



Meetinghouse Messenger

September 14, 2015

This Sunday at FRS:

Sept. 20 at 10am in the Sanctuary:

"Black Lives Matter: Repenting of Racism" Rev. Diane Miller. The Jewish High Holy Days are a time for repentance and atonement. They are a time of turning, realignment, getting into right relationship, and acknowledging how we have harmed others. To honor the Jewish holidays, the prelude will be the Kol Nidre. The choir will sing. Pam Howell will offer a Message for All Ages. Watch for lawn signs saying Black Lives Matter.

Upcoming Sundays

September 27 "Ministry: A View from the Inside." Guest preacher, the Rev. Olav Nieuwejaar. Rev. Nieuwejaar is the Ministerial Settlement Representative for our region of Unitarian Universalist congregations. He will preach in the morning and lead a congregational workshop about the Ministerial Search process after coffee hour. Those with long involvement with the congregation might remember that Olav served this congregation when he was a ministerial student at Tufts in the late 1960s. A congregational workshop about Ministerial Search will follow coffee hour. Child Care provided.

October 3 "**Rung Like a Bell**" **Rev. Diane Miller.** First of an occasional series reflecting on four decades of ministry, this sermon addresses what ministers describe as *the call*, traditionally meaning being called by the Divine to serve in ministry. Increasingly that sense of being called is described by people in non-clergy roles. What is your calling?

A Message from the Minister

This church year our staff schedules converge at FRS on Wednesdays, when we will do our weekly worship planning and have weekly staff meetings. I will be switching my day off from Wednesday to Tuesday. You can usually find me in the study portions of Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Friday remains a preparation day for services. The best ways to reach me are by calling my cell phone or church study numbers (see directory), and by email. I welcome drop in visits, but if you want to be more likely to find me available, set up a specific time. ~ Diane



A Message from the Religious Education Coordinator

We had a wonderful start to our new RE year. We sang songs, told stories and saved a cricket. What more could one ask for on a Sunday morning?

After service, we gathered for an RE Orientation. Parents sat together and asked questions about the program. Of course, we addressed administrative tasks like attendance and CORI forms, but we also talked about what our children should learn from our faith community. We talked about love and connection, about friendship and helpers. We hoped for resiliency, understanding and centeredness for our children. These are goals worthy of our collective support and I was touched to see how many parents want to help carry FRS in reaching those goals.



Thank You for the Wiggle Corner

Having a welcoming space for young families says a lot about a congregation. Thanks to Diane Miller and many others, we now have a space for families to be together in our sanctuary. A special thanks to the Vanstone/Holmes family for lending us their baby rocking chair for others to use. This rocker comes with all the memories of caring for their own child, Stephen, and now it is in our midst, ready to care for others.

Wanted in RE

Do you have fabric, felt, yarn or sewing materials in your closet? RE loves hands-on crafts and we would like to add to our supplies without buying new things. Materials that come from within the congregation always make the best crafts, don't they?

3rd Friday FRS Potluck

FRS is hosting a family-friendly potluck on Friday, September 18th at 5:30. Please come to Union Hall with the kids, grandparents, friends, etc. Bring a dish to share, enjoy a drink and an informal evening with neighbors and friends. We will crush apples for cider and possibly squish some fruit. A great time will be had by all. I hope to see you there.

RE Registrations

I am enjoying reading the RE Registrations. Please make sure to put The First Religious Society on the envelope if you are mailing them to the church. We are set for the fall term, but still need teachers for our Elf Workshop, Winter and Spring Terms. I'd be happy to talk with you in person to find a good fit for you in our RE program.

This Week in RE, 9/20

Our Littles and Middles will hear stories, create crafts and make friends.

Our teens will finish carving and decorating their apple heads for the Harvest Fair. But most importantly, we will all be working together, keeping the heart of this community beating for Good.

Blessings,
Pam Howell

News and Programs

A message from the Flower Committee: We are seeking volunteers to provide flowers for the pulpit each and every Sunday. We hope you would consider remembering a loved one who has passed, a special occasion such as a birthday, anniversary, or the birth of a child, in this way. Or perhaps you have a garden full of late summer flowers you would like to share. If you do not have access to flowers or live out of the area they can be ordered and delivered to the church or to a committee member by contacting Copper Penny Flowers @ 978-369-4500, or www.copperpennyflowers.com. Please contact committee member Pam Hall at 978-996-1625 or pcollins179@comcast.net to schedule, or to ask any questions. Flowers or any special decoration add so much to our worship service. The sanctuary is intentionally plain, according to the beliefs of our predecessors. We are trying to revive the old tradition of marking an important occasion, or celebration, by creating a focal point in the sanctuary to remind yourself, and the congregation, of the value of the day to your family. We will happily add your name and that of your occasion to the Order of Service.



The Ministerial Search Committee needs your feedback!

Along with Cottage Meetings, our FRS Survey is the primary forum for members of our church community to voice their thoughts and opinions about FRS for the search committee and prospective ministers. The results will greatly influence the committee's work of the coming year, and eventually help us to choose our new minister. Please take advantage of this opportunity!

Please click [here](#) to fill out the survey. We would like results as soon as possible, and at the latest by October 1st. This will allow us to keep to our ambitious schedule to find a settled minister. A search committee member would be happy to assist you in completing the survey online, or you may request a print copy from Molly Sorrows (frs_search@uucarlisle.org).

If you have not yet signed up for a Cottage Meeting, now is your chance! Please click [here](#) to see available meeting times and locations. We have added additional dates, including a September 20th date after church, which includes childcare. Sign up now - slots are filling up fast.

Family-Friendly potluck supper, Friday, September 18 at 5:30 in Union Hall.

FRS and the RE Committee are hosting this potluck from 5:30-8:30. Come to Union Hall with kids, grandparents, friends, etc, bring a dish to share, and enjoy a glass of wine and an informal evening with neighbors and friends. While this event is designed to be welcoming to parents and kids (puzzles, art supplies, and games will be available), all ages and demographics are encouraged to attend! Come check it out, say hello to old friends, and meet some new ones in the bargain.

WomenSpirit - Dessert Potluck - Sunday, September 20 at 7pm

Our first gathering of the church year is a Dessert Potluck scheduled for Sunday, September 20th at 7:00 PM in Union Hall at church. Bring along a dessert to share. We'll be doing some planning for the coming year and will be having monthly discussion meetings (Sunday evenings) and occasional potluck suppers (Friday evenings). Our student minister, Lisa Perry-Wood, has offered to facilitate some of our meetings and we are going to choose a book to read together this fall. There's always plenty to eat, so please come even if you don't have time to make something or pickup something at the store. Friends and women new to the group are always welcome! Contact Sue Kirk for more information sukirk@aol.com

Volunteers Needed for Coffee Hour

The Coffee Hour Committee is in need of occasional volunteers to help with Coffee Hour. Responsibilities include helping with set-up, preparing food for the table, making coffee and tea and clean up. That's it! You'll be working with a seasoned member of the Coffee Hour committee.

We especially need helpers for these Sundays: 9/20 and also 9/27, 10/4 and 10/11. Please contact Gio DiNicola at gfdinicola@gmail.com.

Note: Sign-up sheets will also be in Union Hall after the service, during Coffee Hour.

FRS hosting COA lunch: The three Carlisle churches take turns hosting a lunch for our seniors during the school year. The food is provided by Chelmsford Crossings. FRS hosts its first COA Lunch on October 1st We need help with setting up the table and chairs, setting the tables, getting the food from Chelmsford, serving the food, cleaning-up and putting the tables and chairs away. All volunteers can eat for free. We start setting up at

11am, start serving at noon and clean-up usually lasts until 1:30-1:45. We need 6 to 7 people to help. If you can only come for part of the time that's ok. Please contact Fontaine Richardson at 617-633-2421 or email him at fkr@fontainerichardson.com to volunteer.

Our Shared Ministry

Many things accomplished: On Saturday an industrious crew worked indoors and out at FRS - light fixtures and emergency lighting, broken hinges, broken shelving and more were checked and repaired, planting beds were weeded and wheel-barrow-fuls hauled away, boiler room and basement cleaned up, etc. Many thanks to **Carland Nina Benkley, Gio Dinicola, Don and Susan Emmons, Diane Miller, Linda Myers-Tierney, Molly and Bryan Sorrows, Beth Sullivan, Bob Zielinski and Mary Zoll.** Helping before and after the work party were **Pam and Mark Howell, Rick MacDonald, Diane's visiting son Drew, and Ellen Huber.**

Thanks to **Betsy Fell** for taking beautiful pictures of our Infinity Garden this summer - go to our website to see the slide show.

Denominational Events

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) and the UUA (Unitarian Universalist Association) have partnered to advocate to John Kerry for an increase in immigration from Syria. They have also begun a fund to raise \$250,000 in fifteen days in order to assist with resettlement. You can read the specifics here:
<http://www.uusc.org/updates/uusc-and-uua-respond-to-the-global-refugee-crisis>

Community Events

Film Screening "The Aryans" Sept. 28th

You are invited to join Rev. Diane Miller for a screening of the film "The Aryans" on Monday, September 28th at 7 PM at Studio Cinema, 376 Trapelo Road in Belmont, MA. This screening is sponsored by Belmont Against Racism and the World Cinema series. (German, 93 minutes). Meet at the Cinema or carpool from the church at 6 PM.

German filmmaker and actress Mo Asumang, whose father was born in Africa, sets out to get to the bottom of right-wing movements worldwide, as well as their complete

misinterpretation of the word "Aryan" as the tall, blond, blue-eyed master race promulgated by French philosopher Gobineau.

Asumang travels to the area where the real Aryans originally came from, now part of Iran. During this personal journey into the madness of racism, she not only meets German neo-Nazis, the US's self-proclaimed leading racist, the notorious Tom Metzger, and Ku Klux Klan members, but also scholars, a neo-Nazi infiltrator, a Holocaust survivor, and a number of Germans who have been led to believe that they are certified Aryans (www.die-aryer.com).

Q&A with filmmaker Mo Asumang following the film.
