

Newsletter of Albany Friends Meeting (Quakers)

Come . . .



Image: See Hamza Yusuf

*Come, come, whoever you are.
Wanderer, worshipper, lover of leaving—it doesn't matter.
Ours is not a caravan of despair.
Come, even if you have broken your vows a thousand times.
Come, and come yet again, come, come.*

—Rumi

This poem is offered by Liz Pohlmann. Barbara Sinacore notes it has been set to music, for example: [youtube.com/watch?v=IQIZaMhGWIM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQIZaMhGWIM)

Albany Friends Meeting Calendar

Children’s First Day School, Meeting event childcare (with at least 1 week notice): Chris: 518-862-1895

Every First Day (Sunday): 10–11 a.m.: Meeting for Worship. Childcare available during worship.

Announcements follow, then social hour hosted by Trustees (except for potluck)

Every Wed., 7 p.m., Meeting for Worship w/ Margaret Smith, Eddy Heritage House. Info: 518-542-6000

1st Sun., Sept. 3, 11:45-1 p.m., Writing Group. Info: Sheree: sheree4614@gmail.com 518-951-5953

1st Wed., Sept. 6, 12:15-1 p.m., Peace Vigil, front of Capitol, State and Eagle, Info: 518-595-9324

Thurs., Sept. 14, 6:30 p.m., Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business (moved due to Easton Day, see news item)

3rd Sun., Potluck after Meeting for Worship

4th Sun., Sept. 24, 9 a.m. Hymn Sing; Faith and Practice discussion after social hour. Info: Dot: 518-380-5125, wrichard@nycap.rr.com, North Star Interfaith Peace Walk, 2 p.m. (see news item)

Annual North Star Interfaith Peace Walk Sun., Sept. 24, 2-4 p.m.



Join other churches and community groups (no political signs or banners, please) for this 1.5 mile loop starting at 2 p.m. at the Moses statue in Albany’s Washington Park. Albany Friends Meeting is a sponsor. To walk with Albany Quakers, contact Sheree sheree4614@gmail.com 518-951-5953. On Facebook: North Star Peace Walk.

Easton Day Sun., Sept. 10, 10 a.m. Genocide Survivor to Speak



Easton Day is the annual commemoration of the 1777 Feathers of Peace incident when a party of Burgoyne's Native Americans set aside hostilities and joined Easton Friends in worship. This year features “Out of Genocide, a Drive for Peace,” a talk by Amminadab Munyaneza, founder of the Outposts of Chat Network. Mr. Munyaneza and his family survived the Rwanda genocide and came to the United States, where he earned a Masters degree in conflict resolution. He was recruited by the UN for peace-building missions in Kosovo, and then in Uganda and Nepal. (continued)

Easton Day (cont.)

He and three other U.N. representatives in Kosovo saw TV images of the destruction of the World Trade Center. He wrote, "[We] could not understand the way Islam was being portrayed. The media did not differentiate between Islam as a peaceful religion and the acts of terrorists who have nothing to do with Islam as a religion. Religion Without Borders was formed by the four of us as a protest, to provide information about Islam." He also started chapters of Religions Without Borders in Uganda and Nepal. After returning to the U.S., the name was changed to Outposts of Chat. Bill Reagan, of the Easton Quaker Meeting, said, "This is a stellar example of international Quaker peace work."

All are welcome to Easton Day which includes 10 a.m. registration, 10:30 a.m. Feathers of Peace story and Meeting for Worship, with a concurrent program for children. Please bring your own place setting and chair for noon potluck, followed by singing led by Charlie Lapinski and the talk by Amminadab Munyaneza at 1:30 p.m. Easton Day happens at the Easton Friends' South Meeting House, 227 Meeting House Rd. (off State Route 40 about six miles north of Schaghticoke) in Easton, NY. Info: 518-677-8934.

Questions? Who to contact:

Co-Clerks: Cinda Putman 518-326-3742 putmancr@nycap.rr.com, Maggy Wiard 518-235-8102 maggy.wiard@yahoo.com

Recording Clerk: Anne Liske 518-256-8230

Treasurer: Janet Poole 518-477-5443

Trustees: David Easter 518-475-9532

Building Caretakers: caretaker@albanyquakers.org Anne Liske 518-256-8230 and John Cutro 518-256-8422. Outside groups need Trustees' approval prior to scheduling new events with caretakers. Schedule all new events (AFM and outside groups) with caretakers 2-4 weeks in advance to verify no conflicts.

Family Promise ad hoc Committee: Maggy Wiard 518-235-8102 maggy.wiard@yahoo.com

Young Adult Friends and monthly gatherings: David Oehl 860-262-3813 oehlida2000@yahoo.com.au

Outreach and Advancement, and Website Coordinator: Judith Fetterley JFetterley@albany.edu

Ministry & Nurture Committee: Maud Easter maudpEaster@gmail.com 518-475-9532

First Day School Committee, and Child Care for Meeting events: Chris Koster 518-862-1895

Peace & Earthcare Committee (open to all): Sheree Cammer 518-951-5953 or Paul Rehm 518-966-5366

Alternatives to Violence Project: Crystal: Crystal.heshmat@gmail.com 518-369-9675, Pat Beetle: 518-477-4004

Friends for Racial Justice Committee (open to all): Barbara Spring 518-441-6405

Compost: Janet Poole 518-477-5443 Take a bucket, fill with food scraps, put scraps on our compost pile.

Stay in touch between newsletters! Join the list-serve by emailing your request to jcutro@twc.com

Changes

Sheldon Carnes and Jeff Hinkle appreciate visitors at the Albany County Nursing Home. Dot Richards has recovered from surgery and is back among us. Liz Pohlmann has moved to Minnesota.

Judy Damkoehler Celebrating 90th Birthday

From Betsy Voss



Judy is pictured relaxing at her home in Piseco Lake following a dinner celebrating her 90th Birthday in June.

Judy maintains her membership in the Meeting even though it's been many years since she lived in the Albany area.

Northeastern Regional Meeting (NERM), Sun., Oct., 29, at Albany Friends Meeting

New York Yearly Meeting includes more than 80 local meetings and worship groups, which are organized into regional meetings. Albany Friends Meeting is part of NERM. This fall we are hosting.

Our Meeting is preparing the presentation; info: Janet jpoole939@yahoo.com or 518-477-5443. Info on NERM: James Ralston 518-863-4041 or j_ralston@roadrunner.com

Peace Week

From Anita Stanley

Many of our members and attenders may remember our Peace Week, started by Sue Clark for grade school children. The project involved many of us at Meeting, as well as people from the community. It ran from about 2000 until approximately 2009, for a week in August at the Meetinghouse (except for the last year). It involved about 30 primary to middle school age children, , and was very well received by the children and families involved. Goals of Peace Week, a major witness for our Meeting, included peaceful conflict resolution, respect for other cultures, and stewardship of the environment.

With this model to go on, some of us would like to apply to Meeting for Business for approval to start Peace Week in the summer of 2018. We especially want to encourage involvement of a diverse group of children and adults. We don't yet know what form our new Peace Week might take. But we would like input and involvement from as many of you as possible, as well as your friends and neighbors. If you're interested in taking on a role, big or small, do contact Anita Stanley at meridiancomm@earthlink.net, or 518-441-7722. We will probably meet in September, to get things off the ground, and then later in the fall. We hope you'll all consider becoming involved with our new Peace Week!

Clearness Committees

From Dot Richards

Ministry and Nurture Committee feels led to bring an important Quaker asset to the attention of Albany Meeting attenders and members: Clearness Committees. They represent a process for discernment which are an often overlooked method of bringing clarity and comfort when we are struggling with a decision or concern, seeking to reach a solution on how to respond to a dilemma. Like Quaker business meeting, Clearness Committees are considered a form of Meeting for Worship and are based on the principle that the Inner Light is present in us all; the process aids the person seeking clearness to find the "answer within" rather than offering outside advice or guidance.

A Clearness Committee can be requested by anyone for any reason and will usually be appointed by one of the standing committees of the Meeting. A Clearness Committee can help you to learn the nature of asking open and honest questions, to experience how everyone has an inner teacher, and to see what happens when we commit to the ideas of "no fixing, advising, saving or correcting one another." It is simple and demanding. Done well, it is a positive experience for all involved. Deep understanding of the practice and careful preparation of the focus person and committee members is essential.

If you have a concern or troubling situation that you would like to bring to this time honored Quaker method of relief, please speak to a member of Ministry and Nurture. The power of the Spirit coupled with abiding Love can bring new life and clarity to any heart breaking or darkened dilemma. I will announce this renewed emphasis at Meeting on September 3. I can be reached at 518-380-5125.

A Dangerous Thing

From Paul Rehm

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing. So the old saying goes. Perhaps there's more than a kernel of truth in those words...at least in the eyes of the Israeli government.

On Monday, the 21st of August, those of us who support the human rights of Palestinians celebrated the news from UN Human Rights Officer in Hebron, Hamed Qawasmeh, that work on the new, pre-fab school building in the village of Jubbet Al Dib (Jub a-Dib) had been completed. Supplies, furniture and equipment were being moved in.

Two days later, the sun set on the aspirations of parents in that Palestinian village southeast of Bethlehem. Hamed wrote that Israeli government forces "numbering more than 100 soldiers" were "dismantling the school." On what was the first day of the new school year in Palestine, 80 children saw the Israeli army dismantle their new school. All that remains is the foundation.

According to the Israeli Human Rights group, B'TSELEM, on the 21st of August, in the Palestinian village of Babu al-Baka near Jerusalem, a force of around 50 Israeli soldiers, police and border police dismantled and confiscated a pre-fab building that was to serve as a kindergarten for children in that village. Desks, chairs, cabinets and a blackboard that had been brought to the school building three weeks prior were also confiscated by the Israeli forces.

We remain hopeful that the Sumud (inner strength and steadfast, non-violent resistance) of the Palestinian people will continue and -- in spite of our government's substantial financial and political support of the Israeli regime's racist policies and often brutal actions -- will prevail. May the day soon come when Palestinian rights are recognized and supported by the people and governments of Israel and the United States of America.

Where is the Quaker Outrage About what Happened at Friends Central?

from Paul Rehm, an email from Mark Schwartz Aug. 14, 2017

I trust you saw the Op-Ed by Swarthmore Professor Sa'ed Atshan concerning the firing of my clients in the Philadelphia Inquirer last week. The book review on famed Quaker Lay again presents the question as to why Quaker organizations in Philadelphia have remained silent on this issue. It is ironic that the only Quaker group that seems to care is one in northern New York State.

Here is the Times piece: <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/12/opinion/sunday/youll-never-be-as-radical-as-this-18th-century-quaker-dwarf.html>

Albany Friends Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business 6.11.17

Clerk: Maggy Wiard, Co-Clerk **Recording Clerk:** Anne Liske **Present:** Sue Clark, John Amidon, Chris Koster, Barbara Spring, Sheree Cammer, Katja Rehm, Paul Rehm, Pat Beetle, Sheldon Carnes
The Clerk gathered everyone into worship.

Treasurer's Report:

Unrestricted cash on hand as of June 1, 2017 \$7,337. \$6000 has already been paid to Yearly Meeting. The Treasurer will pay Yearly Meeting an additional amount after John Cutro submits recent house and property maintenance bills. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Trustees:

The following report was submitted by David Easter. The Trustees have decided to move the meeting records and materials from the closet where they are now across the hall to the small office where they were previously stored. This will provide not only more space, but also be a secure, locked location. Trustees are looking for two additional people to help with moving and reorganizing the records. Chris Koster volunteered. We will ask others as needed.

Nominating Committee:

The second reading of the proposed slate for Trustees was presented by Katya Rehm as follows.

Trustees serve three year renewable terms for a total of six years:

Sue Clark 2nd term ending in 2019

David Easter 2nd term ending in 2019

Stacie Faraone 1st term ending in 2020

Janet Poole 1st term ending in 2019

Julia Richards 2nd term ending in 2020

Mike Stangl 1st term ending in 2020

Anita Stanley 1st term ending in 2019

Friends approved the 2017 slate of Trustees.

The first reading of the slate for all other committees was presented (attached in meeting minutes.)

Several clarifications and corrections were discussed; the committee will follow-up and report again at the July Meeting for Business. The final approved slate will be attached to the minutes at that time.

Ministry and Nurture:

The committee reported there were two requests approved for financial assistance to attend Silver Bay.

Peace and Earthcare:

The Committee reported on a letter sent to Clerk of Albany Friends Meeting from Quaker Palestine-Israel Network. The letter was in response to the AFM letter to Friends Central School regarding the cancellation of a presentation by Palestinian Professor Sa'Ed Atchan and subsequent dismissal of two faculty who supported the student group that invited him to speak. The Quaker Palestine Network letter described some actions the organization is undertaking. Friends suggested some additional follow-up we might take on, including further outreach to New York Yearly Meeting and a minute on our concerns regarding Palestine and Israel.

The Meeting closed with silent worship at 12:25 p.m.

Albany Friends Meeting for Business 7.09.17

Clerk: Cinda Putman, Co-Clerk **Recording Clerk:** Anne Liske **Present:** Sue Clark, John Amidon, Chris Koster, Barbara Spring, Sheree Cammer, Katja Rehm, Paul Rehm, Pat Beetle, Maggy Wiard, Dave Green, Dave Cullen, Carol Barclay, David Barnard, Liz Pohlmann, Jean Howard

The Clerk gathered everyone into Worship.

Peace and Earthcare:

In order to save on electricity, save the environment, reduce global warming and have the flexibility to support low to moderate income people with purchasing solar energy, members of the Peace and Earthcare Committee recommend Albany Friends Meeting establish a working group to explore the vision of participation in a faith based solar community energy co-op with other faith communities. This recommendation is based on several committee members' participation in a four month process of educational sessions. After a brief period of discussion, Friends approved this request. Lawrence Eger, David Barnard and Sheree Cammer agreed to be on the working group.

Paul Rehm Provided information about the current conditions in Palestine and presented the following minute for the Meeting to consider:

Minute on Palestine/Israel

Turning to Advices and Queries in NYYM's Faith and Practice, we note that "Friends are advised to work toward removing the causes of misery and suffering. They are encouraged to bear testimony against all forms of oppression." Albany Friends Meeting recognizes the Israeli government's oppressive practices (viewed by President Carter and Arch-Bishop Tutu as meeting the definition of Apartheid)

during its 50-year military occupation of the Palestinian Territories as causative factors in Palestinian suffering.

Reflecting on Friends' history of working to alleviate suffering and improve conditions in Palestine and Israel since 1860, and believing that peace with justice is attainable for Palestinians living in the Occupied West Bank and Gaza as well as for Jewish and Palestinian citizens of Israel, and confirming our support for that goal as well as an end to military occupation, Albany Friends Meeting calls for:

- all parties to renounce violence in pursuit of their objectives;
- all parties to recognize and comply with all UN Resolutions relating to Israel and Palestine;
- free, internationally monitored elections in the West Bank and Gaza with guarantees from all UN member states that they will abide by the results of those elections;
- free entrance to and egress from Gaza and for Palestinian refugees to be given the Right of Return as guaranteed by UN Resolution 194.

Albany Friends Meeting also calls on the Israeli Government to:

- transfer all Israeli settlers out of West Bank settlements (which are illegal under International Law), or allow all parties equal and unfettered access to those settlements under control of the Palestinian Authority or of an independent, neutral body for a period of 50 years;
- modify existing Israeli laws and regulations so all parties are subject to equal requirements and restrictions and face equal penalties for violations of those laws and regulations;
- dismantle the segregation wall in accordance with the International Court of Justice's 2004 advisory opinion and to allow all parties equal access to the natural resources (including water) of the region as well as to all roads and to all public transportation;

Furthermore, Albany Friends Meeting accepts the 2002 Triennial Session call of Friends United Meeting "to work with other Christian bodies...to find ways together to work for peace, justice and reconciliation" in Israel/Palestine.

After Friends asked questions, raised some concerns and spoke of many Friends organizations long work on this issue the minute was approved. Sheree Cammer and David Barnard asked to stand aside. The minute will be forwarded to Regional Meeting and NYYM.

Peace and Earthcare provided background information about the case of arrestees from the January 20th, 2017 massive protest held in Washington DC to oppose the inauguration of Trump and a request from the J20 Defense organization to sign a statement in support of those arrested. The demonstrators face up to 10 years in prison, and over 200 of them are challenging the charges and taking it to court to have them dropped. On July 27th, a judge will rule on a motion to dismiss the charges. With collective power across the country, the Judge will be more likely to rule in the defendant's favor if she sees strong public support. After the statement was read, Friends expressed concern about the militant nature of some of the language while recognizing the concerning issues this statement signals about the increasing moves at the federal level and in many localities to eliminate the freedom to protest. There was not a sense of the meeting on signing the statement; individuals were encouraged to pursue their own letters on this concern.

Friends read a sign-on letter (attached) for leaders of any faith, denomination, or spiritual practice from the Coalition Against the Pilgrim Pipelines to send to Governor Andrew Cuomo. Friends spoke of our earlier minute on this issue, and approved the Clerk signing on to this letter on behalf of the Meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Unrestricted cash on hand as of July 6, 2017: \$9,341.92. The Madison Family fund payment will be going to the family this month. The report was approved.

Nominating Committee:

The second reading of the slate (see attached) was read and approved.

Maggy Wiard, Co-Clerk, read a letter from the Labor Religion Coalition inviting the Meeting to become a member congregation. Friends spoke of the many important advocacy and education events hosted by the Coalition. Friends agreed to bring this back to our September Meeting for Business.

Due to Easton Day on September 10, September Meeting for Business will be held on Thursday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m.

The Meeting closed with silent worship at 1:45 p.m.

Nominating Committee Report to Albany Monthly Meeting 2017

Key: *Open Term

+ Membership required

++ Membership required for a majority of committee members

+CLERK – (2 consecutive terms, the 1st to be 2 years; the 2nd to be 1 year) Cinda Putman and Maggy Wiard, Co-clerks – 2018, 2nd term

+RECORDING CLERK (2 year term renewable, total 4 years) Anne Liske – 2018, 1st term

++TRUSTEES – (3 year term renewable, total 6 years) Sue Clark -2019, 2nd term David Easter - 2019, 2nd term Stacie Faraone - 2020, 1st term Janet Poole – 2019, 1st term Julia Richards - 2020, 2nd term Mike Stangl – 2020, 1st term Anita Stanley -- 2019, 1st term

+TREASURER – (selected by Trustees) Janet Poole

++MINISTRY AND NURTURE – 3 year term renewable; total 6 years Joe Levinger -- 2019, 2nd term

Tom Costello – 2019, 2nd term Carol Barclay – 2018, 1st term Dorothy Richards -- 2018, 1st term

David Oehl -- 2018, 1st term Barbara Sinacore -- 2019, 1st term Maud Easter – 2019, 1st term Katja

Rehm – 2019, 1st term

*ARCH Trained Visitors (Aging Resources, Consultation and Help) Amy Allman Stacie Faraone_Barbara Sinacore Barbara Spring Steven Taylor-Roth

*NEWSLETTER Sheree Cammer

*AFM ANNUAL DIRECTORY Julia Richards

*WEBMASTER Judith Fetterley

*AFM LISTSERV ANNOUNCEMENTS John Cutro Anne Liske

*FIRST DAY SCHOOL Jennifer Illenberg Abby Kinchy Chris Koster

*OUTREACH AND ADVANCEMENT Judith Fetterley Dave Green David Oehl Dorothy Richards Barbara Sinacore Steven Taylor-Roth Maggy Wiard

*PEACE & EARTHCARE Morgan Adcock David Barnard Pat Beetle Al Brophy Sheree Cammer Sue Clark Virginia Osborn Liz Pohlmann Katja Rehm Paul Rehm

*FRIENDS FOR RACIAL JUSTICE Pat Beetle Sue Clark John Cutro Maud Easter Florence Frazier Elizabeth Gordon Dahlia Herring Jennifer Illenberg Jim Ketcham Fredda Peritz Janet Poole Sandy Powell Archie Shirey Barbara Sinacore Barbara Spring Steven Taylor-Roth

*LIBRARY Chris Koster Kelly Lockmer Betsy Voss

*HOSPITALITY Chris Koster Janet Poole Maggy Wiard

+*MEMORIAL FUND David Easter Judith Fetterley
 +NOMINATING COMMITTEE-- (overlapping 3-year terms) Morgan Adcock – 2019 Maud Easter – 2018
 Katja Rehm – 2017

*FCNL (Friends Committee on National Legislation) Becky Raymond

*AFSC (American Friends Service Committee) David Easter

Interfaith Alliance of NYS John Amidon

Capital Area Council of Churches Barbara Spring

OTHER SERVICES TO THE MEETING:

ARCH Coordinator for Northeast Region and Prison Worship Groups – Barbara Spring

Family Promise Committee – Judith Fetterley, Anne Liske, Maggy Wiard, Dorothy Richards, Philip Payette

First Day Greeter to Meeting for Worship - Dorothy Richards & Anne Liske

Hospital and Nursing Home Visitor – Cinda Putman

Mid-week Meeting for Worship @ Heritage House (every Wednesday @ 7 pm) Steven Taylor-Roth,

Maggy Wiard, Margaret Smith

Music (4th First Day of each month) -- Carol Barclay

New York State Council of Churches (chaplaincy) – Steven Taylor Roth

Peace Vigil in front of the NYS capitol (1st Wednesday of each month) -- Pat Beetle, Sue Clark, David

Easter, Dorothy Richards, Maud Easter, Maggy Wiard and friends

PRISON MINISTRY – Steven Taylor-Roth, Janet Poole

WRITING GROUP (1st First Day of each month) -- Elizabeth Gordon

YOUNG ADULTS' POTLUCKS – David Oehl

REPRESENTATIVES TO NEW YORK YEARLY MEETING COMMITTEES (as listed in the NYYM Yearbook for

2016 – 2017): +Carol Barclay -- NYYM Discernment Committee +Pat Beetle – NYYM Committee on

Sufferings +Sue Clark, Anne Liske – European/American Quakers Working to End Racism Working

Group +Pierre Douyon -- NYYM Committee on Conflict Resolution, NYYM Ministry and Pastoral Care,

NYYM Sessions Committee, NYYM Discernment Committee, Powell House, Inc. +Paul Rehm – NYYM

Committee on World Ministries, NYYM Representative to National Religious Campaign against Torture

+Steven Taylor-Roth -- NYYM Sharing Fund

July 9, 2017

Community Events See also the Progressive Calendar of the Capital Region <http://peaceact.net/> and <http://www.sierraclubhudsonmohawk.org/capital-region-all-green-calendar/>

Usually every Sun., 6 p.m., Kirtan (sacred music), Unity Church, 21 King Ave., Albany. Info: 518-453-3603

Usually 2nd Monday (confirm with Facebook NS4Immigrants or jparone@labor-religion.org): 7 p.m., New Sanctuary for Immigrants meeting, St. Vincent's Church, 900 Madison Ave., Albany

Albany Culmination of the March for Justice, Sun., Sept. 13, 5-7 p.m.

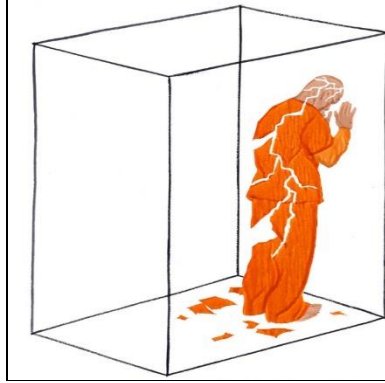
From Pat Beetle

The March for Justice is an undertaking by the Alliance of Families for Justice to bring to the attention of the New York State Legislative body, Governor and the general public human rights abuses in NYS prisons and jails. Some of the key issues the organization is pursuing are raising the age of criminal responsibility, increasing family visitation to prisons, meaningful reform of the use of solitary confinement, ending human rights abuses in NY's prisons and jails and closing Attica, meaningful reform of the parole system, and the Domestic Violence Survivors Justice Act Campaign.

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Albany Culmination of the March for Justice (cont.)

The March For Justice, started in New York City Aug. 26, culminates with a major press conference and rally in Albany Sept. 13, the anniversary of the 1971 Attica uprising and massacre. Various forms of cultural expression will be incorporated during the march. For details, contact Pat Beetle: 477-4004.

8/31-9/4, Solitary Housing Unit (SHU) Replica at Columbia Co. Fair Sponsored by Old Chatham Meeting

The SHU exhibit will be staffed by members of the meeting and associated volunteers. People in a SHU in NYS spend 22 to 24 hours a day locked in a cell the size of an elevator, alone or with one other person. Over 40% of all suicides in NY prisons in 2014 and 2015 took place in solitary, though only 9% of all people in prison are in solitary. The SHU is still used in New York State prisons despite a 2015 agreement NYS is implementing to reduce its use. 80,000 of the 2.2 million people currently incarcerated in the U.S. are in SHUs. The entire United Nations General Assembly has denounced solitary exceeding 15 days. Info: www.oldchathamquakers.org

Mon. 9/4 noon to 5 p.m., Labor Day Solidarity (pot luck) picnic at Cook's Park, Colonie. Grilled items provided. Awards. Tabling etc. Details: Pat Beetle 518-477-4004

Tues., 9/5. 7 p.m., ICE-Free Meeting, First Church, Albany. Details: Pat Beetle 518-477-4004

Thurs., 9/7, 6:30 p.m. 13th (amendment to the Constitution), film, discussion, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar

Mon., 9/11, 7 p.m., CAAMI program with March for Justice, following pot luck, First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany, 405 Washington Ave., Albany. Details: Pat Beetle 518-477-4004

Wed., 9/13, 5 p.m., March for Justice Rally in West Capitol Park, Albany. Details: Pat Beetle 518-477-4004

Wed., 9/21, International Peace Day. Details: Pat Beetle 518-477-4004

Wed., 9/21– 27, Saratoga Peace Week. Details: Pat Beetle 518-477-4004

Sun. 9/24- Saratoga Peace Fair 1:00-4:00PM at New England Presbyterian Church, Circular St. Saratoga. Details: Pat Beetle 518-477-4004

Sun. 9/24, 2 – 4 p.m., North Star Interfaith Peace Walk, 1.5 mile loop starting at Moses Statue in Washington Park, Albany. No political signs or banners, please.

Powell House: <http://powellhouse.org> or 518-794-8811

Sep 22-24, Practicing Prophetic Ministry

Oct 6-8, Fall Work/Contra Dance/Storytelling

Sep 22-24, Revolution - 9th -12th grade

Sep 29-Oct 1, Fitting in, Standing Out - 6th - 8th grade

Oct 13-15, Space Aliens, Magic and Us - 4th - 5th grade

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www.albanyfriendsmeeting.org.

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mailed newsletter:

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Advice and Queries for September: On Children and Youth

We are called to rejoice in the presence of children and young people in our Meeting and to recognize the gifts they bring. Let us nurture in them the same fullness of being that we seek for ourselves. The Meeting as a whole shares a responsibility for the children and young people in our care. Do we seek to share our deepest beliefs with our children and young people, while still leaving them free to develop as spirit leads them? Do we invite them to share their insights with us? Do we find ways to include them our Meeting for Worship and in the spiritual life of our community? Are we ready to learn from them?

Enriching Vocal Ministry for September

It is understood in...a Meeting that any messages that are spoken strive to be God's word for these people at this time; that is, no one will speak unless he [or she] has prayerfully considered two questions: whether the message is God's or [one's] own, and whether it should be given to these people now, or is for the individual alone. from "On the Vocal Ministry" by Ruth Pitman