



## HADDONFIELD MONTHLY MEETING RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

# NEWSLETTER

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**Meeting for worship**

**10 am Sunday ~ 9:15 am Wednesday**

### Religious Education 2009-2010

Based on input from Friends, the Religious Education Committee has set three goals for adult First Day programming this year:

- a) Promote deeper thinking about our beliefs and our lives
- b) Promote sharing with each other – in worship sharing or general discussion
- c) Strengthen the Meeting as a community

Adult First Day programs will begin at 11:25 AM and end at 12:15 PM so parents can pick up their children. Informal discussions are welcome afterwards.

Upcoming activities for Adults: (*See Bulletin Board for other dates*)

10/4: Early Quaker History: South Jersey – Gary Smith

10/11: Meeting for Worship for Business

10/18: Deepening and Strengthening Report – Structure Committee. Covered dish follows.

10/25: Haddonfield Quarter at Westfield – Extended hospitality.

11/1: History of the HMM meetinghouse and tour – Property Committee

11/8: Meeting for Worship for Business

11/15: Clean-Up – Property Committee. Covered dish follows.

### First Day programming for children and youth (11:20 AM-12:15 PM)

*Parents are asked to personally drop off their children*

*and sign in with teachers each week. If someone other than a parent will be picking up the child(ren), please inform the teacher at this time.*

A new curriculum developed by Tanya Hogan and Inspira Williams will be introduced this fall. It focuses on four themes: Quaker history and principles, the Bible, personal development and sense of self worth, and the world around us.

This fall, the REC and other HMM committees will be exploring a proposal to adopt a “one room schoolhouse” approach to the delivery of Children’s First Day School. Several sessions during the fall will test this approach.

Reminder: While the sharing of messages at the Rise of Meeting is important to us all, Friends are encouraged to be brief and post notices on the bulletin board in order to have full time for First Day activities.



### Upcoming Events

**Oct. 2-4 –Tri-Quarter Gathering** on Sharing Our Spiritual Resources -- At Camp Ockanickon, Medford, NJ. The theme is "Unveiling the Quaker Stimulus Package: Sharing Our Spiritual Resources." The gathering begins at 4 pm on Friday and ends at 4 pm Sunday. While we as Friends may wish to remain in faith in the face of challenges, it is sobering when we consider the current state of our nation and that of the world.

Within this context are our own personal lives and the fluctuating variables therein. Looking closer we assess our well being - physical, emotional, spiritual - and the forces - political, social, environmental and economic -- that impinge on our well-being ... and by extension, influence the quality our relationships.

The Tri-Quarter Gathering of Friends is a microcosm of the responsive community ... a weekend that brings us closer to each other and to the answers that we seek. Please join us in the many activities - playful, restful, contemplative and informational. For more information, please contact Marsha Gaspar, Clerk of the Tri-Quarter '09 Planning Committee, at (856) 869-3431 or email her at [Mstar8000@yahoo.com](mailto:Mstar8000@yahoo.com). We also invite you to go to the Meetup.com website, type "Tri-Quarter" as your interest, and choose "Join Us". Please be aware that "Join Us" is not a commitment to register for the Gathering, but is your permission for us to send you information about workshops, activities, accommodations, fees and ways to register as the Gathering approaches.

**Oct. 3 - Vibrant Quakerism** - Earlham School of Religion invites Friends to attend an educational and celebratory event at Arch Street Meeting House. "Vibrant Quakerism, Living Witness: Celebrating 50 Years of Earlham School of Religion's Ministry of Education" begins at 1:30 p.m. The afternoon will include panel discussions on the intersection of life and faith, with the goal of engaging participants to think practically about how our Quaker principles influence our manner of being and our participation in our communities. Worship focused upon queries generated by the theme will follow the panel discussions. The day's activities conclude with a dinner celebration of Earlham School of Religion's 50 years of educational ministry. Panelists include Shirley Dodson, Carolyn Evans, Beth Lawn, Arthur Larrabee, Edward Marshall III, and Eric Mayer. For more information, contact Matthew Mosey at [moseyma@earlham.edu](mailto:moseyma@earlham.edu), call 1-800-432-1377, or visit <http://esr.earlham.edu/50years/>

**Oct. 3 - First Day School Curricula Fair** -The Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Library is

sponsoring a fair on earthcare resources to facilitate design of FDS classes for the whole year. Resources include: 1) Curriculum materials for all ages; 2) children's books for illustrating lessons with stories; 3) videos and DVD's for preview to add variety to your lessons. If you set and reserve a date, Kathy Singer, PYM Religious Education staff, can be available for consultation for your FDS curriculum. We'll also show you how to use our online library services, place orders by email and help you select resources for your First Day School. The event is from 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. Kathy Singer, Religious Education staff, will give a presentation on the use of "Earthcare" and "One Book, One Yearly Meeting" resources for First Day School curricula. Contact Rita Varley at 215-241-7220 or [library@pym.org](mailto:library@pym.org) for more information  
Location: Henry J. Cadbury Library  
Friends Center, 1515 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA

**Oct. 19 and 26 - Princeton Public Library presents Alice Paul in Film and Words--**  
Co-sponsored by Princeton Friends Meeting and Princeton Public Library, this film and lecture features the famous women's rights activist, Alice Paul, a lifelong member of the Society of Friends. Alice Paul was born, raised and died in Moorestown, NJ. She was deeply committed to obtaining the right to vote for women using non-violent methods. After success in 1920, she devoted herself to passing the Equal Rights Amendment. At 7 p.m. on Oct. 19, the HBO film "Iron Jawed Angels" will be shown, starring Hilary Swank as Alice and Frances O'Connor as Lucy Burns, her closest friend and co-worker. The film covers National Woman's Party activities from 1912 to 1920, especially the picketing of the White House and time in prison. At 7 p.m. on Oct. 26, there will be a lecture and moderated discussion by author Jean Baker who is the Bennett-Howard Professor of History at Goucher College.

Both events will be held at The Princeton Public Library at 65 Witherspoon St in Princeton Borough. There is a public parking garage right behind it. For more information, contact Ann Yasuhara, [ayasuhara@earthlink.net](mailto:ayasuhara@earthlink.net) (609-921-

2907).

**Oct. 24, 25 – The Merchant of Venice** – The Collingswood Shakespeare Company will once again present a production at the Haddonfield Friends Meetinghouse. *The Merchant of Venice* will be performed at 8 pm on Saturday Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> and at 3 pm on Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup>. Half of the proceeds will benefit the Meeting Education Fund.

This will be an excellent opportunity to re-experience or see for the first time one of Shakespeare's most controversial dark comedies. The production is directed by our own Francie Pagell and features a fine cast, some who have been in previous CSC productions and some who are joining the company for the first time. Audiences will be intrigued by the director's interpretation of light and dark, good and evil, and love and loss. It promises to be an exciting production! Tickets are \$15 (\$12 for seniors or students) at the door.

**Oct. 25 – CROP Walk 2009** – In Haddonfield, the annual event will take place at 2:00 pm at the newly renovated Kings Court in Haddonfield.

CROP Walks are interfaith, community fund raisers to support Church World Service's ministry for hunger and disaster relief, development, and refugee resettlement. Church World Service will receive 75% of the funds raised to provide food, shelter, water, and necessities for survival around the world. In our community, Cathedral Kitchen and Kids Alley Café will receive the remaining 25% of the funds raised. Ask friends, family and co-workers to walk or 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. Let Haddonfield be a Community Responding to Overcome Poverty (CROP)!

To walk, or sponsor a walker, contact Pam Perry at the rise of Meeting or at 856-795-9573.

**Oct. 25 – Quarterly Meeting** – at Westfield Friends Meeting (2201 Riverton Road, Cinnaminson)

- Worship 10:30 am
- Quarterly Meeting Business 11:15 am
- Proposed Quarterly Meeting budget (decision

in February)

- Report from Kira Adams on her trip to Japan
  - Update on American Friends Service Committee
  - Reviving our Meetings by being welcoming to young people –
- Many friends in Haddonfield Quarter want to reach out to young people of all ages and are unsure how to begin. Sadie Forsythe, the PYM staff person for Young Adult Friends, will share her experience. Come look for ways our Meetings can work together to reach out to young people.

- Lunch provided

For more information contact: Jarry Jones, Clerk of Haddonfield Quarter, 856-235-4535

**Nov. 5-7 -- Arts On Arch** – Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and Fellowship of Quakers in the Arts (FQA) are presenting an Art Show and Sale which opens with a Preview Party (open to all) on Thursday and runs through Saturday afternoon. The show, at the Fourth and Arch Street Meeting House in Philadelphia, will feature up to 40 artists. On Friday evening, there will be a concert with Livingston Taylor and Liz Longley at the Arch Street Meeting House. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased online. Information about Arts on Arch events is at <http://www.pym.org/pm/arts-on-arch.php> Questions may be directed to Jan Hatchard in the PYM Development Office at 215-241-7115 or -7271 or [janh@pym.org](mailto:janh@pym.org).



### **Meeting for Worship for Business - Sept. 13**

29 Friends were in attendance.

Since Drew Biehl and Bob Turrin were both unable to be with us, Bob Brookes Clerked this month's Meeting for Business.

The meeting began with a period of worship.

The Clerk read part of Extract 127 from *Faith and Practice*. Patricia Loring, 1992.

Haddonfield Meeting has receive letters from

Friends Meetings in Australia and New Zealand acknowledging F(f)riendly visits last month from Jake McGlaughlin and his wife, Elsie McKee.

On Saturday, October 3rd, there is to be a presentation at Arch Street Meeting House, "*Vibrant Quakerism, Living Witness*", celebrating 50 years' of Earlham School of Religion's ministry. Speakers include Art Larrabee.

Justin Loughry submitted the annual report for Peace and Social Concerns. The report was accepted by the Meeting with thanks for the work the committee has accomplished over the past year.

Julie Lyons gave an interim report for Children's Inclusion Committee, focusing on child care during First Day School (for those children too young to participate in a class) and during Meeting for Worship. She presented highlights from the (still in process) Child Care Information Brochure:

- Maria Alvarado will be the primary supervising adult;
- There will be teen training sessions on safety, cleanliness and consistent discipline;
- There will be an index card for each child, recording names of family members and relevant personal information such as allergies, etc.

When it is ready, copies of the brochure will be given to parents and placed on the hall table for anyone who wants one to take.

Dan Kurtzman, for the Memorial and Graveyard Committee, reported on an item carried over from August Meeting for Business.

Approximately 20 gravestones show signs of recent damage from lawn mower blades. The stones marking the grave of Friends Louisa S. Gill and Antoinette Hicks Hopkins have been damaged beyond repair and should be replaced. Friends were shown photographs of the stones in their damaged condition.. The committee has received an estimate from NJ Marble & Granite Works to replace the stones with simple markers. This would not be an attempt to fully replicate the damaged stones. They would be plain granite stones inscribed with the original words. The original damaged stones would be buried

under the new ones.

The committee requests that Friends approve an expenditure in the amount of \$300 per stone installed for a total of \$600.00 from Monthly Meeting funds to employ NJ Marble & Granite Works to replace the grave markers. Friends approved. Dan will order the stones and supervise their installation.

Dan also reported that the Committee is revising the graveyard map and scanning all graveyard documents as part of a biography program dealing with the history of Haddonfield Meeting. The earliest dated stone is from 1822. There are many stones prior to that time that are not dated and, before that, many unmarked graves, one of which is Elizabeth Haddon's.

Jake McGlaughlin reported that Sarah Greenblatt has advised Care Committee and Nominating Committee that a new Newsletter Editor is needed by January 2010. She is willing to continue beyond January only if she can share the task with someone else on an alternating 5 month/6 month cycle. Sarah is willing to train her new co-editor or replacement.

Care and Nominating Committees have conducted a search but have not found a volunteer. Jake emphasized that the Newsletter, as we know it, will end if no one volunteers to share the responsibility. It is not a self-sustaining life form. It requires a human enabler. If you feel led to serve the Meeting in this very important way, please contact any of the above - Jake, Sarah or one of the committee clerks.

John Donch appealed for donations for the education endowment fund and for Friends Transition Support Services.

David Smith reported that a letter (not yet received) had been written to the Clerk requesting reimbursement for Donna Maccherone for the cost of a Pendle Hill conference. It was the sense of the Meeting to approve a reimbursement of \$250.00 which is believed to be approximately 50%. Further action may be taken when the letter is received.

Business meeting concluded with a period of worship.

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).

## **Worship and Ministry Committee**

### **Thoughts on Prayer**

As we gather each Sunday for worship, silent prayer is a part of Friends' practice. As Tilden Edwards describes it: "authentic prayer is opening to God's gracious presence with all that we are, with what Scripture summarizes as our whole heart, soul and mind." Stilling our bodies and minds to be open to hearing God speak, whether through a spoken message or through the silence of the gathered meeting, is a challenge. From experience, we know how difficult it is to still our wandering minds, but worth the trouble it takes to bring the mind back to where it is supposed to be during meetings in the presence of God.

These silent prayers may be ones we compose which reflect the concerns of our present day life, or perhaps they are prayers that have come down to us through the ages; such as the Lord's Prayer or the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi ("Lord, make me an instrument...") On the other hand, prayer can be wordless simply "waiting on the Lord."

Whatever way we choose to pray during meeting for worship, the most important thing is that we pray.



## **Worship at Burlington Meeting House**

After an 18 year hiatus, Burlington Meeting House has begun Meeting for Worship every Sunday! Join us at 10 a.m. for Meeting followed by refreshments. Help us spread the word about renewed Sunday Worship at Burlington. For more information call Carol Strawson at 609

387-3875; [carols@pym.org](mailto:carols@pym.org). Location: 340 High Street, Burlington, NJ 08016. Map and directions can be found at [www.pym.org](http://www.pym.org)

## **Funds Available for Senior Friends**

PYM's new Greenleaf Fund to Assist Older Friends in Need will provide grants and loans to elderly PYM Quakers, and those in sympathy with Friends, who are in need of assistance to meet their housing, medical, maintenance and living costs. First application deadline is Nov. 15. Application forms and guidelines will be available soon at [www.pym.org](http://www.pym.org) and from the Clerk of your Meeting's Care Committee. Questions? Contact PYM Care and Aging Coordinator George Schaefer at 215-241-7068 or [georges@pym.org](mailto:georges@pym.org)

## **Update on "Books Through Bars"**

Because both the quality and quantity of reading materials available for prison inmates is so poor, often those who are trying to rehabilitate themselves while incarcerated are hungry for reading material. Most prisons have restrictions on both the type and manner of literary donations. The only way many prisons will allow inmates to obtain reading materials is if they are sent directly to them from a publisher.

Established many years ago by the New Society Publishers of Philadelphia, "Books Through Bars" is a wonderful non-profit program that collects and sends reading materials to prisoners so they can make productive use of their time away from the community. The program has established relationships with prisons throughout the country so that new and gently used books which are donated to the program are packaged by its volunteers, sent, and accepted for the many prisoners who have heard about the program through word of mouth and have written seeking reading material.

Friends Transition Support Services (FTSS), a program of the Haddonfield Peace and Social Concerns Committee, offers ongoing support to "Books Through Bars." The donation box for new and gently used books intended for prisoners is in the lobby of the Meetinghouse,

and members of FTSS regularly empty the box and get the books to the program.

People often ask which kind of books are most appropriate. While virtually all books can eventually be sent to someone (except for out-of-date textbooks and books on topics inappropriate for this purpose such as, for example, wine collecting) books are particularly welcome if they are paperbacks [while hard backs can be donated, there are many prisons that do not allow them]. The most useful and frequently requested non-fiction books are dictionaries, GED preparation materials, self-help and spirituality books, and books about the history and cultures of people of color. Science fiction, detective fiction, mysteries and fantasy are the most popular and frequently requested kinds of fiction.

Second, one can go to “Books Through Bars” itself and help answer prisoner request letters. The program is located at 4722 Baltimore Avenue in West Philadelphia and is open every Tuesday night from 7:30 - 9:30 and the first and third Saturdays of the month from 11:00 A.M - 2:00 P.M. It is not necessary to call ahead of time unless a large group wants to attend together. After a five minute orientation, anyone can easily settle in to the tasks of reading prisoner letters, hunting for several books that meet the requests as much as possible in the stacks of the makeshift “library” on the premises, which is comprised of the books donated to the program, and packaging the books for mailing. Making a visit to the program for this purpose is easy, satisfying and meaningful. It is a great thing for a family or group of friends to do together.

Finally, the program is always in need of donated funds to allocate toward the ever-increasing cost of mailing the book packages. For further information about the program, please feel to contact Leah Morris of FTSS at [Leahjust@ix.netcom.com](mailto:Leahjust@ix.netcom.com) or the program itself at [BooksThroughBars.org](http://BooksThroughBars.org).

## Childcare Information

The Children’s Inclusion Committee has produced a brochure about childcare resources at Haddonfield Monthly Meeting. The brochure answers parents’ questions about the caretakers, the care provided and procedures for arranging it. Copies of the brochure are available in the lobby of the Meetinghouse.

## Taking Names?

Anyone who would like an updated copy of the Haddonfield Meeting Committee List should email Mary Noland at [Conlow22@comcast.net](mailto:Conlow22@comcast.net), and she will be happy to email it to you. If you would like a copy by regular mail, please call Mary at (856) 795-8922. There are also copies by the bulletin board near the auditorium.

