

YARDLEY FRIENDS MEETING

NEWSLETTER

July 2021

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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 (currently suspended – *but see page 3 for Space for Young Friends*)

Linda Jacobs Snyder, Clerk

Ed Snyder, Newsletter Editor

This month at YFM

We are opening for indoor worship July 4! We hope to have many of you join us in person, but we will maintain a hybrid meeting (with zoom) indefinitely.

Please check the google group emails Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning for the zoom link.

Worship is back to one full hour, 10 -11.

The inside of the Meetinghouse has been painted, we have new windows, and the driveway has been partially repaved and restriped - all looks great. We are still in the midst of decluttering so it is a bit messy but you will notice a new look! For safety reasons, we will have the windows open during Meeting for Worship and no air conditioning so keep that in mind.

Regular activities

Women's group Wednesdays at 2:30 PM (zoom)

Committee Meetings on the first First Day, following Meeting for Worship (in-person and/or zoom at clerk's discretion)

Business Meeting on the second First Day, following Meeting for Worship (no Business Meeting in July).

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.

For the answer – actually not the answer but a hint – to last month's "What is it?" picture, see Space for Young Friends later in this issue.

In memoriam

Fred Fleischman, partner of member Janet Zimmerman, passed away earlier this month. Fred was a regular attender for several years and will be missed. Please hold Janet and Fred's family in the Light.

Inspiration for the month

Inner silence, calming the agitations of our hearts and minds, letting go of all that is stubborn and grasping, is essentially an expression of the love of truth. To be dispassionate, not to let one's own needs or prejudices or emotions color one's actions, is essentially to put truth before everything else. To love truth in this way is to love God, who is Truth. Thus the practice of inner silence is the same as the love of God.

~ Dan Seeger, 1934-

Query 7. Grounding for Transformed Lives: Peace and Alternatives to Violence

How do we help each other face conflicts with patience, forbearance and openness to healing?

To what extent does our meeting ignore differences in order to avoid possible conflicts?

What are we doing as a Friends meeting within our communities:

- 1) To recognize and correct the causes of violence?
- 2) To understand the impact of the global military-industrial complex on all aspects of life?
- 3) To increase the understanding and use of alternatives to violence?
- 4) To work toward overcoming separations and restoring wholeness?
- 5) To support the constructive use of authority?
- 6) To promote the sustainability of the earth?

Do I “live in the virtue [power] of that Life and Spirit that took [takes] away the occasion of all wars”?

How do I maintain Friends’ testimony that participation in war and its preparation is inconsistent with the teaching of Jesus?

Do I treat personal conflict as an opportunity for growth?

How do I face my differences with others and reaffirm in action and attitude my love for those with whom I am in conflict?

CLERK'S CORNER

By Linda Jacobs Snyder

Year in Review

Like everywhere in the world our year was different than any we’ve ever experienced. We usually start the season with our flea market. The Flea Market we’ve held for 65 years couldn’t happen in September 2020.

As the need arose Ted Taylor and Peg Smedley transferred worship to Zoom. A few of us attended outside worship with masks until all the long johns and blankets didn’t keep anyone warm. In the winter it was all zoom. As weather warmed some of us started to worship around an outside fireplace. The spot is beautiful and serene. As rules relaxed we started having snacks and visiting by the picnic table. We will start inside on July 4. Hybrid worship continues.

At a time where we only could be with those in our own home, it was good seeing each other on Zoom. Most of us agree it doesn’t feel as spiritual as worshipping in person. Some things might be better with Zoom and we hope to continue. There is an advantage to having evening committee meetings from our homes.

We quickly found that everyone was affected differently. Parents with school age children had a hard time being in touch at all. Juggling children at home and maintaining jobs was a challenge. Single people living alone really felt lonely. A couple members did get Covid but are doing better. Those of us that could made phone calls and reached out in any way we were able. Some of us had more time to spend caring for Meeting. Others had no time at all.

Rosa David and Denis Copeland became members. We held clearness for membership on Zoom. We look forward to celebrating their membership in person soon.

We lost two dear Friends but not to Covid. Ann Bishop was a long time Friend. She was welcoming, helped however she could, and was known for big hugs. Rose Koch attended off and on for years before transferring her membership to Yardley. We were so sad when she died shortly after. Rose had a giving way and interesting life experiences to share. We had a Zoom Remembrance for both that brought together people from all over the world. We miss them.

We made use of the time away from the Meetinghouse to make improvements to our grounds and building. We realize what a gift we’ve been given by the generation before us. It is our job to maintain the Meetinghouse for future generations and to make it appealing for ourselves and potential new members. Our property committee

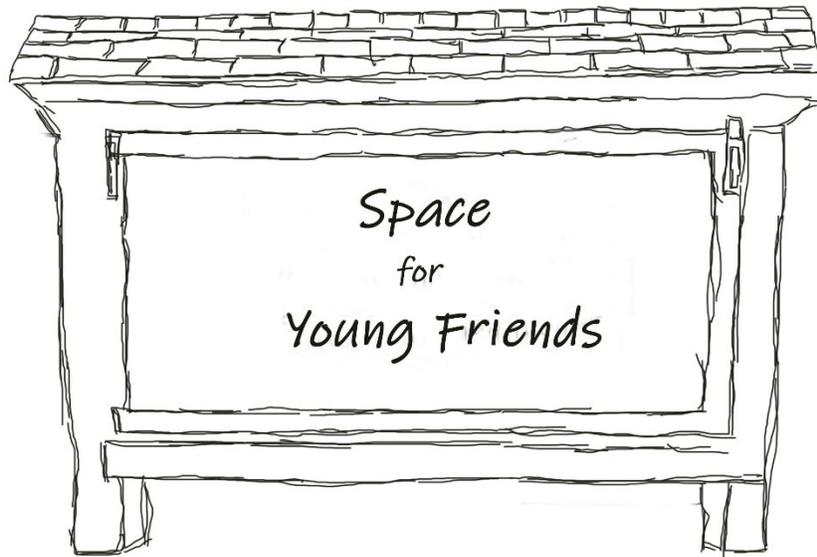
has grown and others have also helped. We have new windows, painted walls. Soon new floors, and a unisex, handicapped bathroom will be complete. Paving repairs and many little and big projects were also included. Thanks to Drew Sites and the property committee to shepherding this project.

We've agreed to build a labyrinth that was delayed a few years back. This is another project we will work on together. We look forward to inviting the community to enjoy the finished product.

A few of us gained a lot by attending the weekly Women's Group. Discussing a question a week we got to know each other better than we otherwise would. It's a highlight of the year for those who attend.

Aside from just keeping in touch we did a few little things to brighten up lives. We sent cards around the holidays and surprised everyone personally delivering a flower to plant as spring arrived. Our Peace and Social Action committee remained diligent helping others outside the community less fortunate than us.

I look forward to great joy as we enter the Meetinghouse again. I know this time has left a mark and we will find new challenges collectively and individually. Hopefully we will have learned some lessons and will continue to do our best to be a stronger community than ever.



This Month's Challenges:

Compassion: Walk around for a few hours wearing noise canceling headphones or earplugs to simulate the challenges of someone who is hearing impaired. Be sure to bring a friend if out in public for safety.

Research: Who are your State Representative, State Senator, U.S. Congressmen, and Governor? How would you contact them about an issue? Try this challenge for yourself and next month I will help you out with some resources for anyone who is stuck. If you find the answers let me know and I will add your methods to the list. You may have thought of a solution that I did not.

Skill: How to make a bed with hospital corners:

Spread out bottom, fitted sheet and fit corners of sheet around corners of mattress.

1. Stand at foot of bed and spread top sheet over fitted sheet. The end of the sheet with the large hem goes at head of bed. Leave a small space between top of sheet and head of bed.
2. At foot of bed, tuck end of sheet between mattress and box springs. Ensure sheet lays smoothly between the two.

3. Make a hospital corner on one side of mattress at foot of bed. Grab and lift the draping sheet from the side about 16 inches from foot of bed.
4. Tuck in triangle-shaped lower drape between mattress and box springs.
5. Hold the corner in place with your free hand and fold the top drape over. You want the fold on the top drape to form a 45-degree angle. Repeat on opposite corner of mattress.
6. Tuck in sheet on both sides of the bed.
7. Repeat process with blanket. Put pillow in case and back on head of bed. Add comforter. Smooth everything down.

Person of Interest: Here in an article about an environmental artist who raises awareness through his art. He was a classmate of Rosa David's at Abington Friends School. <http://millcitytimes.com/news/local-artist-presley-martin.html>

Answer to June Brain Teaser (What is special about these words: job, polish, herb?): When you capitalize the first letter of each word it changes their meaning.

Answer to our What Is It Photo Challenge. We only got two answers to our photo challenge. One guess as the handle or a wrench and the other was a wrung to stand on. I will give another hint, it has to do with transportation. Here is the photo again, this time with a wider view. Keep the answers coming to MiRachel@aol.com.



Summer Recipe for Teens and Tweens. Using a barbeque, firepit, instapot, or crockpot during the summer months keeps the kitchen cooler decreasing energy costs and lessens environmental impact. Here is a summer crock pot recipe that is easy to make.

Hawaiian Slow Cooker Chicken

1 ½ to lbs of chicken
1 ½ cups of barbeque sauce
1 can of canned pineapple, drained (pour off the liquid in the can)
1 Tbsp Soy sauce

Throw it all in the crock pot. If you start it in the morning cook it on low for 6 to 8 hours. If you want to sleep in set it on high for 4 to 6 hours. If you are feeling fancy throw some sliced green onions on after it is cooked. Serve with rice or a baked potato.

How to cook a potato in the microwave: Wash it. Puncture it a few times with a knife or fork really deep. Cook on high for 2 minutes. Flip it over. Cook on high for another 2 minutes. It should be tender when you insert a knife or fork. If it feels hard (it will if it is a big potato) keep cooking it and flipping it at 1 minute intervals until tender (basically until the inside feels like the inside of a baked potato should feel)

Calendar of Events for July 2021

Abington Art Center and Michelle Lordi Music are proud to present our Annual Summer Concert Series for 2021! This series of Free concerts is Open To The Public and takes place Thursday evenings throughout July on the grounds of Alverthorpe Manor, the home of Abington Art Center. Concerts will be presented both live on our beautiful outdoor stage and via live streaming on Facebook. For more information see AbingtonArtCenter.Org

Bucks Fever Brown Bag – It with the Arts – Wednesdays Bucks County Administration Building, North Main Street/East Court Street, Doylestown from Noon to 1:00 Free weekly performing art series on the lawn of the bucks county administration building, Doylestown.

Easton Farmer's Market Established in 1752, the year of the City's founding, the Easton Farmers' Market (EFM) is the oldest, continuous open-air market in the nation. As a producer only market, the EFM is committed to providing a safe, transparent environment where consumers can shop with confidence, and purchase their food from trusted sources. All products sold at the EFM are locally grown and produced. The vast majority of the produce is naturally/organically grown. All meat and dairy are antibiotic and hormone-free. Animals are pasture-raised. Prepared food and ready-to-eat vendors source ingredients from local farms whenever possible. All farms undergo a full on-site inspection. Live music on Saturdays from 10 to Noon

Firefighter Cadet Camp Wednesdays 7 to 8:30, ages 14 and up Hartsville Fire Station in Warminster, PA Persons 14 years of age or older. This hands-on program is a joint effort by all the fire stations in Warminster, Warwick and Warrington Townships to introduce young people to the Fire Service. See <https://warminstertownship.org/spcialevents/> for more information

Children's Photo Scavenger Hunt, Ongoing, Glencairn Museum, Smartphone required. Families are encouraged to explore the grounds and exterior of Glencairn, while searching for specific architectural features, which can be photographed and posted on social media. Tag us @glencairnmuseum and use #glencairnscavengerhunt. <https://glencairnmuseum.org/childrens-photo-scavenger-hunt>

Big Time: Life In An Endangerous Age– Through 9/20/2021 – Philadelphia Zoo
Dinosaurs have arrived at Philadelphia Zoo! BIG TIME is an immersive, multi-sensory experience featuring life-sized animatronic dinosaurs. Timed tickets needed to enter both Zoo & BIG TIME. Learn more & get tickets: philadelphiazoo.org/bigtime

Weaving Re-Imagined Invitational Exhibition New Hope Arts, 2 Stockton Ave, New Hope, PA 18938 - New Hope Arts presents "Weaving Reimagined: at the Intersection of Tradition and Creativity". This collection of works by 13 artists explores a variety of traditional weaving techniques and how contemporary artists have reinvented them.

Kids Bowl Free – Various Locations Select bowling centers and schools around the country are participating in the first ever Kids Bowl Free program. This program is designed by bowling centers to give back to the community and provide a safe, secure, and fun way for kids to spend time this summer. Children whose age does not exceed a limit by a participating bowling center are eligible to register for 2 free games each day of the KBF program, all summer long, courtesy of the participating bowling centers along with the schools and organizations. www.kidsbowlfree.com

Guild House Hotel - Just in time for summer comes the grand opening of the Guild House Hotel, a boutique property in a National Historic Landmark building that belonged to — and will honor — a 19th-century working women’s advocacy and support group known as the New Century Guild. The rooms and suites — 12 in total — in the Washington Square West hotel are named after women who were abolitionists, suffragettes, activists, educators, poets and artists. In its new iteration, the invisible service hotel will maintain founder Eliza Turner’s name above the front door while transforming the interior to accommodate modern travelers’ desires for multi-night stays in rooms and suites.

Peace and Environmental Concerns Fund

We ran an article on the Peace and Environmental Concerns Fund this January, but thought it was worth a quick review. This is money ready to be spent, and it is not being used. The primary concerns of the fund are central to our core Quaker values:

- 1.) Peace-Making.
- 2.) Local Environmental Concerns.
- 3.) Supporting Attendance in Friends-related Events.
- 4.) Conscientious Objection Issues.
- 5.) Care of YFM Property.

Projects can be from \$250 to \$1000. As a reminder, Yardley Friends Meeting set the terms of the fund – i.e. it is unrestricted in Quaker parlance, meaning changes can be made at the meeting’s discretion.

For full terms of the fund, more information on the application process and an application form, contact the Treasurer, Ted Taylor, or the Clerk, Linda Jacobs Snyder.