

NEIGHBOURS & FELLOW CREATURES  
The First Religious Society in Carlisle  
Unitarian Universalist  
A Welcoming Congregation  
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**Biennial Service Auction  
Saturday, May 1 at 6 p.m.**



**Tickets \$25  
BYOB**

Auction Registration and Appetizers 6:00 PM to 7:15 PM, Silent Auction bidding ends at 8:00 PM. Live Auction begins at 8:15 PM. The theme is the Sixties...Tickets will be available at the door.

**Annual Meeting**

**Sunday, May 16 at 11:30am.**

The warrant for the annual meeting will be sent electronically in the first week of May. If you would like a hard copy please let the church office know. There will also be copies available in the entryway of the church.

**Director of Religious Education  
Position Opening**

The committee continues its search for a Director of Religious Education. We are seeking an organized, creative, part-time Director of Religious Education to develop and deliver our youth religious programming. Go to the website, [uucarlisle.org](http://uucarlisle.org) for a detailed job description.

**Upcoming Worship  
Services**

**Sunday, May 2:** "Arise and Greet the Day!" Every day we are bombarded by expectations and stresses and worries which make it difficult to sustain a positive outlook. The limits of the human mind can distract us from the big picture. Managing this tension is more complicated than simply "thinking positively," but perhaps it isn't as difficult as we sometimes make it! Amy Bergquist, pianist, will play the prelude music. The Choir will sing. Rev. Lisa Kemper, guest preacher

**Sunday, May 9:** "The Witness of Mother." In Greek, martyrdom means witness or testify. Music will include handbells and a choir anthem. Linda Simmons, student minister

**Sunday, May 16:** "Church in the Woods; Church in the World" This sermon is an expanded Annual Report from the minister's perspective. The Choir will sing. Rev. Diane Miller

**Sunday, May 23:** "Margaret Fuller Bicentennial Service! Come celebrate a remarkable Unitarian woman whose insights remain fresh today." The Choir will sing music honoring Margaret Fuller.

**Sunday, May 30:** "The Flower Ceremony" on Memorial Day weekend, held outside in the Infinity Garden, weather permitting. Bring a flower to share. Rev. Diane Miller

## Summer Services at the FRS 2010

Coming up soon is an opportunity for us lay people to lead each other along our journeys – the summer service season from June 27 to August 29, nine Sundays (excluding July 4), during which church members conduct services on topics that they know something about and that they think will interest other members.

I'll tell you, it's great to come into Union Hall at 9:30 on a summer morning and greet a group of your old friends. It's like coming home. It is coming home. The FRS is our spiritual home. It's where we go 43 or 44 Sundays from September to June to learn new things, get new insights into ourselves and our world, and most importantly, do it in an atmosphere of openness and spiritual and intellectual growth among trusted friends.

No one can fail to be struck by the range of knowledge and interests of our members. The summer services held over the past ten years have been an opportunity for us to share our experiences and what we have learned from them. The key word is experience: past topics have very rarely been about abstract issues. Rather, they have been about what we have learned from life, sometimes painfully, and how we have applied those lessons. Instead of listing past topics, here are a few I personally would like to hear about this summer; adapt them to suit yourself, or use them as a springboard to launch your own ideas: The Sandwich Generation (I'm No Hero), Raising A Moral Child In a Value-Neutral World, Is Ethical Investing a Mug's Game?, A Book [or an author] That Changed My Life, Was I Ever a Bully or a Victim?, Looking Back on Childhood, What I Would Do Over If I Had the Chance, Rearing Boys and Girls: It Used To Be So Simple.

Services are at 9:30, usually held in Union Hall in a circle of chairs to promote easy interchange of ideas. Refreshments afterward consist of cookies brought by you and lemonade from the FRS freezer. A member of the Music and Worship Committee will open the church and close up afterward.

If you would like to lead a service, please contact me and tell me your subject, the date or dates that are good for you, and (this is important for scheduling) the dates that don't work: June 27, July 11, July 18, July 25, August 1, August 8, August 15, August 22, August 29.

Roger Goulet

## Staff and Office Hours

**Church Office Hours:** The church office is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between 8:00am and 1:00pm. The office is closed on Wednesday. To reach Kathy Varney in the office call 978-369-5180, or email frs@uucarlisle.org.

**Minister:** 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 Call her directly to schedule an appointment or leave a message. Wednesday is her day off.

**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 at the church 9:00am-2:00pm daily or by phone at 978-369-5180, or email music@uucarlisle.org.

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**Student Minister**  
Linda Simmons

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

**Lay Minister:**  
Sally Hayen

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## Annual Pledge Campaign 2010-11

### Thanks to Donors for Pledge Campaign as of April 20

The First Religious Society would like to thank all those who have generously contributed to the 2010 Pledge Drive. Their financial support allows us to preserve our historic church, compensate our dedicated staff, and fund our education and outreach efforts. FRS relies heavily on the contributions of members and friends to fund its operations, every pledge is truly essential for our church to remain a strong and vibrant Unitarian Universalist community in Carlisle.

For those who have not yet made a pledge, please join with those listed below and help support our efforts in the coming fiscal year with as generous a contribution as you are able.

Information available on printed version of newsletter.

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## Parish Committee

The Parish Committee is assembling a photo album for Molly Sorrows with pictures and stories of her time here. Marje Stickler is collecting all information.

The PC met last Thursday, with the majority of the meeting focused on the capital spending requirements over the next several years to maintain our building. The particular emphasis of the discussion was the projects scheduled for this summer, and the potential to finance and execute them in the most cost effective and least disruptive way.

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## Religious Education

### **Religious Education Orientation - for RE Volunteers & all Parents, Sunday, May 2, 11:30am - 1pm**

All parents of RE age children as well as other adults interested in the RE program or volunteering are strongly encouraged to attend our spring RE Orientation. There will be pizza and activities for the kids; during the first part of the time kids will have their first practice of the FRS Band, so bring instruments! Please call Molly to RSVP.

**The FRS Band is Back!** Everyone is invited to participate in this year's FRS Band which will play on RE Sunday, June 13. Please encourage all of your kids to participate, both experienced and beginner! The music is straightforward, and we will be depending on the experienced musicians to help the newer ones. **All instruments are welcome.** Please sign up with Molly so we know what instruments to expect, or let us know if you would like a percussion instrument (shaker, drum) from Marguerite's collection. Any adults willing to play, we'd love to have you too! Rehearsals are May 2, May 23 and June 6 immediately following church.

**Recognition of High School Seniors** – We will recognize our high school seniors on Sunday, May 9, during the church service. We welcome this special opportunity to acknowledge another milestone in their lives, as they embark on a new phase of their life journeys as young adults.

**Religious Education Sunday** – June 13, 10am – Our annual celebration of religious education and recognition of our children and youth includes gifts of children's Bibles for the first graders and New Revised Standard Version Bibles for the eighth graders, and flowers for children and volunteers. Families of first and eighth graders are asked to email Molly with how they would like the names inscribed.

**Twilight Picnic and Sing-a-long - Sunday, June 13, 6pm** to dusk. Bring a picnic and come enjoy singing favorite songs around a campfire at the church. A great way to start the summer!

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## FRS Programs

**Last call for help at April 30 Dinner, St. Paul's Feeding Ministry at Eliot Church in Lowell:** Friday, April 30 is our first date for providing the food and serving it at Eliot Church. The program has been serving dinner to those in need for the past 14 years. The time frame from set-up, through serving and cleanup is 3:30 to 6:30pm. Contact Dik Dagavarian (978 452-3455, dikdag@msn.com). Needed are ten lasagnas to serve 8-10, ten salads (no nuts or anything hard to chew) to serve 8-10, in plastic bags (no dressing), and desserts. We will be serving 70 - 100 people. We need at least six people to work on April 30. Thanks for any help you can give to this new project.

**Request for Graduation Information:** Please give your graduation news to the church office for our June newsletter.

**WomenSpirit – Movie Night – Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>:** This month's gathering will be a movie night. We'll go to see **Letters to Juliet** at a local theater (probably Lowell). Details will be sent out as soon as the schedule is posted. Movie trailer: <http://letterstojuliet-movie.com/>. We'll carpool from the church. All women are welcome. If you'd like to be added to the email list, please email Sue Kirk [sukirk@aol.com](mailto:sukirk@aol.com).



**Coffeehouse to Benefit Habitat for Humanity on May 15, 2010 at 7:30pm.** The Squeezebox Stompers - A Live New Orleans Jazz, Blues, Creole, Zydeco and Cajun Music Show **to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell.** Come for the dancing, the fun, and all the Southern and Creole offerings for sale at the cafe. Total Family Fun!!! Tickets: \$25 online or at the door. BYOB. All proceeds to benefit this amazing organization who, along with its wealth of generous volunteers, strive to put a roof of protection over a family's head, and to embrace them with walls of comfort. You can be part of all this by simply showing up and having a great time, in the spirit of knowing that you've reached out. In the meantime, Laissez les bon temps rouler! N'arrete pas la musique. Let the good times roll, people! Contact: Dian Francesca Cuccinello, Producer, dian@unionhallcoffeehouse.com or 978-287-5745 Cell: 617-281-9390.



**Benefit Concert for The SPARK Center at Boston Medical Pediatric Division.** The 21st annual benefit concert for children will be held at our church on **Thursday evening, June 3 at 7:30.** This was formerly called the "Children with AIDS" benefit but will now be known as the benefit concert for the SPARK (Supporting Parents and Resilient Kids) Center at Boston Medical Center pediatric division. The center serves children and families whose lives are affected by complex medical needs (neurological problems, failure to thrive, and HIV/AIDS); challenges related to trauma (child abuse, domestic violence, caregiver loss and separation); and special education needs. Please save the date and support this important part of our church's social outreach efforts.



**New FRS library acquisition:** Appel is Forever: A Child's Memoir by Suzanne Mehler Whiteley. A gift from Eva Herndon, this book was written by her Dutch cousin, who was in Bergen-Belsen during WWII. It is a powerful and harrowing account of her life during the war and afterward to her college years.

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## Outreach

**The Sharing Foundation Benefit: Boston Gay Men's Chorus** will perform at the Trinitarian Congregational Church, 54 Walden Street, Concord, MA on Saturday, June 5 at 7:30pm. Donation requested - \$20 adult, \$15 student and senior citizens. To order tickets email [sharingfoundation@roteang.org](mailto:sharingfoundation@roteang.org) or mail a check and self addressed stamped envelope to The Sharing Foundation, P.O. Box 600, Concord, MA 01742.

**The Unitarian Universalist Association thanks FRS** for being one of 550 congregations participating in Association Sunday last fall. Our special offering gift was \$557. Our giving supported diversity programs. Association Sunday is an annual event, with the next one celebrating fifty years of our Association, on October 3, 2010.

**Margaret Fuller's Footsteps in Boston** Local historians lead walking tour highlighting Margaret Fuller's life in Boston. Saturday May 1st from 10:00 - 11:30 A.M. rain or shine. Join historian/authors, Bonnie Hurd Smith, and Mary Howland Smoyer, for a walking tour of the sites in downtown Boston where Margaret Fuller lived, worked and visited. Participants should meet at the Boston Common Market (at the Park Street station). Tickets are \$10/person payable the day of the tour.

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## Pastoral Concerns

Information available on printed version 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 May 20, 2010.
- To receive the weekly email send the church office a note frs@uucarlisle.org

## Parish Committee

Information available on printed version of newsletter.

## Church Treasurers

Information available on printed version 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 - MAY 2010



						1 <b>7:00am</b> Mensgroup  <b>6:00pm</b> Service Auction
2 <b>10:00am</b> Morning Worship Service  <b>11:00am</b> Parish Committee  <b>11:30am</b> RE Parent Orientation	3 <b>7:00pm</b> Environmental Action Committee	4 <b>7:00pm</b> Music & Worship Committee	5 <b>noon</b> COA Robbins Brook Luncheon  <b>7:30pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	6 <b>6:30pm</b> Potluck & Slideshow	7 <b>9:30am</b> COA Line Dance  <b>6:30pm</b> Local Organic Pot Luck	8
9 <b>10:00am</b> Morning Worship Service  <b>6:00pm</b> Senior Youth	10 <b>7:00pm</b> B&G meeting	11 <b>7:30pm</b> KISS Knitting	12 <b>7:30pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	13 <b>5:30pm</b> Carlisle Cultural Council  <b>7:00pm</b> Membership Committee	14 <b>9:30am</b> COA Line Dance  <b>6:00pm</b> Contra Dance	15 <b>8:00am-noon</b> Carlisle Parent Connection  <b>7:30pm</b> Union Hall Coffeehouse
16 <b>10:00am</b> Morning Worship Service  <b>11:30am</b> All Church Annual Meeting	17 <b>7:00pm</b> A Year to Live adult education class	18 <b>10:00am</b> A Year to Live adult education class	19 <b>7:00pm</b> Carlisle Climate Action Committee  <b>7:30pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	20 <b>11:30am</b> COA Luncheon  <b>6:00pm</b> Carlisle Mosquito meeting  <b>7:00pm</b> Parish Committee meeting	21 <b>9:30am</b> COA Line Dance	22 <b>9:00am-noon</b> Carlisle Garden Club plant sale  <b>1:00-5:00pm</b> Private party
23 <b>10:00am</b> Morning Worship Service  <b>6:00pm</b> Senior Youth	24	25	26 <b>7:30pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	27	28 <b>9:30am</b> COA Line Dance	29
30 <b>10:00am</b> Morning Worship Service in Infinity Garden	31 <b>noon</b> Memorial Day Luncheon					

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