

# Middlebury Friends Meeting

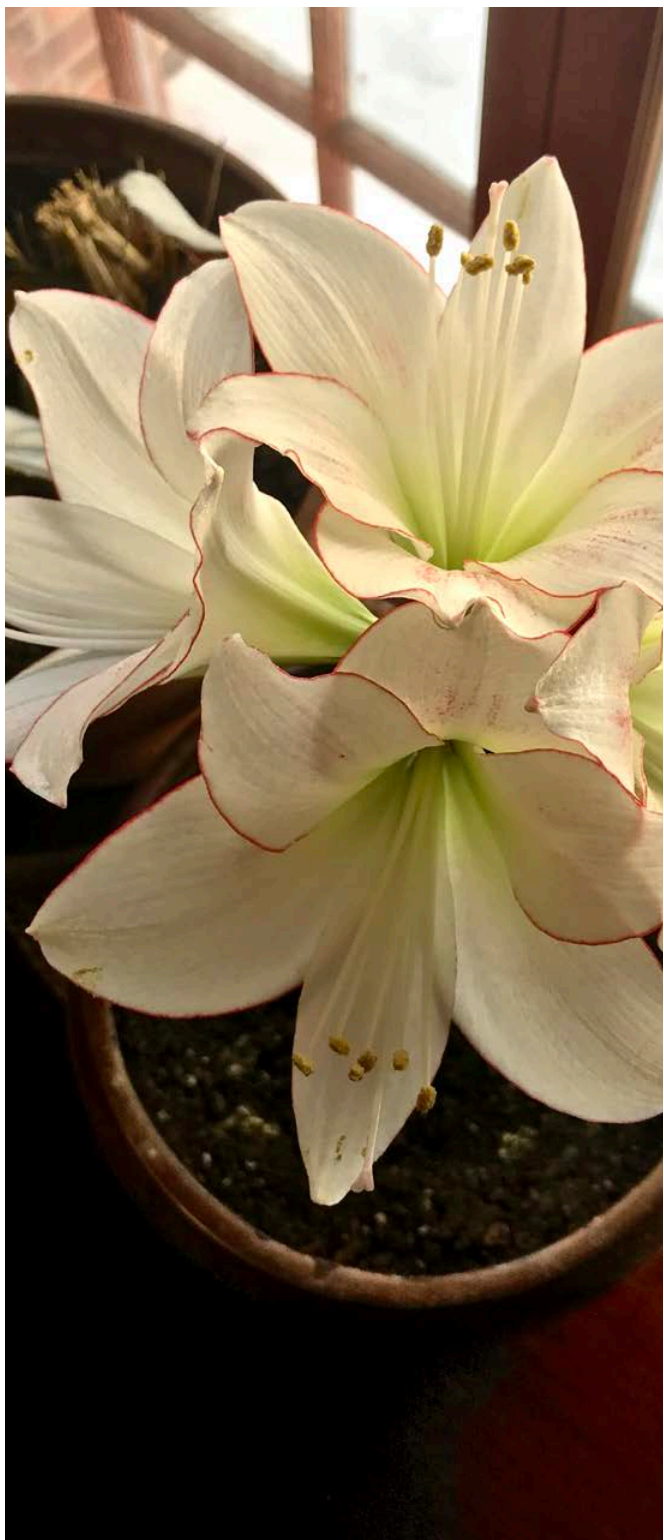
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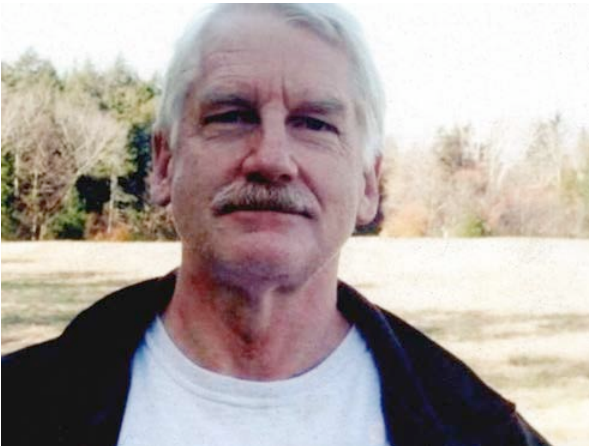


“Courage is not the towering oak that sees storms come and go; it is the fragile blossom that opens in the snow.”

— ALICE MACKENZIE SWAIM

# MARCH 2019

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Our handsome Friend  
Tom Nicholson!  
*photo by Mimi Love-Nicholson*

## QUAKER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every first Saturday	10:30-11:00 AM	ICAN Climate Vigil. New location on Cross Street Bridge
Feb. 21	8:30 AM	ICAN meeting Weybridge Congregational Church
Feb. 24	11:30 AM	Friendly Forum on “ MFM Social Action Mapping” with Margie Latham.
Feb. 25	7:30 PM	Men’s group at Tom Baskett’s
March 3	9:00 AM	Earthcare Committee
March 3 (or 10)		Worship and Study
March 4	7:00 PM	Read Aloud group at Cheryl Mitchell’s
March 9/10		Daylight savings starts. Spring ahead!
March 17	8:30 AM	Meeting for Business
March 24	11:30 AM	Friendly Forum “Visioning for Vermont” report and discussion with Fran and F/friends.
March 31	11:15 AM	Fund raiser lunch for Heifer International at Havurah House. (A project of First Day School and Fellowship)
April 13	9:00-3:00	Active Hope, Location TBA
April 28	8:30 AM	Meeting for Business
June 23	8:30 AM	Meeting for Business

### NEWS OF QUAKERLY INTEREST

Collected by Lucy McKeon  
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SAS CAREY writes that she is “enjoying sharing Mongolia with the Lincoln Elementary School students during their Cultural Study. The teachers each take an area and teach the children to become “experts”. Home or ger, reindeer, costume or deel, games, songs, religion, and other topics. There is so much enthusiasm and interest, it is a wonderful experience.”

—Lucy

# Monthly Meeting for Business

17 February, 2019

Clerk: Tom Baskett

Recording Clerk: Lucy McKeon

Present were Spence Putnam, Fran Putnam, Grace McGrath, Priscilla Baker, Norm Tjossem, and Joe Garren.

Tom opened the meeting with a reading from *Beauty, the Invisible Embrace* by John O'Donohue.

Minutes from January 13, 2019 were approved.

**19.02.01 Clerk's Report** NEYM's Faith and Practice revisions on "Pastoral Care" and "Death and Bereavement" have been reviewed and summarized by MFM's Pastoral Care Committee and sent to the MFM list serve. Comments were received and will be forwarded to NEYM.

It was decided that when the Clerks receive Faith and Practice revisions they will:

- Forward them to the appropriate committee/ group.
- The committee will read the revisions and create a summary.
- The summary and a call for comments will be sent on the listserve.
- Committee will collate responses and present to Meeting for Business for approval.
- Comments and responses will then be forwarded to NEYM.

Two Friends from MFM will be attending a NEYM retreat on encouraging the spirit of pastoral care in Meetings. Powell House is requesting 200\$ per person. Two hundred dollars from the pastoral care budget was approved for this. Two hundred dollars was also received from an anonymous donor which will cover the balance.

**19.02.02 Treasurer's Report** No treasurer's report this month. The annual review is being conducted this month by Spence Putnam.

**19.02.03 Worship and Study/ Children's Program** The committee is reviewing the notes taken from the January 27 State of the Meeting Gathering and will have the report ready in March.

The committee gives a special thank-you to Lianna and Priscilla for their facilitation of the State of the Meeting Gathering.

The children's program is working on the quilt for our most recent baby.

See Fellowship report for information on the Heifer fundraiser.

**19.02.04 Earthcare** TLC Carbon Reduction Project: At the request of NEYM, monthly meetings are asked to make a pledge to reduce carbon emissions by 10%. MFM is offering a workshop designed to help Friends use a carbon calculator that was designed for NEYM. Steve Gates from Falmouth Meeting will introduce the calculator and help us initiate the Carbon Reduction Project on Sunday, March 10 from 11:30 – 2:00 at the Addison County Regional Planning Office, 14 Seminary St. There also will be a vegetarian potluck. An invitation with more details will be put out on the MFM list serve.

**19.02.05 Pastoral Care** Pastoral Care anticipates beginning the next directory update soon. We were reminded that the 2019 directory should not go to press until we have the 2019 committee assignments established, so that they can be included.

**19.02.05 Fellowship** Fellowship and First Day School will be sponsoring a fund-raising luncheon for Heifer International on March 31 at 11:15. Heifer International is a charity organization working to end hunger and poverty around the world by providing livestock and training to struggling communities. <https://www.heifer.org/>

**19.02.05 New Business** Archives: Lucy gave a brief description of the agreement between NEYM and the Department of Special Collections of the UMass Amherst Libraries to collect the archives of NEYM and its constituent meetings. This seemed interesting to those present so Lucy will pursue the details for a later presentation.

The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

## MIDDLEBURY FRIENDS MEETING

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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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