



Middlebury Friends Meeting

August/Sept
2016

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to Quaker Meeting...*

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“Summer’s lease hath all too short a date.”

— WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

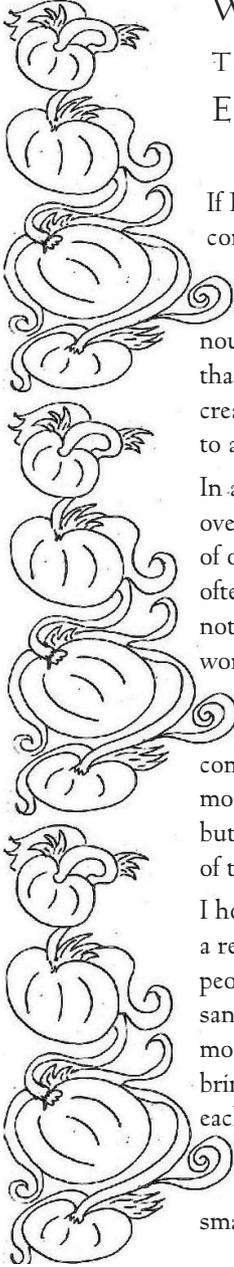
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QUAKER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 6-11		NEYM sessions at Castleton University
Sun, Aug 7	11:30 AM	Fellowship Committee at Havurah
Thurs Aug 11	12 noon	Pastoral Care Committee at Norm Tjossem's
Sun, Aug 14	12 noon	summer picnic at Branbury Beach, Salisbury Rain date, Aug. 21
Thurs, Aug 18	8:30 AM	ICAN at Weybridge Congregational Church
Sun, Aug 21	8:30 AM	Worship and Study Committee at Havurah
	9 AM	Earthcare Committee at Havurah
Sun, Aug 21	7 PM	<i>Active Hope</i> discussion #1 at Jean Rosenberg's
Sun, Sept 18	8:30 AM	Monthly Meeting for Business
Sun, Sept 18	7 PM	<i>Active Hope</i> discussion #2 at Fran Putnam's
Sun, Sept 25	8:30 AM	Friendly Forum: <i>Spirit through Poetry</i> with Leigh Harder
Fri, Sept 30	1-7 PM	Community Supper
Sun, Oct 2	4 PM	<i>Active Hope</i> discussion #3, location TBA
Sat, Oct 8	9-12 noon	<i>Active Hope</i> workshop at CSAC meeting room





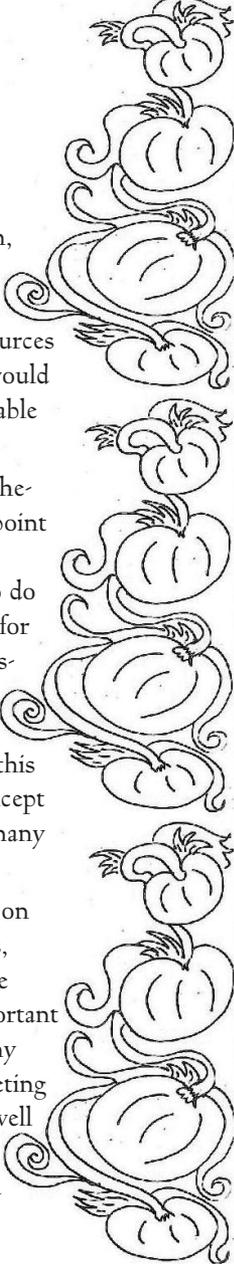
WHY I BRING FOOD TO QUAKER MEETING EACH SUNDAY MORNING

If I could, I would bake a loaf of bread for hungry community members, serve it warm from the oven, with a pat of butter or spoonful of preserves.

I would offer a prayer for the gift of food that nourishes us and for the countless people and resources that went into making our shared loaf of bread. I would create a community where nourishing food is available to all of us.

In actuality, this imagined act of bread-fresh-from-the-oven might feel good to me, but misses the larger point of ongoing hunger. What I can do is remember, as often as possible, the many in our community who do not have adequate food. As part of my preparation for worship on First Days, I think about both the blessings in my life and the challenges of living in this often chaotic world. I bring to mind community members who had no breakfast to eat this morning. I try to remember, not as an abstract concept but as stark reality, that there are hungry people, many of them children, in need of food,

I hold in high esteem those who give time and self on a regular basis to prepare food at community meals, people who show up, roll up their sleeves and make sandwiches. I applaud those who make the all-important monetary donations to local food shelves. While my bringing 2 or 3 items of nonperishable food to Meeting each week is barely a drop toward filling the deep well of hunger, it is, for me, one of many ways to be present to the needs of others. It is simply a small practice, offered as a quiet, tangible prayer.



— Priscilla Baker

Middlebury Friends Meeting

Monthly Meeting for Business

24 July, 2016

Clerk: Jean Rosenberg

Recording Clerk: Priscilla Baker

Present were Sas Carey, Tom Dickinson, Manya Dickinson, Brud Leedom, Grace McGrath, Fran Putnam, and Spence Putnam.

16.07.01 **Monthly meeting opened** after a moment of silence.

16.07.02 **June 19, 2016 minutes:** Accepted as printed in the newsletter.

Since last month's meeting it has been clarified that we should only set up chairs on Sunday morning and restack chairs at the end of each Sunday.

16.07.03 **Treasurer's Report** (sent by Karen Nawn-Fahey) All statements in this report are as of June 30, 2016. During June, the Meeting had donations of \$240.

During June, Meeting expenditures totaled \$441.50. This includes \$160 for children's program coordination, \$60 for childcare, \$70 for Friends Journal listing, \$102 for PO Box Rental, and \$49.50 for reimbursement for Community Supper. When these checks clear, the bank balance should be \$4404.04.

Karen included a half yearly report which reflects that we have spent a little over half our budget for 2016 and we are where we would expect to be at the end of June.

16.07.04 **Earthcare Committee** (Fran Putnam) *Active Hope* discussions start on Aug. 21, 7:00pm, at Jean Rosenberg's followed by Sept. 18 at Fran Putnam's and Oct. 2, location TBA. Fran has invited members of ICAN to attend book discussions. She noted there was enthusiastic interest among ICAN members. A separate interactive workshop will take place on Saturday, Oct. 8, 9:00 am – 12 noon in the CSAC meeting room. Anyone wishing to sign up for the workshop, which will be limited to 15 participants, should contact Jean.

Earthcare committee will work with Tom Baskett on the Minute on Earthcare, which he suggested.

Earthcare will provide information to Friends via listserv and after meeting announcements about alternatives to fossil fuel use.

16.07.05 **Committee on Outreach and Social Action - COSA** (Tom Dickinson)

COSA recommends that MFM become members of JubileeVT. They recommend a fee of \$1/member, with the member church to decide the exact amount to give. The Finance Committee is asked to consider our payment amount if we decide to join.

Friends expressed interest in inviting Beatrice Parwatiker to talk to a wider group of Friends, perhaps invite neighboring meetings. COSA and W & S are asked to follow up on this.

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16.07.06 Worship and Study Committee (Priscilla Baker)

1. The next Friendly Forum has been postponed until September 25 when Leigh will lead an exploration of poetry and spirituality.
2. Friends are invited to share, with any W & S member, their thoughts about this past year of All Ages Religious Education and Everybody Lessons.
3. W & S will co-sponsor the upcoming discussions and workshop on *Active Hope*, as reported by Earthcare Committee.

16.07.07 Fellowship Committee: (Spence Putnam) It is hoped Friends will come to the upcoming annual summer picnic, Aug. 14, at Branbury Beach.

16.07.08 Pastoral Care Committee No report this month.

16.07.09 NEYM 2016: Yearly meeting is considering a new procedure regarding memorial minutes which, in past years, have been read during yearly meeting sessions. Rather than read selected memorial minutes aloud during sessions, they are considering the preparation of a binder to contain all memorial minutes sent to YM. This binder will be available for all attendees to peruse throughout the yearly meeting gathering. We will continue to write memorial minutes, under Pastoral Care Committee, to send to QM and NEYM.

MFM Recorder, Brud Leedom, has reported 2015 deaths to co-clerk, Jean Rosenberg, who has forwarded these names to YM. There were two deaths: Stewart Kirkaldy and Kirk Roberts.

It was noted that Kirk and Jan Roberts, who moved from Middlebury to Palo Alto, California around 1980, started a worship group at Middlebury College, in the late 1960's. This worship group grew, over time, and became Middlebury Friends Meeting. Priscilla Baker will contact Jan Roberts about a memorial minute for Kirk Roberts.

Meeting closed after a brief moment of silence.

MIDDLEBURY FRIENDS MEETING

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Pastoral Care Committee

Caring for one another in a loving community is an important part of our life as a Meeting.
Call any member of Pastoral Care to share a concern or need.

Sas Carey (388-1301)
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