

NEIGHBOURS & FELLOW CREATURES  
The First Religious Society in Carlisle  
Unitarian Universalist  
A Welcoming Congregation  
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## April Worship Services

**Note:** The Nursery opens at 9:00am for parents who want to get their children settled before the service, or participate in choir rehearsal, or set up for a religious education class.

**April 3 "Reading the Bible with Mind and Heart"** Rev. Diane Miller. The sermon title is taken from the late Peter Gomes, for my sermon about reading the Bible from a liberal religious perspective. Fontaine Richardson will be the final speaker in our pledge series "My FRS" as our pledge drive wraps up.

**April 10 "Dear FRS, I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change!"** Nancy Shohet West, Gio DiNicola and Diane Miller.

Nancy Shohet West chaired the Sunday Morning Experience Review Committee (SMERC), which has, over the past year, looked in depth at our overall Sunday morning experience. This service will look at how to figure out best practices in a congregation committed to diversity and democracy. The report of the group's work, with results from the survey, will be available. Other Committee members will participate in the service.

**April 17 Palm Sunday "Courage to Be"** Rev. Diane Miller. When Jesus entered Jerusalem for the Passover festival, he was greeted with hope by people who had little reason for optimism. A sermon on what sustains hope in difficult times, drawing on the theology of Paul Tillich and the Palm Sunday story. Our service will include welcoming new members, led by the membership Committee.

**April 21 Maundy Thursday evening communion service, 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary.** Maundy Thursday is a service commemorating the last supper Jesus shared with his disciples, which came to be the model for bread and wine communion in Christianity. Our Unitarian Universalist communion service honors our commonality, community, sharing, and the traditions which recall for us the teachings and life of Jesus. This service is appropriate for all ages.

**April 22 Good Friday.** The Sanctuary will be open for meditation from noon to 3pm for any who wish to stop by for a time of quiet reflection.

**April 24 Easter Sunday - 5:45am Sunrise Service at the home of Maris and Elizabeth Platais, 291 River Road at the intersection with Skelton.** We will gather on a knoll overlooking open fields so that we can see the sun rise over the horizon at 5:50. This outdoor service will be followed by a potluck breakfast hosted by Maris and Elizabeth.

**10:00am – Worship service "Seven First Words"** Rev. Diane Miller. A sermon for new beginnings. The choir will sing anthems by Mozart and Mendelssohn, and there will be flute music played by Terry D'Errico and Susan Jackson. The children will begin in the Sanctuary and then gather for the final unit of the Pennies for Peace curriculum and an Easter Egg Hunt!

**From Marguerite:** Do you like to sing? If your answer is "yes", the choir of the First Religious Society invites you to join us in April for the Palm Sunday and Easter season. We will be singing spirituals and works by Mozart and Mendelssohn. Our rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00. All you need is the ability to sing in tune and to blend your voice with others. Singing in ensemble is not only rewarding, it's actually good for your health! If this sounds enticing to you, call the church office at 978-369-5180, or e-mail [music@uucarlisle.org](mailto:music@uucarlisle.org). All singers from sixteen to ageless are welcome.

## Message from Bucky Rogers, Student Minister

Lying on Boston Common this afternoon, I delighted in many aspects of the day. The experience of being outside itself, soaking in nature, getting to spend time existing for the sake of each breath's pleasure reminded me of the importance of connecting to nature as an aspect of my spirituality. An important recent trend in American religious scholarship has been to take seriously the contributions an author's own lived experiences make to their writings. Part of the deconstructive work of post-modernity has been to reveal objectivity as an illusion, and the religious studies academy is taking this learning to heart in giving its most prominent authors and thinkers the latitude to incorporate their own experiences into their scholarly work. For example, Harvey Cox's *The Future of Faith* draws on his own experiences as an undergraduate attending evangelical Christian worship groups.

I was feeling thankful for the return of spring, the kind of the relieved, ecstatic gratitude that can come only when a warm sun also eases the lingering muscle tension of having shoveled a driveway all winter. As I basked in this gratitude I realized that one of the ways my lived experiences inform my faith development is my belief in the dialectical process. I believe in Hegel's notion that to be human is to participate in the process of God getting to know God's self, through the cycle of thesis, antithesis and synthesis. I do not think I would have the same intuition regarding what beliefs about the Universe make the most sense if I had not experienced that Universe in this particular way.

The other meaningful aspect of being out on the Common for me was noticing once again all the UU landmarks in that area. My favorite one, again dating back to my childhood, would have to be the statues of Jack, Kack, Lack, Mack, Nack, Ouack, Pack and Quack and their mother commemorating Robert McCloskey's *Make Way for Ducklings*. McCloskey was a Unitarian, and after having been raised to admire Michael the Policeman's (a character in *Make Way*) respect for the interdependent web of all existence, I was not at all surprised to learn that. Let us remember to pause and enjoy these moments not just for what they represent, but for their intrinsic glory as well. Enjoy, and soak in that Vitamin D while you can!

---Bucky

### Staff and Office Hours

**Church Office Hours:** The church office is open Monday and Tuesday, between 8:00am and 1:00pm., and Thursday and Friday between 8:00am and 2:00pm. The office is closed on Wednesdays. To reach the office call 978-369-5180 or email [frs@uucarlisle.org](mailto:frs@uucarlisle.org).

**Minister:** Reverend Diane Miller can be reached at the minister's office number 978-369-0284, 617-851-8222 (cell) or [minister@uucarlisle.org](mailto:minister@uucarlisle.org). Call her directly to schedule an appointment or leave a message. Wednesday is her day off.

**Minister of Music:** Marguerite A. Shaw can be reached at the church 9:00am-2:00pm daily or by phone at 978-369-5180, or email [music@uucarlisle.org](mailto:music@uucarlisle.org).

**Student Minister:** Bucky Rogers can be reached by email at [youth@uucarlisle.org](mailto:youth@uucarlisle.org) or 207-660-1348.

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**Minister Emeritus:**  
Dr. Eugene R. Widrick

**Lay Minister:**  
Sally Hayen

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## Religious Education

**New Director of Religious Education named.** The Parish Committee is pleased to name Alison Saylor the Director of Religious Education (DRE) at the First Religious Society, to begin July 1st. The role is currently filled by Bucky Rogers, Student Minister, who will complete his responsibilities as Director of Religious Education in June. Alison has participated in every aspect of the religious education program as a parent, teacher, and Religious Education Committee member and Chair. Alison holds a degree from MIT, has run a garden design business, has created several pageants and special events at FRS, and has designed the Infinity Garden and the new Memorial Garden at FRS.

Alison was recommended by the DRE Search Team — Sue Lohrer, Jen Kelly, Kevin Brown, Lauree Eckler, and Rev. Diane Miller. Her responsibility will be the nursery through 8th grade program.

Alison and Bucky are planning now for the next church year. Bucky will continue to lead Senior High Youth Group in his second year as Student Minister, using our new model of collaborating with First Parish Concord, and plans to offer the Our Whole Lives (OWL) curriculum for the Senior High age group as a new addition to our program

The **K-2 class** will be continuing their study of Buddhism. Already in this study the class has constructed their own mandalas and learned about Buddhist compassion. They will expand on these themes throughout the unit.

The **3-5 class** will be continuing with the Toolbox of Faith curriculum, and studying the tool of love, as represented by gloves. Each week a different tool is explored. Recently the class has worked with the stethoscope of listening, the hammer of power and the sandpaper of humor. For more information about this and other curricula visit [UUA.org/religiouseducation](http://UUA.org/religiouseducation). Toolbox of Faith is part of the Tapestry of Faith.

The **Junior Youth Group** has been engaging a number of service projects, including a soup drive and helping out in the other RE classes and nursery. They are also doing interfaith work- learning about other religions and visiting local churches.

The **Senior Youth Group** has been collaborating with the Concord Young Religious UU group and also gathering for their own events. Recently, seven senior youth gathered for pizza and games. Great turnout!

**Easter Sunday:** This year, RE classes will meet! The K-5 students will finish up their Pennies for Peace project and then participate in an Easter egg hunt. The Easter Bunny\* will hide eggs and supervise the egg hunt. It will be a fun and festive morning for all, so we hope to see you there!

(\*aka the Junior Youth Group)

**See OWL Orientation notice under FRS Programs**

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## FRS Programs

**FRS will host the Memorial Service for Billy Morgan on Saturday, April 2 at 1pm in the Sanctuary.**

**Coffee and Conversation for the Unemployed and Underemployed begins Tuesday, April 5:** Conversation over coffee will be offered on Tuesday mornings from 9 to 9:45 AM in April and May for unemployed or underemployed people in the community. Rev. Diane Miller will facilitate. Gather in the kitchen at the First Religious Society. This is a drop-in group, an opportunity to talk about your employment goals and challenges in a supportive environment. No expertise guaranteed, but who knows what connections might be made. All are welcome. Bring a friend.

**Union Hall Coffeehouse in Carlisle, April 9, 2011: Frank Vignola's Hot Club: Celebrating 100 years of Django Reinhardt.** Returning to our "Stage" after his triumphant performance last year, Frank Vignola, a leading proponent

of Reinhardt's *gypsy-jazz* style of playing, has assembled a topnotch quintet for a searing tribute to one of his earliest musical influences. Only a musician the caliber of Frank Vignola, an accomplished and influential guitarist in his own right, could dare tackle the monumental task of honoring the centennial of the legendary Django Reinhardt. - Opening for Frank, and also making his second appearance on our "stage", not to mention fresh off American Idol, Mr. Caleb Hawley from NYC returns to charm the socks off everyone, again!! Tickets: \$25

**Path to Membership - Sunday, April 10th 11:30:** Those interested in learning about church membership are invited to join us in the upstairs conference room for a special coffee hour after the service on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Childcare will be available. This will be an opportunity to learn about the programs offered here at FRS, learn about Unitarian Universalism, meet church leaders, and get answers to your questions about what it means to become a member of this congregation. RSVPs are appreciated but not mandatory. Please contact Ann at the church office if you plan to come. [frs@uucarlisle.org](mailto:frs@uucarlisle.org) or 978-369-5180.

**Solar electrical system options for the homeowner, Tuesday April 12: Potluck at 6:00pm in Union Hall:**

Are solar panels now a practical option for homeowners? Do you have enough sun to make it worthwhile? Is your roof the right angle and strong enough for photovoltaic panels? What are the latest incentives offered by the Federal and Massachusetts governments that might now make solar panels a viable option? Come hear a presentation and get your questions answered at a Potluck supper sponsored by the Environmental Action Committee. Several local Solar System companies; Adros Energy, Second Generation Energy and Solar City, will have representatives, informational displays and hand-outs. Nibble on appetizers as you visit their booths, then as you eat your main meal, listen to a brief tutorial by Randy Brown, Chairman of the Carlisle Climate Action Committee, on Photovoltaic systems for the homeowner. With dessert comes a question and answer period. Potluck means that your ticket to this event comes in the form of some food offering. Please bring an appetizer, main course, side course, drink or dessert (enough to feed 10 people). No need to RSVP, but if you have questions, feel free to call Alison Saylor (978)-369-1809 [saylorfarm@comcast.net](mailto:saylorfarm@comcast.net) This is the first of a series of Green topics which the Environmental Action Committee will sponsor. Each of the Potluck suppers will have a topic and focus, with guest speakers and consumer informational booths.

**Carlisle Winter Farmer's Market in Union Hall, Saturday April 16 from 9am to 12pm:** Enjoy local, seasonal produce, eggs, honey, crafts and other delectable treats. For more information contact Leslie Thomas (978) 287-5024. Sponsored by The Environmental Action Committee.

**Habitat for Humanity help needed Saturday, April 16.** Spring is coming and so is outdoor building season. We have signed up for six volunteers to work in Bedford on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in April. If you remember, last fall, Habitat had put two foundations at the Bedford site, and decked them over to wait until Spring. We helped put on one deck. On April 16<sup>th</sup>, we will be helping to frame a house on one of the foundations. We will likely be working on these two houses most of the summer. If you would like to help on the 16<sup>th</sup>, please call George Bishop at 978-36905080 or Ernie Huber at 978-369-6678.

**Beyond God the Father Book Conversation Group:** The guest sermon by Dr. Mary Hunt on March 20th sparked interest in reading Mary Daly's book, Beyond God the Father. Diane Miller will lead a discussion of this still relevant and transforming work and Mary Daly's ideas on three Tuesday evenings: April 26, May 10, and May 24, 7-8:30 pm in the upstairs Conference Room. Obtain your own copy of the book via libraries, used books, or the 1993 paperback second edition from Beacon Press that is currently in print. Open to all. No charge. If there is interest in reading additional books or articles by Mary Daly we will select them together. Sign up by calling or emailing Diane Miller

**Eliot Church Community Supper in Lowell – April 29**

In months with five Fridays we provide and serve dinner on the last Friday for 100 needy folks in Lowell. For the next dinner, on April 29, we will be looking for donations of lasagne, salad, bread and rolls, desserts, and milk. We will have sign up sheets at coffee hours starting April 3. Many thanks to all who contributed to the dinner on New Year's Eve. For further information contact Frank Rigg (978 369 0277) after April 3, or Dik Dagavarian (978) 452-3455).

**OWL Orientation:** On the evening of Sunday, May 1, from 7-8pm in Union Hall, there will be an informational session for parents interested in enrolling their children between grades 7 and 9 in the Our Whole Lives (OWL)

comprehensive sexual education course next fall. Eighth graders most commonly participate in OWL, but 7th and 9th graders are welcome as well. OWL is a curriculum produced by the UUA and promotes learning about sex and sexuality based on accurate information and inclusive values. Parents whose children have previously participated in OWL and students who have taken OWL will be present to talk and answer questions about the course. If you have any questions or for more information please contact Bucky Rogers.

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## Notes of Appreciation

*From Mike Hanauer following the death of his father, Frank: "Just a big thank you for all the love, caring and support. It has been so helpful and so appreciated.. All my love, Mike"*

*The Open Pantry of Greater Lowell wishes to thank you for the very generous donation of \$1,200.00. We realize that many organizations need ongoing support and we thank you for choosing to contribute to us. The Open Pantry serves over 1,900 people each month and more than one third of them are children. Liz Butz, Executive Director*

*The Sharing Foundation wishes to thank you for your generous donation of \$1,200 toward the orphan sponsorship of Tep Vuthea. Vuthea was orphaned when his mother, our head nanny, died a number of years ago. He has been with us since that time and is very dear to us. We are so grateful for FRS and its past and ongoing support of all the great kids we serve in Cambodia. Sally Stokes, President*

*Thank you for your gift of \$500 to Ecclesia Ministries common cathedral. Your support of our ministries provides a spiritual home for the poorest people of Boston, those who live on its streets and in its shelters We hope you will continue to partner with us in this important journey of relationship, healing, wholeness and justice. Rev. Kathy McAdams, Executive Director*

*Thank you for your generous gift of \$250. Your continuing support makes it possible for us to provide programs we hope will enable inmates to lead productive lives once they are released. Karen Ippolito, Corresponding Secretary, Concord Prison Outreach, Inc.*

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## Events Around Us

**Project Bread's Walk for Hunger** will be on Sunday, May 1, 2011. Go to [projectbread.org](http://projectbread.org) for more information.

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## Pastoral Concerns

We serve as a means of outreach to people in our church who need our special support and friendship. We will arrange rides, visits, childcare, meals or anything else that lends a helping hand during short or long-term crises. If you are or know of anyone in need of this support, please contact Muggsie Rocco, 978-371-2656, [mugsroc@comcast.net](mailto:mugsroc@comcast.net).



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## We Are a Welcoming Congregation

The First Religious Society in Carlisle is an inclusive community bound together in the Unitarian Universalist tradition of friendship, free inquiry and service to humanity.

We recognize our commonality as spiritual seekers, and welcome and celebrate the participation of all people, without regard to age, race, religious heritage, political opinion, gender identity, sexual or affectional orientation, socio-economic status, disability or ethnicity.

We are committed to continual learning and growth toward affirmation of the enriching diversity of humankind, and to working to create a more just, sustainable and loving world.

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## Communications

- Neighbours & Fellow Creatures is a monthly publication. To submit items for publication send to Ann Quenin, Administrator, P.O. Box 817, Carlisle, MA 01741, 978-369-5180, frs@uucarlisle.org
- If you would like to be added to or removed from this mailing please email the church office at frs@uucarlisle.org.
- The next newsletter deadline is March 18, 2011.
- To receive the weekly email send the church office a note at frs@uucarlisle.org



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For a complete calendar of meetings and activities here at The First Religious Society please go to the church calendar on the website: <http://www.uucarlisle.org/calendar.html>  
All are welcome to attend Parish Committee meetings, except in cases of executive sessions. FRS Committee meetings are open to any interested party. To address a committee on a specific issue please contact the committee chair.

## Hospitality Committees

Coffee Committee Co-chairs: Anne and Richard Ketchen  
Greeter Committee: Eva Herndon, Nancy West, Karen Dunkers, Tom Dunkers  
Flower Committee: Donna Carter, Alison Saylor, George Bishop

# The First Religious Society – April 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> <b>9:30am</b> COA Line Dance/UH	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> <b>9:00</b> Nursery <b>10:00am</b> Worship Service	<b>4</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Environmental Action Com/ground. floor	<b>5</b> <b>9:00am</b> Coffee & Conversation/ Kitchen <b>7:00pm</b> Music & Worship Committee/ upstairs conf.	<b>6</b> <b>noon:</b> Dobbins Brook lunch  <b>7:30pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Buildings & Grounds Comm. 1 <sup>st</sup> floor	<b>8</b> <b>9:30am</b> COA Line Dance UH  <b>6:30pm</b> Contra Dance	<b>9</b> <b>7:30pm</b> Coffeeshouse/UH
<b>10</b> <b>9:00</b> Nursery <b>10:00am</b> Worship Service  <b>11:00am</b> Membership Comm. Coffee 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>9:00am</b> Coffee & Conversation/ Kitchen  <b>7:00pm</b> Parish Comm. upstairs <b>5-9:00pm</b> Solar Energy potluck sponsored by EAC/ UH	<b>13</b> <b>7:30pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>14</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Membership Committee/ upstairs	<b>15</b> <b>9:30am</b> COA Line Dance UH  <b>7:00pm</b> WomenSpirit/ UH	<b>16</b> <b>9:00am-noon</b> Farmer's Market/UH
<b>17</b> <b>9:00</b> Nursery <b>10:00am</b> Worship Service Membership Sunday	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>9:00am</b> Coffee & Conversation/ Kitchen  <b>7:00pm</b> CCA ground floor	<b>20</b> <b>7:30pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>21</b> <b>11:30am</b> COA luncheon <b>7:30pm</b> Maundy Thursday service	<b>22</b> <b>9:30am</b> COA Line Dance UH <b>Noon-3</b> Sanctuary open for Good Friday	<b>23</b> <b>10-noon/UH</b> Carlisle Parents Center
<b>24</b> <b>5:45am</b> Easter Sunrise Service <b>9:00</b> Nursery <b>10:00am</b> Worship Service <b>10:30am</b> Easter egg hunt	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>9:00am</b> Coffee & Conversation/ Kitchen <b>7-8:30pm</b> Mary Daly book group/upstairs conf. rm	<b>27</b> <b>7:30pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>28</b> <b>8:00am-3:pm</b> UH Kitchen reserved <b>7:00pm</b> KISS (offsite)	<b>29</b> <b>9:30am</b> COA Line Dance UH <b>11am-5pm</b> UH Kitchen reserved <b>7:00pm</b> Beekeepers UH	<b>30</b> <b>3:30-5:30pm</b> Bell Ringers/ Sanctuary <b>6:30-</b> <b>10:30pm</b> CC Newcomers Club/UH

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