



Newsletter of the

# Ithaca Monthly Meeting

of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

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### Newsletter

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## A Random Act of Kindness . . . and a Question

— Garry Thomas

I've been thinking of a conversation I had several weeks ago, on a day when it was my turn to drive families to the County Jail for visiting hours. The driving is something I've been doing as a volunteer for Opportunities, Alternatives and Resources for almost 13 years, ever since I retired, and it is the jail driving program our own Barbara Barry initiated with OAR in 2002. On this particular morning, I picked up my first rider at the Mobil station on West State/MLK Street, a woman I've known intermittently for years of Tuesday driving, but it had been more than a year since I'd seen her. Now her guy was back in the clink.

Soon we were talking about Clare Grady, an Ithaca resident and mutual friend of ours, who at the time was in the Camden County Detention Facility in Georgia for a non-violent action she and a small group of committed Catholic Workers carried out on April 4th, the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King's death. My rider didn't know that Clare had been arrested. I proceeded to explain.

Clare was arrested for illegally entering the Kings Bay Nuclear Submarine Base, I told her, this the home port of the US Navy Atlantic Fleet's Trident where the majority of this country's nuclear-powered subs are based, each armed with nuclear missiles equivalent to 600 of the atomic bombs that were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. I told her that Clare, Liz McAlister and five others had gone to the base, climbed through the fence, visited three different sites carrying banners and hammers, and poured their own blood near a storage bunker housing the nuclear war heads. They brought with them an indictment charging the US government with war crimes. "We come to Kings Bay to answer the call of the prophet Isaiah (2:4) for 'nations to beat swords into plowshares . . . and neither shall they learn war anymore'."

"That's stupid," said my rider, as I dropped her off at the jail – to visit her guy who did not want to be in jail. "What's it going to accomplish?"

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## Ithaca to Host the 2018 Quaker Institute for the Future Summer Research Seminar

The annual Quaker Institute for the Future (QIF) Summer Research Seminar will be held in Ithaca from Monday July 9th through Friday July 13th. The Ithaca Monthly Meeting Earthcare Committee and the Friends Center for Racial Justice (FCRJ) are co-hosts, with support from Ithaca MM. (A related event on the Intersection of Racial Justice and Environmental Concerns with writer Eileen Flanagan will be held at the FCRJ on Saturday July 14th.)

QIF's Summer Research Seminar is held yearly to encourage research using Quaker methods of collaborative reflection and discernment. The Seminar can be thought of as a "Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Research." QIF Circles of Discernment (CoD) have adapted spirit-led research as a way to guide us as we move into the the future.

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## Quaker Institute for the Future, continued from page 1

If you ever read *BeFriending Creation*, the Quaker Earthcare Witness newsletter, then you have probably read contributions by QIF participants. The IMM Library also has several books published by QIF on the Earthcare shelf, including *Right Relationship: Building a Whole Earth Economy*.

You are welcome to attend some or all of the week's activities. Morning research discernment sessions will be held at the Third St. Meeting House (TSMH) and/or at EcoVillage, followed by a simple lunch IMM will serve. Afternoons will be more informal, and will include field trips or smaller interest group gatherings. Evenings meals will be at EcoVillage or at TSMH. Detailed schedules will be made available later.

Two research projects-in-progress are presented each morning. Each presentation includes a time for questions, clarification, and discussion, followed by a time of collaborative discernment. Afternoons are open for participants to work on their projects or meet with others for additional collaborative discussion and discernment. By the end of the week, each project has likely gained knowledge and understandings they would not have had if they remained individual efforts.

Evening meals are prepared and eaten as a group, providing further time for exchange and engagement. There will be an eco-cruise Thursday evening, open to all area f/Friends (see related article).

QIF keeps costs as low as possible. Housing at the Friends Center for Racial Justice will be available at cost. Additional hospitality will be provided by local f/Friends. Contributions to general conference expenses will be on a pay-as-led basis, proportional to your level of participation as well as your ability to pay. The average cost for a full week seminar is \$100.

Several years ago, some of us in Ithaca MM formed a CoD on "The Common Roots of Racial and Environmental Injustice". This year we focussed on "The Great Chain of Being", a hierarchical world view, and on the Doctrine of Discovery, with an emphasis on their impacts on people and ecosystems in North America. The merger of these core concepts with Social Darwinism in the late 19th C and with misguided science in the early 20th C gave a rationale for domination, eugenics, ethnic cleansing, and scientific racism now reflected in many of our 21st C institutions.

Morning presentations/projects will include:

- Some preliminary thoughts connecting Kenneth Boulding's Spaceship Earth concept to a conceptual analysis of human impacts on the flows of energy and material resources over Earth. —Larry Jordan
- A Finite Biosphere Project's purpose is to engage other Friends with the FCNL Policy Committee, to support a prior request that the PolCom establish a process to anticipate opportunities for making fundamental changes in our economic system arising from crisis, and to begin seeking unity within the General Committee about what changes they should be. —Ed Dreby, John Lodenkamper and John Howell
- Preliminary review of a book on the intersection of race and climate/environmental destruction. —Eileen Flanagan

- "Historical roots of racial and environmental injustice," —Elizabeth Keokosky, Jim Grant, Angela Hopkins, Margaret McCasland
- The intersections between Global Climate Disruption and conflicts around the Globe: a proposal to update QEW's "Peace on Earth, Peace with Earth" pamphlet. —Margaret McCasland
- The Remote Ownership problem: Remote owners' and investors' detachment from place poses an enormous challenge in the quest for a mutually enhancing human-Earth relationship. This presentation analyzes the problem of remote ownership and considers how limits-insistent ecological law provides solutions. —Geoff Garver

For more information on presenting a topic, please contact Shelley Tanenbaum at [sheltanen@att.net](mailto:sheltanen@att.net).

### Host a f/Friend during QIF

Even if you don't attend the seminar sessions, there are many ways you can connect with out-of-town f/Friends attending the Quaker Institute for the Future Research Seminar this July. One of the most pleasant is hosting one or two QIF participants. Some people may also need rides to or from public transportation (arriving in Ithaca or Syracuse via bus, plane, or train).

Some Friends will be arriving directly from the FGC Gathering in Toledo on Saturday July 7. More will be arriving Sunday the 8th. Most people will be leaving July 13, 14 or 15. A few will be staying here until they leave for NYYM's Summer Session on July 22.

If you can house one or more people or help with transport, please contact Jim Grant at (337) 223-0494 or [jag8452@gmail.com](mailto:jag8452@gmail.com)

### EcoCruise

Even if you cannot house a QIF participant, you are welcome to join us for the eco-cruise Thursday evening or for an evening meal (one or more will be at the Third Street Meeting House). You will also be able to meet some QIF participants First Day mornings on July 8 and July 15.

—Margaret McCasland

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### Native American Dance and Music Festival at Ganondagan, July 28

Save the date! Native American Dance and Music Festival at Ganondagan on Saturday, July 28th. Enjoy storytelling, dancing, music, crafts vendors, Hodinöhsö:ni' food, and more. Visit the bark longhouse to see how the Seneca people lived long ago, enjoy the new exhibit "Hodinöhsö:ni' Women from the Time of Creation" at the Seneca Arts and Cultural Center, and visit the gift shop. I plan to go; do you want to carpool? Contact Susan Wolf at [QuakerWolf@gmail.com](mailto:QuakerWolf@gmail.com).

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I needed to drive to West Hill to pick up my second rider of the morning, but first I stopped at the post office on Warren Road. I asked a kindly woman at the counter, wearing a name badge that said "Twinkle," if I could buy ten postcards. "There's been a real run on postcards lately," said Twinkle. "Are they for Clare?" (The Camden County jail will only allow inmates to receive pre-stamped postcards, presumably so that drugs can't be smuggled in under a stamp.)

Twinkle knew the whole story. "Just a few days ago, Clare's sister Ellen called the post office to order 200 postcards, and said she'd be by to pick them up. I had them here at the window, bundled together with a rubber band. Before Ellen could come, a woman came to the window to buy some stamps and asked why anyone would want 200 post cards. I told her they were so people could write to the Kings Bay Plowshares. After hearing Clare's story, she said 'Let me pay for those.' She paid me \$78. What a caring community we live in."

An hour later, I was back at the jail, picking up my first rider. She had to get to her job down on the west end of town and we were running late. To take her mind off a visit that had gone poorly, I told her about my fleeting conversation with Twinkle at the post office. She agreed that maybe Clare's arrest did accomplish a little

something. "Maybe it got people talking. But Clare should have done her research. Those jails in the Confederacy are the worst!"

I still don't think my rider got it. Nor do many I talk with. But she might be right about Camden County jail being "the worst." Clare told us that there were no windows in her cell block and prisoners are limited to one hour a week outside.

My rider's question wasn't really answered. Basically, what is the point? How can anything good come from the action of the Kings Bay Plowshares – and Clare's presumably being found guilty and going off to prison, maybe for years. What has civil resistance accomplished? The wars are endless.

Years ago, I wrote an Op Ed piece while Clare's sister Ellen was in jail for protesting at the New York Air National Guard's base at Hancock Field in East Syracuse, from which militarized drones were being flown over Afghanistan. I wrote then: "If good people - people who know these wars are wrong and are not actively protesting these wars, these weapons systems, this defense spending that is out of control, this war economy that we so oppose - if we are uncomfortable with the actions some protesters take, confronting such power and injustice, what are we doing instead?"

How do we in this "caring community" speak to this question?

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## From the Archives: A 1949 weekend conference held by Ithaca Monthly Meeting Minutes, 1949, 257. Summary, March 1949

The following materials were compiled by Meeting historian Simon St. Laurent in consultation with Tom Brown.

### Ithaca Friends' Conference

The Ithaca Monthly Meeting is an independent meeting with a diversified membership. Because it is the only meeting at Cornell University, it attracts students and instructors whose homes are scattered over the whole country and whose connections with the Society of Friends may have started at birth or at the beginning of the current school year. Among its more permanent members are some who also hold membership in Philadelphia, New York, Canada, and Ohio Yearly Meetings. Some are birthright friends; others have been convinced Friends for a quarter of a century; still others joined Friends less than a year ago.

This variety of membership has helped to make the Ithaca Meeting a lively one in which most members participate to the full and in which there is little if any dead tradition. But at the same time that the variety of membership provides a stimulating diversity of attitudes and concerns, it also brings together Friends with different understandings of Quakerism, different emphases in their spiritual lives, and different degrees of experience with Quaker ways of handling a meeting's business. Sometimes these differences have greatly hampered the conduct of the monthly meeting. Late in 1948 it became evident that Friends needed to achieve a fuller comprehension of one another's beliefs and attitudes. A committee consisting of Edith Cope, David Kirk, Henry Pommer, and Francis Dart, chairman, was therefore asked to make arrangements for a week-end conference in which the whole meeting would take part.

### Planning the Conference

After the committee had drawn up a tentative plan for the conference, the Meeting's entire membership was divided into quarters, and each quarter was visited by one member of the committee. The visits had two purposes: the gathering of suggestions for the improvement of the tentative plan, and the stimulating of members' minds so that they would come to the conference after thoughtful preparation.

The conference itself was held on Saturday and Sunday, February 26 and 27. Three sessions, each last about two hours, were held in addition to the regular Sunday public meeting for worship. Between the sessions held on Saturday afternoon and evening, Friends ate supper together in a private room of a campus cafeteria, and then shared a half hour of group singing.

At the beginning of the first session the planning committee pointed out that difficulties within a Meeting can be caused either by problems of personality or by differences of belief, or a combination of these. All Friends are liable to flaws of personality such as quickness to take offense, hastiness or excess of speech, failure to listen to others sympathetically. Yet Friends understand the virtues which are the opposites of these faults, and need not so much to discuss those virtues as to develop them into habits. In this area, practice is much more important than a mere discussion of theory. Such practice was one objective of the conference. Differences of opinion and belief, on the other hand, need to be expressed as fully and as clearly as possible, not with the purpose of determining

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what is correct or orthodox, but so that members may understand one another in spiritual growth. Friends were then asked to refer to Quaker history and tradition only when these had clear validity and relevance for contemporary Friends. Finally, two dangers were pointed out: One was the danger of failing to define [ideas?], especially those which arouse emotion. The other was the danger of identifying one's personal prestige with the prestige of an idea one has proposed.

### Subjects Considered

Friends then turned to the subjects of the conference:

#### First Session: The Inner Marks of a Friend

What attitudes and beliefs are the basis of unity among Friends? What are the inner marks of a Quaker? How wide can our tolerance be, and why should it be that wide? The social structure of most denominations was established to perpetuate a fully revealed and developed truth. The Society of Friends, on the other hand, was organized by and for seekers, so that truths might be discovered and lived and again discovered. How can we assure our continuance as a group of seekers? Why does the message of Friends like us not seem to attract equally all groups of non-Friends?

#### Second Session: The Outer Marks of a Friend.

What are the outer marks of a Quaker? What is the nature of testimony? During the past few decades the whole world has gone through great changes. So has the Society of Friends. What testimonies remain living testimonies? What new testimonies should be taken up? What should be the relationship of Friends to the civilization about them? What is the nature of a concern? How should one be handled by the meeting?

#### Third Session: The Function of a Monthly Meeting.

What is the function of a monthly meeting? How should our lives be enriched by our being members of a monthly meeting? What is meant by "the sense of the meeting," and what are the responsibilities of majorities and minorities? Not long ago, most Friends' meetings were closely knit by family ties and stability of membership. Now there are more meetings, like our own, which have a large fluctuating membership. What problems does this change present, and how shall they be dealt with? What is the responsibility of overseers?

Clearly there was not time to consider all these questions exhaustively. After periods of silent worship, Ruth Freeman, Edmund Cranch, and Ruth Kirk began each session in turn by indicating some of the range of opinion which might exist in the area to be considered. Francis Dart, Theodore Oliver, and Edwin Burtt, who moderated in turn, then saw to it that discussion did not stray too far from the central question. Interesting problems which arose but could not be fully considered will be taken up at the monthly social gatherings of the Meeting.

Attendance averages thirty or more, and only those detained by illness missed all three sessions. Everyone seemed to feel that from the conference there grew a much more solid unity than the

present membership of the Meeting had previously experienced. Friends knew that this conference was not a monthly meeting, that they were not going to make any decisions or draw up any minutes. They had the leisure to seek together a fuller understanding of themselves and of their fellows. They enjoyed the sharing of an unusually rich body of insights. Yet we realize that we shall not know whether the conference was a success until we can observe its effects upon our Meeting three months or more from now.

— Henry F. Pommer

### 268 - Annual Report, Clerk's Report - Grace Mekeel

We have had unusual opportunity to test our ability to work together in love. Our backgrounds are diverse and like other men of goodwill we have found ourselves confronted with situations too involved for complete comprehension. We have had difficulty in attaining a state of unity in regard to what we as Friends can do about it. To improve this situation, a weekend conference was prepared by a committee consisting of Edith Cope, David Kirk, Henry Pommer and Francis Dart, Chairman.

Henry Pommer's account of this conference appeared in the Philadelphia Friend, from which I quote: "At the beginning of the first session the planning committee pointed out that difficulties within a Meeting can be caused either by problems of personality or by differences of belief, or a combination of these. All Friends are liable to flaws of personality such as quickness to take offense, hastiness or excess of speech, failure to listen to others sympathetically. Yet Friends understand the virtues which are the opposites of these faults, and need not so much to discuss those virtues as to develop them into habits. In this area, practice is much more important than a mere discussion of theory. Such practice was one objective of the conference. Differences of opinion and belief, on the other hand, need to be expressed as fully and as clearly as possible, not with the purpose of determining what is correct or orthodox, but so that members may understand one another in spiritual growth."

The subjects discussed at the three sessions of the Conference were The Inner Marks of a Friend, the Outer Marks of a Friend, and The Function of a Monthly Meeting. The objects of the Conference were in good measure attained.

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### Area Congregations Together (ACT) Annual Meeting, Tuesday June 5, 7p

#### How Should Faith Congregations Use the Internet?

This panel discussion will include:

Eric Hause, Pastor, Bethel Grove Bible Church

Rev. Megan Castellan, Rector, St John's Episcopal Church

Michael Roman, Sr. Systems Analyst, Cornell University

Mahmud Burton, President, Al Huda Islamic Center

John Scott, Associate Professor of Media Arts, Ithaca College

Join us at Forest Home Chapel, 222 Forest Home Drive. There will be refreshments and fellowship. Contact Gina Varrichio with questions.

**Ithaca Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends**  
**Monthly Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, May 13, 2018**

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Clerk: John Lewis  
Assistant Clerk: Bronwyn Mohlke  
Recording Clerks: Marin Clarkberg, Blair Jennings

(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.)

**2018.05.1 Opening Worship**

*"May words of the Spirit be spoken, and words of the Spirit be heard."*

Ithaca Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends met in Monthly Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business on May 13, 2018. At 12:10 pm, nine Friends gathered and settled into worship.

John Lewis, clerk, read from 1 Corinthians 2:9-13.

*But as it is written:*

*"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,*

*Nor have entered into the heart of man*

*The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."*

*But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.*

*These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*

Clerk recognized Steve Mohlke who was holding the Meeting in the Light.

**2018.05.2 The Burt House Committee**

Nancy Riffer shared details on the need for improvements on windows of the upstairs room of the Burt House, to allow proper ventilation while keeping bats and insects out. The Burt House committee has investigated several solutions, and recommends Larson combination triple-track windows and screens as the most

viable and cost-efficient solution. The purchase and installation of 17 Larson combination triple-track windows and screens in the five upstairs rooms of the Burt House would come to approximately \$4,100. The work would be done by Lowes, Inc. Funds for the work would come from the Burt House major repair fund, which at the end of March had a balance of \$33,928.

Meeting approves the purchase and installation of 17 Larson combination triple-track windows and screens for the five upstairs rooms of the Burt House. @

**2018.05.3 Ministry and Worship / Listserv policy**

Friends discussed the February minute on the listserv. Friends shared different ideas, and felt that there was no sense of urgency to make any changes at this time. Ministry & Worship will continue to focus on this issue, and ask Friends to be in touch with concerns or suggestions. We will revisit this issue at a future MFWwAtB. @

**2018.05.4 Third Street Meetinghouse Committee / Queries about the Meetinghouse**

The clerk suggested that we hold over considering the queries from the TSMC because of low attendance and it being Mother's Day.

**2018.05.5 Treasurer's report**

Mike Simkin, treasurer, shared the Treasurer's report (attached). He noted that we currently have \$135 in the childcare fund. That fund is used for events other than Sunday mornings, whether at the Meetinghouse, or to cover the cost of babysitting in one's home while the parent(s) attend a Meeting event. Contributions are welcome to augment that fund. There is ~\$2,600 in the funds for kids to attend Powell House weekends. Families are encouraged to make use of that fund.

**2018.05.6 Other Concerns**

A concern was raised about who will discern what should be put on the inside Meetinghouse walls, and when they should be removed.

**2018.05.7 Closing worship**

Ten Friends settled into silent worship at 1:45 pm before adjourning. Our next regular Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business will be held at the rise of Meeting on June 10, 2018.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Bronwyn Mohlke, serving as Recording Clerk for the day*

**Lost & Found Cleanout on June 23**

Did you know we have a Lost & Found bin at the Third Street Meetinghouse? We do! It's on the first floor, in the corner under the coat rack, by the restroom. The bin has been overflowing, so it's time to clean it out. The Third Street Meetinghouse Committee will be clearing out the bin during our work day on Sat. June 23 and will be sending any remaining items on to different, potentially more useful surroundings (such as the Re-use Center or Thrifty Shopper). TSMC encourages all F/friends (and other regular users of the building) to check the Lost & Found bin before June 23 in case there's anything that belongs to you or someone in your household.

**Do You Have a Meetinghouse Workday Project?**

If your committee has a project related to the Third Street Meetinghouse that you'd like help with, let Gina Varrichio (zealth\_1@yahoo.com) know so we can add it to the list of projects. We've already heard from the Garden working group about some outside clean-up that needs to happen. If you have a pick-up truck, or access to one, and are willing to help with a "dump run," please let Gina or Melissa Travis Dunham (mtravis823@yahoo.com) know.

# June 2018 Calendar of Ithaca Monthly Meeting

## Earthcare Committee

**Sunday, June 3, noon to 1:30p**

All are welcome to join this monthly Earthcare discussion.

## Vital Meetings Project Focus Groups, June 9 & 10

Ithaca Meeting is one of three meetings in NYYM currently engaged in the Vital Meetings Partner Project. As the next step, we will gather in small focus groups to further process questions and topics raised in the project questionnaire completed by the meeting community. It's important that we have widespread participation by people of all ages in the Meeting. Focus group times:

Saturday, 4-5pm Adults 36+ without children under 10

Saturday, 5-6pm Parents with children under 10

Sunday, 9:30-10:20 Adults 36+ without children under 10

Sunday, 10:30-11:15 Children 4-17 (in two groups)

Sunday, 12-1pm Adults 18-35

From what is shared in the questionnaire responses and focus groups, we'll begin to identify growing edges and hopes as a meeting community, and create a plan for next steps in partnership, to deepen in Spirit and grow as multi-age community.

## Dish-to-Pass and Talent Show

**Saturday June 9, 6p**

Our traditional talent show is on! Remember: our concept of "talent" is broad! Do you make a mean vegan gluten-free sugar-free muffin? Have you crocheted a lovely sweater? Painting, drawing, flower gardening, model trains, yoga, telling jokes, carpentry, ornithology? Email Alexa Yesukevich (apy33@cornell.edu).

## Meeting for Worship at Hector Resumes

**Sundays beginning June 10, 10am**

We are resuming Meetings for Worship at Hector Meetinghouse, 5066 Perry City Rd, every week through September. This traditional Quaker meetinghouse is beautiful and rustic (no electricity or plumbing). If you are new to IMM or haven't visited Hector Meeting House in some time, you might want to check it out. Tom Brown or Dreia Spies can provide directions and answer questions. Please note that worship at Hector begins 30 minutes earlier than it does in town, leaving time to get to Business Meeting.

## Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

**Sunday, June 10, Rise of Meeting**

Join the Quaker decision-making process. Proposed agenda items should be sent to our clerk, John Lewis, by the preceding Monday.

## On Sundays

10:00a **Meeting for Worship** for all ages at Hector Meetinghouse, 5066 Perry City Road.

10:30a **Meeting for Worship** for all ages at the Third Street Meetinghouse

## Growth Opportunities for European-American Friends

**Friday, June 15-Saturday, June 16**

The weekend runs from an introductory session Friday night through 5 pm on Saturday. Many Quakers view activism as part of living our faith. If we agree that race is a political construct, we may feel obligated to choose political action as a means to be better white allies. If we choose to work on undoing racism within our faith community, we still need to change how power is distributed. Come share your questions and your journey toward racial justice with others on that path. We will provide experiences to help each participant clarify what s/he wants to do next. We will have chances to work in small groups, journal, participate in worship and in worship sharing. We will listen to a panel of Quaker activists tell their stories. For those who can stay there will be an opportunity for fellowship and more sharing Saturday evening.

## Picnic at the Barry Homestead

**Sunday, June 17, Rise of Meeting**

CALM invites you to a Floating Meeting at the Barry Homestead at 219 East Lansing Road in Lansing. Bring a dish to pass for lunch. There will be the zipline for the children, pingpong and music in the barn, badminton and lots of good company. Children can play in the creek but need to be prepared for getting wet. We hope lots of folks will come.

## Meetinghouse Work Day

**Saturday, June 23, 9a-1p**

Join us for our annual work day at the Third Street Meetinghouse! Come help with some needed building and grounds maintenance, while sharing fellowship with F/friends. There are jobs for all abilities, ages, and time periods. If you can stay all day, great! If you can only stop by for 30 minutes, let us know and we'll find you an appropriate job to do for a short time. The work day will happen rain or shine. We have plenty to do, inside and out. Lunch provided.

## Dish-to-Pass Brunch

**Sunday, June 24, Rise of Meeting**

Bring something tasty to share if you can. All are welcome.

## Newsletter submissions due

**Thursday, June 28, 5p**

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

## Other Weekly IMM Events

Mid-week Meeting at the Burrtt House  
Wednesdays at 7:30p

The Burrtt House is at 227 North Willard Way, Ithaca.