

Worcester Friends Newsletter July 2016



Calendar

Sunday Meeting for Worship: 11 A.M.

Childrens' Program: 11 A.M.
(childcare year-round, program during school year)

Mid-week Meeting for Worship: Wednesdays 7 P.M.

Business Meeting: 2nd Sunday each month at 9 A.M. (no Business Meeting in July or August)

Potluck Lunch: 12.15 P.M. every Sunday

The Meetinghouse is Handicapped Accessible

NEYM 2003 Minute on Racism

New England Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends affirms its commitment to becoming an open, affirming, anti-racist Religious Society. Our understanding of racism is that it is a system that accords advantage or disadvantage based on racial identity. Racism is fundamentally inconsistent with the divine guidance that has led our Religious Society to testimonies such as Equality, Peace and Community. We seek divine assistance and the help of other friends of Truth to examine our individual and corporate complicity in racism. We aspire to a more perfect union with the Author of all, who shows no partiality in the diversity of creation...



Young Friends volunteer at Dismas Farm (above) and WFM Market Day (below)

356TH ANNUAL NEYM SESSIONS AUGUST 6-11, 2016 **CASTLETON UNIVERSITY,** **CASTLETON, VERMONT**

"Being the Hands of God: A Call to Radical Faithfulness"

God has no body now on earth but yours;
no hands but yours, no feet but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which
God's compassion is to look out to the world.
Yours are the feet with which God goes
about doing good.
Yours are the hands with which God
blesses us now.

-- adapted from a poem popularly attributed
to Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)



Worcester Friends Meeting Response to the Orlando Tragedy

In addition to the sympathetic prayers and condolences of individual members and attenders, Worcester Friends Meeting, in the week following the horror, joined the other communities of Worcester, LGBTQIA, Latino, Islamic, Jewish, and Christian, in deploring the violence and supporting the victims' survivors.

The Tuesday vigil for peace on June 14 took on new meaning with its emphasis on hate crime for sexual orientation. Worcester Meeting's rainbow flag joined the Catholic Worker at Lincoln Square to the toots of many passing vehicles and thumbs-up drivers.

In a show of loving unity with the request of Orlando Friends Meeting, our mid-week meeting for worship was moved to Tuesday. We joined Orlando, and Quakers across the country, at 7:00 pm. in holding the victims and their survivors in the Light.

The midweek-meeting transfer permitted our Meeting to be represented at the City Hall vigil on Wednesday evening organized by the clergy of Worcester Interfaith. Over 30 faith leaders and public officials led the prayers and condolences of over 150 attenders. Rev. Tim Burger, of neighboring St. Luke's Episcopal Church, presented a vigorous keynote characterizing the Pulse Club as a holy site for his Queer (emphasized) Community to find God's peace and love. Our friend, Rev. Richard Jones of First Parish in Bolton announced his engagement to the vigil and introduced his fiancé to the congratulations of friends.

On Friday, the Islamic Society of Greater Worcester led another City Hall vigil including our meeting. Speakers deplored the violence as having no place in Muslim teaching and culture. Readings from the Qur'an and prayers in Arabic and English were offered to emphasize that "salaam" is central to Muslim thought. Rep. James McGovern and City Manager Edward Augustus offered good wishes to the largely Muslim gathering at this time of great negativity.

The week ended on Saturday with another vigil deploring gun violence outside the Gun Parlor shooting range and gun shop, a monthly event sponsored by the Catholic Worker, our Meeting, the Sisters of St. Francis and the Center for Nonviolent Solutions. Some 15 sign carriers were there to greet patrons of the business that found its way to Prescott Street over the objections of the City Council and Police Department.

Shockingly sad as these 49 deaths are, their number adds only a few to the over 30,000 deaths by gun violence in our country each year. These vigils and prayers and speeches are needed— but only if they will find their

way into the hearts and minds of enough people to say, "Enough." As our memories fade, let our prayer be that this day comes soon.

On Wednesday, June 29th, our midweek worship was once again trumped by a community event that testified to Quaker values. Representative Jim McGovern, fresh off his participation in the Democratic Congressional sit-in deploring the failure of the House leadership to allow even a vote on modest gun control measures, organized and participated in a *Gun Violence Awareness National Day of Action*. This was Worcester's version of some 40 similar events organized by Jim's Democratic colleagues across the United States. Worcester Friends Meeting lent its support

The event brought together city officials—Mayor, Councilors, Medical Director of the Department of Public Health, Deputy Chief of Police—state officials—Assistant Attorneys General. Representative Mary Keefe—representatives of the Center for Nonviolent Solutions, Central Mass. Moms Demand Action, the LGBTQIA community, communities of color, Catholic, Protestant and Jewish clergy, neighbors of the park and the bereaved grandmother of two victims of Worcester gun violence. Vigorous testimonies of this nationwide health problem and instances of local tragedies were offered.

Several voices urged congress to pass appropriate legislation. Worcester's mayor and deputy chief assured us that the city's rate of violent crime is declining, and that the police have a stringent vetting process for the issuance of gun licenses. Rev. Esau Vance offered prayer for divine aid in solving the problem of violence.

That was Wednesday evening; Thursday's morning paper brought news of two more shootings.

-by Clarence Burley

Consider joining in these community activities to witness for Peace:

Every Tuesday, 4:00-5:00 pm. Lincoln Square, Vigil for Peace with Catholic Worker House.

Every Third Saturday, 12:30-1:30 pm. 170 Prescott St. Gun Parlor vigil with Catholic Worker and others. See Clarence for more information.

Report on Rhode Island-Smithfield Quarterly Meeting

by Phil Stone

On June 21st, Clarence Burley, Karen Sargent and I traveled to Westerly, RI for the June meeting of our Quarter. The meeting was well attended. After worship and lunch, the meeting began with an exercise designed to help Friends get to know one another. Seven queries were suggested:

1. What led you to Quakerism?
2. What is there in the Quaker Way that is important to you?
3. Who are Quakers, past or present, who have inspired you?
4. How do you express your Quaker faith in your day to day experiences?
5. How is being a Quaker a challenge for you?
6. How does Monthly Meeting enrich your life?
7. How can the Quarter improve outreach, communication, ministry, etc.?

The topic for discussion was the use of social media; two Friends with extensive experience gave examples of how various forms of social media could be used by the Quarter. Representatives from the Monthly Meetings described how their meeting was currently using social media. Afterwards, it was agreed that the Quarter would not have its own Facebook page at this time, but that monthly meetings would be encouraged to connect with each other using their existing Facebook and web pages.

Reports from the Monthly Meetings followed. Providence MM has met with an architect to discuss expanding their Meetinghouse. Smithfield MM reported that a number of their members passed away recently, and that the MM is going through difficult times. Westerly reported that attendance at worship is up.

We then discussed changing the name of the Quarter, which is an issue that has been raised by the Worcester MM. It was agreed that a name change should be a final step, and that it is more important to establish a Quarterly identity, clarify the purpose of the Quarter, and to develop a sense of community.

There was a follow-up report on the Quarter's travel minute for Betsy Cazden. She presented two workshops to the Ybarra YM in Cuba, and on her return made a report to the Puente de Amigos committee of the New England YM, and a presentation to the Providence MM.

New Business was the final agenda item. Martha Yager (AFSC-SENE) said that in the current political climate, this is not the best time to do immigrant-friendly legislative work.

She reported that the Boycott, Divestment & Sanctions working group of the Yearly Meeting would not be bringing a proposal to Annual Sessions this year because not enough Quarters have yet had the necessary conversations about the issue. Martha passed out several handouts on the BDS Movement, and the institutions and corporations that profit, support and sustain Israel's occupation policies. (The handouts are posted on the *Peace & Social Concerns* bulletin board at the Worcester Meetinghouse.)

Katie Wagner, frequent attendee of our meeting, passed away at home on July 2, 2016, after a brave battle with cancer. Our last contact with Katie was on the day of our June Market Day, when Phil Stone went to her home to pick up plants that Katie was donating.

Katie was a member of the First Unitarian Church in Worcester, and she attended our meeting for worship fairly often, always joining us for pot-luck. Katie most always came to special events at the meetinghouse. Katie worked at the Worcester Public Library, and was quite active in the arts community. I first met Katie through her love for storytelling. She was a kind and creative friend. We will miss her gentle presence.

In Lieu of Flowers, Memorial Donations can be made to the following: AIDS Project Worcester <http://aidsprojectworcester.org/donations/>

-shared by Katie Green

Whatever you can do, or dream you can do - begin it.

Boldness has genius, power and magic in it.

Until one is committed there is hesitancy, the chance to withdraw and therefore ineffectiveness.

Concerning all acts of initiative and creation there is one elementary truth:

The moment one definitely commits oneself, then Providence moves too.

All sorts of things occur to help one that would never have otherwise occurred.

-Goethe

From the Massachusetts Council on Churches:

This interfaith prayer was offered at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston, as Christians, Muslims, and Jews gathered in vigil to grieve so much: the recent massacre at a gay nightclub on Latin Night in Orlando, the one-year anniversary of the slaughter of 9 people at Bible Study at Mother Emmanuel AME in Charleston, and the murder of a student at a Boston Public School, Boston's 14 homicide this year. (and the black victims of police violence and police officers killed in the line of duty since this vigil was held).

If you hear the call to prayer in the clanging of cathedral bells, come.
If you hear the call to prayer in the silence of a sanctuary, come.
If you hear the call to prayer in the chords of Hammond B3 organ, come.
You who hear the call to prayer chanting "si se puede,"
You who hear the call to prayer on the picket line, on the bread line, on the Orange Line,
You who hear the call to prayer as the last bell reverberates against the walls of Boston Public Schools, you who hear the call: Come.
If you've heard the call to prayer from Mount Sinai blown through the shofar,
If you've heard the call to prayer from the muezzin atop the minaret,
If you've heard the call to prayer in the depths of dark basements, where dance binds and bass pulses through our bodies fully alive, come.
In each call, in every call, the Holy answers back: You are heard.
Beloved, beautiful people, called and gathered, Let us pray:
Holy One, you know our suffering. Your beating heart pulses with grief. You dance with us. You study with us. You weep with us now.
Our idolatry of guns threatens to destroy every body, every sanctuary, everyone we love. We are awash with violence as even the sanctuaries of black church, gay clubs, and public schools have been violated.
You know our divisions and our despair. Take our brokenness. Take our fear that there is not enough time, enough television coverage, enough energy to attend to all our suffering. We trust this night that you are big enough to hold it all. We trust this night that you can bind up the brokenhearted and set the oppressed free. Give us confidence to trust also tomorrow.
We pray for each person who has been followed around a store, pulled out of line at the airport, dropped the hand they were holding, walked home with keys like daggers in

our hands. God, we share a common experience of being unwelcomed bodies in hostile spaces. More than mere tolerance, we pray for reconciliation and peace.
We pray you knock down the structures of oppression in our country and in our own hearts. God, give us the eyes to see each of your children full of equal dignity and equal worth, fearfully and wonderfully made. Root out those far corners of our heart where our worst prejudices lurk. Remove from us any spirit of entitlement.
Give us confidence and faith, O God, so that in the words of our President, "When they go low, we go high."
When they try to divide and pit people of color, against Muslims, against queer folk, we unite.
When they deny our demand for a seat at the table, we bring our own folding chairs.
When they offer us half-truths and cowardice and say that this vision of peace is impossible, we bring our whole hearts.
Because the devil is a liar. He'll tell you it can't be done. He'll keep your expectations low, to just a few shootings, just a few assaults, to a political system that will never pass gun reform.
He'll tell us we can't pay attention to racism, and homophobia and sexism, and Islamophobia in a city with the nation's widest income inequality all at once. They'll tell us the best we can do is crumbs at the table, when know God offer a banquet with room enough for all.
"When they go low, we go high." We. Go. High. We lift our voices high. We send our prayers high. We raise our flag high. We hold our heads high. We demand high standards from our elected leaders as we ban assault weapons in this country. With our Almighty God who judges from on high, when we go high, we rise. And we cannot rise, we will not rise, unless and until, we all rise together.
Oh God, guide our steps. Transform our hands, our hearts, our tongues in the ways of peace. Let not a word slip from our lips that would denigrate any of your beloved children. Kindle in us anger at structures and systems that hold your people down. Make us brave to commit our whole lives to the liberation and healing of all, and not just those who look most us. Reconcile us to one another, and to You. Set before our eyes a vision of "a new, transformed society, not (just) an equal opportunity in a dehumanized one."
Give us strength for the journey, and companions for the road.
We know you by many names, I cling to you again this night in the person of Jesus the Christ, who took on a body so that we might know our whole selves to be blessed and beloved.

Let all who love and hope in love say, Amen.

Ginny Powell-Brasier is a docent at Worcester Art Museum. On July 9th, Ginny led a group of visitors, including me, in a study of Edward Hicks's "*The Peaceable Kingdom*." After a brief introduction to the history of Quakerism, Ginny showed how Hicks correlated the text of Isaiah 11:6-8 and William Penn's treaty with the native Indians to depict the Quaker testimonies we list under the acronym SPICES. An informative discussion left people knowing that Quakers are alive and well in Worcester.



A few weeks ago Ginny informed our meeting that an early 16th century tapestry depicting "*The Last Judgement*" had been restored and is on view. After chatting with Ginny, I wanted to take a quick look at it.

That quick look took more than an hour and is not over yet. At 12 by 26 feet and depicting over 100 figures, it is an object not only for study but also for contemplation. A study guide, precision lighting, and comfortable seating make study easy and contemplation meaningful. The risen, wounded Christ with his disciples, his mother and John the Baptist divide the saved on his right from the damned on his left. Angels welcome the risen dead to heaven on the one hand and drive them to hell on the other.

Behind the main scene a film describes the restoration work done on the tapestry by a specialty firm in Belgium. There are coloring materials to keep children busy while parents, whatever their theology, are spending more time than planned on this pre-reformation masterpiece of the weaver's art.

Free admission to the museum will be available in August if you can wait that long. Or check your library for passes. To keep the development of doctrine in order, study the tapestry before *The Peaceable Kingdom*.

-by Clarence Burley



News from the Permanent NEYM Board - Jun 21, 2016

Dear Friends,

Warm greetings as spring seems to be getting her bearings in New England! Permanent Board gathered at South Berkshire Monthly Meeting for deep, loving worship and business on Saturday, 21 May.

We had a full agenda, holding Friends from 0900, when we tried to select our first fine muffin of the day, until 1700 when we gathered our last piece of locally made chocolate to sustain us on our long rides home. South Berkshire Friends welcomed us warmly, fed us heartily and sustained our work with their care throughout the day. It is a deep blessing to move around the Yearly Meeting for our gatherings, making new friends along the way.

It is not unusual for there to be 70 or more pages of advance documents to read prior to each meeting of Permanent Board, the faithful production of which prepares us for discernment. Friends, I am awestruck by the love we share as we gather—our committees and sub-committees, our working groups and support committees—for hours in person, on the phone, over computer linkages—to quietly, faithfully, lovingly further the work before us. I am awed by our ways, grateful for our discipline, and blessed by this good work.

All of Permanent Board's advance documents are available on the Yearly Meeting website. Please look, in particular, at the Secretary's report which (in just eight pages!) raises up the growing vitality—and some critical infrastructure improvements—of the Yearly Meeting. Here you can read about the recent Emerging Practices in Quaker Outreach weekend at Woolman Hill, our new monthly email newsletter, the hiring of our Young Adult Engagement Coordinator, staff professional development and the Archives transition.

If you have not already seen them, please enjoy as well the most recent letter announcing grants from the Legacy Gift Committee and the most recent public statement, the Epistle to the United Methodist Church issued by the Yearly Meeting. The Legacy Gift continues to fund an extraordinary array of meetinghouse projects, individual ministries and public witness that enrich our Yearly Meeting. The Epistle, widely shared and re-shared through social media,

further brings the voice of our beloved Society into the world.

The Friends Camp Director Search Committee reported on their faithful work and brought us the recommendation to hire Anna Hopkins as the next Director of Friends Camp. Permanent Board approved this recommendation and will bring her name to Sessions. Anna, a Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Friend, has worked at Friends Camp for several years and has been a volunteer staff person in NEYM youth programs. We are especially pleased that Anna places a high priority on strengthening the relationship between NEYM and the Camp, most importantly by better integrating the Camp's work with the youth programs of the wider Yearly Meeting. Perhaps in part because we cannot let go of Nat Shed even after 12 years of service as Director of Friends Camp, Nat will serve as a consultant to the new director and the Camp during the first year of transition.

Continuing its work to make NEYM the employer that we ought to be, Permanent Board's Personnel Committee brought us a revision to the harassment section of our Personnel Policy Manual. We approved this work as it makes more concrete what harassment is and how it will be treated. We further hope that it invites us all to be ever more sensitive to one another as we build a community based on listening, hearing, compassion and love.

Long labor by the Finance Committee has borne great fruit as it prepares the budgets that will come to Sessions and as it works to better integrate the Friends Camp budget into the processes of the Yearly Meeting in accordance with the Friends Camp Good Governance document. Permanent Board approved the establishment of three revolving accounts—for accounting services, legal services and staff sabbaticals—to move us yet closer to sound accounting and budgeting practices.

The Ad Hoc Long-Term Financial Planning Committee brought us two proposals, which we approved. In essence, these proposals, resting in part on the good work and long discernment of the Structural Review Committee, recognize that Friends long deeply to gather for worship, nourishment and growth together. The launch of the new electronic monthly newsletter was a first step to improve our communication and communion; these proposals address how we gather.

Over the past many years, fewer and fewer of our Yearly Meeting committees gather on Committee Days, yet the long-standing organizational logistics of supporting these day-long events have significant costs, in both staff time and money. Increasingly, committees organize times and dates better suited to their particular membership and their locations. Increasingly, committees use new technologies, as they find appropriate, to meet.

In order to better serve committees as they actually meet, staff time will be re-directed from organizing Committee Days per se to, among other things, publicizing the availability of resources (such as videoconferencing tools) and training clerks in their use, to maintaining an on-line calendar of meetings and their locations, and to responding to database requests that further the work of NEYM committees. The Events Coordinator will be more available to secure space and childcare, for example, for more complex committee meetings, as well as providing other types of logistical assistance. These changes, we believe, will be more responsive to the specific needs of specific committees.

Responding to the expressed need of Friends to gather, Permanent Board approved the LTFPC's proposal to use of staff time and funding to create two Yearly Meeting-wide events, one in the fall of 2016 and one in the spring of 2017. These will provide a large and diverse body of Friends from around New England events to gather for worship, spiritual nourishment and fellowship. You will hear a great deal more about the focus and structure of these gatherings over the coming months. Stay tuned!

Finally, Permanent Board was blessed to hear the Memorial Minutes of five beloved Friends from our Yearly Meeting and to approve six Travel Minutes of Friends whose ministries take them beyond our Yearly Meeting. These are all available as advance documents for the Permanent Board meeting. Blessings to you each as you feel the love of God and community in your work,

*Sarah Gant, clerk
Permanent Board of New England Yearly Meeting*

NEYM 2016 Registration Ongoing

Sessions bring hundreds of Friends from New England gathered in worship to faithfully discern our way forward as a community, to do the business before us and to seek to live more fully into the Spirit which transforms us. Featured Speaker will be Doug Gwyn, who serves as pastor for Durham (ME) Monthly Meeting. The Sunday afternoon plenary will include Judy Goldberger (Beacon Hill), Angela Hopkins (Northampton), and Jay O'Hara (Sandwich-West Falmouth). Rachel Guaraldi (Beacon Hill) will serve as the moderator. Afternoon and Evening Opportunities will provide a way for groups and individuals to offer programming each evening and weekday afternoon. Tuesday evening will feature our traditional Coffee House, and a contra-dance on Wednesday evening will help wrap up the week's activities.

Yearly Meeting is a time for sustained worship. The Sunday morning worship time will include both intergenerational worship hosted by the Young Friends and the first of the Bible Half Hour presentations. Business meeting sessions are also a time for worship while we consider the necessary and exciting items which are before us. Ministry and Counsel will also offer an opportunity for worship each afternoon. In reality, all of our activities throughout the week—the meals and the meetings, catching up with old friends and meeting new friends, the workshop discussions, the times of play and the times of rest—can all be times when we are gathered together in the Spirit.

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

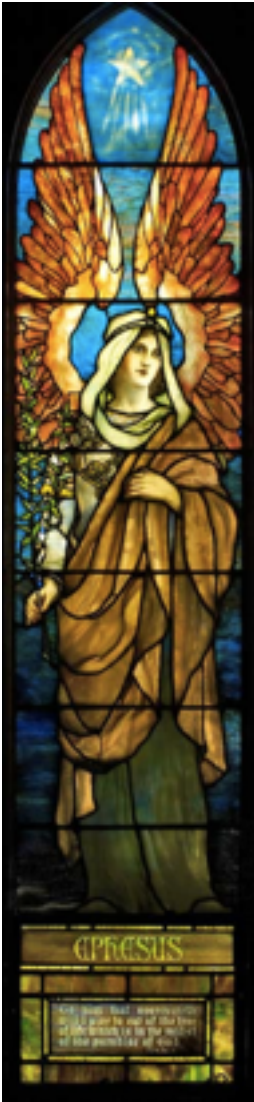
Katie Green shares an email from **Doreen Velnich**, with her permission:

While struggling as a caretaker, I just did not keep up with anything and anyone. I just did day to day. Now things have lightened up a lot...

Frankford Monthly Meeting, where I have membership, is a rather small meeting. We take care of a Quaker K-8 school, and that work takes up almost all of our energy, but I've been on the School Committee and other committees for years and years. Our main project, besides the school, is to do a homeless feeding once a month, rotating with 5 other churches (non-Quaker).

Worcester, on the other hand, has been pure joy as far as the Meeting is concerned and I count myself so fortunate to know you and to have had the chance to get to be a part of Worcester Monthly Meeting, even though just a small part.

I miss you!
Peace and love,
Dor Velnich
velnichd@yahoo.com



Internet Journey with Helen Keller (1880-1968) by Katie Green

June 27 was Helen Keller's Birthday. I was surprised to read that she died as recently as 1967. I first learned about Helen Keller through the 1963 movie, *The Miracle Worker*. I was mesmerized to watch Annie Sullivan, played by Anne Bancroft, give 7 year old Helen Keller (Patty Duke) the gift of language as she repeatedly finger-spelled W-A-T-E-R in her hand while she felt water fall from the pump in her free hand. This scene was permanently seared into my heart, and no doubt influenced my studies as a speech and language pathologist who taught pre-school deaf children in Ohio.

Most people remember Helen Keller as an outstanding deaf and blind person. She graduated from Radcliffe College with honors in 1904. Although most of her life was dedicated to working for blind people, she was also a passionate leader for social change. Helen Keller supported the suffrage movement and birth control. She was a socialist and a convinced pacifist who opposed war and militarism as exploitive aspects of capitalism. When one reads her writings, it becomes clear that Helen Keller lived in synch with our Quaker Testimonies. I had mistakenly thought that there was some Quakerism somewhere in her background.

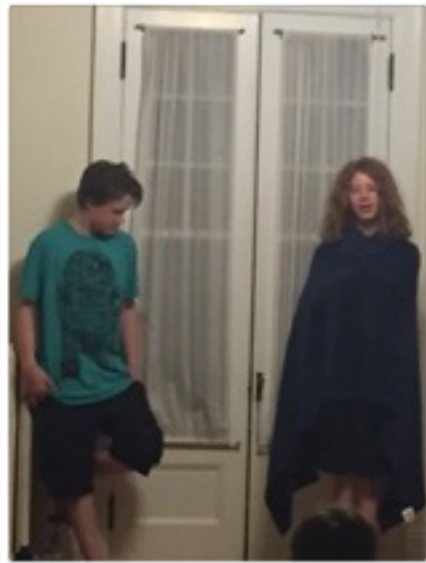
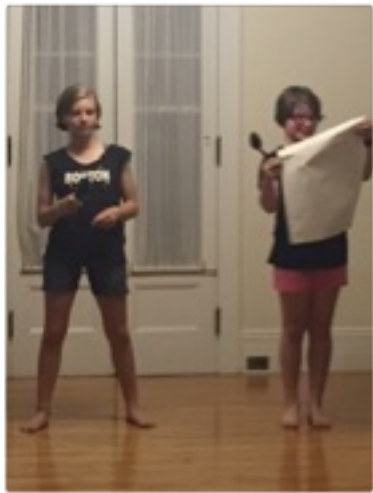
With some on-line research, I learned that Helen Keller was a member of the Swedenborgian Church, which I had never heard of. You know how it is with the internet – one link leads to another. I learned quite a bit about the Swedenborgian Church. This Friend finds quite a few similarities between the Religious Society of Friends and the Swedenborgian Church: both were founded by one person (George Fox and Emanuel Swedberg) in the 17th century; both religions have Christian roots. Both are liberal on social issues and sexual ethics, such as the ordination of women, homosexuality, and abortion. Both believe that an individual can have a direct connection with God. The Swedenborgian Church has a congregational form of governance. The founder of the Swedenborgian Church was a mystic, and I know there are Quakers who believe in mysticism.

You might imagine my surprise when I received a mailing inviting me to come to the Museum of Russian Icons in Clinton to see seven Tiffany Windows from a Swedenborgian Church. I knew I *had* to go to the opening of the exhibit! These windows were created in 1902 for a Swedenborgian Church in Glendale Ohio. The church was demolished in 1964. After spending decades in a barn, they were rediscovered in 2001. On Thursday evening, July 14, I enjoyed a lecture by Susannah Currie, a minister at a Swedenborgian Church in Rhode Island. I look forward to returning to the museum soon, so I can sit in front of these beautiful windows and enjoy the images of angels in silence.

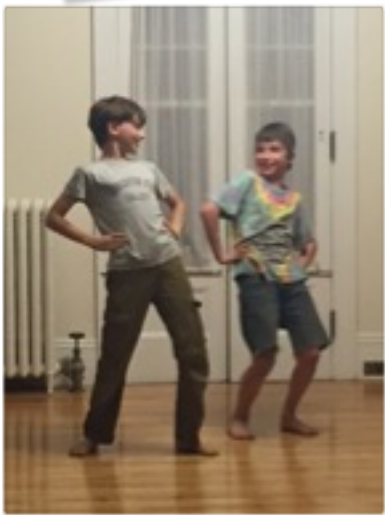
More information about the Swedenborgian Church can easily be found on line.

To read more about the windows, visit <http://www.incompanywithangels.org/>

Did You Know?



Young Friends recently enjoyed another entertaining sleepover at the Meetinghouse after a service filled day at Dismas Farm. Talents abounded throughout the evening.



Katie Green and Zika Mikkelsen traveled to Scotland to research family history.

Andreana Brenner is visiting Colorado and Mexico for a month while **Marrie Brenner** and **Erin Bridges** are visiting family in Chicago and then on to the Wisconsin Dells.

The **WFM Market Day** was very successful. Many books, cookies, and pies were sold as the Friends community came out in force to support the fundraising. (See homemade pies to the right).

Clarence Burley recently participated in two Freedom Week events: At Old Sturbridge Village, he introduced visitors to Quaker abolitionist poet, John Greenleaf Whittier; On Worcester Common, he joined MassHumanities, the NAACP, Women In Action, Executive Office of the City of Worcester, the Worcester Public Library, the Worcester Historical Museum, and the Worcester Art Museum in a community reading of Frederick Douglass's 1852 speech *What Does the Fourth of July Mean to the Slave?*



Betty and Brian Poynton joined our meeting for worship, bringing news from the Friendship Meeting in North Carolina.

Mary Chenaille had knee surgery at St Vincent Hospital and is recovering well.

Zika Mikkelsen attended arts camp at Worcester Academy.

Lucy Barnard recently attended Music Camp.

The **Barnard** and **Green** kids attended Friends Camp.

Karen Sargent visited her mother in Florida.

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Scheduled Meetings

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business	-----	Second Sunday, 9 AM
Spiritual Life Committee, convener, Matthew Shorten	-----	Fourth Sunday, 9:30 AM
Practical Committee, convener, Aaron Sakulich	-----	First Sunday, 9:30 AM
Peace/Social Concerns/Outreach, convener Karen Sargent	-----	Fourth Saturday, 9:30 AM
Mid-week Meeting for Worship, convener Aaron Sakulich	-----	Wednesdays, 7 PM
Clerk of Worcester Friends Meeting	-----	Daron Barnard
Recording Clerk	-----	Katherine Barnard
Corresponding Clerk	-----	Clarence Burley
First Day School	-----	Katie Green, Katherine Barnard
Newsletter	-----	Katie Green, Sheila Brenner

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