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**FRS 2012 Mid-Winter Party**

*Saturday, January 21, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.*

The FRS Hospitality Committee is again hosting a mid-winter party. David and Gillian Chatfield have graciously offered their home, as the venue for this event, on Saturday, January 21, from 6:00 to 9:00 in the evening.

Space is limited, so please call Vicki Dyer at the church office, (978) 465-0602, if you are planning to attend, to let her know the number of people in your party and what dish you plan to bring. This is an adults-only event.

The Hospitality Committee will provide soft drinks, coffee and tea. Those who prefer wine or other beverages must provide their own.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday evening, January 21.

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**FRS Open Space Meeting**

*After Church Service on January 22*

In the Sanctuary

If you have a suggestion for the uses of the funds generously provided by the Edith Maria Stern Trust or if you are interested in the uses that others may suggest, please come to this meeting. It will be a time to dream, to find agreement, and to understand our own rich beneficial imagination. For more information on this process, see the FRS website:

[http://www.frsuu.org/Application for Funds.pdf](http://www.frsuu.org/Application%20for%20Funds.pdf)

On first being informed of the generous gift to the FRS by Maria Stern, one parishioner wrote in, "I don't have a proposal, nor will I. I just want to express one member's appreciation for the wonderful generosity of another." Come and hear about the possible fruits of that generosity.

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**Lunch with the Minister**

*Tuesday, January 24, at Noon*

Lunch with the Minister will meet next on Tuesday, January 24. The short story for discussion will be "Africa Kills Her Sun," by Ken Saro-Wiwa. We meet at noon in the lower meeting house. All are welcome. (There will be no Lunch with the Minister on the 31st).

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**Immigration Matters**

*Wednesday, February 1, at 7:00 p.m.*

in the Lower Meetinghouse

The next meeting of "Immigration Matters" Study Group will be on Wednesday February 1 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. The speakers will be Franco Majok and Deana Lozano, social workers at Lutheran Social Services of New England.

Lutheran Social Services is the agency authorized to bring orphaned children from refugee camps in Africa and Asia to Massachusetts and be their guardians once they are here. These children are escaping violence, wars, famines, neglect, abuse, persecution, or captivity. They are only looking for safety, hope, and a home. However, before these children can be sponsored and rescued, the agency must find foster families in Massachusetts who are willing to shelter them once they arrive at the airport.

Franco Majok, himself a former refugee from South Sudan who helped settle "The Lost Boys of Sudan," and Deana Lozano will be talking about the typical refugee children that have come here and about what they have gone through before they came. They will give examples of children that have been rescued and how well they have done once they are placed with nurturing and loving foster parents. Some of these former refugee children are now in college. Many of these are sad stories with happy endings.

Immigration Matters is a study group that focuses on various issues regarding legal immigrants to the United States. It meets monthly and is free and open to the public.

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**A Request from Peggy Mays**

*on behalf of the FRS Historical Committee*

We wish to know of any persons presently in FRS who are descendants of the below named from the 18th century. Any such descendants are invited to call me, Peggy Mays with whatever information they have.

Samuel Batchelder  
J Bromfield  
Nathaniel Carter  
William Coffin  
Daniel Dole

Daniel Farnham  
Moses Frazer  
Stephen Hooper  
James Hudson  
Jonathan Jackson

John Lowell  
David Moody  
John Sprague  
John Stickney  
John Stone

John Titcomb  
Nath. Tracy  
Patrick Tracy

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**Hungry People Need Help**

*from the FRS Community Human Services Committee*

Throughout February the Community Human Services Committee will be collecting canned and packaged food and personal items for Pettingill House. Please contribute by leaving food items on the table in the vestibule or with donations of cash and we will shop for you. All the food pantries are in desperate need this year. For more information, please call Carol Kilty.

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**First Open Stage**  
*Saturday, February 4*  
Parish Hall

First Open Stage will take place on Saturday evening, February 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Parish Hall. This intergenerational church coffee house and open mic provides an opportunity for youngsters to share their talents in a friendly, supportive venue.

Bring your stories, music, poetry, dance and skits. All ages are welcome to attend and participate. Our young church members (under age twelve) are particularly encouraged to join us in the company of a parent. Parents are welcome to perform with their children. Adults may also perform material appealing to the young audience.

For more information, write to Mark Snelling ([mark.snelling@ymail.com](mailto:mark.snelling@ymail.com)); or simply come join us!

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**The Return of Fit Club**  
from FRS Member Cyd Raschke

How would you like to light up 2012 with some cardio exercise followed by luxurious stretching? This winter's free Fit Club series at 26 Pleasant Street in Newburyport will move to Tuesdays at 6:30 from January 31 through March 27. We will explore the HIIT workouts in Turbo Fire--as trainer Chalene Johnson describes:

"In High Intensity Interval Training (HIIT), you'll work out at your max for up to 1-minute intervals with quick periods of rest to ignite your metabolism and burn 9x more fat than with traditional cardio. The AfterBurn effect will have you burning extra calories for up to 24 hours after your workout."

The shorter workouts allow time for extra stretching to keep the time under an hour on your busy weeknights. And as always, I will highlight a low-impact version of all moves.

Hope to see you in Fit Club!

*Cyd Raschke, Increase Stamina, Immunity and Strength (ISIS)*  
*Fitness: [www.beachbodycoach.com/cydira](http://www.beachbodycoach.com/cydira) — Nutrition: [www.shakeology.com/cydira](http://www.shakeology.com/cydira)*  
*Contact: [facebook.com/cydira](https://www.facebook.com/cydira) — [cydira@beachbodycoach.com](mailto:cydira@beachbodycoach.com)*

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**Corporate Personhood, Campaign Finance Reform and Move to Amend**  
Social Justice Committee Event at UU Church of Haverhill  
*on Saturday, January 21st from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

On January 21, 2010, with its ruling in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, the Supreme Court ruled that corporations are persons and opened the flood gates for corporate control of elections. Please join the Haverhill UU Social Justice Committee on Saturday January 21st on the second anniversary of this ruling to discuss the role of money in politics and how we can help to change campaign finance and be a part of the movement to amend the constitution across the country.

We will first view Harvard University Professor Lawrence Lessig's lecture (50 minutes) on "How Money Corrupts Congress and a Plan to Stop It" from his book *Republic, Lost*, followed by discussion and action on "Move to Amend and Campaign Finance Reform" proposals. This topic was voted as the number one issue of interest by our Congregation on the Social Justice survey last spring. You are recommended to read Lawrence Lessig's book before the event. Snow date for this event is Saturday, January 28th. Please contact Demet Haksever ([dhaksev@comcast.net](mailto:dhaksev@comcast.net)) or Richard Symth ([rsmyth64@yahoo.com](mailto:rsmyth64@yahoo.com)) for any questions.

*Members of the FRS will see that this outreach in Haverhill closely parallels the one covered in our Documentaries and Discussion meeting of January 18. Great UU minds thinking alike?*

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**Bill McKibben comes to Exeter**  
*Thursday, January 26th, at 7:00 p.m.*  
Congregational Church in Exeter, UCC, 21 Front Street  
[www.exetercongregation.org](http://www.exetercongregation.org)

Join today's leading voice on Climate Change, Bill McKibben, in our vestry for an intimate conversation on what is happening to our weather, and how taking a more local stance can help. Bill has authored a dozen books on the environment, including *Eaarth* and *Deep Economy*, and holds a dozen honorary degrees. In 2011 he was elected a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is currently a Scholar in Residence at Middlebury in Vermont. He leads the 350.org movement which successfully marshaled the opposition to the Keystone/Tar Sands project last fall.

Find out more at [www.billmckibben.com](http://www.billmckibben.com).

"We the People" is a free lecture and film series, sponsored by the Congregational, Episcopal, and UU churches of Exeter, in cooperation with Phillips Exeter Academy. Upcoming We the People lectures: author James Carroll on February, 20, 2012, and author Warren Farrell on March 29, 2012.

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**CALENDAR**

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**PLEASE NOTE: This is a listing of events held at the FRS and of interest to FRS parishioners. It does not include room rentals or other non FRS meetings. If you need to see the entire calendar of room usage at our buildings, please see our website calendar at [www.frsuu.org](http://www.frsuu.org).**

**Friday, January 20**

10:00am - Friday Morning Book Discussion (CONF)  
1:00pm - Staff Meeting (CONF)  
7:00pm - FINCH Coffeehouse (PH)

**Saturday, January 21**

9:00am - R.E. Visioning Retreat (off site)  
9:00am - Membership Committee Meeting (CONF)  
6:00pm - FRS Mid-Winter Party

**Sunday, January 22**

9:00am - Teen Choir (PH-2)  
9:00am - Adult Choir (Choir Room)  
9:40am - Young Church Choir (PH-2)  
10:15am - OWL (MH-A&B)  
10:30am - Sunday Service  
10:30am - Young Church Classes  
11:30am - Open Space Meeting (SANC)  
11:30am - Soup Sunday  
4:00pm - Wilson Series Concert (SANC)  
Peter Sykes, harpsicord

**Monday, January 23**

10:00am - Shared Ministry Group: Turner (CONF)  
6:30pm - Buddhist Meditation Group (MH-A&B)  
7:00pm - Building and Grounds Committee (CONF)

**Tuesday, January 24**

12:00pm - Lunch with the Minister (MH-A&B)  
6:30pm - Governance Task Force (CONF)  
7:30pm - Creative Writing (MH-A&B)

**Thursday, January 26**

7:30pm - Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

**Friday, January 27**

10:00am - Friday Morning Book Discussion (CONF)  
12:00pm - Steeple Biweekly Deadline

**Sunday, January 29**

9:00am - Teen Choir (PH-2)  
9:00am - Adult Choir (Choir Room)  
9:00am - Membership Overview Breakfast (LMH)  
9:40am - Young Church Choir (PH-2)  
10:15am - OWL (MH-A&B)  
10:30am - Sunday Service (SANC) - Jen Meagher  
10:30am - Young Church Classes

**Monday, January 30**

6:30pm - Buddhist Meditation Group (MH-A&B)

**Tuesday, January 31**

7:00am - Executive Committee (MH-A&B)  
6:30pm - Cardio and Fitness Class: Raschke (LMH)  
7:30pm - Creative Writing (MH-A&B)

**Wednesday, February 1**

**Black History Month and Women's History Month**

7:00pm - Immigration Matters (MH-A&B)  
8:00pm - Jazz Vespers (SANC)

**Thursday, February 2**

7:30pm - Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

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**SANC = Sanctuary | PH = Parish Hall (1 = lower floor, 2 = upper floor) | LMH = Lower Meetinghouse Hall  
MH = Lower Meetinghouse classrooms (A, B, C, and D) and conference room (CONF)**

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