



## 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

#### A Letter to John Wesley, 1772

By Mary Dudley

*Mary Dudley (then Mary Stokes) was active in Wesley's revival movement at the time but had recently started showing some dissatisfaction and had begun attending an occasional Friends' Meeting. Wesley apparently wrote her a strongly worded letter about such activities. This was her response. It appears to have been the turning point for Mary Dudley, and about a year later she made her affiliation with Friends formal.*

My very dear and worthy friend,

For once I can say, the receipt of a letter from you has given me inexpressible pain...

...“Beware of striking into new paths,” says my revered friend. Much, very much, should I fear exploring any of myself, or taking one step in so important a point, without the direction of Him, who is emphatically called, ‘Wonderful/Counsellor!’ To His praise be it spoken, He has given me the desire to be guided by Him; and I humbly hope, in obedience to this Holy Teacher, I have at some seasons lately attended the Quakers’ Meeting, but not at the time of our own worship, except Sunday evenings, when, with truth I say, the excessive warmth of the room was too much for me to bear. I am obliged to testify, the LORD has clothed His word delivered there with divine power, for which the heart of my dear father will rejoice, since

Names, and sects, and parties fall,  
And thou, O Christ, art all in all!

With regard to silent meetings, I apprehend their authority may be known by the power they are attended with. I have not been at such, yet in my own experience find the unutterable prayer to be the most profitable, and am led much into what is so beautifully expressed in one of our hymns

The speechless awe that dares not move,  
and all the silent heaven of love.

I long to be more internally devoted to that GOD, who alone is worshipped in spirit and in truth; and find, in order to keep up a spiritual intercourse, there must be a deep, inward, silent attention, to the secret intimations of divine love, for which my inmost soul aspires to Him, who has promised to fulfil the desire of them that seek him; and is this, my dear Sir, “stepping out of the way?” Surely it cannot, while I find a peace that passeth all understanding. Can this lead me to think slightly of my old teachers? Oh! Could my heart be opened to my friend, he would see far other characters impress. Will this teach me to neglect my meetings? I esteem them great privileges where, not custom, but a sincere desire for God’s glory is our principle of action. What further can I say to my honoured friend, after disclosing so much of that heart which holds him in most affectionate and respectful love. I can only add the request, that he would join me in that emphatic prayer to the GOD of all grace, “Thy will be done;” to which an attention and obedience will, I trust, divinely influence his very unworthy, but gratefully affectionate,

Mary Stokes

*The Life of Mary Dudley, Including An Account Of Her Religious Engagements and Extracts From Her Letters. London: The Editor (Elizabeth Dudley), 1825, pages 15-17.*

**Coffee and Hospitality for October**  
Care Committee

### Upcoming Events

#### October 14 — Fall Work Day at Fair Hill

10 a.m. to noon. Fair Hill Burial Ground (resting place for Lucretia Mott) invites Friends to help get our North Philadelphia site ready for winter. Bulb planting, weeding and help with nearby community projects..

### **October 14 — Philly Beyond Oil 2006**

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Arch Street Meeting House. Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, through the Peace and Concerns Standing Committee and Earthcare Working Group, is co-sponsoring this event. Take part in developing a vision for adapting our lives and communities to provide for food, shelter, and transportation in a time of much higher energy costs and greater regional self-reliance. .

### **October 22 — Haddonfield Quarterly Meeting Medford Meeting (14 Union Street, Medford, NJ; 609-953-8914)**

9:30 — coffee and doughnuts

10:00 — Meeting for Worship

11:00 — Meeting for Business

During Meeting for Business, Mark Myers, the Interim General Secretary of PYM, will update us and have a discussion of issues facing Friends in PYM. Lunch is provided following business meeting.

### **October 22 — John Woolman and Trauma Healing**

2:30 p.m. at Burlington Meeting House. The 59th annual Woolman Lecture, "Healing from Slavery, War and Genocide: Lessons from John Woolman and Friends in Rwanda and Burundi," will include voices and images from the trauma-healing work that David Zarembka coordinates in the African Great Lakes region as an initiative of Friends Peace Teams. This work addresses major issues of our day in the way that John Woolman did in his. The free lecture will be followed by an informal reception, concluding around 4:30 p.m.

### **October 28 — Workshop for Meeting Treasurers**

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Arch Street Meeting House. Treasurers and finance committee members are invited to a workshop on financial reporting. Treasurers workshops are sponsored by Friends Fiduciary Corporation and the Financial Oversight Working Group (FOWG) of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. For more information, contact Melissa Stoner at Friends Fiduciary Corporation (melissafidcorp@aol.com or 215-241-7262) or Kathy Reilly at Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (kathyr@pym.org or 215-241-7205).

### **November 3–5 — Inquirers' Weekend on Basic Quakerism**

Pendle Hill, Wallingford, PA. Leaders will be Maurine Pyle, Field Secretary and former clerk of Illinois Yearly Meeting, and Jerry Leaphart, former clerk of Wilton Meeting (CT) and member of the Black Concerns Committee of New York Yearly Meeting. For more information, visit

www.pendlehill.org or call ext. 3 at 800-742-3150 or 610-566-4507.

### **November 4 — AFSC Annual Public Gathering**

1:30 p.m. at Arch Street Meeting House. The keynote speaker will be Helen Thomas, who was a member of the White House press corps for more than fifty years. Her presentation for AFSC, under the general theme "Speaking Truth, Seeking Justice," will focus on how well the press meets its responsibility to inform the public. Following the keynote address, AFSC will present several panels highlighting programs related to AFSC's current priority areas of peace building and human migration/mobility. All events are free and open to the public. For more information, go to [www.afsc.org](http://www.afsc.org).

### **November 4 — Education Fund Dinner**

7 p.m. at the Meeting House. See page 4 for details.

### **Haddonfield Monthly Meeting Meeting for Worship for Business September 10, 2006**

21 Friends were in attendance. The meeting began with a period of worship. The clerk read query number 3 from *Faith & Practice* — Spiritual Nurture, Ministry and Religious Education.

There was no correspondence report. We are still looking for a new Correspondence Secretary.

Bob Turrin, for property committee, reported on the result of the search for a new custodian for the Meeting. Property Committee is recommending Richard Ross. He has extensive property maintenance experience, including plumbing and electrical and he comes with excellent references. The next step, because he would frequently be in close proximity to children, is a criminal background check. Richard also is enrolled in a graduate program to become licensed as a drug and alcohol counselor. Friends approved going forward with the process and hiring Richard, if Property Committee so decides. He would be hired on a one-year trial basis.

Lisa Boyell reported for the Nominating Committee. Bob Turrin was nominated for Alternate Clerk of Meeting. Since Drew Biehl, the Meeting Clerk, will not be here next month, this was not held over a month for consideration, as is customary. Friends approved the nomination. The meeting also approved Karen Buchan, who was nominated last month for School Committee.

The Clerk reported that, in June, the Meeting had received a

request from the First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield for financial assistance for Mt. Pisgah A.M.E Church. Mt. Pisgah was damaged by a fire on June 19th. The Meeting decided that members would send donations directly to Mount Pisgah Church in the name of the Meeting. (see article on page 4.)

Gary Smith brought a concern from Worship and Ministry. It was felt that friends might obtain more meaning from Sunday worship if we were unencumbered by Meeting for Worship for Business immediately following on the second Sunday of each month. Worship and Ministry opened a dialogue to discuss changing the day and time for our Monthly Meeting for Worship for Business. After much thoughtful discussion, Friends concluded that there would be no significant benefit to changing to a different day of the week. It was observed that attendance is about the same on Sunday afternoon as it was on Friday night. However, it was decided that we would restore Meeting for Worship to a full hour, as it is on all other Sundays.

Some suggestions were made as to how to encourage more Friends to Attend the Meeting for Business.

The meeting concluded with a period of worship.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joanne R. Heizer, Recording Clerk

## First Day School

**October 1** — Intergenerational session. Sal Scafidi will lead intergenerational cooperative games.

### *Adult classes:*

**October 15** — Sarah and Leila Barclay will lead a session on Quaker response to the situation in the Middle East, with a particular focus on their native Lebanon.

**October 22** — Quarterly Meeting

**October 29** — Howard McKinney is scheduled to continue to lead us toward an understanding of and our response as Quakers to the Middle East situation, based on his lifetime commitment to that part of the world.

### *Young People's classes*

After our introductory intergenerational session, separate classes for each age group will begin on October 8, with the following teachers:

High school students will gather at the Meeting House with their teachers David Galivan and David Austin, who plan to take them to the Three Beans Café on Haddon Avenue for

discussion and fellowship during the First Day School hour.

Middle school students will be under the leadership of Ty Drago this year. They plan to focus on learning about other religions.

Upper elementary school students will be under the leadership of Helene Drago until Christmas time. They plan to learn about Quakerism. In the second part of the year they will be learning about the life of Christ, beginning at Christmas with His birth. Sue McDevitt will teach this class.

The lower elementary school, kindergarten and preschool group still needs a teacher to be in charge of the class on a weekly basis. At present Julie Lyons, Tanya Hogan, Nancy Engle and Inspira Williams are all prepared to assist, but are unable to commit to being the teacher for the class. If you are able to have the rewarding experience of teaching this wonderful class, please speak to Religious Education co-chairs Inspira Williams or Kitty Mizuno.

## Support the Education Fund

The Education Fund Committee is having a dinner on Saturday, November 4 at 7 p.m. at the Meeting House. We have a new, improved meal planned and have tapped Meeting for one of our best cooks to play lead chef. We are planning on having the Meeting children perform. All proceeds will benefit the Education Fund Trust assisting the

*The honor of your presence is requested*

## Meeting for Worship for Business

*October 8, 2006, at 11 a.m., immediately following the rise of Meeting for Worship and announcements*

- Connect with your Meeting community
- Participate in making decisions that will move Meeting into the future
- Share your opinions
- Learn what issues are affecting our worship community

When was the last time you came to monthly Meeting for Worship for Business?

*Please join us... your presence will make a difference*

children of our Meeting in receiving a Quaker education. Tickets are being sold with a recommended donation of \$50, but any donation will be accepted.

## **Help for our friends at Mt. Pisgah A.M.E Church**

On Monday, June 19th, contractors working on the steeple of Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church on Ellis Street in Haddonfield ignited a fire, seriously damaging the roof of the building. Over the summer, the membership of the churches of Haddonfield began an informal fund drive, via their respective weekly collections, to offer financial help to Mt. Pisgah. Donations collected will help the church meet ongoing obligations while they begin the work of repairing the damaged roof. The Episcopal Church offered to share their space and building so Mt. Pisgah would be able to conduct weekly worship services. Haddonfield Monthly Meeting does not wish to remain silent during our neighbor's time of need. All members of HFM wishing to extend financial assistance of any amount to Mt. Pisgah may send private donations to the Rev. Mark-Anthony Rassman, Mt. Pisgah A.M.E Church, 238 Ellis Street, Haddonfield, NJ 08033. If you wish, please identify yourself as a member of Haddonfield Friends Meeting.

## **English Country Dance**

Are you looking for an activity that will exercise your body and mind and is FUN? Joanne Heizer hosts English country dancing every Tuesday night (except the last Tuesday of each month) from 8–10 p.m. in the Meetinghouse auditorium. What is English country dancing? Think Jane Austen, Masterpiece Theater, square dancing without the bounce. No experience needed, as all dances are taught. Come alone or bring a friend. Donations are accepted. (The Meeting receives all profits!)

## **An Update on the Library**

If you've gone into the Meeting library looking for something to read, you might have noticed that things look a little different. The bookshelves around the room have been reorganized. Instead of using the Dewey decimal system, we arranged books in categories, such as Quakerism, biography, etc. We've done this so that readers can zero in on the topic they want. Books within a topic will be arranged in alphabetical order by the author's last name. The children's books are all along the right side of the room, with picture books in the display and the

books on the shelves arranged by reading level. On the table under the windows, there are introductory books on Quakerism. We're trying to make the library as user-friendly as possible, so more people will use it. It is a work in progress, though, so please be patient.

*The Library Committee*

## **Media-Providence Friends Speak Out for Peace**

PeaceWay, a series of outdoor panels placed around the driveway at Providence Meeting on Route 252 in Media, PA, will be publicly launched on Saturday, October 7. This witness is co-sponsored by Providence, Media Meeting and Chester Quarterly Meeting.

The exhibit presents a statement of Quaker beliefs about war and violence, followed by other signs showing the human and dollar costs of the fighting and occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as children's art.

A Peace Walk steps off from Media Meeting at 9 a.m., ending at the Providence Meeting House. There, at 10 a.m., Parker Snowe, Clerk of Providence Meeting, will dedicate the PeaceWay exhibit and Lynn Oberfield, Head of Media-Providence Friends School, will speak to the theme "Peace is Healthy for Children and Other Living Things." After the program, participants may browse the literature tables, make peace pinwheels to take home, play cooperative games and socialize.

## **Quaker Tapestries Exhibit at Arch Street**

The exhibit of "Quaker Tapestries: Illustrating Friends' Past, Present, Future" will be displayed at Arch Street Meeting House. The exhibit consists of full-size color photos of select panels from the British Quaker Tapestry Scheme, interspersed with representative North American Quaker tapestry panels and preparatory drawings. The tapestries celebrate Quaker beliefs, accomplishments, events, and individuals. Sponsored by Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting in association with the Arch Street Meeting House Exhibit Working Group, this display will be in place until March 2007. There will be an opening reception from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, October 6. The public is invited.

## **Godly Play® Workshop Opportunity**

Friends interested in Godly Play will have the opportunity to attend an introductory workshop October 27-28 in Philadelphia. Godly Play uses Montessori-inspired

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

It is especially lovely when young parents, such as Julie and Michael Lyons, join Haddonfield Meeting. Those of us who are older can see the Meeting's future continuing after our time.

This month we warmly welcome Julie. Michael will be interviewed for the November newsletter.

Julie was brought up Evangelical Congregational, later converting to Catholicism. Quakerism has pleasantly surprised her with "the tolerance for different ideas. People with strong convictions could still be open to each other, not closed off. And your spirituality could grow and evolve, not just stay the same." Julie has noticed that "people have different ideas of what the Testimonies mean."

Brought up in a small town outside Reading, Pennsylvania, Julie recently relocated to Gloucester Township, New Jersey, where Michael was raised. She is enthusiastic about the Jersey shore, which is new to her as a lifelong upstate resident. The couple has two children, Will, 6, and Bridget, 4. From a family of educators, Julie always wanted to teach. She works as a sixth grade language arts teacher, assisting students with reading, writing, speaking, and listening.

How did she come to Haddonfield Meeting? "Some friends were talking about Quakers. I got interested and looked up the nearest meeting. I began attending in July two years ago, and Michael joined me almost right away."

Julie describes herself as "friendly, positive, energetic, very active, and responsible." When she has free time, she loves tennis and is beginning yoga also. She is a committed reader and is "currently in a non-fiction phase. I'm reading books about organizing one's life. People would be surprised to learn that although I'm organized at work, I can be an absolute slob at home!" She also enjoys reading thrillers and has already discovered some Quaker mysteries.

One day Julie stood up to give a testimony during worship. "I had a feeling I was supposed to – it was very unusual – other weeks I may be thinking things, but this was different. I was always wondering what that would feel like. I felt kind of drained when I sat back down, but kind of happy."

Welcome, Julie, and may you always feel "at home" at Haddonfield Meeting.

*Judy Kruger*

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

*A song sung in Girl Scout camp.*

approaches to explore stories of the Bible. The workshop will be led by Caryl Menkhus, pastor of a Friends Meeting and a Godly Play teacher and accredited trainer. For more information about the training, contact Melinda Wenner Bradley at [mmwb@comcast.net](mailto:mmwb@comcast.net). To register, contact Christie Duncan-Tessmer, PYM Children's Religious Education Coordinator, [christiedt@pym.org](mailto:christiedt@pym.org), or 215-241-7008.

### **PYM Annual Fund goal is \$475,000**

In the current fiscal year (2006-2007) Friends are being asked to raise \$475,000 to balance the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting budget Friends approved last spring. If every member of PYM contributes to the Annual Fund according to his or her means, raising the \$475,000 will not be a problem.

Meeting covenants were never intended to be the sole support of PYM. Both the covenant and the Annual Fund are needed. The Annual Fund permits the majority of Friends who can give beyond the covenant, to do so. Please give with joy; as Friends we all have so much for which to be thankful.

# October 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 10 am Meeting for Worship 11:20 am FDS 7 pm Worship & Ministry YOM KIPPUR	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:15 am Meeting for Worship	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9 am Peace & Soc. Concerns 10 am Meeting for Worship 11 am Meeting for Business	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:15 am Meeting for Worship	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 10 am Meeting for Worship 11:20 am FDS	<b>16</b> 7:30 pm Prop. Committee	<b>17</b> 7:30 pm Care Committee	<b>18</b> 9:15 am Meeting for Worship	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>Quarterly Meeting at Medford</b> 10 am Meeting for Worship 12 noon Covered Dish 2-4 pm HFS Open House	<b>23</b> ← Newsletter deadline	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:15 am Meeting for Worship	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10 am Meeting for Worship 11:20 am FDS	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> HALLOWEEN				