

NEIGHBOURS & FELLOW CREATURES  
The First Religious Society in Carlisle  
Unitarian Universalist  
A Welcoming Congregation  
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## Staffing Updates

I am delighted to announce that **Jonathan “Bucky” Rogers** will be our **Student Minister** beginning next fall for two academic years. Bucky is studying at Harvard Divinity School, preparing for Unitarian Universalist fellowship and ministry. He was approved by the Parish Committee at their May meeting. They will be appointing a Student Minister advisory committee to work with Bucky during his two years at FRS as part of the UUA’s internship program. He will be involved in a wide range of programs and projects and services at FRS.

Bucky Rogers is a lifelong participant in the Waterville, Maine, UU church. He went to Brown, where he became facilitator of the Brown UU Group. He has taught ESL in China, Panama, and Turkey. Another experience has already introduced him to some FRS youth – he has worked as a camp counselor at Friends Camp in South China, Maine. Bucky was interviewed by the Religious Education Director Search Committee as part of their decision to place the Senior Youth Group responsibilities with the Student Minister for the next two years. He brings his own positive experience of High School youth group conversations from his Waterville church, discussions which gave him valuable skills for activism and organizing.

Bucky will need a second adult for Senior Youth Group programs. I would like to have volunteers who interested in working with our HS youth all lined up for September! Let me know if you are interested. We try to involve adults who are not the parents of students currently in the group.

## Upcoming Worship Services

**June 6** “My Pinto Bean Family” Rev. Diane Miller. “We are a pinto bean family -- brown and white together,” declared one of my newly met relatives. She captured the essence of a “roots” trip taken this past February when I met a whole branch of my family in Texas. Reflections on my multicultural American family.

**June 13** “RE is a great way to celebrate the close of the year for the children at church. We will give our traditional Bible recognitions to 1st and 8th graders, have special music, and share some insights from the year. We will also celebrate the end of Molly's time as DRE with us, following church with a special coffee hour.

**June 20** “The Lord’s Prayer” Rev. Diane Miller. Jesus taught his followers to pray, “Our Father, who art in heaven....” A sermon on this most famous of Christian prayers.

Do plan to be here on June 13<sup>th</sup> on RE Sunday. We will celebrate **Molly Sorrows** during Coffee Hour as she completes seven years in the role of Director of Religious Education and Youth Advisor. We wish Molly the best in the next phase of her career.

We said farewell to **Linda Simmons** on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, and wish her well with her Clinical Pastoral Education in Boston this summer, and her Internship at First Church in Boston.

The **RE Director Search Committee – Sue Lohrer, Lauree Eckler, Jen Kelly, Kevin Brown**, along with the Minister, has been interviewing excellent candidates and is in the final stretch of filling the Religious Education Director position. This newsletter will be completed before they have an announcement. Watch for an update in the electronic weekly news and the church website.

**Marguerite Shaw** and **Kathy Varney** continue in their respective roles as Minister of Music and Office Administrator. I am grateful for the strength and talents and dedication of the church staff. Their work is supported by the devoted work of so many volunteers. Together, we are engaged in ministry!

Sometimes the best way to accomplish something important is to do nothing. I was reminded of this at the final Senior Youth Group gathering on Sunday evening, when Elisabeth Sorrows read the wonderful poem by Mary Oliver, “The Summer Day.” The poet writes:

*I don't know exactly what a prayer is.  
I do know how to pay attention,  
how to fall down into the grass,  
how to kneel down in the grass,  
how to be idle and blessed,  
how to stroll through the fields,  
which is what I have been doing all day.*

May you be idle and blessed for some part of this summer season!

-----Diane

## Staff and Office Hours

**Church Office Hours:** The church office is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between 8:00am and 1:00pm until June 18. During the summer the office is open limited hours. Email and phone messages are checked regularly. To reach Kathy Varney in the office call 978-369-5180, or email frs@uucarlisle.org.

**Minister:** Rev. Diane Miller will be away June 21-July 31.

\*June 21-July 4 Ministry Days, General Assembly and Human Rights week at Camp Unistar, all in Minnesota this year.

\*July 5 – July 31 Vacation time, in Minnesota, Missouri and back in Carlisle with friends from out of state.

\*During this time, the Rev. Eugene “Woody” Widrick will be on call for pastoral emergencies. During August Diane will be preparing for the coming church year.

\*Reverend Diane Miller can be reached at the minister’s office number 978-369-0284, by cell phone 617-851-8222, or email minister@uucarlisle.org

### **Director of Religious Education:**

Molly Sorrows, DRE and Youth Advisor, can be reached by email, dre@uucarlisle.org or phone at church, 978-369-5180.

**Minister of Music:** Marguerite A. Shaw can be reached by phone at 978-369-5180, or email music@uucarlisle.org.

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

**Lay Minister:**  
Sally Hayen

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## Summer Worship Services, June 27-August 29, 2010 9:30am in Union Hall

**June 27** to be announced

**July 4** no service held

**July 11** Roger Goulet will lead a service on Unitarian Universalism in an increasingly multiracial and multicultural America. Take a look at the current issue of UU World Magazine ([uuworld.org](http://uuworld.org)) for some interesting viewpoints.

Check the church website and weekly church email as summer services are added.

Contact Roger Goulet to sign up for a service.

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### Service Auction A Great Success!

Union Hall was filled with bright, festive tables, balloons and sixties music to welcome the close to 100 guests who came to the May 1 Service Auction. The event brought about \$19,000 for the church, which is a remarkable achievement given the still shaky economy. Thank you so much for all the wonderful services offered, event volunteers and bidders. The kitchen created, and the tie-dye clad waiters brought out wave after wave of fabulous hot appetizers. The buffet food was equally outstanding! The evening was kept lively by the Auctioneers; Diane Miller, Alan Cameron, Jackie Schaefer, Dave Barber, and Steve Bagshaw. The Live and Silent Auction final bids made money collectors under the direction of Tucker Kelly and Glenn Herlihy very busy at the end of the evening. To the many contributors behind the scenes for cooking, cleaning, arranging all the logistics of the evening, a heartfelt thank you.

- **Auction item soliciting team** - Ellen Huber, Tim Hult, Steve Kirk, Lisa Sama, Alison Saylor
- **Kitchen crew** - Dian Cuccinello - coordinator, Donna Carter, Pam Fox, Mary Hult, Sue Kirk, Hannalore Munson, Alison Saylor, Lura Taylor, Nancy West, Mary Zoll
- **Decorating and set-up crew** - Dian Cuccinello – designer and purchaser, Kathy Booth, Natalie Ives, Paul Morrison (ice man), Alison Saylor, Dan Scholten, Marje Stickler
- **Publicity** - Dian Cuccinello, Susan Emmons, Alison Saylor
- **Silent Auction** - Ellen Huber, coordinator
- **Music** – Steve Kirk
- **Tickets** - Kathy Varney, Ellen Huber, Ann James
- **Clean-up** - Mary Hult, John Forcucci, Mike Saylor
- **Waiters** - Phil Brown, Peter Fox, Asia Forcucci, Erika Hedden, Lucy Hill, Gavin Saylor
- **Auction Spotters** - Muggsie Rocco, John Lyons

With so many complex logistics to arrange for the Service Auction, the committee is happy to report that the evening had very few issues or snafus. If you have any questions about the Silent Auction, please contact Ellen Huber. If you have questions about the Live Auction, please contact Lisa Sama. Thank you to everyone who contributed in large and small ways to make this evening successful.

Sincerely,

The Service Auction Committee: Lisa Sama, coordinator; Dian Cuccinello, Tim Hult, Steve Kirk, Alison Saylor

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## Religious Education



**Twilight Picnic, June 13 at 6:00pm:** Celebrate the end of the church year at our festive Twilight Picnic! Bring your own picnic dinner and a blanket or lawn chair. Enjoy a campfire marshmallow roast with your FRS friends. There will be games for adults and kids. Sing along on lots of old favorites, with Don Emmons and others leading us. Weather permitting, we'll be outside, otherwise we'll move into Union Hall. Any questions, call Molly Sorrows.

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## Congratulations FRS Graduates!

Information available on printed copy of newsletter.

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## FRS Programs



**Pledge Drive 2010!** We've had terrific responses from over 87 friends and members, including 34 new or increased pledges that have taken us over \$112,000. Diane has completed a third of the distance to complete her charge to swim a mile for every new or increased pledge. If we haven't heard from you, it's not too late to help us reach our goal of 100% participation and support our programs as well as the upcoming building project! Thank you!

**Missing Vase:** A special vase went missing after the flower ceremony a year ago, and Molly would love to get it back. It is a tall, clear glass vase with a round base and straight sides that are ridged. Please check if there's any chance you took it home, and return it to the church office. Thanks.



**Memorial Day Luncheon - Monday, May 31 at 12 noon:** The Memorial Day Luncheon will be held on Monday, May 31 in Union Hall after the parade. Join us with your families! We will serve ham, baked beans, three different salads and fruit cobbler w/ ice cream. There will also be pizza and chocolate chip cookies for children under 13 years old. I still need more fruit cobblers donated; folks to serve; set up tables and chairs; and clean-up. We do all of this to thank our past and present military and take time to reflect on our ancestors and friends who have passed away. Janice Kissinger



**21st Annual Chamber Music Concert on June 3rd at 7:30 pm To Benefit the SPARK Center at the Pediatric Division at Boston Medical Center:** The concert, (formerly called the "Children with AIDS Benefit") will feature instrumental and vocal music of many genres, including a duet for flutes, a vocal solo from Handel's *Alcina*, and a Telemann quartet for recorder, flutes, and viola da gamba. The program will also include a harpsichord and organ duet by the 17th century Italian composer, Pietro Ziani. The professional musicians are from The First Religious Society and The First Church, Belmont. The concert is free and open to the public. Donations may be made at the reception that follows in Union Hall. Checks may be made to The First Religious Society with the memo SPARK. If you are unable to attend but wish to contribute, please mail your check to the church at P.O. Box 817. Come if you can - this is a fine way to combine the arts with social action. Thank you!  
Marguerite



**Union Hall Coffee House, June 5, 7:30pm Presents an Evening with Southern Rail – America's Favorite Blue Grass Band.** Southern Rail's music is high-energy exuberant fun, with riveting harmonies, irreverent humor and sparkling banjo and mandolin solo work. Their songs have graced Bluegrass Unlimited's Top Thirty Singles Chart for a combined total of 32 months, receiving heavy national airplay. Their reputation for strong original material, heart-stopping harmonies, and infectious good humor has spread to both coasts, spurred on by a

heavy touring schedule and 8 successful recordings. They celebrated their first quarter century with the release of their eagerly awaited 8th recording, "Coal Tattoo", featuring the group's prodigious harmonies. The CD has been getting rave reviews across the country. Southern Rail's recordings have all received outstanding reviews and heavy airplay, climbing to #11 on Bluegrass Unlimited's Top Thirty Single's Chart, and hitting #1 on radio stations across the nation. One of Southern Rail's earlier CD's, a special Bluegrass Gospel compilation entitled Glory Train, was nominated for Best Gospel Recording of the Year by the International Bluegrass Music Association. They have been selected by the New England Foundation for the Arts to be included in their prestigious Touring Roster. Go to [unionhallcoffeehouse.com](http://unionhallcoffeehouse.com) for ticket reservations and information. Tickets: \$20 adults and \$18 seniors. Kids: \$10. Doors open at 6:30pm. BYOB & enjoy our vibrant café.



**WomenSpirit Dessert Party - Sunday, June 6th - 7:00 - Judy Richardson's house (121 Skelton Road).**

All women are welcome to come to our annual dessert party where we'll get caught up before the summer arrives and do some planning for next year. Please feel free to bring a friend and a favorite dessert. If you're too busy to bake or buy something -- don't worry -- there's always plenty to enjoy. Bring your suggestions for programs, discussion topics, books/readings, movies, events, etc. for the fall and winter gatherings. RSVP to Sue Kirk [sukirk@aol.com](mailto:sukirk@aol.com).



**Union Hall Coffee House, June 12, 7:30pm. Tom Rush.** Reservations are required. Go to [unionhallcoffeehouse.com](http://unionhallcoffeehouse.com) or call 978-287-5745 to reserve your seat. All tickets are \$35. Ages 13 and under are \$16.



**Strawberry Festival, Thursday, June 24 at 6:00pm.** Mark your calendars and join us at the Strawberry Festival in the church yard. Upcoming Strawberry Festival activities include:

- Biscuit Making Workshop at 9:00am on Wednesday, June 23 in the kitchen. Please bring biscuit cutters, rolling pins, measuring spoons and cups.
- Strawberry Hulling at 9:00am on Thursday, June 24 in Union Hall. Please bring paring knives and aprons.
- Table and Chair Set Up at 5:15pm on Thursday, June 24. Looking for strong men for this project.
- Whipping Cream Helpers are needed in church kitchen starting at 5:30pm on Thursday, June 24. All will need to borrow 1 or 2 large mixers.
- People to serve Strawberry Shortcake in 2 shifts. The first shift is from 5:45pm to 7:00pm and the second shift is from 7:00pm to 8:15pm.



**Seeking Infinity Garden Foster Gardeners:** To weed a vast garden is an overwhelming task. To take on a small portion, a defined garden area with a backbone of mature plants and a defined color scheme, is a far more realistic and joyful prospect. Frank Rigg is the latest gardener to step forward and offer foster care to a garden within the Infinity Garden. Frank will weed and nurture the Moon garden, a crescent shaped planting bed flanked by white flowering shrubs, a stone wall and a pathway. The Moon garden has mostly white flowered plants, with a touch of blue. It is probably one of the most challenging and visible areas of the garden. George Bishop and Alison Saylor, members of the Building and Grounds Committee, will help him sort weed from flower, and offer for the Moon Garden any suitable white flowering annuals or perennials that come their way. There are several other gardens within the Infinity Garden that need foster care. The Yellow Magnolia Garden, Sun Garden, Pine Tree Lower Loop, Wagon Wheel Wildflower Gardens, Blueberry Hill, and Pergola Surround are ready for someone or a partnership of two people to provide foster care for a year. No lifetime commitments required, just a spring, summer and fall of clearing debris, weeding, possibly adding mulch, and planting annuals. The smallest garden is the Sun garden, the largest the Pine Tree loop. Might you take on a garden area for this next year? Many thanks to George and Nadine Bishop, the Emmons family the Fell/Scholten family, Ellen Huber, Sue and Steve Kirk, Marguerite Shaw, and Linda Myers Tierney who have already agreed to care for a portion of the church landscape. To find out more about the available garden areas needing some TLC, please contact Alison Saylor (978) 369 1809 [saylorfarm@comcast.net](mailto:saylorfarm@comcast.net) or George Bishop (978) 369 5080. No experience necessary (training provided).

**Carlisle Old Home Day, June 26-27.** Many events for people of all ages. Check the Old Home Day website for more information [www.carlisleohd.org](http://www.carlisleohd.org).



**Margaret Darling has donated three new books to the FRS Library.** “Annie On My Mind” by Nancy Garden, “Hear Us Out!” by Nancy Garden and “Gay America” by Linas Alsenas. These and many other wonderful books are available for you to check out.

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## FRS Outreach



**Habitat for Humanity:** April and May have been busy months for FRS and Habitat. On Saturday, April 24 six of us worked at the Bedford site on Ninth Road. Participating were Joseph Balles, Paul Bergeron, George Bishop, Dik Dagavarian and Greg and Gabriel Rocco. We worked on the one-story handicapped accessible unit at the rear of the farmhouse. The unit is nearing completion. The jobs we did included painting trim, caulking around windows and door frames and the flashing at the edge of the roof. Working with us was a crew of young women from Brandeis University. A second major event took place on May 15 when Dian Cuccinello dedicated a Union Hall Coffee House as a fund raiser for Habitat. We all had a great time. The music was provided by the Squeeze Box Stompers, a New Orleans/Cajun Style band. Dancing was encouraged and Union Hall was hopping with people dancing to jazz, waltzes and even a polka. In addition to the festivities we had a traditional Habitat Board Sale which earned \$310 for Habitat. Habitat also received the rest of the proceeds from the Coffee House after expenses; this amounted to \$800.00. Bill Mersch, a past President of the Lowell Habitat, set up a display and spoke at intermission giving an update. The Bedford unit we worked on in April and another house at the Bedford site will both be dedicated on Sunday, June 27. Construction has started on a loop road that will open five more home sites in the rear of the property. We should be working on these this fall. Adding to all of the above, there was a Women’s Build during the first week in May. Ann James and Donna Carter both participated in that. Thank You! Other future event is a Hike for Humanity up the Blue Hills in Milton on June 5.

**Open Pantry End-of-the-Year Drive:** Let's help the Open Pantry go into the summer well stocked. Donations slow down in the summer but the need does not. From now through our last Sunday, June 20, the Social Action committee urges people to contribute non-perishable foods. Presently the Open Pantry is especially looking for canned vegetables, peanut butter (18 oz. jars are best) and instant mashed potatoes, but needs change so it's fine to bring a variety. The Men's Group held an incredibly successful Open Pantry drive last year. We hope they and other church groups will get behind this work.

**Report on Community Supper at Eliot Church:** Nine FRSers served lasagna dinners to 103 people at the St. Paul's Supper at the Eliot Church in Lowell on April 30. Thanks to all who donated the food. The nine were very impressed by how well organized the program was, by the friendly camaraderie of workers and guests and by how much the guests appreciated the dinner. Frank Rigg said, "It was an uplifting experience." The clean-up was finished by 6 p.m. and eight of the nine went off to nearby Viet Thai Cafe and enjoyed dinner together. Many thanks to Social Action Committee member Dik Dagavarian for introducing this program to the FRS.

**Sign Up for Next Dinner - July 30:** For our second Eliot Church meal, on Friday, July 30, the Social Action Committee has decided on a summer menu of ham, beans, salad and watermelon. To help serve, contribute food or donate funds for the purchase of food items, please sign up at coffee hours between now and the last day of church, June 20. Please contact Dik Dagavarian or Max Barber if you have any questions. Thanks.

**Social Action Budget Expenditures 2009-2010:** From the Social Action Committee's \$6,000 budget money was spent as follows:

TSF (for FRS sponsorship of Tep Vuthea)	\$1,200
Open Pantry	\$1,686
Habitat of Greater Lowell	\$1,200
Common Cathedral	\$500

Rotary-Shelter Box	\$400
Concord Prison Outreach	\$250
Fair Trade coffee	\$227
UUMass Action	\$150
St. Paul's Supper at Eliot Church	\$150
VA Hospital Shadow boxes for fishing flies	\$70
RE matching funds (TSF, Lowell Humane & Heifer Project International)	\$167
TOTAL	\$6,000

**Outreach Donations Outside Social Action Budget:** The Social Action Committee is grateful for all the additional money donated, outside the budget, for outreach through the year. In some cases the numbers below are approximate because some contributions are made by checks written directly to an organization. Also, the numbers are not quite complete because the fiscal year is not finished.

Oxfam - Haiti earthquake relief	\$3,123
Rotary Shelter Boxes-Haiti earthquake relief	\$4,600
House of Hope stockings	\$232
Open Pantry - inc. \$395 from RE collections	\$458
Lowell families	\$833
The Sharing Foundation	\$311
UUA (from Association Sunday)	\$192
Habitat for Humanity (not including recent coffee house fundraiser)	\$821
Oxfam Asia Pacific Emergency Relief Fund	\$365

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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:

June: Sally Hayen  
 July: Janice Saul  
 August: Marcia Wallhagen

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## Our People

Information available on printed copy of newsletter.




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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: Kathy Varney, 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 July 22, 2010.
- Weekly Electronic Email: The weekly church email will continue throughout the summer, but may be sent on other days, not always on Thursdays as it is during the church year. If you would like to be added to or removed from this mailing please email the church office at frs@uucarlisle.org. To receive the weekly email send the church office a note frs@uucarlisle.org

## Parish Committee

Information available on printed copy of newsletter.

## Church Treasurers

Information available on printed copy of newsletter.

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.





# The First Religious Society - JUNE 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <b>7:00pm</b> Music & Worship Committee	2 <b>7:00pm</b> RE Committee	3 <b>7:30pm</b> Concert to Benefit Children at the SPARK Center Boston Medical Center	4 <b>9:30am</b> COA Line Dance  <b>5:30pm</b> Greens Sale Celebration at Kissingers	5 <b>6:00am</b> Mensgroup  <b>7:30pm</b> Union Hall Coffeeshouse
6 <b>10:00am</b> Morning Worship  <b>7:00pm</b> Womenspirit	7 <b>7:00pm</b> Environmental Action Committee  <b>7:00pm</b> Recital	8 <b>7:30pm</b> KISS Knitting (off site)	9	10	11 <b>9:30am</b> COA Line Dance  <b>6:00pm</b> Contra Dance	12 <b>7:30pm</b> Union Hall Coffeeshouse
13 <b>10:00am</b> Morning Worship  <b>6:00pm</b> Twilight Picnic	14 <b>7:00pm</b> Buildings and Grounds  <b>7:00pm</b> A Year to Live adult education class	15 <b>10:00am</b> A Year to Live adult education class	16 <b>7:00pm</b> Carlisle Climate Action Committee	17 <b>11:30am</b> COA Luncheon  <b>7:00pm</b> Parish Committee meeting	18	19
20 <b>10:00am</b> Morning Worship	21	22	23 <b>9:00am</b> Biscuit Making	24 <b>9:00am</b> Strawberry Hulling  <b>6:00pm</b> Strawberry Festival	25	26
27	28	29	30			

**For July events please go to the website, [uucarlisle.org](http://uucarlisle.org) and click calendar.**

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