



Newsletter of the

# Ithaca Monthly Meeting

of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

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## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

### Due March 26th

Materials for March's newsletter may be submitted by the method of your choice to:  
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## Wanted: Gently Used Children's Books

—Elsbeth Rhodin

Friends, this is the time of year when ACT—Area Congregations Together—collects gently used children's books to circulate back into the community. The books are free and needed. As the Ithaca Friends Meeting representative to ACT, I will be delighted to gather any books that you bring to Meeting. Or, if you call me on the phone, I can pick them up from you.

Think of the need of those that have yet to discover the capacity of books to stimulate original thoughts or to expand the imagination!

Children's imaginations grow with reading, as do adults.' To be read to is an extra special time... not only for those being read to, but also for those that are doing the reading.

Books can be read aloud that might otherwise be too difficult for the listener to read on their own. But, one is never too old to be read to. Sometimes a book can come alive with

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## Friendly 8s Party in 3-D for Super Bowl Extravaganza

Years from now, when people ask if you remember where you watched the Pittsburgh Steelers play the Arizona Cardinals in Super Bowl XLIII, ten members of Ithaca Monthly Meeting will say, "Yes, we watched the game at the Travis-Dunham house." By one count, it took over 45 emails to organize the Friendly 8s first dinner in 2009, but we did it -- and it happened to coincide with Super Sunday. We wonder if this was the first officially sanctioned Quaker Super Bowl party in IMM's history!

Our Friendly 8s crowd has been rotating houses, organizing menus, and dining together on a monthly basis for over two years now. Since Super Bowl parties always feature pizza, junk food, and beer we adjusted our usual menu distribution to fit the theme. The pizzas were homemade and vegan/vegetarian. No one got around to ordering soy-based chicken wings, but there was plenty of guacamole and hummus. In deference to the Pittsburgh

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its stories or adventure when read aloud and can stir imaginations in the quiet of the reading voice.

Reading aloud is a special time for readers too; to temporarily free themselves from daily concerns and escape into the imagination of the author.

Reading aloud can be a gathering time, drawing families together from their various commitments and activities to listen, partly from curiosity and partly from the spell it casts. It is a community time when all those listening interpret what they hear in their own unique imagination. Reading aloud create a special feeling of togetherness for the whole family.

Reading aloud or to oneself is a wonderful way of settling agitation, particularly at bed time. Indeed it's a way of luring children to bed, to know that this quiet time is one in which they feel safe and their imagination is stimulated on its own.

Reading aloud also encourages individuality, for imagination is unique. What is read is not seen through the eye but through the magic of the mind. .

Books! What greater gift we give to stir the minds of those that will be our future?

Steelers and Melissa Travis Dunham's western PA roots, Rolling Rock beer (from Latrobe, PA) was the special beverage of choice for the beer drinkers.

Neither Chris Dunham nor Melissa admitted to having played the game, but both were knowledgeable and Melissa is clearly a fan. She was the only one who cared who won and gleefully waved her Terrible Towel at the appropriate moments. Pat Sewell remembered he was a lineman in high school but said he was terrible. Lynn said he suited up in eighth grade, but claimed he mostly sat on the bench. Garry Thomas played a more glamorous position, probably all of the above would admit, but it was back in the era of the single-wing formation.

It would be fair to say that none of the other Quaker 8s care about football in general or paid much attention to this Super Bowl match-up in particular. Connie Thomas knitted. Gina Varrichio read stories to Drew with her back turned to the TV. It was Rosie's first football game and she did ask questions like "What does first and ten mean?" But she was more interested in analyzing the commercials. Kris's interest in the game seemed limited to questions about the uniforms' appearance, and entertained us with stories about Facebook. In deference to those in the room who do not normally observe this national holiday, the volume was kept low, just above mute.

There was nothing muted about this Friendly 8s gathering, however, as can be attested to by the picture accompanying this write-up!

## Meeting Announcements

### Meeting's Summer Retreat for Kids: What Dates?

It is time to start planning our annual summer retreat (formerly known as "camp"). It is a wonderful time for Ithaca Friends of all ages to get together for fun and fellowship. We have gathered every year since 2002. Up until last year, we always held it for four days during the week. Last year it went from Thursday morning through Sunday morning, right after school had ended on Wednesday, with many Friends camping out during those days.

School ends on Wednesday again this year, and FGC starts three days later, on Saturday, June 27.

We are currently considering holding the retreat *near the end of the summer* this year, instead of squeezing it in as soon as school is out. We would very much like to hear from those Friends who would like to be involved. What do you think of late August for our retreat? Do you prefer week days only, or some weekend days as well? Labor Day is late this year, September 7, and school begins on September 9. What would you think of the week beginning August 23 or August 30? Please send any feedback to Rini Clarkberg (mcc30@cornell.edu / 277-9364) or Bronwyn Mohlke (bjm9@cornell.edu / 277-4183). Thank you!

### Housing I: Burt House Room Vacancies

The Burt House Committee anticipates that 3 resident rooms will become available in May. Residents of the Burt House live in a community setting, sharing with each other in both fellowship and upkeep of areas shared by the residents. No lease is involved but prospective residents are asked to complete an application form. Preference is given to applicants who either have a Quaker background or are comfortable with a Quaker living environment, and who are committed to living and sharing in a community setting. For further information, contact the Burt House caretaker, Mary Balfour, mbalfour123@gmail.com, phone 273-5421.

### Housing II: Sue Seeks a New Home

Single professional woman (non-smoker, non-drinker) is seeking a two bedroom apartment or small house to rent in a quiet country setting or suburban area. Prefer safe, sunny space within five to eight miles of The Commons. June or July move-in date. Multi-year lease acceptable. No pets. Please call Sue Baker-Carr at 277.7690 or email sbaker-carr@twcny.rr.com.

## Meeting Announcements, cont.

### State of the Meeting Report

New York Yearly Meeting asks each monthly Meeting to write a "State of the Meeting Report" each year. M&O sends the report to Friends who have been part of our Meeting in the past and are no longer able to worship with us. Writing this report gives us a good opportunity to pause and reflect on our spiritual health – where we are as a meeting, our vision of where we'd like to be, and stating our intentions for growth in being faithful.

We invite you to join us during this month's meeting for worship with attention to business on March 8 so that as a group we can share on the following two queries, or other more general thoughts on the state of our Meeting:

1. How does love manifest itself in our meeting, in our communities and in the world?
2. Does the spirit of worship extend into our committee work and into meeting for worship with a concern for business?

### Spring Gathering of Farmington-Scipio Region

This year's Spring Gathering of our Regional Meeting will be held May 15-18 at Long Point Camp, on the west side of Seneca Lake. It is a wonderful time to get together with Friends of our region. **This year our Meeting has responsibility of coordinating food for the weekend.** We are fortunate to work with a cook who has participated for many years. We will need many hands to help with food preparation. Please contact one of Meeting's representatives to Regional Meeting if you are willing to help (Marilyn Ray, days 539-7778 / MLR17@cornell.edu, or Bronwyn Mohlke 277-4183 / bjm9@cornell.edu) More information on this year's Spring Gathering will be included in the April and May newsletters.

### Peace Witness Supports Peace in Gaza

We in the Peace Witness Committee have been watching the situation in Gaza over the past months with great concern: the conflict between the Israeli government and Hamas has disrupted the lives of both Israelis and Palestinians, killing over a thousand Palestinians and about a dozen Israelis. Moreover, the situation has led to a humanitarian crisis for Gaza's 1.5 million residents. We have decided to donate \$100 of Peace Witness's discretionary funds to the AFSC's ongoing relief, recovery, and peacebuilding work in Gaza, and \$100 dollars to a woman named Audrey Stewart, who took time off from her job and from raising small children in January to fund her own trip to Gaza; the articles she wrote while there are available on [www.counterpunch.org](http://www.counterpunch.org). We decided to make the donation to Audrey Stewart, although she is not affiliated with a Quaker group, because we were inspired by her willingness to step outside the immediate concerns of her own life in order to be a "peace witness."

Peace Witness encourages Friends who are moved to donate to AFSC's efforts in Gaza on [www.afsc.org/israel-palestine/](http://www.afsc.org/israel-palestine/), or to any organization providing support there. We will continue our efforts to raise awareness about this situation by holding a letter-writing campaign related to Gaza on March 22 after the Rise of Meeting."

### Earthcare Committee of Ithaca Monthly Meeting

—Margaret McCasland

Some Friends have been working on the possibility of creating an Earthcare Committee for Ithaca Monthly Meeting. We intend to bring the following text as a proposed "charge" for the committee to the April 1st Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. We thought it would be helpful for Friends to have this month to reflect on the proposal.

*The Earthcare Committee will facilitate the consideration of Earthcare-related concerns within the life of Ithaca Monthly Meeting on an ongoing basis.*

*The Committee will build on the testimonies of Simplicity, Peace, Integrity, Community, Equality and Stewardship (SPICES), among other sources, to inspire and inform our work and outreach on Earthcare.*

*The Committee will promote and facilitate mindfulness with Friends regarding actions we can take personally, as committees within IMM, as a Meeting, and as part of the wider community. The Earthcare Committee will also work with wider Quaker bodies and other public and private organizations to address Earthcare and eco-justice concerns locally, regionally, and nationally.*

*The Committee will make recommendations to the Meeting for budget allocations to local, national, and international Quaker and other environmental and eco-justice organizations.*

*This Committee is open to members and attenders. Official members will serve 3 year terms. The initial convener will help the committee establish a structure for coordination, for example, selecting a Clerk, etc.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

— Margaret McCasland, Janet Frieswyk, and Carol Mohler

### Meeting Directory

The 2009 updated version of the directory is available. If you have any corrections or additions to make, please contact Bronwyn Mohlke, 277-4183 or [bjm9@cornell.edu](mailto:bjm9@cornell.edu)

### Please note the following:

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### **Faith and Practice Discussions Continue Sunday, March 1st, 9:30a**

Please join us on first Sundays now through May 3 at 9:30 am in room 314 of Anabel Taylor Hall. Each month, our subject varies, and depends on where we have left off the month before. Contact Toni Murdough for more information, and please join us for some enlightening discussions.

### **Social Justice Committee Meeting Sunday, March 1st, Rise of Meeting**

Please join us in the cafe in Anabel Taylor.

### **Spring Forward: Day Light Savings Adjustment Sunday, March 8th**

Friends, do not forget to adjust your clocks the night before!

### **Peace Witness Committee Tuesday, March 10th, 7:30p**

Meeting at the Burt House, Peace Witness is an open committee that welcomes the participation of everyone. Our main goals are to provide a focus in our Meeting for peace witness and to encourage and support the leadings of Meeting members and attenders working for peace.

### **Talent Show: New Date, New Location Saturday, March 21st, 5:30p**

Ithaca Monthly Meeting Talent Show will be Saturday, March 21 in the One World Room, Anabel Taylor Hall: that's the big room way downstairs.

There will be a dish-to-pass supper at 5:30pm and the [figurative] curtain goes up for the Talent Show at 7pm. Yes, there's a piano if you want to use it! Sign up on our talent slate between now and March 21, or email Toni Murdough, [tmurdough@juno.com](mailto:tmurdough@juno.com).

We hope to allow for a greater attendance and more opportunities for fellowship by holding the talent show in a larger venue and having a meal beforehand. We hope you and yours will attend.

Bronwyn Mohlke ([bjm9@cornell.edu](mailto:bjm9@cornell.edu)) will be coordinating food, so email her if you need food directions and inspiration.

### **Galship: Women's Fellowship**

On Friday, March 20th, women Friends are invited to join together for some casual fellowship—or perhaps it would be “galship”—at the Smart Monkey Cafe. We'll look for each other upstairs around 7pm.

### **John Woolman Skit and Discussion**

After brunch on March 22, Ruah Swennerfelt and Louis Cox, a Quaker couple from the Burlington, Vermont Friends Meeting will

present a lively skit in the Café at Anabel Taylor Hall. During their six-month 1,400-mile “Peace for Earth Walk” from Vancouver, B.C., to San Diego, California in 2007-8, Ruah and Louis performed the skit before about 1,000 people at 60 Quaker meetings and churches and community gatherings. One of their “try-out” performances was at NYYM at Silver Bay in July of 2007, where it was very enthusiastically received.

With props that help the audience imagine they are returning to the 18th century, the first half of the skit will dramatize a typical visit that Woolman made to Quaker slaveholders as part of his life-long personal witness against slavery. He was persuasive partly because he “practiced what he preached” and spoke to the conscience, or “that of God” in the other, rather than through direct arguments that tend to make people angry and defensive.

The second half of the skit brings the audience into the 21st century, where modern characters talk about following the Light within and living in right relationship with all of Creation in terms of a wide range of contemporary issues.

The skit will be followed by personal reflections from Ruah and Louis and their responses to questions from the audience about the skit and their Peace for Earth Walk.

More information about Ruah and Louis's activities and lifestyle decisions and about the Peace for Earth Walk can be found on their website, [www.peaceforearth.org](http://www.peaceforearth.org).

Ruah and Louis's will be the first event sponsored by IMM's Earthcare Committee. (See related article about the draft charge for this committee.)

### **Meeting for Healing Tuesday, March 24th, 7:15p**

A Meeting for Healing is held at 7:15 on the fourth Tuesday of every month at Melody Johnson and Dick Crepeau's house (112 Mount Pleasant Road). If you have a concern but cannot attend, let Melody know and you will be held in the Light. For directions or more information, call Melody, 272-8755.

*Waters flowing,*

*Rocks are showing,*

*The ice is melting through.*

*Plants are growing,*

*Wind stopped blowing,*

*Spring makes everything new.*

— Jasper Clarkberg

## April 5: Easter Egg Hunt & Floating Meeting

Looking forward to Spring? Would you like to see Friends after the cold winter months? Want to experience the joy of Easter through the eyes of a kid? Liam and Sue will host their annual Easter Egg hunt and “Meeting for Eating” after the rise of Meeting on April 5. Please bring a dozen eggs per participating child (or grown-up) to Meeting at 11:00, or drop them off at the Murphy/Hess household any time/day beforehand, so that the eggs will be hidden before the kids arrive. Bring along baskets for collecting the eggs.

We’re hoping (as we always do) that the weather will be gorgeous ... BUT the egg hunt will be held snow, rain or shine as soon as the majority of kids arrive—and no later than 1pm! Dress kids in boots and weather gear there can lots of mud, and it can be chilly on the hillside. It’ll only be held indoors if it’s much too rainy, windy, and cold. We will have a “more difficult” area for older kids and an egg-hunting spot for the smallest fry, so toddlers welcome! The Murphy/Hess household is at 78 Genung Circle off Genung Road near Snyder Hill Road. Call if you need directions (272-4526).

We understand that this will conflict with the changed date for Meeting for Business ... feel free to divide the family so you can send a representative to both (and maybe even stop by after to make sure we have no leftovers!).

## April 12: Easter Morning Sunrise Meeting for Worship followed by Breakfast

Meeting for worship will be held at 6:00 on Easter morning (April 12) at the Hector Meetinghouse.

Also, Nancy Gabriel and Marion DaGrossa invite you to breakfast at their home, 109 Sears Street, for those who have gathered for the sunrise meeting for worship as well as those on their way to the 11:00 meeting for worship. Please bring a brunch dish-to-pass to be eaten as soon as you can arrive from Meeting.

## Quakers Beyond Ithaca



### Friends Conference

### on Religion and Psychology

For nearly sixty years, Friends Conference on Religion and Psychology has gathered on Memorial Day Weekend to provide a respite for individuals of all spiritual and religious backgrounds who wish to delve more deeply into their inner world. FCRP is one of the oldest conferences in the U.S. dedicated to individual spiritual exploration with a focus on in-depth psychology, specifically Jungian psychology. As part of a spiritual community which meets annually, we seek

- to discover our own deepest process and nourish it.
- to uncover the ways in which our new insights can help us return to the everyday world more focused and grounded in our spiritual reality.
- to explore the dynamics of Quaker principles in group life and to apply them to our daily living.

Our guest speaker—this year, Miriam Greenspan—develops the Conference theme in four plenary sessions (informal talks) over the four-day period. Within our nonjudgmental and retreat-like environment, we can open ourselves to the speaker’s message and its personal resonance in our lives. The small group workshops use discussion, art materials, writing, dreams, and body work to process and integrate insights. Throughout the weekend, community builds as well through informal sharing at meals and in free time.

Each morning of the weekend, everyone is welcome at Quaker meeting for worship where silence provides a container for reflection and participants are sometimes moved to share meaningful moments from their journey.

Specific information about this year’s event and speaker is at: [fcrp.quaker.org/advance2009.html](http://fcrp.quaker.org/advance2009.html)

Dick Crepeau, Melody Johnson, Carol Kimball, and Peg Walbridge are also resources if you want to know more.

### Words to Consider

from Meeting for Healing

*In my experience, despair is a complex emotion that contains core elements of grief, anger, and helplessness. It is fundamentally related to social conditions and to how we make meaning of our suffering and pain. It has a distinctly moral and social dimension that cannot and should not be ignored, whether or not an antidepressant is administered.*

*Despair invites us to a journey into the fertile dark. This is no trip to Tuscany where we walk the vernal hillsides watching the sun’s light on the landscape. It’s a journey to the dark inner core of our banished selves and our failures to create a humane world. Despair asks us to make meaning out of apparent*

*meaninglessness; to grieve our unmourned losses; to examine the unexamined life; to legitimate our anger at the world, to struggle out of the cocoon and be reborn. It is a harsh and demanding taskmaster. It insists that we stop with business as usual, pause from the daily routines of our lives, reflect on the meaning of our existence. The voice of despair says: Go deeper. It’s a voice that can barely be heard above the din of the world, which impels us: Go faster, go further, go go go.*

*What’s needed is a way to rewrite our culture’s story about depression, to make it a story that allows not only for treatment with brain-altering chemicals, but also for a redemptive process of spiritual renewal and transformation.*

— Miriam Greenspan

## Peace Potluck

The next Peace Potluck will be Saturday, March 7th at the Perry City Meeting House on Route 227 in Perry City. Dish to pass at 5:30 followed by discussion 7-9p. Come to either or both. For more information, call Donna Beckwith at (607) 546 5472. This month Lyn Geary will lead a discussion about the Gifting Society. Lyn Geary is the host of the radio show Unwelcome Guests.

## 40-Hour Fast: Nurturing Compassion & Solidarity in Hard Times

Join the Fourteenth Annual 40-Hour FAST running from 8pm Wednesday, March 4th, until noon on Friday, March 6th.

A Public Witness Kick-Off Event for the 2009 40-Hour Fast Wednesday, March 4th 7:30 - 9:00 PM Women's Community Building (100 West Seneca Street).

### Grease

Three of our very own middle schoolers—Laurel Wolfe, Rosie Altucher, and Tommy Murphy—will be performing in the LACS musical *Grease*. It would be wonderful to have Friends support them in the audience! Performances are Friday, March 27 at 7:30 and Saturday, March 28 at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm, all at the Dewitt Middle School theater.

## NYYM First Day School and Youth Committee

The Nurture Coordinating Committee of NYYM has recommended the creation of a Youth Committee that would include representatives from all committees in NYYM that work with youth as well as a First Day School Committee.

To this end, are all invited to a full day retreat for youth workers at Oakwood Friends School in Poughkeepsie on Saturday, March 7. The day will be comprised of two sessions, with work on the First Day School Committee taking place in the morning, and an initial meeting of the Youth Committee taking place after lunch.

We see this day as the gathering of all those currently involved in NYYM youth work so that we can, together, envision how this new umbrella committee can coordinate its work and support youth work at the regional, quarterly and monthly meeting levels. The Youth Committee is to be composed of at least one representative from each committee involved in youth work, but anyone interested in being involved in the work of the Youth Committee is warmly invited to attend.

Accommodations are available with local Friends or at Oakwood Friends School at a nominal cost. For further information contact Mark La Riviere [mlariviere@earthlink.net](mailto:mlariviere@earthlink.net).

## Meeting Friends

### Roberta Merrill

*has been attending our Meeting since December, and attends with Suzanne, an American Sign Language Interpreter.*

*Roberta is a bit of a newcomer to our Meeting, but she is not new to Quakerism. As a child, Roberta was raised in the Rochester Meeting. While she enjoyed crafts, activities and field trips in First Day School when she was young, she lost interest in attending Meeting when she was about 13, in part because her Meeting did not have a sign language interpreter available to her.*

*Roberta remained largely detached from Quakerism until a tremendous encounter with the Divine when she was in her thirties. When Roberta described the encounter to her mother, her mother directed her to some readings about Quakerism. The descriptions she read of George Fox's experiences of the Divine were very reminiscent of her own, and Roberta came to embrace Quakerism.*

*Roberta is currently a member of Central Philadelphia Meeting. Roberta previously lived in Washington D.C. and she attended Adelphi Friends and Stony Run Friends Meetings in Maryland.*

*Roberta reports that she is feeling very much at home in our Meeting, and she looks forward to one day feeling ready to transfer her membership here.*



*The American Sign Language gesture for "Quaker" is thumb twiddling.*



Minutes of the February 2009  
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business of the  
Ithaca Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

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Tom Brown, Clerk  
Steve Mohlke, Assistant Clerk  
Nancy Gabriel, Recording Clerk  
Steve Mohlke, Treasurer

@ Indicates the reading of the minute was approved.

(The @ signifies that the minute has been read and approved during Meeting.)

(Please note that copies of all report provided during this Meeting are on file with and available from the Recording Clerk.)

#### 200902.1 Gathering

The Ithaca Monthly Meeting (IMM) of the Religious Society of Friends met on February 8, 2008, in the Cafe, Anabel Taylor Hall, Cornell University, for Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. At 12:45 p.m., 12 F/friends settled into worship. Clerk read from the NYYM Advices and Queries for February (available in the IMM newsletter). The Minutes were read from the January Annual Meeting and monthly Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. Clerk reviewed the agenda for today's meeting. @

#### 200902.2 Ministry and Oversight

Bronwyn Mohlke reported the following items from Ministry and Oversight. a) Request for transfer of membership for the Cadwallader family: John Fell Cadwallader, Jr. and Wendy Blair Jennings, and their children, Asa Logan, Emma Perry, Eli Geoffrey, and Lillian Margaret (Maisy) Cadwallader. The Clerk of Horsham (PA) Monthly Meeting sent a letter recommending this family to our care. The transfer was APPROVED. b) Request for a Clearness Committee for Marriage from Emily Williams and Alexa Yesukevitch. The following Friends were proposed by M&O: Steve Mohlke, Rini Clarkberg, Marion DaGrossa, Nancy Gabriel. APPROVED c) In order to avoid conflicting with Easter and Mothers' Day, M & O proposed changing the dates of Monthly Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business to the first First Days of those months, April 5 and May 3. APPROVED. @

#### 200902.3. Winter and Spring Gatherings of Farmington-Scipio Region

Bronwyn Mohlke reported on the regional Winter Gathering held January 24 in Rochester. It is Ithaca MIM's turn to oversee the food for Spring Gathering, to be held May 15-17 at Long Point Camp. While we must coordinate planning and purchase of the food, we are blessed to have the help of a cook who frequently provides this service to the region.

Some highlights from the business meeting: a) Perry City has offered its facilities so that the Young Friends in Residence program can go forward with its planning for young Friends (usually in their twenties) to offer weekends for middle-school-aged youth, similar to those at Powell House. b) A website for the Region was approved and a committee named to be responsible for it. c) An ad hoc committee was named to examine issues related to the surplus funds currently held by the Region. d) The regional Conscience and War Committee reported on the progress of gathering Statements of Conscience. Individual F/friends of all ages are encouraged to create a Statement of Conscience and to file it with their monthly meeting and the Region. @

#### 200902.4 Nominating Committee

Erica Weiss presented the proposed nomination of Michael Simkin to be Treasurer starting in 2009. Friends are advised that Mike will be working with our current Treasurer, Steve Mohlke, over a transition period of the next few months. APPROVED. Erica pointed out that there are still openings on Publicity, Burt House, and Program Committees. @

#### 200902.5 Treasurer

Steve Mohlke gave the Treasurer's report for January. It was a relatively inactive month, with standard expenses. In finishing up the 2008 accounts, Treasurer noted again the increased number of individuals and families who made separate contributions to general and/or restricted funds. Because the Route 79 property is vacant land, it has lost its local tax exemption, so a bill of \$550.00 was paid. Trustees are working on restoring the exemption by documenting our use of the land even though we have not proceeded with plans to build.

Friends received the report. @

#### 200902.6 Peace Witness

Mac Larsen reported from Peace Witness with examples of how Annual Meeting has prompted broader cooperation with other IMM committees such as Earthcare and Social Justice, for example in letter-writing campaigns. All F/friends are encouraged to participate in Peace Witness

Committee's meetings, held at the Burt House the second Tuesday of each month.

At 1:40 p.m., 12 F/friends gathered in silent worship before adjourning. We will meet again for Worship with Attention to Business on March 8, 2009.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Nancy Gabriel, Co-Recording Clerk  
February 2009*

## Advices & Queries

For your contemplation from *NYYM Faith & Practice*:

*Advice 3. Friends are advised to be mindful of their conduct and conversation and to observe the testimonies of simplicity and moderation.*

*Query 3. Are we careful that our ministry is under the leading of the Holy Spirit? Are we concerned to take time for the study of Scripture and other writings of spiritual value? Are we concerned for the spiritual growth of one another?*

## March 2009 Calendar

### Every Sunday

*Note: Melody is no longer leading singing before Meeting*

11:00a **Meeting for Worship** for all ages

11:15a Children leave Edwards Room for **First Day School**.

### Other Weekly IMM Events

Tues 9-9:20p **Worship** in your own home.

Wed 7:30p **Midweek meeting** for worship at the Burtt House.

Thurs 5-5:30p **Peace Vigil** at the bottom of East State Street near the Community School for Music and Arts.

### Monthly Events of Ithaca Monthly Meeting

#### March 8th

Rise of Mtg **Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**.  
Agenda items should be provided to Tom Brown, Clerk,  
by February 4th.

#### March 22nd

Rise of Mtg **Dish-to-pass brunch** in the cafe at Anabel Taylor Hall.  
Please bring finger foods to share.

### March Events (\*For more information about asterisked items, see inside.)

#### March 1, Sunday

9:30a **Faith and Practice discussion** in 314 Anabel Taylor Hall.\*

Rise of Mtg **Social Justice** Committee in the cafe.\*

11:15-12n **Power Quakers** gather. outside Edwards Room

#### March 4, Wednesday

1:15-3p Volunteers needed at **Kitchen Cupboard**. Call Ginny Gartlein for information (272-2471). Kitchen Cupboard regularly needs brown paper bags.

#### March 5, Thursday

5:30-8p **Program Committee** at the Burtt House.

#### March , Sunday

2am **Spring Forward**: adjust your clocks!

#### March 10, Tuesday

7:30p **Peace Witness** Committee at the Burtt House.\*

#### March 15, Sunday

11:15-12n **Power Quakers** gather outside Edwards Room.

#### March 20, Friday

7p-? **Women's Fellowship** at Smart Monkey.\*

#### March 21, Saturday

11:15-12n **Talent Night** and dish-to-pass.\*

#### March 22, Sunday

After Potluck **John Woolman Skit**.\*

#### March 24, Tuesday

7:15p **Meeting for Healing**, 112 Mt. Pleasant Road.\*

#### April 5, Sunday

12:30p **Easter Egg Hunt**, 78 Genung Circle.\*

#### April 12, Sunday

6:00a **Sunrise Meeting for Worship**, Hector Meetinghouse.\*

7:30a **Easter Breakfast**, 109 Sears Street.\*

### Note: Change in dates for upcoming Business Meetings

Friends, Meeting for worship with attention to business is usually held on the second first day of the month after the rise of Meeting.

A change in that schedule will occur in April and May, so as not to coincide with Easter and Mother's Day. In both of those month it will be held on the *first first day* of the month, April 5 and May 3.