



## Haddonfield Monthly Meeting Religious Society of Friends

# Newsletter

Meeting for Worship  
10:00 am Sunday

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### From Worship and Ministry

We feel that most Friends amongst us do enter Meeting for Worship with an open heart; with the desire to win through to the Quietness — so necessary for “expectant waiting for Divine Guidance.”

There have been moments at our Meeting for Worship when a *Powerful Universal Force* has entered into the room with us — has enveloped us all — has made us *one*. These moments are rare. We believe Meeting for Worship can be and has been blindingly inspirational, as well as a fount of strength and guidance. A case in point was on the morning of January 5th, 1964, when an initial speaker’s words were augmented and enriched to such an extent by subsequent speakers, that we wished for a tape recorder to preserve and keep alive this memorable meeting for future enrichment and vision. However, sometimes some few come *prepared* to speak, forgetting where they are. Meeting for Worship is not the place for semi-political discussions.

*March 1964 Newsletter*

Now is the constant syllable ticking from the clock of time. Now is the watch word of the wise. Now is the banner of the prudent. Cherish thy today and prize it well. It is the harvest of thy yesterday and the seed corn of thy tomorrow.

*Hannah Ann Heritage  
(Harold Heritage’s grandmother), 5/4/1879*

**Facing Bench for January**  
Harold and Louise Heritage

**Coffee and Covered Dish for January**  
Children’s Inclusion and Nominating Committees

### Upcoming Events

#### **January 10 — Annual Gathering of Quaker Public School Educators**

9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Friends Center. Keynote address by Loren Thomas, Superintendent of Schools, Pittsgrove Township, Salem County, NJ . Contact Elke Muller at [elkem@pym.org](mailto:elkem@pym.org) for more information.

#### **January 19 — Martin Luther King Day Teach-In**

Unitarian Universalist Church, Kings Highway, in Cherry Hill, afternoon though evening. For more information, contact Priscilla Adams.

#### **January 20 — PTO Pasta Dinner**

Watch for more details to be posted at the Meeting House.

#### **January 24– 25 — New Foundation Fellowship and Christian Friends Conference**

Burlington Meeting House. Those interested in learning of the early Friends’ faith are encouraged to attend.

### Upcoming Young Friends Events

#### **February 6–8 — Intergenerational Women’s Gathering**

Burlington Meeting House, Burlington, NJ. We will welcome the spirits of our foremothers courageous, brilliant, faithful women from Quaker history and from our own lives who continue to teach and inspire us. For more information contact: Melanie Douty at [melanied@pym.org](mailto:melanied@pym.org).

**February 20–22 — Young Friends Peace Gathering**  
Burlington Meeting House, NJ.

## **December Monthly Meeting for Business — December 12, 2003**

The Meeting opened with a period of worship. The clerk read Query #3 from *Faith & Practice* on Spiritual Nurture, Ministry and Religious Education:

*Does our Meeting encourage the ministry of both word and deed? How does our Meeting recognize, develop, and nurture the gifts of our members and attenders of all ages?*

*Does our Meeting prepare all its members and children for worship and for a way of life consistent with the principles of the Religious Society of Friends? How do we teach about Quaker practices in business and worship and their importance to the functioning of our Meeting community?*

*In what ways do we support each other in order to seek God's will and act upon our understanding of truth? Is there opportunity in our Meeting to share the excitement of religious discovery and the possibility of religious transformation?*

*Does our Meeting provide opportunities for all in the Meeting to learn about:*

- *the Inner Light, the living Christ within, the Bible, the writings of Friends, our Christian heritage, other religious traditions and their respective roles in the history and formation of Friends' principles?*
- *the common testimonies Friends declare?*
- *the variety of expression Quaker faith takes today?*

Ruth Podolin read the annual report of the Memorial and Graveyard Committee. (See below.)

Gary Smith raised a concern about Haddonfield Quarter's representation on PYM's major standing committees. The Quarter has only one person currently serving on any of PYM's major standing committees. Gary feels that if Haddonfield Monthly Meeting had a representative on PYM's nominating committee, it would enhance the possibility that our members would have the opportunity to serve our faith at the Yearly Meeting. The Meeting approved and referred the matter to Nominating Committee.

Priscilla Adams reported for the Steering Committee of Friends Transition Support Services on Tommy Trantino's current status. She also reported that FTSS has reached an agreement with the landlord for the termination of the Monthly Meeting's Cooper Street

office lease effective December 31. FTSS will continue that part of the program work that is possible without Tommy's involvement.

Care Committee reported that the Meeting had received a request from Helene and Ty Drago for full membership in the Meeting for their son, Anthony. This was referred to Care Committee, which has recommended that Andy be recorded as a member of Meeting. A welcoming committee including Gary Smith and Allister Dodgson will visit Andy and his family. The Care Committee also recommended the Meeting accept Leah Feinman into membership. A welcoming committee including Judy Owens and Laura and Cliff Smoot will visit Leah.

The Monthly Meeting continued its discussion of changing the day and time of Business Meeting. Among the comments: Friends did not want Meeting for Worship shortened and wanted Business Meeting to be in the Meeting House to take advantage of the assisted listening system. The Meeting approved holding Meeting for Business in the Meeting House immediately after the rise of Meeting for Worship on the second Sunday of the month, beginning January 11, 2004.

Flora McKinney reported on the progress of PYM's Annual Fund.

The Meeting closed with a period of open worship.

## **Memorial Service and Cemetery Committee Yearly Report 2003**

### **Deaths**

Ward Hinds died January 16, 2003. His ashes were buried in our cemetery on March 29, 2003, and a Memorial Service was held May 17th. Ward was a long time member of Haddonfield Friends Meeting; he built the library shelves on the wall by the door. Ward was the father of Janet Pilvalis.

Donald Rannels died February 5, 2003, and his ashes will be buried in our cemetery in the spring of 2004 when the family can all be together. He was the husband of Marian Rannels and a long time member of Haddonfield Friends Meeting.

Nancy Duryee died March 24, 2003. A Memorial Service was held at the Meeting House. Nancy had served as clerk and recording clerk of our Monthly Meeting, as well as on numerous committees.

Diana Marshall died October 10, 2002, and her ashes were buried May 24, 2003 in our cemetery.

Robert S. Copperthwaite, Jr. died in 2003 and his ashes were buried in our cemetery September, 2003.

**Income:** We were unable to obtain any information on income for this year.

**Other:** This committee wishes to note the fine work done by our past clerks, John and Kathy Donch.

The committee is currently in a transitional phase. We have discovered that the main file of members' "Directives in the Event of Death," is missing. It would seem appropriate to begin to reconstruct such a file, this time keeping duplicate copies of these directives. A few recently submitted directives were found, so not all are missing. All members without such directives will be contacted in the coming months. We wish to emphasize the importance of choosing a grave site and providing the committee with such instructions. This is very helpful to both the family and the meeting at the time of a death.

*Memorial Service and Graveyard Committee for 2003-04: Art Dodge, Dan Kurtzman, Flora McKinney, Howard McKinney, Ruth Podolin, Ann Pugh, Deedy Roberts, Carolyn Smith, Lyle Tatum, and S.E. Watson.*

## First Day School

The Winter term for First Day School will begin January 4. For the adults, January will be dedicated to exploring the experiences of people from our Meeting who were born outside of the United States. These sessions will feature personal accounts of family life, education, worship practices and spirituality, customs, music and food of their native countries.

February will feature a four-session program on Friends and issues of racial equality. Look for details in next month's newsletter. Part of the program will be a discussion of the pamphlet *Sarah Mapps Douglass, Faithful Attender of Quaker Meeting: View from the Back Bench* by Margaret Hope Bacon. The pamphlet costs \$10, and is available for purchase from Kitty Taylor Mizuno.

The schedule for Children's First Day School for the Winter is in place. One important development is that responsibility for instruction for Pre-K and Kindergarten children will be re-assumed by the Religious Education Committee.

## From the Library Committee

The following books have been purchased for the library and will be ready for circulation after they have been processed:

*A Living Faith*, Wilmer A. Cooper

*Must We Fight*, edited by William Ury

*Anger*, Thich Nhat Hahn

*Plain Living*, Catherine Whitmire

*Year of Grace*, Margaret Hope Bacon

*Lifting the White Veil*, Jeff Hitchcock

*Affluenza*, John De Graaf

*The Oxford History of Christianity*, John M. Manners

*Islam*, Philip Wilkinson

## Book Sale

The library committee will sponsor a book sale before, during and after the March covered dish. Donations will be accepted in a marked cardboard box to the right of the stage starting in January. (No textbooks, please.) Proceeds will go to the library committee. Leftover books will be donated to other organizations.

*Irene Bassow*

## 1st Grade Visits Haddonfield Home

For the past five years the first grades have been making monthly trips to the Haddonfield Home as one of their service projects. They usually sing songs to the residents and read books together. We have taken the Christmas pageant, complete with costumes and went dressed for Thanksgiving. It is a wonderful experience for both young and old alike.

*Tr: Linda and Tr: Bonnie*

## From Haddonfield Quarter Peace & Social Concerns Committee

Meetings in Haddonfield Quarter have been focusing on projects which are putting the testimonies of equality and peace into action.

Moorestown Meeting bought space in the newspaper for an open letter to George W. Bush protesting his military and economic actions.

Haddonfield's Friends Transition Support Services had a gathering for Quaker Families with a loved one in

prison. Haddonfield is also planning a racial equality series for First Day School in February.

Westfield initiated the Quaker support for the Muslim community trying to build a mosque in Voorhees. We celebrate the Voorhees zoning board approval for the mosque. Westfield also has family service projects for First Day School such as sorting donated clothes.

Medford continues monthly peace vigils. Medford's work with women in prison has started to reach more women than before. Volunteers meet with women prisoners who read children's books into a tape recorder, then the volunteers send the book and tape to the women's children.

Cropwell has made a financial donation to support affordable housing in Camden.

Newton continues to host the Greater Camden Unity Coalition meetings.

Atlantic City Area helped coordinate the peace booth at the NJ Teachers Convention. They had a simple meal and raised several hundred dollars for CASA, a local group that provides volunteer advocates for children in foster care, etc.

*Susan Tucker, Clerk, Haddonfield Quarter Peace & Social Concerns Committee*

## **Jobs Available**

### **Office Manager, Friends World Committee for Consultation**

FWCC seeks a full-time Office Manager, based in Philadelphia, beginning January 2004.

For further details, contact [margaretf@fwcc.quaker.org](mailto:margaretf@fwcc.quaker.org), call 215 241 7250, or write to FWCC Section of the Americas, 1506 Race Street, Philadelphia PA 19102.

### **Editor, PYM Pastoral Care Newsletter**

The *Pastoral Care Newsletter* is searching for an editor to produce four issues per year.

Please send resume and editing samples to:

Search Committee, PCN  
Philadelphia Yearly Meeting  
1515 Cherry Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19102  
[steveg@pym.org](mailto:steveg@pym.org)

Applications desired by March 1. Complete job description available on request.

## **Fifty Years Ago**

In February of 1954, Stewart Joslin and Albert Wallace began publishing a newsletter for Haddonfield Monthly Meeting. What was the Meeting like fifty years ago? In looking through old issues of the newsletter, I found the Orthodox Meeting (Lake Street) had just been united with the Hicksite Meeting (on Walnut Street). The Meeting was planning an addition to the Lake Street Meeting House. The Hicksite Meeting House was sold to American Stores Company, who opened the Acme Market on the site. Quarterly Meeting in March of 1954 saw the merging of the two Quarterly Meetings.

Some of the issues the newly formed Peace and Social Concerns Committee faced were civil liberties, the draft and abolishing the death penalty — some things never change.

During this fiftieth anniversary of this newsletter, I invite Friends to share their memories of Haddonfield Meeting during the last fifty years.

*Jayne Stokes, editor*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b>  NEW YEAR'S DAY	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 10 am Meeting for Worship 11:15 am Worship & Ministry (in the library) 11:20 am FDS 12:15 pm REC	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  9:15 am All-school Meeting for Worship 7 pm School Committee	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 9 am P&SC Com 10 am Mtg for Worship <b>11 am Monthly Meeting for Business</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  7:30 pm Committee for Care of Members and Attenders	<b>14</b>  9:15 am Meeting for Worship	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Newsletter deadline  10 am Mtg for Worship 11 am FDS 12 covered dish	<b>19</b>  MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  9:15 am Mtg for Worship 7:30 pm Property Committee	<b>22</b>  PTO Pasta Dinner	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>  10 am Meeting for Worship 11:20 am FDS	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  9:15 am Meeting for Worship	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>