

# Middlebury Friends Meeting



October  
2010

# OCTOBER 2010

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## QUAKER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Every Saturday 10:30 AM Vigil for Peace on the Triangle Green, downtown Middlebury. Until 11 AM.
- Fri. Oct. 1 3:00 PM Middlebury College worship group, panel of MFM Friends, followed by a retreat in the Adirondacks
- Sun. Oct. 3 8:30 AM Friendly Forum, "Experiment with Light" led by Jean Rosenberg
- Sun. Oct. 3 11:30 AM Annual Crop Hunger Walk. Start at the Middlebury Green
- Mon. Oct. 4 7:00 PM Women's Group at Sas Carey's, 388-1301
- Sun. Oct. 10 8:30 AM Worship & Study Committee meeting at Havurah
- Sun. Oct. 10 1-4 PM 10/10/10 Climate Action Awareness Work Day sponsored by 350.org; contact Laura Asermily for more information, 388-9478
- Mon. Oct 11 7:00 PM COSA meeting at Dickinson's, 388-2594
- Wed. Oct. 13 7:00 PM Men's Group at the Colwells, E. Middlebury 388-1961

*“If you don’t make mistakes,  
you aren’t really trying.”*

— COLEMAN HAWKINS

*Jazz Saxophonist*

- Sun. Oct. 17 11:30 AM Monthly Meeting for Business
- Sun. Oct. 24 10:00 AM Intergenerational Meeting followed by enhanced  
hospitality. Yum!
- 12 noon Discussion on FUM policy that excludes gay and lesbian  
employees
- Mon. Nov. 1 7:00 PM Women’s Group at Mimi Love-Nicholson, 388-6041
- Sun. Nov. 7 8:30 AM Friendly Forum, Meeting for Healing with Shulamith
- Sun. Nov. 21 11:30 AM Monthly Meeting for Business
- Sat/Sun, Dec. 4/5 Northwest Quarterly Meeting hosted by Bennington and  
Middlebury meetings, in Middlebury

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## Monthly Meeting for Business

19 September, 2010

Clerk: Jean Rosenberg

Recording Clerk: Priscilla Baker

Present were Laura Asermily, Tom Baskett, Ted Colwell, Win Colwell, Stewart Kirkaldy, Brud Leedham, Grace McGrath, Lucy McKeon, Chris Stackhouse, and Jill Stackhouse.

10.09.01 Minutes for 9/19/10 were reviewed; no corrections or changes.

10.09.02 **Treasurer's Report** (from Jill Stackhouse & Laura Asermily) "During the months of July & August 2010 the Meeting had an income of \$1,500, \$335 of which was earmarked to replenish the contingency fund due to an emergency need of a friend. The contingency fund donations exceeded the need by \$130.50. A special thank you to friends for your generous support. These additional dollars have been added to the contingency fund budget until friends give direction to do otherwise.

"Total income for the fiscal year so far is \$1500. The income for the comparable period last year was \$771. Expenditures during July & August totaled \$1574.50: \$500 for rent, \$500 for New England Yearly Meeting, \$125 for Northwest Quarter, \$120 for the children's program, \$100 Community Lunch program, \$25 for newsletter printing, The bank balance at the end of August was \$5375.17, which includes \$1,200 in the carry-over surplus fund. The September Balance to date was \$5430.17."

### *FOLLOWUP:*

1. It was agreed to send, immediately, our line item of \$200 to the **Middlebury Clergy Rent Fund**, in response to a recent emergency request letter seeking support for their fund which is depleted. The Clergy Rent Fund supports people who need help making the required deposit when renting.
2. It was agreed to send \$200 to **Share Heat** which, at present, is out of funds.
3. It was agreed to have MFM Treasurers send our **annual donations to benevolences** by the end of December. They will do this as our funds allow, giving priority to local groups. Friends are encourage to consider making donations to MFM in the next several weeks to enable the payment of our contributions to organizations providing critical services to those in need.
4. It was decided at NEYM 2010 session to continue the policy that allows individuals to withhold the percentage of their contributions that would be sent, by NEYM, to Friends United Meeting.

10.09.03 **Fellowship Committee** (from Wendy Goodwin)

1. **November potluck** will take place on Friday, Nov. 12 at the Rosenberg's, topic TBA.

2. **Friendly 8's:** After much discussion, it was decided to implement a new format in which new groups will meet 4 times, during the winter months, rather than attempt to sustain a group over many months. Each meeting will have a host and a different person will facilitate a topic of discussion.
3. **Quarterly Meeting, December 4 & 5:** Fellowship Committee will organize lunch, on Sunday, and overnight accommodations.

10.09.04 **Worship and Study Committee** (presented by Tom Baskett; edited for these minutes by the Recording Clerk):

1. **Meeting Practices Booklet:** Win Colwell presented the final draft of the new Middlebury Friends Meeting Practices Booklet. We thank Win heartily for all his considerable effort on the rewrite. He will print 60 copies initially. We will try to maintain about 10 copies on a stand on the book table.
2. **Quarterly Meeting, December 4 & 5:** W & S suggests, for the Sunday morning program, a Quaker Quest panel on the theme "Quakers and Simplicity."
3. **Retreat led by Mary Kay Glazer:** W & S will extend an invitation to Friends to attend this event. The retreat may be scheduled November 13 or 20, or in January, 2011.
4. **Friendly Forums:** October's FF will be led by Jean Rosenberg, talking about Rex Ambler's *Experiment with Light*. November's FF will be Shulamith leading a Meeting for Healing. December's FF is replaced by Quarterly Meeting.
5. **Intergenerational Meeting:** The next Intergenerational Meeting will be on Sunday, October 24. Extended hospitality will be provided.

6. **Visiting Friend, Deb Humphries,** and her friend Daphne Bye, were hosted by Tom Baskett for a potluck on Sept. 11 followed by worship sharing.

W & S has prepared a **Minute of Appreciation:** Visiting Friends, Debbie Humphries and Daphne Bye visited Middlebury meeting on September 11 and 12 for a potluck supper and worship sharing on Saturday evening and meeting for worship the following morning. The theme for the worship sharing was living our Quaker traditions in meeting and beyond, and Debbie focused us further with the query, "What do you need from Meeting and what does Meeting need from you?" About twenty-five people attended the worship sharing. Middlebury Meeting wishes to express its thanks to Debbie and Daphne as well as our deep appreciation for Debbie's leading which brought her and Daphne to us and wish her continued blessings on her journey to other Meetings.

7. **Proposal to include Joys and Concerns in Meeting:** After discussion, the consensus of the committee is that we not make this a part of the structure of Meeting. It was noted that many people already share during announcements. We will look for other ways through which Friends may share and meet. We will ask Pastoral Care Committee to consider this as well.

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**10.09.05 Committee on Outreach and Social Action (COSA)** (reported by Lucy McKeon; edited for these minutes by the Recording Clerk)

- 1. Quarterly Meeting, December 4 & 5:** MFM is co-host with Bennington Monthly Meeting. We will coordinate with the Worship and Study and Fellowship committees regarding program theme and details of hosting and food. We will send necessary information to the *Nor'Wester* editor for the winter edition.
- 2. Followup discussion of FUM policies** will be decided by monthly meeting. At the NEYM sessions in August, it was agreed to continue the policy allowing individuals to exclude that portion of their contributions that would go to FUM. The Outreach Committee feels strongly that we should continue to work toward unity within our Meeting on this issue.

*FOLLOWUP: It was agreed to hold this discussion on Sunday, Oct. 24, 12noon - 2:00pm, following an intergenerational meeting and expanded hospitality.*

- 3. Wider Quaker Community:** We would like to learn from those in our Meeting who have participated in activities in the wider Quaker community such as quarterly and yearly meetings, action groups, retreats and workshops. Knowing more about these experiences, and values gained from participation, might inspire us to expand our horizons.
- 4. FaceBook:** Win Colwell has suggested that MFM establish a presence on Facebook. Many organizations and businesses find this to be a useful way to reach out to the larger community and provide information and communication. We agree that our Meeting should consider this.

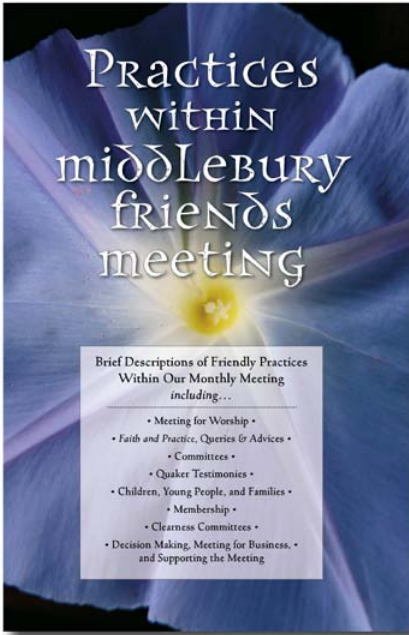
*FOLLOWUP: Win Colwell proposed a Facebook presence for MFM. He offered to prepare a MFM page, which involves no cost, and to be the ongoing contact person/communicator. Friends are encouraged to think about this offer which will be discussed further at next monthly meeting.*

**10.09.06 Nominating Committee** (from Jean Rosenberg):

- Friends are asked to consider becoming the **MFM Newsletter Friendly reporter**, soliciting and preparing News of Quakerly Interest. Any interested Friend should speak to Sas Carey or Jean Rosenberg.
- Children's Program:** Heather Potter has agreed to be teacher for young children through December. She will meet with children, ages 3-elementary school age, on the second Sunday of each month.

Monthly meeting closed with a moment of silence.

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FRIENDLY BOOKS OF INTEREST



*Practices within Middlebury  
Friends Meeting*

The Worship and Study committee is pleased to offer our new revision of this little booklet. It presents an introduction to Quaker worship as well as the practices of our unique spiritual community in Middlebury.

The 8-page guide is available online at our website:

[www.middleburyquakers.org](http://www.middleburyquakers.org)

or can be picked up on a First Day. If out-of-town Friends would like a copy, we would be glad to put one in the mail upon request to Win by phone or email.

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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10 AM every First Day

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