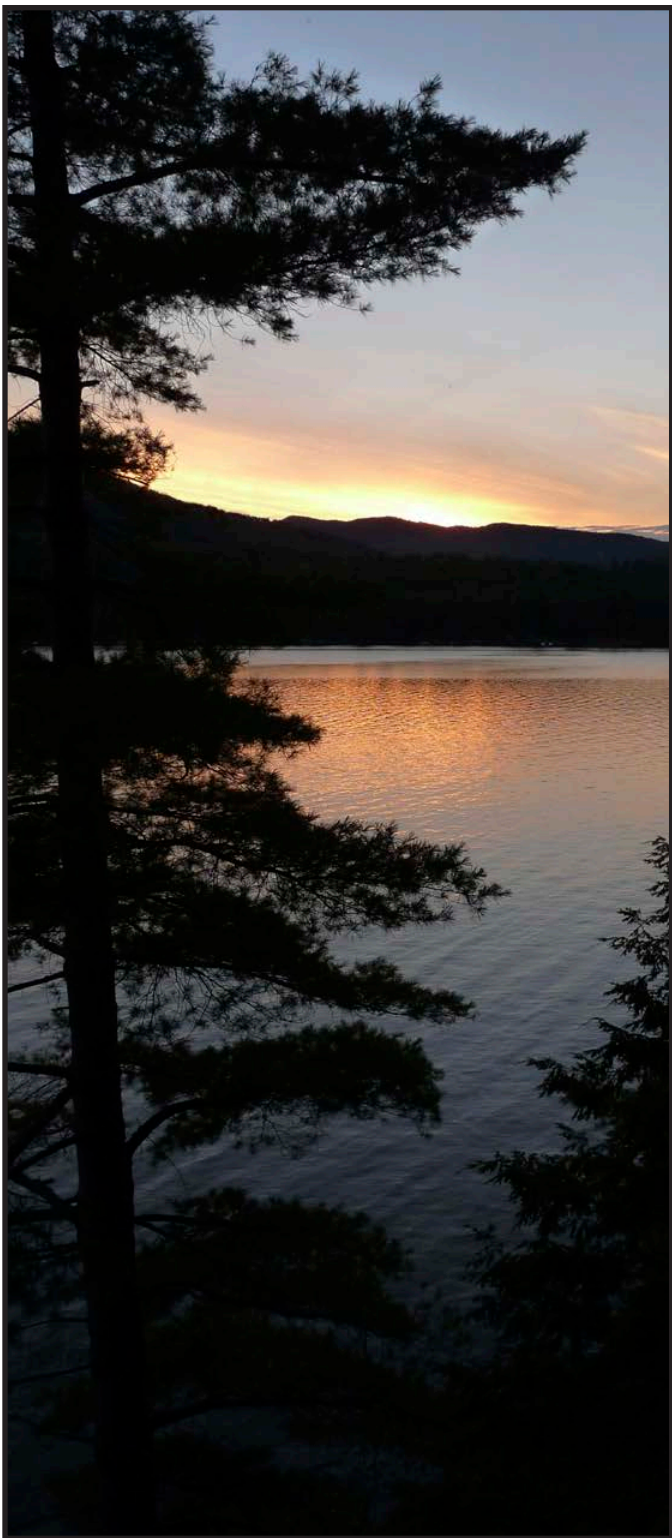


# Middlebury Friends Meeting

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“There are two ways for a painter: the broad and easy one or the narrow and hard one.”

— MARY CASSATT

QUAKER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun. Aug. 18	12 NOON	Summer picnic, after meeting for worship at Branbury State Park
Fri. Aug. 23	3:15 PM	Pastoral Care Committee mtg. at Grace McGrath's
Sun. Aug. 25	8:45 AM	Climate Committee at Havurah House
Mon. Aug. 26	7:30 PM	Men's group at David Andrew's
Wed. Aug. 28	7 PM	I Have a Dream: 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. An Ecumenical Commemoration in Song, Story, and Worship. Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society.
Tues. Sept. 3	4:00 PM	Fellowship Committee mtg. at MNFC
Sat/Sun Sept. 7 & 8		NW Quarterly Meeting at Bethany Birches camp, Plymouth, VT
Sun. Sept. 8	8:30 AM	Worship and Study Committee at Havurah House
Tues. Sept. 10	4:00 PM	COSA meeting at Tom Dickinson's
Sun. Sept. 15	8:30 AM	Monthly Meeting for Business
Fri. Sept. 20	6:00 PM	potluck and singing at Ilsley Library
Fri. Sept. 27	afternoon & evening	Community Supper fall harvest meal
Sun. Sept. 29	10:00 AM	Intergenerational Meeting at Havurah House

GREEN-THUMBED FRIENDS....

Middlebury Friends Meeting will be hosting the Community Supper on Friday, September 27. We plan to make our delicious “Three Sacred Sisters Soup” (also known as Harvest Chile) which calls for Winter Squash (ideally Butternut), Corn, Onions, Garlic, Red Bell Peppers, and Tomatoes. Salads will use Lettuce and Cucumbers. If you are a gardener with any of these in surplus we would appreciate a contribution to this event. Your labors will help feed our neighbors and ourselves on that evening!

# Middlebury Friends Meeting

## Monthly Meeting for Business

11 August, 2013

Clerk: Jean Rosenberg

Recording Clerk: Priscilla Baker

Present were Laura Asermily, Sas Carey, Win Colwell, Tom Dickinson, Karen Nawn-Fahey, Don Peabody, Fran Putnam, Spence Putnam, Peter Schenck, and Lianna Tennal.

13.08.01 Minutes for 16 June 2013: Accepted as printed in the newsletter.

13.08.02 Treasurer's Report (Karen Nawn-Fahey) "During the month of June, the Meeting had member donations of \$545.

"Meeting expenditures during June totaled \$582. We paid \$165 for childcare expense and \$200\* for First Day School coordination. (\*this included resolution of underpayment of \$40 in May) We also paid \$92 for renewal of Post Office Box and \$125 to Lianna Tennal for NEYM attendance.

"During the month of July, the Meeting had member donations of \$1140.

"Meeting expenditures during July totaled \$1379. We paid \$600 for rent, \$499 to NEYM, and \$125 to NWQM. We paid \$135 for childcare, and \$20 for snacks.

"Bank balance at end of July was \$4775.61 of which \$3355.61 is for Meeting expenses and the balance of \$1420 belongs to the Farm Workers Coalition.

"We now have "on-line" banking which allows viewing of all cancelled checks, timely statement and transaction information.

"Would the Meeting consider paying some benevolences now?"

Follow up:

1. It was decided to continue our practice of paying all benevolences in November and December unless a need is made known that would prompt us to send our contribution sooner. We begin by paying local groups followed by our other benevolences.
2. \$52.86 in pennies (and other change) has been deposited and will be held until First Day School determines to whom to send the money. Also, the children and the First Day School committee will consider whether or not to continue to collect pennies and how to use any further collection.

13.08.03 Worship and Study Committee (Lianna Tennal) "There will be a 3 part Friendly Forum on Quaker Spiritual Practices, using a Quaker Quest format. The sessions are:

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1. Oct. 6: *Quaker Worship*. This session will meet at 11:30 AM, with a bag lunch. Timing of the second and third sessions will be determined after the October gathering and assessment of whether the after Meeting time is preferred as compared to before meeting sessions at 8:30 AM.

2. Nov. 3: *Inspired Structure of Quaker meetings & organizations*.

3. Dec. 1: *Daily Life and Practices of a Quaker*

“Friends interested in being a speaker for one of these sessions are invited to speak to any W & S Committee member. Anyone in the community who is interested in knowing about Quakers is invited to attend any or all of these sessions.

“On Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013, Beth Collea, NEYM Religious Education Coordinator, will lead a session for MFM on “A Practicum on All-Ages Religious Education.” This 90 minute workshop will be held after lunch and is open to Friends of all ages.”

**13.08.04 Outreach and Social Action Committee (COSA)** (Tom Dickinson) “No meeting since last MM. COSA will begin planning for the Sept. 27 Friday night community supper. Garden needs (lettuce, butternut squash, cucumbers, etc.) and sign up opportunities for workers will be circulated on Sunday mornings and via Listserv.”

**13.08.05 Fellowship Committee** (Laura Asermily) “Plans have been made for the August 18 summer picnic at Branbury State Park.

“Upcoming social gatherings:

1. September 20, Friday potluck followed by a Sing Along, at Ilsley Library community room, 6-9pm. Friends are asked to bring a dish to share, their own plates & utensils (to minimize need to use the small kitchen), the song book, *Rise Up Singing* (if you have a copy) and other music. The committee will bring beverages and MFM song/hymn books.
2. October 18, Friday potluck followed by a program on Passage with Care/ Green Burial at the Ilsley Library community room, 6-9 PM. The documetary “A Family Undertaking” may be shown.
3. No November potluck & social gathering because of Thanksgiving.
4. December 22 holiday meeting and potluck, details TBA.

**13.08.06 Climate Committee** (Fran Putnam) “The Climate Committee met on July 28 and toured the Havurah basement and foundation in preparation for a work day with Havurah. Chris Stackhouse and Fran Putnam met with David Girard from Havurah on July 29 and toured the basement with him. There is a great deal of material in the basement and Havurah has not decided which items will stay and which will go. We are hoping they will make some decisions and then we can set a work day to help them remove some unwanted material and prepare for a decision about doing some energy efficiency work on the building.

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“David indicated that the Havurah congregation has spent a great deal on upgrading their building since they acquired it and there is not a great deal of capacity at this time for raising more money to do more upgrades. This will be an ongoing discussion between MFM and Havurah on the best way to move forward.”

**13.08.07 NW Quarterly Meeting oversight committee.** Mark Moss has volunteered to serve on the newly organized QM oversight committee. A clearness committee from MFM will meet with him.

**13.08.08 Threshing Session** to discuss how MFM will decide issues to focus on and support as a faith group will be organized by an ad hoc committee that will meet in the next few weeks.

**13.08.09 New England Yearly Meeting:** A brief report was given by Lianna Tennial and Don Peabody who attended with their children. They will send out a more detailed report on the MFM Listserv. Sas Carey also attended and held a book signing. It was announced that 2014 YM will be held at Castleton State College. This will be the first time YM has ever met in Vermont.

Monthly meeting closed after a period of silence.

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Caring for one another in a loving community is an important part of our life as a Meeting.

Call any member of Pastoral Care to share a concern or need.

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