

# Midcoast Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends



## MIDCOAST MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

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## July

Sunday	July 3	Rise of Meeting	Potluck Lunch—followed by grounds work
Sunday	July 10	12 noon	Potluck Lunch, Suzy & Bill Hallett's, Nobleboro ( <i>see June newsletter for details</i> )
Sunday	July 17	Rise of Meeting	Meeting for Business

## August

Sat.-Thurs.	Aug. 6-11		*NEYM Sessions, Bryant, RI
Sunday	August 7	Rise of Meeting	Potluck Lunch—followed by grounds work
Sunday	August 14	12 noon	*Potluck Lunch, The Graces' home, Rockland

## September

Sunday	Sept. 4	Rise of Meeting	Potluck Lunch
Sunday	Sept. 18	Rise of Meeting	Meeting for Business

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 held 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 (Pending)--Monthly Meeting for Business--June 19, 2011

Co-clerk David Cadbury opened the session with moments of silence. There were twenty present. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The **Gifts & Leadings Committee** has begun preparing for 2012.

Friends approved **Meetinghouse & Grounds**'s recommendation for repairing and paving the parking lot.

Friends approved the **Ad Hoc Committee on Coastal Kids Preschool**'s recommendation we accept the school's request to lengthen their day to 3 p.m. Rent will be increased by \$50.

Friends approved Pat Spock's presentation of the **new revised Handbook**. The next step is printing.

Wide discussion followed Claire Darrow's request the Meeting establish its own **scholarship fund for Friends Camp** at China Lake. The matter was tabled. (*Ed. note:* Questions about Friends Camp? Visit the camp's website: [www.friendscamp.org](http://www.friendscamp.org).)

Suzy Hallett reported on her research regarding a **dishwasher** for the meetinghouse and a quote from a local company which would involve moving the dishwasher around the corner of the room. Friends spoke in favor of keeping the refrigerator and dishwasher in a row and of getting a second bid. The matter was referred to Meetinghouse & Grounds. Suzy was thanked for her help.

An ad hoc committee has been established to follow up on the June 12 special meeting to discuss **the possibility of enlarging the meetinghouse**. Anyone interested in serving will please speak to co-clerks David Cadbury or Suzy Hallett.

The next monthly meeting will be held on Sunday, July 17, at the rise of meeting for worship. All are welcome. Please bring a bag lunch. These pending minutes are also available at [www.midcoastfriendsmeeting.org](http://www.midcoastfriendsmeeting.org) and on the meetinghouse bulletin board. There will be no business meeting in August.

### *QUERIES*

**Outreach**-- Do you welcome inquirers and visitors to your meeting? Do you encourage their continued attendance and participation? Do you seek to share and to interpret the faith of Friends and to cooperate with others in spreading the Christian message? Are you patterns, examples; do your lives preach among all sorts of people, and to them? Do you walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in every one?

## Prayer

Gently  
I held the soul of my enemy  
cupped in my hands  
like a featherless chick  
praying he would be warmed  
comforted  
so he might sing a new song  
with a new purpose  
for the renewing of his spirit.  
I pray now  
that all of us  
hold our enemies' spirits  
cupped in our souls' hands  
for the renewal of their souls  
warmed with a new purpose  
a new song in our hearts.  
I pray this.  
May it be so.  
Amen.

--Mariellen Gilpin

Submitted by Rachel McGinnis.

Carmen Lavertu adds that Ms. Gilpin has a web page called New Foundation Fellowship ([www.nffellowship.org](http://www.nffellowship.org)), which "exists to preach the Christian Message that was proclaimed by the Early Friends: Christ has come to teach his People himself."

## LAST SUMMER POTLUCK PICNIC August 14

The third potluck picnic lunch will be hosted by the Graces in Rockland on Sunday, August 14 (no rain date). Please RSVP to [bgrace@midcoast.com](mailto:bgrace@midcoast.com) or call 594-8082.



Midcoast Meeting is seeking a **RESPONSIBLE AND EXPERIENCED CHILDCARE PROVIDER** to care take of children (ages will vary) of families during our summer worship July 3-August 28, Sundays from 9:45-11:15 a.m. Position pays \$25 per day. If no children attend by 10:15, the provider will be paid and may leave. Interested candidates should apply by contacting Karen at [Kcadbury@roadrunner.com](mailto:Kcadbury@roadrunner.com).

## **Reminder:**

New England Yearly Meeting (**NEYM Annual Sessions 2011**) meets on the campus of Bryant University (Saturday, August 6 to Thursday, August 11, 2011).

**From Jean McCandless, Sessions Committee Clerk:**

You are invited to join us for a joyful celebration of 350 consecutive years of New England Yearly Meeting, while at the same time exploring what Friends are called to do to address global climate change.

Details and registration information:

<http://sessions.neym.org/>

### *ADVICES*

**Outreach**--The power of God is not used to compel us to Truth; therefore, let us renounce for ourselves the power of any person over any other and, compelling no one, let us seek to lead others to Truth through love. Let us teach by being ourselves teachable.

Friends are advised to witness to the power of Truth and justice and to foster growth of the divine community at home and abroad. While remaining faithful to our Quaker insights, and ready to share them with others, let us seek to understand the contributions made by the people of God everywhere. Whenever possible, let us seek to enter into prayer and work with the wider community of faith.

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