

Middlebury Friends Meeting

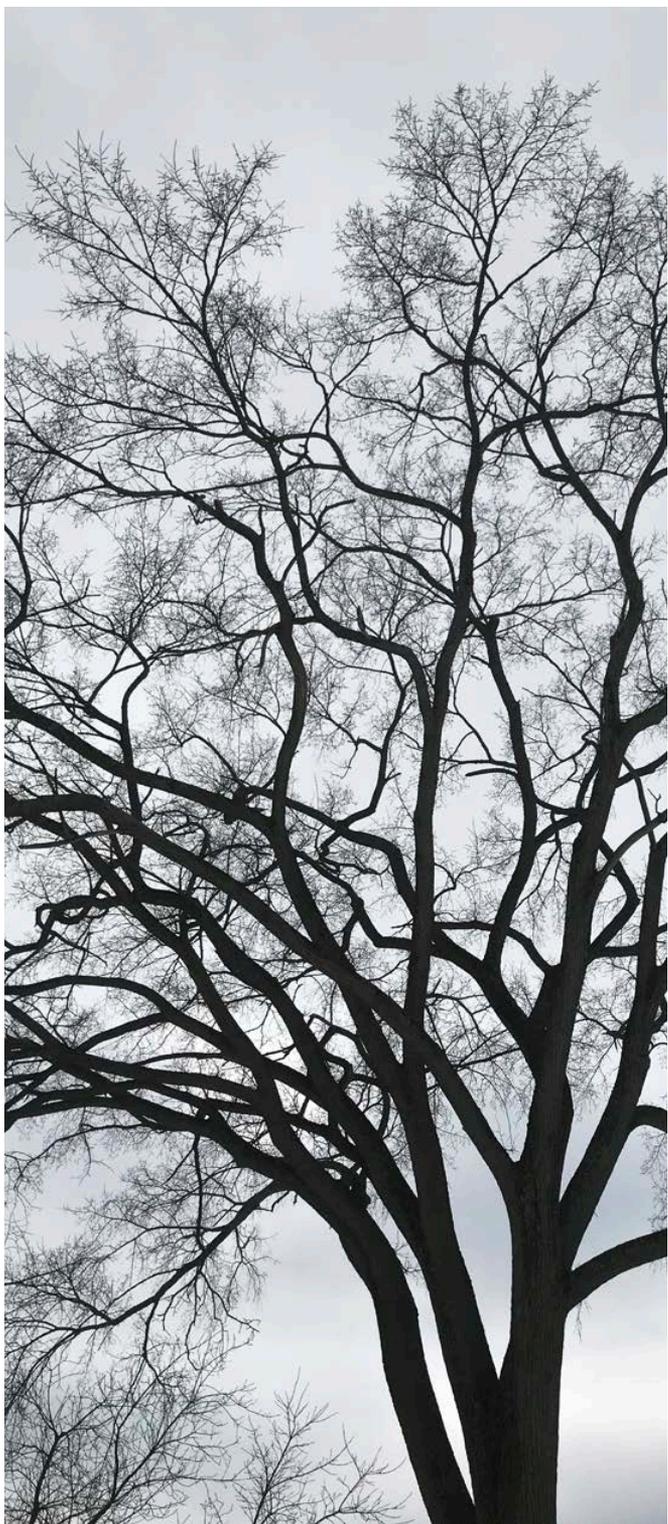
February
2018

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“Love doesn’t just sit there, like
a stone; it has to be made, like bread,
remade all the time, made new.”

— URSULA K. LE GUIN

FEBRUARY 2018

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QUAKER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sat. Feb. 3 10:30 AM Climate Vigil at Triangle Park
- Sun. Feb. 4 8:30 AM Earthcare Committee
- Mon. Feb. 5 7:00 PM Read Aloud group, location TBA
- Thu. Feb. 8 Pastoral Care, time and location TBA
- Sun. Feb. 11 9:00 AM Worship & Study
- Mon. Feb. 12 4:30 PM Experiment with Light, location TBA
- Tues. Feb. 13 3:30 PM COSA at Faith Lowell's
- Sun. Feb. 18 8:30 AM Monthly Meeting
- Mon. Feb. 19 7:30 PM Men's group at Chris Stackhouse
- Tues. Feb. 20 12:30 PM Worship and Study retreat at Priscilla Baker's
- Sun. Feb. 25 11:30 AM Friendly Forum: Spirit as experienced through poetry
with Cheryl Mitchell
- Wed. March 14 7:00 PM George Lakey to speak at Dana Auditorium, MC
"Divided America, what we can learn from the Nordics"
- Thur. March 15 5:00 PM potluck with George Lakey and Quakers
(location TBA)
- 7:00 PM George Lakey talk at Middlebury UCC

NEWS OF QUAKERLY INTEREST

Collected by Lucy McKeon
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From Becky Stratton — "Thanks to all for the visits, food and good wishes as I recovered from hip surgery. I am home and doing well. I've learned that it's best to have surgery when you are younger (not much I could do about that) and a regular at exercising—I can improve that SLOWLY!!! Love to all, Becky"

Sas Carey is spending January at the Vermont Studio Center where she is working on a memoir. "It is a fabulous place—an international community of 55 people doing work in writing, sculpture, printmaking, and painting. The work of the artists is amazingly creative. Did one book reading and another one will happen at the end of the month. I feel very grateful."

—Lucy

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Monthly Meeting for Business

21 January, 2018

Clerk: Tom Baskett

Recording Clerk: Priscilla Baker

Present were Manya Dickinson, Tom Dickinson, Brud Leedom, Grace McGrath, Karen Nawn-Fahey, Fran Putnam, Spence Putnam, Peter Schenck, and Annie Stratton.

18.01.01 Monthly meeting opened with a reading from Parker Palmer's *A Hidden Wholeness*.

18.01.02 November 19, 2017 minutes: A correction was noted and made to item 17.11.03; \$150 for the tamale project came from the Rachel Harper-Carey fund rather than Contingency. It had been agreed to send \$125 from Contingency to the United Way of Addison County Foster Camp and Rec Fund.

18.01.03 Treasurer's Report (Karen Nawn-Fahey) All statements in this report are as of January 20, 2018.

From November 20 through December 31, 2017, the Meeting had member donations of \$3845. From November 20 through December 31, 2017, Meeting expenditures totaled \$915 including \$125 to United Way Foster Camp and Rec Fund, \$150 for Tamale Project (from Carey-Harper fund), \$320 for children's program coordination, \$120 reimbursement for children's program materials, \$100 for childcare, and \$100 for Warming Shelter.

From January 1 through January 20, 2018, the Meeting had member donations of \$1210. From January 1 through January 20, 2018, Meeting expenditures totaled \$1672.50, including \$160 for children's program coordination, \$125 for NWQM, \$725 for NEYM, and \$662.50 for Havurah rent. When these checks clear, the bank balance will be \$7781.55.

Karen noted that 36 different MFM Friends donated to the Meeting in 2017. Friends made enough donations in the last few weeks of 2017 to meet the budget which, in November, showed a shortfall of income for 2017.

It was agreed to use the name "Worship & Study/Pastoral Care" for the line item that previously was divided between these two committees.

After a final review, the 2018 budget was approved.

Friends approved using \$500 from Rachel Harper-Carey fund for George Lakey's visit to Middlebury.

18.01.04 Worship and Study (Peter Schenck) Attention has been focused on preparing for the State of the Meeting gathering next Sunday, January 28, at Havurah, followed by potluck.

18.10.05 Committee on Outreach and Social Action – COSA (Cheryl Mitchell)

1. Spence Putnam, MFM's representative to MACA (Middlebury Area Clergy Association), described the membership and purpose of this group which functions as a support for actively practicing clergy, which includes sharing of ideas and challenges, concerns that churches have in common, or helping one another to publicize and promote projects. It is not usually a group that initiates social actions, although there has been a common concern for gun violence, but members do encourage their congregations to participate in efforts such as the warming shelter.
2. Spence is hoping that MACA will play an active role in supporting the visit of George Lakey in March. We discussed sharing the information with the Hunger Council and the Poverty Council. Cheryl will check with Molly Anderson first.
3. Susan Smiley expressed her disappointment that Jubilee USA completely failed to reach out to her as a new Board Member (except asking her for money) and we agreed that it would make sense for her to resign.
4. We discussed the priority setting that FCNL asks us to do every other year. Tom will draft up a proposal for gathering the sense of the Meeting electronically (based on prior years) for Business Meeting to consider.
5. For our next learning/listening session we would like to focus on the ways members of the Meeting are engaged in prison and restorative justice work. We will hold a meeting in February or wait till March.

FOLLOW UP: Tom Dickinson handed out the 2016 FCNL list to stimulate our thinking about what we would like to focus on in 2018. He will send out a request for ideas on the listserv.

18.01.06 Earthcare Committee (Fran Putnam) Review of 2017 activities by our committee: We reviewed our activities for the past year and began planning for the coming year.

1. Suggestion for Personal Earthcare Profiles: *The committee would like to begin a series of profiles of participants in our Meeting and that detail how their lives and work are informed by a concern for the Earth and the changing climate. These could be published monthly in the Newsletter and collected in printed form at the end of the year. We are looking for volunteers to begin this project if the Meeting agrees that this is a good idea.*
2. George Lakey Visit: *Earthcare members are helping to arrange George Lakey's visit to Middlebury on March 13-15. Our Meeting will be in charge of a potluck supper at 5:00 and his talk at 7:00 on March 15. Lakey is a prominent Quaker writer, speaker, educator, and activist on the topics of climate justice and income inequality. We encourage Friends to read his book, Viking Economics, before this visit.*

FOLLOWUP: After discussion about what his topic should be for his public talk, it

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was agreed to have Fran suggest George Lakey focus on his current passion, what is fresh in his mind, and something with a spiritual underpinning. Earthcare will prepare a description to send George of the community sponsors, which include Middlebury Friends Meeting (MFM), Interfaith Climate Action Network (ICAN), Middlebury Area Clergy Asso. (MACA), and Middlebury College. She will include a description of last year's series of Community Conversations.

18.01.07 Pastoral Care (Grace)

1. Pastoral Care will host a memorial service for Lauraine Warfield, Cheryl Mitchell's mother, today at 1:00pm.
2. The committee is working on the next MFM Directory.

18.01.08 Fellowship Committee (Spence) Fellowship Committee will organize the March 14 potluck for Quakers with George Lakey during his March visit.

Meeting closed with a moment of silence

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Pastoral Care Committee

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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