

YARDLEY FRIENDS MEETING

NEWSLETTER

April 2020

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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

Peg Smedley and Ted Taylor, Co-Clerks
Ed Snyder, Newsletter Editor

This month at YFM

At this time, most on-site activities for April are on hold. We are holding Zoom virtual Meeting for Worship at the usual 10 AM Sunday time, plus 2 mid-week virtual Meetings at 7 AM Wednesdays and 7 PM Thursdays. Please stay tuned on the google group and/or the website. If you are not connected on the google group, please, *please* feel free to reach out if you need information or assistance. If you don't have the contact list to call an individual directly, the Meetinghouse phone - (215) 493-5376 - is forwarded to the co-clerks. You can also write to info@yardleyfriendsmeeting.org, which is forwarded to the co-clerks as well.

If you are not on the google group and would like to be added, please send an e-mail to info@yardleyfriendsmeeting.org with a request to join.

We are hosting a special **Red Cross Blood Drive** on Thursday April 9 from 1 to 7 PM. They are taking appropriate and proper precautions in using the building and taking donations. Please visit <http://redcrossblood.org/> to schedule an appointment to donate.

Looking ahead

May 31 (tentatively rescheduled for this date)
Adult education following Rise of Meeting - Sidney Gibson will discuss her trip to Japan.

Around the Quarter/PYM

Most activities for April are shut down or postponed. Outreach is tentatively working on a virtual Quakerism in a Nutshell – to be announced on our google group if it is scheduled.

Looking ahead

May 17

Bucks Quarterly Meeting, at Plumstead

Jul 29-Aug 2

PYM Annual Sessions

For more details and to see info on more activities in the Quarter, see the latest Quakerphernalia at quakersbucks.org.

If you have articles or announcements for Quakerphernalia, please contact Wendy Kane, the coordinator, at quakersbucks@gmail.com.

Your Francis and Betty Irwin calendar inspiration for the month

Through the mercies of the Almighty, I had learned to be content with a plain way of living...I believed truth did not require me to engage much in encumbering affairs.

John Woolman

Newsletters can be found on our website at <http://yardleyfriendsmeeting.org/news/> Email articles, pictures, book reviews, events to ed@mrppplansinc.com.

Query 4. Nurturing Our Community: Care for the Meeting

Do we help each other to live with integrity and contribute that integrity to the life of our meeting?

How does our meeting learn of members' needs and offer its assistance?

How does our meeting nurture members in all stages of life?

How does our meeting welcome those new to Friends and integrate them into our community?

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

Am I ready both to offer and to accept meeting assistance when needed?

Do I treat adults and children alike with respect and without condescension?

What opportunities have I taken to know, work and worship with Friends in the larger spiritual communities we share?

How are you coping/what have you learned about yourself and the world in light (pun intended) of the new coronavirus?

Share your stories and I'll compile them here. A sentence or two, or more as you are moved. I'll include names unless you ask for your submission to be anonymous. As for me, I'm working from home as best I can, and learning to live without printing out so much stuff, which is good. Getting a head start on gardening. Doing puzzles – crossword, number (Kakuro, Killer Sudoku [where they don't give you any pre-filled numbers, just sums of different cells!]). Re-re-reading fishing books. Reading boring economics books.

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A Blast from the Past

The following page is part of the January 1969 newsletter that I stumbled upon when looking for minutes. I found the following interesting/amusing:

- From the color of the text, it appears to be mimeographed. I wonder if everyone put their faces down and inhaled like we did when I was in grammar school (anyone under the age of 55 or so won't understand that reference!).
- The full newsletter is two pages, legal-sized. We forget the time and care it took to type something out before the age of word processing.
- The Howard Thurman (not "our" Howard Thurman by the way) poem has a way of showing up again and again.
- The women met at 10 AM on a Wednesday "to plan social events and to work on dessert recipe book."
- "All men of the meeting" were expected to attend a Meeting of Directors and Property Committee.
- Sewing group at 10 AM on a Monday.
- Some familiar names appear.
- Other newsletters spoke of progressive dinners – appetizers at one house, main dish at another, dessert at another.

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January 1969

When the song of the angel is stilled,
 When the star in the sky is gone,
 When the kings and princes are home,
 When the shepherds are back with their flock,
 The work of Christmas begins:
 To find the lost,
 To heal the broken,
 To feed the hungry,
 To release the prisoner,
 To rebuild the nations,
 To bring peace among brothers,
 To make music in the heart.

Howard Thurman

Every First Day: Meeting for Worship 10 a.m. to 10:50
 First Day School 11 a.m. to 11:45

Wed. 8th All women meet at Meeting House at 10 a.m. to plan social events and to work on dessert recipe book.

Sun. 12th Monthly Meeting for Business at 11 a.m. The First Query will be considered. See Faith & Practice pages 91, 17-18, 179-184.

Fri. 17th Dinner party for adults. You will be called with further information. *Committee provided pot roast. Good!*
Doris Erdman showed her collection of silver "Small Works". Good!

Sun. ~~19th~~ ^{26th} Meeting of Directors and Property Committee at 11:45. This includes all men of the Meeting.

Mon. 20th American Friends Service Com. sewing. 10 a.m. Bring a covered dish for lunch.

Tue. 21st Overseers at Laura Cadwallader's at 8 p.m.

Thu. 23rd Worship and Ministry at Carol Cadwallader's at 8 p.m.

Advance dates to note:

Wed. Feb. 5th Women's Meeting at Meeting House at 10 a.m.

Fri. Feb. 7th Bridge Group at Carol and Sid Cadwallader's at 8:15 p.m.
 Call 493-4556, if interested.

Nursery		Flowers
Betty Kirk	Jan. 12	Edna Eisenhart
Nancy LaFountain	19	Eleanor Dajani
Luriel Leedom	26	Monica Cook
Lydia Levy	Feb. 2	Jackie Clarke
Margaret Ka	9	Laura Clappison

If there are corrections or changes to be made on the mailing list, please report them to Barbara Caputi or Carol Cadwallader. The asterisks were intended to denote membership in Yardley Meeting, but after going through two copyings, the list is far from accurate in this regard. The Recorder, Nancy LaFountain, keeps accurate membership records which are checked every year by the Overseers.

Elmer Duerr, a member at Yardley since 1942, died in December 1968. He was born in Holland, Pa., but lived in Yardley for many years in his little house on the Robert and Wolly Belleville property.

James Satterthwaite died on Dec. 15, 1968, at Pleasantville, N.J., where he had lived for several years with his wife, Marge, and two daughters, Sandy and Jane. Jim was born in Fallsington, the son of Fred and Viva Satterthwaite. He transferred his membership from Falls Meeting to Yardley in 1954. His funeral service was held at Yardley Meeting on the 18th of December.