

NEIGHBOURS & FELLOW CRETURES
The First Religious Society in Carlisle
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"Dianiana" –
Reflections from Rev. Diane Miller

Farewell to our monthly newsletter, "Neighbours & Fellow Cretures." It certainly has had a good long run as a primary communication channel. Its name reached back to Timothy Wilkins' founding gift of land for this church and it lasted into the 21st century. We have back issues in notebooks, a valuable resource and archive of events at the First Religious Society. This is the final paper issue. We are going digital.

This transition from reliance on our monthly paper newsletter has been in the works for some time. We've had a weekly email for years, published on Thursdays. It has been a "reminder" notice of events of the approaching weekend. It was a way to publicize things that came up between issues of "Neighbours and Fellow Cretures." When the weekly email became overly long, and hard to read, we made another shift. Using Constant Contact software, the design was improved to look more like a newsletter on the reader's screen.

The weekly e-news, named the "Meetinghouse Message," has replaced most of what the monthly newsletter in your mailbox once covered. Some of the monthly content is migrating to our website, www.uucarlisle.org. There are some trade-offs, as with all changes. The digital version provides links to additional information, so we can keep the notices brief. The format is designed to be readable on various types of computers. Families can give us multiple email addresses, so each person gets a copy in their email inbox. Readers have the option to unsubscribe at any time, or to change email addresses. The downside is that some people, five so far, have indicated that they don't use email. We will send the Order of Service with its announcements out to them first class on Fridays. We are vulnerable to technological glitches, and are still learning how best to use the new format, so your suggestions are welcome.

Meanwhile, for the last time, we'll be printing and collating in the office, printing the labels, handing it off to volunteers who fold and apply the labels and sealing stickers during Coffee Hour, and give it back to the church office to prepare it for the Post Office. Bulk mail is cheap, so we won't be saving a bundle of money, but we hope to have timely, attractive communications, use less paper, and save staff and volunteer time. Thank you to our loyal "Folders," organized for years by Ellen Huber!

There was an item in the parsonage attic that had to be removed when insulation was added last fall. As it was hauled out I recognized that it was an old addressograph machine – the type that had individual stencil labels. A hand crank ran an ink roller over the stencil and the address was printed. Our communications technology has evolved many times over the decades, beginning with the clock and the bell to let people know it was time to come to church. We've adapted new methods as they come along, and fit our needs. Here is yet another transition.

More change is coming. We will be sending out the weekly Meetinghouse Message early Monday morning. The deadline will be Thursday at noon, it will be prepared on Friday, and sent on Monday. And who knows what improvements will follow? Stay tuned!

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Upcoming Worship Services

Sundays at 10 o'clock
The Nursery opens at 9:00 am
Choir Rehearsal at 9:15 am

SUNDAYS and SPECIAL SERVICES in May

May 4 (Saturday) Ordination of Linda Simmons by First Church Boston and First Religious Society at 2:30 pm at First Church Boston, 66 Marlborough St.

May 5 "Transitions of Gender." The "T" in the Welcoming Congregation affirmation and advocacy for LBGTQ justice represents a broad spectrum of experience of people who do not fit into binary gender identities. Over this church year we have offered a film series on transgender themes, and we have learned a great deal. The service will be presented by Margaret Darling, Jenn Stephens, and Rev. Diane Miller. On this First Sunday, children will begin in Union Hall. The Spiritual Journeys speaker will be Richard Ketchen. Weather permitting, there will be a fire drill at the end of the service.

May 12th, "Coming of Age" This multigenerational service, led by the 9th grade Coming of Age class, will feature the credo statements of belief of two students, Asia Forcucci and Lucy Hill. These have been crafted over the last four months with the help of their mentors and their Coming of Age leader Linda Simmons. Come celebrate Mother's Day with children older than 5th grade invited to attend the service. Younger children will be planting seeds in the church gardens and making seed-infused cards for Mother's Day.

May 19 "Balance, Momentum, Timing: The State of the Church 2013." Rev. Diane Miller. A sermon reflecting on our mission and goals. Susan Jackson, flutist, and Margaret Darling, pianist, will provide special music. This will be the final Sunday when Linda Simmons will be with us, so look for a cake during Coffee Hour. The Annual Meeting will follow.

May 26 "Flower Sunday." An intergenerational service with nursery provided for younger children. The annual Flower Ceremony on Memorial Day weekend is a tradition of bringing individual flowers to create a bouquet, and then taking a flower at the conclusion of the service. Rev. Diane Miller will have a homily related to the story of the flowers. Marguerite Shaw and the Choir will have a rare Sunday off, and Margaret Darling will provide the music. If weather cooperates, we will enjoy Social Hour outdoors.

Message from the Director of Religious Education

May is our month to pull together all the projects we have been working on in this Unitarian Universalist themed year. With help from the children we will put away all the colonial, angel and devil costumes from dramatizing the UU hero John Murray who brought Universalism to the colonies. This will give us another opportunity to reflect on the metaphor of devils and angels and how Universalism was so very different from the Calvinist views of the preachers in the American colonies in the 1770s.

The Easter coins will be counted and then spent on Heifer Project animals, and we will practice safe evacuations from the church. We will plant seeds in the church gardens as older children attend the May 12 Coming of Age service. There will be a field trip to the House of Hope homeless shelter in Lowell to play with the resident children and leave them with our homemade play dough gifts made this past winter. We end the month with a multigenerational Flower Communion service.

We are making plans for next year where the theme will be World Religions. If you have any knowledge of a World Religion you are willing to share, or can suggest a visitor to come to our RE classes (either as themselves or as a character) then please let me know.

Namaste,

Alison Saylor, **Director of Religious Education**

Alison Saylor can be reached by phone at 978-369-5180 or by e-mail at DRE@uucarlisle.org

Announcement of Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the First Religious Society will be held on Sunday, May 19, 2013, at 11:00 AM in Union Hall. All are welcome to attend although only members in good standing may vote.

This meeting is called by the Parish Committee: John Lyons, Paul Morrison, Muggsie Rocco, Christine Lear, Eric Darling, Stew Roberts and Mary Hult.

Committee Chairs: Your written annual report is due May 6th.

Office Hours

Church Office Hours:

Monday- 8:30 to 9:30am
10:30am to 12:30pm

Tuesday - 8:30am to 12:30pm

Closed Wednesday

Thursday 8am to 12:00pm
1pm to 4pm

Friday 8am to 12:00pm
1pm to 4pm

In an emergency, call the church administrator, Ann Quenin on her cell phone: 781-820-2783.

Minister's Office Hours

The minister, Rev. Diane Miller, is generally in the minister's study on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Monday is her day off and Fridays are usually sermon preparation.

If you want to be sure to find her, call or email ahead. 617-851-8222. minister@uucarlisle.org

FRS Programs and Announcements

Joined. Welcome to new members who joined the congregation on Sunday, March 24th: Marion Hale, Margot Morse, Katherine Sorrows, Pauline Arms, and Joan Sarcia. We also recognized John Redding, who signed the book earlier in this church year.

Sponsor your FRS walkers: Ann James and Ellen Huber will be doing the 45th Walk for Hunger in Boston on Sunday, May 5. This Project Bread organized event supports more than 430 community food programs, including the major funding for the Open Pantry of Greater Lowell.

Boiler Replacement Update from the Building and Grounds Committee: We have received the funds for the boiler replacement project and expect the work will take place sometime in May. We don't foresee any disruption of scheduled programs. Again we would like to express our appreciation to the person(s) who are anonymously funding this project. Your generosity has warmed our hearts as well as our building.

Music for SPARK. Save the evening of Thursday, May 30, 7:30 PM SPARK stands for Supporting Parents and Resilient Kids. For many years we have presented an evening of instrumental and vocal music that benefits this program to help Boston's highest-risk children build brighter tomorrows. It provides therapeutic, medically-specialized programs for children of all ages, based on the philosophy that all children are resilient and able to take control of their futures. SPARK makes long-term investments in fragile children -- helping them to believe in themselves, make healthy choices, cope with emotional problems, achieve in school and gain success as adults. The First Religious Society has supported this effort (formerly called Children with AIDS Program) for twenty-three years with this concert performed by musicians from our church and First Church in Belmont, MA. The two congregations are connected not only by denomination but also family, friends, and ministers. Diane Miller has served as minister at both churches and Victor Carpenter, who was interim minister at FRS was also minister at First Church for many years. The music directors at Belmont and Carlisle are sisters. Our churches share this history, and also a deep concern for children and families at risk in the Boston area. If you can show your support in any way it will be appreciated by SPARK and the musicians. Thank you.
Marguerite Shaw, Minister of Music

Carlisle Resilience: Carlisle Resilience, the group for job seekers sponsored by FRS and led by John Redding, Michael Dundorf, and Diane Miller, has concluded its weekly meetings. The final weekly session was on Tuesday, April 30th at 10 AM in Union Hall. The on-line group on Yahoo will remain in place to share job notices and announcements. Occasional programs may be offered as topics or speakers are identified. Carlisle Resilience has been meeting weekly for over two years to provide a place for people seeking employment. It has had a good run!

World Religions Class. The adult World Religions class taught by Linda Simmons began last month but you can still sign up for the remaining classes. There will be 3 more classes, Thursday May 9 (Buddhism), May 16 (Christianity) and May 23 (Islam) All classes meet from 3-5pm. If you have questions or would like to sign up, please email Linda at lsimmons@mail.harvard.edu

Looking Ahead: On Monday evening, June 3, Peter Greer, President of Hope International, a micro-financing organization will be talking at the church about his work. Peter now lives in Pennsylvania but grew up in Carlisle. Former Carlisle Congregational Church pastor Keith Greer is his father and his mother Bonnie was active in many town organizations and events. Look for more information about this Social Action Committee sponsored event in the weekly emails later this month.

Thanks to those who have pledged for 2013-14....

We're getting close! We now have \$121,555.00 in Pledges for 2013-14 from 78 families. We believe that with 100% participation we can reach our goal and maintain the programs enjoyed by each of us in the FRS community. It's not too late to pledge. We will begin drafting the final budget next week. See the website, uucarlisle.org, under Stewardship and Giving, to make a pledge and read recent talks on warmth and generosity. Thanks to those who have already pledged!

Kathleen and Matt Aeschliman	Susan and Michael Lohrer
Pauline Arms	Liz and Steve Loutrel
Dave and Max Barber	John and Helen Lyons
Gertrud Behn	Rev. Diane Miller
Carl and Nina Benkley	Art Milliken
Jenifer and Jack Bush/O'Connor	Paul Morrison
Douglas Carmichael	Margot and Guillaume Morse / Blin
Donna and Jim Carter	Hannelore and Gordon Munson
Sally and Jim Coulter/ Pope	Linda and Steve Myers-Tierney
Eric and Margaret Darling	Bob and Lyn Oleksiak
Lillian and Angelo DeBenedictis	Janet and Michael Oyer
Michael Dundorf	Alison Plante
Susan and Don Emmons	Elizabeth and Maris Platais
Jeannie Geneczko	Santo Pullara
Andi and Jim Gettys	Ann Quenin
Roger and Florence Goulet	John Redding
Stephanie Hackbarth	Ruth and Bill Reeder
Pamela and Bruce Hall	Fontaine Richardson
Ken and Marilyn Harte	Frank Rigg
Nancy and Steve Hartle/ Tobin	Barbara Ritz
Sally Hayen	Stewart & Karla Roberts-Johnson
Heather and Tom Hedden	Muggsie and Greg Rocco
Nancy Hendrie	Elizabeth and Edward Saef
Steve Herbst	Joan Sarcia
Terry and Eva Herndon	Janice and Peter Saul
Shannon and Ann Hill-Jackson	Alison and Mike Saylor
Ernie and Ellen Huber	Jackie and Jeff Schaefer
Mary and Tim Hult	Marguerite Shaw
Natalie and Dave Ives	Joe Sheedy
Harland Jackson	Carolyn and Richard Shoheit
John and Ann James	Amy and Kent Smack
Joe and Deb Jancek	Susan and John Stengrevics
John and Norma Japp	Marje and Dave Stickler
Lenny and Marjorie Johnson	Alix and Rich Taylor
Sue and Steve Kirk	Ray and Helen Taylor
Bob and Mary Lou Koning	Glen Urban
Bob and Theresa Kvietkauskas	Sylvia Willard
Christine and Alan Lear	Pam Woodhull
Ed and Elizabeth LeClair	Mary Zoll

Denominational News

Fred Small "Everything Possible" Concert Friday, May 17 at 7:30pm. Fred Small will perform a special benefit concert at First Parish in Cambridge, Unitarian Universalist, which he now serves as minister. The concert will celebrate the 30th anniversary of Fred's beloved anthem of universal love and acceptance, "Everything Possible" (*Singing the Journey* #1019). Tickets at 800-838-3006 or at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/339953

With Gratitude

“Thanks to the Social Action Committee and FRS for the donation of \$500 to Ecclesia Ministries *common cathedral*. Your generous support enables us ...to continue advocating for and with un-housed people toward ending the condition of homelessness.” *The Rev. Kathy McAdams, Executive Director*

“Thank you for your generous donation of over \$1,500 to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell...Your contribution will go directly to support an Interfaith Build in the new Lowell Revitalization project.” *Bill Mersch, Interfaith Committee, H4HGL*

“Enclosed is a donation of \$25...for use by the Environmental Action Committee. I am giving this...because Ernie Huber, has kindly donated 2 jars of honey for 2 families that my husband and I will be visiting in Croatia. Rather than let me pay him for the honey, he suggested that I send a donation to the church.” *Judith Ferretti*

Community Events

Carlisle First Responder Appreciation Day, Sunday afternoon, May 5, 2:00 pm, at the Carlisle School Upper Plaza. to thank our Fire, Police and Communications Departments for their work in Boston and for their ongoing dedication to our community 365/24/7. The program will begin promptly at 2:00 when we will recognize all of our emergency personnel in a light program – light on politics, light on speeches, light on drama – but heavy on appreciation. Refreshments will be provided. This is a volunteer event. Contact Larry Bearfield to get involved.

As a special treat, before and after the "formal" program, the Fire and Police Departments will have vehicles on site for a Touch-A-Truck for the kids... a great opportunity for kids to be exposed to our emergency personnel in a friendly, positive environment.

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 in need of this support, or know of someone who needs this support, the Pastoral Concerns contact for February is Sally Hayen, 978-369-7591.



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.

Communications

- This is the last *Neighbours & Fellow Creatures* you will receive. (See Diane’s column on the front page).
- To receive the weekly newsletter, “Meetinghouse Message” send a note to frs@uucarlisle.org

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For a complete calendar of meetings and activities here at FRS please go to the church calendar on our 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

Greeter Committee: Eva Herndon, Nancy West, Karen Dunkers, Tom Dunkers
Flower Committee: Pam Hall, Alison Saylor
Coffee Committee: Pam Fox

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 11:30am COA luncheon 2:45-3:45pm COA tap class 7pm dance rehearsal/UH 7:30pm choir rehearsal	2	3 Red Balloon Open House	4 7-9am Men's Group, UH 2:30pm Linda Simmons ordination, 1 st Parish Boston
5 9:00 Nursery 9:15 choir prac. 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Coffee Hour 1-3pm Coming of Age upstairs	6 7:00pm EAC meeting	7 9:00am Staff 7:00pm Music & Worship Comm.	8 2:45-3:45pm COA tap class 7pm dance rehearsal/UH 7:30pm choir rehearsal	9 3:00-5:00pm World Religions class	10 6:30pm: potluck and Contra dance/UH	11
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19 9:00 Nursery . 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Annual Meeting	20	21 9:00am Staff 7:30pm Parish Committee mtg	22 2:45-3:45pm COA tap UH 7pm dance rehearsal/UH 7:30pm choir rehearsal	23 3:00-5:00pm World Religions class	24	25 5-10PM private event, Union Hall
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