



Meetinghouse Messenger

from the First Religious Society

July 27
through August 2, 2015

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This Sunday

August 2

On Sunday, August 2 we will have a guest speaker, sponsored by our Environmental Action Committee.. Rosalie Anders from the First Parish Church in Cambridge will speak about how her church reached consensus on divestment of fossil fuel investments. Is this something that we can and wish to do here? Ms. Anders, who is with the Environmental Justice Committee at her church, will speak about the practicalities of doing this, the reasons and ethics involved. The UUA has encouraged congregations to divest of fossil fuel investments, and the Massachusetts House of Representatives is currently considering a bill that would require the state to divest of fossil fuel investments. This promises to be a very informed and engaging discussion. 10 am in Union Hall. All are welcome!

Summer Services in August

August 9 Claude Von Roesgen. Solar and renewable energy

August 16 TBD

August 23 Asia Forcucci returns to lead a Summer Service

August 30 Diane Miller, "Blessing of the Animals."

Bring your animal safely constrained, ready for a warm blessing and a time to appreciate all beings, pets, and the interdependent web of life.

Sept. 6 Pancake Breakfast in Union Hall. A warm welcome on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend, pancakes with all the fixings. 10-11. Volunteer pancake flippers much appreciated.

Sept. 13 Services resume in the Sanctuary with the choir. Religious Education begins the Moral Tales curriculum.

Church Directory

Staff and Committee Contacts

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Office Administrator:

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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

Message from the Minister



Minister emeritus, Woody Widrick, is on call for pastoral needs during July, along with other clergy nearby. A copy of the clergy coverage and contacts is in the church office and with members of the Parish Committee. I will be back in the parsonage in August for a study leave month involving planning for the church year ahead. If you have ideas for classes, special events, or Sundays, please be in touch!

A message from the Office Administrator: My hours this summer will vary, but mail will be picked up, bills paid, and the MM and Friday postcard will continue as usual. In August, the best time to contact me is Tuesday mornings. If you need to get in touch right away, call my cell phone 781-820-2783. Meetinghouse Messenger announcements will need to be in my hands no later than the Thursday morning before it is published on Monday, so please keep that in mind. Email news to frs@uucarlisle.org Thanks! Ann Quenin

News and Programs

Parish Committee Update

The Parish Committee met on July 8 and welcomed the new members for 2015-16: Jackie Schaefer, Dollina Borella, and Rick MacDonald. Eric Darling and Stephanie Hackbarth were elected co- chairs.

The PC were delighted that the Minister's Search Committee was underway with Molly Sorrows as chair of the committee. With Diane retiring this coming year, the church is looking to hire a settled minister. This is a large commitment and we are grateful to those who are serving. The PC discussed the importance of improved communication, and specifically the increased role that social media, such as Facebook, might have in our church activities.

Mary Hult reviewed our finances with contributions slightly under budget and expenses slightly under budget. On a positive note, the number of pledges to the parish have increased from 94 to 97 units this year.

The PC began a discussion about a possible alternative to the Auction fundraiser that we have every other year. It is a

appointment.

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large fundraiser, but very dependent on a few number of large bidders. Are there ideas for any alternative out there? If you have some interest or ideas in this area, please contact Lisa Sama - Lisasama828@gmail.com.

Social Action Committee
St Paul's Kitchen, Lowell
July 31 Community Dinner

This Friday, July 31, our FRS volunteers will provide and serve dinner in Lowell to about one hundred individuals in need of sustenance. We will serve our ever-popular meal of lasagna, salad, fruit and home made desserts. We will need 14 lasagnas for 10 persons each; a total of six gallons of 2% milk; materials to make a large salad for 120 persons - washed, chopped or sliced cherry tomatoes, lettuce, and cucumber; bread and or rolls, fresh fruit - grapes, apples, pears, clementines, canteloupes, strawberries, and bananas; and home-made desserts and cookies.

Several generous souls have already volunteered but we are still in need of plenty of help. Please let me know by e-mail or phone if you can help provision this dinner and/or come to serve in Lowell.

Cheers,
Frank Rigg

Thank-you for the proceeds from the SPARK Concert on June 4. The Church received a note from the Boston Medical Center thanking us for the substantial gift to SPARK. It said, in part, "With your help, BMC can support more than 75 children at a time, ensuring every child has a chance at leading a healthy life. Thank you for your generous gift and for your commitment to the city of Boston." Signed Norman Stein, Vice President of Development

Behind the Scenes

Thanks to **Susan Emmons** for showing up at 7am today, Monday, to open up for the workmen who are installing the new front door this week!

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. You may email or call the office if you would like to be sent a copy.