



Yardley Friends Meeting Newsletter

July
2011

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Ed Snyder, Clerk

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

Coming Events

- July 21 Worship sharing at YFM: 7-8 pm
- July 27-31 Annual Sessions, PYM
- July 28 Worship sharing at YFM: 7-8 pm
- Aug 7 Committees
- Aug 14 Meeting for Business in Worship
- Aug 28 Bucks Quarter

PYM Annual Sessions

Powerful Beyond Measure— Trusting the Call to Leadership

July 27 – July 31

DeSales University

You are invited to join hundreds of other Friends at the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions, which takes place from Wednesday, July 27 through Sunday, July 31 on the campus of DeSales University near Allentown, Pennsylvania. Summer Sessions offers an oppor-

tunity for worship, fellowship and fun in addition to inspired discernment for our collective work in business meetings. There are programs offered for ALL ages, and you may attend for the entire event or just a day or two.

Theme. This year's theme is *Powerful Beyond Measure: Trusting the Call to Leadership*. The title for this theme was inspired by this well-known passage by Marianne Williamson from *A Return to Love: Reflections on the Principles of A Course in Miracles*:

“Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us.”

Based on evaluation responses, the Sessions Planning Group collectively discerned the desire of Friends to understand more clearly the role of power, authority, and leadership in our dealings with one another and in engaging the world at large. Like the themes of Earthcare in 2009 and Prophetic Witness in 2010, this theme will be intentionally woven into all sessions activities.

Financial aid for families. Work Grants and Scholarships are available to help you attend; you can apply during the registration process. Also, this year, there are no program or meal fees for children entering 8th grade and younger, and no housing fees for those who stay on the floor in their parents' rooms. Registration fees are waived on Saturday for Friends who have not attended in the last five years and Field Guides will help newcomers navigate!

You can register on the PYM website:

www.pym.org.



Around the Quarter . . .

Middletown Grange Fair

August 17 - 21

Wrightstown

Bucks Quarter has a tent at the Middletown Grange Fair and Friends generously serve as volunteers. If you are able to help at the tent for a two-hour shift of your choice, please call Holly Olson at 215 860-9747, or email her at hollybqc@verizon.net. The tent opens at 10 am and shuts down at 10 pm. If you've never helped before, it's very easy and Holly will make sure that you are teamed up with someone who has helped in the past. The Fair is fun and so is volunteering. You can park at Wrightstown Meeting and walk across the ball fields to the Fair. Parking at the Fair itself is \$10.

Peace Camp 2011

9 am - 3 pm

The Peace Center

July 11-15

Making Peace with Nature

July 18-22

Making Peaceful Noise

July 25-29

Puppets for Peace

The Peace Center offers children going into grades 1-6 an opportunity to have fun while learning problem solving and conflict resolution. Campers will engage in arts and crafts, games, music, acting, singing, dancing, yoga and more as they gain a deeper sense of inner connection.

Cost: \$270. For more info: 215-750-7220.

Quaker Singles

Holly Olson is compiling a list of Friends who are interested in restarting the former Bucks Quarter singles group. The vision is that this will be a self-directed group of members and attenders, with Holly serving as a support person—sending out reminders, posting notices in Quakerphernalia, securing a location for gatherings, and so on. If you are interested, please contact Holly at hollybqc@verizon.net or 215-860-9747 or 215-453-7358.

Quarterly Meeting

Quakertown Monthly Meeting

Sunday August 28

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Schedule of Events:

9:00: Refreshments and registration

9:30 - 10:30: Adult Program "Grass Roots Action for a Peaceful World" with Virginia Ahern (NJ Peace Action board member) and Milton Horowitz (development committee member)

9:30 - noon: Children's Program: "Bottles to Fish"

10:45 - 11:45: Meeting for Worship

Noon - 1:00 pm: Brown bag lunch with desserts and beverages provided by our Quakertown Friends

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm: Business Meeting

Directions to Quakertown Meeting can be found on the Quarter's web site, www.quakersbucks.org For those with GPS, the address is Route 529 and Whitebridge Rd, Quakertown, NJ 08868.

Agenda items: Please send agenda items to the clerk, Chris Lucca, one week before Quarterly Meeting. Thanks.

Arch Street Meeting House Achieves National Historic Landmark Status

Arch Street Meeting House was among the newly designated National Historic Landmarks named recently by US Secretary of the Interior, Ken Salazar. This designation represents years of work by many PYM members on the Arch Street Standing Committee and its Property and Use Working Group.

The meeting house was built in 1804 and enlarged in 1811. The original architect was Owen Biddle. The meeting house has been on the National Register of Historic Places since 1971 and with this designation, it becomes one of about 2,500 National Historic Landmarks.

You can find more information about the meeting house on Wikipedia ("Arch Street Friends Meeting House") and at: <http://www.ushistory.org/tour/arch-street-friends.htm>.

From the Yearly Meeting

2012 Quaker Pilgrimage (to England)

July 16-22

Pre-registration for the next Quaker Pilgrimage to England (July 16-22, 2012) is now open. Join Quaker Pilgrims and trip leaders, Irene McHenry (Chestnut Hill Meeting, PA) and Deborra Sines Pancoe (Abington Meeting, PA) to explore the roots of the Religious Society of Friends. With a guide from Britain Yearly Meeting, the 2012 PYM Quaker Pilgrimage will explore England's "1652 Country". To pre-register contact Deborra Sines-Pancoe, deborra@friendscouncil.org.

Two-day Workshop for Teachers

August 12-13

Arch Street Meeting House

8:30 - 4:00

Making Classrooms Safe for Kids: Community Building To Reduce Conflict and Bullying.

Organized by the Non-Violence and Children Working Group, this annual teacher's workshop will discuss ways teachers can support students' resiliency and provide alternatives to violence. Educators will learn how to guide students in conflict resolution, anger management, and anti-bullying interventions. Act 48 credits are available. To receive a registration form, please contact the Friends in Education Coordinator, Grace Cooke, at gracec@pym.org, or call Grace at 215-241-7224. To download registration form, visit: <http://www.pym.org/event/two-day-workshop%E2%80%94making-classrooms-safe-kids-community-building-reduce-conflict-and-bullying>

Young Friends Summer Gathering at Camp Onas

August 21 - 27

Interim Meeting (April 9, 2011) minuted the need to support the Young Friends Gathering at Camp Onas, despite the uncertain future for funding current staff positions. Camp Onas has proposed that they run the Young Friends Gathering at Camp Onas. This option is being explored. Stay tuned for further information!

A Closer Walk with Thee

September 2 - 5 (Labor Day weekend)

New York Yearly Meeting Conference Center

Powell House, Chatham, NY

3rd Annual Northeastern Christ-Centered Friends Gathering.

This third annual gathering of Christ-centered Friends from the Northeast at Powell House reaffirms our original epistle from our 2009 gathering: "to Friends everywhere, and to all who seek love, joy, hope, and meaning in life" and "Knowing that language and doctrinal notions have caused unnecessary divisions among people of faith, we have no desire to add to these, but simply to stand with Jesus Christ at an open door, where He offers His light and love." Our second gathering, 2010, called us to "be Living Epistles of Christ" as written in 2 Corinthians 3:2-3.

Fee: \$200. For campers on the grounds: \$100. Efforts are being made to help make attendance affordable to anyone who wishes to be present. Donations to a scholarship fund may be sent to Powell House, attn: Ann Davidson, with "Labor Day Weekend" on the memo line. For more information contact Herb Lape, Planning Committee Clerk: lapeherb@gmail.com. To register for this or any Powell House conference, go to <http://powellhouse.org/>.

I was much exercised too, with school-masters and school-mistresses, warning them to teach their children sobriety in the fear of the Lord, that they might not be nursed and trained up in lightness, vanity, and wantonness.

George Fox, Journal (Nickals edition), p. 520

FOURTH QUERY: Education

Quaker Resources on Education

What is our Meeting's role in the life and support of Friends' education? If supporting or maintaining a Friends' school, have we developed an appropriate relationship of Meeting and school? What is our role in the spiritual life of the school and its maintenance of Friends' principles?

What does our Meeting do to support education in the wider community?

What help do we provide for the children and adults in our Meeting to pursue the education they seek, whether academic, technical or vocational? Do we make provision for the children in our Meeting to attend a Friends school?

How do I show my concern for the improvement of public education in my community and in the world? Am I aware of what Friends schools are doing and of their plans for the future? How do I show encouragement and support?

Education and the Inward Teacher, Paul Lacey, Pendle Hill Pamphlet #278; \$7.00.

Quaker Education: A Work in Progress, Paul Lacey, Friends Council on Education; \$3.00.

Special Education as a Spiritual Journey, Michael Resman, Pendle Hill Pamphlet #390; \$6.50.

The Heart of Higher Education: A Call to Renewal, Parker Palmer & Arthur Zajonc; (book) \$22.50.

Virtuous Education: Penn's Vision for Philadelphia Schools, William C. Kashatus; (book) \$15.00.

Philadelphia Friends Schools, by Friends Council on Education with Janet Chance; (book) \$21.99.

Meeting for Learning: Education in a Quaker Context, Parker Palmer, Friends Council on Education; \$4.50.

Growing into Goodness: Essays on Quaker Education, Paul Lacey, Pendle Hill; (book) \$20.00.

To Know As We Are Known, Parker Palmer; (book) \$13.95.

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