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Newsletter for June 11, 2007

Church Service and Sunday School: Regular church services and Sunday school will resume on September 9, 2007.

Dates and details of church events on the Calendar on page 7 in this newsletter.

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While we know you will be off enjoying the beautiful weather and ease of the summer months we want to remind you of a few very important events that will be taking place here at FRS:

August 26 Drop in and meet the Interim Minister from 10:00am to noon.

September 8 Join us for a pot luck lunch and meet the Interim Minister from noon to 2:00pm

October 14 Our guest speaker will be **Dr. William F. Schulz.**

From the refugee camps of Darfur, Sudan, to the poorest villages in India; from the prison cells of Monrovia, Liberia, to the business suites of Hong Kong to Louisiana's death row, Dr. William F. Schulz has traveled the globe in pursuit of a world free from human rights violations. As Executive Director of Amnesty International USA from 1994-2006, Dr. Schulz headed the American section of the world's oldest and largest international human rights organization. He is currently a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress in Washington, DC, where he works in the area of religion and public policy and oversees a project designed to provide a blueprint for human rights policy for the next US administration. During 2006-07 he served as a Fellow at the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

An ordained Unitarian Universalist minister, Dr. Schulz came to Amnesty after serving for fifteen years with the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (UUA), the last eight (1985-93) as President of the Association. As President, he led the first visit by a U. S. Member of Congress to post-revolutionary Romania in January, 1991, two weeks after the fall of Nicolae Ceausescu. That delegation was instrumental in the subsequent improvement in the rights of religious and ethnic minorities in Romania.

Dr. Schulz has served on the boards of People for the American Way, Planned Parenthood Federation of America and the International Association for Religious Freedom, the world's oldest international interfaith organization. He is currently Chair of the Board of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Dr. Schulz is a *Phi Beta Kappa* graduate of Oberlin College, holds a master's degree in philosophy from the University of Chicago and the Doctor of Ministry degree from Meadville/Lombard Theological School (at the University of Chicago). He is listed in *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in the East*.

**UNION HALL COFFEEHOUSE
SATURDAY, JUNE 16**

Union Hall Coffeehouse: Saturday, June 16, 2007 - EJ Ouellette & Crazy Maggy Led by EJ Ouellette on fiddle, guitar and vocals, Crazy Maggy rocks the roots of traditional fiddle music by blending ancient melodies with new arrangements, contemporary lyrics, and a myriad of dance grooves. The result is a mesmerizing sound which seduces audiences with its energy and invention. Crazy Maggy's fiddle-driven grooves and jams never leave its audience unsatisfied, and they just keep coming back for more. There are five performers in the EJ Ouellette & Crazy Maggie band. Reservations are highly recommended. Tickets: \$16. Show time 7:30 PM. Doors open at 7:00 PM. The Cafe will be open and selling lots of delicious pastries and coffees. Contact: dian@unionhallcoffeehouse.com , or 978-287-5745. Check out our ever-changing website: www.unionhallcoffeehouse.com See you, along with Crazy Maggy on June 16th! B.Y.O.B.

**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
JUNE 21st**

Strawberry Festival will be June 21st: Mark your calendars and join us at the Strawberry Festival on June 21st at 6:00pm in the church yard. Upcoming Strawberry Festival activities include:

- **Biscuit Making Workshop** at 9:00am on Wednesday, June 20 in the kitchen. Please bring biscuit cutters, rolling pins, measuring spoons and cups.
- **Strawberry Hulling** at 9:00am on Thursday, June 21 in Union Hall. Please bring paring knives and aprons.
- **Table and Chair Set Up** at 5:15pm on Thursday, June 21. Looking for strong men for this project.
- **Whipping Cream Helpers** are needed in church kitchen starting at 5:30pm on Thursday, June 21. All will need to borrow 1 or 2 large mixers.
- **People To Serve Strawberry Shortcake** in 2 shifts. The first shift is from 5:45pm to 7:00pm and the second shift is from 7:00pm to 8:15pm.

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Our thoughts go out to Rev. Jensen and his family following the death of his mom. Tim was able to get out to the west coast to be with his mom and his family.

Please view the FRS calendar on our website under “Calendar”.

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.

If you would like to be added to or removed from the newsletter mailing list please call or email the church office.

**INTERGENERATIONAL LEARN
TO KNIT NIGHT, Monday, June 25
7:30pm, Union Hall**

Knitting in Service (KIS), a multi-age, multi-faith group will kick off our 2nd year of a year-round knitting project. Join our monthly group and/or knit (or crochet) at home on your own year-round for those in need. Peer knitting instructions and support will be available at meetings. Feel free to bring friends; all ages welcome. Refreshments will be served.

We will celebrate having knit over 100 items for those in need over the last year. We invite others to join us in our current work on three easy-to-knit projects:

- Scarves and hats for Boston's homeless through Common Cathedral – given as Christmas presents, to be turned in December 1.
- Slippers for Boston's homeless women at Women's Lunch Place – given monthly for birthday presents, to be turned in several times a year.
- Newborn Baby hats to dramatically improve survival rate in impoverished Africa

Patterns are available or use your favorites. Bring your own needles and yarn. Clean out any closets of any extra yarn or extra needles for donation. Bring on June 25 or call FRS at 369-5180 or email lindamt@comcast.net to arrange drop off at FRS or pickup if needed.

STAFF AND OFFICE SCHEDULE

Church Office Hours: The church office will be open limited hours during the summer months. Please email or leave a message.

Minister Office Hours: Tim is generally available at church most mornings when the church office is open and other times by appointment. It is always a good idea to call in advance. You can reach him at 978-369-0284 (study or home), 503-816-2859 (cell) or by email at uucleric@mindspring.com.

Director of Religious Education: Molly Sorrows, DRE and Youth Advisor, can be reached by email (frs_re@comcast.net) or phone (church, 978-369-5180; home, 978-371-2217).

Music Rehearsals Schedule

All rehearsals will resume in the fall.

PROGRAM NEWS

Pastoral Concerns Committee: 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 Nadine Bishop at 978-369-5080 during the month of June, Muggsie Rocco at 978-371-2656 during the month of July and Sally Naumann at 978-369-3314 during the month of August.

Annual WomenSpirit Dessert Party - Sunday, June 17th - 7:00 - Nancy West's house (303 Bedford Road). All women are welcome to come to our annual dessert party where we'll get caught up before the summer arrives and do some planning for next fall. Please feel free to bring a friend and a favorite dessert. Bring along any ideas for programs, discussion topics, books/readings, movies, etc. that you'd like to suggest for the fall and winter months. Any questions, please call Sue Kirk 371-0176 or sukirk@aol.com.

June 17: Last scheduled service of the church year. Join us as we celebrate Father's Day with music from The Choir and The Jazz Trio.

**COMMON CATHEDRAL VISIT
JULY 29**

Save the Date: Sunday, July 29: For our July 29 service we will once again visit Common Cathedral in Boston and provide lunch for the congregants. Linda Myers-Tierney organized FRS participation in a service and lunch during the spring of '06 and arranged for Rev. Joan Murray to speak last fall to our congregation about Common Cathedral. Our congregation responded enthusiastically to her talk and contributed over \$450 to the program.

The Social Action Committee is organizing the second visit to the Common Cathedral. We need many helpers ahead of time and about 25 to participate in Boston on July 29. We need at least fifteen sandwich makers to make ten sandwiches each. Linda has offered to once again coordinate an intergenerational cookie baking party at the church the week before the 29th. She is also asking for people to donate a batch of cookie dough that can then be baked and packaged by the group. Donations of a huge sheet cake that will give each of 150+ people a small piece and fruit and fruit juice are also needed. ... and if you will be away that week, there are other options -- you may contribute nonperishable individually wrapped snack packs of crackers, granola bars, etc. or cash for a Costco trip the week before. Sign up lists will be out at coffee hour.

Please call social action members Nadine Bishop (369-5080) or Ellen Huber (369-6678) if you have any questions, can help out or participate in any way.

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.

Local Non-Profit Agencies' Needs (Where to Donate Goods)

Winter/Spring 2007 Please save for reference Thanks to list compilers Charann Brown and Nadine Bishop

Household Goods Recycling www.hgrm.org

530 Main St., Acton, MA 01720, 978-635-1763

Open for drop off: Thurs. & Sat., 9 a.m.- noon; open Mon. through Sat., 9 a.m. - noon

Accepts donations from all sources and distributes those goods to families in need.

Need: Household goods of all kinds, kitchen equipment, bedding and bath items, baby and children's furniture. No clothes. Carlisle contact: Carol Foster, 978-369-2276. \$25 fee for pick up of large items.

Lowell Transitional Living Center

189 Middlesex St., Lowell, MA, 978-458-9888

Contact: Sharon Gianacos, Program Manager

Temporary shelter for 90 men and women. Services include: counseling, GED, job search assistance, housing search assistance, overnight bed and meals.

Need: Blankets, shoes, sneakers, boots, men's clothing, particularly in larger sizes and emphasis on light weight jackets and sweatshirts, bar soap, shampoo and face cloths. Twin size mattresses. Also, plastic pillow case covers, plastic mattress covers, toiletries, towels. (Needs vary according to the season.) Call for pick ups also.

House of Hope

812 Merrimack St., Lowell, MA, 978-458-2870

Temporary shelter for families

Need: Cleaning goods, such as Tide, Cascade, Clorox Wipes, Lysol Spray, etc. Also, paper and plastic goods, such as trash bags, zip lock bags, paper towels, tissues, cups. Also, personal care items, such as tooth paste, tooth brushes, shampoo and conditioner. Also bed pillows, crib sheets, shower curtains, pillow protectors, car seats, vacuum cleaners, birthday wrapping paper, juice boxes, bottled juice, new towel sets, twin and full size bedding. (no pickups)

Merrimack House

423 Pawtucket St., Lowell, MA, 978-458-8853

Temporary shelter for families

Need: Umbrellas, flashlights, measuring tapes, small tool kits, first aid kits, tooth brushes, tooth paste, shampoo, alarm clocks, diapers, paper plates, paper towels, toilet tissue, napkins, children's bedding (no furniture). No pickups.

Milly's Place

360 Pawtucket St., Lowell, MA, 978-452-5410

Temporary shelter for women and children

Need: Diapers, paper goods, canned goods, cleaning products, household items, all types of bedding, gift cards, wipes and personal items. Wal-Mart gift cards preferred. No pickups.

Rosie's Place

889 Harrison Ave., Boston, MA, 617-442-9322 (no pick ups)

Temporary shelter for women and children

Need: Women's in-season clean clothes, new toiletries, adult and children's books, towels, washcloths, heavy duty coffee mugs, school supplies and cell phones with batteries. (No shoes please)

Big Brother Big Sister: Boston

1-800-483-5503 Call and they will schedule pickup time

Need: Clothing, small household items such as small appliances, clocks, curtains, sheets, blankets, boxed dishes, toys, cell phones and appliances.

Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association

2 Pine St. (tentatively at this new location after July 2007), Lowell, MA, 978-596-1000

Improves the quality of life for Cambodian-Americans and other ethnic minorities through educational, cultural, social, community, and economic development efforts

Need: furniture, household goods, clothes (after July, 2007)

Cradles to Cravons

www.cradlestocravons.org

North Quincy, MA, 617-471-8417

Puts new and gently used children's items into the hands of Boston families who need them most

Need: Clothes, books, baby layettes and safety equipment, toys, child furniture, sports equipment, bikes, other school equipment. 9:00am to 3:00pm Monday through Friday. Go to website for local collecting and events.

Delta Projects, Inc.

123 Highland Avenue, Needham, MA 02494, 781-449-8545

Supports those with developmental delays, providing supervised living and job opportunities.

Need: Sturdy items, furniture and household goods to set up housekeeping. Will also take clothing.

Alternative House

Accepts used toys and books for all ages. They are also in need of new items such new clothing, gift cards to grocery stores or K-mart, movie or museum passes and snacks.

Contact the Donations Coordinator at 978-937-5777 to arrange for pick-up or drop-off. Will take towels, diapers and personal items for women.

Donate your car, truck, boat to Alternative House. Call 1-866-949-3668.

Charities that Accept Book Donations

Gleason Library's booksale: each June. 978-369-4898.

Paperbacks: Billerica Correctional Facility. 978-932-3235 (Dan Lee).

GotBooks.com picks up books; raises money for local charities. 978-664-6555.

Children's books: Family Literacy Center, Lowell. Drop off M-F. 978-970-5410.

Children's books: Community Team Work, Lowell. 978-454-5100x102 (Cindy).

Specific Items:

Banquet Food: Greater Boston Food Bank, 617-427-5200 or Boston Rescue Mission, 617-482-8819.

Prom Dresses and shoes for girls and women, Bridesmaids Dresses: The Fairy Godmother Project of Mass.

508-824-7748 (dial 3).

Cars: Aids Action Committee, Big Brother/Big Sister, Salvaton Army, WBUR and many others.

Cell Phones: Staples, Verizon Wireless, The Wireless Foundation to be passed on to others.

Computers: TecsChange, 617-442-4456.

Eyeglasses: the nearest Lenscrafters or Perle Vision to be recycled.

Appliances: Big Brother/Big Sister, Good Will, Salvation Army, Society of St. Vincent De Paul.

Toiletries: all shelters and the Salvation Army in Lowell on Appleton Street.