

HADDONFIELD MONTHLY MEETING RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

NEWSLETTER

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Meeting for worship

10 am Sunday ~ 9:15 am Wednesday



From Worship and Ministry

Kindled Hearts

Worship and Ministry is interested in promoting ideas that flowed from the first Deepening and Strengthening retreat held last spring. We will present a series of First Day School discussions about worship. Our first session, "Preparing for Meeting for Worship" will be held Sunday, October 19. As Quakers we yearn for the elusive "Gathered Meeting." Thomas Kelly says:

In the practice of group worship on the basis of silence come special times when the electric hush and solemnity and depth of power steals over the worshippers. A blanket of divine covering comes over the room, a stillness that can be felt is over all, and the worshippers are gathered into a unity and synthesis of life which is amazing indeed. A quickening presence pervades us... and awakens us in depths that had before been slumbering. The Burning Bush has been kindled in our midst, and we stand together on holy ground.

In his FGC booklet "The Gathered Meeting Revisited," Tom Gates asks what conditions can favor a gathered meeting. We will be looking at two of these conditions, "Kindled Hearts" and intentional preparation for worship.

The term "kindled hearts" refers to a time when meetinghouses were heated by wood stoves, and someone arrived early to add kindling wood to the warm coals. The fire that resulted is like the welcome power of a gathered meeting. Kelly

and Gates liken prepared hearts to the warm coals, and encourage us to prepare the worship space. When a few "kindled hearts" are present in the meetinghouse prior to the usual time, the possibility of a gathered meeting is increased.

Gates and Kelly also write eloquently about the necessity of leading "lives of worship." Gates quotes Lloyd Lee Wilson: "The prepared worshiper... comes to meeting for worship having already shared his/her "routine" issues with God in lives of personal prayer and worship rather than saving them for the First Day morning, so that the corporate worship is not a cacophony of personal problems, but a quiet group expectancy, a waiting for the Presence of God to become manifest..." We will look at Bill Taber's Pendle Hill pamphlet, "Four Doors to Meeting for Worship" as a guide to how personal preparation can enrich our First Day worship.

Extra copies of Tom Gates FGC booklet on "The Gathered Meeting Revisited" and Bill Taber's Pendle Hill pamphlet on "Four Doors" will be available at meeting starting at September covered dish, Sept. 21. Call Maria Shivers if you need help finding a copy, or have one to share with another Friend.

Please join us for our October 19 First Day discussion at rise of meeting.



Upcoming Events

Oct 3-5 - Tri-Quarter Gathering - Please join us at Camp Ockanickon in Medford for a family-oriented event that will include canoeing, hayrides, workshops, worship and more. For details about accommodations and fees, contact registrar Cindy Cox Crispin at (856) 478-4093 or email georgeacrispin@aol.com.

Oct. 12 - Annual John Woolman Lecture - This year's lecture will be given at 3 pm at the Burlington Meeting House at 340 High Street. The featured speaker is author-historian Thomas Slaughter, who will discuss "The Beautiful Soul of John Woolman."

Oct. 18 & 19 - Shakespeare's King Lear - Will be staged at HMM by the Collingswood Shakespeare Company as a fund raiser for the Meeting Education Fund. The performances, scheduled at 8 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, will feature Meeting Clerk Drew Biehl.

Oct. 19 - Birthday Celebration for Howard McKinney - We will celebrate the 90th birthday of longtime HMM Member Howard McKinney with a special covered dish luncheon at the meeting house after worship. As we will have a large ice cream cake, desserts are not needed.

Oct. 25 - Quaker Quest Consultation Day - Learn about PYM's guidelines for participating in the successful Quaker outreach program that began six years ago in Great Britain to build and strengthen local meetings. The consultation day will take place from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Arch Street Meeting House.

Oct. 26 - Haddonfield Crop Walk - Join us for this interfaith community fund raiser to support Church World Service's ministry for hunger and disaster relief, development and refugee resettlement. Church World Service assists people who must walk for life's basic necessities; food, shelter, water and their very for survival. In our community, Cathedral Kitchen and Kids Alley Café will receive 25% of the donations from the 2008 Haddonfield Crop Walk. Ask friends, family and co-workers to sponsor you as you spend two hours of your Sunday afternoon to make a difference for people here in Camden

and all over the world. We walk because they walk! For sponsor envelopes or for more information, contact the Haddonfield Information Center 856-216-7253 or Pam Perry 856-795-9573.

Nov. 8 - Annual AFSC Public Gathering - The American Friends Service Committee's annual event will be held at the Arch Street Meeting House, starting at 1:30 pm. The gathering will feature a keynote address by Gwen Ifill, managing editor of the PBS program, "Washington Week," and senior correspondent for "The News Hour with Jim Lehrer."



Meeting for Worship for Business- Correction to Minutes from Aug. 10 Meeting

Connie Brookes reported for the expanded Ad Hoc Committee for separate incorporation of the school. The meeting representatives on the ad hoc committee reviewed a number of concerns from school committee regarding the lease and license agreements. Many revisions were made to the documents to address those concerns and those changes have been sent back to school committee. We believe that the documents are complete with these revisions but will report back in September. (Friends were reminded of the minute from 9th month Meeting for worship for Business.) Next, the Clerk of Meeting, the Treasurer, the Clerk of School Committee and School representatives will meet to review and approve the property agreement- and will return to the Meeting only with items in question.

Sept. 14 Meeting for Business

Thirty-one Friends were in attendance.

The meeting began with a period of worship.

The Clerk read Extract #208, p. 149 from Faith & Practice.

The Clerk began with a brief discussion of the separate incorporation of the school. The Meeting approved a called Meeting for Worship for Business on Sunday, Sept. 21 to focus on a

Friend's concern relating to the process.

Ceil McFadden reported for Care Committee on the Child Safety Policy & Procedures. Care Committee met jointly with Children's Inclusion and Religious Education Committees to review the policies and procedures established to ensure the safety of our youngest Friends. There was one modification to the existing policies: Parents have the primary responsibility for their children and are expected to escort them to and from the First Day School classroom. Copies are available.

Connie Brookes reported for the Audit Committee on the audit of the School's books as attached. Connie also announced that she is stepping down from the Audit Committee. Mary Anne Gaffney was approved as her replacement.

The auditing process of the Meeting's books is moving forward.

Pam Perry's report for Finance Committee on the tuition assistance proposal is held over until October.

The Meeting continued its discussion on the question of making a corporate contribution to the building fund for the Mt. Pisgah Church, which was severely damaged by fire in 2006. After some time, it became clear that the the Meeting was not able, at this time, to reach unity. John Donch suggested that any Friends who wish to contribute, send a check to him and he would forward them all to Mt. Pisgah Church.

PART 2 of the "Deepening and Strengthening" Process - COMMUNITY - will be held at Greenstreet (Philadelphia) Meeting on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 24- 26.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne R. Heizer, Recording Clerk

Friends and regular Attenders may request copies of the complete minutes from the Recording Clerk at Joanne@synchcorp.com or (856) 429-9186.

Volunteers Needed

The Deepening & Strengthening Committee is looking for two more members of the

Haddonfield Monthly Meeting Community to attend the Oct. 24-26 weekend retreat at Green Street Meeting in Germantown. The focus of the retreat will be "community". Attendees will be provided with all materials necessary to participate. It is anticipated most Friends attending from HFMM will car pool each day. However, anyone attending is extended the invitation to spend the weekend at a Green Street Meeting Member's home. Retreat attendees will be asked to meet with the Deepening and Strengthening Committee upon their return from the retreat. They are also asked convey their retreat experience to our Meeting during first day school on Sunday, Nov. 16th. Retreat attendees will be essential in assisting to strengthen our community. Retreat hours are Friday, 5:30 pm to 9pm, Saturday 9am to 9pm and Sunday 9am - after Meeting for Worship to noon.

Anyone interested in participating should please contact Diane Werner at 856-428-0901 or Diane.Werner@avnet.com



Hospitality Schedule

Each year the Friendship Committee asks that the responsibility for the Sunday morning coffees and the covered dish on the third Sunday of the month be shared amongst the various committees. The schedule for 2008-2009 is as follows:

September: Worship and Ministry

October: Care

November: Finance

December: Property (No Covered Dish)

January: Children's Inclusion

February: Library

March: Memorial and Graveyard

April: School

May: Peace and Social Concerns

A Note to Parents at Meeting

We want to ensure that responsibility for all Meeting children is continuously maintained, so you are requested to observe the following procedures:

When you are bringing your children to a Meeting-sponsored child care or First Day program, please make sure that you confer responsibility for your children directly to the person designated to conduct that activity.

At the conclusion of the program, please meet your child at the door of the activity to resume the responsibility for your children.

The main point of this reminder is to assure the safety of our children and that they are not unattended during their time in the Meeting House.

Religious Education

We kicked off the 2008-09 year for First Day School by gathering folks of all ages in the Meeting Room. Children then went with their teachers to their individual classes. The adults remained in the Meeting room for a discussion about community led by Maria Shivers of Worship and Ministry, and Bob Brookes and Bill Patterson of Deepening and Strengthening. These three will be among those who attend the Deepening and Strengthening retreat at Greene Street Meeting in October on the theme of community. They asked us to provide them with our ideas about what they could take to this retreat from our Meeting. We had a meaningful session, sharing ideas about how our Meeting could become more nurturing of its members and attenders, particularly those who are relatively new to the Meeting. Thanks to Worship and Ministry for the fine covered dish lunch that followed.

Religious Education Committee thanks committees and individuals who have volunteered to help teaching First Day School classes for classes at all levels, from children's to adults'. For information about the programs for children and young people, please contact nspira

(ages up to 8), Sue McDevitt (ages 9-13), Ty and Bonnie Drago (ages 14 and up). Following is a tentative schedule for intergenerational events and adult First Day School classes.

Sept. 28: Intergenerational activity: Visit to the John Woolman Memorial in Mount Holly

Oct. 5: Tri-Quarter conference at Camp Ockanickon in Medford

Oct. 12: Meeting for Worship for Business

Oct. 19: "Kindling": a session led by the Worship and Ministry and the Deepening and Strengthening (D&S) Committee, in preparation for D&S retreat next week, followed by covered dish.

Oct. 26: Haddonfield Quarterly Meeting

Nov. 2: Program on the Quaker influence on the poetry of Walt Whitman, coordinated by Kathy Fastiggi and Linda Lotz

Nov. 9: Meeting for Worship for Business

Nov. 16: Cleanup Day, coordinated by Property Committee, followed by Covered Dish.

Library News

The Library Committee will hold its annual Book Sale in February. You can begin contributing now by dropping your donations off in the marked boxes which will be available in the Library. Please submit used books in good condition. No magazines or textbooks, please.

Among Friends

HMM Member Amanda Donovan and George Drake were married on May 23 in Positano, Italy. After a honeymoon in Rome, they have settled in Arlington, Mass.

Sharon Dreese, the head of Haddonfield Friends School, is recovering from a broken hip. Cards and notes would be appreciated and can be sent to the school.

Book Review: "Sacred Compass"

By Dave Austin

First, let me start the review with a poem, God Says Yes to Me, by Kaylin Haught:

*I asked God if it was okay to be melodramatic
And she said yes
I asked her if it was okay to be short
And she said it sure is
I asked her if I could wear nail polish
Or not wear nail polish
And she said honey
She calls me that sometimes
She said you can do just exactly
What you want to
Thanks God I said
And is it okay even if I don't paragraph
My letters
Sweetcakes God said
Who knows where she picked that up
What I'm telling you is
Yes yes yes*

I just finished reading "Sacred Compass: The Way of Spiritual Discernment," the newest book from my favorite Quaker writer, J. Brent Bill, an Evangelical Friend and pastor whose other books have deeply enriched my early journey as a Quaker. This one is no exception, and it's just chock full of little chestnuts of wisdom from all over the place, such as references to novels by John Cheever, allusions to popular movies, quotes from Thomas Merton and Mother Theresa and Anne Lamott, and this neat little poem that, even though it's written from a woman's perspective, certainly speaks to my condition.

I do a writing exercise every year in my English classes where I get my kids to find a poem or set of song lyrics that they like and then do something to change the perspective of the piece somehow, such as telling the story told in an ancient ballad from the point of view of a different character than the one who speaks in the original. This year, I'll use this poem as a model (Yeah, I know: a religiously themed poem in a public school. So sue me. Which someone just might!)

God Says Yes to Me by Dave (with many apologies to Kaylin Haught)

*I asked God if it was okay to be scatter-brained
And he said yes
I asked him if it was okay to be gray-haired
And he said no problem
I asked him if I could learn to play golf
At my age
Or not learn
And he said dude
He calls me that sometimes
He said you can do just exactly
What you want to do
Thanks God I said
And is it even okay if I
Begin my sentences
With conjunctions
My man God said
Who knows where that came from
What I'm telling you is
Yes yes yes...*

This book is not your average "spiritual guide," and the author is quite up-front about that from the get-go. This book will not lay out God's "plan" for you. It isn't a "GPS" ("God's Plan Synopsis"). If that's what Brent had been selling, I would not have bought his book. But I do know since reading it that I'll now have something of a toolbox to refer to, and some good queries to pose for myself, as I continue my spiritual journey and my road toward being a more complete Friend.

Read the book. And lend your copy to a non-Friend friend. They won't even have to know the secret Quaker handshake to get something out of it.

"Sacred Compass" is now available in the Library.

Yes Yes Yes!

Final Haddonfield Monthly Meeting Committee List - New Terms Begin 7/08

Clerk - Drew Biehl	Alternate Clerk - Bob Turrin
Recording Clerk - Joanne Heizer	Alternate Recording Clerk - Bill Patterson
Correspondence Clerk - Deedy Roberts	Council Of Churches -
Treasurer - John Donch	Meeting Calendar - Scott Buchheit
Assistant Treasurer - Lisa Boyell	Public Relations - Ty Drago
Recorder - Scott Buchheit	Rep. to Interim Meeting - Edith Roberts
	Alt. Rep. to Interim Meeting - Gary Smith & Flora McKinney
Newsletter Editor - Sarah Greenblatt	

Quarterly Meeting to Assist the Clerk - Gary Smith, Edith Roberts
Quarterly Meeting Nominating Committee - Flora McKinney, Jayne Stokes
Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee - Ginny Barker

Committee for Care of Members and Attenders (formerly Overseers) - Ex Officio: Drew Biehl

2009	2010	2011
George Harrison	Jake McGlaughlin	Bob Turrin (2)
Louise Senopoulos	Mary Noland	Diane Snyder
Marion Rannels (2)	Ty Drago	
	Ceil McFadden (2)	
	Karin Sannwald (2)	

Children's Inclusion Committee

2009	2010	2011
Diane Werner	Deb Whiting*	Helene Drago (2)
Therese Barringer		Sue McDevitt
Julie Lyons		
John Donch		

Finance Committee - Ex Officio: John Donch, Lisa Boyell

2009	2010	2011
Pam Perry* (2)	Peter Ivory (2)	Anna Mae Sutterley (2)
	Guillaume Lavelle (2)	Wayne Partenheimer
		Susan Borkowski
		Susan Urahn

Friendship Committee

2009	2010	2011
Therese Barringer (2)	Sarah Greenblatt	Claire Wynn
Mary Berger (2)	Melanie Monk	
Anna Mae Sutterly* (2)	Ann Pugh* (2)	
Diane Werner (2)	Alistair Blossfeld (2)	

Library Committee

2009	2010	2011
Dave Austin*	Melanie Monk	Stephanie Gindele
Veronica Salaam	Jacquelyn Stevens	Jake McGlaughlin
Kathy Donch (2)	Hiltrud Dodge (2)	
Jayne Stokes (2)	Judy Kruger (2)	

Memorial Service & Graveyard Committee

2009	2010	2011
Flora McKinney (2)	Lisa Boyell (2)	Hiltrude Dodge
Howard McKinney (2)	Cindy Kolaski (2)	Bob Brookes
Edith Roberts* (2)	Dan Kurtzman (2)	Pat Williams
S.E. Watson (2)	Bill Patterson (2)	
	Pam Anderson	

Peace and Social Concerns

2009	2010	2011
Priscilla Adams (2)	Blake Angus-Anderson	David Austin (2)
Jayne Stokes (2)	Therese Barringer (2)	David Gallivan (2)
Jesse Foster-Stout	Justin Loughry * (2)	Julie Lyons (2)
	Kitty Mizuno (2)	Takashi Mizuno (2)
	Michelle Tartar (2)	Donna Maccherone

Property Committee - Ex Officio: Rick Ross

2009	2010	2011
Allen Conard	Lou Tomasetti*	Judy Barnes (2)
Kevin Heizer	Brian Connelly	Mike Lyons (2)
		Mary Spitzer (2)
		Stuart Harris

Religious Education

2009	2010	2011
Kitty Mizuno*	Tanya Hogan (2)	Nancy Engle (2)
David Austin	Inspira Williams * (2)	Mary Anne Gaffney (2)
Lou Tomasetti	Linda Lotz	Margaret Patterson (2)
Ann Pugh (2)		John Sheffield (2)

School Committee

2009	2010	2011
Dan Tompkins (2)	Susan Urahn (2)	
Chris Werner (2)		

Worship & Ministry

2009	2010	2011
Maria Shivers	Harold Heritage	Kathy Donch (2)
Judy Barnes	Drew Biehl (2)	Marion Rannels (2)
Michelle Tartar	John Sheffield (2)	Francie Pagell
	John Heizer	
	Judy Owens*	

Tuition Assistance

2009	2010	2011
	Deb Whiting	Carol Overtoom
	Shayna Riddle	
	John Sheffield	
	Veronica Salaam	
	Maryann Gaffney	
	Carol Peters	

Youth Committee:

Adult Facilitators: Helene Drago, Ty Drago and David Gallivan

Youth Members: Patience Blossfeld, Katherine Bucheit, Anthony Drago, Daniel McDevitt, Catherine Senopoulos, Rebecca Senopoulos

Selected by Committee for Care of Members and Attenders:**Newsletter Staff**

Louise Heritage	Virginia Barker	Deedy Roberts
Harold Heritage	Lynda Yamamoto	Nancy Engle
	Anna Mae	
Mary Berger	Sutterley	Melanie Monk

Nominating Committee

2009	2010	2011
Lisa Boyell* (2)	Diane Snyder	
Mary Noland	Bob Brookes	
Edith Roberts	Jake McGlaughlin	

* Denotes Clerk. If no *, such committee itself chooses own Clerk and informs Meeting thereof.
(2) after name indicates second term.