

Old Chatham Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends

P.O. Box 165, Old Chatham, NY 12136-3410

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Dear Friends,

People give to Old Chatham Meeting in many important ways. Your simple presence is the basic and most important way (either physically or spiritually, as many of our long-time folks are now far away). Other ways are sharing vocal ministry, nurturing the youth, making coffee, welcoming others, tending to pastoral needs, bringing flowers or extra produce, and caring for the property.

Your financial support is also important. It allows us to pay for the building and its upkeep, our children and youth program, our Meeting's witness work and that of affiliated organizations, and more. While our Meeting's finances are in a good place, with bills paid, contributions made, and most of our loans repaid, we are concerned about being able to continue this trajectory as we close out 2018.

So far this year, we have collected \$13,000 out of a budget of \$27,800, leaving **a gap of \$14,800 that we need to fill by December 31st**. Only 22 families or individuals have donated thus far, which represents roughly 35% of our community. Last year we had 49 families or individuals who gave, and we hope to do even better this year.

The OCMM Finance Committee would like to:

- Urge you to help us broaden the Meeting's financial support through a first-time donation or a gift at a higher level than last year's
- Encourage you to give monthly or earlier in the year to spread out the Meeting's income
- Support you in setting up automatic monthly donations, if that is appropriate for you

We have 65 households in our Meeting community and need 2018 contributions that **average \$430 per household**. Some will give more. Some will give less. It is all important.

To make an end-of-year donation, you may mail your contribution in the enclosed envelope, donate via our website at <http://www.oldchathamquakers.org/donate.html>, or put a contribution in the "Donations to OCMM" box in the meetinghouse's greeting room. If you would like to set up regular donations, please contact our treasurer Bev Thompson at OCMMTreasurer@gmail.com and she'll be happy to help you find the easiest way to make your contribution.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns about OCMM finances.

In peace and love,

Brian Menyuk

Sarah Miller

John Brokaw

Spee Braun

OCMM Finance Committee