



## 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

#### From *Faith & Practice*

Bring the whole of your life under the healing and ordering of the Holy Spirit, remembering that there is no time but this present. Friends are reminded that we are called, as followers of Christ, to help establish the Kingdom of God on earth. In witnessing to the Inward Light, guard against religious intolerance. Strengthen a sense of kinship with everyone and make service, not self-promotion, the chief aim of our outward lives as Friends, as employees or as supervisors, and as citizens.

Let the sense of kinship inspire us to unceasing efforts toward a social order free of violence and oppression, in which no one's development is hindered by meager income, insufficient education, or too little freedom in directing his or her own affairs. Friends are advised not only to minister to those in need, but also to seek to know the facts of social and economic ills so as to work for the removal of those ills. Let the Friendly testimony that there is that of God in everyone lead us to cherish every human being regardless of race or class, and to encourage efforts to overcome prejudices and antagonisms. Friends are advised to cleanse themselves of all prejudice.

Be faithful in maintaining our testimony against all war as contrary to the spirit and teaching of Christ. Every human being is a child of God with a measure of God's Light. War and other instruments of violence and oppression ignore this reality and violate our relation with God. Keep primary our Friends' concern for the elimination of combat in the outward world as in our personal lives. Friends are advised to live in the virtue of that life and power that takes away the occasion of all wars. Friends are further advised to aid in all ways possible the development of international order and understanding.

*"Dear Friends, keep all your meetings in the authority, wisdom and power of Truth and the unity of the blessed Spirit. Let your conduct and conversation be such as become the Gospel of Christ. Exercise yourselves to have a conscience void of offense toward God and toward all people. Be steadfast and faithful in your allegiance and service to your Lord, and the God of peace be with you."*

*Elders of Balby, Yorkshire, 1656*

#### **\*\*Special Note From Worship and Ministry\*\***

During the summer months of July and August, Friends will meet for Worship in the western side of the Meeting House, the side closest to Lake Street. This side of the Meeting House, away from the rays of the rising sun, may prove to be cooler and more congenial to prayer, reflection and meditation in the heat of the summer.

#### **Coffee and Hospitality for the Summer**

Committees are responsible for hospitality from September through May. During the summer, Friendship Committee asks for volunteers for coffee time after Meeting. (There are no covered dish lunches in the summer.) Please sign up on the bulletin board at the Meeting House.

#### **Upcoming Events**

##### **June 1-2 — "PeaceWay" Anniversary Celebration**

Providence Friends Meeting, 105 N. Providence Road in Media, PA. Friday, 6:30 PM: PA Congressman Joseph Sestak will speak on the current state of the Iraqi/Afghanistan occupations, U.S. involvement, and what he sees happening in these areas in the future.

Saturday, Noon-5 PM: The PeaceWay program will feature a children's art exhibit, a concert, AFSC's "Eyes Wide Open" display, a meditation labyrinth and more.

### **June 21 — Peace Prayers Gathering**

7–8:30 PM, Haddonfield Meeting House. Our peace prayers will celebrate the seasonal change from Spring to Summer by gathering in meditative prayer and visualizing the world at peace. All are welcome to join in this exercise and to spend a little time sharing what world peace means to them. The topic for discussion at this gathering will be “what I do to stay focused on a world at peace when so much violence faces me in the news.” Sponsored by Faith and Ministry.

### **June 24 — Haddonfield Quarterly Meeting**

10 AM, Meeting for Worship; 11 AM, Meeting for Business Mt. Laurel Meeting

Meeting for Business will include Mt. Laurel Meeting’s annual report, brief highlights of other Monthly Meeting annual reports, a report on the Greenleaf, a report on Quarterly Meeting funds, an update on Medford Meeting’s Afghanistan school project and more. Bring your own picnic lunch. Mt. Laurel will provide beverages and dessert. Following lunch, there will be time for walks at Mt. Laurel and visiting with other Friends. Childcare will be arranged if requested in advance of the meeting.

### **June 30–July 7 — FGC Gathering**

River Falls, WI. See [www.fgcquaker.org/gathering/](http://www.fgcquaker.org/gathering/) for more information.

### **July 15 — Peace and Justice Picnic**

4–7 PM. Taylor Farm, Cinnaminson. The annual peace/justice picnic celebrates a year of witness work; all are welcome! Contact: Joan Broadfield, PYM peace and justice coordinator, [joanb@pym.org](mailto:joanb@pym.org) or 215-241-7240.

### **July 26–30 — Residential Yearly Meeting**

Rowan University in Glassboro, NJ. See page 4 for more information.

### **August 10–11 — Non-Violence and Children’s Annual Summer Training**

8:30 AM–4 PM at Friends Center, 1501 Cherry Street. This workshop on Conflict, Community Building and Restorative Justice Practices for Elementary School Educators is sponsored by PYM’s Nonviolence and Children Working Group. A \$40 fee includes training, meals, info packet and hand-outs. Scholarships are available to PYM members. Act 48 Credits will be available. For more information and to register, please contact Elke Muller at [elkem@pym.org](mailto:elkem@pym.org) or 215-241-7223.

### **Haddonfield Monthly Meeting Meeting for Worship for Business May 6, 2007**

24 Friends were in attendance. The meeting began with a period of worship. The clerk read from Advice I, p. 83 of *Faith and Practice*.

Diane Werner reported for the Deepening & Strengthening Coordinating Committee to update the meeting on the D&S process. The Meeting held its first “retreat” on April 29. There were 40 some members in attendance. After a delicious dinner prepared by Diane and other members of the committee, Arlene Kelley reported on the outcome of the questionnaires completed by our members. The second and final retreat will be held this evening (5/6/07) and will allow all in attendance to reflect on and identify specific areas of focus on which the meeting will work to improve over the next few years.

Drew Biehl for Ceil McFadden reported for Care Committee: Care recommended membership for David Gallivan, noting that he had become a loving and supportive presence within the life of the community. As dictated by *Faith and Practice*, David’s membership application will be held over until the next Meeting for Business in June.

Care Committee also recommended marriage for Ann Miller and Carmen Williams under the oversight of the Meeting, citing a loving devotion between the couple for more than 20 years. The Meeting happily approved the marriage which will be held on June 9.

Drew reported that Sarah Greenblatt has generously volunteered to be editor of the newsletter. She will work with Jayne Stokes for the next two issues and will begin with the September edition. The annual report for Care Committee will be held over until the June Meeting For Worship For Business.

Bill Patterson (for Lisa Boyell) presented the annual report for Nominating Committee. Bill explained that there are some unfilled committees because the clerks of those committees do not need any new members. The list will be published in the Newsletter. A reminder from Ceil McFadden: Committee Clerks should invite new members to transitional meetings before the beginning of their terms.

John Donch presented the quarterly Treasurer’s report.

Stu Harris presented the annual Property Committee report. The meeting approved the report with gratitude for all the work the committee has accomplished over the past year.

- Two dead trees in front of the Meeting House have been cut down and the contract has been let for repair of the front and side porches. The tractor has been serviced. The new custodian has been here a while and is settling in.
- The automatic turn-on of the furnace has become unreliable; the problem seems to be periodic low gas pressure from the gas company. When necessary, the custodian manually turns on the heat.
- There are new thermostats in the school wing of the building.
- The pruning of trees and the fertilizing are not yet done.

Peace and Social Concerns Committee requested approval for the disposition of budgeted, unspent money. A total of \$1000 would be divided among the American Friends Service Committee, Pendle Hill, Friends Committee on National Legislation, Friends General Conference and *Friends Journal*. Friends approved.

Pam Perry reported for Finance Committee:

- Inspira Williams requested some funding to attend the FGC Gathering this summer. The committee recommended \$300; the Meeting approved.
- Pam also reported the committee's recommendations for this year's corporate giving in the amount of \$1000. The Meeting approved.
- Finally, Pam presented the draft annual budget for the 2007–2008 fiscal year. The Meeting reviewed the recommendations. Final approval of the Budget will be held over until June. An important decision to be made: Will we be increasing our annual contributions to PYM and Quarterly Meeting? This will be a major factor in the budget.

The Ad Hoc Committee for Separate Incorporation of the School has completed the "Articles of Incorporation" and the "By-Laws." Connie Brookes handed out copies of these two documents to Friends and Attenders at the Meeting for Business. Discussion of this information was deferred until the June Meeting For Business in order to give everyone a chance to read the documents. Copies will be available in the office, or contact Connie.

The Clerk reported that there was no one currently monitoring the telephone answering machine for the Meeting and asked if anyone present would be willing to accept this responsibility. Diane Werner volunteered. Friends approved with gratitude.

The Meeting closed with a few moments of silence.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanne R. Heizer, Recording Clerk

*From The Recording Clerk:* Many thanks to all those Friends who send me, by email, the announcements, reports, requests that they bring to the Meeting for Business. It is a benefit to everyone to have your immortal words, in toto, in the permanent record. You will not be misquoted or misunderstood and I will have a much easier time of it making sure that you are not misquoted or misunderstood. Also, having an electronic copy insures that your information will be readily available, with a "push of the button" to anyone who needs a copy.

*Joanne Heizer*

## Religious Education

June 3 is the final closing intergenerational ceremony for First Day School. This will include presentations by each youthful First Day School class. Please stay after coffee time to show appreciation for our young Friends.

The Religious Education Committee was encouraged by the conclusion reached by the Deepening and Strengthening program that the Meeting members see our adult First Day School program as one of Haddonfield Meeting's strengths. The Religious Education Committee envisions putting our energy in the coming 2007–2008 year into encouraging Friends to make more and better use of the many resources available to us through Quarterly and Yearly Meeting and other Quaker groups in the area, such as Pendle Hill, the American Friends' Service Committee (AFSC), Friends General Conference (FGC), Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC), Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) and many more.

## From PYM's Climate Action Network

Legislation based on a consensus target for an 80% reduction in greenhouse emissions by 2050 has been introduced in both the House and the Senate. This is an important time to support strong Congressional action. Visit the website of Friends Committee on National Legislation at <http://www.fcnl.org/energy/> for specific information about current legislation and to send a message directly to your Representative and Senators.

## Make New Friends (But Keep the Old) ...

I introduce the writer of this column, Judy Kruger, my partner in our extended household of apartments in Collingswood and Cherry Hill (and all the assorted “back ways” between them).

Judy is an honorable person who takes a stand about serious things in life. You’ve seen her many bumper stickers. She speaks up on issues of fairness and integrity in community life and in personal relationships.

The 1970s in Connecticut were Judy’s most exuberant years. Breaking into the trades, she did residential energy audits and worked in a lumberyard while participating in the women’s movement. With a gang of feminists, she disrupted politicians, wrote letters to the editor, and unfurled banners from balconies. She enjoyed exploring New England and cross-country skiing. Her creative writing began then, also.

Educated first at Binghamton (junior year in Paris), Judy eventually earned a law degree from Rutgers-Camden. She worked for (Quaker) Judge Martin Haines to set up the Burlington County Comprehensive Justice Center. Later she became a Federal mediator specializing in large-scale racial/ethnic conflict resolution, and obtained a Masters degree in intercultural management.

Retired in 1993 due to a debilitating medical condition, Judy is mostly housebound with low stamina, pain, and cardiological and neurological problems. In Meeting she reclines in her chaise. Judy says, “I’m open to questions.” When she is unable to attend, she loves people to drop by her home to worship with her. Living quietly, she has time for friendships.

She attended various Meetings after moving to the area in 1980. Judy and I met in coffee hour at Central Philadelphia MM. We share some ancestry, Bergen County childhoods (our parents took us to many of the same places), a love of art and books, and Haddonfield Meeting, among other things.

Valuing the richness of shared quietude, Judy has been a presence at HMM for ten years, whenever health permits. She treasures our hour of worship, liking to arrive early for “warm up” time. She wishes worship were more frequent, better disciplined, and lasted longer. “Being a Friend has been profoundly life-changing,” Judy says. “I have learned patience, day-to-day and spiritually. I’m learning empathy and care for others in ways I never knew. I now understand that listening well and acts of even the smallest kindness are the true roots of peacemaking in the world.”

*By Mary Spitzer*

## ... One Is Silver And The Other Gold.

*A song sung in Girl Scout camp.*

### **Come to Residential Yearly Meeting!**

Friends from throughout the PYM area will be gathering from July 26 to 30 at Rowan University in Glassboro, NJ, for fun, fellowship, learning, worship, discernment, service and manifesting the Kingdom of God. All are welcome! Registration and program information about Residential Yearly Meeting is included in *PYM News* and a special mailer sent to all households. Please register by Wednesday, June 27, at [www.pym.org](http://www.pym.org), or call 215-241-7238 for paper forms.

Children’s sessions will meet morning and evening — at the same time as the adult sessions. The afternoons will be left free for Friendly community, relaxation and workshops for Friends of all ages.

All of the children’s activities will be led by gifted, enthusiastic adults who will follow your child’s age-defined group throughout the sessions. Programs will be based upon this year’s theme “Dwelling in God: Living Our Faith Out Loud.”

## Friendly Yoga

Haddonfield Friends Meeting is sponsoring a six-week summer yoga class on Thursday evenings. The class will provide an overall mind, body and spirit opportunity for both beginning and experienced students. While moving through the postures of Hatha yoga, students will be able to work out the kinks and stresses in their bodies and develop the ability to become still and aware of the peace within. Modifications will be made to accommodate different levels of practice, and students must be at least 18 years old.

Students will need to wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat and firm, small pillow for meditation and/or firm cotton or wool blanket to the first session. Yoga blocks are also very helpful for modifying the postures. The class will be limited to the first 15 students. Childcare provided for toddlers and above.

**When:** Thursdays, 7 PM–8:15 PM (the first class will start at 6:45)

**Where:** Meeting House Auditorium

**Dates:** June 7, 14, 21, 28; July 12, 19.

**Cost:** \$30, to be donated to support education in developing countries. Payment is due at the first class. Please make check payable to *Oprah's Angel Network*.

### Guidelines for Friendly Yoga

1. Arrive at least five minutes before class begins so you can be seated and start to center.
2. Let your belly be empty and your mind be open.
3. Shoes must be left outside the room.
4. Shower before class if possible; no perfumes; minimize jewelry.
5. Silence cell phones.
6. It is customary to refrain from conversation once class begins.
7. If you have a physical consideration of concern, please let the instructor know before class.

## PYM Needs Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to call Friends who have not yet contributed to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's Annual Fund this fiscal year. The phonothon will take place on Thursday, May 31, Monday, June 4, Wednesday, June 6, and Thursday, June 7, at Friends Center in Philadelphia.

To volunteer for the Annual Fund Phonothon, call PYM Development Director Elizabeth Foley at 215-241-7115.

You will be reimbursed for parking, tolls and transit. Dinner provided at 6 PM, followed by training. Calls are made from 7–9 PM.

## Haddonfield Friends Meeting Guidelines for Vocal Ministry

*This is a reprint from the May 2004 newsletter.*

Haddonfield Friends' Worship & Ministry Committee has drawn up the following in consultation with the Committee For Care of Members and Attenders. What follows are not intended as hard and fast rules. Rather, they are meant as suggestions based upon our individual and communal experience.

Meeting for Worship is central to our experience as Quakers. In order that all who attend may be gathered together with God and reap the utmost benefit from our time together, we encourage Friends in their vocal ministry and offer the following suggestions:

Meeting for Worship cannot prosper if it is isolated from the rest of our lives. Friends traditionally have been encouraged to come to worship with "hearts and minds prepared" by a daily discipline of devotional reading, prayer or meditation.

Some Friends may find it helpful to enter directly into Meeting, minimizing social encounters. Others may find it important to interact socially with other Friends prior to Meeting. Regardless, all Friends are reminded to be prompt in their attendance at the appointed hour.

Once Meeting begins, take time to enter fully into the Spirit or worship. Gently let go of distractions, as you center down and open yourself to the workings of the Spirit.

Come to Meeting with neither a resolve to speak, nor a determination not to speak. Rather, seek an attitude of openness to the leadings of the Spirit.

If you feel moved to speak, take a moment to test your leading. Is your message from the Spirit or somewhere else? If it is from God, is it meant only for yourself, or for the entire Meeting? Genuine ministry is often preceded by a physical uneasiness, a "heart pounding weakness," from which our name Quaker is derived.

Remember that silence is not just the space between messages, but a deep and living communion with the "Spirit, which giveth life." Your silent prayer and openness to God are themselves a form of ministry that enriches the Meeting community. Allow adequate time between spoken messages, so that all may listen to God and truly hear the previous message.

Vocal ministry carried on in a spirit of debate or lecturing or discussion is destructive to the life of the meeting for worship and of the meeting community. It is rarely useful to answer or rebut what has been previously said. Friends moved to vigorous support of causes are asked to find brief and sensitive ways to voice their insights.

Brevity is an under-appreciated virtue. If you speak, do not feel compelled to explore all the implications of your insight. Rather, leave room for the Spirit to work through the next person, building on your words and possibly extending them in an unexpected direction.

Inevitably, not all vocal ministry will be equally meaningful to all present. Remember that ministry that does not speak to you may never the less be valuable to others. If you find yourself struggling with another's words, learn to listen to the Spirit behind the words.

In regard to any impulse to speak a second time during worship, Friends have traditionally counseled restraint. Partly this is a matter of equity (since most present will not speak at all, none should speak more than once), and partly a recognition that to offer genuine vocal ministry is a weighty matter, regarding a degree of spiritual discernment and obedience beyond what most of us can muster twice in a single hour.

Finally, remember that our manner of worship is ultimately a mystery under the direction of the Holy Spirit. Each Meeting for Worship is a spiritual adventure, unique and unpredictable. Let us remember in humility that "the end of words is to bring us to the knowledge of things beyond what words can utter" (Isaac Pennington, 1670).

## Silence Is

*By Elspeth Munro Reagan  
(At a Meeting for Worship, 1986)*

Silence is

quiet — and noisy  
still — and restless  
empty — and full  
rough — and smooth

Silence is

feeling — and no feeling  
tumultuous — and calm  
impatient — and accepting  
doubting — and trusting

Silence is

Heaven — and Hell  
light — and dark  
color — and no color  
creative — and barren

Silence — is — and is not  
and I, where am I?

Kneeling at the Center of the Silence.

Amen.

# June 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<b>3</b> 10 am Meeting for Worship 11:20 am FDS Closing Ceremonies	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:15 am Meeting for Worship 6:30 pm HFS Frolic	<b>7</b> 7 pm Friendly Yoga	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
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<b>17</b> 10 am Meeting for Worship	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7 pm Friendly Yoga 7 pm Peace Prayers Gathering	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 10 am Meeting for Worship 10 am Quarterly Meeting	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7 pm Friendly Yoga	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>