



Newsletter of the

# Ithaca Monthly Meeting

of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

**October 2014**

## **IMM CONTACTS**

**ithacamonthlymeeting.org**

### **Meetinghouse:**

120 Third Street • Ithaca NY 14850  
607-229-9500

### **Clerk:**

Antonia Saxon • 607-387-5244  
clerk@ithacamonthlymeeting.org  
Box 167 • T-burg, NY 14886

### **Assistant Clerk:**

Marilyn Ray • 607-539-7778  
mlr17@cornell.edu

### **Treasurer:**

Mike Simkin  
607-387-5174 • mes13@cornell.edu  
3137 Jacksonville Rd • T-burg, NY 14886

### **Ministry & Worship:**

Chuck Mohler  
607-539-6454 • clm11@cornell.edu

### **Pastoral Care:**

Emily Williams • 703.297.9849  
ewy310@gmail.com

### **Childcare Requests:**

Ellie Rosenberg • 277-1024  
ellierosenberg7@gmail.com

### **Burt House, 227 N Willard Way**

Shirley Way, Friend-in-Residence  
shirleyway61@gmail.com • 607-273-5421

### **Listserv:**

To join our email list for solely for meeting-related announcements, send an email message addressed to:

IMMRSF-L-request@cornell.edu  
with message body as simply: join

### **Marilyn's List:**

To email Friends and others about events in the Ithaca community, broader social causes or other non-specifically Quaker messages that may be of interest to Friends, consider sending your message through Marilyn Ray. To join or contribute, email: mlr17@cornell.edu

## **Round Two Talking Circle for White Allies**

The Multicultural Resource Center (MRC) is offering a round two Talking Circle on Race and Racism™—specifically for white allies who have experienced a round one Talking Circle who want to deepen and expand their learning and experience, identify strategies for action, and support each other as we move towards interrupting or eliminating racism and other forms of oppression. The purpose for this Talking Circle is to use this time together to move us all to thoughtful, effective, and sustained action against institutionalized racism in whatever spheres we can influence, resulting in continual individual and institutional transformation.

The round two Talking Circle for white allies will be held on Wednesdays starting on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM ending on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Facilitators: Karen Friedeborn and Elan Shapiro. Space is limited to 14 people. To register, call Fabina B. Colon at 272-2292 extension 191, or email mresource.center@cornell.edu.

— Karen Friedeborn

## **Join the Sweepers!**

This is your opportunity to join the The Third Street Sweeping Crew. We lovingly contribute our time to keeping our meetinghouse in good order. Come experience the joys of purposeful meditation and donate your time to our effort to increase beauty in the world.

If you'd like to volunteer, Dick Crepeau will be happy to work with you and show you the ropes and shortcuts. With two people, the cleaning takes about 2 hours approximately monthly and can be a great time to get to know one another better. You can also make it a family affair. Contact me @ 272-8755 for more information and scheduling.

— Melody Johnson

## **Multigenerational First Day School Continues**

Friends, we continue our multigenerational experiment in spiritual learning together, gathering at 9:15a for worship, and using 9:30-10:15 for our *all-ages* First Day School program. Last month we met three times.

We are providing childcare during 10:30-11:30 Meeting for Worship, and do not have a set time when children leave. (Previously, children left the room after the first 15 minutes.) We encourage families to discuss the timing. Please stay as long as makes sense for your family members to Worship with our whole community. Ed or Fred will be upstairs for childcare. Cierra will be there for the little ones.

We are still encouraging Meeting to have a conversation about how to make Worship more inter-generational. Please join us on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> for a before-meeting discussion on our experiment (see calendar).

— Ellie Rosenberg

## Elevette Installation

At long last, we have a date for the lift (or elevette) installation! We have been notified that the Syracuse company installing the lift will be on site September 28-29. This might be followed by some days of finishing touches by John Shipe, our carpenter. Groups using the meetinghouse this first week of October might notice more construction noise going on than they are accustomed to! We're sorry for any inconvenience (as they say). All work on the lift should be completed by Meeting for Worship on Sunday, October 5.

— Garry Thomas

*Ed: Please see note about women's yoga on September 29th, page 4.*

---

*History, continued from page 3*

## 60 Years Ago (October 11, 1954)

A concern was expressed that we no longer have Monthly Meeting suppers. It was felt that we miss an opportunity to become acquainted with our new attenders and that we are depriving the children of the unique contact they have with Meeting. Admittedly our homes are not large enough for Monthly Meeting suppers. After further discussion, it was decided to try a supper and purely social meeting, to be held Oct. 18 at 6 PM at the Women's Community Building.

## 65 Years Ago (October 10, 1949)

Sarah Oliver reported for the Service Committee that four boxes of clothing have been sent to Oldenburg, Germany. Friends were asked to meet at the Olivers on Oct. 18 to pack Christmas boxes for overseas and packages that would be sent through the Council of Church Women.

## 70 Years Ago (October 9, 1944)

Grace Mekeel reported on the day she spent at the Big Flats Civilian Public Service (CPS) camp doing mending for the residents. Three IMM couples reported on their hospitality to two CPS residents each during the past month. It was decided to establish a small fund at the CPS camp for bus fare for any young men who could not afford round trip bus fare to Ithaca.

— Tom Brown, IMM historian

## Meetinghouse Combination

The combination to the Meetinghouse kitchen door will be changed October 1. The Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Third Street Meetinghouse Committee, and the conveners of all committees should have been sent the new combination. If you feel you need the new combination for IMM business, please contact one of the people listed above.

At August's Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, we agreed that we should change the combination and give the new combination to members and attenders who need to get in for Meeting business. The Meetinghouse should not be used for personal business except on brief and limited bases. Anyone with the combination should read and agree to follow the instructions for Meetinghouse use posted by the door. When you share the combination with another Friend needing access to the building, you must send the name of the person and the reason they need it to TSMC in care of John Lewis, johnsherwood@yahoo.com. The receiver of the combination should also agree to follow the above instructions when sharing it with another member or attender.

— Gina Varrichio

## Giving to IMM

To set up electronic donations, simply complete the authorization form below and return it to the Treasurer: Mike Simkin, 3137 Jacksonville Rd, Trumansburg, NY 14886. Donations can be debited automatically from either a checking or savings account.

AUTHORIZATION FORM	
Ithaca Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends Inc. ES14909	
Your name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Email address:	
I would like to make the following contribution(s):	
<input type="checkbox"/> General Operating Fund	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Building Fund	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen Cupboard _____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	\$ _____
<b>Total</b>	
Date of first contribution: ___/___/___	
Frequency of contribution (check one):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly – Mondays	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bi-Weekly (every other week)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Semi-monthly – 1 <sup>st</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 1 <sup>st</sup>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 15 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>CHECKING / SAVINGS</b> Complete this section if using your checking or savings account	
Please debit my (check one):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Checking account—attach voided check <input type="checkbox"/> Savings account—attach voided deposit slip	
Routing #:	Account #:
Valid routing # must start with 0,1,2 or 3	
I authorize the above organization to process debit entries to the above account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.	
Authorized signature: _____ Date: / /	

## Ithaca Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

### Monthly Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, September 14, 2014

---

Clerk: Antonia Saxon

Assistant Clerk: Marilyn Ray

Recording Clerks: Marin Clarkberg, Sue Ruff, and Nancy Gabriel

(The @ signifies that the minute has been read and approved during Meeting. Copies of all written reports are on file with and available from the Clerk or Recording Clerk.)

**2014 08.1 Gathering.** Ithaca Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society Friends met in Monthly Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business on September 14, 2014. At 12:20 pm, 14 Friends gathered and settled into worship. The clerk acknowledged Ed Lisbe who was holding the meeting in the Light.

Clerk read from 2 Corinthians 4:16:

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is fading, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

**2014 08.2 Report from Ministry and Worship.** Chuck Mohler reported on behalf of M&W that Tom Ruscitti has requested membership in our meeting. Friends approved the recommendation of the following individuals to serve on Tom's Clearness Committee for Membership: Nancy Riffer, Dick Crepeau, Pat Pingel, and Chuck Mohler (convener). @

Antonia Saxon then reported that a Clearness Committee for Membership had been appointed previously for an attender, but that individual has been unreachable for an extended period. Ministry & Worship recommends laying down the committee.

---

## October in IMM History

A look back at our history through the minutes of our monthly Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business.

### 5 Years Ago (October 11, 2009)

The still-current charge for the Finance Committee was approved. In brief, it includes (1) reviewing the investments of IMM and adjusting them as necessary with approval of Trustees, (2) conducting an in-house audit at least once every two years, (3) soliciting unrestricted contributions from members and attenders at least annually, and (4) documenting (annually) with the Treasurer the state of the Meeting's finances and drafting an annual budget for consideration by the Meeting. See "Committee Charges" on the IMM website for full wording of the charge.

### 25 Years Ago (October 9, 1989)

Carol Kimball reported that as Executor of Ned Burt's estate, she is happy to have Juan and Jorge (two Salvadoran refugees) continue to live in the Burt House until the property is legally transferred to IMM – probably after January 1, 1990.

Friends received the report, and approved the recommendation that the committee be laid down. @

**2014 08.3 Nominating Committee.** Speaking on behalf of Nominating Committee, Elizabeth Schneider brought forward nominations to fill existing openings in committees. Friends approved the following nominations: John Lewis for Ministry and Worship (for a term through 2015), Shirley Way for the Burt House Committee (through 2016), Bronwyn Mohlke for the Greeters (through 2016) and Bronwyn Mohlke for Hospitality (through 2015). @

**2014 08.4 Treasurers Report.** Mike Simkin, Treasurer, reported on the state of the meeting finances. Mike reported that in a prior year, the Lasers collected \$800 for the Heifer Project that has not yet been dispersed; he encouraged relevant committees to see to that disbursement. Similarly, the Northside Community Celebration has a positive balance of about \$400 that should be distributed. He further reported that the Meetinghouse Project fund still has a negative balance of about \$5000, and friends are encouraged to follow through on their pledges. In follow up to a previous issue, Mike reported that he has been in communication with the insurance company, and is working with our agent to resolve questions about our coverage and the related billing. Finally, our revenue stream in the form of donations in support of the annual budget seems to be in good shape. Friends received the report. @

**2014 08.5 Other concerns.** There were no other concerns.

Fourteen Friends settled into worship at 12:47 before adjourning. Our next regular Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business will be held at the rise of Meeting on October 12, 2014.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Marin Clarkberg, Recording Clerk*

---

### 30 Years Ago (October 8, 1984)

The Thanksgiving Meeting for Worship was set for Thanksgiving Day 10:30 AM at the Hector Meeting House, followed by a pot-luck brunch and placement of the new peace pole. [Note: Several people have asked me over the years about the peace poles at Hector and at the Burt House. For the story of peace poles, which now number over 200,000 worldwide, go to <http://theshiftnetwork.com/blog/2014-06-27/peace-poles-may-peace-prevail-earth> Or, search for internet articles using keywords Fumi Johns Stewartt.]

### 35 Years Ago (October 9, 1979)

IMM minutes noted the recent sudden passing of Helmut Sieverts. Helmut had served IMM for many years in numerous ways, including as Treasurer and member of Trustees. A memorial service was held for him at the Hector Meeting House on October 6. Burial of his ashes in the Hector Meetinghouse cemetery was approved.

*History, continued on page 2*

## Women's Chair Yoga Mondays and Fridays

Women's chair yoga meets on Mondays and Fridays from 11am to noon in the Third St. Meetinghouse. This gentle, centered practice focuses on health of body, mind and spirit, especially for women. No special equipment necessary. Just come, or contact Nancy Gabriel for information: ntg2@cornell.edu, 277-8930. We make a voluntary donation for the teacher.

*Note: We will skip Monday, September 29th to accommodate the installation of the lift (see page 2).*

## Richie Sing October 11

Come to the Richie Sing at Third Street Meetinghouse on Saturday, October 11. All are welcome and if you like, bring a song, an instrument and/or a friend. Children are especially welcome and have priority in choosing songs. This is a good chance to learn more songs from *Rise Up Singing*. Dish to pass at 6:30, singing at 7:30. Call Melody at 272-8755 for more information.

## Gary Rith Open Studio October 11 & 12

IMM attendee and potter Gary Rith is holding an open studio Saturday and Sunday October 11-12 from 11am-5pm. Gary will demonstrate pottery and would love to see you. The studio is just a few minutes drive past the airport: 540 Main St, Etna (take route 13 past the airport and NYSEG, left onto rte. 366, drive 1/2 mile or so, 540 is the light green house on the left, park in one of the driveways next to the house.) Gary's website is garyrith.com and email for info is garyrith@yahoo.com.



# October 2014 Calendar of Ithaca Monthly Meeting

## Multigenerational First Day School Sunday, October 5, 9:15a

We are working on something very different for the new First Day School year., offering a multigenerational educational program from 9:30 to 10:15 every Sunday which would include people of all ages learning about different aspects of Quaker Faith and Practice.

This Sunday, all who feel led will meet together with the focus of: how is it going? How is it going logistically? How is it going in building a community of spiritual inquiry and discovery? Where do we go from here? We will also plan for October...what other topics do we want to study together this month? Bible study, earth care, history, Quaker process, SPICES, what does worship mean to us, other ideas?

## Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Sunday, October 12, Rise of Meeting

Join in the Quaker decision-making process. Agenda items should be sent to our clerk, Antonia Saxon, by the preceding Wednesday.

## Women's Fellowship Friday, October 17, 7p

Join us at Ithaca Bakery—not far from the Meetinghouse on Rte. 13—for corporeal and/or spiritual sustenance. No agenda!

## Fall Work Day at the Burt House Saturday, October 25, noon-4p

Come join in the fun, rain or shine, at the Fall Work Day this beloved meeting-owned property at 227 North Willard Way. Jobs for all ages, inclinations and abilities. Come help us prepare the property for winter. Stay for a short time or all afternoon!

Working together is a great way to get to know other people in Meeting. We will also be joined by a few Cornell students who are volunteering through the "Into the Streets" day. We've participated in this day of outreach and volunteerism for many years and it's always been an interesting and enjoyable experience.

## Brunch Sunday, October 26, Rise of Meeting

All are invited to stay for fellowship and a bite to eat after the rise of meeting. Friends are invited to bring a dish to share with others.

## Newsletter submissions due Thursday, October 23, 5p

Please provide your newsletter contributions to Marin Clarkberg: 150 Giles St., 14850, 607-279-4722, clarkberg@cornell.edu.

## Every Sunday

- 9:15a Multigenerational **worship**
- 9:30a Multigenerational **First Day School**
- 10:30a **Meeting for Worship** for all ages
- 10:30a **Childcare (0-8 years old)**: attenders may exit the meetingroom when they so choose to attend childcare.

## Other Weekly IMM Events

- Wed 5:30-6:30p **Meeting for worship** at the Third Street Meetinghouse
- Wed 7:30p **Midweek meeting** for worship at the Burt House (227 N. Willard Way)