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# Fig Tree

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*Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree, and none shall make them afraid. – Micah 4:3-4*

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September 2002

## *Next Meeting*

**Sunday, October 20  
1:00 p.m.**

**Hopedale Unitarian Parish**

***Friends of Adin Ballou honors the life and legacy of Rev. Adin Ballou (1803-1890). Best known as the founder of the utopian community at Hopedale, Massachusetts, Ballou was a minister and theologian, a tireless reformer, and a leading nineteenth-century exponent of pacifism.***

***The goals of Friends of Adin Ballou are to research and study the words and deeds of Adin Ballou and the Hopedale Community, and to find ways to keep their legacy alive in the modern world.***

## ***Adin Ballou Peace Lecture set for November***

The Fall meeting of Friends of Adin Ballou is our annual public lecture. This year's speaker will be **Dick Scobie** – Quaker, pacifist, past Executive Director of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee – speaking on his years as a peace and justice advocate.

The lecture will be held at Hopedale Unitarian Parish on **Sunday, November 10, at 7:30 p.m.**

## ***Friends of Adin Ballou Active in Troubled Times***

In these days of wars and rumors of wars, Friends of Adin Ballou has experienced a burst of energy and creativity. Some of the things our members have been working on:

- The Adin Ballou peace lecture
- Events in commemoration of the bicentennial of Adin Ballou's birth
- The "Friends of Adin Ballou" web site (see article)
- A display at Hopedale's annual "Day in the Park"
- A walking tour of historic Hopedale
- A workshop on Adin Ballou and Hopedale for the Unitarian Universalist Association district meeting
- A play about Adin Ballou and the Hopedale community
- Publication of two books by Adin Ballou
- A children's book about the Hopedale Community

As our good friend, Michael True, says, "ADIN BALLOU LIVES! And oh, how we need him right now!"

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## *Friends of Adin Ballou Web Site Up and Running*

You are invited to visit the Friends of Adin Ballou web site, [www.adinballou.org](http://www.adinballou.org) to see:

- a page devoted to activities of Friends of Adin Ballou
- bibliography of Ballou's works and other works about Adin Ballou and Hopedale
- full text of articles on Adin Ballou and Hopedale (one article up now, more planned)
- excerpts from Ballou's *Autobiography*, *Christian Non-Resistance*, *Practical Christian Socialism*, and *History of the Hopedale Community*
- coming soon ... The Early Hopedale Community Walking Tour

More material will be added to the site as it becomes available in electronic form. If you have suggestions or material to contribute, please contact Peter Hughes ([peterhughes@mindspring.com](mailto:peterhughes@mindspring.com)).

## *Unitarian Universalist Association Honors Adin Ballou*

At this year's Adin Ballou Peace Lecture, at the Unitarian Universalist Association's General Assembly in June, conscientious objectors from World War II through the Gulf War told their stories and reflected on the meaning of the choices they made.

On October 26, the UUA's Clara Barton District (central Massachusetts and the Connecticut Valley) will hold their annual district gathering in Hopedale. FAB members Lynn and Peter Hughes will present a workshop on "Ideals and Experience: Adin Ballou and the Practical Christians, Building Community at Hopedale."

## *Historic Hopedale*

In June 2002, the Hopedale Village Historic District was added to the National Park Service's Register of Historic Places.

The Early Hopedale Community Walking Tour, produced by Friends of Adin Ballou with a grant from the Blackstone Valley Heritage Corridor, has been completed. The 16-page illustrated booklet covers 7 sites and contains a wealth of information about the Community and its people. Special thanks to Jeanne Kinney for putting it all together!

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