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QUERIES

Do you live in thankful awareness of God's constant presence in your life? Are you sensitive and obedient to leadings of the Holy Spirit? Do you seek to follow Jesus, who shows us the way? Do you nurture your spiritual life with prayer and silent waiting and with regular study of the Bible and other devotional literature?

From Faith and Practice of New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, 1985

Clerk's Corner

by Clarence Burley

The observance of a festival of thanksgiving to some outside power for a bountiful harvest probably originated at the time *homo sapiens* morphed from hunter/gatherer to agriculturalist. Growth from seed to sustenance must have been as much a miracle to him as it is to me. We know the ancients had a harvest festival. The tradition from medieval and renaissance England was brought to these shores by our Puritan forebears along with a correlative spring day of fasting in supplication for a fruitful season to come. In Massachusetts, Fast Day has been eclipsed by Patriots Day and marathon hoopla, but it lingered in the official New Hampshire calendar until 1991.

I have been told that the Greek word meaning to give thanks survives as our word "Eucharist." The idea that "that of God" has some relationship to an agricultural product predates but finds its current expression in the gospel story of the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26.) Jesus is quoted as saying, "This is my Body." Christians have been arguing, when not burning each other at the stake, about that remark ever since. I can only note that the quote does not have some words like "but it wasn't my body before." It may be it was his body all along, and he was simply reminding his friends.

Focusing my attention on one tiny part reminds me that the divine spirit pervades the entire material world. The wheaten crumb really is an embodiment of God. Some traditions are called to give it liturgical worship. Our pot-luck is a tasty reminder that God is also at work in the hearts of preparers and providers. We give thanks for their Eucharistic ministry as they offer "what earth has given and human hands have made."

Elizabeth Fry (21 May 1780 - 12 October 1845)

Elizabeth Fry was born Elizabeth Qurney into a Quaker family in Norwich, Norfolk, England. Obviously a family of privilege, her father was John Gurney, of Gurney's Bank; her mother was from the Barclay family of Barclays Bank. She married Joseph Fry, of Fry's Bank when she was twenty.

Elizabeth Gurney was one of eleven children. Her mother died when she was twelve years old, and Gurney was responsible for helping her younger siblings.

When Elizabeth was 18, she heard the American Quaker and cabinet maker, William Savery, and she began to minister to people who were ill or in prison. Because of her dedication to prison ministry, improvements were made and a school was created to educate the children who were in prison with their mothers. Most of her prison ministry was with women and children.

Elizabeth married Joseph Fry (1777 - 1861), a banker and also a Quaker. When she was thirty-one, Elizabeth Fry was recorded as a Minister of the Religious Society of Friends (1811). Her concerns for the women incarcerated at Newgate Prison led her to speak at the House of Commons in 1818. Elizabeth Fry spoke out against the death penalty at a time when London held public executions outside the walls of Newgate Prison. She helped the homeless people and she established a nursing school.

The Fry family experienced financial troubles and bankruptcy. Elizabeth had eleven children, and there were people who criticized her for her social activism. Queen Victoria contributed money to Elizabeth Fry's causes. The Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Society advocates for incarcerated women. They also celebrate and promote a National Elizabeth Fry Week in May.

Elizabeth Fry is known as the Angel of Prisons. Her image is on England's £5 note. Worcester Friends will also recognize the image on the left of the note; it is similar to the print in our library.



Intervisitation

by Clarence Burley

Worshipping with other Monthly Meetings is a good way to learn more about the Religious Society of Friends. The Worcester Meeting is fortunate to have quite a few visitors from other monthly meetings because the New England Yearly Meeting has its office in our building, and there are occasional NEYM meetings on First Day here.

Betty Jones and I visited Smithfield Monthly Meeting prior to Quarterly Meeting. Four QM attenders joined six Smithfielders for worship. In the absence of a pastor their semi-programmed service was conducted by Pieter Byhouwer as Friends come off the bench each week to pinch hit. We sang an opening hymn,

listened to Pieter's reading from Matthew (ch. 25, vs. 31-46), worshipped in silence, and sang a closing hymn. In the oral ministry we heard an expression of gratitude for the weekly volunteer leaders and for the occupant of the parsonage who is attending to some much deferred maintenance.

Our meeting is blessed with an appreciation of scripture that is being fostered by Geoff Knowlton's monthly sessions. We know that Jesus' story of the sheep and the goats that Pieter read was told for all time. Are we listening?

Friends Spoken Word Event



Connie Regan-Blake will perform her show, *Tales from the Southern Hemisphere*, at 8 PM on Saturday evening, November 5 at the Worcester Friends Meetinghouse. Suggested donation for the Friends Spoken Word Series is \$10.

Connie, from North Carolina, is one of America's most celebrated storytellers. She has performed at the nation's top folk music and storytelling festivals in Chicago, Philadelphia, and San Francisco, as well as the Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington, D.C. When Connie takes the stage she generates a brightness and warmth, drawing in listeners with her engaging humor and Southern charm. Her stories range from hilarious traditional Appalachian Mountain tales to poignant true-life drama.

On Sunday afternoon November 6 at 3:30 PM, Connie Regan-Blake will perform at the First Congregational Church in Princeton Center, 14 Mountain Road The program, *Tales to Grow On: Stories for Families*, welcomes all ages and is offered at no charge.

The Friends Spoken Word Series is co-ordinated by the Peace/Social Concerns/Outreach Committee. Contact Katie Green 978-464-5146 for information about either performance.

Monthly Bible Study with Geoff Knowlton

The study is facilitated by Geoff Knowlton. Geoff was raised a Quaker and is also an ordained minister. He is currently a psychotherapist.

November's Bible Study on the 20th...The Advent of Jesus' Birth

With Thanksgiving, comes THE rush. The Christmas rush that is. The day after Thanksgiving starts the frantic process of shopping and shipping, wrapping presents and wrenching money out of credit cards to buy them. By the time Christmas comes, many Christians are so worn out from the parade of parties and cleaning for relatives that they are frustrated and frazzled to the point of loathing the holiday. The church season that begins the Sunday after Thanksgiving is meant to be an antidote for all the rushing around. Known as Advent (Latin for "The Coming") these four weeks before Christmas focus on the meaning of the Messiah and Jesus' birth. With that in mind on November 20th our monthly Bible study will sample some of the traditional scripture readings from the Old and New Testaments that are used to help bring our attention to the meaning of Christmas. Perhaps this can be seen as preventative medicine to avoid Holiday burnout and find the joy of the season again. We will gather at 9:30am and all are invited to join in.

December's Bible Study on the 18th...The Nativity, Jesus' Birth

The story of Jesus birth is among the most beloved of all the scriptures for people of faith. It has been told in so many ways, including films, plays, cartoons, and of course musical productions. The simple story of the birth of a baby still moves us. One church leader said, "We come to the season stressed out. Our kids are acting up, our budgets are tight, our mortgages are under water and our jobs are in jeopardy...if we have a job that is. And God sends us a baby. What does that have to do with us now? What does the story hold for us in this age of uncertainty?" We will try to find out on December 18th and recapture the wonder of the Jesus' birth, as we compare the two versions of the birth stories we have, from the Gospel of Matthew and Luke. Then we look John's poetic reflection on it all found in the first chapter of his Gospel. As always the study begins at 9:30 and all are invited.



"Adoration of the Shepherds" by Gerard van Honthorst, 1622

Representatives of the Rhode Island-Smithfield Quarter's constituent meetings gathered in the 18th century meeting house in Smithfield to share thoughts, activities and plans. Clerk Betsy Zimmerman called for a moment of silent worship to remind ourselves to seek God's will in all we do.

Phil Mayer presented a video on *Justice for the Poor: Poverty and the Bible*. My greatest take-away was the polling data that the most frequently cited scripture on the poor is "... ye have the poor always with you." (Matthew 26:11) with its unspoken corollary, "So there's no use doing anything about them." No! (said the video) Jesus is telling his followers to have the poor always with them, to minister to them preferentially.

On behalf of her meeting and the Friends World Committee for Consultation, Betsy invited Friends to Providence on Tuesday evening, November 1, for a meal, worship, and speakers. Friends from Australia are touring the United States in preparation for the April 2012 World Conference of Friends in Kenya with the theme: *Being Salt and Light: Friends living the kingdom of God in a broken world*. The program will also come to Wellesley Meeting on Saturday, November 5th.

Martha Yager, of American Friends Service Committee, spoke of her busy times with the *Occupy* demonstrations in Providence and New Bedford. She believes that there is a role for Friends in the movement, and that we should monitor *Occupy Worcester* for clarity in supporting them. Martha also described the ill-will in Milford towards their Ecuadorian community following a hit and run fatality caused by an undocumented immigrant. Documented or not, all of a certain complexion are in great fear of reprisal as they try to find rides to Bellingham to do their shopping. Martha has organized some fair-skinned folks to drive the Ecuadorians who slump down in the car terrified. She could use more volunteers.

Betsy then read a letter from Providence Meeting designating Elizabeth Cazden as a traveling minister to Cuba Yearly Meeting. The Quarter happily approved forwarding it to New England Yearly Meeting for final consideration.

A Smithfield representative spoke of their reaching out to NEYM and its Ministry and Counsel in need for both material and spiritual support in their difficulties. Courage comes to them from Volunteers conducting their semi-programmed meetings and a

parsonage tenant who is a real fixer-upper.

Westerly's Jean Johnson described the hurricane damage to their meeting house roof and their difficulties with the insurance adjustment. David Madden of Westerly has published *A Quaker Cupboard: Bible Verses, Queries, and Friendly Voices on the Quaker Testimonies of Spices*. (A copy is now in our library.) They continue to make one mortgage payment a year to Voluntown Peace Trust and are sponsoring a film, *Eyewitness Gaza*.

Mark Conley announced Providence has openings for two part-time employees: a teenager for the nursery and a youth coordinator. Their yard sale (with a silent auction for better in-kind donations) was very successful. With his Friends General Conference local affairs hat on, Mark encouraged Friends to call him to volunteer for service at the gathering the first week of July. Greeters are especially needed for Sunday, July 1, as one thousand Friends are expected to arrive that day at The University of Rhode Island in Kingston.

And of course Worcester Friends Meeting had a report of its doings: Connie's passing, landscaping, the recorder's up-dating of our membership, etc. etc

A mini-quarterly meeting for one rep per meeting will be held at Betsy Zimmerman's home in Foster, RI, in January. Westerly will host in April, leaving Worcester to complete the alphabet in July.

After being reminded that the Quarter's Stephen Aldrich Fund is available for personal short term assistance, and Betty Jones is our representative on its board, we closed the meeting with silent worship.

On-going Projects

Second Sundays have been designated as "Socks Sunday." Bring new or lightly worn white socks for distribution to homeless people in Worcester. Barbara Sullivan reminds us to bring in small bottles of shampoo, soap, etc. for the homeless people in Fitchburg.

Don't forget to save your Stoneyfield Yogart containers. Bring clean containers (no lids) into the meetinghouse for Sandy Kocher to send in to the company for coupons which she takes to Abby's House.

On October 22, 150 people, including Congressman James McGovern, Mayor Joseph O'Brien, and city officials, attended *The Way of Nonviolence*, a luncheon honoring William P. Densmore and a fundraiser for the Center for Nonviolent Solutions. The event at Clark University also included the premier of a film, *If You Don't Teach Peace*, on the Center's work since it was initiated at Worcester Friends Meeting in 2009.

William Densmore, co-founder of the Center, is a long-time Worcester resident, former vice-president of Norton Co./Saint Gobain, and founder or contributor to numerous educational and community organizations. Congressman McGovern described Mr. Densmore as a person with "a very warm heart and a spine of steel."

The Center's mission is to improve public discourse on issues of peace and nonviolence. The office staff and resource center involves a half-time Executive Director, Christa Drew; Education Director, Sam Diener; and office manager Judy Savage. A free graduate and professional development course for Worcester Public School teachers on successful nonviolent movements around the world and in local history is now in progress at Clark University. The Center also sponsors mediators to intervene in conflict in local neighborhoods and organizations. Its Governing Board includes Worcester Friends and American Friends Service Committee Staff, as well as mediation trainers, activists, and scholars in peace, conflict, and nonviolence studies.

An active website, <http://www.nonviolentsolution.org>, describes the Center's activities and outreach. Office hours are: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 901 Pleasant Street, Worcester Massachusetts 01602. Contributions to the Center for Nonviolent Solutions are tax deductible.

Sadness That Autumn Holds
By Sandra Kocher

*Autumn sends heavy rains
Like tears washing down
on water-starved earth
Trees shed leaves of red and gold
Winds whine
A time for gratitude, a time to grieve
As when an old love has at last been released
and we cross the threshold to a new one
Trees relinquish their leaves
We our tears*

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Market Day

We wish to thank everyone who volunteered for the October 8th Fall Market Day, whether it was helping with publicity, baking goodies, making pies, sorting books, helping with set-up or being present on the day to help with the sales. According to our treasurer, we made over \$900. Congratulations everyone!



Call for Pictures

Some of you may have photographs that you have taken at various Worcester Friends Meeting events over the years. Sandra Kocher and Betty Poynton are interested in putting together a book of pictures for the Meeting. If you have some that you'd like to share, please bring them to Meeting. Label and identify the people and activity as best you can.



It seems to me that the growing Occupation movement represents the emergence of a powerful new nonviolent social movement the likes of which we have not seen for a long time in this country. Right now broad coalitions all over the nation are joining together to demand a restoration of democracy in the face of increasing corporate cooptation and economic justice in the face of near Depression levels of inequality. This movement prioritizes nonviolence, consensus decision making and community building and as such should be of particular interest to Quakers.

Following the lead of Occupy Wall Street, occupations quickly spread to over 1,000 cities all over the nation. While each of these occupations is local and independent, they largely share the same basic organizational structures. First, the occupation holds regular public meetings called general assemblies to collectively discuss and plan actions. Second, they use consensus decision making to ensure that the community is responsive to the voices of all members. Third, they use smaller working groups to make more efficient decisions and to address specific concrete needs of the community. Finally, in most cases, they also physically occupy a public space near a political or financial center of power. Using these basic tools, each city comes together to decide on the details of the occupation and the actions to be taken in their respective communities.

On October 9th Occupy Worcester held the first of its ongoing general assembly meetings on the Worcester Common. They have already planned several marches, have collaborated on actions to prevent foreclosures and are planning events for the upcoming November 5th National Bank Transfer Day. Additionally, some members of Occupy Worcester attempted to occupy the Worcester common on October 17th but after being threatened with arrest decided to camp at Lake Park to establish the beginnings of a physical occupation. The general assemblies continue and Occupy Worcester continues to evolve. To find out more, go to the Occupy Worcester webpage at <http://www.occupyworcester.org>.

I find it inspiring to see all these energized people—many new to any sort of political activism—working hard to try to rebuild social movements and to create positive change across our nation. Given the legacy of Quaker leadership in nonviolence, there are plenty of opportunities for Quakers to contribute to this fledgling movement. If anyone has skills to share in nonviolence, community organizing and/or consensus decision making, I know you would be especially welcome. Perhaps I will see you there.

The Dalai Lama, when asked what surprised him most about humanity, answered:

“Man.

Because he sacrifices his health in order to make money.

Then he sacrifices money to recuperate his health.

And then he is so anxious about the future that he does not enjoy the present;

the result being that he does not live in the present or the future;

he lives as if he is never going to die, and then dies having never really lived.”





With Occupy movements sweeping the country, I have been reading Facebook's Occupy, Quakers! I wanted to learn if and how Quakers are getting involved with this (long over-due) national call for social change. Are we supporting this movement? What gifts do we have to share? What will this mean to Quakers in the future of social action?

Occupy, Quakers! has a lot of interesting ways that various Friends are involved and even more about what Friends are thinking about the Occupy movement.

Readers may be interested to learn that former NEYM Clerk, Linda Jenkins was one of the 100+ people who were arrested a few weeks ago in Boston. Other Friends across the country participate in occupations, bring soup to the occupiers, and/or hold meetings for worship (one Friend spoke of "empathy meetings").

Amy Ward Brimmer from Chicago made this post in mid October:

"People of faith are interested in how we live and create community today — and faith has a lot to say about that," Beckmann said. "Jesus talked more about money than he ever did about sex, and warned of the dangers of greed and not caring about your neighbors. Our Sunday readings these last few weeks have reminded us that Jesus didn't shrink from the controversy in the public square."

Through Facebook postings, I listened to George Lakey's talk from the William Penn 2011 Lecture in Philadelphia. The talk is titled Trusting the Call to

Leadership. In it he encourages us to think about our role as Friends and to address issues of social class.

If you go to this address:

<http://www.quakerquaker.org/profiles/blogs/william-penn-lecture-2011> you can hear some clips from the lecture, an interview with Jeanne Burns, founder of the blog "Social Class and Quakers" and a chat between George Lakey and Richard George about how to increase the visibility of this important subject in our wider community.

Lakey asks, with our Quaker principles, "How do we not take roles in leadership?" He names classism as the culprit, and encourages us to break free of the systemic messages we receive from our culture in order to be "grounded in the messages that Jesus gave us."

Lakey reminds us that Friends are generally middle class, and "the middle class supports sameness, not community." As "managers" of the working class, the middle class wants everything to be smooth and calm- productive. Managers avoid conflict, and therefore do not take risks for the working class. He reminds us that growth and change involve conflict, and we must embrace it, not ignore it.

Lucretia Mott, Lakey reminds us, knew better than to avoid conflict. Great change

must expect opposition because it shakes the very foundation of the system. Early Friends liked to use the word POWER as a synonym for Light. They experienced Joy in breaking their bounds.

Unfortunately, many Friends do not realize how class shows up in our culture. Meetings work together to figure out race and homophobia, but not class. As long as the Religious Society of Friends does not address class issues, Lakey concludes, our community leadership will be limited.



George Lakey asks, "How do we not take roles in leadership?"

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Meeting for Business

September 11, 2011

Present: Katy Green, Phil Stone, Mark Sullivan, Betty Jones, Michael True, Matthew Shorten, Mary Chenaille, Daron Barnard, Barbara Sullivan, Clarence Burley, clerk.

09-11-2011-01. Meeting began with a period of silence and a reading of Philippians 4:4-9.

09-11-2011-02. Ministry & Counsel has not met. Matt Shorten notes the meeting had a large representation from all age groups at Yearly Meeting Sessions in August.

09-11-2011-03. Trustees met last week. They met with Rainer Reichel to discuss removing some invasive plants from the grounds. A second letter will be sent out soon to update the membership list. There are several Friends who were very active and have not been involved or in contact with the meeting for some time; Friends ask the Recorder to bring the list to business meeting; the name of anyone for whom there is a concern will be referred to Ministry and Counsel.

09-11-2011-04. The treasurer's report was discussed; payments were made for the repairs to the ceiling of the meeting room, and to Rainer for the extra yard work.

09-11-2011-05. Peace & Social Concerns/Outreach met. There will be Spoken Word events scheduled the first Saturday of every month beginning on October 1st at 7:30 pm. This will be "Prose & Poetry for Healing the Earth" in response to a request by young adult friends from YM. F(f)riends are encouraged to bring items to read. On November 5th, Connie Reagan Blake, a well-known storyteller, will be featured.

09-11-2011-06. The committee will have a number of signs printed with "Another Quaker for Peace" to be carried by Friends who participate in various actions.

09-11-2011-07. Due to some miscommunication, it is clarified that child care is under the care of the Religious Ed committee. That committee will be communicating the meeting's needs to our provider.

09-11-2011-08. The newsletter committee raised a concern about the number of newsletters that continue to be mailed out to persons who have signed the guest book after visiting the meeting house once. Several suggestions will be investigated and brought back to business meeting next month.

09-11-2011-09. Opportunity having been given for questions and concerns, meeting ended with a period of silence, purposing to meet again tenth month, ninth, or at the call of the clerk.

Submitted in the Light,

Barbara Sullivan, recording clerk

Worcester Friends Meeting

Meeting for Business

October 9, 2011

Present: Mark Sullivan, Betty Poynton, Phil Stone, Betty Jones, Michael True, Brian Poynton, Karen Sargent, Katie Green, Darren Barnard, Kathryn Barnard, Paul Gallagher, Ida Stone, Barbara Sullivan, Clarence Burley, clerk.

10-09-11-01 Meeting began with a period of silence and a reading of Rally Day, by Madeline S. Bridges.

10-09-2011-02 Ministry & Counsel is considering the charge to collect information from interested attenders and who may wish either to be contacted or receive the newsletter. Several samples from other meetings/faith groups were looked at.

10-09-2011-03 The death of Connie Reilly was sadly noted. There will be a memorial meeting at the meeting house, October 30, at 10:00 AM.

10-09-2011-04 Clarence Burley is on the NEYM Archives Committee. They are looking for information regarding the book, The Bloody Tennent of Persecution, by Roger Williams, Moses (who owns it the school vs. NEYM)

10-09-2011-05 Ministry & Counsel asks that the meeting co-sponsor the Tuesday PM Peace vigil in Lincoln Square.

10-09-2011-06 Trustees met and note that a significant amount of work has been done in the yard-removing stumps, taking out front bushes, leveling areas of the yard, dispersing compost, removing small trees and brush. As this is in addition to the routine upkeep, an additional payment of about \$2000 is needed. Friends approve this payment.

10-09-2011-07 The treasurer reports that even with the additional payment for yard work, the expenses & income are equal. Money from yesterday's Fair has not yet been counted. It does appear the meeting is doing better financially this year. It is noted that more groups are using the meeting house and contributing; also that the community is more aware of Friends presence.

10-09-2011-08 The recorder presented a list of members who have not responded to multiple requests asking if they wished to continue their membership. 6 names are referred to Ministry & Counsel for further assessment. No other concerns were raised. Phil Stone, Josie Brown, Ellen Perry, Karen Sargent and Clarence Burley, with others worked to gather all the information that was in many different locations.

10-09-2011-09 Peace & Social Concerns/Outreach had a Spoken Word Program in the beginning of October. Unfortunately, only 3 people attended. The next Program will be an internationally known storyteller, on the first Saturday of November.

10-09-2011-10 The committee asks that the meeting become one of the sponsors of the Tuesday Peace Vigil. Friends approve.

10-09-2011-11 There is a peace demonstration in Boston next weekend that Friends are encouraged to attend.

10-09-2011-12 This afternoon there will be a planning meeting for "Occupy Worcester", behind City Hall to protest the effects of big business on the country. Michael True noted that organizers have had non-violent training which will be incorporated. Information regarding ways to support the larger demonstration in NYC will be made available to individuals who are interested.

10-09-2011-13 Building & Grounds reports that two of the 3rd floor fluorescent light fixtures on the 3rd floor need to be replaced. Also the floor in the office for NonViolent Solutions is worn with old, cracking linoleum. They have also asked about cleaning their offices. It is suggested that all the lights on the 3rd floor be replaced, and that an estimate be obtained re fixing the floor in the office. The Center should be given contact information for our cleaning person. Friends approve.

10-09-2011-14 Several bids have been received to paint the meeting room. They range from \$1900 to \$600. Friends ask for some clarification on the estimates to include repairs to cracks, painting radiators and trim.

10-09-2011-15 Friends ask that there be communication with tenants and groups who meet here cleaning up after themselves and the use of meeting equipment. Trustees are asked to take up this matter.

10-09-2011-16 The cemetery committee notes that Betsy True has completed the first portion of documenting the cemetery. The meeting approves payment of \$15/hour for 10 hours work.

10-09-2011-16 First Day School is doing well.

10-09-2011-17 Opportunity having been given for questions and concerns, meeting ended with a period of silence, purposing to meet again eleventh month, thirteenth, or at the call of the clerk.

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Scheduled Meetings

First Sunday 9:30 am	Trustees and Peace/Social Concerns
Second Sunday 9:00 am	Meeting for Worship w/ Attention to Business
Third Sunday 9:30 am	Discussion as scheduled
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

Worcester Friends Meeting is the "Meeting for eating." We hold a pot-luck lunch every week after the rise of the Meeting for Worship.

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