



Meetinghouse Messenger

from the First Religious Society

May 4 through May 10, 2015

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This Sunday

May 10: "Selma Journal" - Rev. Miller

Upcoming Services

May 17 - "State of the Church" - Rev. Miller

May 24 - "All-Ages Celebration" - Rev. Miller

May 31 - "All-Church Arts of Spring" - Rev. Miller

Coffee Hour this week May 10 : Congregants - I-L

A message from the Flower Committee: Mother's Day is May 10. If you would like to contribute flowers for the pulpit table in memory or in honor of, your mother or someone's mother, who played a significant role in your life, please contact Deb Jancek by Wednesday, May 6. (In the tradition of my childhood church, white flowers honored Mothers who had passed away, and pink flowers honored the living.) But Mothers appreciate any color, given with love.

The Flower Committee would appreciate contributions of flowers for the pulpit table for the rest of the year. The final church service will be June 21, Father's Day, which will also

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be our traditional Flower Sunday. Please let any member of the Flower Committee know a week in advance if you will provide flowers, so that we might mention your occasion in the Order of Service.

Share the Plate

Sharing the Plate on May 10:

Steve Kirk will be leading a fishing trip for veterans, sponsored by the Veteran's Administration Hospital. This follows on the highly successful outings he has led in the past. Our Share the Plate will help underwrite some of the costs of the outing.

We received a letter from **Clark Farm, our Share the Plate recipient for March 15**. They wrote: "Your donation will give a family without the means to participate in our CSA [Community Supported Agriculture] access to organic local food...because of your generosity, more of our community will be able to share in this season's bounty."

A Message from the Religious Education Director

Celebrating Beltane and May Day! Yesterday, Sunday, May 3rd, FRS children celebrated the Beltane or May Day. During the service we learned about some of the pagan festivals. Then, in our RE class time the K-5 group learned the special ribbon dance around our own maypole. Adults were welcomed to join in during coffee hour and a great time was had by all!

Please join us next week as the children learn about the Quaker religion. Susan Emmons and Abby Zimmerman, who were both raised Quaker, will lead the K-5 classes in a discussion of Quaker beliefs and practices, followed by an experience of a "Friends Meeting."

If you have questions about 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: dreatuucarlisedotorg or 781-883-3411.



Pledge Program Status

Thank you very much to the 93 households who have sent in

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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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their generous pledges. We now have over \$131,900 committed in support of the FRS budget for next year. We do, indeed, share a generous community spirit. If you have not yet sent in your pledge, we would still love to hear from you. You can retrieve pledge information from the FRS website. If you have any questions about pledging please feel free to contact Joe Sheedy, the Chairperson of the Finance Committee. We are very close to our goal, so your commitments are very important!

A Message from the Social Action Committee: The Social Action Committee is continuing to support the Butler Middle School in a number of different ways.

A small group of people from the Social Action Committee (and one guest) met with Social Worker Kadeen Healy in October, 2014. One of the requests she made to us was a desire to supply new immigrant students with a backpack with basic supplies. According to Ms. Healy, the latest immigrants arriving at the school are from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Also, students from other parts of the country arrive, and the school has no notice that they are coming. If a student is found to be in financial need, one of our backpacks is provided to the student.

The Social Action Committee purchased and supplied 20 backpacks. Each backpack contained a 3 ring binder, a pack of lined ruled paper, ruler, colored pencils, regular and decorative pencils, and eraser tips. Our religious education students assembled the backpacks and under supervision they checked the zippers of the backpacks, took off price tags, assembled and added the items to the backpack. In addition, they made wonderful art cards that said "Welcome to the Butler School" using markers, stickers, and glitter. These students were so enthusiastic about the assembly of the backpacks and the making of the cards. A great BIG thank you goes out to our Sunday school students.

I recently saw Ms. Healy and she said that she had another instance where she supplied one of our backpacks to a student whose family had a fire and they lost everything. This is a wonderful and needed project.

If you have any questions, please contact Social Action Committee member, Dollina Borella, tel. 978-771-3732, dollina.borellaFRSatgmail.com.

News and Programs

Carlisle Screening of *Cowspiracy: The Sustainability*

Secret, Tuesday May 5, at 7 pm, Union Hall. Sponsored by the Environmental Action Committee This is a groundbreaking 90 minute environmental documentary investigating the most destructive industry facing the planet today -- large scale animal agriculture -- and why it is almost entirely unchallenged by the world's leading environmental organizations. Louie Psihoyos, Oscar-Winning Director of "The Cove" says that "Cowspiracy may be the most important film made to inspire saving the planet."

Native & Invasive Plants Workshop: How to increase biodiversity on your Carlisle-area property, Saturday, May 9, 2015, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm, Union Hall. In this free, family-friendly hands-on workshop, participants will learn 1) how native plants can increase the population of desirable birds and insects, 2) how to recognize native and invasive plants through real time observation in the FRS Infinity Garden and the Banta-Davis field, and 3) how to get rid of invasives if you choose to do so. Participants can take home a native plant from the Infinity Garden with directions for replanting at home. The workshop will be presented by local experts Alison Saylor, Kay Fairweather, and John Bakewell with Kim Kastens hosting for the FRS Environmental Action Committee.

FRS Screening of "Still Alice," Sunday evening, 6:45, May 24th, at FRS. This Academy Award winning film, based on the book by Lisa Genova, describes the experience of Alzheimer's Disease from the perspective of the professor who is diagnosed with early onset of the illness. Popcorn and cold drinks provided.

Please note that our newest church directory is available as a pdf in the **quick links** column to your left. A staff and committee contact list is also there. There will be hard copies available at Coffee Hour or you may email or call the office if you would like to be sent a copy.

Behind the Scenes

Many hands made Sunday's May Day/Beltane and Maypole celebration possible. Thanks go out to **Mike Saylor** for retrieving the maypole from the FRS attic, to **Molly Sorrows** for teaching the intricate maypole dance, and to **Margot Morse** and **Rebecca Bromark**, for leading the K-

5 classes. We could not have done it without all of you!
Thank you!!

Denominational Events

UU Social Media & Membership Growth with Peter Bowden, Saturday, May 16th, 9 AM -- 3 PM, at First Parish in Framingham. Designed to help UU clergy, staff and volunteer leaders adapt their communication, outreach, and visitor greeting strategies for today's digitally connected world. Contact Rev. Diane Miller if you are interested in attending.

Community Events

Are you or someone you know struggling to make ends meet? If so, please invite them to come to **an indoor yard sale where every item is free**. Saturday, May 9, from 9am-3pm at Trinity Church Congregational in Bolton MA (14 Wattaquadock Hill Rd). They have gathered together a large supply of gently-used clothes, household goods, toys, multimedia, etc. and are giving it all away

Vegan Potluck Dinner Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30 pm, Parish Hall in Concord. Have a family-friendly, planet-friendly night out eating great food and meeting nice people. Enjoy a delicious pot-luck dinner in Parish Hall, First Parish in Concord, Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30 pm hosted by FP Reverence for Life and the FP Environmental Leadership Team. Please bring your own beverage and a dish (4-6 servings) to share that is free of meat, fish, eggs, honey, and dairy. Please also bring your own place setting to reduce paper waste and clean up. Also, attach a card with the ingredients of your dish, to help out those with allergies or special diets. Children welcome! Creative fun at children's craft table provided. Parish Hall is located in the First Parish UU church at 20 Lexington Rd, Concord.