



## Haddonfield Monthly Meeting Religious Society of Friends

# Newsletter

Meeting for Worship  
10:00 a.m. Sunday  
9:15 a.m. Wednesday

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### From Worship and Ministry

Come to Meeting for Worship, sit down, open your hearts and souls and freely allow your depths to rise up into consciousness. Feel the powerful and sacred act we take together.

Everyone's life contains disappointments, error of judgment, impulsive anger, as well as humor and wonderful experiences of grace. It is in Meeting for Worship that we step back from the material world, trust the spirit and look within. Can I allow my heart to open to total surrender to whatever may come forth — and from who knows where? This is the mystery.

In our Meeting for Worship, communication is taking place without talking, writing or body language. That is, worshippers are communicating with each other when nothing outward is taking place. Intellect may bind us too tightly to human invention. Too heavy a reliance on our logical, linear abilities may interfere with our perception of the Spirit moving our lives.

*Mary R. Hopkins*

**Coffee and Covered Dish for April**  
School Committee

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Peace & Social Concerns Committee

### Upcoming Events

**April 4 — Friends School Day of Peace**  
See article on page 4.

**April 18 — The Death Penalty: Innocent Victims and Survivors**

7:30 p.m. St. Joseph's Pro-Cathedral School  
Auditorium, 2407 Federal St., Camden.

*Speakers:* Juan Melendez, who waited 18 years on Death Row to die for a crime he didn't commit; and Bill Pelke, whose 78-year-old grandmother was brutally murdered by four ninth-grade girls. One girl, at 16, became America's youngest female on death row. Bill worked to reduce the girl's death sentence to a 60-year sentence. Hear Bill describe his dramatic journey from vengeance to peace. Free off-street parking and refreshments.

### April 23–24 — Weekend Conference on Reconciliation

The Pendle Hill Peace Network presents "Forgiveness, Reconciliation and Restorative Justice," a weekend conference featuring Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela, Paula Green, Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, Sulak Sivaraksa and other internationally known peacemakers, at Arch Street Meetinghouse in Philadelphia. For more information call 800-742-3150 or 610-566-4507, ext. 142; or visit [www.pendlehill.org](http://www.pendlehill.org).

### Looking Ahead

**May 1 — Workshop on Meetinghouse Maintenance**  
8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Arch Street Meetinghouse. See article on page 4.

**May 8 — HFS Spring Fling**

**May 15 — Partnering with You: A Workshop for Couples**

Friends Center, 1515 Cherry Street. Leadership will be provided by Patricia McBee and Brad Sheeks of the Couple Enrichment Program of Friends General Conference.

## **March Monthly Meeting for Business — March 14, 2004**

The meeting began with a period of open worship. The clerk read from Query Number 5 on education from *Faith & Practice*.

*What is our Meeting's role in the life and support of Friends' education? If supporting or maintaining a Friends school, have we developed an appropriate relationship of Meeting and school? What is our role in the spiritual life of the school and its maintenance of Friends' principles?*

*What does our Meeting do to support education in the wider community? What help do we provide for the children and adults in our Meeting to pursue the education they seek, whether academic, technical, or vocational?*

*Do we make provision for children in our Meeting to attend a Friends school?*

For Nominating Committee, Ceil McFadden reported the resignation of Peter Ivory from the position of Recording Clerk. Ceil also reported that Ginny Barker has volunteered to replace Gary Smith as Haddonfield Monthly Meeting's representative to PYM's Nominating Committee. The Meeting approved.

For Property Committee, Bob Turrin gave a progress report on plans being developed by the Committee for restoring and refurbishing the meeting room. A preliminary cost estimate is approximately \$40,000. Money to cover the expense would come from the Monthly Meeting's funds held by Friends Fiduciary Corporation. After some general discussion, the expenditure was approved.

Bob, along with Pam Anderson, then reported on the multiple repairs and ongoing maintenance of the Meeting property over the past year. (*See report on next page.*) The Meeting minuted its appreciation to Property Committee and its individual members for all their hard work.

Connie Brookes presented Finance Committee's annual report. Although the Monthly Meeting enjoyed a small surplus in 2002-2003, based in part on a one-time bequest, a shortfall is anticipated for 2004-2005. This is due to higher operating expenses — not those connected with the plans for renovations to the

Meeting House. The report was accepted with thanks to Pam Perry, Clerk of Finance Committee, and to our Co-Treasurers, June and Stuart Hodges, for their work on this comprehensive, extended report.

Louise Senopoulos gave the annual report for the Children's Inclusion Committee. Louise said that the goal of the committee is to try to build relationships between child and adult members of Meeting. To this end, the committee is planning some intergenerational activities.

For School Committee, Pat Williams re-opened the discussion begun at February Meeting for Business regarding an important school governance issue: It is becoming increasingly complex to govern the affairs of Haddonfield Friends School. Because of a growing need for more diverse expertise and expanding time commitments from committee members, it is more and more difficult to find qualified Friends from within the Monthly Meeting who are willing to serve. This same problem has led other schools in PYM to look beyond their own Meetings for School Committee members. School Committee has recommended that we take similar steps. After some discussion, Meeting approved the proposal that Friends from outside of Haddonfield Meeting may serve on Haddonfield Friends School Committee. School Committee will a plan for implementation to a future Business Meeting for further discussion.

Marietta Donovan reported on the Haddonfield Ministerium meeting at which Mayor Columbi expressed her concern about organized youth sports activities being held on Sunday mornings. This is a topic discussed by the Ministerium on several other occasions. Other items noted were the lack of HUD housing in Haddonfield and the annual National Day of Prayer on May 6th.

It was observed that the second Sunday in April is Easter and the second Friday is Good Friday. Therefore, April Monthly Meeting for Business will be held on the third Friday, April 16.

Since Mother's Day is on the second Sunday in May, May Business Meeting will be on second Friday, which is May 14.

## **Haddonfield Friends Meeting Meeting Room Restoration Project**

**Project:** To restore and refurbish the meeting room by repairing and painting plaster walls and ceiling, sanding and varnishing the wood floor, laying down new carpet and purchasing new seat cushions. All details of this project are designed to retain the look and character of Haddonfield Friends Meeting.

**Cost:** Estimated to be roughly \$40,000, but the Meeting should be prepared for unforeseen repairs and overruns.

**Timing:** Property Committee currently plans to schedule commencement of this project in May of 2004, to be completed by August 2004.

**Continuation of Weekly Meetings:** We expect that half of the Meetinghouse will remain available for worship during a portion of the construction process. When the Meetinghouse is not available, benches will be placed in the auditorium. If necessary, the covered porch on the Lake Street side of the Meetinghouse may be used as additional bench storage space.

**Moving Benches:** After completion, benches will no longer be moved by a single individual. Pallets with rollers will be constructed to support the benches at both ends, so the benches can be rolled without damaging the floor.

### **Order of Work:**

1. Erect scaffolding and repair plaster
2. Paint
3. Sand and varnish wood floors
4. Install new cushions

**Plaster work:** All loose plaster will be removed and cracks will be repaired.

**Painting:** The plaster walls will be painted with an off-white latex eggshell finish paint and the trim will be painted with a semi-gloss enamel in contrasting off-white.

**Wood Floors:** Wood floors on the first floor will be sanded and varnished, as will the steps and the raised platform in the front of the Meetinghouse. There will be no work performed in the balconies. The benches will be left as is.

**Carpeting:** All carpeting will be replaced with a good-quality commercial-grade carpet. Carpeting will cover

all aisles, stairs, and main walking areas on the first floor. Carpet edges will be finished in such a manner that tripping hazards will be eliminated. The carpet will be laid such that the benches will rest on the carpet rather than on the wood floors.

**Seat Cushions:** All seat cushions will be thrown away and replaced with new cushions. New cushions will be custom made for each bench on the first floor. Cushioning will be comprised of two-inch-thick high density polyfoam, specifically designed for church pews. The cushions will be reversible and covered in a durable fabric.

**Shutter Well:** The depression in the floor at the juncture of the upper and lower parts of the shutter will be covered with a custom-made cover that will be flush with the floor.

### **Property Committee Ongoing and Completed Tasks**

**Joe's house:** Lou Tomasetti has written a five-page evaluation of the work needed on Joe's house as well as an update on what he has done so far including:

Replacement of twelve of the thirteen windows, including new framework for old sashes where necessary; insulation of the spaces around the framework; priming the molding and sill; flashing on the top part of the molding and repair of the broken storm window framework.

*Kudos to Lou for all his work.*

- **Joe's job description:** Lou has collected the four-page job description, and added observations based on conversations with Joe about his work.
- **Meetinghouse:** Stuart Hodges has written up the "Meetinghouse Restoration Project" which includes all of the jobs we need to coordinate to get the desired result in the Meetinghouse.
- **Attic:** Squirrel removal, and repair to damaged areas; planking will be added to facilitate raising and lowering of light fixtures.
- **Ovens** in the kitchen were repaired and calibrated.
- **Exhaust fan** was repaired.
- **New louver** was installed for kitchen exhaust fan.
- **Partition:** Stu Harris has addressed issues related to the lowering/raising and maintenance of the partition — there is a wooden obstruction in the left channel that hinders, but does not prevent use of the shutter.

- **Sewing room:** Doors are scheduled to be replaced with a more long-lasting solution than the current arrangement.
- **New high capacity toilets** were installed in the men's and women's rooms.
- **Bathrooms:** Partitions will be installed and the women's room will be handicapped-accessible.
- **Lighting:** Outside bulb replacement has been accomplished, using long-lasting bulbs (thanks Bob, with help from Joe).
- **Auditorium:** The door was reversed to open out in conformance with the building code, weather-stripped and a panic bar installed.
- **Topographical maps** have finally been completed, including grave markers (thanks to Art Dodge).
- **Landscape:** Plans for landscape development are proceeding, and include bulb planting by parents and children of Haddonfield Friends School, coordinated by Sue Warner and Pam Anderson. Harold Heritage arranged to have a silverbell tree planted, as well as worked on a plan for tree feeding and maintenance with Stuart Hodges and Bartlett Tree Service.
- **Graveyard:** School and Meeting use/abuse of the graveyard area was discussed. The issue will have to be readdressed probably on a regular basis every six months or so ... safety and improper use as a playground area are the main concerns.
- **Fall and spring cleanups** have taken place with enthusiastic participation by Meeting members including children.
- **Parking lot stripes** were painted.
- **Ground Fault interrupters** were installed in the kitchen

*Thanks to all who have helped in the ongoing work of the Property Committee.*

## Adult First Day School for April

**April 4 — Intergenerational activity:** “Getting to Know You.” Children will interview and introduce seniors.

**April 11 — Easter.** No First Day School for adults or children.

**April 18 — “The Gospel of Mark.”** Dr. Brian Blount, Ph.D., Princeton Theological Seminary

**April 25 — Earliest Friends.** Michele Tarter shares her transatlantic research on early Quakers.

## Friends School Day of Peace

On Sunday, April 4, students from Friends Schools and Young Friends will gather at Friends Center and Friends Select School for the second annual “Friends School Day of Peace.” This is a day of education about and demonstration for peace, for students and Friends of all ages. It will begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration at Friends Center, 1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, a welcome in the Meetinghouse at 9, then workshops at Friends Select from 10–12:15. Lunch will be on one's own.

At 1 p.m., all participants will gather to march — with Friends Meetings first, and then the participating Friends schools — from City Hall to the Liberty Bell, where we will hear Anna Staab, legislative assistant for FCNL, speak. We will conclude with Meeting for Worship at the Fourth and Arch Street Meetinghouse. For more information, visit the website: [www.dayof-peace.org](http://www.dayof-peace.org).

### *From Judy Kruger*

“War is so unjust and ugly that all who wage it must try to stifle the voice of conscience within themselves.”

*Leo Tolstoy, written in his diary January 6, 1853*

## Workshop on Meetinghouse Maintenance

“Living Witnesses: a Workshop on Repairing, Maintaining, and Adapting our Quaker Meetinghouses and Properties while Respecting their Historic Value” will be held at the Fourth and Arch Street Meetinghouse in Philadelphia on Saturday, May 1, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsored by the PYM/HABS (Historic American Buildings Survey) Exhibit Working Group, this workshop will address many of the concerns Meetings have about how to treat various building problems while respectfully maintaining their meetinghouses. It will cover maintenance questions, resources for good information on repair and alteration, methods for dealing with contractors and consultants, and suggestions for balancing property needs with historic value. The workshop is designed for members of Meeting property committees and trustees, although anyone interested may attend. A \$30 charge will cover the workshop registra-

tion fee, lunch, and a workbook filled with practical information and resources for Quaker Meeting property committees.

## A Call for Workcampers!

The Friends Workcamp Program is compiling an alumni database of Workcamp past participants. The Friends Workcamp Program has been around for over 60 years, which means there are thousands of Workcampers out there to be found! If you or someone you know is a Workcamper, please contact Arin Ahlum Hanson at 215-241-7236 or arinh@pym.org with your information. An e-mail listserv and mailing list are also being created so folks who are interested will be more connected to the work of the Friends Workcamp Program.

## HFS at the Riversharks

HFS is having a Family Fun Night at Rivershark Stadium in Camden. Join HFS School Community — students, faculty, family and friends on Friday, June 4th at 6:35 p.m. (gates open at 5:35 p.m.). Fireworks will follow the game! Tickets are \$8. We are looking into the possibility of Meeting members carpooling.

## Supporting HFS

*Pat Williams*

Some time ago I mentioned to some Friends that members of School Committee should be prepared to contribute financially to Haddonfield Friends School. I know some people disagree with that. Here are my thoughts:

First, every member of Haddonfield Meeting should contribute financially to the Meeting, even if he can afford only a small gift. This is what it means to be part of our community. We all bear the responsibility of making the community work.

Second, School Committee is the “board of trustees” for HFS. A great deal of my professional practice involves representation of nonprofits, and I’ve heard many folks say the rule for board members is, “Give, get or get off the board!” The main responsibilities of a board are 1) to hire, evaluate and if necessary terminate the CEO and 2) **to play a major role in raising money for the organization.** If the trustee doesn’t believe enough in the

organization to contribute her own money, how can she ask others to do so?

G. Douglass Alexander, a fundraising and management consultant for nonprofits, said recently in *The NonProfit Times*, “An important responsibility of the board development committee should be securing 100 percent participation in annual financial support from the board ... A board that gives 100 percent will be more engaged. A more engaged board results in a strong organization.”

Do these rules apply only to non-Quaker organizations? Are we somehow different? In 2002, Tom Hoopes from PYM and Irene McHenry from Friends Council on Education published the *Governance Handbook for Friends Schools*, written as a companion to the *Trustee Handbook* published by the National Association of Independent Schools. And what do Tom and Irene have to say on this subject?

“It is essential to have full board participation in annual giving. One hundred percent board giving to the annual fund and to capital campaigns demonstrates the board’s leadership and commitment to the school’s mission.”

So I maintain: If you want to be on School Committee, be prepared to contribute financially, “generously... according to [your] individual capacity for giving,” as Tom and Irene say.

And if you want to be part of the Meeting community, you should give to Meeting also.

## FGC Annual Gathering

Friends General Conference will hold the 2004 Gathering of Friends at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, July 3-10, 2004. The theme is “Simple Lives, Radiant Faith.” Look for details in next month’s newsletter. Until then, more information about the Gathering and FGC can be found on the internet at [www.fgcquaker.org/gathering/](http://www.fgcquaker.org/gathering/). The Gathering of Friends is a program of Friends General Conference, which provides resources to help members and attendees of constituent meetings discover how God’s Spirit is leading us individually and corporately and how to follow that leading.

### *From Harold Heritage*

*Be impeccable with your word.* Speak with integrity. Say only what you mean. Avoid using words to speak

against yourself or to gossip about others. Use the power of your word in the direction of truth and love.

*Don't take anything personally.* Nothing others do is because of you. What others say or do is a projection of their own reality, their own dreams. When you are immune to the opinions and acts of others, you won't be a victim of needless suffering.

*Don't make assumptions.* Find the courage to ask questions and to express what you really want. Communicate with others as clearly as you can to avoid misunderstandings, sadness and drama.

*Always do your best.* Your best is going to change from moment to moment; it will be different when you are healthy as opposed to sick. Under any circumstances simply do your best, and you will avoid self-judgment, self-abuse and regret.

*Don Miguel Ruiz, based on ancient Toltec wisdom*

## **Living History at Haddonfield Meeting**

One of the great things about Haddonfield Meeting is its connection with the past in the form of our elder members. Fifty years ago, in March of 1954, when the Hicksite and Orthodox Meetings in Haddonfield merged, several current Meeting members were among the Members and attenders. They are:

Harry Bell	Jean B. Landis
Mary Bell	Charles R. Mulloy
Bonnie Drago	John Nicholson
Edith Roberts	Fran O'Neill
Nancy Engle	Mary Pharo
Martha Gemberling	Merritt Pharo
Louise Heritage	Albert Wallace
Harold Heritage	S. E. Watson

# April 2004



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4 10 am Meeting for Worship 11:20 am FDS 11:20 am Worship & Ministry 12:15 pm REC	5	6	7 7 pm School Committee	8	9	10
11 9 am Peace & Social Concerns 10 am Meeting for Worship No FDS <b>EASTER</b>	12	13 7:30 pm Committee for Care of Members and Attenders	14 9:15 am All-school Meeting for Worship	15	16 7:30 pm Monthly Meeting for Business	17
18 <b>Newsletter deadline</b> 10 am Meeting for Worship 11 am FDS 12 covered dish	19	20	21 9:15 am Meeting for Worship 7:30 pm Property Committee	22	23 HFS Grandparents Day	24
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