



# Meetinghouse Messenger

from the First Religious Society

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through October 5, 2014

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## A Message from the Minister --

**Congratulations to Marguerite A. Shaw** who is now Minister of Music *emerita* following a unanimous vote by FRS members on Sunday, September 28. Marguerite was given flowers by the Parish Committee and then sang her thanks, to the tune of America the Beautiful, referencing this vote and the previous one making Woody Widrick Minister *emeritus*.



*Emerita! Emeritus! accepted thankfully.  
We'll appreciate your gracious gift  
In perpetuity.*

The choir, directed by Dan Ryan, was primed in advance and responded with the same tune and new text by Margaret Darling and Ann Quenin:

*O Marguerite, our Minister,  
We honor you today.  
With music you have filled our souls,  
And now we rise to say:*

*Emerita! Emerita!  
God shed her grace on thee!  
And crown thy good with sisterhood  
From D to middle C!*

A brief video of the songs was posted by Tom Rourk on the Facebook page of the First Religious Society. Here is a link:  
<https://www.facebook.com/video.php?v=828308723866671&set=vb.416860435011504&type=2&theater>

Congratulations!

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Minister is  
usually in the  
church study  
portions of  
Monday,  
Tuesday,  
Thursday,  
and Sunday.  
Friday is  
preparation  
time,  
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vary, and  
Wednesday is

**Upcoming Services  
Sunday, October 5**

Reflections on the Cain and Abel story in Genesis. Rev. Diane Miller. The sermon will draw upon the story being explored in the ongoing Timeless Themes biblical stories in religious education. Cain famously asks, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

**Sunday, October 12**

Reflections on the story of Noah and the Flood. Rev. Diane Miller The sermon will explore the recent film interpretation of the story, and the concept of preserving life against disaster.

**Coffee Hour next week Oct. 5:** Congregants with last names beginning with E-H. 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!

**Share the Plate next Sunday, Oct 5: The I Fund-REACH.**

REACH is a domestic violence organization based in Waltham Ma. The survivors they work with face a number of challenges as a result of domestic violence, including financial ones. The purpose of the Independence Fund is to provide a source of funding for survivors that is accessible and can pay for expenses not covered by existing sources. To this date, the Fund has been used to pay for job training, car repairs, insurance, or registration, and gas cards. All of these expenses directly impacted each survivor's ability to work. Other expenses that would be considered include childcare, medical and dental expenses. While housing expenses and utility bills are not a priority for this fund, they will be considered, particularly if the survivor does not meet eligibility requirements of other programs, or the other sources of funds do not have money.

**A Message from the Religious Education Coordinator**

**RE Service for All Ages: The Story of Jonah**

It was a great joy and privilege for me to lead the first "All Ages" service of the year. Children and adults began by hearing a lively version of the story of Jonah: "Jonah Goes to Nineveh" by Frances Jones, told as a dramatic reading. Roger Goulet headed the cast as Jonah, with a



her day off.  
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appointment.

Religious  
Education  
Director:  
Lisa Perry-  
Wood

Music  
Director:  
Dan Ryan

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supporting cast of Ann Quenin, Tom Rourke and Jackie Schaefer. Rev. Miller also entered into the action! Then we all had fun learning a silly song called "Who Did Swallow Jonah?" taught by Music Director, Dan Ryan and choir members. Cole Schaefer and Campbell MacDonald read poems by Shel Silverstein. We also sang some very familiar selections from our hymnal this week, ones that the children can easily begin to learn.

Next week we continue our Fall bible stories curriculum with the story of Cain and Abel and a lesson about "Finding the Fruits of Peace." The K-5 classes will be led by Steve Herbst, Susan Emmons and Amy Smack.

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.

### News and Programs

**Are You Thinking about Joining the First Religious Society? Would you like to know more about the church?** The Membership Committee invites you to gather in the Widrick Room immediately after the conclusion of the service on Sunday, October 19th. Refreshments provided. If you need childcare, we will arrange to have our adult caregiver, Nina Rich, stay after the service. Please notify the office in advance, [frs@uucarlisle.org](mailto:frs@uucarlisle.org), to reserve childcare. There will be a brief video showing congregations around the country, followed by an opportunity to find out what you would like to know about the First Religious Society and Unitarian Universalist congregations. Led by Michael Dundorf, Chair of the Membership Committee, this will provide you with a non-pressure, friendly environment to learn more about our church community. If you are already a member of the church, why not invite friends and neighbors to come with you on Sunday, October 19th.

### A Message from the Flower Committee

Are you interested in providing flowers for the pulpit during Sunday Service? Perhaps you would like to remember a loved one or celebrate a special occasion? The Flower Committee members, Deb Jancek, Jackie Schaefer and Pam Hall invite you to participate, by speaking to one of the members in person, or signing the calendar book available at coffee hour. We ask that you make contact by the Thursday prior to the Sunday you are requesting, so your occasion can be mentioned in the order of service. Please

remember to put your name on any vases or containers you may want returned, and to let a committee member know if you plan to take your flowers home, or donate them to the church.

### **Third Friday Potluck and Cakes for the Queen of Heaven**

both had the first of six planned evenings. Children outnumbered adults at the potluck and had a lively time. The Cakes group was able to overcome a technology glitch and learned about the Hebrew Goddess. Next up: Friday, October 17. Family Friendly potluck on at 5:30 PM. Mark your calendars. The Cakes group meets at 7 PM.

### **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.

Kathleen Ryder Hauser, formerly Vice President of the Red Balloon, has organized the sorting, distribution and donation of Red Balloon materials and supplies. The group made a generous contribution of playground equipment to FRS in exchange for time to take on the unexpected task of emptying the school's supplies from the lower level of the church.

**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

**Adults, please bring your Open Pantry donations on THIRD Sundays this year,** to coincide with the RE social action/outreach weeks. The church continues to actively support this Lowell program financially, through Tuesday morning volunteers and by our donations of non-perishable foods and toiletries.

### **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.

### **Behind the Scenes**

Many thanks to **Muggsie Rocco** for helping with Coffee Hour last Sunday. Flowers for September Sundays have been brought by **Pam Hall**. Pounds of Pumpkins to all who volunteered with the Harvest Festival on September 27th, led by **Alison Saylor**. Many thanks to **Stewart Roberts** for his excellent presentation on Frank Lloyd Wright on September 28th at the Westford Museum, and to **Lisa Sama** for coordinating, and all who helped with this *well designed* program. Thanks to **Fontaine Richardson** for moderating the Special Congregational Meeting on the 28th.

### **Harvest Fair 2014**

Sunny warm weather was the reward for making the Harvest Fair earlier than usual this year. The Farmers Market vendors and Carlisle Garden Club's Pumpkins-on-the-Common made coming to the Harvest Fair a festive treat for all ages. The new luncheon item of Sloppy Joe made from high quality local grass-fed ground beef provided by [waldenlocalmeat.com](http://waldenlocalmeat.com) was a terrific addition to our tried and true Vegetarian Chili, Beef Chili, Hotdogs and Chili dogs menu. Many thanks to all who helped with the Harvest Fair; **Roger Goulet** and **Mike Saylor** who ran the kitchen, **Gio DiNicola** who helped with Friday set-up, **Stephanie Hackbarth** who assisted Roger with the Friday chopping and cooking of the Sloppy Joe, **Sue Kirk** who made the Beef Chili, **Barbara Ritz** who ran the Silent Auction with help from **Dollina Borella** and **Kim Kastens**, **Heather Hedden** who organized the youth activities and games, **John James** our money man, **Janet Oyer** the Country Store manager, **Debbie Jancek**, **Liz Loutrel**, **Pam** and **Bruce Hall** who assembled the floral arrangements, **Peter Fox** and **Gavin Saylor** who with the help of **Bob**

**Fox** ran games and made Pumpkin Smoothies, **Ellen Huber** who organized the Bake Table, **Ernie Huber** who donated and sold his Carlisle honey with **Dan Scholten, Michael Dundorf** and **Jeanne Reynolds** who collected money for the Luncheon Cafe, **Jackie Schaefer** and **Lisa Perry-Wood** who coordinated the apple picking and cider pressing, and for all the generous bakers and donors contributing to the event. Here are the financial results:

Face painting and games \$60

Environmental Action Committee \$230

Cider \$150

Silent Auction \$430

Country Store and \$ table \$210

Bake Table \$149

Luncheon Cafe \$369

Total 2014 Harvest Fair \$1598, which is a slight increase from last year.

**There are fine quality pumpkins on the church front steps available for sale at \$5 each. Please leave cash or a check made out to FRS in the nearby basket.**