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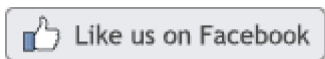
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November Services

November 12th: Relying on Each Other

November 19th: Relying on the Earth

November 22nd: Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service (Thanksgiving Eve)

November 26: Finding Gratitude

A Message from the Minister

Dear Ones,

Many of us are concerned, saddened, and outraged by another mass shooting. There has been too much senseless loss, violence, trauma, and suffering for us to process - and now there is more.

With each new horror, we wonder where we are truly safe. It is especially difficult to emerge from a Sunday morning in our sanctuary, where we felt safe and loved and known, to learn how others did too until that experience was ruptured. Sanctuaries are designed as places of safety, respite, and renewal, they are vessels of the sacred, incubators of reverence that we create and we uphold. They are an intension and expression of the human heart, something that cannot be destroyed.

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With love,
Rev. Lisa

PLEASE NOTE: I will not have office hours from 4:00-6:00 today, November 9th.



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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Office Drop in Hours: 4:00 to
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A Message from the Director of Religious Education

Dear Parents,

When I met with my DRE group in the Red Balloon two weeks ago we went around the room to express what we were grateful for in our work. My gratitude was clear to me. I was so grateful to be with this community, sharing a journey toward something positive, toward a goodness in the world. I was also grateful to serve a community that would step up to lead when I had an opportunity to visit my son in Japan. I hadn't seen him in a year and all moms know that is a long time. I don't usually take time away during the church year and I am grateful that when I could see my son you all stepped in to make our programs work for our children.



Thank you! I will see you on Sunday.

Love,
Pam



What's Happening in RE?

Save these Dates:

November 12 -

Common Cathedral

Children and teens will pack up our church-made soup. All are welcome to bring our soup to feed

the homeless in Boston, leaving from the front steps at 11:05am-2:30pm. Let me know if your family will join this intergenerational service trip.

December 10th & 17th - Holiday Elf Workshop -
Be sure to attend our annual event to make home-made and heart-felt gifts for your friends and family.

December 17th - The Angel Choir in Service

December 24th - Christmas Eve Tableau -
Come and be part of the Christmas Story. We need every one of you.

Programs begin after the Children's Story

This Sunday in RE 11/12-

Littles (1yr-4yrs)

with Bella Eckler. With adult, ?

K-Ones(K-1st Grades)- with Carly Neale Paris,
Brianna Neptune and adult, Bridget Neale Paris.

World of Wonder - UU Curriculum

Middles (2nd-5th Grades)-

Holly West, Rachel Bryan and adult Lauree Eckler
- Packing Soup for Common Cathedral

JYG - (6,7,8th Grades)-

with teen leaders: Jasmine Neale Paris and Katie Baum, with adult Pam Howell - Packing Soup for Common Cathedral

NYG - (7th-12th Grades) -

Join us in serving at Common Cathedral. No night meeting - Veteran's Day Weekend.

Next Sunday in RE 11/19-

Littles (1yr-4yrs)

with Bella Eckler. With adult, ?

K-Ones(K-1st Grades)-

with Carly Neale Paris, Brianna Neptune and adult, Carol Kaag-Hay. JYG Buddies - Making Buckets for the Council on Aging

Middles (2nd-5th Grades)-

Holly West, Rachel Bryan and adult Pam Howell - Moral Tales

JYG - (6,7,8th Grades)-

with teen leaders: Jasmine Neale Paris and Katie Baum, with adult ?

NYG - (7th-12th Grades) -

6-7 Teen Cook, 7-8:30 , 8:30 - 9 Dark Silence.

Adults - Pam & Mark Howell, Kate Sacco.

Thanksgiving Feast

News and Programs

Announcements

A message from the Green Sanctuary team: On October 17 Bob Luoma, Kim Kastens and Ellen Huber of the Green Sanctuary team and Sally Coulter visited the Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust (LP&CT) office and spoke with Executive Director Jane Calvin, and Education and Stewardship Manager Emily McDermott. All four of us were very impressed with the diversity of projects, including projects for all ages, and with how efficient and well run the organization is. Working with LP&CT would help FRS in the environmental justice component of the Green Sanctuary program. We hope that the congregation will find the LP&CT projects interesting and will enjoy becoming involved. Just getting to know Lowell better should be fun for people.

This past Tuesday Jane and Emily gave Bob, Kim, Ellen, Rev. Lisa, Ann James and Sally Stokes a tour of the three finished sections of the Concord River Greenway, where volunteers are involved in the path's stewardship. The group also visited the Centennial Island fish ladder where each spring volunteers count the Alewife and other species going upstream. In years past Alan Cameron helped with the fish project. For more information on LP&CT visit <https://lowelllandtrust.org/> or pick up the organization's latest newsletter at coffee hour.

If anyone would like to join a Saturday, November 18 walk along the Northern Canal to the Spalding House (where a National Park ranger will talk and a brief annual meeting will occur), let Bob or Ellen know. See LP&CT's web site for details.

Another way to support FRS. Now, when you use Amazon to order something, Amazon will contribute to FRS 0.5 percent of whatever you spend. All you have to do is use the website smile.amazon.com to place your order. The first time you call up this website, it will ask you to specify your charity. Just type in "First Religious Society" or whichever charity you wish to support. You only have to do this the first time. It will remember. Just place your orders in the usual manner. Amazon will automatically make the

contribution. It costs you nothing. Your charity benefits.

Upcoming Events

It's time for the Greens Sale! A message from Janice Kissinger.

I am hoping everyone will help in some way with our biggest annual fund raiser of the year.

Important dates and times are as follows:

Saturday, November 11, Gingerbread dough making 9AM

Sunday, Nov.19 11:15 AM. Decorating the Sanctuary, Join in the fun as we put up the beautiful Holiday Decorations

Union Hall workshop dates

Boxwood Trees: **Saturday, November 18** at 9:30 AM.

Arrangements: **Wednesday November 29** at 9:00 AM.

Wreaths: **Thursday November 30** at 9:00 AM.

Set up on Friday December 1 at 8:30 AM.

Holiday Greens Sale, Saturday December 2, 10AM-2PM

Community Events

A COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

Once again this year the First Religious Society will be hosting a Community Thanksgiving Feast on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 23) in Union Hall. This has become a beloved tradition here at FRS, and past years have been memorable experiences for all who attended, including families as well as couples and empty nesters, and those who want to escape the travel chaos of the day. More especially though, this is a chance to be part of a true community feast, like that first Thanksgiving long ago. Attendees will be invited to take part by bringing a favorite dish to share at the table, and we will provide and prepare the turkeys, stuffing, and gravy in the church kitchen. We already have people signed up, both adults and children, and have lots of room for more. What a great way to spend Thanksgiving, just like in the distant past, as a shared community dinner with a promise of great food, friends and maybe a bit of music and games! We hope to open the doors at noon, with dinner seating at 2pm. If the weather cooperates, a good brisk walk together after dinner will be in order. Interested? For more details, or

to sign up, please phone Tom Rourk at 978 369 5366, or tfrpiano@comcast.net

Weekly Dance Classes Offered in Carlisle

Please join Nicole Churchill of Samadhi Integral (and FRS) and members of your community for weekly dance classes featuring the movement form Kosmic Pulse.

Available to all seekers who have a passion for music, movement, expression, health, mindfulness, community and FUN! No prior experience is needed; this is an opportunity to come together as a community to celebrate life and feel gratitude in our bodies and collective minds through dance and self expression.

Wednesday & Friday Mornings

November 8 - December 22

9:00am-10:00am

Click [here](#) to sign up.

Coming to First Parish Unitarian Universalist

75 The Great Road ~ Bedford

"Food Chains" Friday, November 17 @ 7:00 PM

The acclaimed documentary film *Food Chains*, traces how food arrives on our tables. There is much interest in food these days, yet little interest in the hands that pick our food. In the US, farm labor has always been one of the most difficult and poorly paid jobs and has relied on some of the nation's most vulnerable people. Farm workers, the foundation of our fresh food industry, are routinely abused and robbed of wages. In extreme cases they can be beaten, sexually harassed or even enslaved - all within the borders of the United States.

Food Chains reveals the human cost in our food supply and the complicity of large buyers of produce like fast food and supermarkets. Fast food is big, but supermarkets are bigger - earning \$4 trillion globally. They have tremendous power over the agricultural system. Over the past 3 decades they have drained revenue from their supply chain leaving farm workers in poverty and forced to work under subhuman conditions. Yet many take no responsibility for this.

3rd Friday Film Series ~ Hosted by the First Parish Peace & Justice Committee

Runtime 89 minutes - Followed by Discussion -

Open to all

Light refreshments - Donations Gratefully

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