

# Worcester Friends Meeting

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June- July 2011

## QUERIES

*What vision do you have of a Quaker lifestyle? What would life and society be like if we built the Kingdom of God here on earth? What blocks you from taking that vision seriously?*

*From NEYM's Young Adult Friends' visit to our meeting June 19, 2011*

## Clerk's Corner

by Clarence Burley

### "A Well-Centered Meeting"

We like to think, we hope, we are a meeting centered for worship: centered into that quiet place at the core, *le coeur*, of each worshipper, deep within the surrounding swirl of our daily doings, regarding only the divinity that Augustine describes as a circle whose center is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere.

T. S. Eliot in *Four Quartets* speaks of: "... the still point of the turning world.../ neither from nor towards; at the still point, there the dance is, / But neither arrest nor movement. And do not call it fixity. / Where past and future are gathered.../ Neither ascent nor decline. Except for the point, the still point, / There would be no dance, and there is only the dance." Yes, there is only the dance, the energy, from a source in the still center point of silent worship that leads us to service in furtherance of our testimonies.

And from our centered meeting come other activities, other dances to different rhythms. Our central location in the heart of the commonwealth provides a unique venue for other meetings that might find it difficult to assemble elsewhere. I speak not only of our well-regarded paying guests, New England Yearly Meeting, Center for Non-violent Solutions, and Gurdjieff Group Meeting. We are also pleased that non-profit groups correlating with our testimonies have found it convenient to meet at 901 Pleasant Street. They seem to be increasing in number. MassCare, seeking a single payer for health care has long been with us, but more recently the Green-Rainbow Party, Spirit in Action, and a consortium of groups seeking the end of war in Afghanistan have held their state-wide meetings at our house and from their generosity contributed to our treasury. There has been an inquiry from the College of Healing as well.

The Spirit truly "bloweth where it listeth." Its circumference is nowhere.

## News from our third floor tenant, The Center for Nonviolent Solutions

The Center for Nonviolent Solutions would like to express our deep gratitude to the Worcester Friends Meeting for your unflagging support of our work. We feel truly at home here, and hope that our work reflects credit on you, in your efforts to promote peace and justice in the Heart of the Commonwealth. -Libby Westie, Board of Directors, CNS

CENTER FOR NONVIOLENT SOLUTIONS introduced its new half-time Executive Secretary, Christa Drew, and members of its Mediation Team at a reception at the Saxe Room, Worcester Public Library, on Tuesday, June 7, 2011. The Center will also hire a half-time Education Director to meet requests for further engagement in junior and senior high schools in Worcester. We expanded our course "Peacemaking: Building a Culture of Nonviolence" to a second school, and introduced a skill- building class at two others. In December we received a Massachusetts Humanities Council grant to present a professional development teacher institute in conjunction with the Hiatt Center for Urban Education.

The Board presently seeks contributions to qualify for a matching grant of \$5,000 pledged by an anonymous donor for this purpose. Donations may be sent to Center for Nonviolent Solutions, 901 Pleasant St., Worcester, MA 01602, with further information on its website: [www.nonviolentsolution.org](http://www.nonviolentsolution.org)

## Worcester Interfaith Group

The Worcester Interfaith Group met at Trinity Lutheran Church on May 17th, 2011. The Worcester Friends Group is a member of this group. Thirteen congregations were represented at this meeting, and Worcester Friends had a strong presence.

Ron Waddell from the Community Church in Worcester spoke about success in creating jobs for youth in Worcester. Kevin Bean of All Saints talked about his past experience with mill closings in western Connecticut. Five thousand jobs were saved because of the combined efforts of over sixty community organizations.

Those present met in small groups to share their interests and possible goals that a county-wide interfaith group might address together. It is hoped that a faith-based network of support will be formed.

The next meeting is at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, June 29 at All Saints Church. For more information, contact Mary Chenaille 508-873-5959.

## Second Sunday Socks



Worcester Friends are bringing in new white socks for the homeless people in our city.

In May, 32 pairs of white socks were donated. June's contributions were less, but we anticipate this much needed project to continue. Friends are reminded that there is a paper bag in the library in which to put small size items for personal care. Things such as shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc. are taken up to Fitchburg for distribution.

Four Young Adult Friends (YAFs) brought their concerns about global warming to the Worcester Friends Meeting at June's third Sunday discussion at 9:30 AM. Abe Drayton (Weare MM, NH), Jay O'Hara (W. Falmouth MM, MA), Emily Neuman (Fresh Bond MM, MA), and Kathryn Fisher (Beacon Hill MM, MA) are part of a YAF group that is traveling to monthly and quarterly meetings to speak about global warming and encourage Friends to educate themselves about the future of our planet and take action.

The YAFs model our Quaker practices as they approach this ministry. They come to us in the spirit of John Woolman, having spent significant time in discernment and prayerful retreats. They have spoken at Dover MMA, Storrs MM, Portland MM, Mt Toby MM and will be speaking at Quarterly Meetings. The 2011 NEYM Sessions theme calls upon Friends to heal the broken earth. Jay, Emily and Abe shared their personal journeys and spoke of the actions they have taken on this urgent issue. Kathryn was present, I believe as a recorder and elder. Abe Drayton told us that he has become "a single issue voter." Emily shared the environmental impact of a vegan diet. Jay shared the connections between having an "uneasy feeling" that led him to move, as did John Woolman, from personal obedience to calling out to others to find their Truth.



The environment is affecting food and water supply as well as creating a world that becomes more violent because of the shortages. We are familiar with the rising sea level, increase in temperature, and environmental disasters. I cannot begin to restate all the frightening facts, but will instead encourage readers to check out the resources listed below.

We viewed what was introduced as a "little movie." Wow! It was a "little movie" with a BIG message! This film, *Wake Up Freak Out*, by Leo Murray and others at the Royal College of Art, was made in 2008. It presents a good scientific explanation with clever artistic representation and some frightening images. The message is clear, factual, creative, and hopeful. Global warming is not yet inevitable. We must consume less, support each other in life style changes, and confront those elements of society that are invested in maintaining the status quo. I am reminded of the slogan: Speak Truth to Power.

I am wishing that every school and organization would show this "little movie" and reinstate environmental education (this was briefly a part of the curriculum in the 80's). The movie *Wake Up Freak Out* (a vimeo) is available on line. <http://wakeupfreakout.org/wakeup.html> It is under 12 minutes long. YAFs ask us to take action on an individual and on a corporate level. After seeing this film and praying with our Young Adult Friends, how can we *not*?

Resources forwarded to us by Abe Drayton:

Climate Progress - general climate change blog for science and politics.

<http://thinkprogress.org/romm/issue/>

Climate Denial Crock of the Week - climate science, debunking, and solutions - mainly youtube videos, and all of them are worth watching.

<http://climatecrocks.com/>

Few Things Ill Considered - weekly updates on climate news

[http://scienceblogs.com/illconsidered/2011/06/gw\\_news\\_june\\_12\\_2011.php](http://scienceblogs.com/illconsidered/2011/06/gw_news_june_12_2011.php)

Biosphere and Climate - my project page - has some education stuff, but also a list of species in New England that are showing changes due to climate change, and a page with good news.

<http://biosphereandclimate.terc.edu>

Skeptical Science - answers to climate denier "arguments", all fully cited.

<http://skepticalscience.com/argument.php>

Spirit of love  
That flows against our flesh  
Sets it trembling  
Moves across it as across grass  
Erasing every boundary that we accept  
And swings the doors of our lives wide -  
This is a prayer I sing:  
Save our perishing earth!

Spirit that cracks our single selves -  
Eyes fall down eyes, hearts escape through the bars of our ribs  
To dart into other bodies -  
Save this earth!  
The earth is perishing.  
This is a prayer I sing.

Spirit that hears each one of us, hears all that is -  
Listens, listens, hears us out -  
Inspire us now!  
Our own pulse beats in every stranger's throat,  
And there within the flowered ground beneath our feet,  
And - teach us to listen! -  
We can hear it in water, in wood, and even in stone.  
We are earth of this earth, and we are bone of its bone.  
This is a prayer I sing, for we have forgotten this  
and so  
The earth is perishing.

By Barbara Deming (1917 - 1984)

Barbara was a feminist and advocate of nonviolent social change. She attended Quaker primary and secondary schools in NYC. I spent a week with her in NY at the Women's Peace Encampment in 1983. -Ed

always  
by Sandra Kocher

Early morning -  
lake placid as glass  
verdant trees mirrored off its surface  
grass soaked in dew  
bees not yet up  
I can get close to blooms  
of hyssop, chicory, borage  
close to July's cornflowers  
petals dropping like dark rose skirts  
and runner beans climbing a trellis  
their blossoms brilliant as a tanager's scarlet -  
nearby, lettuce, squash, chard and kale  
tomatoes with foliage so lush I wonder  
if I'm growing a new rainforest variety

a family of ducks glides near shore  
if only . . .  
these early morning moments  
these cool new beginnings of day  
like the promise of summer  
in the month of June  
or the glow of childhood  
could stay with us  
always



(originally printed in Greenprints, Summer, 1999)

my garden is my poem  
by Sandra Kocher

it asks to be born  
i sow seeds in it  
it grows on warm days without my watching  
leaves out, takes on  
a life of its own  
needs weeding  
needs watering  
then more weeding  
sometimes it languishes  
even dries up  
or runs ahead of me

words get out of hand  
big clumsy ones, unasked for ones  
stubborn ones  
thoughts run wild  
some need replanting  
if i'm lucky my poem  
bears fruit  
is sweet and I know  
that tending it  
has been good

(originally printed in Worcester Magazine, June 7, 2000)

## July 24th Potluck

Friends are invited to Sandy Kocher's home on Sunday, July 24th for our weekly pot luck lunch. July 31 is the rain date. We will caravan from the meeting to Sandy's house on Browning Pond. If you haven't been out to Sandy's house yet, this is a good opportunity to relax with Friends and enjoy a leisurely lunch.



Sandy Kocher enjoys the beautiful azalea beside the meeting's front door.

### Coming in August: NEYM Sessions Saturday, August 6 to Thursday, August 11, 2011

***Sessions 2011 Theme- 350 Years of New England Friends: Called to Heal a Broken Earth.***



NEYM Sessions Committee says: We believe New England Yearly Meeting is called to address the issue of climate change now and ask you to join us in accepting both the challenge and the opportunity this theme offers us.

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

Registration and more information about Sessions is available on line at:  
<http://newenglandfriend.neym.org/>

The Worcester meeting is usually well represented at Sessions. Many Friends who attend have incorporated the 5 days of Yearly Meeting into their regular summer plans. This is an especially wonderful time for our children. This year, six children from the Worcester meeting will be there.

NEYM Ministry and Council encourages Friends to visit other Meetings. Visiting other monthly Meetings for Worship deepens our own spirituality. Visiting enhances our understanding of our Faith, and is a wonderful way to get to know other New England Friends. Attending Sessions for one day or for all five days allows us to interact with Quakers from all over New England.



350 Years of New England Friends: On Friday, August 5, before Sessions begins, we will have the opportunity to participate in celebratory events at the Great Meetinghouse in Newport, RI where Friends gathered for Yearly Meeting until 1905

I believe that a resolution of the Israeli/Palestinian conflict is critical to bringing peace to the Middle East. One of the most hopeful recent developments in a number of countries has been the increase in non-violent resistance to repressive regimes. An international effort to break the Israeli naval blockade and bring needed relief supplies to Gaza will take place in the next few weeks.

The following excerpts of news reports about Palestine encourage interest and awareness of the conditions under which ordinary Palestinians live:

Ethan Bronner writes in the June 14, 2011 issue of the New York Times that a report issued by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency shows unemployment in Gaza standing at 45.2 percent for the second half of 2010, one of the highest rates in the world and a record high for a six-month period in the Palestinian coastal strip, even though Israel eased its blockade in that period.

One of the goals of Israel's economic embargo on Gaza, which began four years ago, was to weaken Hamas and its grip on Gaza. But most of the new jobs last year were accounted for by the public sector, meaning the Hamas government; there was only a slight increase in private commerce.

Christopher Gunness, a spokesman for the United Nations agency, said, "The policy of weakening Hamas seems to have failed but the policy has been highly successful at punishing the people of Gaza."

He said that the number of Gazans coming to the agency because of special hardship, defined as earn-

ings of \$1.60 a day or less, had increased to 300,000 from 100,000 in the past four years. "The very poorest of the poor are the hardest hit," he said.

**Hospitals in Gaza are forced to cancel operations due to a lack of medical supplies as the Israeli blockade continues**, writes Mohammed Omer, in the June 12th issue of Al Jazeera. Human rights groups in Gaza are urgently requesting that international aid groups and donor groups intervene and deliver urgent medical aid to Palestinian hospitals in Gaza.

Palestinian officials say that Gaza's medicinal stock is nearly empty and is in crisis. This affects first aid care, in addition to all other levels of medical procedures.

Adham Abu Salmia, Gaza's Ambulance and Emergency spokesman, says the medical crisis is acute and near catastrophic levels for patients within the health sector of Gaza.

Dr Basim Naim, the minister of health in the de facto government of Gaza, says 178 types of necessary medications are at near zero balance in stock.

According to the Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, the shortage in stock represents 50 per cent of the total medicine in the inventory of the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza. Dr Naim announced the "emergency situation" on the shortage of medicines and medical supplies. In a June 8 press conference he stated that his ministry "has been subjected to continuous humanitarian crises for several years ... unlike previous medical crises, which affected a specific number of patients, these present crises will affect basic health service delivery for all patients".

## Nonviolent Peaceforce

Friend Michael True has a long history of working for peace and sharing news that keeps him hopeful in these difficult times. On June 12th, Michael told us about the important work of the Nonviolent Peaceforce:

The NONVIOLENT PEACEFORCE was co-founded by Mel Duncan and David Hartsough, a Quaker from San Francisco, in 1999 after the two men met in the Netherlands at the 100th anniversary of the 1899 Hague Peace Conference.

The organization is modeled on Gandhi's idea of a "peace army". The Nonviolent Peaceforce pays peacemakers to work in conflict zones in some of the most dangerous areas of the world. The goal is to resolve and transform conflict without harming people. Now

in its twelfth year, with national headquarters in Minneapolis and international headquarters in Brussels, the Nonviolent Peaceforce has been engaged in peacemaking in Sri Lanka; Mindanao, the Philippines, Guatemala, and elsewhere, paying peacemakers from many countries of the world committed to this remarkable nonviolent initiative.

Nonviolent Peaceforce recently received a grant of \$1 million from UNESCO to protect vulnerable populations in Southern Sudan. Mel Duncan, with whom Michael spoke in Minneapolis recently, met with representatives of forty Arab nations to cooperate with peacemakers in those regions. Field Notes for the organization and other information are available at [nonviolentpeaceforce.org](http://nonviolentpeaceforce.org) or phone (612) 871-0005





On Saturday, June 4, a coalition of peace groups met at the meetinghouse to form a new statewide group dedicated to directing federal monies toward social programs. Over a dozen groups were represented by about 40 people.

While a good deal of time was spent in introductions and discussing goals, the still un-named group agreed that they wanted to decrease war expenses and increase funds for social programs. Several committees were formed, and two actions were proposed.

U.S. troops are supposed to come home this summer. It is hoped that there will be “stand-outs” in front of city halls across the state on July 11 (the date that President Obama promised to bring the troops home) to support the end of the war. Worcester Friends Meeting’s Peace and Social Concerns/Outreach Committee encourages Friends to participate.

A non-binding referendum to redirect taxes was also proposed. The “Peoples’ Budget” has been put out by a progressive caucus of the House of Representatives. Our Congressman, Jim McGovern, is a leader of this caucus.

AFSC is supporting this work and encourages us to participate by taking the New Priorities Network poll. You can learn more about the GOP Budget, the Obama budget and the Congressional Progressive Caucus “People’s Budget”, and “vote” to cut military spending, end the wars, increase taxes for corporations and wealthy individuals, create jobs, and strengthen our safety net. Go to [www.afsc.org/action/move-money](http://www.afsc.org/action/move-money)

The next meeting of this group will be on Saturday, July 18 at 1:30 PM at the Worcester Quaker Meetinghouse.

### Did You Know?

Did you know -

**Mary Chenaille** celebrates the birth of her second grandchild, Andrew, born on April 22. Baby Andrew joins his older brother, Benjamin age 3, and parents who live in Connecticut.

**Althea Greenstone** will be teaching English in China. She is leaving on June 24th, and will be in China for one year.

**Anne Humes**, former Clerk of Worcester Friends Meeting, visited us on June 19th. Anne now lives in Pennsylvania where she volunteers in a kindergarten classroom, working with young Mexican children. She still spends a couple of months each year volunteering at the Choctaw reservation, which is supported by the Associated Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs, the oldest Quaker organization of its kind, started in 1869. Anne and her husband Bob were introduced to the Choctaws by Hermann Patt. She grins as she says, “I am now teaching the grandchildren of the children I first taught.”

**Betty Jones** went to Maine on June 18th for her annual vacation on the coast. She will return in three weeks.

**Carolyn Keiper**, frequent attender of our Meeting, graduated from U Mass Medical School’s Residency in Pediatrics this June. Congratulations!

**Whitney Mikkelsen**, her daughters **Zika** and **JoAnna**, and their grandmother, **Katie Green** are traveling in Virginia and visiting relatives from June 27 until July 15. They are hoping for clear skies because they plan on camping most of the time.

**Virginia Swain**, founder of the Institute for Global Leadership, will be leading an event at the United Nations on June 29th. The focus will be on Middle East Democracy Transitions and Humanitarian Assistance. More information is available from Virginia 508-245-6843 or [vswain@global-leader.org](mailto:vswain@global-leader.org)

*Friends are encouraged to send any news about you and your family to the editor for inclusion in the newsletter. How can we be Friends if we do not know about important events or accomplishments?*

The Memorial Service for **Elliot Joslin**, past Clerk of Worcester Friends Meeting, will be held on Sunday, 6/26, 9:30 a.m. at the Peace Pagoda in Leverett, MA. <http://www.xanatos.com/newenglandpeacepagoda> for info and directions. Cards may be sent to Mary-Anne Walker.

Present: Mark Sullivan, Brian Poynton, Betty Poynton, Betty Jones, Ellen Donovan, Katy Green, Phil Stone, Karen Sargent, Barbara Sullivan, Ida Stone, Mary Chenaille, Paul Gallagher, Mary Ann Walker, Clarence Burley, clerk.

01-05-08-2011 Meeting began with a period of silence and a reading of Julia Ward Howe's Mother's Day proclamation.

02-05-08-2011 Ministry & Counsel laid down the plan for a memorial service for Tal Reid.

03-05-08-2011 On Sunday June 19, NEYM Young Adult Friends will give a presentation on climate change to the meeting at 9:30 AM. This is in preparation for this year's sessions.

04-05-08-2011 There will be an interfaith worship in memory of the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. Clarence will represent the meeting at planning sessions.

05-05-08-2011 The committee is concerned that announcements at the rise of meeting have become quite lengthy. They propose that instead announcements be sent to the e-mail list and hard copies be made available at meeting. The meeting approves. Friends are requested to give announcements in a timely matter to either Betty Poynton or Clarence Burley. They may be sent to the meeting's email:

06-05-08-2011 The treasurer's report notes that as directed by the meeting, two quarters of our annual donation was paid to NEYM. Payment was made to Worcester Interfaith of \$388.10; this amount was based on our budget.

07-05-08-2011 Trustees noted a large amount of trash has been disposed of. They met with Building and Grounds to discuss plans for needed upkeep of the meeting house.

08-05-08-2011 Building and Grounds reported on bids received to paint the meeting rooms. A re-estimate is needed taking into consideration the presence of lead paint and sealing off the rooms during the work. Several investigations are proceeding into different ways to repair/replace the canvas ceilings in the meeting rooms.

09-05-09-2011 Peace & Social Concerns reports that the Peace Pole has been installed. They ask that it be dedicated on Sunday, May 29 with an outdoor meeting for worship. Friends agree.

Stephen Collins will portray Robert Frost in the next spoken word presentation on May 14 at 7:30 pm.

Mohammed Sawaha will speak at the meeting house June 8 at 7 pm, as part of his fundraising for the Palestinian House of Friendship. This will be preceded by a potluck supper and is co-sponsored by the Center for Non-violent Solutions, and the Worcester Catholic Worker House. Attenders will be asked to make a donation to the House of Friendship. Friends approve a donation of \$100 to support this work.

The meeting is collecting white adult socks to be distributed at the Sunday services held by the Worcester Fellowship on Worcester Commons for the homeless. These will be delivered to the group monthly.

10-05-08-2011 The Nominating Committee presented an updated committee list; they are looking for several Friends to take on the newsletter.

11-05-08-2011 Religious Education reports that May 29th, fifth Sunday will be intergenerational worship.

12-05-08-2011 Market Day will be Saturday, June 4. There will be pie making on Friday the 3rd. Help is needed for publicity and with books & food. Friends are strongly encouraged to help with baked goods, plants and working the day of the Fair.

13-05-08-2011 The memorial service for Elliott Joslin will be June 26 at 9:30 am at the Peace Pagoda in Leveritt.

14-05-08-2011 Opportunity having been given for questions and concerns, meeting ended with a period of silence, purposing to meet again sixth month, twelfth, or at the call of the clerk.

Submitted in the Light,

Barbara Sullivan, recording clerk



Present: Betty Jones, Brian Poynton, Betty Poynton, Michael True, Mark Sullivan, Phil Stone, Katie Green, Mary Chenaille, Barbara Sullivan, Clarence Burley, clerk.

01-06-12-2011 Meeting began with a period of silence and a reading from Psalm 104 and the proposed update of NEYM Faith and Practice.

02-06-12-2011 Ministry and Counsel continues their Friendly visitation and outreach. Copies of an article from Friends Journal on clerking committees is being made available to clerks of all committees.

03-06-12-2011 There was a discussion of the importance of meeting intervisitation, and an ongoing discussion about what Quarterly meeting we feel closer to within NEYM.

04-06-12-2011 Peace and Social Concerns notes that the Spoken Word presentation on Robert Frost was well attended. Mohammed Solaweh's representative spoke to a gathering on June 8th at the meeting house. 'Sock Sunday' has been a success, and continues monthly. There will be monthly letter writing for selected causes, this month for ships taking supplies to Gaza. The next meeting of Worcester Interfaith is June 29 at All Saints Church. The clerk notes that the committee will take a hiatus until September.

05-06-12-2011 Friends are asked to contact Harriet Chandler re proposed legislation regarding casinos.

07-06-12-2011 A gathering of anti-war groups from across the state met yesterday at the meeting house. They plan to meet again next month, Saturday, July 23rd.

08-06-12-2011 A Friend has asked for assistance to attend Yearly Meeting Sessions. It is noted that the Sessions committee of NEYM has encouraged Friends who need assistance to apply. The meeting approves equalization for this Friend.

09-06-12-2011 The trustee's did not meet in June.

10-06-12-2011 The recorder reports that there has been a poor response to the letter sent requesting information from people on the current membership list to update their contact information and if they haven't attended in a year, if they wish to continue to be considered members. If there is no response from Friends who have been out of contact for years, names will be brought to meeting for business before being deleted from the list.

11-06-12-2011 Building & Grounds has contacted an exterminator to address a new carpenter ant problem; they will take care of it this week. Several estimates have been received for work on the west half of the meeting room canvas ceiling. It was determined that the canvas ceiling could not be saved. The committee recommended accepting the bid from Peter Borowski & Peter DeAmicis if the quote includes restoring the molding. The meeting approves going ahead if the total cost doesn't exceed \$2500.

12-06-12-2011 The treasurer reports that Spring Market Day has taken in \$975, and donations have increased from members/attenders. Also, the increased number of groups using the meeting house and donating to help with upkeep has helped. As a result, the meeting is \$4,882.27 in the black.

13-06-12-2011 Religious Ed notes that all of the children will be attending NEYM sessions this summer. First Day School will be off until September.

14-06-12-2011 The Cemetery committee notes that someone has put up a website about Friends cemetery. They will ask her to take this down given our policy, and that she did not contact the meeting first.

15-06-12-2011 The Center for Non-Violent Solutions had a reception for the new executive director last week. Mediators are available to work with the community. The group hopes to be able to hire a part-time education director as they have had increased requests for programs from the public schools. They have a matching grant for this purpose, and are asking for donations for this. There is a free course at Clark Univ. this summer for students in grades 5-12 to study non-violence; there are still some openings available.

16-06-12-2011 The Fair committee notes the Spring Fair was successful. Fall Market Day will be planned for Saturday, September 24.

17-06-12-2011 Opportunity having been given for questions and concerns, meeting ended with a period of silence, purposing to meet again seventh month, tenth, or at the call of the clerk.

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## Scheduled Meetings

First Sunday 9:30 am	Trustees, Peace/Social Concerns
Second Sunday 9:00 am	Meeting for Business
Third Sunday 9:30 am	Bible Study with Geoff Knowlton
Fourth Sunday 9:30 am	Ministry and Counsel
Worship Groups:	1st Wednesday, 3:30 PM at Overlook in Charlton and 4th Monday, 12:30 PM, at the Highlands in Fitchburg

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