

YARDLEY FRIENDS MEETING

NEWSLETTER

November 2020

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

Meeting for Worship 10:00–11:00 (til 10:45
currently for Zoom/COVID)

First Day School 10:15–11:00 (currently
suspended)

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

This month at YFM

Zoom Meetings for Worship continue at the normal 10 AM Sunday time. Sometimes outdoor worship is held concurrently, with a Zoom feed – depends on who is there and able to set things up, and the weather. *Please see message below.*

Also a women's group Wednesdays at 2:30 PM.

Virtual dinner and a movie – Nov 6, 6 PM. See details next page.

Save the date – Virtual Holiday Remembrance Party Dec 12. Details to follow.

Around the Quarter/PYM

Quakerphernalia, the Bucks Quarter newsletter, is being sent almost entirely electronically. If you are not on the list, or if you have articles or announcements for Quakerphernalia, please contact Wendy Kane, the coordinator, at quakersbucks@gmail.com.

Quarterly Meeting for Business – Nov 15. Details in Quakerpherlania.

Friends,

I have enjoyed hosting our hybrid in-person / Zoom Meeting for Worship during the summer and early fall. Being outside with Friends, together sharing space, has been spiritually uplifting for me. I am glad we have found a responsible and safe in gathering. And we have found a way to be inclusive: to allow participation in our worshiping community for those at home and those able to come to the grounds of the meetinghouse.

With colder weather it is becoming more challenging to meet outside. And with the pandemic continuing to increase in severity it is not safe for us to use our indoor space. I hope to be able to continue hosting an outdoor experience of Meeting for Worship despite the chill in the air by gathering around the fireplace at the back of the meetinghouse grounds. I have checked the availability of a WiFi signal, and we should be able to connect easily to Zoom from there. As long as the temperatures are not too cold, and the weather not too damp, I will offer Friends a chance to meet in person on the meetinghouse grounds through the winter season.

If you plan to join me, please check your Google Groups email on Saturday evening / early Sunday morning. In my email message I will inform Friends of my availability to light the fire, set up the laptop and webcam, and set out a circle of chairs for us to gather in.

I hope to have some of you join me. Dress warmly, bring a hot drink, and let's gather around the fire and worship together.

Ted Taylor

Any questions about access to the google group or anything else, please write to info@yardleyfriendsmeeting.org.

Query 11. Witnessing in the World: Education

What does our meeting do to support and improve public education?

What help do we provide for the children and adults in our meeting to pursue their educational goals?

What is our meeting's role in support for Friends' education? If our meeting is connected to a Friends school or schools, does this relationship nurture spiritual life and the manifestation of Friends principles?

Do we enable children in our meeting to attend a Friends school? Does our meeting work with the family to consider all available means of support?

How do I show my concern for the improvement of public education in my community?

Do I demonstrate my encouragement and support for Friends education through awareness and service?

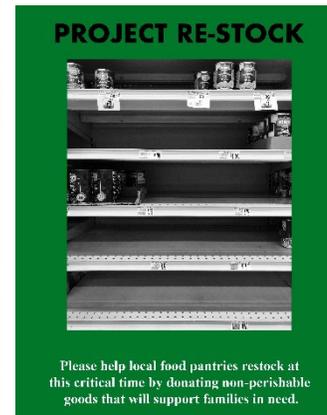
Project Re-Stock Thank You

Dear Friends,

I am writing to thank you for your help and participation in Project Re-Stock. To date, with your help and that of Yardley Meeting, George School, The George School Children's Center, family, and friends, I am happy to report I have been able to deliver over half a ton of non-perishable food items to the Bucks County Housing Group's Community Food Pantry. I could not have gotten this far this without your support and together we have helped individuals and families who worry about when they may have their next meal.

With great appreciation,

Aidan Sheehan



Your Francis and Betty Irwin calendar inspiration for the month

The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quiet, alone with the heavens, nature and God. Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be and that God wishes to see people happy, amidst the simple beauty of nature. I firmly believe that nature brings solace in all troubles.

Anne Frank

Virtual Dinner & a Movie

Join Friends on November 6 at 6 pm for a virtual dinner followed by the film 13th, a 2016 American documentary film by director Ava DuVernay. The film explores the "intersection of race, justice, and mass incarceration in the United States and is titled after the Thirteenth Amendment to the US Constitution which abolished slavery. There will be a discussion to follow. See Zoom invite to the Google group on October 22 (or look for a new invite closer to the showing).

Just a reminder you aren't alone. Reach out to Pastoral Care for anything. We are here!

As Seasons Change

Everyone has something going on. Covid is spreading faster again. We are tired of social distance but our health matters. Some of you live alone. Others are surrounded by family and the problems of children not being able to go out and mingle with friends. Some may have financial problems due to Covid. Others may be learning to deal with more responsibilities than ever before. Others are basically enjoying a home life on their own or with someone special and it's not too bad. Everyone is still living with the fear of getting Covid and worrying about loved ones. Problems that arise in normal times are not on hold. We all have to be careful. It's a scary time. We miss being at Meeting Sunday morning. Zoom is good for keeping touch but not the same as worship in person. If we were at the Meetinghouse we couldn't shake hands, hug, share snacks and visit.

Thanksgiving is coming up. What is there to be thankful for? Having extended family together this year could be very dangerous. This might be a time to look deeper into ourselves for strength and growth. Bring out your inner voice. Also remember we are a community and remain a community. We are still here for each other. I've enjoyed getting to know some people better on zoom meetings. I've had more phone calls with friends than I usually do.

Outdoor is a safer place. Yet as it gets colder we spend less time outside. Lower temperatures create the need for a bigger push to spend time outside. I'm still enjoying getting the most out of the vegetable garden. I hope to bundle up and socially visit with friends outside throughout the winter. Cold days outside can be invigorating!

Remember Pastoral Care and the Yardley Friends community are here. Reach out to us if you are lonely or if you have a problem. Maybe we can help! Just having someone listen and help you hear your own thoughts are helpful. Maybe you need something special to see you through. I'm a strong believer we get stronger when we realize we don't have to do it all ourselves. Realizing the connection of the universe makes us stronger. The connection of the Meeting is a prime example.

Some of us have no time. Others have too much time and not enough to do. Either way reach out to Pastoral Care or someone you feel close to. If you are doing okay, think of reaching out to others.

Think out of the box. The holidays will be different this year. Do something different but special. Also make a list of a bunch of things you are thankful for. You might surprise yourself. Be well, be safe. We are here!

Linda Jacobs Snyder

