

YARDLEY FRIENDS MEETING

NEWSLETTER

November 2016

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65 North Main Street, Yardley PA 19067
<http://yardleyfriendsmeeting.org/>

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

Linda Jacobs, Clerk
Ed Snyder, Newsletter Editor

This month at YFM

November 6

Committee meetings following Meeting for Worship

November 8

Election Day Meeting for Worship - 7 PM

November 13

Meeting for Worship with attention to Business

November 19

Simple Gifts workshop and concert. We are very excited to offer this to our YFM community and the larger local community! Please look for our posters and/or check the website for more details and to make reservations.

November 20

Adult education following Meeting for Worship - TBD

November 27

Adult education following Meeting for Worship - TBD

Around the Quarter

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

Jonathan Sprout in concert!

Saturday, November 12, 2PM

Award-winning singer-songwriter (and member of Fallsington Friends Meeting)

Fallsington Friends Meetinghouse, 9300 New Falls Rd,
Fallsington, PA 19054

Feast, Fun and Song

Saturday, November 12 - a Quarter-wide family social event of feast, fun and song. We will begin at 5:30 pm at the Middletown Friends meetinghouse with a pot luck meal followed by singing from 7 to 8:00. Friends of all ages are welcome.

Quarterly Meeting for Worship, Fellowship, and Business

Sunday November 20

Lehigh Valley Friends Meetinghouse - 4116 Bath Pike, Bethlehem

See this month's Quakerphenalia for all events and activities!

Looking ahead

December 2

Potluck dinner and tree and meetinghouse decoration party

December 10th and 17th

Santa's Workshop at Buttonwood Park.
Hot chocolate provided by YFM.

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

There is no passion to be found playing small - in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living.

Nelson Mandela

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

CLERK'S CORNER

By Linda S. Jacobs

Is Outreach important to Meeting?

At the October Meeting for Business a plea for more **outreach** came up repeatedly. We are a strong and close community with much to offer. We have something special that should be shared. For practical reasons a lot of work is done by a few people. More people becoming a part of Meeting would split the workload and share skills.

Quakerism isn't for everyone! It's understandable that not everyone who walks in the door will feel it's for them. However, we should reach out to the community. It is likely we will attract people that have been looking for what we have. That's what happened for most of us! They will feel at home and naturally join in. Our personalities are diverse. As we stay open to the Light within, each of us becomes a special addition to Meeting and lives of others.

We often say how lucky we are to be a part of Yardley Friends Meeting. Letting others know what we are about can help new people and enrich our Meeting. What can we do as a Meeting to communicate our presence and our principles to the community around us?

Outreach committee has a mission of enlarging the knowledge and welcome of the Meeting to new people. Along with Peace and Social Action they reach out and work with the community. This shouldn't be the job exclusively of the committee. Everyone should work towards outreach. There is an openness and simplicity in our manner of life that is special. I believe we are all friendly and welcoming to guests. We are willing to share what makes us Quaker and who we are in general.

I've been in a few conversations within our Meeting and with others in the Quarter. Events in which we invite the community to join us is one way Meetings interests new people.

The Simple Gifts concert and workshop is an event that we hope will get the attention of the community. This concert should be wonderful! It's an experience people of all ages will enjoy. We hope to fill the Meetinghouse! Don't miss it! It's a great opportunity to invite your friends and family. Help get the word out. We have flyers and signs. Volunteer to help! Like the Autumn Market, working together brings us closer together. Outreach may bring new people to Meeting. It will also make us more a part of the greater community. A deeper connection with the community around us will add a deeper meaning to Yardley Friends Meeting.

A note from your newsletter editor

If you have info for the next newsletter, please e-mail me at ed@mrppplansinc.com. 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.**

Queries for the Eleventh Month

Stewardship of Resources

Does our Meeting serve social and economic justice in its uses of property and money?

How does our Meeting engage its members in the support of the Meeting's work, its ministry, and the upkeep of its property?

How does our Meeting engage its members in the support of the quarterly and yearly meetings and other Quaker organizations?

To what extent does our Meeting rely on current members for financial support, and what role does endowment income serve? Does the Meeting consider carefully the appropriate role of invested funds?

Am I clear that I am the steward, not the owner, of property in my care?

Do I simplify my needs, making choices that balance self-sufficiency (to avoid unnecessary dependence on others) and fair sharing of resources? Do I make choices as a consumer that support the equitable distribution of income?

Do my employment and other activities allow for use of time and energy in spiritual growth and in service to the Religious Society of Friends?

Do I contribute generously within my means to the funding of the work of Friends in my Meeting, in the yearly meeting, and in the wider world of Friends?



Maggie Cherney in Denmark!

Syrian Refugee Resettlement

Bucks County Interfaith Coalition is hosting a Syrian family for resettlement. Donations can be made out to:

Tzedek v'Shalom

P.O. Box 219
Richboro, PA 18954-1707

Indicate "**for refugee resettlement**" in the memo line.

Contact Mercy Ingraham for more info:
(215) 757-4397

SIMPLE GIFTS

Folk & World Music

www.simplegiftsmusic.com/videos.html



Saturday

NOV 19, 2016

FREE Music Workshop & Concert

Simple Gifts is a folk duo featuring Linda Littleton and Karen Hirshon from Central Pennsylvania. These two women play twelve instruments to perform folk & world music including Romanian, Klezmer, Greek, Irish, Scottish, Scandinavian, Appalachian & more.

Come join us for an unforgettable musical event.

Music Workshop

For kids & adults of all ages
4 - 5:30 PM

Opportunity to play several instruments, learn how to arrange music, learn how to vary rhythm, and learn how to choose sounds and volume that match the music. Bring your own instrument if you have one.

Music Concert

7:00 – 9:00 PM
Reception following

Reservations and more
info:

www.yardleyfriendsmeeting.org
or call (215) 208-5389

or email
yfmsimplegifts@gmail.com

Donations accepted

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Yardley Friends Meeting House

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