

# The Provident FRIEND

Nov 2015

Providence Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

## *Christmas/Advent Holiday Potluck Gathering* *5pm Saturday December 12*

*Join to simply watch, or play an instrument, or help with setup.*

Come join us for the annual Providence Friends Meeting Holiday Gathering on Saturday December 12th at 5pm at the meetinghouse. Experience this year's First Day School version of the Nativity Story. The gathering starts with an hour of singing, performances and some silent worship followed by a festive potluck.

Please consider adding your talents! If you're interested in playing music or a song solo or duet, poem or reading or story, play or otherwise, please contact (cont p 4)

### **Bill Harley Annual Benefit Concert – Sat. Nov 21, 11am & 2pm**

Debbie and Bill invite us to join them Saturday Nov. 21 for their annual "Sing Away Hunger" concert - a chance to do good and have fun at the same time. While it's a perfect event for families, they promise you'll have fun even if you don't have kids to bring! This editor agrees: great music, suitable for all ages, not saccharine or dumbed down in any way, funny and clever and a great band and perfect comfy-chair setting - I'm going.

Where: Lincoln School, 301 Butler Avenue Providence

Ticket Prices: \$10 for general admission and \$15 for reserved seating

### **First Day School Sponsors Angel Tree**

As they have done in years past, the Meeting's First Day School will sponsor gift gathering for the East Bay Community Action Program. The gifts given by our Meeting community brighten the holidays for local families in need.

This provides a more personal way to make a contribution during the holidays. While the names given are anonymous, we are given specific requests from members of individual families: among last year's were "Makeup kit and brush set for (cont p 3)

### **Nov. 27 "Buy Nothing Day" & Annual Winter Coat Drive**

*"If you have a coat to give, please drop it off. If you need a coat, please pick one up."*

Some see *Buy Nothing Day* [the day after Thanksgiving, aka "Black Friday"] as an escape from the marketing mind games and the frantic consumer binge that has come to characterize the holiday season. Others use it to expose the (cont p 6)

### *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at Saylesville*

Saylesville Meeting invites everyone to join us in our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service that has been held every year for forty years. This beautiful candlelight service is held in the manner of the traditional unprogrammed meeting for worship. It begins at 4:30pm at the Saylesville Friends Meetinghouse, 374 Great Road, Lincoln, RI.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their own unscented candles (cont p 4)

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Calendar (also see p 4 Events)

**Nov 21 Sat:** 10am-12pm  
Saylesville Bookswap

**Nov 21 Sat:** 11am and 2pm Bill  
Harley benefit concerts at  
Lincoln School (p1)

**Nov 22 Sun:** (p1) Bring coats  
for 'Buy Nothing Day' coat  
exchange to Providence  
Meeting House

**Nov 22 Sun:** 3-6pm Sacred  
Harp Sing at Providence  
Meeting House

**Nov 27 Fri:** (p1) 'Buy Nothing  
Day' coat exchange, RI State  
House and various locations.

**Dec 4 Fri:** 8pm (p3) Messiah  
concert, Sayles Hall (Brown U)

**Dec 6 Sun:** 4pm (p3) Lessons &  
Carols ceremony, Sayles Hall  
(Brown U)

**Dec 11-13 Fri-Sun:** (p2, 8)  
Woolman Hill SAGE training.

**Dec 12 Sat:** (p1) 5pm Holiday  
gathering, Providence Meeting  
House

**Dec 13 Sun:** 11:45am Meeting  
For Business, Providence  
Meeting House (p 3)

**Dec 19 Sat:** 10am-12pm  
Saylesville Bookswap

**Dec 24 Wed:** (p1) 4:30pm  
Christmas Eve Candlelight  
Service, Saylesville

**Dec 27-30 Sat-Tues:** (p4)  
Young Friends Retreat,  
Harvard MA

**Dec 27 Sun:** 3-6pm Sacred  
Harp Sing at Providence  
Meeting House

## Providence Monthly Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business Minutes – 8<sup>th</sup> Eleventh Month, 2015

1. **Opening.** We gathered at the Providence meetinghouse at 11:45 am, with 16 present. In the opening worship, the clerk read the following query from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice:

*Have I experienced in worship that direct leading to listen or to speak, and have I been faithful to my own experience?*

2. **Announcements.** Friends are invited to bring their voices and instruments and join musician Ken Lyon for a singalong after meeting for worship at Saylesville any First Day.

3. **Correspondence.** Next month, from the 11th through the 13th, Woolman Hill and NEYM's Committee on Aging will be co-sponsoring a training program on SAGE (Support Across Generation for Elders). For more information, go to <http://www.woolmanhill.org>.

4. **Religious Education Committee.** Betsy Zimmerman reported on the committee's recent meeting. The committee is seeking a new co-clerk. They are looking for better ways to inform parents what their children are doing in First Day School, so they can reinforce the lessons throughout the week. They hope to encourage each parent to volunteer at least one Sunday per semester as the "second teacher" in the class.

The committee has also discussed the issue of criminal background checks for people working with children. NEYM has offered to coordinate (and pay for) these checks for all monthly meetings. The committee has decided to take up this offer, and will ask people who work regularly with children to go through the background check process. They are also clear that there should always be two adults with the children. We also note that there is now a window in the nursery door for better visibility.

The children have begun work on the Christmas program.

5. **Adult Religious Education.** Zona Douthit reported that the Afterthoughts table continues every non-potluck week, with three people alternating responsibility. It seems to have fostered good discussion. The Quakerism 101 class is up and running, following meeting for worship on six Sundays. It began with 17 people and has stabilized at about 10. Both teachers and participants seem pleased with the program. Rebecca Leuchak has compiled and distributed the advance readings, which are archived for future re-use. At least eight people are already registered for a spring session. The committee hopes to continue running this twice a year, to help both long-time and new attenders to integrate better into the meeting.

6. **Finance Committee.** Mike Hirtle reported that the committee is working on the annual appeal letter, and intends to have it ready for mailing next week. He attended a full-day session at Wellesley meetinghouse for Treasurers and Finance Committee clerks around the yearly meeting. He observed that Providence is fortunate in having a reliable and long-serving Treasurer, and that our financial situation seems more stable than in some other meetings.

7. **Saylesville.** In response to a question, Joanne Griffin reported that the song-sharing sessions were developed by several musicians in the meeting, using the book *Rise Up Singing*. It seemed a natural way to use talents that exist within the group. They hope to purchase copies of the new *Rise Again* songbooks, possibly as part of a larger order for Providence. The session on the fourth Sunday each month is advertised to the public through the community weekly *The Valley Breeze*.

Joanne reported that the fence in front of the meetinghouse that was damaged by a car some weeks ago is under discussion with Property Committee and with the car's insurance company. It has been suggested that the chainlink fence could be replaced with a different style that would be more aesthetically pleasing and historically appropriate.

The preparative meeting has had a separate website, independent of the Providence monthly meeting website, that was started with the intention of making it easier for members of the preparative meeting to communicate with each other. They plan to integrate it into the monthly meeting site.

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## Providence Monthly Meeting for Business Minutes (cont. from p2)

There have been some new attenders recently, who came early this morning for breakfast and business meeting.

The heating system is once again not functioning, and Property Committee is looking into it.

The meeting is in conversation with Historic New England on historic programming for 2016.

8. Opportunity to raise concerns. No other business appearing, the clerk invited those present to raise concerns for future consideration. Paul Klinkman noted that he hopes to apply to the new NEYM "Legacy Fund" for a grant to support his work on inventions that address climate change. The eligibility criteria approved by NEYM at the 2015 session envision grants to "individual members of NEYM monthly meetings under the direct care and oversight" of a yearly meeting committee or a monthly meeting. The clerk reported that he has already asked the Peace and Social Concerns Committee to consider this proposal and make a recommendation to business meeting.

9. Adjournment. We adjourned about 1:00 pm, intending to meet next on the 13th of 12th month at 11:45 am at the Providence meetinghouse.

Daniel Lederer, clerk

Elizabeth Cazden, recording clerk

## Musical Events Involving People From Meeting

**Dec 4 (Friday) 8pm – Bach's "Magnificat" and Handel's "Messiah" (Christmas portion)** – The Brown University Chorus will be joined by an orchestra with baroque period instruments and a group of specialist vocalists singing the solos in these wonderful and seasonally related works. Sayles Hall (Brown U. Main Green, corner Waterman and Brown streets).

**Dec 6 (Sunday) 4pm - "Lessons And Carols"** - Brown University's beautiful candle-lit event is open to the public. Musical interludes by the Brown University Chorus and others are interspersed with readings and carol singing by all. Sayles Hall is on the Main Green of Brown University, entrance at the corner of Waterman and Brown Streets. Contact Steve Schwartz for information., Sayles Hall (Brown U. Main Green, corner Waterman and Brown streets).

## Quaker Artists 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition Available (from Jules Burrowes)

Gary Sandman of Roanoke Meeting in Roanoke, Virginia, is the author of the second edition of QUAKER ARTISTS. He states: that: "The second edition of the book QUAKER ARTISTS contains the stories of lots of Quaker artists (he has a list of very famous people!!) - 286 reviews in all, a history of Friends, a history of Quaker art, study questions, artists queries, 44 reproductions of the artists' works, 51 illustrations, a bibliography, an alphabetical index and an artist's index. The period covered is 1659 to 2015. Friends from 18 different countries are included. Poets, painters, dancers, musicians, films and 13 other categories are included. ( it is three times the size of the first edition!)

QUAKER ARTISTS is an entertaining and celebratory read in it self but it has other uses, too: as a resource for study group, a reference for libraries, and a curriculum for First Day Schools.

Paperback, 287 pages - price: \$21 (Ebook: \$6) - To purchase, send check or money order to 214 Summit Way SW, Roanoke, VA 24014, or online at [www.garysandmanartist.com](http://www.garysandmanartist.com). You can contact Gary at [garysandman@cox.net](mailto:garysandman@cox.net)

## Giving Tree (cont from p 1)

15 year old daughter," "Zippered sweatshirt with hood for 5 year old boy size 4", "Video game store gift certificate for 16 year old." These requests come to us in form of requests in envelopes that will be hung on a tree downstairs in the meetinghouse for people to take, fulfill, and return.

Eugenia Marks should have details on recipient families by mid-December. Please contact her for details at [emarks66@gmail.com](mailto:emarks66@gmail.com).

## Around the Meeting

### New Members

#### Welcomed at November

**Potluck** - On November 1, the Providence Meeting welcomed several new members: Tina Dumaine and Stan Pelli of the Conanicut Meeting and Rachel Moulton and her

daughters, Amelia and Violet Meiser. Their membership was celebrated with a potluck, copies of Faith and Practice signed by the Meeting community, and two of Ariana Steele's famous cakes.

#### Help Needed for North

### Burial Ground Quaker

**Plot** - Last spring, Eugenia Marks, Bob Elliott and Matt Hackman planted three trees on the Quaker Plot at the North Burial Ground in Providence. One of those trees is now in need of pruning,

and some of the headstones are due for repairs. If you'd like to participate in an autumn work party, please contact Matt Hackman ([matthewehackman@verizon.net](mailto:matthewehackman@verizon.net)) or Bob Elliott ([boblinkelliott@yahoo.com](mailto:boblinkelliott@yahoo.com)).

## Christmas/Advent Gathering *(cont from p 1)*

Abigail ([abigail.mansfield@gmail.com](mailto:abigail.mansfield@gmail.com)), who is coordinating the schedule this year. In John Lord's absence, Bob Elliott is managing this year's "Silence Is Golden" orchestra (aka the 'Sounds of Silence'). He is printing sheet music and needs to know how many and for what instruments, so please contact Bob at [boblinkelliott@yahoo.com](mailto:boblinkelliott@yahoo.com) or 774-644-1369 to let him know what to expect and what to prepare. He plans to bring the printed copies to meeting Sunday Nov 22. Players will meet to rehearse at 4pm Dec. 12, an hour before the gathering. All are welcome.

Closer to the time there will be a signup for potluck. The usual process is for those who can to help set up for dinner to arrive by 4. Centerpieces or greens for the tables are welcome, and food for the potluck dinner at 6 can be kept warm or cooked in the oven during the program.

Please mark your calendars for what is sure to be a wonderful evening. We hope to see you there.

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at Saylesville *(cont from p 1)*

and candle holders for the service. After the service, we invite everyone to gather in the kitchen for beverages and potluck refreshments. We appreciate all contributions of refreshments and ask that they be brought early so that worship may begin on time. If possible, please label ingredients for those with food sensitivities.

## Donations During the Giving Season and Beyond

As the holidays approach, please consider making a donation to the Meeting. As the recently mailed appeal notice describes in detail, we depend on contributions from members and attendees for much of the income we need to keep our Meeting running. If you wish to send a check, please make it out to "Providence Friends Meeting", or "Providence Monthly Meeting", and send it directly to our treasurer, Peter Swaszek, at 57 Brayton Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818. You might also consider making an automatic monthly contribution. Many banks offer the convenient service of automatically mailing monthly checks on your behalf. You supply the schedule, the amount, and the address to which they'll be sent, and the bank does the rest!

## Future Events – Events that recur and/or happen beyond the next month

[2015/16 unless noted, month in brackets indicates a recent issue that has an article about this event]

Nov 22 – final meeting of Quaker 101 –see complete list [Sept p6]

Nov. 20-22 Young Friends Retreats: Confronting Inequality: Racism & Privilege, Portland Meeting, ME [Oct p5]

Nov. 20-22 Pendle Hill: Clerking: With Arthur Larrabee and other clerks - to consider the role of presiding clerk. [Oct p3]

Nov. 27-29 Pendle Hill: Waiting on the Spirit: Advent season retreat: worship, reading, music, fellowship, more. [Oct p3]

Dec, 27-30 Young Friends Retreats: Religious Exploration Friendly Crossways, Harvard, MA [Oct p5]

January 7-10 Young Adult Friends Retreats: at Woolman Hill (Deerfield, MA) [Oct p5]

Feb. 12-14 Young Friends Retreats: Sexuality, Gender & Relationships, Wellesley Meeting, MA [Oct p5]

Mar. 18-20 Young Friends Retreats: Art, Creativity & the Joys of Childhood, Hartford Meeting, CT [Oct p5]

April 10 & 24 Conanicut Friends at Mabel's Studio – last two of the season [Oct p5]

April 15-17 Young Adult Friends Retreats:at Wellesley Meeting (MA) [Oct p5]

May 13-15 Young Friends Retreats: Community Service, Westport Meeting, MA [Oct p5]

## Saylesville Music – Benefit MP3 and Weekly Hootenany with Ken Lyons

### Proceeds from Ken Lyon's "Puffin Song" to Benefit an Ill Friend

Many in Rhode Island know Ken Lyon as the "godfather of the blues in southern New England". Even though he may sing the blues, his music is inspiring and uplifting. Those who know him personally love him for his spiritual calm and generous heart. His reputation in Rhode Island is legendary and he has been an enormous help to many other RI based musicians. For all these reasons, he was inducted into the Rhode Island Music Hall of Fame in 2012.

Recently Lyon recorded a delightful children's song called "The Puffin", which is available on cdbaby.com for roughly one dollar. It is a happy and upbeat song, though the reason for its promotion is far from a happy one. The money generated from the sale will be used to help Marian Sackal, sister of Saylesville Meeting clerk Joanne Griffin. Marian is extremely ill with paraneoplastic syndrome, for which there is no cure. Many of her medical expenses are not covered by insurance, and this promotion will go far to help alleviate her suffering.

Joanne Griffin has been the clerk through some of Saylesville's most difficult days (including the renovation of the east wall, a major disruption in the life of the Meeting). She continues to be a caregiver to her sister, in spite of the fact that she has had to deal with her own share of health issues.

Needless to say, we are all thankful that Ken Lyon has come up with a unique way to be of service. His talent will always be an inspiration. It is possible to listen to a clip of his song online at [www.cdbaby.com/cd/kenlyon1](http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/kenlyon1). It is a very catchy tune, enjoyable for the adults as well as the children. Lyon has outdone himself once again. Hear it for yourself, download it for a dollar, and share it with F/friends!

### And ... Saylesville Meeting Hosts Weekly Hootenanny with Musician Ken Lyon

It is easy to see why Ken Lyon is a well-loved figure in the Rhode Island music community. He will also be sharing his blend of gospel, folk, bluegrass, and blues every week at the Saylesville Meetinghouse. Musicians and singers are invited to join him there after Rise of Meeting on any First Day for a "Hootenanny". Bring your banjos, mandolins, guitars, basses, violins, and voices. Each session will begin with a lesson for beginners through experts. For more information, call Ken Lyon at 401-333-5966.

### Update Your Light Bulbs and Support the Meeting and/or A Business

RIIPL (Rhode Island Interfaith Power and Light) has informed us that National Grid is sponsoring an innovative program to support lighting efficiency in homes and houses of worship. Through the Residential Lighting Program, Northeast Efficiency Supply is providing a variety of efficient lighting products at excellent prices. From now through December 31, for every light bulb or fixture you purchase, \$2 will be donated to the Meeting to fund its future lighting projects (the donations are for that restricted use). There is also a program for businesses along a similar model, so you might inform the people where you work.

The best bargains for common bulbs seem to be bulbs available for \$4 each, with \$2 going to our meeting's lighting projects. These are available as a standard A19 size bulb (9W=60 watt equivalent) and a BR30 Spot (flood light 11W=75 watt equivalent).

Steve Schwartz is in contact with Chris Craft (see below) to look into this, and will email information about it soon. If you are interested but do not use email, call Steve at 401-273-7076. For more information directly, or to see a sample order form, contact Chris Craft at Northeast Efficiency Supply ([ccraft@northeastefficiency.com](mailto:ccraft@northeastefficiency.com)) or (401) 500-2812.

### History Buffs Sought for Planning RI History Events at Saylesville

*Historic New England* is a history and preservation non-profit group headquartered in Boston. They are joining with those who operate the 1693 Arnold House in Lincoln and planning a series of events involving historical locations in Rhode Island, including the 1703 Saylesville Meetinghouse. Friends who are interested in local history or willing to help plan and prepare for upcoming events are encouraged to contact Rosanne Cedroni at [rcedroni@gmail.com](mailto:rcedroni@gmail.com)



## CLERK'S CORNER by Dan Lederer

## Do Black Lives Matter?

Most of us at Providence Friends Meeting have enjoyed privileged lives. As children we weren't fearful of being hurt going to and from school, and we were able to play outside without the concern that our lives were in danger. The policeman was our friend. We were told that, with hard work and perseverance, we could achieve just about anything, which is to say we had access to The American Dream. I know I took all this for granted and spent little time wondering if I was deserving of this good fortune or worrying about whether anyone else had been left out..

On reflection it's clear that not everyone in our country shares this kind of happy experience, but what brought this home to me recently was a book recommended by Friends at NEYM Sessions. The book is "Between the World and Me", by Ta-Nehisi Coates, who is a 40 year old African-American man raised in one of Baltimore's rougher neighborhoods. He attended Howard University but dropped out to pursue a career in writing. Despite the lack of a degree, he has taught at MIT and CUNY and is now a national correspondent for The Atlantic.

The book provides a vivid glimpse of what it's like, here in our country, to be a member of a minority that has been subjected to oppression that has gone on in various forms for centuries, that continues to this day, and that is outside the experience of most Friends. Coates' thesis is that the destruction of black lives is an ongoing tradition that those in charge have viewed as essential, or at least have tolerated, in order to maintain their position of power. American history suggests that, outside the black community, black lives really haven't mattered. Coates articulates this and other truths about racial injustice in our culture that are jarring and that, for the most part, have been kept out of the public eye because they're not pretty and because facing them honestly may produce unpredictable changes in the status quo.

The book offers no easy solutions to the problems described, but don't let that dissuade you from reading it. Writing in the New York Times Book Review, Michelle Alexander, author of "The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness", says, "Whether you agree or disagree, one of the great joys of reading Ta-Nehisi Coates is being challenged in ways you didn't expect or imagine." And on the book's jacket, Nobel laureate Toni Morrison writes, "This is required reading." Need I say more?

### Celebrate "Buy Nothing Day" & Annual Winter Coat Drive - Nov. 27 *(cont from p1)*

environmental and ethical consequences of over-consumption. In Rhode Island, as part of International Buy Nothing Day, we hold a winter coat exchange in various locations around the state, where people who can donate coats do so, and people who need coats pick them up. Volunteers are needed to help with this life-affirming event.

**At Meeting, on Nov. 22, there will be a table or box downstairs** for people to leave coats, and one of us will bring these to one of the exchanges in time for the Friday morning event. Collection and give away happen at several places around the state, and times may vary at different locations.

9 AM to 1 PM - The first location is in Providence on the State House Lawn - the brick patio across from the mall, with a rain location at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (15 Hayes Street, Providence, a block behind the State House). Items for this can be dropped off in advance at Bell Street Chapel.

In Pawtucket the transfer of coats takes place at the Blackstone Valley Visitors Center. Events are also held at other locations in Rhode Island. There are many partners for this event: community organizations, places of worship, civic, and environmental groups.

All locations are listed at

<http://prosperityforri.com/2015-buy-nothing-day-winter-coat-exchange-sites-and-schedules/>

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## Jen Giglio – Thanks and Updates

*[From Adele Bourne]* Jen Giglio has asked me to express her deepest thanks to members of the Providence Meeting who have been so supportive during the past difficult weeks. Jen's brain surgery on Friday, Oct. 30, was successful. She was able to move into her new apartment on Wednesday, Nov. 4, thanks to the efforts of Meeting members on her moving day, Thursday, Oct. 29, and First Day, Nov. 1st. Special thanks to Bob Elliott, Zona Douthit, Nancy Houston, Rebecca Leuchak, Kathy Lyons, Steven Schwartz, and all those who contributed furniture, equipment, and casseroles for her freezer, as well as, I am sure, to you other Friends whom I do not know about!

Jordan is helping out Jen in the new apartment. She says she is gathering strength with the help of nursing care and physical therapy. Caleb and Cory are [or were, when this note was written] staying with Jen's mother in Lincoln. Jen would welcome phone calls, emails, or cards and asks that you hold the boys and her Mom, Deborah Gorman, "in the Light". She sends her love to all of you.

Yours ever, Adele Bourne, Nov. 9

*Updates reported by Rebecca Leuchak:*

On Nov. 13, Jen was back at R.I. Hospital with a complication after surgery, but was alert and in good spirits, and looking forward very much to calls, cards and visits. On Nov. 14, she was home from the hospital and has Caleb and Jordan with her. We should be mindful that this has been a very difficult time for her and her family. Calls, visits, cards, etc. are most welcome.

Jen's new address is: 258 Douglas Pike Apt. 1, Smithfield, RI, 02917

Her phone number remains the same: 401-349-0200.

Her email address is: [havefaithtrustjesus@gmail.com](mailto:havefaithtrustjesus@gmail.com)

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## Meeting for Worship each Sunday

Providence: 10:00 am      Saylesville: 10:30 am  
Conanicut (Middletown) 10:30 am (NBS/Mabel's Studio)  
Nov. 29 Dec 6, 20 Jan 3, 17, 31 Feb 14, 28 Mar 13, 27

**First Day School, Providence** - Sunday. Children join Meeting for Worship from 10:00-10:15 am and then proceed to First Day School from 10:15-11:00 am.

## Other Meetings for Worship (All welcome):

**Monday** - 12:30pm - Moses Brown Upper School

**Tuesday** - 7pm - Young Adult Friends at  
116 Waterman St. ([yaf@providencefriends.org](mailto:yaf@providencefriends.org))

**Wednesday** - 8:25am - Moses Brown Lower School

**Wednesday** - 9:40am - Moses Brown Middle School

**Wednesday** - 10-11:30am 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed's - Saylesville

**Thursday** - Noon-12:45 pm Brown University in  
J. Walter Wilson room 411

**Potluck, Providence** - each First Sunday

## Meeting for Business

Providence: Second Sunday of each month at 12:00pm  
Saylesville: Second Sunday of each month at 9:30am

**AFSC SENE Support Committee** - Second Tuesday, 6:30-9:00 pm Volunteers needed and welcome.  
Call (508) 399-6699

## Dec. 11-13 Woolman Hill SAGE Workshop (Support Across Generations for Elders)

A SAGE Visiting Friend is someone who feels a call to visit seniors and adults with disabilities within their Meeting. Using group presentations and discussion, small group role practice, and worship sharing, workshop participants will gain training in leading conversations on aging, quality of life, caregiver stress, facing our mortality, advance care planning, and sharing life stories. Attendees will be trained to be SAGE Visiting Friends. This workshop, presented by Anita Paul and Fran Brokaw, is co-sponsored by NEYM Committee on Aging. Meetings are encouraged to send representatives interested in these issues. More at 413-774-3431 and <http://woolmanhill.org>

As this workshop conflicts exactly with our Christmas/Holiday/Advent event, we may benefit if someone who is interested in learning about this for us, but cannot attend, might want to look into how we can participate in the near future.

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