Pullman-Moscow Monthly Meeting continues to be spiritually alive and fairly well. Distractions of the world can make it difficult to experience, hear, and express the voice of Spirit. The number of meeting attendees per 1st day fluctuates from 3 to 10+ depending on members physical health, family responsibilities, and poor weather hampering travel. Visitors continue to partake in worship briefly and then continue on their quest for answers.

Travel helps us to maintain connections with the larger Quaker community. We hosted the NPYM Knitting Us Together Traveling Friend, and appreciated his seminar titled “There is No Ark” on climate change. PMMM Friends drove to Sandpoint for a joint meeting with Sandpoint Monthly Meeting. Members also made visits to the Spokane Friends Church and Sierra Cascade Yearly Meeting of Friends, in addition to travel that included a variety of NPYM meetings.

And, though the trip can be challenging, some faithfully travel 35 miles each way to attend First day Meetings in Moscow. Meanwhile, two or three travel the same road twice a month in order to facilitate a cherished worship group at Unique Senior Care in Lewiston.

To aid in getting to know one another better, the Nurturing Committee began a monthly worship discussion with a query related to our earlier or present lives. Casual singing prior to the 1st First Day Meeting for Worship was also introduced. We have appreciated the use of the Good Samaritan Village piano and the gift of music. The once a month singing helps prepare for worship, and occasionally a resident will join us for singing or worship.

A well-attended lunch and Meeting at the 1912 Center honored the life of a long-time member before her planned move to Whidbey Island to be nearer her daughter. The bittersweet event brought much joy as we celebrated her life with stories, laughter, and worship. Later, we felt a sense of comfort with her decision to remain in Moscow, continuing her life with cats.

As a small group we meet our responsibilities to maintain the Monthly Meeting by including attenders in serving on and leading committees. We are working to pay attention to good Quaker process, especially in Meeting for Worship for Business. It is easy to drop the conscious attention required, as we seek to express the voice of Spirit.

While preparing this report we wondered whether or not to mention individual names. We were reminded that historically personal names were not used because we record the Gift, rather than focus on the bearer of the gift. The clarity within the moment confirmed the rightness of the decision.