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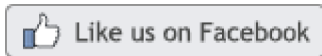
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December Services

Dec 10th, Second Sunday of Advent: Receiving Peace

Dec 17th, Third Sunday of Advent: Receiving Joy

Dec 24th, Christmas Eve Services, 3pm (family)

5pm (candlelight) Fourth Sunday of Advent: Receiving Love

A Message from the Minister

At Christmas, we celebrate the beauty of creation by creating beauty. It brings us satisfaction and joy when we focus our heart and hands, when we make tangible our love for the world and extend



its delight to others. We express the joy, hope, and generosity of the season with the Greens Sale, the Elves' Workshop, and the Holiday Concert - and none of these requires that we step in a mall or shop online. If this was the entirety of Christmas, I would feel completely satisfied, even renewed by the season. How about you?

With love and wonder,
Rev. Lisa

A Message from the Director of Religious Education

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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chairs

Dear Parents,

Music is the language of the heart. I have heard that, but to feel it last Sunday in our sanctuary made those words come alive in me. Lorena's touching Christmas Medley on the piano, Ian's rousing bongos, the choir and, of course, the Second Wind "Quartet". While you were in the sanctuary, the Children's Choir sang downstairs with Judy Bose - music was just everywhere - washing over us in that timeless language of pure sound. Many of us moved from laughter, to tears, to joy. Where do I shop for Christmas? At church! Where else could I ever gather such treasures but from you?



Love,
Pam

The teens worked so hard last Sunday Night preparing the Elf's Workshop for your children.....



What's Happening in RE?

Want to hear the service but your child is restless yet not ready for the Littles?

We have set up a sound system in the RE office. Feel free to come down and listen if your child needs some freedom to play and just be a child.

Meditative Play Group - Thursdays, 3:15-4pm December 7th, 14th and 21st

Come hang out, have a snack and do some form of meditative play with others. All ages welcome, including parents. This group is guided by the kids - their needs and questions. No set agenda.

Save these Dates:

December 10th & 17th - Holiday Elf Workshop -

Special RE Sunday from 10am-Noon (Staying late is optional)

Don't miss this annual event where children make home-made and heart-felt gifts for friends and family.

December 10th - FRS Christmas Concert with our Children's Choir at 7pm

December 17th - Angel Sunday - The Children's Choir will Sing

December 24th - Christmas Eve Tableau - 3pm

Come and be part of the Christmas Story.

Programs begin after the Children's Story

This Sunday in RE 12/10-

Littles (1yr-4yrs) with Bella Eckler

K-5th Grades - Elf Workshop 10am-12pm

Children will be making gifts with the Elf Helpers (JYG and NYG teens)

NYG - (7th-12th Grades) - with 6th Graders!

7-8:30 Elf Crafting - A chance for teens to make gifts in the Elf Workshop

8:30-9pm - Games and Dark Silence.

Next Sunday in RE 12/17-

Little Angel Sunday - Children (K-5th) arrive at 9:40 to don their robes and shine their little lights.

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7-8:30 Elf Cleanup and Party -

8:30-9pm - Games and Dark Silence.

The Following Sunday, Christmas Eve -

All children are invited to attend the Christmas Eve Tableau - a simple yet timeless telling of the sacred story of a new baby in a needy world. Please come at 2:30 to dress in costume and be a part of the singing and procession. I can't wait to see you there.

There is no Sunday morning Program on Christmas Eve Sunday.

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Announcements

Pastoral Concerns Ride Board: If you have trouble driving -- at all or at night -- and would like a ride to and from the FRS holiday concert (Sunday evening, Dec. 10), please email nancyswest@gmail.com or call the church office at 978-369-5180.

If you would be willing to give someone else a ride to/from the holiday concert, please email nancyswest@gmail.com or call the church office at 978-369-5180.

A note from the Parish Committee and the Buildings and Grounds Committee: The Parish Committee along with the Buildings and Grounds Committee would like to thank all of those who donated to the sanctuary window replacement project. The contractor installing the new windows has offered to restore the remaining four windows in the sanctuary at the same discounted price (\$2,000/window). So, once again we would like to ask for donations toward this worthy project. If you missed your chance to help out last time, now is the time. Please make your check out to FRS and put "window improvement fund" in the memo line. Send it to FRS, Box 817, Carlisle, MA 01741. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

Holiday Concert, Sunday, December 10 at 7pm.

Christmas Eve Services, 3pm and 5pm - NO 10am Service.

December 31, PJs and Pancakes brunch, 10am
Union Hall

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A note from Janice Kissinger:

The Holiday Greens Sale Party

The Holiday Greens Sale was successful again this year! Everyone who helped and their spouse or significant other are invited to a celebration/pot luck dinner at the Kissinger's house. Bring a bottle of wine and also a salad, vegetable or dessert. The party starts at **6:30 pm** at 207 Elizabeth Ridge Road on **Saturday, December 9th**. Second Wind will entertain us. Hope everyone can attend!

A message from the Worship Arts Committee:

Can you help?

The Holidays Concert on Sunday, December 10 at 7:00 PM is more than an FRS event, it's looked forward to by people all over Carlisle. We can easily have 120 or more attendees, and naturally we want to be good hosts. The Worship Arts Committee will provide sweet and savory foods for the after-concert reception, but with that many people likely attending, they would welcome contributions from other church members. If you can help, please come early, say 6:30 - 6:40 (you will want to anyway in order to get a good pew) and drop off your item in Union Hall. Thank you.

Winter Holidays concert, Sunday, December 10 at 7pm. This festive, participatory event will ring in the season with carols, songs, and instrumental music presented by the adult choir, the children's choir, soloists, handbell ringers, the Second Wind Barbershop Quartet, and the FRS Jazz Group. The concert is suitable for people of all ages and is interactive with audience participation encouraged. The choir will perform John Rutter's lively "Star Carol," Patrick M. Liebergen's gentle "Pacem," and Jay Althouse's joyous "May the Season Never End." The handbell ringers and barbershop quartet will present arrangements of holiday favorites, and

the jazz ensemble will offer their renditions of familiar holiday jazz standards. The program will also include vocal and instrumental solos by FRS members and guests, along with carols and songs celebrating Hanukkah, Christmas, and the Winter Solstice sung by all. Admission is free and a reception follows the concert. Hope to see you there!

Community Events

Carlisle Dance on Friday, December 8

Enjoy a welcoming potluck supper followed by contra and square dancing in Union Hall. Supper begins at 6:30; bring a dish to share. Dancing runs from 8:00 to 10:00. The dances are mostly traditional contra dances, along with a few singing square dances. Lively music is provided by the Carlisle Band, with David Titus, Debby Knight, Beth Murray, and many talented sit-ins. Dances are taught, and all are welcome. A \$2 contribution is requested for the potluck, and the charge for the dance is \$6.

A note from Abby Zimmerman:

This coming Wednesday, 12/13, at 7PM, there will be a traffic safety forum in the Corey Auditorium. People are concerned about poor crosswalk signage, the speed limit in the center of town, and distracted driving.

This open forum is an important step in figuring out what the problems are and what solutions are possible, both long and short term.

On behalf of all people who use the crosswalks and pathways in town, I appeal to members of FRS to please attend this meeting.

Carlisle 6th Grade Class Coat Drive For Needy Families in Lowell

The Carlisle 6th Grade Class has organized a community wide coat drive for the families of the Lincoln Elementary School, Stoklosa Middle School and Butler Middle School in Lowell. Bring clean, gently used winter coats and jackets in all sizes - baby through adult - and drop them either in the coat boxes outside the Carlisle 6th grade classrooms and in the front school lobby starting Monday, December 4th and continuing

through Friday, December 15th. **Donated coats and jackets can also be dropped in a bag outside rear door of FRS on Friday, December 8th or brought to church on Sunday morning,**

December 10th. Questions? Lauree Cameron Eckler at lacameroneckler@comcast.net or (617) 645-5210.

"Daring Democracy" Thursday, December 7, 7:30 p.m. First Parish Concord. Legendary author Frances Moore Lappé and organizer Adam Eichen will share highlights of their empowering new UU Common Read, *Daring Democracy: Igniting Power, Meaning, and Connection for the America We Want*. They will be sharing highlights of the book and discussing ways that we can engage in a movement to save our democracy. Their presentation will be followed by a question and answer session and a book signing reception in the Parish Hall. The event is sponsored by the First Parish group Reclaim Our Democracy.

Film And Panel Discussion: Project Drawdown, a Comprehensive Plan to Reverse Global Warming, Monday, December 11, 7-8:30 PM Bedford Public Library

There is no silver bullet for climate change because slowing planetary warming will require a variety of strategies. Drawdown, a new book edited by the green entrepreneur, Paul Hawken, analyzes 100 solutions, ranks them by the amount of greenhouse gases they could cut, and reaches some surprising conclusions.

Join us for a brief film about the Drawdown plan.

It will be followed by a panel discussion

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