



# Meetinghouse Messenger

## from the First Religious Society

August 3 through August 9, 2015

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### This Sunday 10 AM in Union Hall

**August 9** Claude Von Roesgen will present a service about energy independence. Claude, a Carlisle resident and solar coach for our town, has been living "off the grid" as much as he can for some time now. (Ask him about his solar powered car.) Are we using too little electricity in our fight against climate change? Should we be using more? Maybe if we had our own way of utilizing renewable resources we could happily use all we want! Claude will talk about how he has achieved his "energy independence," and will bring the discussion to how we might move in that direction. We know that this is an environmental concern, but is this also an ethical and moral mission? 10am in Union Hall. All are Welcome!

### Summer Services -- 10 AM in Union Hall

**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. Tom Rourk is coordinating the volunteer pancake flippers and servers and cleaners are much appreciated.

**Sept. 13** Services resume in the Sanctuary with the choir and minister. Religious Education begins the Moral Tales curriculum. 10 AM.

## Church Directory

### Staff and Committee Contacts

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#### **Office Administrator:**

Ann Quenin

978-369-5180

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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

#### **Minister:**

Rev. Diane Miller  
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church study  
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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**

My thanks to Woody Widrick, Ministeremeritus, and nearby colleagues who provided pastoral care backup while I was away in July. August is a month of Study Leave, which is preparation for the coming church year. I'm nearby and available if needed. I have some meetings, and will lead the Animal Blessing on August 30th. ~ Diane Miller



**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**

#### **Interfaith Memorial Service:**

In honor of Mother Emanuel Nine -- the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Faithful Nine murdered in Charleston, South Carolina. Sunday, August 16 at 4pm at Bethel A. M. E. Church, 75 Grand Street, Lowell. Rev. Diane Miller is attending and invites anyone would like to carpool to meet up at the front entrance of FRS at 3:20 pm.

#### **Ministerial Search Committee Update:**

We are very pleased with the response so far to the cottage meeting mailing last Thursday, and are already seeing people sign up. Many thanks to those who volunteered to host. The cottage meetings are informal discussions that will provide an important source of information about the congregation. We encourage everyone to participate in this process! The search committee meets weekly; Please let us know if you have any questions about the cottage meetings or other aspects of the search process. To sign up for a cottage meeting and to learn more about them, click [here](#) Please feel free to contact the Ministerial Search Committee (MSC) with any questions or concerns now or throughout the search process. Members of the MSC are: Molly Sorrows (chair), John Forcucci, Sally Hayen, Kim

appointment.

**Student Minister**

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Kastens, Christine Lear, John Lyons, Margot Morse, and Frank Rigg. Our general mailbox is [frs\\_search@uucarlisle.org](mailto:frs_search@uucarlisle.org)

**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 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](mailto:Lisasama828@gmail.com).

**A message from the Social Action Committee:**

Please check the church web site, under "Committees," "Social Action," to see how the committee spent its 2014 - 2015 \$6,500 social action budget.

**Behind the Scenes**

**Stew Roberts** designed the new front door to the church, which has been installed. It has yet to be painted. The door moves easily and closes securely.

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.

**Community Events**