

## Newsletter of Albany Friends Meeting (Quakers)

### Albany Friends Meeting Calendar

Children's First Day School and Meeting event childcare: Chris Koster: 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 Hospitality Committee (except for potluck Sundays)

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

1<sup>st</sup> Wed., Nov. 1, 12:15-1 p.m., Peace Vigil, front of Capitol, State and Eagle. Info: 518-595-9324

1<sup>st</sup> Sun., Nov. 5, 11:45-1 p.m., Writing Group. Info: Sheree: [sheree4614@gmail.com](mailto:sheree4614@gmail.com) 518-951-5953

2<sup>nd</sup> Sun., Nov. 12, after social hour, Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business

3<sup>rd</sup> Sun., Nov. 19, Melinda Wenner Bradley joins us for Meeting for Worship, First Day School, and, after potluck, leads conversation on supporting children, youth and families in our meeting, at 12:30. (see news item). Peace and Earthcare Committee meets in library during potluck.

4<sup>th</sup> Sun., Nov. 26, 9 a.m. Hymn Sing; Faith and Practice after social hour. Info: Dot: 518-380-5125

### Albany Friends Meeting will be hosting Melinda Wenner Bradley, New York Yearly Meeting Children and Youth Field Secretary, Sun., Nov. 19

By Judith Fetterley for Outreach and Advancement



Dear Friends:

Melinda Wenner Bradley will join us for Meeting for Worship and in the first 20 minutes, before the children leave for First Day School (FDS), will share a Faith and Play story.

Melinda describes her Faith and Play stories as “meeting for worship with attention to story,” not as preaching or entertainment. They are a “way to enter into community through narrative theology and the shared language of stories,” and a way to support children as they participate in our meetings for worship. The stories, about Quaker faith, practice or witness, are “quiet and reflective in how they are presented, and lend themselves to the reflections we do together” as adults and children in “wondering” about the story and in silent waiting worship.

Melinda will continue her work with the children in FDS; the rest of us will continue in silent worship.

After our potluck lunch, Melinda will lead us in conversation about supporting children, youth, and families as vibrant members of Meeting life.

Melinda's visit is being sponsored by Outreach and Advancement. We very much hope that friends will join us for this unique opportunity to share Meeting for Worship with Melinda and to join her in conversation after potluck. Our Meeting continues to seek to do outreach to families with young children. Melinda has much to offer us that will help us do a better job in this area of our Meeting life.

Please feel free to contact Judith Fetterley, Dot Richards or Maggy Wiard with any questions you might have about this upcoming event. Please share with anyone you think might be interested in attending.

**Liz Pohlmann** has moved to Minnesota and welcomes Friends to stay in touch at [lizpohlmann@arvig.net](mailto:lizpohlmann@arvig.net).

**God Still Speaks to Quakers**, John Amidon's piece, is in *Friends Journal*. [www.friendsjournal.org](http://www.friendsjournal.org).

**New York Yearly Meeting Fall Sessions, Fri. – Sun., Nov. 10 – 12**

**Veterans for Peace** invites people to harken back to the original intent of **Nov. 11 as Armistice Day**, celebrating the end of the war to end all wars, World War I as we now call it, rather than Veterans Day.

**Questions? Who to contact:**

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**Compost:** Put your food scraps on our compost pile. Info: Janet Poole 518-477-5443  
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**Albany Friends Meeting for Business 10.08.17**

Clerk: Maggy Wiard, Co-Clerk, Recording Clerk: Anne Liske, Present: Janet Poole, Joe Levinger, Sheree Cammer, Pat Beetle, Carol Barclay, Dot Richards

The Clerk gathered everyone into Worship.

The Clerk read a letter from Sacred Hear Outreach thanking the Meeting for its contribution. Friends expressed appreciation for the letter.

Treasurer's Report: Unrestricted cash on hand as of October 4, 2017: \$9,779.43. The report was approved.

New York Yearly Meeting sent a letter requesting that Albany Friends Meeting recommit to making the same covenant contribution amount for 2018 as we did in 2017 - \$10,738. Friends approved.

Ministry and Nurture: The Outreach Committee has arranged an opportunity for the NYYM Youth Field Secretary Melinda Wenner Bradley to come to Albany Friends Meeting on November 19 to share ways to build a multigenerational spiritual community. She has offered to lead a semi-programmed Faith and Play story at the beginning of silent worship and after potluck will present some other ideas about how meetings can engage in strengthening multigenerational activities and supporting families in the meeting. Ministry and Nurture was asked to confirm support for this activity with Meeting for Business. Friends expressed interest and asked that Outreach specifically invite our First Day School families to participate.

Sheree Cammer requested that Albany Friends Meeting consider minuting sponsorship for future annual participation in the North Star Interfaith Peace Walk which we have supported for several years. Friends approved.

The Meeting closed with silent worship at 12:40 p.m.

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

**Thurs. Nov. 2,** 7 p.m., Joe Lombardo will talk about his trip to Russia for a Youth Conference, Bethlehem Library, Delmar.

**Fri., Nov. 3, 7 p.m.,** *Creating an Ecological Society: Toward a Revolutionary Transformation*, with Fred Magdoff, James Connolly Forum, Oakwood Community Center, 313 10<sup>th</sup> St., Troy.



**Sat., Nov. 4, 7 p.m.,** *Paper Lanterns*, film, Potluck at 6 p.m., Old Chatham Quaker Meetinghouse, 539 Co. Rte. 13, Old Chatham. Free. Info: 518-766-2992. On Aug. 6, 1945, the atomic bomb exploded over Hiroshima. Among the estimated 140,000 casualties of that day were 12 American prisoners of war. Thanks to the tireless efforts of Mr. Shigeaki Mori, himself a hibakusha (A-bomb survivor), the names of these 12 are now included in the Hiroshima Peace Museum, and the relatives have learned the truth.

**Mon., Nov. 6,** Community Conversation about Bail Reform at Capital South Campus Center, 20 Warren St. Albany. Sponsored by the Center for Law and Justice. Amy Jones: 518-542 6854.

**Tues., Nov. 7,** Election Day: Vote!

**Thurs., Nov. 9,** 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Tear Down Those Walls – From Palestine to Mexico, rally in Townsend Park, Central and Washington Ave., Albany.

**Fri., Nov. 10,** 7 p.m., Chris Hedges will speak on Fascism in the Age of Trump. At 5:30 p.m., fundraising dinner with Chris, The Sanctuary for Independent Media, 3361 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., Troy. Info: 518 -272 2390.

**Sat., Nov. 11,** 11 a.m., 100 year Anniversary of the end of the War to End All Wars, Veterans for Peace invites peace activists to march with them, 10:30 a.m. gather Partridge St. & Central Ave., Albany.

**Sun., Nov. 12,** 1 p.m., Dinner in honor of Grace White, activist on the Palestinian Rights Committee. Awardees Speaker – a resident of Bi'lin, a West Bank town often the recipient of Israeli violence, St. Andrew's Church, N. Main Ave., Albany.

**Thurs., Nov. 16,** 6 p.m., NYCLU annual awards reception, Awardees include Barbara Bartoletti and Joe Paperone, Hearst Media Center, Albany Shaker Rd., Colonie.

**Thurs., Nov.16,** 7:30 p.m., From Fossil Fuels to Sustainable Energy: How to Get from Here to There, panel discussion on carbon tax and how it can be used to move us away from carbon based fuels, St. Vincent dePaul Church, 900 Madison Ave., Albany. Presented by St. Vincent's Creation Care Committee.

**Sat., Nov. 18,** 7:30 p.m., *13<sup>th</sup>*, about the 13<sup>th</sup> amendment to the Constitution, Solidarity film series. Channing Hall, First Universalist Unitarian Society of Albany (FUUSA), 405 Washington Ave., Albany.

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

**Nov. 3-5,** Give Thanks and Pass the Frisbee – 11-12th Grade and Young Adults.

**Nov. 17-19,** ARCH Re-Up. Are you 65 or older? Care for someone who is 65 or older? Care about someone who is 65 or older in your meeting? This is an opportunity for ARCH Visitors, other members of the extended ARCH network, members (or emeritus members) of the Committee on Aging Concerns, and ARCH staff to deepen connections with each other and our shared ministry of care and compassion, vulnerability and trust, stewardship and healthy boundaries.

**Nov. 17-19:** From Aargh or Ugh to Ahhhh – 6-8th Grade. Stress, frustration, depression: help!

**Dec. 1–3,** Move It, Move It - 4th & 5th grade. Let's gather to share our moves and invent new and cool ways to interact and explore the space we inhabit.

**Dec. 1-3,** 12 Step Quaker Weekend on Transformation. At the core is transformation from the old self to the new. A crucial part of this is when we become ready for, and then ask, God to remove our shortcomings. We will explore defects of character, what holding onto them does for us, the pain they cause us and tools for becoming ready. We will use *Our Life is Love* by Marcelle Martin.

**Dec. 8-10,** Wintersong, 7th –12th grade. Older middle schoolers join high schoolers in joyful community.

**Dec. 15-17,** What Are You Waiting For? An Advent Retreat with Mary Kay Glazer. Register by Dec. 1.

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**Advice and Queries for November: On Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business**

As Friends, we seek to hold Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business in a spirit of worship and seeking for truth. We are called to be present to speak our own, individual truth, and to listen empathically to others. We do not seek a majority decision nor even consensus but rather that unity that comes from expectant waiting on the guidance of spirit. Do we come prepared in mind and spirit and open to a meeting rooted in spiritual understandings? Do we consider difficult questions with an informed mind and a generous loving spirit? Are we open to the truth that is given to others? Do we support the decisions of the Meeting? If we cannot attend, do we uphold the Meeting prayerfully?

**Enriching Vocal Ministry for November**

The most satisfactory vocal ministry arises out of a leading that is felt in the silence so strongly that it cannot be ignored. It should be delivered with as few words as possible, yet as many as necessary. Vocal prayer offered on behalf of the gathered meeting can also bring us into closer harmony with God. From Baltimore Monthly Meeting's "Advices: The Life of the Spirit"