

Morningside Matters

September 2011

Helen Garay Toppins on-line editor (HGTpeace@optonline.net)

MMM Event Calendar

September 8 – 7:15 PM Ministry & Counsel at the home of Pamela Wood

September 11 – 1:00 PM Meeting for Business

September 25 – 9:30 AM Welcoming breakfast Riverside Café – All are welcome
– 1:00-2:00 PM After Meeting Discussion (details in the newsletter)

The Song of Job 9:11

Ed Elder

Free Concerts of the Musical Oratorio “The Song of Job 9:11” will commemorate the 9/11 10th Anniversary at **Fifteenth Street Meeting** on September 9 – 8pm – and September 10 – 2pm. This work combines documentary text of the events of 9/11/2001 and excerpts from the Old Testament Book of Job with a classical score. “The Song of Job 9:11” offers an eloquent and comforting way to come together in shared remembrance during the upcoming 10th Anniversary of 9/11. Written in the immediate aftermath of 9/11/2001 by the critically acclaimed composer Danny Ashkenasi. For more information on “The Song of Job 9:11” visit www.ashkenasi.net/job or www.ashkenasi.net. The public is invited.

Attica is All of Us

Join Morningsiders on **Friday September 9th**, from **9-7pm** at Riverside Church for the **Attica is All of Us** event. This program will commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Attica uprising, featuring Attica Brothers and guests such as Cornel West and Amy Goodman. There will be conversations, performances and music. This event is sponsored by Riverside Prison Ministry and the Campaign to End the New Jim Crow, among others. A number of Morningsiders are involved in both organizations, and we would love your support. Please visit www.Atticaisallofus.org for more information. The program is free and open to the public.

September 11 Anniversary

Fifteen Street Meeting is observing the September 11 anniversary. The day's theme is Our Peace Testimony as it relates to Building a Community Based on Compassion, Non-violence and Tolerance. After a 12:30 pm potluck Friends will paper messages and drawings around the fence. There will be a short film, conversation groups, children's activities, and spirit-led mandala. The Meetinghouse will be available for meditation 3:30 - 4 pm. There will be a silent vigil in the courtyard. At 5:00 pm Fifteen Street will join Manhattan Mennonite Fellowship for a Service of songs & scripture. More information at www.fifteenth.quaker.org

Evening darkens until
I can no longer see the path.
Still I find my way home.
My horse has gone
This way before.

Anonymous

from the Japanese Classical Period

Another Life

Tita Beal

Please join me at the John Jay College, Lynch Theater, 899 10th Ave - near 60th on Thursday, September 8, to see Karen Malpede's play, "Another Life" with George Bartenieff. This play is about the impact of 9/11 on a father and daughter. Based on what I know of her previous plays, it will probably be politically and emotionally tough, but interesting.

The tickets are Free. Just tell the ticket taker you are a guest of Tita Beal. Bring your friends. Karen Malpede emailed that the theater space is large and I can bring as many people as I want (!) This is a performance for people who contributed to the funding of the production - an opening night before the real opening. No need to contact me about it - I'll see you Thursday, or not.

If you can come early. There is a 5:00 pm panel discussion with Guantanamo lawyers. I'm going to that too – look for me.

How We Care For Each Other

Sunday, September 25, from 1 to 2 PM – We will have an after Meeting discussion on how we can care for each other as a Meeting with many single people and many of us who are aging. We hope to work to coordinate helpful

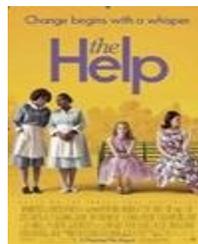
emergency information for members of Meeting. We will also create helpful ways of communicating emergency information to others. We think this will be useful for ALL who attend Morningside, not just those of us who are aging. **Bring pencils.** This is co-sponsored by Ministry & Council and ARCH visitors.

A Joyful Opportunity

Helen Garay Toppins

A group of Morningsiders will be visiting the Sing Sing Prison Worship Group. There is still time for you to join us. However, in order to attend you must submit certain paperwork. If you are interested please contact me immediately HGTpeace@optonline.net and we will handle the necessary follow-up.

A recommendation from Ernestine Buscemi and Helen Garay Toppins. **See** the film. **Read** the book.



A Walk in the Woods

Patricia Chernoff

I have just finished reading a wonderful book that I bought at our Morningside book sale - A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson. I have always been attracted to the idea of hiking on the Appalachian Trail so this book is most interesting and entertaining for me. At many points in the book I found myself laughing aloud at the adventures of the two hikers who attempt to hike the Trail from Georgia to Maine. I'll bring it back to meeting for anyone who hasn't read it. It's a very good read.

Rescuing Equus.

Karen Tweedy-Holmes <tweedy@rcn.com>

I have devoted this spring and summer to the photography adventure of my life. Rizzoli, the international art-book publishing house, accepted my project to document the work of equine sanctuaries throughout the United States in photographs and text (to be written by Allison Milionis, a journalist). We are featuring 13 sanctuaries in depth, among which are a 13,000-acre preserve for wild mustangs in South Dakota; several facilities that retrain discarded

racehorses for other vocations such as polo, trail riding, dressage, and jumping and then find good homes for them; one that rescues mares and foals abused by the Premarin drug industry; one that rescues foals doomed to slaughter by the nurse-mare industry; one that employs rescued horses to teach riding skills to children with Down's syndrome; and one that uses rescued Thoroughbreds to teach incarcerated people to work with horses so that they have a marketable skill upon release from prison. A facility in California saves hundreds of donkeys that have been abused and abandoned. The book will appear on Rizzoli's fall 2012 list. My working title is *Rescuing Equus*. Please contact me if you wish.

The Naked Now

Charlene Ray

I have been led to share this bit from *The Naked Now: Learning to See as the Mystics See*, by Richard Rohr.

"I cannot emphasize enough the momentous importance of the Jewish revelation of the name of God. As we now spell and pronounce it, the work is Yahweh....the Sacred Tetragrammaton YHWH (yod, he, vav, he). It is considered literally unspeakable...and any attempt to know what we are talking about was "in vain"....From God's side, the divine identity was kept mysterious and unavailable to the mind.

This unspeakability has long been recognized, but now we know it goes even deeper; formally the word was not spoken at all but breathed! Many are convinced that its correct pronunciation is an attempt to replicate and imitate the very sound of inhalation and exhalation. The one thing we do every moment of our lives is to speak the name of God. This makes it our first and our last word as we enter and leave this world."

Why We Must Think About Peace

We must think about peace
if war is to cease,
to grant release
to our humanity.

Peace begins as a thought.
The idea is brought
to mind to be taught
and thus save our sanity.

So let's begin now
to show the world how.
We'll honor our vow
not our vanity.

We'll find the solution,
make our contribution,
a peaceful revolution
back to humanity.

Karen B. Hall

Please Help Carry On the Work of Our Meeting

Pamela Wood

Contributions to the work of the Meeting are welcome. These go to pay our expenses (rent for example), our financial support of New York Yearly Meeting and our outreach to other organizations. They may be given to Bart Dominus, Pamela Wood or Charlene Ray at Meeting or you may request an envelope. Checks should be made out to Morningside Monthly Meeting. Contributions are tax deductible.

**Visit www.Morningsidemeeting.org
for June Meeting for Business minutes.**