

The Peace and Social Action Committee met 12 times during the past year - eleven times on first Tuesdays of the month, and one special meeting. We arranged several activities, as follows:

- Hosted "Two Row Wampum" group for a potluck supper and overnight stay on June 6. This group drew attention to Native American issues.
- Arranged a Bike Clinic after meeting for worship on September 15. Laurence Clarkberg provided volunteer assistance to make bicycles roadworthy.
- Expressed concerns about plans for military action in Syria, via a meeting with staff of Rep. Dan Maffei, a Peace Walk on Sept. 6 through downtown Auburn carrying "War is Not the Answer" signs, and by distributing yard signs and bumper stickers.
- Organized a Soup and Sharing November 3, featuring Debbie Patrick speaking about ways of providing support for migrant farmworkers in our area.
- Hosted a public presentation on October 16 by Tila Neguse, lobbyist with the Friends Committee on National Legislation, concerning Pentagon Spending and the Fiscal Crisis.
- Organized a monthly movie night series including "The Visitor", "Chasing Ice" "12 Years a Slave", "Happy", "Promised Land", "Crude Awakening", and "After I Pick the Fruit"
- Arranged for Christmas gifts for a family with children in the community.
- Committee members participated in an FCNL meeting on lobbying in Washington DC in November. Members met there with representative Dan Maffei and members of his staff. Maffei promised to speak at an upcoming event to be organized by the committee.
- Organized, with Ruth Bradley's assistance, a Soup and Sharing with Marilyn Ray on February 2 about proposed national legislation to establish a "Peace Tax" fund.

The committee also discussed a variety of topics that have not yet led to events. Possible items for the coming year may include an environmentally-focused event in Auburn, training for peaceful resistance, and further activities involving Cayuga County's immigrant workers.

Submitted by Andrew Simkin, committee clerk