



### Message from the Minister

A friend of mine made a comment in conversation. “I must spend half an hour every day just putting things where they go,” she said. My initial reaction was, “That’s a lot of time out of every day devoted to putting things away.” Then I came to my senses and realized that I easily spend more than half an hour a day putting things away and that’s just basics, like dishes and groceries and laundry and recycling. I spend a lot of time putting stuff away at FRS as well. Putting things where they go is not something I intrinsically value, but I do like being able to find things when I need them. So I began observing when I put stuff away and when I avoided putting things in order. For one thing, it is easier to put things away when there is a known place to put them (duh!). It is easier when putting things away is routine, a ritual of daily living. It is easier when I acknowledge that I am going to spend time doing it and don’t assume I have better things to do.

In my quest of a more ordered life, I started by redoing the kitchen cupboards in the parsonage. It took more time than I expected. I weeded out what I haven’t been using. I made trips to pick up cup hooks and shelf liner and dividers. I got the spices organized. It became easier to put things away. The following week included a wedding and a sermon to prepare for guest preaching, and meetings to attend. The kitchen cabinets may be as far as I get this summer, and now my effort is to stay ahead of kitchen entropy. I learned something about changing my habits. It takes effort, time, attention, focus and repetition. And it is good to derive some satisfaction from the doing of it as well as from the having done it. I have accomplished more at other times in my life, but this bit of nesting has readied me for the busy times ahead and, in fact, is helping me put away my summer pace and move into the excitement of the new church year. See you in church! --  
Diane

### Upcoming Worship Services

#### **September 4 Welcome Back PANCAKE BREAKFAST. 10 A.M. in Union Hall**

This gathering on Labor Day weekend marks our transition from Summer Services to the new church year. Invite friends and neighbors. This event is free to all and open to the community. There will be opportunities to register for the Religious Education program and tour the building and have informal conversation with one another.

#### **September 11 “Proverbs of Ashes”**

The Reverend. Diane Miller

A decade since the attacks of 2001, the pain and shock are freshly remembered. We remain a nation at war. This service will focus on how humans respond to violence and tragedy. To conclude the service, we will have an outdoor healing blessing in the September 11<sup>th</sup> Lilac Garden.

#### **September 18 “Rocky Beginnings”**

The Reverend Diane Miller

Reflections on the foundations of Christianity, the First Religious Society, and how the underpinnings of what we create continue to shape us.

#### **September 25 “Unity in Diversity”**

The Reverend Mark Kiyimba, Guest Preacher. Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kampala, Uganda, and Founder of the New Life School. Mark has been a courageous leader for the rights of Gay, Bisexual, Lesbian, and Transgender people during the time Parliament was considering legislation to imprison and execute GBLT persons and allies. (See article about his visit). The Jazz Group will play. Bucky Rogers will conduct the service.

## **Message from the Director of Religious Education**

As the new Director of Religious Education (DRE) I am excited to share my vision for the Religious Education program at the First Religious Society in Carlisle. The five major components of our Unitarian Universalist RE program are

- **Worship**
- **Community**
- **Education**
- **Social Action**
- **Environmental Action**

Spiritual growth and core moral development will naturally happen as we work together on hands-on meaningful tasks to better ourselves, our community and our world. The best learning comes from multi-sensory experiences, so we will do lots of story telling and drama with a variety of fun intergenerational activities that utilize all forms of creative arts in support of these five core areas. Volunteer teaching teams will lead each class; K-2, 3-5, Junior Youth Group, 8<sup>th</sup> grade OWL, with a Senior Youth Group Advisor, Bucky Rogers, organizing the Senior Youth Group team and grade 10-12 OWL.

My four children have gone through the RE Program and I have been a Nursery coordinator, assistant teacher, lead teacher, Junior Youth leader, RE Committee member, RE chair, field trip driver, Pageant Director...in other words I have first hand knowledge of the past and current Religious Education program at FRS. I hope to use this experience to tweak the program, not make any unnecessary dramatic changes.

I will work from home as well as from my office in the ground floor conference room where all the RE books and curricula are stored. The books are available for anyone to borrow, and I encourage you to take advantage of this rich resource.

While the RE Committee sets policy, budgets, and creates special events, it is the DRE who administers the program and facilitates communication between parents, teachers, church committees, and the community. Please call or e-mail me with questions, suggestions, concerns, or ideas.

Alison

## **Message from the Student Minister**

When I was a sophomore in college, I decided that I was going to run a marathon. I based my training on a schedule that had been put together at the advent of the modern era of popular marathoning. The London marathon was run for the first time in 1981; to prepare first-time runners, a columnist for the Times of London had assembled a manageable-looking table of the minutes you had to run each day for three months leading up to it if you wanted to be able to complete it. I started hitting the treadmill four times a week. I watched dreck like MTV at the gym while I did my best to keep up an eight-minute-per-mile speed.

Around finals time, and then again in the summer, I hit a wall and could not find the time or the stamina to cross the one hour barrier. I set a personal record in the 5K distance but 40K (a marathon) seemed perpetually out of reach.

Not much changed in this pattern until I left college and was living in Berkeley. I read a New York Times piece about interspersing your runs with periods of walking. It claimed this was an effective method for increasing the distances you could run with safety and comfort. People can make fun of me (and many have) for getting drawn into watching sports easily. But getting caught up in a soccer tournament on the fields I was running around at Berkeley High was how I turned the corner as a distance runner. There was a Korean league having its playoffs one afternoon that I just could not look away from. I kept walking and running around the track until they were done. Before I knew it, I had been there for two hours- adding the distance to and from my house put me over a half-marathon for the day.

Now, when I say “it’s a marathon not a sprint”, what I mean is that you get to walk in some parts. This summer I did a bit of mental walking- I read novels instead of history books and listened to comedy podcasts instead of NPR. For the first time since I matriculated at divinity school, my brain began to ask for more intellectual content instead of less. That’s how I know it was a good rest and that I am ready to return to school and church life refreshed and renewed. I hope that you each got some time to mentally walk it out this summer, too.

Bucky

## FRS Programs and Announcements

**It's all in the wrist:** Greeters and flap jack flippers are needed for our community-wide **September 4<sup>th</sup> Pancake Breakfast**. Contact Rev. Diane Miller if you would like to help with this friendly occasion.

**Saturday September 10, 9:00am to noon - All Church Clean-up** :There are lots of small manageable tasks inside and outside to make our beloved building be ready for the first day of churchtop in for an hour or so at any time during that morning. Children welcome.

**FRS Picnic on Saturday September 10 from 3:00-7:00 PM at Fontaine Richardson's house!** Fontaine has a large pool, a hot-tub, and huge lawns, so there is plenty of room to run around and he hopes people will bring swimsuits and enjoy themselves. His house is at 121 Skelton Road (978 369-7256). The picnic will be BYOPB (Bring Your Own Picnic Basket). Fontaine will supply soft drinks. You are welcome to bring any other drinks. Most people will probably be milling around chatting and eating snacks and appetizers until about 5:00, when we expect to sit down on picnic blankets or seats and eat dinner. We'll have a grill and condiments there if you want to bring food for that. Please rsvp Paul Morrison (pempaz@verizon.net) so that we can have the right amount of soft drinks, cups, paper plates, etc.

**Thanks to our summer service leaders:** Tom Rourk, Chair of Music and Worship Committee, coordinated summer services. Service leaders included Roger Goulet, Mary Zoll, Tom Rourk, Mike Hanauer, Alison Saylor, Marguerite Shaw, and Diane Miller. The topics were interesting, varied, and engaging. Consider leading a Summer Service in 2012!

**Message from Minister of Music Marguerite Shaw:** On Sunday, September 11, our opening church service will include special music in observance of the tenth anniversary of 9/11. If you would like to join with the choir on that Sunday morning just come to rehearsal on Wed., Sept. 7 at 7:30pm and/or Sunday morning at 9:00. All are welcome. If you have questions please call me at 978-369-5180 or 978-501-4220.

**WomenSpirit - Potluck Supper, Friday, Sept 16, 7:00pm, Union Hall:** Bring a dish to share (appetizer, salad, entree or dessert). Nothing fancy required or expected. After dinner we'll have a chance to check in and get reacquainted after our summer hiatus. New women and friends are always welcome. Questions? Sue Kirk 978-371-0176 [sukirk@aol.com](mailto:sukirk@aol.com)

**Guest lecturer and preacher September 24 & 25:** The Rev. Mark Kiyimba, minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kampala, Uganda, will be our guest for that weekend. On Saturday evening, 7 PM in Union Hall, he will present "The Struggle of LGBT Rights in Uganda." His congregation is one of the few in Uganda that affirms gay persons. Mark organized a Conference, "Standing On the Side of Love" in 2010 in opposition to the 2009 Anti-Homosexuality Bill that would imprison or execute gay persons and people who protect them. The legislation was proposed after visits from US evangelists who fanned the anti-gay attitudes of the country. There will be an opportunity for questions and conversation. On Sunday Mark Kiyimba will preach at our morning service, "Unity in Diversity." The Jazz Group will play. There will be an offering for the support of the Kampala congregation. If you would like to be part of the team organizing this weekend visit, contact Diane Miller.

**OWL open to 8th graders:** The First Religious Society in Carlisle will combine students and leaders with First Parish of Bedford and the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Chelmsford to present the sexuality course Our Whole Lives (OWL) for grades 7-9. We highly recommend all 8th graders to take this course, which will run 6 - 8pm bi-weekly on Sunday evenings from October to June.. These classes are open to all, but require both parents to attend an orientation, and naturally there is a fee. Please contact Jackie Schaefer [schaeferfamily@att.net](mailto:schaeferfamily@att.net) for further information.

**Unemployed and Underemployed Group to resume September 6<sup>th</sup>** The Unemployed and Underemployed Group will resume meeting weekly on Tuesday mornings at 9:15 in Union Hall starting September 6th. This conversation group started meeting last April with people seeking work, changing directions, starting a career, or semi-retiring. Participants have met with success in their work goals, so new participants are needed and welcome! The group is open to all at no charge. Coffee, tea and a snack are provided. In September and October the group will explore the Resilience Circle model of sustainable community. Facilitated by Diane Miller, 978-369-0284 or 617-851-8222.

Thank you to all who pledged for 2011-2012; those listed below and those who chose to remain anonymous. Your unwavering support, allowed us to slightly exceed our goal for the coming church year.

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## Notes of Appreciation

*“I wanted to drop a note to let you know how FANTASTIC the new benches in front of the widows look! Not only do they look beautiful but they have very cleverly improved the safety of the windows. Great job getting this done. I’m sure it was a lot of work for your team”.* Andrea Kalkstein, Red Balloon

**Editor’s note:** *The benches were the doing of, and a gift from, Bryan and Molly Sorrows.*

*“Please accept my sincerest thanks for the First Religious Society’s gift of \$261 to the SPARK Center at Boston Medical Center. Since 1989, SPARK has provided therapeutic, medically-specialized programs for children of all ages. The program serves Boston’s highest-risk children, including those living with complicated medical conditions and those who have been abused or live in an environment impacted by domestic violence. With your support, you are truly changing the lives of these children and their families.* Norman Stein , Vice-President of Development, Boston Medical Center

*“ The Open Pantry on Central Street in Lowell (Liz Butz, Director) is most grateful for the food and monetary donations made by FRS members earlier this year ,and then for the tremendous response in June! Recently, the Men's Group, led by Paul Morrison, also collected a large amount of food for the Pantry. Max Barber delivered a lot of the food to the OP in July. The Open Pantry provides a variety of food and toiletry items to needy families in Lowell. There are several FRSers who work at the Pantry Tuesday mornings (on a rotating basis) throughout the year.* Barbara Ritz, volunteer.

*“We are deeply grateful for your generous contribution totaling \$728 to the UUA in support of the UUA/UUSC Japan Relief Fund. Your gift will support the recovery efforts of our religious partners in Japan during this challenging time. Your generosity demonstrates your commitment to our faith community at home and abroad”* Rev. Terry Sweetser, VP for Stewardship and Development, UUA

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## Events Around Us

**Interfaith Community Prayer Breakfast.** Rev. Diane Miller has purchased ten tickets for an Interfaith Community Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, September 15 from 7:30 to 9am with the Rev. James Forbes (former minister at Riverside Church in NYC) speaking at Trinity Congregational Church, Concord. If you would like to be at the FRS table, please contact Diane to reserve a place.

**“Reading Poetry Anew“: Published poet Mary Zoll to teach poetry workshops at Gleason Public Library:** Dip or dive into the pleasures of poetry on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 10 AM to 12 noon at the Gleason Library, Hollis Room. This informal course will include poetry readings and reactions, discussions of the patterns and techniques used in the poems, and perhaps some intellectual understanding of the poems. The group will read poems by a different poet each week: September 13: Billy Collins; September 27: Mary Oliver, and October 25: Wendell Berry. The class is open to anyone interested in experiencing poetry, but pre-registration at 978-369-4898 is suggested.

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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 Sally Hayen at 978-369-7591.



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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

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- 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 September 19, 2011.
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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 – September, 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>4</b> <b>10:00am</b> Pancake breakfast/UH	<b>5</b> (Labor Day)	<b>6</b> 9:15am Underemployed and unemployed support group/UH <b>7-10pm</b> Savoyards/UH	<b>7</b> <b>10:30-11:30am</b> COA tap class UH <b>7:30pm</b> Choir practice	<b>8</b>  <b>7-10pm</b> Savoyards/UH	<b>9</b> <b>9:30am</b> COA Line Dance UH	<b>10</b> <b>7am</b> Men's Group <b>8am-noon</b> Church cleanup <b>9-1</b> Parish Committee Retreat, Parsonage & GPL <b>3-7pm</b> Church picnic at Richardsons
<b>11</b> <b>9:00</b> Nursery <b>10:00am</b> Worship Service	<b>12</b>  <b>7-10pm</b> Savoyards/UH	<b>13</b> 9:15am Underemployed and unemployed support group/UH <b>7-10pm</b> Savoyards/UH	<b>14</b> <b>10:30-11:30am</b> COA tap class UH <b>7:30pm</b> Choir practice	<b>15</b> <b>11:30am</b> COA lunch UH  <b>7-10pm</b> Savoyards/UH	<b>16</b> <b>9:30am</b> COA Line Dance UH <b>6:30pm</b> Womenspirit potluck/UH	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> <b>9:00</b> Nursery <b>10:00am</b> Worship Service	<b>19</b>  <b>7-10pm</b> Savoyards/UH	<b>20</b> 9:15am Underemployed and unemployed support group/UH <b>7-10pm</b> Savoyards/UH	<b>21</b> <b>9:30am</b> EAC discussion/UH  <b>7:30pm</b> Choir practice	<b>22</b>  <b>7-10pm</b> Savoyards/UH	<b>23</b> <b>9:30am</b> COA Line Dance UH  <b>4-10</b> set up for COA Fall Fling, <b>7-10pm</b> –COA Fall Fling	<b>24</b>  <b>7pm/UH</b> “The Struggle of LGBT Rights in Uganda” – The Rev. Mark Kiyimba
<b>25</b> <b>9:00</b> Nursery <b>10:00am</b> Worship Service	<b>26</b>  <b>7-10pm</b> Savoyards/UH	<b>27</b> 9:15am Underemployed and unemployed support group/UH <b>7-10pm</b> Savoyards/UH	<b>28</b> <b>10:30-11:30am</b> COA tap dance class/UH  <b>7:30pm</b> Choir practice	<b>29</b>  <b>7-10pm</b> Savoyards/UH	<b>30</b> <b>9:30am</b> COA Line Dance UH <b>6:30pm</b> potluck & contra- dance	

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**SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO ANN QUENIN IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.**





### Message from the Minister

Church life is full of contrast, and one is the shift from quiet stillness to bustling activity. We have made the shift into the busier times at the First Religious Society. Something is going on most of the time. On a recent Saturday night I went by quite late to carry over some things I wanted set up for the Sunday morning service. Even at the witching hour I heard activity – Bryan Sorrows had come by late to make sure that heat would come on for the nursery and classrooms.

From the parsonage next to the church I see cars coming and going, and the lights turned on and off at all hours for the scheduled activities and the ongoing care people give to the space we use for worship, classes, music, social time, service and social action.

There is an enduring image of quiet church buildings, dust motes in a shaft of light, a place for meditation and reflection in solitude. You can still find it at times, but not often. The church is full of life and activity from all ages, including tap dancing (thundering noise below decks) and musical rehearsals filling up every available space. Sundays have been glad reunions full of greetings and lots of children and much liveliness. Come by and be part of the mix.

See you in church!

---Diane

## Upcoming Worship Services

### October 2: "Friendship in Many Forms"

The Reverend Diane Miller

Drying dishes with my sisters, we sang Girl Scout rounds. *"Make new friends, but keep the old; one is silver and the other gold."* The adults will hear about the Common Cathedral while the children begin together downstairs.

### October 9: "The Spiritual Dimension of Unemployment"

The Reverend Diane Miller

Starting from an essay by the Rev. Peter Morales, President of the Unitarian Universalist Association, the service will explore the impact of high unemployment from a spiritual perspective. The Message for All Ages will fill us in on social action projects our young people are doing at the Harvest Fair and Blanket-making day.

### October 16: "What Was Calvinism Doing in a Place Like This?"

The Reverend Diane Miller

A sermon on the people who built the second meetinghouse in 1811 and how they understood the holy. The Message for All Ages will be a surprise visit from the Reverend Mr. Litchfield, returning to visit the church and see how it has fared over the past 200 years.

### October 23: "Building Community Through Music"

Sarah Dan Jones

Sarah Dan Jones has been active as a UU musician for the past fifteen years. She is currently the president of the Unitarian Universalist Musicians Network. Her music mission includes empowering congregations in finding their common voice while exploring ways to strengthen shared ministry. For more information please visit her website at [sarahdanjones.com](http://sarahdanjones.com).

### October 30: All Souls Service

led by the Reverend Diane Miller

Service with a reading of names we hallow in a ritual of remembrance. Send names to be included to the church office via email: [frs@uucarlisle.org](mailto:frs@uucarlisle.org) or call 978-369-5180. You are also invited to bring a picture or memento of the person and place it on the table in front of the pulpit before the service starts.

## Message from the Director of Religious Education

We continue to register returning and new families for the 2011/2012 RE Program. I will leave registration forms and brochures on the rolling cart in Union Hall for the next few Coffee hours, and will be nearby to answer any questions about what we teach children on Sunday mornings.

**The K-2 class** meets in the downstairs classroom to the immediate right if you enter the large open classroom from the door near the elevator. This class is taught by the teaching team; Jen Kelly, Lauree Eckler and Christine Lear.

**The 3-5 class** meets in the RE Office, the room to the left of the elevator. This class is taught by the teaching team; Sue Lohrer, Annie Hill and Nancy West.

**The Junior Youth Group** is lacking a coordinator, but the parents are willing to teach/lead the classes and activities. If you enjoy working with middle schoolers, we are seeking a Lead teacher/Group coordinator for this age group.

**8<sup>th</sup> grade OWL** will accept registrations at the end of the Parent Orientation night on Sunday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 5:30-7:30pm. If a parent is unable to attend this orientation, please call me and we will set up an alternative one-on-one meeting as a make-up meeting.

**First Sunday Children's Service** begins 10/2 and will be on the first Sunday of each month (Jan 8 is the one exception this year). Children in grades K-5 will participate in a service downstairs in Union Hall prior to going to their regular RE classes.

**Special Activities** this month relate to the upcoming Harvest Fair where all youth work with their classes to raise money for non-profit organizations. The Social Action Committee generously matches their fund raising, giving each class a pot of money to bestow as they choose. I do hope your family can come to all or part of the Harvest Fair on Saturday October 15 from 10:00am – 2:00pm.

---Alison

## Message from the Student Minister

I was not even three hours into my internship last year when I learned about The Sharing Foundation. Members of the Social Action Committee brought me pictures and correspondence from Vuthea, the high school student our Senior Youth Group was writing to. "Elephant is coming!" they proclaimed - the Cambodian director's nickname left me a mite confused. This much was obvious: First Religious Society has a deep and lasting connection with The Sharing Foundation (TSF), of which we are rightly proud.

The Sharing Foundation has now been active in three decades. It was founded by FRS member Nancy Hendrie. This year, Sally Stokes, another FRS member, has taken over the presidency from Nancy. All of its paid staff are in Cambodia- having a board comprised of volunteers makes it able to use donations very efficiently to help the students and orphans in Cambodia. It serves 1,500 children daily through its elementary schools, student tuition sponsorships, computer school, sewing school and farming cooperative. I am inspired by the mission-driven efficacy of this organization and hope to be able to incorporate similar efforts into my parish ministry in the future.

The connection between FRS and TSF is the kind of unexpected opportunity that makes me light up when I think about prospective work I can do in ministry. I have known since I first planned to enter ministry that Unitarian Universalism has a unique capacity amongst modern religions to foster international connections. The acceptance promoted by the seven principles and universalist spirit of our forebears gives us a good lens for seeing into a pluralistic future, unencumbered by narrow dogma.

Too often, however, this openness to everything leaves us with no deep connection to anything. That is why I find the FRS-TSF connection so gratifying- there is genuine exchange and support happening through it!

---Bucky

## FRS Programs and Announcements

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**Thank you:** On Sunday September 18 Florence Goulet, wearing traditional and strikingly beautiful African attire, gave the Message for All Ages and visited the K-2 class, 3-5 class and the Junior Youth Group to talk about customs in her home country of Uganda. Florence speaks ten languages and is called from all regions of the US to translate for medical procedures. She works long hours to earn money to sponsor Ugandan orphans, paying for their education and upkeep. Her non-profit organization is called the Stella-Rosie Foundation and is named after her own mother and Roger Goulet's first wife Rosie. Florence lives most of her year in Carlisle, but also has a home in Uganda which she visits every year to see her family and her nineteen orphaned children. Thank you, Florence, for taking time from your very busy life to share your passion and generous efforts to help feed and educate needy children from your home country with the First Religious Society in Carlisle.

**Unemployed and Underemployed Group has moved to the Smiling Duck Café** at Ferns in Carlisle Center, through October. The group meets on Tuesday mornings at 9:15. This is an informal weekly meeting of people looking for a job or rethinking their work direction. The group is open to all at no charge. Coffee will be provided. In October the group will continue to explore the Resilience Circle model of sustainable community. Facilitated by Diane Miller, 978-369-0284 or 617-851-8222.

**Memorial Garden Update** The Memorial Garden Task Force is assessing options for moving on-site boulders and stones, and creating lawns and berms. If the weather stays dry, the memorial stones are scheduled to be installed the last week of September.

Our engraved name list is now at 29. If you'd like an engraving for yourself, spouse, parents or children, for members of the congregation one name is \$750 and two or more names are \$500 each. A name consists of first name, optional middle name or initial, last name, birth year and (blank space) or death year.

Please write down your names and dates and send checks to The First Religious Society in Carlisle, PO Box 817. Contact Alison Saylor (978) 369 1809 [saylorfarm@comcast.net](mailto:saylorfarm@comcast.net) with any Memorial Garden questions

**Music and Worship Committee news: *Lay Voices*;** From the start of this church year you will notice that we have made a small but significant change to our Sunday Service. In response to suggestions, we have invited Lay voices to be part of our Sunday morning. Our services now commence with a member of our congregation leading us in our Chalice

Lighting and Covenant. We hope to make this a permanent part of our service, and that the presence of your voices here will remind us that we are, as a community, shaped to a large extent by the ideals of our many members.

**Verger;** At the bottom of your order of service you will notice that the cumbersome term "Music and Worship Committee Co-ordinator" has been replaced by the simpler and wonderfully antiquated word "Verger." In the earlier times the Verger served the role of silently assisting in the preparation and conduct of the service. His/Her duties included helping to prepare the logistic details of the service by making ready the sanctuary (candles, pews, hymnals and other items of liturgy) and responding to the requirements of the Minister. Tom Rourk notes that duties also included rousing somnambulant parishioners and disciplining errant choristers. While we will not be beating choir members or chastising those who might be snoring, we will be continuing to perform our traditional function.

**Environmental Action Committee News:** The Environmental Action Committee (EAC) last year sponsored the Carlisle Winter Farmer's Market for monthly Saturday mornings in Union Hall. The goal was to support local, sustainable food and crafts year round. Thanks to a successful winter season, the Farmer's Market group was able to contribute \$250 from their table fees to the EAC. The EAC staffed a table each month selling fair trade coffee and chocolate, local honey, and other items, along with having the "coffee concession." The Winter Market will continue this year - upcoming dates are: November 26, December 17, January 21, February 18, March 10 and April 21.

On September 15th the EAC toured Sweet Autumn Farm to see the home and farming operation created by Leslie Thomas and Katharine Endicott, which earned a LEED Silver certification. The EAC members, along with Rep. Cory Atkins, heard from the builder about insulation, solar energy, Clivus composting toilets, and farming. The Committee is looking for additional members interested in these projects and others. EAC is also sponsoring the next

**Organic and/or locally grown potluck supper, October 7 in Union Hall at 6:00pm.** Come and enjoy delicious food prepared by your friends and neighbors. Bring a dish to feed 6-8 people. Speaker is Cris Coffin of the Farmland Trust.

**Social Action Committee News:** A message from Julia Lyons about her involvement in the Virginia Service Project: *Note: Julia and her sister Chrissy are second generation FRSers. Their parents are Helen and John. Appalachian Volunteers is a Boston College program. Look on the SAC bulletin board in Union Hall for two photos from Julia's trip.*

"Entering my senior year at Boston College, I have now participated in four service trips with the Appalachia Volunteers program during spring break or in late summer. These trips have taken me to a depressed coal mining town in Pennsylvania (Waynesburg), an unincorporated "holler" in the mountains of West Virginia devastated by natural gas mining and mountain top removal (Jacksonburg), and twice to the impoverished Eastern Shore town of Exmore, Virginia, where the locals live under the thumb of the wealthy, ocean-front residents. Each of these experiences has been incredibly eye-opening and rewarding. In August, I returned to Exmore for the second time, to help run a day camp for the local children, held in a local church's parking lot. In a community only three hours from our nation's capital, extended families live in dilapidated homes that consist of only one or two rooms, and lack running water, heat, and electricity. A trench extended along each road serves as a sewer, and each home is equipped with an outhouse.

Our purpose for the week was to provide the children with positive role models, while keeping them out of trouble. In reality, we learn just as much from the children as they do from us. Most of these children will never have the opportunity to leave the Eastern Shore. We hope to plant a seed in them of the importance of education. Our local contact, Mama Jane, has told us many times that these children look forward to the Boston College students' arrival. The children are unbelievably caring and kind, despite their circumstances.

I would like to thank the Social Action Committee for their support, which helped us provide the children with breakfast and lunch during our visit, and supplies such as sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, and basketballs that they can continue to play with throughout the year. It has been an incredible opportunity to spend time with these children, and it has helped me realize my goal of working in social action in the future."

**Party Time:** In celebration of a successful Greens Sale in 2010, we are having a party! All who helped with the Greens Sale and who decorated the Sanctuary for the Holidays are invited! The potluck dinner will start at 5:30 pm at our home on **Sunday, October 2.** The "Second Wind" quartet will entertain us with old favorites and perhaps, a young fiddler will appear as well. Please bring either a vegetable dish, tossed salad, or dessert. We will look forward to seeing all of you for a fun evening! Janice and Kerry Kissinger, 207 Elizabeth Ridge Road, 978-369-8968.

**The Harvest Fair is on Saturday October 15 10am - 2pm:** This year the Harvest Fair will involve the Farmer's Market, craft booths, as well as a Bake Table, Silent Auction, Luncheon Cafe and RE and Country Store booths. Outside on the Common pumpkins will be sold by FRS and the Garden Club in a synergistic revenue-sharing venture. The Junior Youth Group will once again sell locally grown and squeezed apple cider. Please both put the date on your

calendar, and begin thinking about how you can help run this traditional event. If you can help, contact Alison Saylor [saylorfarm@comcast.net](mailto:saylorfarm@comcast.net) or call 978 369 1809 or cell 978 831 3513.

**"Expand the Circle" Dinner - Saturday, October 22nd - 7:00 PM** Our Fall Circle Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 22nd. Small groups get together in a planned potluck dinner at one of our homes. It's a fun way to get to know each other. Please consider inviting a friend or neighbor to come along with you in order to "expand the circle" within our community. Your guests will come to the dinner with you. Hosts provide a main dish and guests will bring the rest (salad, dessert, or bread/wine). Sign up at Coffee Hour or you can email Ann Quenin at the church office ([frs@uucarlisle.org](mailto:frs@uucarlisle.org)). Hosts are needed! Any questions, please contact Pam Fox ([pam\\_woodhull@hotmail.com](mailto:pam_woodhull@hotmail.com)) or Sue Kirk ([sukirk@aol.com](mailto:sukirk@aol.com)). Last day to sign up is Sunday, October 16th. Hope you can join us!

**Holidays Greens Sale:** We are busy shopping for ribbon, ornaments, candy, and molasses for all upcoming workshops. Now, we are looking for many more names on our sign-up sheets or phone calls from you telling us what you will do to help. We have hundreds of customers who come back each year (this is a good thing) to buy beautiful decorative items and gifts. They stay for a delicious lunch at our wonderful café. All their children will once again be photographed with our merry and handsome Santa. We have a demand for our goods! All we need now are salespeople to bring back raffle items, bakers to make gingerbread houses, mathematicians to calculate receipts, designers to create arrangements and wreaths, folks to copy their designs, folks to build small boxwood trees and lots of table and broom movers. **Call Janice Kissinger at 978-369-8968 to sign up.**

**Saturday, November 12, 9:00 am,** Mix dough for gingerbread houses

**Saturday, November 19, 8:00am-5:00pm,** Boxwood Tree workshop, in Union Hall

**Sunday, November 27 at noon,** decorate the Sanctuary

**Wednesday, November 30, all day,** Greens Arrangements Workshop in Union Hall

**Thursday, December 1, all day,** Wreath Decorating Workshop in Union Hall

**Friday, December 2, 8:00am,** Set up and price items for Greens Sale in Union Hall.

**Friday, December 2, 5:00pm,** Pre-order pick up in Union Hall

**Saturday, December 3, 10:00am to 2:00pm,** Greens Sale, in Union Hall

**First alert: Service Auction date confirmed:** The FRS biennial Service Auction will be held on **May 5th, 2012 at 6:00 pm in Union Hall.** Lisa Sama has volunteered to be co-chair of donations but needs someone to help her. Also, we need 2 co-chairs to plan the menu and decorations. Please contact Janice Kissinger at 978-369-8968.

**Our website** has been restored with added security after a summer during which we were a hacker's delight. Unfortunately, the restoration blew away our calendar of events. It is slowly being reconstituted, but we ask for your patience.

**Tap Dance classes move to new day and time – now open to anyone 12 years old and up!** The tap dance classes sponsored by COA are moving to Thursdays at 3 PM in Union Hall and are now open to all. The dates are: **September 29, October 6, 13, 20, 27, and November 3 and 10.** The fee is \$30. Please call the Council on Aging at 978-371-2895 to register:

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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 Sally Hayen at 978-369-7591.



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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 September 19, 2011.
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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 –October, 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> <b>7am</b> Men's Group <b>3pm</b> Prescott Behn memorial/Sanctuary reception/UH
<b>2</b> <b>9:00</b> Nursery <b>10:00am</b> Worship Service <b>5:30-8:30</b> OWL Union Hall	<b>3</b> Staff 10:45-noon <b>6-10pm</b> Savoyards/UH <b>7pm:</b> EAC downstairs	<b>4</b> 9:15am Underemployed and unemployed support group/Smiling Duck cafe <b>6-10pm</b> Savoyards/UH <b>7pm</b> M&W upstairs	<b>5</b> <b>11:30am</b> Robbins Brooks lunch/UH <b>7pm</b> dance rehearsal/UH <b>7:30pm</b> Choir practice	<b>6</b> <b>3pm</b> COA tap class UH  <b>6-10pm</b> Savoyards/UH	<b>7</b> <b>9:30am</b> COA Line Dance UH <b>6pm:</b> Organic potluck/Union Hall	<b>8</b>
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<b>16</b> <b>9:00</b> Nursery <b>10:00am</b> Worship Service <b>2:15</b> Youth Crop Walk/Concord <b>2-5pm</b> Savoyard Orchestra/UH <b>5:30-8:30</b> OWL Union Hall /all classrooms	<b>17</b> Staff 10:45-noon  <b>6-10pm</b> Savoyards/UH	<b>18</b> 9:15am Underemployed and unemployed support group/Smiling Duck cafe <b>noon-3</b> blanket making/Union Hall <b>6-10pm</b> Savoyards/UH	<b>19</b>  <b>6-9pm</b> Gleason Public Library event, Union Hall  <b>7:30pm</b> Choir practice	<b>20</b>  <b>11:30am</b> COA luncheon/Union Hall  <b>3pm</b> COA tap class UH  <b>6-10pm</b> Savoyards/UH	<b>21</b> <b>9:30am</b> COA Line Dance UH  <b>6pm</b> WomenSpirit potluck/Union Hall	<b>22</b>  <b>6pm</b> Circle Dinner/offsite
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### Message from the Minister

Church life is full of contrast, and one is the shift from quiet stillness to bustling activity. We have made the shift into the busier times at the First Religious Society. Something is going on most of the time. On a recent Saturday night I went by quite late to carry over some things I wanted set up for the Sunday morning service. Even at the witching hour I heard activity – Bryan Sorrows had come by late to make sure that heat would come on for the nursery and classrooms.

From the parsonage next to the church I see cars coming and going, and the lights turned on and off at all hours for the scheduled activities and the ongoing care people give to the space we use for worship, classes, music, social time, service and social action.

There is an enduring image of quiet church buildings, dust motes in a shaft of light, a place for meditation and reflection in solitude. You can still find it at times, but not often. The church is full of life and activity from all ages, including tap dancing (thundering noise below decks) and musical rehearsals filling up every available space. Sundays have been glad reunions full of greetings and lots of children and much liveliness. Come by and be part of the mix.

See you in church!

---Diane

## Upcoming Worship Services

### October 2: "Friendship in Many Forms"

The Reverend Diane Miller

Drying dishes with my sisters, we sang Girl Scout rounds. *"Make new friends, but keep the old; one is silver and the other gold."* The adults will hear about the Common Cathedral while the children begin together downstairs.

### October 9: "The Spiritual Dimension of Unemployment"

The Reverend Diane Miller

Starting from an essay by the Rev. Peter Morales, President of the Unitarian Universalist Association, the service will explore the impact of high unemployment from a spiritual perspective. The Message for All Ages will fill us in on social action projects our young people are doing at the Harvest Fair and Blanket-making day.

### October 16: "What Was Calvinism Doing in a Place Like This?"

The Reverend Diane Miller

A sermon on the people who built the second meetinghouse in 1811 and how they understood the holy. The Message for All Ages will be a surprise visit from the Reverend Mr. Litchfield, returning to visit the church and see how it has fared over the past 200 years.

### October 23: "Building Community Through Music"

Sarah Dan Jones

Sarah Dan Jones has been active as a UU musician for the past fifteen years. She is currently the president of the Unitarian Universalist Musicians Network. Her music mission includes empowering congregations in finding their common voice while exploring ways to strengthen shared ministry. For more information please visit her website at [sarahdanjones.com](http://sarahdanjones.com).

### October 30: All Souls Service

led by the Reverend Diane Miller

Service with a reading of names we hallow in a ritual of remembrance. Send names to be included to the church office via email: [frs@uucarlisle.org](mailto:frs@uucarlisle.org) or call 978-369-5180. You are also invited to bring a picture or memento of the person and place it on the table in front of the pulpit before the service starts.

## Message from the Director of Religious Education

We continue to register returning and new families for the 2011/2012 RE Program. I will leave registration forms and brochures on the rolling cart in Union Hall for the next few Coffee hours, and will be nearby to answer any questions about what we teach children on Sunday mornings.

**The K-2 class** meets in the downstairs classroom to the immediate right if you enter the large open classroom from the door near the elevator. This class is taught by the teaching team; Jen Kelly, Lauree Eckler and Christine Lear.

**The 3-5 class** meets in the RE Office, the room to the left of the elevator. This class is taught by the teaching team; Sue Lohrer, Annie Hill and Nancy West.

**The Junior Youth Group** is lacking a coordinator, but the parents are willing to teach/lead the classes and activities. If you enjoy working with middle schoolers, we are seeking a Lead teacher/Group coordinator for this age group.

**8<sup>th</sup> grade OWL** will accept registrations at the end of the Parent Orientation night on Sunday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 5:30-7:30pm. If a parent is unable to attend this orientation, please call me and we will set up an alternative one-on-one meeting as a make-up meeting.

**First Sunday Children's Service** begins 10/2 and will be on the first Sunday of each month (Jan 8 is the one exception this year). Children in grades K-5 will participate in a service downstairs in Union Hall prior to going to their regular RE classes.

**Special Activities** this month relate to the upcoming Harvest Fair where all youth work with their classes to raise money for non-profit organizations. The Social Action Committee generously matches their fund raising, giving each class a pot of money to bestow as they choose. I do hope your family can come to all or part of the Harvest Fair on Saturday October 15 from 10:00am – 2:00pm.

---Alison

## Message from the Student Minister

I was not even three hours into my internship last year when I learned about The Sharing Foundation. Members of the Social Action Committee brought me pictures and correspondence from Vuthea, the high school student our Senior Youth Group was writing to. "Elephant is coming!" they proclaimed - the Cambodian director's nickname left me a mite confused. This much was obvious: First Religious Society has a deep and lasting connection with The Sharing Foundation (TSF), of which we are rightly proud.

The Sharing Foundation has now been active in three decades. It was founded by FRS member Nancy Hendrie. This year, Sally Stokes, another FRS member, has taken over the presidency from Nancy. All of its paid staff are in Cambodia- having a board comprised of volunteers makes it able to use donations very efficiently to help the students and orphans in Cambodia. It serves 1,500 children daily through its elementary schools, student tuition sponsorships, computer school, sewing school and farming cooperative. I am inspired by the mission-driven efficacy of this organization and hope to be able to incorporate similar efforts into my parish ministry in the future.

The connection between FRS and TSF is the kind of unexpected opportunity that makes me light up when I think about prospective work I can do in ministry. I have known since I first planned to enter ministry that Unitarian Universalism has a unique capacity amongst modern religions to foster international connections. The acceptance promoted by the seven principles and universalist spirit of our forebears gives us a good lens for seeing into a pluralistic future, unencumbered by narrow dogma.

Too often, however, this openness to everything leaves us with no deep connection to anything. That is why I find the FRS-TSF connection so gratifying- there is genuine exchange and support happening through it!

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Please write down your names and dates and send checks to The First Religious Society in Carlisle, PO Box 817. Contact Alison Saylor (978) 369 1809 [saylorfarm@comcast.net](mailto:saylorfarm@comcast.net) with any Memorial Garden questions

**Music and Worship Committee news: Lay Voices;** From the start of this church year you will notice that we have made a small but significant change to our Sunday Service. In response to suggestions, we have invited Lay voices to be part of our Sunday morning. Our services now commence with a member of our congregation leading us in our Chalice

Lighting and Covenant. We hope to make this a permanent part of our service, and that the presence of your voices here will remind us that we are, as a community, shaped to a large extent by the ideals of our many members.

**Verger;** At the bottom of your order of service you will notice that the cumbersome term "Music and Worship Committee Co-ordinator" has been replaced by the simpler and wonderfully antiquated word "Verger." In the earlier times the Verger served the role of silently assisting in the preparation and conduct of the service. His/Her duties included helping to prepare the logistic details of the service by making ready the sanctuary (candles, pews, hymnals and other items of liturgy) and responding to the requirements of the Minister. Tom Rourk notes that duties also included rousing somnambulant parishioners and disciplining errant choristers. While we will not be beating choir members or chastising those who might be snoring, we will be continuing to perform our traditional function.

**Environmental Action Committee News:** The Environmental Action Committee (EAC) last year sponsored the Carlisle Winter Farmer's Market for monthly Saturday mornings in Union Hall. The goal was to support local, sustainable food and crafts year round. Thanks to a successful winter season, the Farmer's Market group was able to contribute \$250 from their table fees to the EAC. The EAC staffed a table each month selling fair trade coffee and chocolate, local honey, and other items, along with having the "coffee concession." The Winter Market will continue this year - upcoming dates are: November 26, December 17, January 21, February 18, March 10 and April 21.

On September 15th the EAC toured Sweet Autumn Farm to see the home and farming operation created by Leslie Thomas and Katharine Endicott, which earned a LEED Silver certification. The EAC members, along with Rep. Cory Atkins, heard from the builder about insulation, solar energy, Clivus composting toilets, and farming. The Committee is looking for additional members interested in these projects and others. EAC is also sponsoring the next

**Organic and/or locally grown potluck supper, October 7 in Union Hall at 6:00pm.** Come and enjoy delicious food prepared by your friends and neighbors. Bring a dish to feed 6-8 people. Speaker is Cris Coffin of the Farmland Trust.

**Social Action Committee News:** A message from Julia Lyons about her involvement in the Virginia Service Project: *Note: Julia and her sister Chrissy are second generation FRSers. Their parents are Helen and John. Appalachian Volunteers is a Boston College program. Look on the SAC bulletin board in Union Hall for two photos from Julia's trip.*

"Entering my senior year at Boston College, I have now participated in four service trips with the Appalachia Volunteers program during spring break or in late summer. These trips have taken me to a depressed coal mining town in Pennsylvania (Waynesburg), an unincorporated "holler" in the mountains of West Virginia devastated by natural gas mining and mountain top removal (Jacksonburg), and twice to the impoverished Eastern Shore town of Exmore, Virginia, where the locals live under the thumb of the wealthy, ocean-front residents. Each of these experiences has been incredibly eye-opening and rewarding. In August, I returned to Exmore for the second time, to help run a day camp for the local children, held in a local church's parking lot. In a community only three hours from our nation's capital, extended families live in dilapidated homes that consist of only one or two rooms, and lack running water, heat, and electricity. A trench extended along each road serves as a sewer, and each home is equipped with an outhouse.

Our purpose for the week was to provide the children with positive role models, while keeping them out of trouble. In reality, we learn just as much from the children as they do from us. Most of these children will never have the opportunity to leave the Eastern Shore. We hope to plant a seed in them of the importance of education. Our local contact, Mama Jane, has told us many times that these children look forward to the Boston College students' arrival. The children are unbelievably caring and kind, despite their circumstances.

I would like to thank the Social Action Committee for their support, which helped us provide the children with breakfast and lunch during our visit, and supplies such as sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, and basketballs that they can continue to play with throughout the year. It has been an incredible opportunity to spend time with these children, and it has helped me realize my goal of working in social action in the future."

**Party Time:** In celebration of a successful Greens Sale in 2010, we are having a party! All who helped with the Greens Sale and who decorated the Sanctuary for the Holidays are invited! The potluck dinner will start at 5:30 pm at our home on **Sunday, October 2.** The "Second Wind" quartet will entertain us with old favorites and perhaps, a young fiddler will appear as well. Please bring either a vegetable dish, tossed salad, or dessert. We will look forward to seeing all of you for a fun evening! Janice and Kerry Kissinger, 207 Elizabeth Ridge Road, 978-369-8968.

**The Harvest Fair is on Saturday October 15 10am - 2pm:** This year the Harvest Fair will involve the Farmer's Market, craft booths, as well as a Bake Table, Silent Auction, Luncheon Cafe and RE and Country Store booths. Outside on the Common pumpkins will be sold by FRS and the Garden Club in a synergistic revenue-sharing venture. The Junior Youth Group will once again sell locally grown and squeezed apple cider. Please both put the date on your

calendar, and begin thinking about how you can help run this traditional event. If you can help, contact Alison Saylor [saylorfarm@comcast.net](mailto:saylorfarm@comcast.net) or call 978 369 1809 or cell 978 831 3513.

**"Expand the Circle" Dinner - Saturday, October 22nd - 7:00 PM** Our Fall Circle Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 22nd. Small groups get together in a planned potluck dinner at one of our homes. It's a fun way to get to know each other. Please consider inviting a friend or neighbor to come along with you in order to "expand the circle" within our community. Your guests will come to the dinner with you. Hosts provide a main dish and guests will bring the rest (salad, dessert, or bread/wine). Sign up at Coffee Hour or you can email Ann Quenin at the church office ([frs@uucarlisle.org](mailto:frs@uucarlisle.org)). Hosts are needed! Any questions, please contact Pam Fox ([pam\\_woodhull@hotmail.com](mailto:pam_woodhull@hotmail.com)) or Sue Kirk ([sukirk@aol.com](mailto:sukirk@aol.com)). Last day to sign up is Sunday, October 16th. Hope you can join us!

**Holidays Greens Sale:** We are busy shopping for ribbon, ornaments, candy, and molasses for all upcoming workshops. Now, we are looking for many more names on our sign-up sheets or phone calls from you telling us what you will do to help. We have hundreds of customers who come back each year (this is a good thing) to buy beautiful decorative items and gifts. They stay for a delicious lunch at our wonderful café. All their children will once again be photographed with our merry and handsome Santa. We have a demand for our goods! All we need now are salespeople to bring back raffle items, bakers to make gingerbread houses, mathematicians to calculate receipts, designers to create arrangements and wreaths, folks to copy their designs, folks to build small boxwood trees and lots of table and broom movers. **Call Janice Kissinger at 978-369-8968 to sign up.**

**Saturday, November 12, 9:00 am,** Mix dough for gingerbread houses

**Saturday, November 19, 8:00am-5:00pm,** Boxwood Tree workshop, in Union Hall

**Sunday, November 27 at noon,** decorate the Sanctuary

**Wednesday, November 30, all day,** Greens Arrangements Workshop in Union Hall

**Thursday, December 1, all day,** Wreath Decorating Workshop in Union Hall

**Friday, December 2, 8:00am,** Set up and price items for Greens Sale in Union Hall.

**Friday, December 2, 5:00pm,** Pre-order pick up in Union Hall

**Saturday, December 3, 10:00am to 2:00pm,** Greens Sale, in Union Hall

**First alert: Service Auction date confirmed:** The FRS biennial Service Auction will be held on **May 5th, 2012 at 6:00 pm in Union Hall.** Lisa Sama has volunteered to be co-chair of donations but needs someone to help her. Also, we need 2 co-chairs to plan the menu and decorations. Please contact Janice Kissinger at 978-369-8968.

**Our website** has been restored with added security after a summer during which we were a hacker's delight. Unfortunately, the restoration blew away our calendar of events. It is slowly being reconstituted, but we ask for your patience.

**Tap Dance classes move to new day and time – now open to anyone 12 years old and up!** The tap dance classes sponsored by COA are moving to Thursdays at 3 PM in Union Hall and are now open to all. The dates are: **September 29, October 6, 13, 20, 27, and November 3 and 10.** The fee is \$30. Please call the Council on Aging at 978-371-2895 to register:

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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 Sally Hayen at 978-369-7591.



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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

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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:

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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 –October, 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> <b>7am</b> Men's Group <b>3pm</b> Prescott Behn memorial/Sanctuary reception/UH
<b>2</b> <b>9:00</b> Nursery <b>10:00am</b> Worship Service <b>5:30-8:30</b> OWL Union Hall	<b>3</b> Staff 10:45-noon <b>6-10pm</b> Savoyards/UH <b>7pm:</b> EAC downstairs	<b>4</b> 9:15am Underemployed and unemployed support group/Smiling Duck cafe <b>6-10pm</b> Savoyards/UH <b>7pm</b> M&W upstairs	<b>5</b> <b>11:30am</b> Robbins Brooks lunch/UH <b>7pm</b> dance rehearsal/UH <b>7:30pm</b> Choir practice	<b>6</b> <b>3pm</b> COA tap class UH  <b>6-10pm</b> Savoyards/UH	<b>7</b> <b>9:30am</b> COA Line Dance UH <b>6pm:</b> Organic potluck/Union Hall	<b>8</b>
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<b>16</b> <b>9:00</b> Nursery <b>10:00am</b> Worship Service <b>2:15</b> Youth Crop Walk/Concord <b>2-5pm</b> Savoyard Orchestra/UH <b>5:30-8:30</b> OWL Union Hall /all classrooms	<b>17</b> Staff 10:45-noon  <b>6-10pm</b> Savoyards/UH	<b>18</b> 9:15am Underemployed and unemployed support group/Smiling Duck cafe <b>noon-3</b> blanket making/Union Hall <b>6-10pm</b> Savoyards/UH	<b>19</b>  <b>6-9pm</b> Gleason Public Library event, Union Hall  <b>7:30pm</b> Choir practice	20  <b>11:30am</b> COA luncheon/Union Hall  <b>3pm</b> COA tap class UH  <b>6-10pm</b> Savoyards/UH	21 <b>9:30am</b> COA Line Dance UH  <b>6pm</b> WomenSpirit potluck/Union Hall	<b>22</b>  <b>6pm</b> Circle Dinner/offsite
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### Message from the Minister

Church life is full of contrast, and one is the shift from quiet stillness to bustling activity. We have made the shift into the busier times at the First Religious Society. Something is going on most of the time. On a recent Saturday night I went by quite late to carry over some things I wanted set up for the Sunday morning service. Even at the witching hour I heard activity – Bryan Sorrows had come by late to make sure that heat would come on for the nursery and classrooms.

From the parsonage next to the church I see cars coming and going, and the lights turned on and off at all hours for the scheduled activities and the ongoing care people give to the space we use for worship, classes, music, social time, service and social action.

There is an enduring image of quiet church buildings, dust motes in a shaft of light, a place for meditation and reflection in solitude. You can still find it at times, but not often. The church is full of life and activity from all ages, including tap dancing (thundering noise below decks) and musical rehearsals filling up every available space. Sundays have been glad reunions full of greetings and lots of children and much liveliness. Come by and be part of the mix.

See you in church!

---Diane

## Upcoming Worship Services

### October 2: "Friendship in Many Forms"

The Reverend Diane Miller

Drying dishes with my sisters, we sang Girl Scout rounds. *"Make new friends, but keep the old; one is silver and the other gold."* The adults will hear about the Common Cathedral while the children begin together downstairs.

### October 9: "The Spiritual Dimension of Unemployment"

The Reverend Diane Miller

Starting from an essay by the Rev. Peter Morales, President of the Unitarian Universalist Association, the service will explore the impact of high unemployment from a spiritual perspective. The Message for All Ages will fill us in on social action projects our young people are doing at the Harvest Fair and Blanket-making day.

### October 16: "What Was Calvinism Doing in a Place Like This?"

The Reverend Diane Miller

A sermon on the people who built the second meetinghouse in 1811 and how they understood the holy. The Message for All Ages will be a surprise visit from the Reverend Mr. Litchfield, returning to visit the church and see how it has fared over the past 200 years.

### October 23: "Building Community Through Music"

Sarah Dan Jones

Sarah Dan Jones has been active as a UU musician for the past fifteen years. She is currently the president of the Unitarian Universalist Musicians Network. Her music mission includes empowering congregations in finding their common voice while exploring ways to strengthen shared ministry. For more information please visit her website at [sarahdanjones.com](http://sarahdanjones.com).

### October 30: All Souls Service

led by the Reverend Diane Miller

Service with a reading of names we hallow in a ritual of remembrance. Send names to be included to the church office via email: [frs@uucarlisle.org](mailto:frs@uucarlisle.org) or call 978-369-5180. You are also invited to bring a picture or memento of the person and place it on the table in front of the pulpit before the service starts.

## Message from the Director of Religious Education

We continue to register returning and new families for the 2011/2012 RE Program. I will leave registration forms and brochures on the rolling cart in Union Hall for the next few Coffee hours, and will be nearby to answer any questions about what we teach children on Sunday mornings.

**The K-2 class** meets in the downstairs classroom to the immediate right if you enter the large open classroom from the door near the elevator. This class is taught by the teaching team; Jen Kelly, Lauree Eckler and Christine Lear.

**The 3-5 class** meets in the RE Office, the room to the left of the elevator. This class is taught by the teaching team; Sue Lohrer, Annie Hill and Nancy West.

**The Junior Youth Group** is lacking a coordinator, but the parents are willing to teach/lead the classes and activities. If you enjoy working with middle schoolers, we are seeking a Lead teacher/Group coordinator for this age group.

**8<sup>th</sup> grade OWL** will accept registrations at the end of the Parent Orientation night on Sunday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 5:30-7:30pm. If a parent is unable to attend this orientation, please call me and we will set up an alternative one-on-one meeting as a make-up meeting.

**First Sunday Children's Service** begins 10/2 and will be on the first Sunday of each month (Jan 8 is the one exception this year). Children in grades K-5 will participate in a service downstairs in Union Hall prior to going to their regular RE classes.

**Special Activities** this month relate to the upcoming Harvest Fair where all youth work with their classes to raise money for non-profit organizations. The Social Action Committee generously matches their fund raising, giving each class a pot of money to bestow as they choose. I do hope your family can come to all or part of the Harvest Fair on Saturday October 15 from 10:00am – 2:00pm.

---Alison

## Message from the Student Minister

I was not even three hours into my internship last year when I learned about The Sharing Foundation. Members of the Social Action Committee brought me pictures and correspondence from Vuthea, the high school student our Senior Youth Group was writing to. "Elephant is coming!" they proclaimed - the Cambodian director's nickname left me a mite confused. This much was obvious: First Religious Society has a deep and lasting connection with The Sharing Foundation (TSF), of which we are rightly proud.

The Sharing Foundation has now been active in three decades. It was founded by FRS member Nancy Hendrie. This year, Sally Stokes, another FRS member, has taken over the presidency from Nancy. All of its paid staff are in Cambodia- having a board comprised of volunteers makes it able to use donations very efficiently to help the students and orphans in Cambodia. It serves 1,500 children daily through its elementary schools, student tuition sponsorships, computer school, sewing school and farming cooperative. I am inspired by the mission-driven efficacy of this organization and hope to be able to incorporate similar efforts into my parish ministry in the future.

The connection between FRS and TSF is the kind of unexpected opportunity that makes me light up when I think about prospective work I can do in ministry. I have known since I first planned to enter ministry that Unitarian Universalism has a unique capacity amongst modern religions to foster international connections. The acceptance promoted by the seven principles and universalist spirit of our forebears gives us a good lens for seeing into a pluralistic future, unencumbered by narrow dogma.

Too often, however, this openness to everything leaves us with no deep connection to anything. That is why I find the FRS-TSF connection so gratifying- there is genuine exchange and support happening through it!

---Bucky

## FRS Programs and Announcements

**Our profound sympathies.** It is with sadness that we report the passing of Pres Behn on Wednesday, September 21st, peacefully at home. Our condolences to his spouse of fifty years, Gertrud Behn, and daughter Heather Hedden and her husband Tom, and their children Henry and Erika. There will be a Memorial Service in the Sanctuary at FRS on Saturday, October 1 at 3:00 p.m. with a reception to follow in Union Hall.

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Our engraved name list is now at 29. If you'd like an engraving for yourself, spouse, parents or children, for members of the congregation one name is \$750 and two or more names are \$500 each. A name consists of first name, optional middle name or initial, last name, birth year and (blank space) or death year.

Please write down your names and dates and send checks to The First Religious Society in Carlisle, PO Box 817. Contact Alison Saylor (978) 369 1809 [saylorfarm@comcast.net](mailto:saylorfarm@comcast.net) with any Memorial Garden questions

**Music and Worship Committee news: *Lay Voices*;** From the start of this church year you will notice that we have made a small but significant change to our Sunday Service. In response to suggestions, we have invited Lay voices to be part of our Sunday morning. Our services now commence with a member of our congregation leading us in our Chalice

Lighting and Covenant. We hope to make this a permanent part of our service, and that the presence of your voices here will remind us that we are, as a community, shaped to a large extent by the ideals of our many members.

**Verger;** At the bottom of your order of service you will notice that the cumbersome term "Music and Worship Committee Co-ordinator" has been replaced by the simpler and wonderfully antiquated word "Verger." In the earlier times the Verger served the role of silently assisting in the preparation and conduct of the service. His/Her duties included helping to prepare the logistic details of the service by making ready the sanctuary (candles, pews, hymnals and other items of liturgy) and responding to the requirements of the Minister. Tom Rourk notes that duties also included rousing somnambulant parishioners and disciplining errant choristers. While we will not be beating choir members or chastising those who might be snoring, we will be continuing to perform our traditional function.

**Environmental Action Committee News:** The Environmental Action Committee (EAC) last year sponsored the Carlisle Winter Farmer's Market for monthly Saturday mornings in Union Hall. The goal was to support local, sustainable food and crafts year round. Thanks to a successful winter season, the Farmer's Market group was able to contribute \$250 from their table fees to the EAC. The EAC staffed a table each month selling fair trade coffee and chocolate, local honey, and other items, along with having the "coffee concession." The Winter Market will continue this year - upcoming dates are: November 26, December 17, January 21, February 18, March 10 and April 21.

On September 15th the EAC toured Sweet Autumn Farm to see the home and farming operation created by Leslie Thomas and Katharine Endicott, which earned a LEED Silver certification. The EAC members, along with Rep. Cory Atkins, heard from the builder about insulation, solar energy, Clivus composting toilets, and farming. The Committee is looking for additional members interested in these projects and others. EAC is also sponsoring the next

**Organic and/or locally grown potluck supper, October 7 in Union Hall at 6:00pm.** Come and enjoy delicious food prepared by your friends and neighbors. Bring a dish to feed 6-8 people. Speaker is Cris Coffin of the Farmland Trust.

**Social Action Committee News:** A message from Julia Lyons about her involvement in the Virginia Service Project: *Note: Julia and her sister Chrissy are second generation FRSers. Their parents are Helen and John. Appalachian Volunteers is a Boston College program. Look on the SAC bulletin board in Union Hall for two photos from Julia's trip.*

"Entering my senior year at Boston College, I have now participated in four service trips with the Appalachia Volunteers program during spring break or in late summer. These trips have taken me to a depressed coal mining town in Pennsylvania (Waynesburg), an unincorporated "holler" in the mountains of West Virginia devastated by natural gas mining and mountain top removal (Jacksonburg), and twice to the impoverished Eastern Shore town of Exmore, Virginia, where the locals live under the thumb of the wealthy, ocean-front residents. Each of these experiences has been incredibly eye-opening and rewarding. In August, I returned to Exmore for the second time, to help run a day camp for the local children, held in a local church's parking lot. In a community only three hours from our nation's capital, extended families live in dilapidated homes that consist of only one or two rooms, and lack running water, heat, and electricity. A trench extended along each road serves as a sewer, and each home is equipped with an outhouse.

Our purpose for the week was to provide the children with positive role models, while keeping them out of trouble. In reality, we learn just as much from the children as they do from us. Most of these children will never have the opportunity to leave the Eastern Shore. We hope to plant a seed in them of the importance of education. Our local contact, Mama Jane, has told us many times that these children look forward to the Boston College students' arrival. The children are unbelievably caring and kind, despite their circumstances.

I would like to thank the Social Action Committee for their support, which helped us provide the children with breakfast and lunch during our visit, and supplies such as sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, and basketballs that they can continue to play with throughout the year. It has been an incredible opportunity to spend time with these children, and it has helped me realize my goal of working in social action in the future."

**Party Time:** In celebration of a successful Greens Sale in 2010, we are having a party! All who helped with the Greens Sale and who decorated the Sanctuary for the Holidays are invited! The potluck dinner will start at 5:30 pm at our home on **Sunday, October 2.** The "Second Wind" quartet will entertain us with old favorites and perhaps, a young fiddler will appear as well. Please bring either a vegetable dish, tossed salad, or dessert. We will look forward to seeing all of you for a fun evening! Janice and Kerry Kissinger, 207 Elizabeth Ridge Road, 978-369-8968.

**The Harvest Fair is on Saturday October 15 10am - 2pm:** This year the Harvest Fair will involve the Farmer's Market, craft booths, as well as a Bake Table, Silent Auction, Luncheon Cafe and RE and Country Store booths. Outside on the Common pumpkins will be sold by FRS and the Garden Club in a synergistic revenue-sharing venture. The Junior Youth Group will once again sell locally grown and squeezed apple cider. Please both put the date on your



calendar, and begin thinking about how you can help run this traditional event. If you can help, contact Alison Saylor [saylorfarm@comcast.net](mailto:saylorfarm@comcast.net) or call 978 369 1809 or cell 978 831 3513.

**"Expand the Circle" Dinner - Saturday, October 22nd - 7:00 PM** Our Fall Circle Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 22nd. Small groups get together in a planned potluck dinner at one of our homes. It's a fun way to get to know each other. Please consider inviting a friend or neighbor to come along with you in order to "expand the circle" within our community. Your guests will come to the dinner with you. Hosts provide a main dish and guests will bring the rest (salad, dessert, or bread/wine). Sign up at Coffee Hour or you can email Ann Quenin at the church office ([frs@uucarlisle.org](mailto:frs@uucarlisle.org)). Hosts are needed! Any questions, please contact Pam Fox ([pam\\_woodhull@hotmail.com](mailto:pam_woodhull@hotmail.com)) or Sue Kirk ([sukirk@aol.com](mailto:sukirk@aol.com)). Last day to sign up is Sunday, October 16th. Hope you can join us!

**Holidays Greens Sale:** We are busy shopping for ribbon, ornaments, candy, and molasses for all upcoming workshops. Now, we are looking for many more names on our sign-up sheets or phone calls from you telling us what you will do to help. We have hundreds of customers who come back each year (this is a good thing) to buy beautiful decorative items and gifts. They stay for a delicious lunch at our wonderful café. All their children will once again be photographed with our merry and handsome Santa. We have a demand for our goods! All we need now are salespeople to bring back raffle items, bakers to make gingerbread houses, mathematicians to calculate receipts, designers to create arrangements and wreaths, folks to copy their designs, folks to build small boxwood trees and lots of table and broom movers. **Call Janice Kissinger at 978-369-8968 to sign up.**

**Saturday, November 12, 9:00 am,** Mix dough for gingerbread houses

**Saturday, November 19, 8:00am-5:00pm,** Boxwood Tree workshop, in Union Hall

**Sunday, November 27 at noon,** decorate the Sanctuary

**Wednesday, November 30, all day,** Greens Arrangements Workshop in Union Hall

**Thursday, December 1, all day,** Wreath Decorating Workshop in Union Hall

**Friday, December 2, 8:00am,** Set up and price items for Greens Sale in Union Hall.

**Friday, December 2, 5:00pm,** Pre-order pick up in Union Hall

**Saturday, December 3, 10:00am to 2:00pm,** Greens Sale, in Union Hall

**First alert: Service Auction date confirmed:** The FRS biennial Service Auction will be held on **May 5th, 2012 at 6:00 pm in Union Hall.** Lisa Sama has volunteered to be co-chair of donations but needs someone to help her. Also, we need 2 co-chairs to plan the menu and decorations. Please contact Janice Kissinger at 978-369-8968.

**Our website** has been restored with added security after a summer during which we were a hacker's delight. Unfortunately, the restoration blew away our calendar of events. It is slowly being reconstituted, but we ask for your patience.

**Tap Dance classes move to new day and time – now open to anyone 12 years old and up!** The tap dance classes sponsored by COA are moving to Thursdays at 3 PM in Union Hall and are now open to all. The dates are: **September 29, October 6, 13, 20, 27, and November 3 and 10.** The fee is \$30. Please call the Council on Aging at 978-371-2895 to register:

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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 Sally Hayen at 978-369-7591.



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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 September 19, 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 –October, 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> <b>7am</b> Men's Group <b>3pm</b> Prescott Behn memorial/Sanctuary reception/UH
<b>2</b> <b>9:00</b> Nursery <b>10:00am</b> Worship Service <b>5:30-8:30</b> OWL Union Hall	<b>3</b> Staff 10:45-noon <b>6-10pm</b> Savoyards/UH <b>7pm:</b> EAC downstairs	<b>4</b> 9:15am Underemployed and unemployed support group/Smiling Duck cafe <b>6-10pm</b> Savoyards/UH <b>7pm</b> M&W upstairs	<b>5</b> <b>11:30am</b> Robbins Brooks lunch/UH <b>7pm</b> dance rehearsal/UH <b>7:30pm</b> Choir practice	<b>6</b> <b>3pm</b> COA tap class UH  <b>6-10pm</b> Savoyards/UH	<b>7</b> <b>9:30am</b> COA Line Dance UH <b>6pm:</b> Organic potluck/Union Hall	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>9:00</b> Nursery <b>10:00am</b> Worship Service	<b>10</b> Staff 10:45-noon  <b>6-10pm</b> Savoyards/UH <b>7pm</b> B&G committee downstairs	<b>11</b> 9:15am Underemployed and unemployed support group/Smiling Duck cafe <b>6-10pm</b> Savoyards/UH	<b>12</b> <b>7pm</b> dance rehearsal/UH  <b>7:30pm</b> Choir practice	<b>13</b>  <b>3pm</b> COA tap class UH  <b>6-10pm</b> Savoyards/UH	<b>14</b> <b>9:30am</b> COA Line Dance UH Afternoon: Harvest Fair setup/UH	<b>15</b> <b>10am-2pm</b> Harvest Fair/Union Hall, Red Balloon and grounds
<b>16</b> <b>9:00</b> Nursery <b>10:00am</b> Worship Service <b>2:15</b> Youth Crop Walk/Concord <b>2-5pm</b> Savoyard Orchestra/UH <b>5:30-8:30</b> OWL Union Hall /all classrooms	<b>17</b> Staff 10:45-noon  <b>6-10pm</b> Savoyards/UH	<b>18</b> 9:15am Underemployed and unemployed support group/Smiling Duck cafe <b>noon-3</b> blanket making/Union Hall <b>6-10pm</b> Savoyards/UH	<b>19</b>  <b>6-9pm</b> Gleason Public Library event, Union Hall  <b>7:30pm</b> Choir practice	<b>20</b>  <b>11:30am</b> COA luncheon/Union Hall  <b>3pm</b> COA tap class UH  <b>6-10pm</b> Savoyards/UH	<b>21</b> <b>9:30am</b> COA Line Dance UH  <b>6pm</b> WomenSpirit potluck/Union Hall	<b>22</b>  <b>6pm</b> Circle Dinner/offsite
<b>23</b> <b>9</b> Nursery <b>10:00am</b> Worship Service <b>2-5pm</b> Savoyards Orchestra <b>5:30-8:30</b> OWL	<b>24</b> Staff 10:45-noon  <b>6-10pm</b> Savoyards/UH	<b>25</b> 9:15am Underemployed and unemployed support group/Smiling Duck cafe  <b>6-10pm</b> Savoyards/UH	<b>26</b> <b>7pm</b> dance rehearsal/UH  <b>7:30pm</b> Choir practice	<b>27</b> <b>3pm</b> COA tap class UH  <b>6-10pm</b> Savoyards/UH	<b>28</b> <b>9:30am</b> COA Line Dance UH <b>7pm</b> Beekeepers, UH	<b>29</b> <b>1-5pm</b> Sanctuary and UH reserved for recital
<b>30</b> <b>9:00</b> Nursery <b>10am</b> Service <b>2-5pm</b> Savoyards <b>5:30-OWL</b>	<b>31</b> Staff 10:45-noon <b>6-10pm</b> Savoyards/UH					

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