

Portland Friends Newsletter

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SIXTH MONTH 2011

First Day schedule

Meeting for Worship

8am and 10:30am through June 19; 5pm from June 26, followed by potluck 6:30pm

Religious Education

Children & Adults 9:30am
2nd & 4th Sundays except during summer schedule

Friends to contact

Co-Clerks

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Muriel Allen 874-9523

Treasurer, Contributions

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Kathy Beach 741-2940
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Sara Jane Elliot 883-0573

Special Needs Funds

Chris Beach 741-2940
Elizabeth Szatkowski 772-1774

Ministry and Counsel

Beth Bussiere-Nichols
939-8247

Pastoral Care Coordinators

Shannon O'Connor 774-2578
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Religious Education Coordinators

Adults:
Elizabeth Szatkowski 772-1774

Children:

Dorothy Grannell 878-8698

Clerk: Lyn Ballou 865-3888

Use of the Meetinghouse

Dorothy Grannell 878-8698

E-group Coordinator

Mary Beth Walsh 797-8414
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*Do you wish to rise? Begin by descending. You plan a tower that will pierce the clouds?
Lay first the foundation of humility. —St. Augustine*

Query Six—Personal Conduct

Do you live with simplicity, moderation, and integrity? Are you punctual in keeping promises, careful in speech, just and compassionate in all your dealings with others? Do you take care that your spiritual growth is not sacrificed to busyness but instead integrates your life's activities? Are your recreations consistent with Quaker values; do they refresh your spirit and renew your body and mind?

Upcoming Events

Preble St. Soup Kitchen fourth Friday every month. Aaiyn Foster, 766-9762
Local clergy Peace Vigil Wednesdays, 12-1pm, Monument Square, Portland

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| June 11 | Family Game Night and Youngish Adults Potluck, 5pm |
| June 12 | Singing, 9am; Youth and Adult Religious Ed., 9:30am
End of Year Celebration, noon |
| June 17-19 | New England Young Adult Friends retreat, Monadnock Meeting, NH |
| June 17-22 | Quaker Spring, The Meeting School, Rindge, NH |
| June 18 | 25th Annual Pride Festival and Parade, Monument Sq., 12:30pm |
| June 19 | Some committees meet |
| June 26 | SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS, 5pm |
| July 9 | Youngish Adults Potluck, 5-8pm |
| July 16 | Friends Committee on Maine Public Policy, Waterville, 10am-3pm |
| July 24 | Falmouth Quarterly Meeting and
Awakening the Dreamer program, PFM, 9am-6pm |
| July 31 | Summer Meeting for Worship for Business |
| Aug 5 | New England Yearly Meeting 350th anniversary celebration |
| Aug 6-11 | New England Yearly Meeting sessions |

There are members and attenders who need rides to Meeting and other support during times of difficulty. If you need or can provide rides, food, or your silent presence at home meetings for worship, please leave a message for Shannon O'Connor, 774-2578.

New address!

Newsletter Contributions

Please mail items to:
Anna Barnett
835 Congress St., Apt. 2
Portland, ME 04102

OR email items to Anna Barnett
abarnett@gmail.com
Phone: 523-0314

Send address change details to Tony Scilipoti
tscilipoti@maine.rr.com

Deadline for receiving newsletter items: Friday after business meeting or sooner!

Minutes of Portland Friends Monthly Meeting June 5, 2011

1. Portland Friends Meeting for Business began in silent worship with 26 members and attenders present, during which co-clerk Muriel Allen read the Sixth Query from NEYM Faith and Practice, concerning Personal Conduct, which begins: Do you live with simplicity, moderation, and integrity?
2. **Clerk's Comments:** Co-clerk Muriel Allen commented that she had been six months 'on the job' and she expressed thanks and gratitude for the group of people she is working with and the joy and fulfillment of the work of being a clerk and commends the job to anybody who might be approached in the future to become a co-clerk.
3. **Acceptance of Minutes, May 1 Meeting for Business.** There were no corrections or additions.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** We are 42% through the year. We had \$4380.33 income in May. Most of the expenses involved payment for the first installment of a window restoration. Many families took advantage of the Camperships and Youth Scholarships. The audit process was started. Total expenses were \$5078.02. The balance was a negative \$3868.64. Fund-raising for the kitchen will be kept in a separate account.
5. Chris Beach presented the **Report of the Ad Hoc Barbara Holden Potter Bequest Committee.** The committee's recommendations are in the report printed below these minutes. The bequest is about \$375,000 in total. The assumption is that the market value will increase by 4%, or \$14,800, a year. This amount of \$14,800 is what the committee recommends be made available for use each year, unless market conditions showed that figure to be unrealistic. Half, or \$7,400 would be used for funding leadings by members and attenders of the meeting, and the other half for building and grounds improvements, including any efforts to "green" the building. It was suggested that Nominating Committee would propose individuals to form a committee to consider leadings. Leadings proposed through the committee would be brought to Business Meeting.

The interpretation of 'leadings' is very broad and might include, for instance, work with the children's program, young adults' leadings, or leadings in the greater community or even the world. The use of the fund by the wider Quaker community has not so far been discussed, but priority would probably be given to local requests. Tracy Booth in her capacity as a board member of the Lyman Fund noted that the Lyman Fund, which was also given a bequest by Barbie Potter, might better serve non-local requests.

Tom Tracy expressed a hope that the work of the committee would lead to greater generosity by meeting members in supporting others' leadings, in effect acting as a seed.

Co-clerk Muriel Allen thanked the committee for their hard work. Those present were generally in approval, but it was felt that it was better to give the wider meeting a chance to look at the report in full and bring it forward at the next Meeting for Business.
6. **Ministry and Counsel report:** Summer 5pm evening worship Starts June 26 and ends September 11th with Business Meeting. Summer Business Meeting will be July 31st, after Meeting for Worship and potluck. Religious Education Committees wish to wait and see what plans emerge before setting the date of the first First Day School.

Ministry and Counsel finds Elizabeth Szatkowski clear for membership and would like to warmly recommend Business Meeting approval of same. Business Meeting warmly approved this.
7. Tom Tracy for **Financial Oversight** asked for Authorization to sign off on the final distribution of Barbara Holden Potter's estate. The final amount of the residue of the estate was \$54,258.25. The meeting authorized co-clerk Muriel Allen to sign the Personal Representative's letter, with gratitude to Barbie Potter for her love and generosity. The meeting approved drafting a letter of thanks to Nancy Wanderer for her work as Personal Representative.
8. **Quarterly Meeting:** Dorothy Grannell said Portland Friends Meeting will bring the program Awakening the Dreamer Changing the Dream to this meeting on July 24th, starting at 9am and going through late afternoon, followed by summer worship at 5pm and the regular potluck. The program is about global change and what we can do about it. This is a lead-up to this summer's Yearly Meeting and the Salt and Light Conference next spring. There may therefore be potential visitors from the wider Quaker community, and we need volunteers for food and registration. Lise Wagner volunteered to co-ordinate overnight accommodation needs. A suggested \$10 per person donation for travel expenses for the presenters and the World Conference was approved. Andy Grannell pointed out the precedent of such a donation at the All-Maine Gathering. A sign-up sheet will be put up for the help needed. A flyer will be put in the newsletter. Friends approved the \$10 suggested donation. Andrew and Dorothy Grannell, Tracy Booth, Barbara Rose Macintosh and Harold Burnham were approved as Portland Friends Meeting representatives at this meeting.
9. Following our ongoing authorization of Meeting participation in the **Southern Maine Pride March** on Saturday 18th June in Monument Square at 12:30pm, volunteers are needed to carry the banner and return it. Peace and Social Concerns Committee have paid the fee. No volunteers were forthcoming at the meeting, but details will go into the newsletter before that date.
10. **The clerks sought authorization to accept the State proposal of compensation of \$572 for road repair disruption.** No land is being taken from the meeting; there is a temporary easement to allow construction. There is a right to appeal if other damage is occurs. There will in nearly all instances be access to our parking lot. Work will begin in August and go on into next year. Our tree may be affected. The meeting suggested an arborist be consulted to minimize the damage. The sign will need to be moved as it is partly in the State's right of way. We may need to consider asking the people who do the finished paving on the road to fix our gravel problem in the driveway. Sylvanus Doughty explained that the work will involve regrading and the creation of a bike lane. The meeting approved the acceptance of the offer of compensation.
11. The meeting closed at 10:25am in silent worship, purposing to meeting on July 31st at 7pm, God willing.

Jenny Doughty, Co-Recording Clerk

Recommendations for Use of Barbie Potter's Bequest
First set of Recommendations
June 5, 2011

A. Introduction

Following the sense of two threshing sessions concerning how Portland Friends Meeting might use the total bequest of approximately \$375,000 that the late Barbie Potter has given to the Meeting, we make the following general recommendations, and specific recommendations with regard to funding Friends' leadings.

B. General Recommendations

1. Unless Financial Oversight discerns otherwise for a particular year, the meeting shall assume that the market value of Barbie's Bequest will increase in value at an average rate of 4% per year = \$14,800 per year.
2. In a typical year, ½ of the increase in value of Barbie's bequest (2% of \$375,000 or \$7,400), shall be made available for funding leadings of members and attenders of PFM, following the procedures laid out in Section C, below.
3. In a typical year, ½ of the increase in value of Barbie's bequest, \$7,400, shall be made available to help fund improvements to the buildings and grounds of PFM, including efforts to "green" the building, following procedures still being developed for presentation and approval later this year.
4. At some possible extraordinary moment in the future, if and when PFM finds (in accordance with procedures that are still being developed for presentation and approval later this year) that purchase of additional land is likely to substantially improve PFM's ability to meet its mission and serve Friends, then some (as yet to be determined) percentage of Barbie's bequest may be used to help purchase such land. It is important to note that such a purchase would represent an exceptional event in the meeting's history and probably reduce the principle of the bequest so that less money would thereafter be available from the bequest to fund leadings and improvements.

C. Recommendations Concerning the Funding of Leadings

With respect to the funding of leadings, we recommend that: (1) a Leadings Committee be formed and (2) that it follow guidelines that are articulated below as it discerns which leadings to recommend that PFM fund.

1. Leadings Committee

- a. Nominate and appoint a committee that will meet quarterly, or as needed, to consider requests for financial support for members' and attenders' leadings.
- b. The committee would have 5 members, chosen for their demonstrated ability to sit with others and discern with them how Spirit is moving the person and how a leading might best be implemented practically.
- c. We suggest that the committee be made up of:
 - i. One current Co-Clerk of the Meeting
 - ii. One member of the Special Needs Fund
 - iii. Three other individuals

2. Guidelines for the Leadings Committee

- a. In order for funds to be given, the applicant and committee should have a strong sense that the applicant is led by the Spirit to undertake the proposed project or work.
- b. The committee should have a sense that the person is fully committed to the leading and to giving it his/her best effort.
- c. In general, preference might be given to members and attenders who have been active in our or another Quaker meeting for approximately three years.
- d. Funding for each person's leading would be limited to \$1,500 (or some other number that the committee or Meeting might choose), unless the committee is convinced that the project or work will provide significant benefit to PFM or the wider community and thus warrants greater support. In that case, the committee could consider increasing the amount given for a particular leading by awarding more than \$1,500 (staying within the limit of \$7,500 for all leadings in a year) or by encouraging the meeting as a whole to raise additional funds for that particular leading.
- e. If an applicant requests continued funding of her/his original leading in subsequent years, the committee and applicant are encouraged to consider a range of ways the leading may be funded over time (for example: renewed funding by the committee, annual fund-raiser, other sources of Quaker funding {like the Lyman Fund and Obadiah Brown Fund}, grant-writing, non-profit incorporation).
- f. These guidelines and the committee's process will be re-evaluated at the end of each year and amended as needed.

Meditation on the Summer Solstice

Earth and Spirit Committee

The summer solstice has a special impact on the earth, especially on biological life. Because the light is bright, the day is warm and the sun's stay is longest, this day can stimulate plants, animals and human hearts more strongly than usual. As the Earth and Spirit Committee reflected together on the coming solstice, one person put it this way: *The summer sun energizes life and draws everything up to itself.*

Like Francis of Assisi, some people are blessed with a strong connection to the earth on which they walk. Think of all the gardeners in our Meeting. The range of the sun in summer subtly induces humans in both hemispheres to earnest concern for the earth's environment and atmosphere. All beings, and even quarks of matter, work toward the preservation of Mother Earth. One of the members of Earth and Spirit and some others in our Meeting believe the earth is a living, breathing being, sustaining and nurturing us. Many in our Meeting work diligently to preserve biological life and diversity.

People feel sometimes there are too many issues to care about. Concerning this quandary, Mother Teresa of Calcutta suggests: Do a few things with great love.

The scientist of the Earth and Spirit Committee points out: *With all its importance, our sun is only a speck in the universe.* Another person shudders and says, *I feel I could be shaken off the earth like a flea.* How awesome the Cosmos. Space observatories like the satellite Kepler have found indications of some 500 planets in the forms of shadows traveling across their suns, or slight wobbles in suns themselves. But these planets are light-years away from us. There is no evidence of a planet like the earth, though science continues to search.

So, for now, infinitesimal as we are in the universe, we humans must be of some importance to have drawn to ourselves such a beautiful planet, rich with life. This is why we strive to care for the preservation of other species as well as our own, to constantly clean and conserve our water, and to continue to do a few things with great love. Of all the photographs ever taken, it is difficult to imagine one more beautiful than that of our blue planet taken from space.

In a concave area of fields and ponds formed by four rounded summits of the ancient Laguna Mountains in San Diego County was a commune named Madre Grande. Out of respect for the land, the back-to-the-landers who lived there had no permanent shelters, just mobile tents, campers or huts easily dismantled. The stick-fenced vegetable garden could easily dissolve back into the fields to feed rattlesnakes in this ancient meeting place for the indigenous people that once lived here. In the 1980s, the residents and visitors gathered one summer solstice just before high noon to honor the sun. One of the Earth and Spirit members was there. Dressed in gaudy feathers and a long golden cape, and imbued with traditions from an ancient time and place, an Aztec shaman presided.

The Aztec priest said, *You moderns were told that we Aztecs worship the Sun. Consider this. Can you breathe without the oxygen that comes from trees which cannot exist without the sun? Can you drink water without the evaporation of rain from the*

warmth of the sun? Can you eat without the sun's photosynthesis in trees and plants that provides you and other animals the food that sustains you? However, I say the sun is more than that. We Aztecs believe the sun is the Light of spirituality, goodness and compassion. Could the Sun also be your God, the Source of everything?

This lively earth, this beautiful planet, and this Aztec man have much to tell us about the summer solstice. Solstice reminds us to do a few things with great love for Mother Earth.



Aztec calendar stone

For the Summer Solstice, June 21, 2011, from Earth and Spirit

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting Presents

Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream

9am–6pm July 24, 2011, Portland Friends Meeting, 1837 Forest Ave.

Suggested Donation \$10.00 per person, to benefit the Travel Fund for Friends World Conference

Some Friends will remember that this program was presented as part of NEYM’s Day of Discernment in April, 2011. It is being offered throughout New England in preparation for the NEYM Session in August of this year, which will reflect on our 350 years of Friends’ history in New England, and on concern for the earth now that we have surpassed 350 parts per million of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. The theme also relates to the concerns of the FWCC World Conference of Friends to be held in 2012 with the theme of “Being Salt & Light: Living the Kingdom in a Broken World”. NEYM Young Adult Friends are providing the program’s facilitators, as the YAFs have taken this project on as their own. NEYM Earth Care Witness and Peace and Social Concerns have sponsored this program in the past.



“Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream” consists of an artfully crafted and powerfully motivating DVD that asks four questions about the state of our planet: “Where are we?” “How did we get here?” “What’s possible for the future?” and “Where do we go from here?” It connects a sustainable environment with a socially just and spiritually fulfilling human presence. Through leading edge information, prayer and meditation, inspiring multimedia, and dynamic interactions with others, participants are moved to connect with their deep concern for our earth and find their unique contribution to creating a sustainable, fulfilling and just world.

Our facilitators will be Jay O’Hara and Sarah Moon of West Falmouth Meeting. Other Portland Friends will assist. The extended time is offered so that we, as a group, will be able to move to a hopeful place and develop ideas and actions that may work to solve some of our environmental and economic challenges. Due to the nature of the material being presented, it is important to participate in both Part I and Part II. Please plan to attend the entire

program portion from 9:30 to 4:00. There will be small group discussion as well as time for individual reflection. The topics are appropriate for adults, teens and some middle school youth.

Schedule:

9:00am Registration and Coffee

9:30am–12:30pm Part I

12:30–1:30pm Lunch and Individual Reflection

1:30–4:00pm Part II and Wrap-up

4:00 PM Falmouth Quarterly Meeting for Business

5:00 PM Meeting for Worship with Portland Friends

6:15 PM Pot Luck Supper (provided by PFM)

Child care may be provided during the program for children through age 10. Parents must request child care no later than July 15. If no one requests this service it will not be provided.

Food choices will include vegetarian and gluten free alternatives.

Overnight hospitality will be provided for those coming from a distance on either Saturday or Sunday evening. Please contact Lise Wagner by July 15 with your requests for hospitality. (207) 772-2537 or lisewagner@gwi.net

Donations are requested (suggested \$10 each for adults) to defray the cost of this program and to benefit the Friends World Committee for Consultation International Travel Fund. In order for our Latin American Friends to be able to attend the 6th World Conference or Friends, they will need support. Donations are not required to participate, but we hope that many who plan to attend will be able to contribute.

Registration

Complete and mail this registration form along with your donation, or contact Dorothy & Andy Grannell by phone (207-878-8698) or e-mail (dorothygrannell@maine.rr.com) and include the information requested below.

Name(s) of those attending _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E- Mail _____

Check if you will need Child Care

Names and ages of children attending _____

Mail to: Dorothy Grannell, c/o Portland Friends Meeting, 1837 Forest Avenue, Portland, ME 04103

Please make checks payable to Portland Friends Meeting and write FWCC Travel in the memo line.

Portland Friends who wish to assist with providing the lunch, please contact Tracy Booth at tdbooth@earthlink.net or sign up on the poster in the front hall of the Meeting House. Other opportunities to help with registration or clean up will also be listed there, or contact Dorothy Grannell.

Friends Committee on Maine Public Policy meets July 16 Speaker on new Truth and Reconciliation Commission

Friends Committee on Maine Public Policy will meet on Saturday, July 16, in Waterville at the Alford Center, from 10am to 3pm. Our guest speaker will be Denise Altwater of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, a member of the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission and one of the people whose work has led to the recently established Maine Tribal-State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Denise will be talking with us about the Commission.

More information about the Maine Tribal-State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Commission: <http://mainetribaltrc.org/>.

Directions to Alford Youth Center: From I-95 to Waterville, take Exit 130, south on Main Street. After McDonald's, at the first intersection, turn right at the light onto Eustis Parkway until it T's into North Street. Turn left on North Street. After several hundred yards of playing fields on the right, turn right into the parking lot for Alford Youth Center, the new building on right. We expect to be in the library at the end of the hall on the second floor.

Conversations on Global Change

In January, 15 Portland Friends participated in a Global Cluster Conversation in preparation for the 6th World Conference of Friends in 2012. The reports of the clusters that were held around the world about six queries concerning global change and its effects are now posted online at

<http://www.fwccglobalchange.org/voices.html>

Read what we said as well as other Friends from many nations.

Southern Maine Pride March, June 18

The 2011 Pride March is on Saturday, June 18, beginning at 12:30pm at Monument Square.

PFM has joined the march for many years, and Peace and Social Concerns is seeking a Friend who can take up the commitment to carry our banner this year. Both flags are currently in the office at the meetinghouse.

Contact Tom Antonik, 879-0241

More information: <http://www.southernmainepride.org>.



Freedom and Justice Crier: Call for Articles

The Racial, Social and Economic Justice Committee of New England Yearly Meeting

writes: With the NEYM Annual Sessions' theme of "350 Years of New England Friends: Called to Heal a Broken Earth" the Committee of Racial Social and Economic Justice, in a variety of contexts, is bringing to this gathering the intersection and impact of global climate change on justice work of Friends. One such venue is our publication *The Freedom and Justice Crier*. This

year we are doing just one issue to be distributed at Sessions and we want it to be great. We intend for it to be a more magazine type format and invite all New England Friends to participate in several ways.

One way is simply to let us know what your Meeting has done this year to encourage racial, social or economic justice.

For example, perhaps you have done something concrete to encourage neighbors and legislators to treat homeless people with dignity and respect. Perhaps you have a committee that works on racial justice issues or how a degraded environment disproportionately effects people of color or the poor.

We would love to hear about anything and everything you and all Meetings around New England are doing. Second, consider writing an article for the publication. For example, how has the issue of white privilege touched your life? How have you seen classism effect Friends? What role, if any, do you think homophobia plays in the FUM hiring practices? Does sexism still exist? What are the spiritual consequences and brokenness? What does that still, small voice say to inform us of our responsibilities in this regard? Or is there an article that spoke deeply to you on these concerns that you would like us to republish and which you would be willing to get permission to use?

Contact rch@cape.com. June 30 is the deadline for commitment and ideally at least a rough draft.

To see past issues of *The Freedom and Justice Crier*, visit <http://neympsc.squarespace.com/rsej> scroll down and click "next" to see the last 11 years worth of editions.



Friends World Committee for Consultation's
QUAKER YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

July 12 - August 13 2012
In England, Netherlands and Belgium

PILGRIM APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

If you will be between 16 and 18 in the summer of 2012, and
If you want an amazing
experience of Learning, Spiritual
Growth and diverse Quaker
Community, think about being a
QYP Pilgrim.

Check out fwccamericas.org -
look for QYP link. Also,
Check out Quaker Youth
Pilgrimage 2012 on Facebook



Leaders wanted

The pilgrimage brings together 28 young Friends from America, Europe and the Middle East to explore their spiritual lives and Quakerism, while travelling together for four weeks in community with a team of 4 leaders.

- Do you enjoy working and being with 16-18 year olds?
- Could you support these young people in:
 - exploring and sharing their spiritual journeys
 - learning and valuing our different Quaker roots and traditions
 - developing their leadership using your knowledge of Quakerism
- Would you enjoy participating in building community together with them?

Check out fwccamericas.org, look for QYP link. Also,
Check out Quaker Youth Pilgrimage 2012 on Facebook

Contact: Bill Schoder-Ehri qyp@fwccamericas.org

Road Construction FAQ (Friends Ask Questions)

Road construction on Forest Avenue, outside our meetinghouse, will begin in August.

What are they doing?

Adding a bike lane and a sidewalk. Syl Doughty speculates that to make room for these, the project will most likely regrade a strip of land next to the road. There is a map of the construction plans in the meetinghouse hallway.

How long will it go on?

All together, the construction will last into next year. They will probably lay subpavement this year, allow it to settle over the winter, and then finish the final pavement.

How does it affect us?

Construction may occasionally impede the entrance or exit of the parking lot, but only on weekdays. Our meetinghouse coordinator, Dorothy Grannell, will be in touch with the State to prevent this occurring when we have guests using the building.

We will also have to move our sign, as it is partly in the State's right-of-way.

Will there be construction noise during Meeting for Worship?

No, construction will not happen on Sundays.

What compensation will we receive?

The last Business Meeting approved the State's proposal of \$572 compensation for the disruption.

Will this cut into the Meeting's land or cause damage?

No land is being taken from the Meeting, though there is a temporary easement to allow construction. There is a chance our tree may be affected; Friends have suggested we consult an arborist to minimize the damage. If any damage does occur, there is a right to appeal for additional compensation.

Redeemables for two good causes

There are two ways to make convenient contributions to meeting-related causes using the Clynk system available at Hannafords. Friends can pick up bags and account stickers in the hallway, then use the bag to collect their redeemable bottles and drop these off at Hannaford, who will credit the account of the cause in question. Tracy Booth has arranged this as a fundraiser for the Kakamega orphanage. Jane Herbert has also arranged a way to use the same system to benefit a family in the meeting that has recently experienced a job loss. Please contact either of them for more information.

Kitchen donations still needed

The list of kitchen items available for "adoption" is posted in the front entryway. Anyone wishing to contribute can sign their name on the list and write a check to PFM. The new kitchen is beautiful!



Join the First Day Adventure Team Let's Pull Together!

First Day will be a Happening Time in the fall. If you are able to give 1 to 4 hours to the youth of the Meeting in the next year or two, please complete this form and return it to Dorothy Grannell or put it in the folder on the hall table at the Meeting. We will be in touch soon! (Kids 10 and older may be leaders too!)

Name _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Time of year available _____

Age of children willing to work with: Check all that apply

___ Nursery ___ Early elementary ___ Upper elementary

___ Middle school ___ High school



Please check off the topics you feel led to participate in as a featured presenter. YRE will organize but we want YOUR talents. Items **Underlined and in Bold** are the skills needed for this fall.

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Portland Friends Meeting
1837 Forest Avenue
Portland, Maine 04103

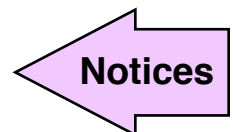
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Address Service Requested



Please recycle this newsletter.

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Handy team

David Campbell and Astrea are available for carpentry and (non-lead) painting jobs. No job too small. Astrea also welcomes gardening and babysitting. 741-2505

New England Yearly Meeting registration

The webpage is up and online registration is open for New England Yearly Meeting in August, with the theme "350 Years of New England Friends: Called to Heal a Broken Earth."

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

More details to come in the next newsletter!