



Meetinghouse Messenger

from the First Religious Society

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A Message from the Minister --

The following call to a Special Congregational Meeting was published on September 19th. I am delighted to repeat the notice here:



*By action of the Parish Committee of the First Religious Society in Carlisle, a Special Congregational Meeting has been called. Members who are qualified to vote are hereby notified to attend at the conclusion of the service on Sunday, September 28th shortly before 11 AM in the Sanctuary of the Meetinghouse, the sole business being the following article: the Members of the First Religious Society vote to designate Marguerite A. Shaw as **Minister of Music emerita** in recognition of her long and meritorious service as Director of Music, 1988-2001, and, following her ordination by this congregation, Minister of Music, 2001-2014.*

Upcoming Services

Sunday, September 28

"Jonah: A Story of God's Love for All People" Led by Lisa Perry-Wood. Story and Song in a service for all ages, in connection with the Jewish High Holy Days. Susan Jackson will play the flute and the Choir will sing. The Nursery will be open for younger children. The service will conclude around 10:50, and the Special Congregational Meeting (see above) will follow in the Sanctuary.

Coffee Hour responsibility: Congregants with last names A-D. Please bring a light, healthy snack and consider showing up early or staying on after to help with set up or clean up. Your time and contributions are greatly appreciated!

A Message from the Religious Education Coordinator



FRS Kids March to Protect the Earth

This week was our first RE Social Action Sunday. In their class time, the K-5 children talked about climate change and created signs, based on their own ideas. After the service, adult congregation members joined us to march around the Green, singing: "We are marching for our planet Earth..." The highlight of our morning was all of the kids helping to ring the church bell 350 times - a great community event!

Next Sunday is our first Service for All Ages for this year. We'll experience the bible story of Jonah and the Great Fish, in music and words, with a lighthearted touch. This story, traditionally told during Yom Kippur, is all about hope for all people and God's loving forgiveness.

If you haven't signed your child up for Religious Education, please go to the RE table, before church or at coffee hour on Sundays. Or feel free to drop by the RE office on Tuesdays or Thursdays, when Lisa has office hours from 1:00-3:00.

A message from The Music Director: Come to choir rehearsal at 7:30pm on Wednesday nights and then again at 9:15 before church on Sunday. New members are always welcome!

News and Programs

Frank Lloyd Wright: There are still tickets left for the Frank Lloyd Wright lecture. Frank Lloyd Wright expert Stew Roberts, a member of the First Religious Society in Carlisle, will offer a closer look at Wright's life and architectural philosophy. The lecture takes place on Sunday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the Westford Museum (the old Westford Academy) located at 2 Boston Rd, Westford MA. Coffee and dessert will be served. Stew describes himself as a "Frank Lloyd Wright nerd."

Harvest Fair 2014 - this Saturday September 27 10am - 2pm
The Harvest Fair will have the Bake table, Silent Auction,

Country Store, Luncheon Cafe and artisan vendors in Union Hall, with the Farmers Market and Garden Club's Pumpkins-on-the-Common running at the same time outside on the Common. We urgently seek donations for the Food/Bake Table, Country Store and Silent Auction. Anything at all you can "harvest" from your attic or closets for the Silent Auction or produce or flowers from your garden should be brought to church on Friday September 26. Food/baked goods can be brought to Union Hall early Saturday morning. All afternoon and evening that Friday we will be setting up tables, arranging Silent Auction items, making cider, cooking Sloppy Joes, and arranging seasonal floral arrangements. Anyone wanting table space to fund raise for their favorite charity or social cause is very welcome to join us outside on the front lawn, on the Common, or in Union Hall.

Harvest Potluck Supper Saturday September 27 6pm in Union Hall. We will leave up the decorations and tables from the Harvest Fair to make an easy transition to a Harvest Potluck supper. This Potluck is sponsored by the FRS Environmental Action Committee who urges everyone to make some portion of their potluck contribution be from organic or locally grown ingredients. Leslie Thomas and Katherine Endicott of Sweet Autumn Farm will give a brief presentation on running their organic farm in Carlisle. We plan to make extra Harvest Fair Sloppy Joes that will help round out the offerings on the Potluck Entree table. Sorry, but we do not have the volunteer capacity to do the smoker entree we had hoped for. We anticipate some synergy from the Harvest Fair, so you may find the item you baked for the Harvest Fair Bake table is brought as a dessert for the Potluck supper. Fresh produce purchased for the Farmers Market that day is sure to be featured in the side dishes and salads that will fill the big wooden Potluck feast tables. This is a family friendly event and is open to all.

Greens Sale: This will be the 26th year for our annual Greens Sale. We had a most successful year last time, bringing in \$8,000 for our church budget. I hope everyone will help again to make it a fun and most beautiful event for the entire town.

At the present moment our volunteers include Susan Emmons on publicity, Donna Cantrill and Kerry Kissinger shopping for supplies in Boston, and Hannelore Munson decorating wreaths and baskets. Let me know what you and also your church

committee can do to help. Our very first workshop is the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend.

The Greens Sale will be on Saturday, December 6 from 10am to 2pm. (Signed) Janice Kissinger

Like Coffee Hour? Want to keep it going, and at the same time find a fun way to share with your fellow FRSers? The Coffee Committee needs you! We have found ourselves short of the number of members needed to maintain a Coffee Hour as we have come to expect, and are searching for ways to address this problem. This is an easy committee to be on, certainly not as time consuming as choir, and you don't need the canvas bag of tools and pickup truck required of Building and Grounds. Members will be on duty for coffee hour one Sunday a month along with one other person. Tasks are set-up, preparing food for the table, making of coffee and tea, and clean up. Coffee Hour has become an essential part of our tradition and our social foundation here at FRS, a place to share ideas, make connections on FRS programs, catch up with friends and welcome newcomers. Let's keep this valuable part of our Sunday! Don't have the time for full membership? Think about volunteering a few Sundays a year. We will have sign up sheets in Union Hall after services. Be the cheese on our crackers, the jam on our scones and the chutney on our pumpernickel!

FRS' Knitting in Service Society (KISS) invites you to Knit for Boston's homeless faith community, Common Cathedral Join other knitters in a relaxed and friendly gathering to make hats and scarves for Christmas presents for the homeless. We will bring them to Boston when we visit Common Cathedral and attend the service on November 9. We meet in members' homes at 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. For this month's location and any questions please call the FRS office or go to <http://uucarlisle.org/index.php?page=common-cathedral-and-knitting-in-service-society-kiss>

Time to Turn in Knitted Hats and Scarves for Common Cathedral - deadline October 15

The FRS Knitting in Service Society (KISS) is collecting all the hats and scarves that have been knitted over the past year to bring to Boston on our upcoming visit. If you have any items to donate, please bring to FRS or the COA office in the Town Offices by October 15 so they can be sorted and tagged. Any questions please call the FRS office at 978.369.5180. Thank you.

Red Balloon update -- The **Parish Committee** is actively exploring options for use of the ground level Red Balloon space. If you have ideas or suggestions, contact the church office.

Behind the Scenes

Church members who went to New York for the Peoples' Climate March on September 21st include: **Dave, Chris and Kelsey Erickson, Mike Hanauer, Ellen Huber, Kim Kastens, Bob Luoma, Greg Rocco, Sally Stokes, and Bob Wallhagen.** Others from Carlisle include **Barbara Lewis, Cindy Nock, and Launa Zimarro.** More specifics next week when we hear about their experiences. Appreciation to all who took part in the Third Friday Family-Friendly Potluck in Union Hall, which gathered families and lots of children. Union Hall was a perfect spot for children to play and adults to have a few minutes of conversation. Thanks to **Diane Miller** for set up and **Christine Lear** for cleanup. Mark your calendars for the next date: Friday, October 17th. "Cakes for the Queen of Heaven" launched with a series of images of the Hebrew Goddess. Thanks to **Margo Morse** for resolving the technology challenge with her laptop!