

YARDLEY FRIENDS MEETING NEWSLETTER

June 2021

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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 – *but see page 3 for Space for Young Friends*)

Peg Smedley and Linda Jacobs Snyder, Co-Clerks
Ed Snyder, Newsletter Editor

This month at YFM

We are getting close to re-opening the Meetinghouse for worship! Our ambitious refurbishing/renovation plans have left things a bit messy inside, and not quite ready despite relaxed Covid-19 guidelines. We might open as soon as June 20; watch for an announcement on the Google group.

In the meantime, we are having more and more in-person worshippers outside, with a Zoom link for some others. ***Please check the google group emails Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning to confirm onsite worship.***

Women's group Wednesdays at 2:30 PM.

Committee Meetings on the first First Day, following Meeting for Worship.

Business Meeting on the second First Day, following Meeting for Worship.

Inspiration for the month

“When we really want to hear, and be heard by, someone we love, we do not go rushing into noisy crowds. Silence is a form of intimacy. That’s how we experience it with our friends and lovers. As relationships grow deeper and more intimate, we spend more and more quiet time alone with our lover. We talk in low tones about the things that matter. We do not shout them to each other. We may shout about them to others, but quietness is the hallmark of love.”

— J. Brent Bill, *Holy Silence: The Gift of Quaker Spirituality*

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.

Check out the quarter website:
<https://www.quakersbucks.org/>
for other news and events.



What is it? For young (and young at heart) Friends.
Answer next month.

Query 6. Nurturing Our Community: Stewardship of Resources

How does our meeting accommodate ecological, economic and social justice in its uses of property and money?

Does our meeting engage its members in supporting the meeting's work, its ministry and the upkeep of its property?

Does our meeting encourage its members to support with their time, energy and finances the quarterly and yearly meetings and other Quaker organizations?

To what extent does our meeting rely on current members and attenders for financial support and to what extent on other sources?

How do I demonstrate in my own decision making a concern for ecological, economic and social justice?

How do I simplify my needs, making choices that balance self-sufficiency and fair sharing of resources?

Do I balance my work-life and other activities with the time and energy needed for my spiritual growth and service?

Do I contribute to the work of Friends in my meeting, in the quarterly and yearly meetings and in the wider world of Friends?

CLERK'S CORNER

By Linda Jacobs Snyder

Quaker Values

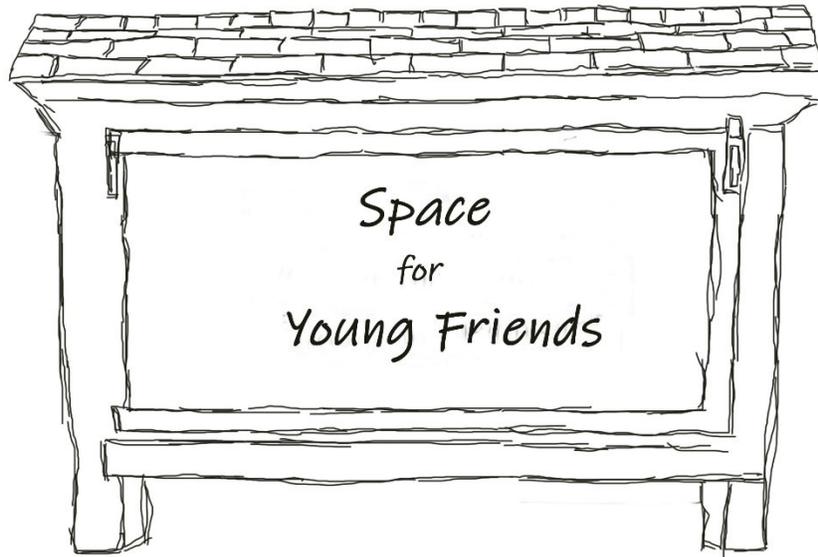
Acronyms have become the way we refer to and remember so many things. SPICES is no exception. Quaker values is one of the first things I heard about Quakerism. Simplicity, peace, integrity, community, equality, and stewardship. Now I hardly hear anyone call them Quaker values. They are SPICES. Values, testimonies or SPICES got my attention when they were first told to me. Its straight forward and a guide to everyday living. What could be wrong with living by these values? If the whole world followed them it would be a better place. It's not to say non Quakers don't believe in many of these or other worthwhile values. We all have our own way that rings true or as Quakers say "Speaks to our condition."

Recently I discovered Quaker values originally meant responding to the truth within as we see it. The Light within is a basis of all we believe. Following this light brings us our own moral code. The Quaker values we lived by was simply our own code from within.

Over time values became more specific things like not taking oaths. From here our testimonies evolved to more general values. SPICES. These are not rigid rules. They aren't the law. They lead us to search for ways in which we can live them out ourselves. They are all based on the premise that all human beings have a light within. They help us find our best selves. We don't need to be angry with ourselves when we fall short. Hopefully we are led to continually try to do better.

Sometimes people talk of a value that they are not sure they believe in. Peace is the one I hear argued. I don't think it's that they don't want peace. They believe there is sometimes a just war. Friends aren't ignoring problems. They look for a more peaceful way to solve them. Simplicity may be the hardest for most Friends in our modern life. I don't know how much Friends try to simplify in everyday life.

Think about the original way of searching your voice within to find your values. I wonder if we individually asked ourselves would we choose any different values? What does your voice within tell you? Might this make a good discussion? It seems something to think about!



We would like to invite Young Friends to join us for outdoor Meeting for Worship over the next few months. Hope to see you there.

If any Young Friends can help us with weeding in the Meetinghouse yard, please get in touch with me and I will meet you there at a time you are available. carolseuffert@gmail.com

Brain Teaser for June

What is special about these words: job, polish, herb?

Some answers to last month's question: What foods are named something else when dried?

(Thanks Mercy!)

Plums become prunes.
Beef become jerky
cranberries become craisins

Area events of interest to young friends:

Ongoing

Volunteer work day at Silver Lake Nature Center - 1st Saturday of Each Month.

Email awilliams@buckscounty.org to let them know you are coming or for more information.

Family Adventure Tour at Glencarin Museum - Through October 31st – Daily (except Mondays)
1001 Cathedral Road, Bryn Athyn, PA 19009, \$8 per person

Are you ready for an adventure? Discover how herbs were used in the Middle Ages, train for a medieval battle, apprentice to become a scribe, stonemason, or stained-glass artist, and explore the religious beliefs and practices of Europe in the Middle Ages in this choose-your-own-adventure style tour. Collect all six badges by completing each of the different paths, and become a Glencairn Museum Adventurer! Suitable for families and children grades 3 to 8 and up. <https://glencairnmuseum.org/upcoming-events/2021/5/4/family-adventure-tour>

Through the Lens: Modern Photography in the Delaware Valley –
Michener Art Museum through August 15th

Through the Lens explores nearly 70 years of artistic experimentations with photographic processes and subject matter by artists in the Delaware Valley region. Considered through the lenses of Form & Figuration, Landscape, Community, and Social Activism there are approximately 100 photographs in this collection. www.michenerartmuseum.org

June Events

Doylestown Pride Festival – June 13 through 20th

Doylestown welcomes the return of our Pride Festival on June 13 - 20th, 2021. With the goal of celebrating diverse sexual orientations and gender identities in the Doylestown community, a collection of local organizations and businesses came together to create this local tradition. The multi-day event will feature a series of films at the County Theater, panel discussions, a block party on State Street, and various pop-up events and celebrations throughout the community. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for real-time news!

Is it Buggy Yet? – June 13th 2021, Peace Valley Nature Center

Is it Buggy Yet? ~ Sunday, June 13 2pm NO FEE pre-registration needed/limited spaces. The flowers are blooming, leaves are out—let's go search for insects and their relatives that are out and about. Bug boxes in hand, we will search in fields, forest and thickets and observe these critters up close.

Kids Cooking Series at the Farm Cooking School – 6/1/21 4 to 6 pm

The series of 6 cooking classes can be taken as a whole for a discount, or you can sign up for individual classes. The first class (recommended as a precursor to others) is knife skills working with vegetables. For a full curriculum so link above. Open to kids 8-15. www.thefarmcookingschool.com/coming-up/2021/5/11/kids-after-school-camp-spring-2021

Breakfast with the Giraffes – Elmwood Park Zoo 6/19/21 & 6/20/21

We're giving the most important meal of the day a BIG upgrade! Enjoy a delicious, socially- distanced outdoor breakfast buffet, right next to our three towering giraffes. After you've cleared your plate, you'll enjoy an exclusive giraffe feeding! More dates all summer long, check website: www.elmwoodparkzoo.org/event/breakfast-with-the-giraffes/2021-05-23/

Yardley Monthly Meeting Children's Religious Education Committee