

# Midcoast Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends



## MIDCOAST MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

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## October

Sunday	Oct. 2	Rise of Meeting	Potluck Lunch--followed by grounds work
Sunday	Oct. 9	12 noon-3 p.m.	*"Bring Our War \$\$ Home," Augusta
Sunday	Oct. 16	Rise of Meeting	Meeting for Business

## November

Saturday	Nov. 5		*Vassalboro QM at Midcoast
Sunday	Nov. 6	Rise of Meeting	Potluck Lunch--followed by grounds work
Sunday	Nov. 20	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!*

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

## Minutes (Pending)--Monthly Meeting for Business--September 18, 2011

After a period of silent worship, Co-Clerk David Cadbury opened the meeting with 19 Friends present. Minutes of the July 17 Meeting for Business were approved.

Reporting for **Meetinghouse & Grounds**, George Waldman described the planned renovation of the kitchen area. He and Guy Marsden will assist the carpenter chosen for the job. An expenditure of \$1,100 was approved for this project. The meeting was asked whether or not to allow Central Maine Power to install a new "smart meter" on the electrical line to the meetinghouse. After an exchange of views and concerns, it was agreed to refer this matter back to the committee for further research and a later report.

Speaking for the **First Day School Committee**, Karen Cadbury noted that additional Friends would be welcome on the committee. At present, few children arrive for Sunday worship and volunteers are on stand-by to provide care as needed.

For the **Peace Center**, Brewster Grace announced that the next Center board meeting, to be held at 4 p.m. on September 22, was open to all Friends. In addition, invitations have been sent to members of churches and peace groups in the area so that all might confer together on possible joint programs.

Martin Imm gave a brief report for the **Finance Committee**. The costs of resurfacing the parking area have all been paid. A full report on pledges and budget balances will be given next month. Friends are urged to make their contributions on a regular schedule throughout the year and not to hold back until the end of the fiscal or calendar year. This will greatly assist the Treasurer in cash management.

The **Hospitality Committee** report led to a discussion about how to assure adequate supplies and procedures for the weekly provision of snacks and drinks at the rise of meeting each Sunday [*Ed. note: see item, pg. 3*]. Bulk purchases are planned for paper goods and other supplies. Having fresh milk and/or cream for hot drinks is a special challenge. Clean-up and closing the building (including carrying away trash) need to be regularized. As a result, a checklist covering all aspects of social-hour procedures will be prepared and brought forward next month.

Mallory Waldman will coordinate **Friendly Eights**.

Volunteers were solicited to assist on Saturday, November 5, when the **Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting** will gather at the Midcoast meetinghouse. After worship and business sessions in the morning, a lunch will be provided to all attendees. In the afternoon, the AFSC staffer for East Africa will report on Quaker programs in that region. A number of Friends offered to assist in the arrangements for Quarterly Meeting. [*Ed note: the AFSC program has been cancelled, but volunteers are still needed for VQM gathering. See item elsewhere in newsletter.*]

Pat Spock distributed revised versions of the **Committee List** and **Handbook** for the Meeting. Appreciation was expressed to all who helped in preparing these documents.

Carmen Lavertu commended the most recent issue of the Meeting newsletter and suggested that additional copies be made which might be provided to visitors at Sunday worship.

The next monthly meeting will be held on Sunday, October 16, 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.

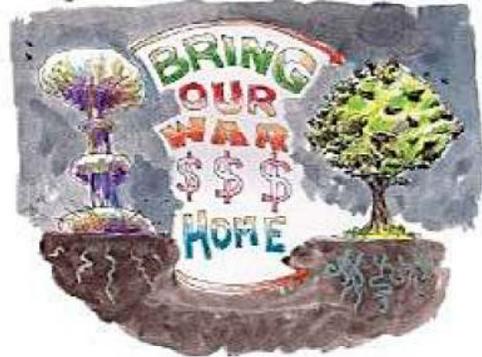
### QUERIES

**Home & Family**-- Do you make your home a place of friendliness, refreshment, and peace, where God becomes more real to those who live there and to all who visit there? Is worship a daily part of your personal and family life? Do you recognize marriage as a sacred, loving, and permanent relationship requiring mutual consideration and adjustments? Should conflict or crisis threaten the stability of the home, are you open to seeking all necessary help, both from your meeting and from the larger community?



**Megunticook Worship Group** returns to Meetingbrook beginning Sunday, October 2. Unprogrammed meeting for worship Sundays, October through May, from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Merton Book Shed. See <http://eventsatmeetingbrook.blogspot.com> for address and other details or contact Diane Kirkman, 236-9078 or [diane\\_kirkman@hotmail.com](mailto:diane_kirkman@hotmail.com).

## Bring Our War \$\$ Home



## Care-a-Van Finale Event

**Sunday, October 9**

Noon – 3:00 pm

UMA Holocaust & Human Rights Center  
(46 University Drive)  
Augusta

Please join activists from around Maine as we gather to honor Indigenous People's Day and to reflect on 10 years of war in Afghanistan and beyond.

Special guest speakers will include Chief Kirk Francis of the Penobscot Indian Nation and Indian drummers plus Dud Hendrick and Lisa Savage and other leaders of the Bring Our War \$\$ Home campaign.

Please bring finger food to share.

For more information call 443-9502 or  
contact [globalnet@mindspring.com](mailto:globalnet@mindspring.com) or [lsavage3@gmail.com](mailto:lsavage3@gmail.com)

### HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

The Hospitality Committee membership is now very small, which makes the weekly set-up for coffee hour a problem. We are now requesting that whoever has signed up to bring refreshments on a specific Sunday also be responsible for the setting up of coffee and other beverages. This includes being sure that there is milk or cream available, as well as other drinks.

The clean-up will also be the responsibility of the "host" for the day.

If no one has signed up for a particular week, we will have to forgo the coffee hour.

Many thanks to everyone who contributes food, time, and energy for this activity.

**CONA/Peace Center Program**—On November 2 at the meetinghouse, CONA and the Peace Center are hosting a dinner for a young Somali friend from Portland, after which he will talk to us about the ways that Somali families in Portland are helping the children in Somalia. For more information, please contact: Brewster Grace (594-8082) or Karen Cadbury (230-0436).



**Midcoast Meeting hosts Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting,  
Saturday, November 5**

We need volunteers to house Friends overnight Friday and/or Saturday, as well as volunteers to provide luncheon food (usually soups or pasta dishes). Please contact Carmen Lavertu (354-9556 or [clavertu@gmail.com](mailto:clavertu@gmail.com)) if you can help.

If I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

*--1 Corinthians 13:2*

To say that I am made in the image of God is to say that love is the reason for my existence, for God is love. Love is my true identity. Selflessness is my true self. Love is my true character. Love is my name.

*-- Thomas Merton,  
from A Book of Hours*

## *ADVICES*

**Home & Family**-- Let your lives benefit from the power of friendship and the solace of solitude. Rejoice in the beauty of those friendships which grow in depth, understanding, and mutual respect.

Friends are advised to seek divine guidance when considering marriage and to enter marriage with a commitment to cherish each other for life. In marriage, treasure the joys of intimacy, share the sorrows of losses, and mediate differences with patience. Be ready to seek the counsel of your own parents or of other experienced persons as it is needed. Consider together the responsibilities of parenthood.

Let us trust in the Light and witness to it in our daily living. We and our families are children of God with a rich accessible record of God's dealings with humanity. In dress, in furnishings, in manners, in diet, and in entertainment, let us choose the simple, the wholesome, and the beautiful. Let us be cooperative and creative in family recreation so that it encourages mutual activity and sharing.

Let us dwell with thankfulness on the blessings and happiness that life has brought us. Friends are advised to try throughout life to discern the appropriate moment to relinquish responsibilities to others. Let us face with courage the approach of old age, both for ourselves and for those dear to us, realizing that even as our outward activity lessens, our seasoned thought and prayer may liberate love and power in others.

Friends are advised to make provision for the settlement of their affairs while in health so that others may not be burdened. Such provision may include maintaining an up-to-date will and discussing with family and doctors our wishes in the event of serious illness or death.

### *UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY*

**Pete & Deb Haviland** have moved to a cottage at Barlett Woods:

33 Stonewood Road  
Rockland, ME 04841  
Ph. 593-7823.

**Tom & Maria Reardon's** new address is:

119 Culpepper Drive, #22  
Blue Hill, PA 19422

**Alice Lacy's** new address:

Freeport Nursing and Rehab Center  
3 East Street  
Freeport, ME 04632

(Carmen Lavertu reports that Alice would be so happy to receive visitors. Mornings are better. A phone call to the center beforehand is advised: 865-4713. And **John** would also appreciate calls and letters from Friends.)

I saw also that there was an ocean of darkness and death,  
but an infinite ocean of light and love,  
which flowed over the ocean of darkness:  
and in that I saw the infinite love of God.

*--George Fox*

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