



Yardley Friends Meeting Newsletter

February
2012

65 North Main Street, Yardley PA 19067
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Terry Christensen, Clerk

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

Coming Events

- Feb 18 BQ Pastoral Care Committee,
Wrightstown Social Hall, 10 – noon.
- Feb 20 Bucks Food for Friends, Fallsington.
- Feb 20 *Lucretia Mott*, Newtown Theater.
- Feb 19 Adult Religious Education:
An Introduction to Hebrew Scripture.
- Feb 22 Open House at United Friends
School, unitedfriendsschool.org.
- Feb 23 BQ Singing Group, Makefield.
- Feb 25 We Can Do It Day, Friends Center,
9:15 – 3:30.
- Feb 26 Adult Religious Education:
Meeting for Business in Worship.
- Mar 3 Quaker College Fair.
- Mar 10 Junior Interim Meeting, SHARE
Food Program, 12 – 2.
- Mar 16 Middle School Gathering, Medford
Leas.
- Mar 21 William Penn Lecture, Arch Street
Meetinghouse, Signe Wilkinson.
- Apr 29 John Calvi from the Quaker Initiative
to End Torture speaks at Doylestown,
1:30.

Quarterly Meeting

February 19 9:30 – 3:00 Solebury Mtg

- 9:30 am Refreshments and registration.
- 10:00 – 10:45 Meeting for Worship.
- 10:00 – noon *Children's Program:* Exploring the
Parable of the Talents through stories, art,
games, and other activities.
- 11:00 – noon *Adult Program:* Pooh Collins, Solebury
Friend and Art and Religion Teacher at
Buckingham Friends School, presents on
an integrated art/religion curriculum she
has developed, a blend of academic and
artistic expressions of our world's differ-
ent belief systems.
- Noon – 1:00 Simple lunch of soups, breads, desserts,
and beverages provided by Solebury.
- 1:00 – 3:00 *Business Meeting.* Stories and reports
from Doylestown, Makefield and
Quakertown Meetings, and Friends
Home and Friends Village, United
Friends School, Bucks Quarter Outreach
Committee, BQ Treasurer, Budget and
Nominating Committee and BQ Coordi-
nator. The Budget and Nominating
Committee will present any nominations
to PYM for approval and the preliminary
budget for 2012-2013.

Solebury Meeting is located at 2680 Sugan Road,
New Hope, PA 18938

In Our Meeting . . .

Adult Religious Education

An Introduction to Hebrew Scripture

February 19 **9:00 am**

Hebrew Scripture has inspired, healed, comforted and disturbed Friends for centuries. We'll explore this incredibly rich and varied library—who wrote what, for whom, when and why, and its value for Friends today.

Meeting for Business in Worship

February 26 **9:00 am**

A review of Quaker faith and practice regarding meeting for worship and a discussion about practice at Yardley Meeting.

Around the Quarter . . .

Camp Onas

Info Days: Feb 5 and Mar 4, 2pm

Plan now for your summer camp experience. Campers can come for two or four week sessions starting June 24 and running into August. A one-week session for seven, eight and nine year olds also available. Special rates for Quaker kids and financial aid is available. Check the Onas website: www.camponas.org, call 610 847-5858, or email friends@camponas.org.

John Calvi at Doylestown

April 29 **1:30 pm**

John Calvi and the Quaker Initiative to End Torture are committed to raising awareness of state-sponsored torture and to help those who have been damaged by torture. Learn more about this vital issue and how you can support the campaign to end the use of torture. For information, call Doylestown Mtg: 215 348-2320.

Lucretia Mott: Abolitionist and Suffragette

Feb 20 **Newtown Theatre** **8 pm**

A re-enactor portrays this famous Friend. Sponsored by the Newtown Historic Assoc. and Newtown Library Company.

From the Yearly Meeting

PYM Today Online

In January the Yearly Meeting launched a new publication called *PYM Today Online* to better connect with you and others who are interested in Quaker faith and practice, news and activities of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, and our faith community.



PYM Today Online is an electronic newsletter and we are sending the first issue to all households for which we have an email address.

If you want to subscribe but did not receive your own personal copy, it's easy to subscribe: just go to the PYM website at www.pym.org/pym-today-online and sign up! That's all there is to it. *PYM Today Online* is free and will be published monthly in addition to our twice-yearly printed journal, *PYM Today*. The online publication will emphasize timely information, breaking news, and upcoming events.

PYM Website Update

The Yearly Meeting has also been working to enhance its website: www.pym.org. It features a new "First Read" at the top of the page in an animated frame that rotates through a series of timely topics. These include each month's Query and topics of spiritual and community interest. The "First Read" changes throughout the month. Recently they posted a video from Concord Quarter and information about the new Friendly Households Project. The home page also features permanent links to the work of the Financial Stewardship and Long Range Planning committees in the right hand column.

We Can Do It Day

On Committee Life and Work

Saturday, February 25, 2012 **9:15 – 3:30**
Friends' Center **1515 Cherry Street, Phila.**

We Can Do It Day offers support and skills training to meetings. This winter the Day focuses on healthy, effective committee function. There will be workshops for the whole meeting with information about commit-

tee communications, discernment and efficacy. We invite any interested Monthly Meeting or Yearly Meeting committees and working groups to contribute a display that lets us all know what you're up to! Make it an event for your committee! Yearly Meeting Working Groups are welcome as well. We offer a vibrant children's program and excellent opportunities for fellowship. Join us, and spread the word! For more information contact Hannah Mayer at (215) 241-7240 or hmayer@pym.org.

Quaker College Fair

March 3 Arch Street Meetinghouse

"Where will I most thrive, and how can I connect to that place?" The Quaker College Fair supports students and their families in the college discernment process. For students and their families, this is a "right sized" college fair that centers on the values-based education available at colleges like Earlham, Haverford, Guilford, Bryn Mawr, Swarthmore, etc. Students will meet admissions representatives of historically Quaker Colleges, learn about navigating financial aid pathways and drafting college applications, and talk with knowledgeable students and alumni. For more information contact Grace Cooke at gcooke@pym.org or call 215-241-7224 or visit <http://www.pym.org/committee/quaker-college-fair>.

Junior Interim Meeting

Saturday, March 10, 2012 12:00 – 2:00
SHARE Food Program

Junior Interim Meeting invites all members of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of ANY AGE to help directly support the Children's Priority by joining us for a very special Junior Interim Meeting. The Children's Priority is: "God's big idea for us is to make the world a better place and share our Quaker Faith by treating ALL as our brothers and sisters. We will do this by raising money and helping those who are hungry and homeless." Everyone can follow the ministry of the Children's Priority by offering their service. Bring your committee, your meeting, your friends! We will gather at SHARE Food Program at 2901 West

Hunting Park Ave. Philadelphia. For more information visit www.pym.org/march-special-event, or contact Benjamin Camp, Children's Religious Life Program Coordinator, at 215-241-7228 or bcamp@pym.org.

Middle School Gathering

Faith, Family, and Fun

March 16–18, 2012

Medford Leas

Join the Middle School Friends community as we explore what it means to be faithful, fun-loving Friends in a multi-generational community. Medford Leas is located at: 1 Medford Leas Way, Medford, NJ 08055. For more information, please contact Stephen Dotson, the Middle School Friends Program Coordinator, at sdotson@pym.org or 215-241-7171. More details to come.

Resources on Meeting for Business

The Authority of Our Meetings is the Power of God, Paul Lacey, Pendle Hill Pamphlet # 365; \$6.50.

Beyond Consensus: Salvaging the Sense of the Meeting, Barry Morley, Pendle Hill Pamphlet # 307; \$6.50.

Beyond Majority Rule: Voteless Decision Making in the Religious Society of Friends, Michael Sheeran; \$18.00.

Mind of Christ: Bill Taber on Meeting for Business, Michael Birkel, ed, Pendle Hill Pamphlet #406; \$6.50.

Practicing Discernment Together: Finding God's Way Forward in Decision Making, PYM Outreach Committee; \$18.00.

Pray and Pay Attention: Or How to Enjoy Meeting for Business, Charles Brown; \$4.

Quaker Meeting for Business, Douglas Steere, \$4.

Spiritual Responsibility in the Meeting for Business, Patricia Loring, \$0.75.

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SECOND QUERY: Meeting for Business in Worship

Is our meeting for business held in the spirit of a meeting for worship in which we seek divine guidance?

Are we careful to keep in the spirit of worship each of the concerns that emerge, whether of nurture, of Spirit, of social concerns, of property, or of finance?

Are Meeting decisions directed by prayerful consideration of all aspects of an issue and are difficult problems considered carefully with patient search for truth, unhurried by the pressure of time?

How do we respond if we notice the meeting has lost an understanding of the presence of God?

Do we recognize that we speak through our inactions as well as our action?

Do I regularly attend meeting for business and in a spirit of love and unity? If unable to attend, how do I attend to my responsibility?

Do I consider prayerfully the many concerns that are lifted up on any issue, acknowledging that the search for truth in unity involves what God requires, being open to personal transformation as the community arrives at the sense of the meeting?

More Resources on Meeting for Business

Before Business Begins: Notes for Recording Clerks, Will Watson, \$5.

When Friends Attend to Business, Thomas Brown, \$0.60.

Handbook for the Presiding Clerk, David Stanfield, \$4.

Unforeseen Joy: Serving a Friends Meeting as a Recording Clerk, Damon Hickey; \$2.

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