

# YARDLEY FRIENDS MEETING NEWSLETTER

April 2016



65 North Main Street, Yardley PA 19067  
YardleyFriendsMeeting.org

Meeting for Worship 10:00–11:00  
First Day School 10:15–11:00

Linda Jacobs, Clerk  
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## MORE BOOKS!

Joe and Carol Sundeen have generously donated some of their books to the YFM library. These are mostly hardback books in pristine condition, on political & environmental issues and most are recently published, so are very pertinent to our times.

They are located on a new bookshelf by the back door. If you want to borrow one, just take out the card in the back & sign the date, and enter your name & email address.

The bookshelf is about half full as this is written, but more books are coming and it should be full soon. Perhaps these will stir some ideas for future adult discussions. We thank Joe and Carol for their generous contribution!

## Your Francis and Betty Irwin calendar inspiration for the month ...

I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought; and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.

Gilbert Keith Chesterton (1874-1936) England

\*\*Hard copies of the 2016 calendar are available in the Meetinghouse.\*\*

## April 2

Canal clean up, 9-12. Contact Eillen Killeen

Potluck dinner with a Film Screening of Good Karma. Time TBD (5:30 or 6). Contact Eillen Killeen

## April 3

Committee meetings following MFW

## April 10

Men's Group 8:30 am.

Meeting for Worship with attention to Business following MFW

## April 17

Adult Education - approx. 11:30 following Elevenses. Faith and Practice, with Howard Cell

## April 21 (third Thursday) 7 pm

Cancer Treatment Support Group. For more information, contact Terry M. Christensen, Ph.D.:  
phys.hist@gmail.com,  
215-944-8004

## *Around the Quarter*

### **QUAKERISM IN A NUTSHELL**

Informational Workshop on Quakerism  
Saturday April 30, 10am to 2pm, Makefield Meeting

This workshop is for Friends, attenders and seekers to explore the life of Quakerism and being Quaker today. Come to this exciting workshop led by Melanie Douty Snipes. Lunch is provided. To register and for more information, contact Holly Olson 215-453-7358 or [hollybQc@verizon.net](mailto:hollybQc@verizon.net). The workshop is free though donations will be greatly appreciated. Registration is necessary for planning lunch.

### **MIDWEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Tuesdays at Southampton 7:30 PM  
Wednesdays at Lehigh Valley 5:00 PM  
Wednesdays at Makefield 7:00 AM  
Thursdays at Middletown 7:00 PM

For other events happening in other Meetings in our Quarter, refer to the current month's **Quakerphenalia** - available on our website here: <http://yardleyfriendsmeeting.org/news/>

### **CLERK'S CORNER**

By Linda S. Jacobs

#### **WORKING TOGETHER**

Terry Christensen (as mentoring clerk) and I had a conversation following the clerks meeting on March 6. Terry mentioned how reaching out and working together is as important as the work we accomplish. We've often said that one of the big advantages of our autumn market is how working together helps us get to know each other and creates community. Everything we do at Meeting should be like this!

At the clerks meeting some great ideas were brought up. Some were a series of civil discourses, landscaping, a playground, and a labyrinth. These ideas and others would be a benefit to us and also something to attract new friends/Friends. We learned of the Membership Development Support fund by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. This fund is available for this purpose and we are encouraged to take advantage of.

Our Meeting has a lot of strength and vibrancy. Adding to it not only may attract attention, but it makes the Meeting an even better place for all of us. I'm looking forward to proposals and all of us working together to make our ideas a reality.

Committees are a big part of how we get our work done. All are welcome and encouraged to be on at least one committee. Yet you don't have to be a committee clerk or even on a committee to share an idea and pitch in to help. One of the things I've always loved about Meeting is that from the minute you walk in the door, you are important! If you have an idea we'd love to hear your thoughts!

The work of organizing and finding the strengths and talents of each other is what makes us strong. Just like Sense of the Meeting in Meeting for Business; going into a project with an open mind and ready to listen to the ideas of others teaches us trust, humility, compassion and courage. Let's think of how to bring more people into our projects and make everything we do as intergenerational as possible. Everyone has something to learn! Let's be open to the wisdom and teaching of each other. As a Meeting and as individuals, we will learn so much and become really strong.

## DONATIONS TO YFM

Friends, this is a reminder that we don't pass a collection plate or otherwise badger for donations. But we still need money to operate, and most of that comes from donations from members and attenders. How much is really up to each family or individual – the average is somewhere around \$750 per family unit, but some give more and some give less. Anything is better than nothing! How to donate is described below, and in fact comes directly from the website ([www.yardleyfriendsmeeting.org/donations/](http://www.yardleyfriendsmeeting.org/donations/)).

Donations to Yardley Friends Meeting can be made in several ways:

Simply write a check to Yardley Friends Meeting and drop it in the donations box or mail it to Yardley Friends Meeting, 56 North Main St., Yardley, PA 19067.

Ask your bank to send a paper check, usually on a regular (monthly) basis. More and more folks have elected this option. You have to talk to your bank but most offer this kind of service.

*NOTE: You can use this for other payments, say Baldwin Fund loan repayments. Just put that on the memo line, and to be sure, let Ted Taylor know to look for it.*

- By credit card or ACH through PYM:

*Go to the PYM webpage [www.pym.org](http://www.pym.org), click on "Support Quaker Work" and then click on "Give Online."*

***Two contribution sections:***

*You will see on the page that there are two sections for making a gift. The first is for gifts to the PYM annual fund. Below that is the section for gifts to monthly and quarterly meetings. If they so choose, members can give to both PYM and to the monthly/quarterly meeting in a single transaction.*

***Other information:***

- *The donation can be by credit card, (Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express) or ACH (direct withdrawal from a checking account – to use this option click on the blue "Click here to pay by check" line)*
  - *Friends may make a one-time gift or a recurring gift.*
  - *The frequency can be once, every other week, monthly, quarterly, twice yearly or yearly.*
  - *Friends will receive an email receipt from Acceptiva, PYM's online donations processor.*
- In-kind donations of stock using a broker (contact us if you don't have a broker or want to donate mutual fund shares). This is done through Friends Fiduciary and saves us some money on the ultimate sale of the stock.
    - Tell us the company name, CUSIP number, number of shares, expected date of transfer, broker's name and contact info.
    - Instruct the broker to deliver the shares via DTC wire #2803 to US Bank NA, Institutional #12278 for deposit into Account #10996-01-J, Consolidated Fund Participant Income Account, for the benefit of Yardley Friends Meeting. US Bank NA, Institutional Trust and Custody, EX-PA-WBSP, ATTN: Carol Hopewell, 50 S. 16th St., Suite 2000, Philadelphia, PA 19103. T 215/761-9337, F 215/761-9414.

*(next month...space permitting...funds/ benefits of being part of the YFM community)*

## Queries for the Fourth Month

# Care for the Meeting Community

### Care for one another

Are love and unity maintained among us? When conflicts exist, are they faced with patience, forbearance, and openness to healing? Are avenues for exploring differences kept open? To what extent does our Meeting ignore differences in order to avoid possible conflicts?

Is the Meeting a safe, loving place? When we become aware of someone's need, do we offer assistance? Are the meetinghouse and the Meeting property physically accessible to all?

Do all adults and children in our Meeting receive our loving care and encouragement to share in the life of our Meeting, and to live as Friends? Do we truly welcome newcomers and include them in our Meeting community?

When a member's conduct or manner of living gives cause for concern, how does the Meeting respond?

How does our Meeting keep in touch with all its members?

*Am I ready to offer assistance as part of my religious community serving its members? Am I equally willing to accept graciously the help of others?*

*Do I recognize and face disagreements and other situations that put me in conflict with others? Do I manifest a spirit ready to give or receive forgiveness?*

*Do I treat adults and children alike with respect and without condescension? Is my manner with visitors and attenders to my Meeting one of welcome?*

**Care in my Home** - This set of personal queries may be helpful for the family to consider within the family setting. Families may also wish to explore other General Queries as part of regular family worship.)

*Is my home a place where all members of the family receive affection and understanding, and where visitors are welcome? Do I choose recreation and a manner of living that enriches the body, mind, and spirit; and shows a high regard for family, community, and creation?*

*Is our family prepared to discuss such sensitive topics as death, faith, money, even sex and drugs, in a manner that allows openness and honesty, and also direction?*

*How do I help to arrange life at home so that there is an opportunity for all to learn and absorb by example what it means to live a life of Spirit-led commitment?*

**NOTE: As an experiment, we will read the queries in sections, each First Day, to better contemplate them in pieces. Let us know what you think. Worship and Ministry**

### A note from your newsletter editor

If you have info for the next newsletter, please e-mail me at [mrp.ed@verizon.net](mailto:mrp.ed@verizon.net). Cut-off is the 25th of each month. Feel free to write with suggestions for improvements. **If you are reading a hard copy and don't mind having it e-mailed, please let me know and we can save some paper and postage.** Ed Snyder