

# Midcoast Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends



## MIDCOAST MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

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### March

Sunday	March 2	Rise of Meeting	Potluck Lunch
Tuesday	March 11	9:00-11:30	Food Pantry, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cong., Newcastle
Wed.	March 12	9:30-11:30 a.m.	The Challenge of Change
Sunday	March 16	Rise of Meeting	Meeting for Business
Tuesday	March 18	9:00-11:30	Food Pantry, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cong., Newcastle
Tuesday	March 25	9:00-11:30	Food Pantry, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cong., Newcastle
Wed.	March 26	9:30-11:30 a.m.	The Challenge of Change
Tuesday	March 11	9:00-11:30	Food Pantry, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cong., Newcastle

### April

Sunday	April 6	Rise of Meeting Following Potluck	Potluck Lunch Rufus Jones and AFSC Discussion
Wed.	April 9	9:30-11:30 a.m.	The Challenge of Change
Sunday	April 20	Rise of Meeting	Meeting for Business
Wed.	April 23	9:30-11:30 a.m.	The Challenge of Change

For New, Revised, and Updated Calendar Items, please see our online calendar at:  
<http://www.midcoastfriendsmeeting.org/calendar.htm>

\*Look inside for more information regarding these items.

~Calendar events are held at the meetinghouse, unless otherwise noted.~

Sunday Meeting for Worship is at the meetinghouse, 77 Belvedere Rd., Damariscotta, 10:00 a.m.  
Meetinghouse phone: 207-563-3757.

Directions: Take US Route 1 to Damariscotta and turn onto Belvedere Rd. (left if coming from the south, right if coming from the north—Miles Home Health Care building on the corner). The meetinghouse is the second building on the right, .2 mile from the corner.

**Moving? Changing your e-mail address?** Don't forget to let us know. Please remember that when you receive the newsletter by e-mail, you save the Meeting money and you lighten our workload. To receive the newsletter by e-mail, kindly send Diane Kirkman at [diane\\_kirkman@hotmail.com](mailto:diane_kirkman@hotmail.com) a request. Thanks!

**For newsletters, important links, & a current calendar, visit our website:**

**[www.midcoastfriendsmeeting.org](http://www.midcoastfriendsmeeting.org)**

## MINUTES—MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS—February 23, 2014

Meeting began with silent worship. 12 people were in attendance. **January Minutes** were approved.

**Ministry & Counsel:** Sue Rockwood reported that the committee has rescheduled its February meeting due to weather, and invites everyone to speak to committee members if they have items for their attention.

**Quarterly Meeting:** The Memorial Minute for Peter Haviland was approved during Quarterly Meeting, with certain stylistic revisions which have since been made. Deborah Haviland will send the finalized Minute on to David Cadbury, who will forward it to the Quarter and the Yearly Meeting. Deb will also send it to Guy Marsden for posting on the Midcoast website [*see revised Memorial Minute at <http://midcoastfriendsmeeting.org/profiles/Pete%20Haviland%20Memorial%20minute.pdf>*] and she will contact Friends Newsletter. Business Meeting minutes from the Quarter have already been circulated. Leslie Manning requested feedback for the new practices of administering Quarterly Meeting and a brief discussion followed. The Quarter's Finance Committee will be meeting soon.

**Library Committee:** Rachel McGinness sought guidance on disposition of songbooks and altering the credenza – someone from the Meetinghouse & Grounds Committee will discuss possibilities for the lobby area with the Library Committee and the Outreach Coordinator.

**Pastoral Care:** Carmen Lavertu shared that she has asked Ministry & Counsel to meet with this committee as a check-in. Periodic joint meetings were part of the original committee charge. She will also undertake to update our emergency contact information forms. In addition to direct calling of members, blank forms will be available through the web and the Meeting's newsletter. [*See form, p. 3 below.*]

**Outreach:** Its most recent meeting was postponed due to inclement weather, but the committee will meet shortly. In the meantime, cable internet will be installed at the meetinghouse on March 1. Wireless access will also be provided.

**Meetinghouse & Grounds:** Guy Marsden related that we no longer have a rug for the social room, which used to protect the floor from chair scrapes. He had samples and quotes for a replacement rug, and Stephen Gorry reported that he had obtained a sample of felt that may be applied to the chair runners to prevent their damaging the floor. The felt will be tried as a first step. Guy will look into various questions about the existing garden, plantings, and fruit trees. Finally, Guy reported that he wishes to donate a fresh face for the meetinghouse sign structure. He would cover the existing wooden sign front with a sign made from longer lasting materials. He will share pictures of the design at our next Business Meeting.

**Request from Maine State Prison:** Leslie Manning brought forward a request to have Meeting for Worship held at the prison in Warren. While many in the Quarter might be led to join the effort, as the nearest Meeting to the prison facility it seemed logical to her to ask if Midcoast might take up the care of such a worship group. The issue was sent to Ministry & Counsel for its discernment.

The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

—Susan Rockwood, Recording

The next Business Meeting will be March 16. All are welcome. Please bring a bag lunch. All past minutes are available at [www.midcoastfriendsmeeting.org](http://www.midcoastfriendsmeeting.org) and the meetinghouse bulletin board.

### QUERIES

**Vocations**— Do you respect the value of all useful work, whether paid or unpaid, whether physical or intellectual, whether performed in the home or in the larger community? Does your daily work use means and serve goals which are consistent with the teachings of Jesus? Are you honest and trustworthy in all business transactions, prompt and just in payment of debts? By counsel and example, do you encourage young people to enter vocations which will serve society?

**Midcoast Meeting of Friends  
Damariscotta, Maine**

Emergency Contact Information

To be kept in confidentiality under the Care of the Pastoral Care Committee

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone and e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Person(s) to Contact in case of Emergency:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE RETURN TO CLERK OF PASTORAL CARE in person at the Meetinghouse or mailed to Clerk of Pastoral Care, Midcoast Meeting of Friends, P.O. Box 714, Damariscotta, ME 04543

This form is also available at: <http://www.midcoastfriendsmeeting.org/pdf-files/contactinfo.pdf>

Bruce Rockwood thought the following might be of interest to those who heard the presentation at VQM.



Restorative Justice Project  
of the Midcoast

## BECAUSE WE ALL DESERVE A SECOND CHANCE...

Join us for a **light supper** and **info session**  
on being a **RESTORATIVE JUSTICE MENTOR:**

Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 6-8:30pm

Grace Episcopal Church, 1100 Washington St, Bath

*Like what you hear? Keep coming...*

Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> 6-8:30pm (potluck)

Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 6-8:30pm (potluck)

*\*Please plan to attend all sessions if you'd like to mentor. If you can't come to one, let us know & we can schedule a make-up.*

Please RSVP to Chris:

T: (207) 400-6962

[chris@rjpmidcoast.org](mailto:chris@rjpmidcoast.org)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **March 7-9 *Climate Spring*** (*Woolman Hill Retreat Center, Deerfield, MA*)

We invite you to join with Friends who are actively following the concerns that climate change raises, to hold those concerns in worship, and talk about what rises in our hearts. The reality of climate change opens us to the work of the Spirit. We envision this gathering as a spacious weekend with time to seek a deep and shared experience of our Source. We will share insights into how prophetic climate work flows from faithfulness to that Source. We will meet each other and the holy spirit in worship. We will open ourselves to being led in new directions that show God's transforming love for the world. We will gather in small groups, share stories, resources and our own leadings through engaging conversation. We will wait together to see how we may be led to make our concern more visible. The Spirit's work is evident where people move through grief and past fear, and act out of a compassion that drives ingenuity, builds solidarity and gives people persistence in their own faithfulness. We imagine a gathering that cultivates this movement, from which we leave connected, refreshed and alive.

Flyer: <https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B38v3TQ7Amz0LVJQX0NyaktuZkk/edit>

Registration: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1PIro9zDJt0nrTL1jIETgxes4fzy-LJDXYYPGEnvxoGU/viewform>

### **March 15 *Gathering for Extended Worship*** (*Winthrop Center, ME*)

Winthrop Center Friends is hosting a day of extended worship on Saturday, March 15, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This day arose out of a sense that many are hungering for opportunities to worship together in larger gatherings. Winthrop Center will provide morning snacks and beverages. We are asking that participants bring food for a potluck lunch. Because space is limited, please register with Ann Dodd-Collins at [doddco@gmail.com](mailto:doddco@gmail.com). There is no registration fee, although we may ask for donations on the day to help defray expenses. If you have more questions, please email Ann or call her at 207-832-6103.

### **March 28-30 *Noticing God's Nudges in Our Lives: The Sacred Act of Spiritual Discernment with Nancy Bieber*** (*Woolman Hill Retreat Center, Deerfield, MA*)

Our lives are full of decisions and we all want to choose wisely. Spiritual discernment is the practice of attending to God's nudges as we navigate our lives. Using material from her book, Nancy will introduce a three-fold approach to help us listen and respond to the Spirit whose wisdom and light exceeds our own. Bring a decision-making challenge if you have one (not necessary) and learn discernment practices for finding your way.

Flyer: <http://woolmanhill.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Cracked-Open-Individual-Discernment-Mar-2013.pdf>

Registration/more info: <http://woolmanhill.org>

### **April 11-14 *FWCC Consultation*** (*High Point, NC*)

Participate in a series of consultations with Friends from across the branches of the Quaker tradition. The North Carolina workshop features workshops led by Debbie Humphries and Lisa Graustein of NEYM

Flyer: <http://tinyurl.com/odl7f8k>

Registration: <http://fwccamericas.org/events/2014-consultations.shtml>

### **April 19 *United Society of Friends Women (USFW) Gathering*** (*Smithfield Meeting, RI*)

Theme: Take Courage: Do Everything in Love Contact Marian Baker, [quakerbonnet@gmail.com](mailto:quakerbonnet@gmail.com)

### ***ADVICES***

**Vocations**—In our relations with others in our daily work, let us manifest the spirit of justice and understanding and thus give a living witness to the Truth. While trying to make provision for ourselves and our families, let us not be anxious, but in quietness of spirit trust in the goodness of God. When we suffer from unemployment, let us seek the support and encouragement of our meetings. When we have a choice of employment, let us think first of the service that we may render. Let us be ready to limit our engagements, to withdraw for a time, or even to retire from a business that we may be free for new service as God appoints it.

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