We can place flowers in the sanctuary in memory of a loved one, to commemorate an anniversary, birthday, or any other event. Dried or silk arrangements from home are welcome, as are any other decorative/appropriate items. If anyone wants to combine their donation with the theme of the sermon, or a holiday, that kind of creativity is encouraged.

If you have any questions about providing a pulpit table decoration during February, please contact Deb Jancek, 978-369-7737 or Debjancek@aol.com.

Don't forget this Thursday, February 5, 2015 : Meet a new Carlisle neighbor, Harvard historian of science **Naomi Oreskes** shares her findings on how the truth has been intentionally obscured on issues from tobacco smoke to global warming. 6:30 pot-luck supper; 7:30 talk and discussion. Family friendly. Bring a plant-based (vegan) dish to share, with

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copies of the recipe.

Selma movie: Would you be interested in seeing the movie "Selma"? The events and persons depicted in the film were pivotal to the Civil Rights movement and central to 20th century American history. Our own UU congregations played a role in these events as many UU ministers and lay people responded to the call from Dr. King and marched with him on that day in Selma in 1965. We will plan to attend a matinee performance locally on **Saturday, February 7**, local venue to be announced.

Afterward we can enjoy a meal together at a local restaurant to talk about our response to the film. We hope to be joined by an eyewitness to the events of that day. If interested in joining us, please let Tom Rourk know at 978-369-5366.

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.

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

Share the Plate

Sharing the Plate on February 8 will be **Bridge Over Troubled Waters**, an organization dedicated to transforming the lives of runaway, homeless, and high-risk youth through safe, supportive, and encouraging relationships and effective and innovative services that guide them toward self-sufficiency.

We received the following note from The Sharing Foundation, another Share the plate recipient:

"Thank you for always remembering the Cambodian children. Your support helps to fund projects like health and education, that makes a real difference. We couldn't do it without you! Many thanks."

Behind the Scenes

This week's RE classes on Unitarian Universalism were capably taught by **Susan Emmons, Sarah Grallert, Amy Smack** and **Christine Lear**. Many thanks to these terrific volunteers for the extra time they spent in preparing this lesson as part of our new World Religions curriculum.