



## HADDONFIELD MONTHLY MEETING RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

# NEWSLETTER

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Meeting for worship

10 am Sunday ~ 9:15 am Wednesday

### HMM Newsletter in Transition

Upon publication of this abbreviated edition of the newsletter, editor Sarah Greenblatt will pass the baton to Drew Biehl, who has generously agreed to fill in as editor until another volunteer can be found for the winter and spring editions.

For the time being, news and other items for publication in the newsletter should be sent to Drew at [kdjonesbiehl@verizon.net](mailto:kdjonesbiehl@verizon.net).

### Peace and Social Concerns: Movie Night

On January 15, the Peace and Social Concerns Committee will sponsor a screening of "Waltz with Bashir," an animated documentary about the Israeli war with Lebanon in 1982. The film was written and directed by Ari Folman, an Israeli filmmaker who struggles to make sense of his experience as a soldier in the conflict. The film received broad critical acclaim and won the Golden Globe for Best Foreign Language film of 2008.

The film will be shown at the Haddonfield Monthly Meetinghouse at 7 p.m., preceded by a simple supper of pizza and salad at 6:30 p.m. Donations to offset the cost of the meal will be cheerfully accepted.



### More Upcoming Events

**Jan. 5-13 and Feb. 9-11-- Silent Retreats for Friends** - Friends and attenders who are drawn to the mystery we call God may find a retreat helpful. Two retreats are again offered in 2010 at St. Raphaela Center in Haverford PA. The retreats are one eight-day retreat, Tuesday, January 5 to Wednesday, January 13; and one midweek retreat Tuesday, February 9 to Thursday, February 11. Retreatants have private rooms and the run of the house, chapel, and spacious grounds for a prayer-filled time away. Renee Crauder, a member of State College Meeting, is the spiritual director for these retreats, which are co-sponsored by PYM's Adult Religious Education Concerns Group. The cost for the eight-day retreat is \$450; the midweek retreat is \$175. These fees include room, board, the facilities of the Center, and Renee's availability. A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is due at the time of registration. Each retreat is limited to five retreatants. To register, call St. Raphaela Center at 610-642-5715; for more information, call Renee Crauder at 814-867-0644 or email [rcrauder@comcast.net](mailto:rcrauder@comcast.net).

**Jan. 9 - Green Street Meeting Documentary and Discussion** -- "Concrete, Steel and Paint: A Film about Crime, Restoration and Healing." At 7 pm, co-directors/producers Cindy Burstein and Tony Heriza of AFSC will screen the film at Green

Street Meeting in Philadelphia. A Panel Discussion will follow. This film is about men in a prison art class who agree to collaborate with victims of crime to design a mural about healing. Their views on punishment, remorse, and forgiveness collide. At times the divide seems too wide to bridge. But as the participants begin to work together, mistrust gives way to genuine moments of human contact and common purpose. Their struggle and the insights gained are reflected in the art they produce. Green Street Friends Meeting is located at 45 W. School House Lane, For more information contact: Peter Lems at 215/241-7170 or [plems@afsc.org](mailto:plems@afsc.org). Refreshments served, parking available.

**Jan. 13 - Rethink Afghanistan: Film Screening at Buckingham Friends Meeting** -- This 2009 documentary is about the ongoing war in Afghanistan. It features experts from Afghanistan, the U.S., and Russia discussing critical issues like military escalation, how escalation will affect Pakistan and the surrounding region, the cost of war, casualties, and the rights of Afghan women. In Afghanistan, the director met with and interviewed members of Afghanistan's parliament, bloggers, women's rights organizations, and groups committed to the peace movement. The ultimate goal of this documentary campaign is to raise the level of public discourse, compel people to ask key questions about the war, and urge Congress to hold oversight hearings. For more information on the campaign, visit [www.rethinkafghanistan.org](http://www.rethinkafghanistan.org). Free admission, refreshments. Buckingham Friends Meeting House is located at 5864 York Road, Lahaska PA (just south of Peddler's Village) For more information, go to [www.buckinghamfriendsmeeting.org](http://www.buckinghamfriendsmeeting.org) or call 215-794-5816

**Jan. 22-24 - Community, Communication and Communion: Middle School Friends Winter Gathering** - Burlington Conference Center, Burlington, NJ. Information coming soon! Contact: Stephen Dotson at 215-241-7171; [stephend@pym.org](mailto:stephend@pym.org). Visit the Middle School website at: <http://www.pym.org/youngfriends/MiddleSch>

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**March 6 -- Friends Conference on Unemployment** -- Are you unemployed and feeling the pinch? You're not alone! Join us for a day-long conference for unemployed Friends and meeting members who are trying to help. Attenders are also welcome. The conference will be from 9 a.m. till 3:30 p.m. at Burlington Conference Center in New Jersey. You will have a chance to learn skills in resume writing, interviewing, internet job hunting, and handling your finances. Plus, you will meet lots of other folks who will lift your spirits and offer moral support, friendship, and ideas. Thomas Swain, presiding clerk of PYM, will speak from his own experience of going through a period of unemployment and will give encouragement and perspective. A number of Quakers from related professional fields will contribute their time and skills by leading workshops. Computers and assistance with using the internet and writing resumes will be provided on site. The conference is sponsored by Friends Counseling Service of PYM and financially supported by Friends groups who are concerned about the growing problems of unemployment, with its financial difficulties and resulting effect on morale. There will be a special workshop for Friends who are working with unemployed people in their meetings. Registration is \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. If you are unable to afford this, please let us know so we can make arrangements for you to attend anyway. To find out more information or to register, contact Melissa Elliott, conference coordinator, at [puddinriver@sprintmail.com](mailto:puddinriver@sprintmail.com) or telephone her at (215) 843-4827.

## **A Proposed Welcome for Visitors and Visitors to HMM**

Pam Anderson has drafted the following greeting to be printed onto laminated cards and placed on benches to greet visitors. Please let her know by Jan. 31 if anyone would like to recommend editorial changes.

***Welcome to Friends Meeting at***

## **Haddonfield**

### **Silent Worship**

God, Christ Spirit, Light, Inward Teacher; however we name that “still, small voice,” the Divine is within each of us. Waiting to hear this inward voice is at the heart of Quaker meeting for worship. Directly, silently, worshipfully, we experience God.

If this is your first experience at a Quaker meeting, you may find silent worship challenging. You are not alone; even long-term friends need time to settle their thoughts, to center, to empty their minds of day-to-day busy-ness and distractions and to open their hearts to God.

### **Vocal Ministry**

After the meeting has settled into silence and we have collectively begun to listen to that still small voice, someone may be led to rise and speak, moved by prayer and a Spirit-given insight. Before offering vocal ministry, please consider the following:

- ❖ *Is the message directed to me alone or is it truly meant to be shared with the other worshippers?*
- ❖ *Will the message deepen worship?*
- ❖ *Will I be speaking from my own, deeply felt, inward experience of the Light?*
- ❖ *(if someone else has already spoken) Have I given the meeting sufficient time, perhaps several minutes, to return to silent worship before speaking? Experience has taught us that worshippers need silence between messages in order to allow those messages to be taken deeply into worship.*

A message may be offered in terms that do not speak to us personally, although it may be profoundly meaningful to another. We are called, therefore, to listen not to the words alone but to the Spirit behind the words.

### **After Worship**

A Quaker meeting for worship generally lasts for one hour and ends with a handshake started by a person previously designated to have “care of the

meeting.” After most meetings, we have announcements and a time when we encourage visitors to introduce themselves to the community. We hope you will take the opportunity to meet other worshippers and to learn more about the Religious Society of Friends and Friends Meeting at Haddonfield. We look forward to greeting you at the rise of meeting.

## **Welcome!**

### **Religious Education**

The Religious Education Committee plans to offer the following First Day School sessions for adults:

Jan. 3: Queries for the New Year: Worship Sharing

Jan. 17: Early Quakers and their Leadings, led by Michele Tarter.

Jan. 24: PYM Ministry on Racial Justice and Equality in the Religious Society of Friends. Following on last year’s discussion of the book, *Fit for Freedom, Not For Friendship*, this session will explore current activities and future plans for promoting racial justice within our meeting and beyond.

Jan 31: The Worship and Ministry Committee will facilitate a discussion of the Quaker Books Pamphlet, “The Gathered Meeting Revisited,” by Tom Gates. We invite all to read this well-written and thought-provoking pamphlet with us, and to attend the adult First Day School discussion following worship. If you need a copy, you may order it on-line at [quakerbooks.com](http://quakerbooks.com), or let a Worship and Ministry member know you’d like us to order it for you. The pamphlet costs \$7.50.

### **Library Committee**

The next meeting of the Library Committee will on Sunday, January 10 at 9:15, in the Library. All interested Friends are invited to attend.

The Committee has renewed the Meeting's subscription to the Pendle Hill pamphlet series.

Watch for these on the "New Books" rack.

The Committee is in the process of selecting new titles for purchase by the Meeting. If you have any ideas for selections that you think Friends might enjoy, please contact me.

The Committee would like to thank Judy Kruger for her generous donation of two titles which are now part of the collection: *Thura's Diary: My Life In War-Torn Iraq* by Thura Al-Windawi, and *Creating Community Anywhere: Finding Support and Connection in a Fragmented World* by Carolyn Shaffer and M. Scott Peck.

In addition, my review copy of the young adult novel *Sahwir: An African Friendship* by Carolyn Marsden and Philip Matzigkeit is now part of the collection.

~ Dave Austin

## Quaker Parenting Initiative

The Quaker Parenting Initiative's programs offer a means of further supporting members as they search to deepen their spiritual lives and as they nurture their children. The programs encourage explorations of questions such as: What does Quakerism have to say to me about how we nurture children? Can nurturing children deepen my spiritual life? Programs include one-session workshops on such topics as Integrating Quaker Values into Family Life and Raising Quaker Children in a non-Quaker World. A discussion series allows parents to consider in greater depth how their Quaker faith can support and guide their family life. QPI facilitators seek to adapt the programs to the needs and interests of the meetings and participants. The QPI's newly published book, *Paths to Quaker Parenting Using Quaker Beliefs, Testimonies and Practices*, provides a brief overview of some Quaker tenets. For more information see the Quaker Parenting Initiative's website: [www.quakerparenting.org](http://www.quakerparenting.org)

To plan a workshop or discuss issues contact Harriet Heath at [Harriet\\_Heath@hotmail.com](mailto:Harriet_Heath@hotmail.com) or call 610 649 7037. The Quaker Parenting Initiative is a project of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's Education Standing Committee and

Friends Counseling Service, and sponsored by Friends Institute.

## From Care Committee

We would like to thank Sarah Greenblatt for her years of service as the editor of our newsletter. She gently but firmly kept us on task and deadline. Her willingness to train a successor speaks of the seriousness with which she took this task. Our newsletters were always full of interesting and timely information about our Meeting and the larger Quaker community. Thank you, Sarah

*Editor's note:* You are most welcome!

## Among Friends

Bonnie Drago's brother, Roy Neale, passed away on Dec. 18.

Susan Bertha, mother of Meeting Member Cindy Kolaski, passed away in December.

Lynne Pilvalis, daughter of Frank and Janet Pilvalis, graduated from New York Law School and received the degree of Juris Doctor in June. She recently learned she passed the New York and New Jersey bar exams! Lynne has relocated back to the southern New Jersey area and is looking for work in the legal profession.

Her address is:  
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