

# Middlebury Friends Meeting



April  
2016

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## QUAKER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sun. April 10 8:30 AM Earthcare Committee at Havurah (tentative date)  
8:30 AM W & S Committee at Havurah
- Tues. April 12 12 noon Pastoral Care committee at Grace McGrath's  
4:00 PM COSA at Dickinson's
- Sun. April 17 8:30 AM Monthly Meeting for Business
- Fri., April 22 afternoon Community supper at Middlebury Congregational Church
- Sun. April 24 8:30 AM Friendly Forum: Testimony on Integrity
- Sat. April 30 9:30 AM Journey of Healing with Native American facilitators at CSAC meeting room. Until 1:00 PM.
- Sun. May 8 10:00 AM Celebration of Life at Treleven Farm
- Tues. May 10 4:00 PM COSA at Dickinson's with special guest to discuss Jubilee Vermont.
- Sat/Sun. June 4 & 5 QM hosted by Quaker City Unity Meeting; location TBA.

A man is placed upon the steps and a baby cries  
High above you can hear the church bells start to ring  
And as the heaviness, oh, the heaviness, the body settles in  
Somewhere you can hear a mother sing  
Then it's one foot, then the other as you step out on the road  
Step out on the road, how much weight, how much?  
Then it's how long and how far and how many times  
Oh, before it's too late?  
Calling all angels, calling all angels  
Walk me through this one, don't leave me alone  
Calling all angels, calling all angels  
We're tryin', we're hopin' but we're not sure how this goes.

— JANE SIBERRY

## Middlebury Friends Meeting Monthly Meeting for Business

20 March, 2016

Clerk: Tom Baskett

Recording Clerk: Priscilla Baker

Present were Laura Asermily, Sas Carey, Tom Dickinson, Wendy Goodwin, Teresa Hyndman, Brud Leedom, Mimi Love-Nicholson, Faith Lowell, Karen Nawn-Fahey, Don Peabody, Peter Schenck, and Susan Smiley.

16.03.01 Monthly meeting opened with a reading from Patricia Loring's *Listening Spirituality, Vol II*.

16.03.02 February 21, 2016 minutes accepted as printed in the newsletter.

16.03.03 Treasurer's Report (Karen Nawn-Fahey): All statements in this report are as of February 29, 2016.

During February, the Meeting did not have any donations.

During February, Meeting expenditures totaled \$420. This includes \$100 to Claire Armstrong for childcare and \$320 to Lianna Tennial for children's program coordination (January and February). When these checks clear, the bank balance will be \$4732.02.

IN ADDITION: Karen reported \$900 donated in Stewart Kirkaldy's memory. Friends discussed causes near and dear to his heart, including exploring a NEYM project for social justice; camperships to China Lake Camp (perhaps a fund for children of prisoners);

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FCNL projects; Birds of Vermont Museum; books related to his interests donated to Ilsley Library. We were reminded the money can be divided and contributed to more than one cause. COSA will consult with Stewart's close friend, Ted Colwell, and Karen will continue her follow up with Stewart's son, Andy.

**16.03.04 Earthcare Committee** (no meeting in March): Laura Asermily noted that Climate Justice Month runs from March 22, World Water Day, through April 22, Earth Day, also the day MFM hosts Community Supper.

Susan Smiley reported on the most recent ICAN meeting. The group hopes to identify a single project to focus on, e.g., create a vehicle, perhaps a skit, to take around to communities.

**16.03.05 Committee on Outreach and Social Action - COSA** (Don Peabody)

- Planning is underway for the April 22<sup>nd</sup> Community Supper provided by Middlebury Friends. Sign-up sheets will be circulated at Meeting and via listserv.
- Tom Dickinson takes the lead eliciting local Friends' help setting FCNL's priorities for the upcoming 115<sup>th</sup> Congress. Middlebury Friends will be contacted for input through the listserv.
- In collaboration with Fellowship and Children's Program Committees, COSA is organizing a NEYM-sponsored workshop titled Journey of Healing to take place on the morning of April 30<sup>th</sup> at CSAC's Catamount Park facility.

**16.03.06 Worship and Study Committee** (Peter Schenck): Co-clerk, Tom Baskett, has forwarded the State of the Meeting report to NWQM and NEYM.

The next Friendly Forum, April 24, is on the Testimony of Integrity.

AARE: Friends expressed appreciation for the Everybody Lesson last week, which was about Quaker monthly meeting with a concern for business. It was suggested this had an impact on the turn out at, and process of, today's meeting.

**16.03.07 Fellowship Committee:** Next meeting in May, date TBA

This year's Celebration of Life will be held at Treleven Farm on May 10.

**16.03.08 Pastoral Care Committee** The 2016 MFM Directory is nearly finished and soon to be published and distributed.

**16.03.09 Ad Hoc Welcoming Committee** (Wendy Goodwin) There was a good turn out at the potluck and discussion on March 4. The ad hoc committee will meet on March 21 to pull together themes and suggestions from this discussion and how to move forward.

**16.03.10 Nominating Committee** (Sas Carey) reported that Friends are asked to consider if they wish to continue in current positions, step down, or serve in a different capacity.

**16.03.11 Stewart Kirkaldy Memorial Minute:** Win is in communication with Westport (MA) Meeting to learn if they wish to prepare their own memorial minute

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or consolidate into a single minute with MFM.

**16.03.12 Friendly Bios:** Several suggestions were made about how to collect and record the stories of Middlebury Friends, perhaps a collection of Friendly bios, etc. The Welcoming Committee will consider this when they meet.

**16.03.13 A Called Meeting on February 28** discussed a Minute of support for Sas Carey’s leading to pursue a Legacy Grant from New England YM. A Minute was drafted and approved. Sas has submitted her application.

**16.03.14 Concern about visibility and audibility during Meeting for Worship:** There was discussion about the change in positioning chairs in a closer circle. Several Friends expressed satisfaction with this arrangement, including a smaller second row. There will now be a space at the far end of the circle, in front of the double doors, for flowers.

Meeting closed after a brief moment of silence.



## MIDDLEBURY STUDENT QUAKERS INTRODUCTIONS

Let’s get to know some of the Middlebury College students who join us for Meeting....!

**Name:** Caley Henderson

**Grade:** Sophomore

**Where are you from?:** West Hartford, CT

**Background in Quakerism:** I grew up Catholic, but I went to a few Quaker youth retreats in middle school. Then, on my gap year, I started attending the local meeting house and loved it so much that I keep coming back.

**Fun Fact:** I love to Irish Dance—think crazy wigs and dresses, and lots of leaping kicks. It’s tons of fun!

**Name:** Ben Borgmann-Winter

**Grade:** Sophomore

**Where are you from?:** Philadelphia

**Background in Quakerism:** I’ve always attended Quaker schools, and graduated from Abington Friends School in 2014.

**Fun Fact:** I am an avid gardener!

**Name:** Sadie Coffin

**Grade:** Freshman

**Where are you from?:** Bethesda, Maryland

**Background in Quakerism:** I went to a Quaker school from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade, so I have grown up learning about Quaker values and practices and observing meeting for worship every week.

**Fun Fact:** I love to row! I rowed for all four years on the crew team at my high school, and I am now on the team at Middlebury College.

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Name: Hannah

Grade: Freshman

Where are you from?: Southern Vermont

Background in Quakerism: I was raised in a Quaker family.

Fun Fact: I take care of a flock of 60 sheep.

Name: Bryce Williamson

Grade: Sophomore

Where are you from?: Dover, MA

Background in Quakerism: I am new to it completely as of this fall except that my grandmother is Quaker.

Fun Fact: My favorite band is the Indigo Girls.

## NEWS OF QUAKERLY INTEREST

Collected by Lucy McKeon  
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Many of our community have met or followed the progress of NARA, the little Mongolian girl that SAS CAREY has been sponsoring. Nara had extensive burns as a baby which needed surgery and laser treatments unavailable in Mongolia. She successfully completed her second round of treatment at Shriners Hospital in Boston this winter. Within the next year she will need to return for another 3 month period to complete the course. We will send more on ways people can help with that when the dates are set.

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Friends of Kakamega invite you to hear a presentation by and meet Pastor Ida Nelson on April 20 at Hotel Burlington. Pastor Ida is the administrator of the Kakamega Orphan Care Center in Kakamega, Kenya. This very successful and inspiring project was initiated by the Quaker women of the Kakamega Friends Church and supported by an amazing group of Quakers from Maine. CLAIRE and I spent 3 memorable weeks there a few years ago. Pastor Ida is an engaging, inspired and very funny speaker. Reception is at 5:30 and presentation at 6.

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FRAN AND SPENCE PUTNAM arrived in Ecuador on March 9 and are enjoying the family they were assigned to live with. First work experience was helping to make brown sugar from cane, a process very much like boiling maple sugar.

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Another Friend in Quaker Acres! SHULAMITH writes that she will be moving to the cottage next to Laura on April 16.

—Lucy

## MIDDLEBURY FRIENDS MEETING

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

Editor: Win Colwell

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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.

Sas Carey (388-1301)  
Wendy Goodwin (385-1900)

Norm Tjossem (388-0338)  
Brud Leedom (558-1005)

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We welcome your submissions! — [winslow.colwell@gmail.com](mailto:winslow.colwell@gmail.com)

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