

# 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

#### Item from Faith and Practice

Margaret Fell records that in the year 1652, George Fox arrived at Swarthmoor Hall for the first time. The hall was a place of hospitality for visiting preachers. He spent the night there and, on the following day, went to Ulverston Steeplehouse, where, when the congregation had assembled, he asked if he might speak. He was told he might, and Margaret Fell remembered his words for the rest of her life.

Fox spoke of the inwardness of true religion and of how the prophets, Christ and the apostles "enjoyed and possessed" that which the Lord had given them. And then, he continued: "You will say, Christ saith this, and the apostles say this; but what canst thou say? Art thou a child of Light and has walked in the Light, and what thou speakest is it inwardly from God?"

As a religious society, we value the process by which we find the words to describe the inward experience of being a child of Light and of the myriad ways in which we learn to trust that Light.



### Upcoming Events

**May 1 – Primero de Mayo Celebration** – Art Auction and more to benefit Haddonfield Friends School. The event will run from 7 to 11 pm at Tavistock Country Club in Haddonfield.

**May 2 – PYM Meeting on Worship and Ministry** -- From 9:30 am to 3:00 pm, PYM will

convene at Willistown Meeting As minuted at its gathering on Dec. 8, 2007, Meeting on Worship and Ministry is composed of the clerks of the Worship and Ministry Committees of Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, and is open "to all those with a leading or concern for the worship, ministry, and spiritual life of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting faith community." It gathers twice a year. *Faith and Practice* states that "the Meeting on Worship and Ministry of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting is specifically charged with the responsibility of nurturing the quality of worship, ministry, and spiritual life throughout the yearly meeting." The May gathering will be the first one in 2009. Friends are asked to hold the meeting in the Light, and are warmly encouraged to attend. Additional information will be sent to Quarterly and Monthly Meetings and Friends in general as soon as it becomes available. For questions, please contact Jorge Aráuz, convener, at 215 421 5811 or [WM@PYM.org](mailto:WM@PYM.org)

**May 7 – National Day of Prayer** – Sponsored by the Haddonfield Council of Churches, of which HMM is a member, the event will be held at noon in Kings Court in Haddonfield. Friends are also invited to attend the next meeting of the Council, at 7 pm on June 29 at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in Haddonfield.

**May 9 – Woolman Spring Fair** – Come to the grounds of the historic John Woolman Memorial for a Spring Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The John Woolman Memorial is located at 99 Branch Street (Route 537) in Mount Holly. The fair features

Mother's Day plants, herbs, bluegrass music, food, books, crafts, tours and children's activities. Proceeds benefit the John Woolman Memorial Association. ([www.woolmancentral.com](http://www.woolmancentral.com)) Questions? Call Laura Blaetz-Price at 856-313-0240 or MaryAnn Bacon at 609-654-5388.

**May 30 – Vocal Ministry Workshop** - Our Worship & Ministry Committee will conduct a retreat-workshop at HMM from 10 am to 2 pm in furtherance of the Meeting's Deepening and Strengthening initiative. The goal is make Friends more aware of Quaker best practices regarding vocal ministry, and to become more able to put them into practice. The program leader will be Helene Pollock, member of Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting, and is the past clerk of PYM's Worship and Ministry Committee. This workshop is relevant for everyone who seeks a deeper worship experience, whether in vocal ministry or in silent worship, which together make worship complete and allow us to work together in moving toward the "gathered meeting." Lunch and child care will be provided.

## **Meeting for Worship for Business- April 5**

22 Friends were in attendance.

The Meeting began with a period of worship. The Clerk read S. Jocelyn Burnell, 1989 EXT 125, p. 120 in Faith & Practice.

The Clerk reported on correspondence received from PYM.

- The PYM 2009 Directory
- Young Friends (ages 18-35) spring and summer events
- an 8-day pilgrimage to England to the George Fox in June 2010
- Interim Meeting at Arch Street Meeting
- a letter of thanks and deep appreciation from the whole Willoughby family for the truly memorable memorial service for Lillian Willoughby at Haddonfield Meeting on March 21st.
- a letter of thanks from Peter Bond for our help with his Eagle Scout project

For more information on these and other items of interest, see the bulletin board.

Ceil McFadden reported that Lois Hinski had been visited by Care Committee and is recommended for membership. As is customary, this was held until the next Month's Meeting for Worship for Business. Lois has been attending Meeting for a year and her children are students at HFS.

Karen Dillon and Bob Brookes reported that three Deepening & Strengthening retreats have been held over the last year. The project will conclude in September. Several of the project participants met recently and discussed how to move forward in a way that will allow the Monthly Meeting to benefit from the insights and ideas that the project generated. They raised, for consideration by the Monthly Meeting, a proposal that a "Committee on Structures" be formed to take the place of the Deepening & Strengthening Committee, which would be laid down after the last retreat. The new committee would be a long-term ad hoc committee with a mission expected to last about two years. The committee would begin with a planning phase and then undertake a thorough examination of our Meeting structures and culture. The committee will explore what works well and what could be improved, and finally make recommendations for meaningful and sustainable changes that might enhance the spiritual, community and business life of the Meeting.

One of the goals of the new committee would be to find ways to bring to all the Meeting committees what they have learned from the process of the Deepening and Strengthening Project. They will seek input from other Meetings and will welcome other interested members of Haddonfield Meeting who would like to join them. To be on the new committee, contact Karen or Bob.

Friends welcomed the suggestions. The Meeting wants to move forward with new energy on this project. No action was requested at this Meeting for Business, but rather the matter will be held over and discussed further at May Meeting for

Business.

Lisa Boyell presented the preliminary Nominating Committee Report. This was held until 5th month for final approval.

Bob Brookes requested that the Meeting approve funding for cleanup and regular maintenance of the graveyard. Like the Meeting House, the graveyard is showing the results of insufficient care. Mike Lyon recommended a landscaper, Tim Meyer. Mr. Meyer's estimate is \$1500. The Meeting approved a one time cleanup to be done in the near future. Further maintenance will be determined by Property Committee.

Ceil McFadden presented the annual report for Care Committee.

Pam Perry presented Finance Committee's Annual Report for 2007-08.

The school tuition assistance plan is in effect and we have come to an agreement with the School for payment of shared expenses in the Meeting House.

The reports were all accepted with thanks.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne R. Hoxie Heizer, Recording Clerk

Friends and regular Attenders may request copies of the complete minutes from the Recording Clerk at [Joanne@synchcorp.com](mailto:Joanne@synchcorp.com).

### **Religious Education Schedule**

May 3 - Meeting for Worship for Business

May 10 - Mother's Day

May 17 - Continuation of Discussion of *Fit for Freedom but Not For Friendship* and Covered Dish

May 24 - Memorial Day Weekend

May 31 - Final FDS Classes for All

June 7 - Extra FDS Class, if needed

### **Graveyard Committee Needs Your Help**

Have you ever wondered who is buried in the graveyard? The Graveyard Committee is engaged in a comprehensive review of the graveyard history, condition, and maps. We have made an alphabetical list of all those people buried in marked graves, as shown on our maps; however, our records do not contain some valuable information that can be obtained

directly from the gravestones and we need your help to fill in the blanks. We also need to survey the condition of the gravestones with the hope that we can begin to reset the sunken markers, and repair the damaged ones. Please join us on at the graveyard on Sunday morning, May 31, anytime between 8:30 and 10:00. We'll give you a copy of the list, some coffee and a donut, and assign you your personal row. Please bring a pencil!

### **Ministry for Racial Justice and Equality of PYM**

Members of the Ministry for Racial Justice and Equality in the Religious Society of Friends sent letters to Meetings last fall, offering a visit from the group to share about the ministry. They have scheduled visits to Woodstown Meeting (NJ), Third Haven Meeting (MD) and Fallsington Meeting (PA). This Ministry is a PYM working group under the care of the Worship and Care Standing Committee. The group seeks to travel among Friends, with a shared concern for our beloved Religious Society of Friends, to help it be the place of love and care for all who seek it. To learn more, visit our website: [http://www.pym.org/pym\\_wgs/racialjustice\\_wg.php](http://www.pym.org/pym_wgs/racialjustice_wg.php) or search for [PYM Ministry racism]. Email the group at [pym.friendsnrace@gmail.com](mailto:pym.friendsnrace@gmail.com) to arrange a visit.

### **"One Book, One Yearly Meeting" Selection**

The "One Book, One Yearly Meeting" working group has selected the new book "Right Relationship: Building a Whole Earth Economy" as the 2009 title. This is the second year for Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's "One Book" initiative for religious education. Monthly meetings are invited and encouraged to build connections among Friends of all ages by facilitating conversations, discussions and activities around "Right Relationship" and a companion book selected for children, "Earth Care: World Folktales to Talk About." The working group has created a free, downloadable curriculum available at [www.pym.org/education/onebook](http://www.pym.org/education/onebook). This curriculum includes queries, book extracts and activities for adults, children and multi-

generational groups. Both books are available at a 10 percent discount through QuakerBooks of FGC, [www.quakerbooks.org](http://www.quakerbooks.org), 1-800-966-4556. Free copies can be borrowed from the PYM Library, [library@pym.org](mailto:library@pym.org), 215-241-7220.

### Iraqis in Judy's Living Room

the war has come home. In my living room on Sunday evenings sit a lovely, bright Iraqi couple, parents of three older teens. A few months ago I was asked by two meeting members if I would tutor them in English. I have gotten to know their needs and would like to ask you to help make life a bit easier for five victims of the U.S. invasion of Iraq.

To preserve their privacy, I'll just say that they were asked to cooperate at the beginning of the war. For their trouble they suffered unimaginably. The United Nations got them out of Iraq to Syria, and two years later the U.S. Department of State resettled them here in South Jersey.

First, they are moving to a modest but safe apartment and will need at least \$500 to cover about 6 months of electric/gas bills. Let me know if you can help.

Second, if you have extra household goods, they can use dressers, a hutch, good rugs, a complete dish set, and linens. They will have a small yard so will need patio furniture and gardening tools (The dad loves to garden).

Third, if you have an acoustic guitar sitting around, the kids are musical and long to play a guitar. It would be lovely if someone also wanted to give some lessons this summer!

~ Judy Kruger

### Scholarship Available

The Haddonfield Council of Churches is accepting applications for the Rev. J.B. Dick Scholarship, which is awarded annually to one graduating high school student. Applicants must be African American and attend church or reside in Haddonfield. Applicants should contact Gerald Massenburg, 135 Rosewood Drive, Bordentown, NJ 08505.

### Among Friends

We congratulate Elsie Anne McKee on her newly published translation of John Calvin's *Institutes of the Christian Religion: The First English Version of the 1541 French Edition*, which reviewers have called "scrupulously accurate" and "sparkling."

### A Poem for Spring

Atlantic Avenue

As a boy I walked down this road from school, or up, in the morning. Atlantic Avenue down by the clattering tracks, by fields of thick onion grass under the maples and oaks. Those bushes we played in as younger boys, and girls, and later hid by, near the large weeping willow strong in any wind except that last late summer storm that cracked that broad trunk in half. Spring flowers, dandelions, then in the tufts of seeds before they were yellow flowers, were my friends by trees with delicate green leaves. I walked up that road every morning by white cold dew glistening, and every warm spring afternoon, with the robins, and the blue-jays singing.

~ Daniel Picker

### Final Haddonfield Monthly Meeting Committee List – New Terms Begin 7/09

Clerk - Drew Biehl  
Recording Clerk - Joanne Heizer  
Correspondence Clerk - Edith Roberts  
Treasurer - John Donch  
Assistant Treasurer - Lisa Boyell

Alternate Clerk - Bob Turrin  
Alternate Recording Clerk - Bill Patterson  
Council Of Churches - Scott Bucheit  
Meeting Calendar - Scott Buchheit  
Public Relations - Ty Drago

Recorder - Drew Biehl  
Newsletter Editor - Sarah Greenblatt

Rep. to Interim Meeting - Edith Roberts  
Alt. Rep. to Interim Meeting - Gary Smith

Quarterly Meeting to Assist the Clerk - Gary Smith, Edith Roberts  
Quarterly Meeting Nominating Committee - Bill Patterson  
Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee - Ginny Barker

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

2010	2011	2012
Jake McGlaughlin	Bob Turrin (2)	George Harrison
Mary Noland	Diane Snyder	
Ty Drago	Pam Anderson	
Ceil McFadden (2)		
Karin Sannwald* (2)		

**Children's Inclusion Committee**

2010	2011	2012
Deb Whiting*	Helene Drago (2)	Diane Werner
	Sue McDevitt	Therese Barringer
		Julie Lyons
		John Donch
		Priscilla Adams

**Finance Committee - Ex Officio: John Donch, Lisa Boyell**

2010	2011	2012
Peter Ivory (2)	Wayne Partenheimer	Bill Patterson
Guillaume Lavelle (2)	Susan Borkowski	Lou Tomasetti
	Susan Urahn	

**Friendship Committee**

2010	2011	2012
Sarah Greenblatt	Claire Wynn	Katrina Wyatt
Melanie Monk	Karen Dillon*	
Ann Pugh (2)		
Alistair Blossfeld (2)		

**Independent Audit Committee for School: Mary Ann Gaffney, Lisa Boyell, John Donch (began 10/04)**

**Library Committee**

2010	2011	2012
Melanie Monk	Stephanie Gindele	Dave Austin*
Jacquelyn Stevens	Jake McGlaughlin	Veronica Salaam
Hiltrud Dodge (2)		
Judy Kruger (2)		

**Memorial Service & Graveyard Committee**

2010	2011	2012
Lisa Boyell (2)	Hiltrud Dodge	Bill Mason
Cindy Kolaski (2)	Bob Brookes	Anna Mae Sutterly
Dan Kurtzman (2)		Lois Hinski
Pam Anderson		

**Peace and Social Concerns**

2010	2011	2012
Blake Angus-Anderson	David Gallivan (2)	Jesse Foster-Stout
Therese Barringer (2)	Julie Lyons (2)	
Justin Loughry * (2)	Donna Maccherone	
Kitty Mizuno (2)		
Michelle Tartar (2)		

**Property Committee - Ex Officio: Rick Ross**

2010	2011	2012
Lou Tomasetti	Judy Barnes (2)	Allen Conard
Brian Connelly	Mike Lyons (2)	Kevin Heizer
	Mary Spitzer (2)	Jeff Arnold
	Stuart Harris	

**Religious Education**

2010	2011	2012
Tanya Hogan (2)	Nancy Engle (2)	Kitty Mizuno*
Inspira Williams * (2)	Mary Anne Gaffney (2)	Lou Tomasetti
Linda Lotz	Margaret Patterson (2)	
	John Sheffield (2)	

**School Committee**

2010	2011	2012
Dan Tompkins (2)*		
Chris Werner (2)*		
Ruth Podolin		
Diane Snyder		
Inspira Williams		
Justin Loughry		
Louise Senopoulos		

**Worship & Ministry**

2010	2011	2012
Harold Heritage	Kathy Donch (2)	Maria Shivers*
Drew Biehl (2)	Marion Rannels (2)	Judy Barnes
John Sheffield (2)	Francie Pagell	Michelle Tartar
John Heizer	Bonnie Drago	Inspira Williams
Judy Owens*		

**Tuition Assistance**

2010	2011	2012
Deb Whiting	Carol Overtom	
Shayna Riddle		
John Sheffield		
Veronica Salaam		
Mary Anne 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**

Anna Mae Sutterley	Virginia Barker	Deedy Roberts
	Lynda Yamamoto	Nancy Engle

**Nominating Committee**

2010	2011	2012
Diane Snyder		Mary Noland
Bob Brookes		Edith Roberts
Jake McGlaughlin		Connie Brookes

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