



Yardley Friends Meeting Newsletter

October
2011

65 North Main Street, Yardley PA 19067
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Ed Snyder, Clerk

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

Coming Events

- Oct 12 Buckingham Film Series: *The Recruiter*
- Oct 13 BQ Oversight Committee, Buckingham
- Oct 15 Lehigh Valley Meeting Annual Craft Fair
- Oct 15 Meetinghouse Bike Tour
- Oct 21 Pot Luck Dinner at Yardley Mtg with Zak Ebrahim, peace activist
- Oct 21-23 PYM Middle School Friends Halloween Gathering, Downingtown
- Oct 23 Peace Center Annual Auction – Solebury School
- Oct 23 Yardley Adult RE: Meeting for Business in Worship, and Discernment
- Oct 28-30 PYM Young Friends Halloween Gathering, Downingtown
- Oct 30 Bill Strong at Buckingham, topic is his recent trip to Cuba
- Nov 20 Quarterly Meeting, Quakertown
- Nov 24 Thanksgiving Meeting for Worship, Plumstead

Pot Luck Dinner with Speaker Zak Ebrahim

Friday, October 21

On Friday, October 21, the Meeting will sponsor a potluck dinner with speaker Zak Ebrahim, a local peace activist whose father was a terrorist. Zak will speak on renouncing violence. Zak Ebrahim has spoken previously at Fallsington and Doylestown Meetings. Dinner is at 7 pm and Zak will share his story at 8 pm.

A preview of his story: In 1990, Zak's father, El Sayed Nosair, became the first member of Al-Qaeda to spill blood on American soil, assassinating Rabbi Meir Kahane, the controversial leader of the Jewish Defense League. While serving time for assault and weapons charges related to Rabbi Kahane's murder, Nosair was convicted of involvement in the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center. Zak will speak about his journey on the path toward peace.



The Quaker Meeting

Egbert van Heemskirk the Elder

1634 – 1704

Dated sometime after 1680

In Our Meeting . . .

Ted Taylor's Program Accredited

The Pastoral Care & Training Program at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Hamilton, directed by Ted Taylor, just received full accreditation as an approved center for clinical pastoral training by the College of Pastoral Supervision & Psychotherapy (CPSP). Ted is board certified in his ministry of chaplaincy through CPSP, and became a Diplomat in Pastoral Supervision through that organization last year. Since 2008 Ted has supervised the training of 37 individuals who have completed the 400 hour accredited training program called Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE). CPE seeks to engage trainees in learning about their identity as pastoral care-givers, increasing their pastoral care skills, and opening their hearts and minds to a deeper spirituality of learning.

Linda Flower and Gary Johnston Married

Linda and Gary were married in a small ceremony in the Trenton Meeting meetinghouse on October 1. Ted Taylor officiated. Congratulations and blessings, Linda and Gary!

Around the Quarter . . .

Buckingham Film Series: *The Recruiter*

October 12 **7:30 pm**

This film explores army recruitment through the story of Clay Usie, Louisiana Sargeant First Class, one of the most successful recruiters in the history of the U.S. Army. Film lasts 86 minutes. Free admission, refreshments and discussion afterwards.

Lehigh Valley Annual Craft Fair

October 15 **10 am – 3 pm**

Lehigh Valley's Craft Fair features crafts from recycled material, environmentally friendly crafts, and more: a book sale, a bake sale, and a soup and bread lunch. Table rental is \$20 for a six-foot (approximate) table. Vendors receive a discount on lunch, coffee and pastries during set up. Contact Karen Maurer for more

information: bookkm@gmail.com.

Bike Tour of Lower Bucks Quarter Meetinghouses

October 15

This 20 mile ride will visit Yardley, Makefield, Newtown and Wrightstown Meetinghouses, with long stops (and possible snacks) at each meetinghouse. Terrain is hilly at times. Bicycles without breaks or gears not permitted; helmets required. Children must stay with their parents or guardians. Express your interest with Holly Olson and someone will contact you with further details: hollybqc@verizon.net.

Bill Strong to Speak at Buckingham Meeting

October 30 **11:45 am (rise of meeting)**

Buckingham Meeting's Social Concerns Working Group hosts Bill Strong of Princeton Meeting. Bill will share his experiences from his recent trip to Cuba. Refreshments follow. Worship begins at 10:30 am with hymn singing at 10:15.

14th Annual Peace Center Fundraiser Auction

October 23 **Solebury School** **4 – 7:30 pm**

Guests enjoy live music, wine tasting, food tasting featured by ten area restaurants, silent and live auctions. The guest speaker will be Naomi Tutu, daughter of Archbishop Desmond Tutu. She will share her experience growing up in apartheid South Africa and her work with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and as a human rights activist. Tickets are \$50. For more information, call 215 750-7220 or visit www.thepeacecenter.org.

Midweek Worship in the Quarter

Makefield Meeting	7:00 am
Plumstead Meeting	8:30 am
Middletown Meeting	7:00 pm
Lehigh Valley Meeting	5:00 pm

Nominations

The nominating committee will soon be calling members and attenders of our meeting to ascertain your interest in committee work for the following year, which begins January 1, 2012. In general, committees meet on the first Sunday of the month, usually after the rise of meeting and snacks. Reports from each committee describing their work over the year are prepared by the clerk of that committee and read out at meeting for business in worship on a regular basis.

Here is a list of committees and a very brief description of what that committee does. Please consider which committee's work speaks to you and then identify where you would like to contribute your energy when a member of the nominating committee calls in the next month. We will try to accommodate your first choice as much as possible.

Pastoral care: members only. Tends to the spiritual and physical welfare of members and attenders; arranges clearness committees; manages applications for membership, requests for transfer and resignations, and marriages in the care of the meeting. Plans memorial services held upon the death of a member. Assures the presence of a greeter at all meetings.

Worship and ministry: members only. Encourages, strengthens and stimulates the spiritual life of the meeting; appoints superintendents for meeting for worship; offers opportunities for spiritual growth by encouraging attendance at educational programs about Quakerism. Provides adult education programs.

Outreach: members and attenders. Serves as the public relations arm of the meeting.

Peace and social action: members and attenders. Plans and executes efforts to give members and attenders opportunities to witness to basic quaker testimonies.

Religious education: members and attenders. Provides the children's first day school program to develop a working understanding of the beliefs and practices of the Religious Society of Friends .

Library committee: members and attenders. Chooses and purchases new books for the library. Encourages interest in the use of the library. Keeps records of borrowed books.

Property committee: members and attenders. Manages the building and grounds, assuring that all remains in good order.

Budget and finance: members and attenders. Works with the meeting's treasurer to prepare an annual budget, helps determine meeting's financial needs and assures that the books are audited.

Trustees for joint property (cemetary): members only. Holds title to the burial ground owned by Yardley and Makefield meetings. Oversees care of the property and administers funds for it.

Contributions: members or attenders. Recommends annual contributions to the meeting annually.

Nominating: members only. Recommends people to serve as clerk of the meeting, as recorder, and for service on the Meeting's committees and in other roles in the ongoing life of the meeting.

To be informed about the following committees, please see the 2010 copy of the updated Committee Handbook: Baldwin fund, communications, flea market, directors of the corporation, and conscientious objection committees.

Quaker Resources on Outreach

Being A Quaker: A Guide for Newcomers, Britain Yearly Meeting, Geoffrey Durham; \$16.

Come Worship with Friends, bumper sticker, FGC; \$2.00.

Coming into Friendship As A Gift: The Journey of a Young Adult Friend, (reaching YAFers), Christina Van Regenmorter; \$8.00.

Members One of Another: The Dynamics of Membership in Quaker Meeting, Pendle Hill Pamphlet, Tom Gates; \$6.50.

Outreach Ideabook: Suggestions for Attracting and Nurturing Newcomers and Enriching Quaker Meetings, PYM Outreach Committee; \$18.00.

Turnaround: Growing A Twenty-first Century Religious Society of Friends, Pendle Hill Pamphlet, Benjamin Lloyd; \$6.50.

Now We Are Quakers: The Experience and Views of New Members, Alastair Heron; \$7.

NINTH QUERY: Ministry of Outreach

Outreach

What are we doing as a Meeting to communicate our presence and our principles to the community around us? Does our Meeting's ministry of outreach lead Friends to share their spiritual experiences with others?

What are we doing to invite persons not in membership to attend our meetings for worship and to encourage their continued attendance?

How does the Meeting welcome visitors? Are we sensitive to the needs and hesitations of each visitor?

Are we tender to the needs of isolated Friends and Meetings, and to nearby Meetings seeking support?

How do I ground myself in the understandings of my faith? Am I clear about my beliefs? How do I prepare myself to share my faith and beliefs with others? Does my manner of life as a Friend attract others to our religious society?

Do I seize opportunities to tell others about the Religious Society of Friends and invite them to worship with us? Is my manner with visitors and attenders to our Meeting one of welcome?

Collaboration

In what ways does our Meeting respond to opportunities to join with other faiths in worship, in social action, and in spiritual dialogue? How does our Meeting encourage its members to seek opportunities to meet and work with Friends world wide?

What opportunities have I taken to know people from different religious and cultural backgrounds, to worship with them, and to work with them on common concerns?

What opportunities have I taken to know, to work, and to worship with Friends outside of my own Meeting?

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