

YARDLEY FRIENDS MEETING

NEWSLETTER

August 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 open for indoor worship! 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.

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.

Special event

New member welcome pool party for Rosa David and Dennis Copeland on Saturday August 14th, 2PM at Ed and Linda Snyder's; all are welcome! Potluck/BYOB but there will be plenty of everything.

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 to last month's "What is it?" picture, see Space for Young Friends later in this issue.

In memoriam

Long time member Ed Sites passed away in July. Please hold Drew, Joe and the rest of the family in the light. A memorial service is planned for August 8 at 2 PM; refreshments to follow. See obituary here: <http://jamesobradley.com/>

Inspiration for the month

Instead of a quote, our inspiration for the month is **THE FLEA MARKET IS ON!** We need everyone to chip in to have a successful market. Due to concerns about space, manpower and preparation, we are not having the Silent Auction or White Elephant this year. But we still need lots of help prepping and running the event. Please contact Mark Woodford with your availability and preference for work (or better yet, no preference so we can use you where needed).

Query 8. Grounding for Transformed Lives: Integrity and Simplicity

What is the interplay between simplicity and integrity in the life of our meeting?

How does our meeting embody simplicity and integrity in its structures and practices?

How has our meeting considered humanity's impact on the earth's ecological integrity and the ways in which violence and injustice exacerbate this impact?

How do I strive to achieve harmony between my inner and outer commitments in my spiritual journey, my work, my family and my other responsibilities?

Am I temperate in all things?

Am I open to counsel regarding addictive behavior?

Am I involved only with those organizations and activities whose purposes and methods complement my integrity?

Am I careful to speak truth as I know it and am I open to truth spoken to me?

Am I mindful that judicial oaths imply a double standard of truth?

CLERK'S CORNER

By Linda Jacobs Snyder

Back to the Meetinghouse

It's wonderful to be back! For a year and a half we did the best we could. We saw each other on zoom. We met outside. Now we are inside again.

It feels a little funny. But good. Some hugs were exchanged as we were greeted at the front door. I loved being outside but a few more people are joining us inside. It has a feeling of really being back. Very few are joining us through zoom. A TV screen is set up for zoom. We see the worship room and the door opens as someone enters. Breaking Meeting feels strange. In spite of the warm greeting at the door, we still don't know if we should shake hands or hug, or just sit. Everyone has their own comfort zone.

At the picnic table we have 11s (snacks) together. Just chatting feels real good. We catch up with old Friends/friends and get to know new ones. The joy of welcoming new people to the Meeting is back. People seem to be anxious to be out in the world again. They've had a year and a half to think of things they'd like to do. Maybe find a place of community and worship?

The meetinghouse is still a work in progress. We have no first day school until fall. We miss the children. Hopefully they will worship with us and enjoy the yard.

Anyone unvaccinated should wear a mask. It hasn't been an easy year. Not just Covid. We've had some sickness and losses. Some sadness and unease remains in the air. I for one am a little more appreciative of life and each other and all that we do have.

Many Hands Make Light Work

Thanks to all who came and helped out for the work day on July 24! A remarkable transformation from a mess to a (nearly) clean Meetinghouse was accomplished in just a few hours. Much junk is gone to a very full dumpster, most of the new cushions are in their covers, along with window cleaning and other general tidying up. The place looks great, and we look forward to the new floors which should be in place sometime in August!



A NONTRADITIONAL BLESSING

MAY GOD BLESS YOU WITH DISCONTENT

With easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you will live from deep within your heart.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU WITH ANGER

At injustice, oppression, abuse, and exploitation of people, so that you will work for justice, equality and peace.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU WITH TEARS

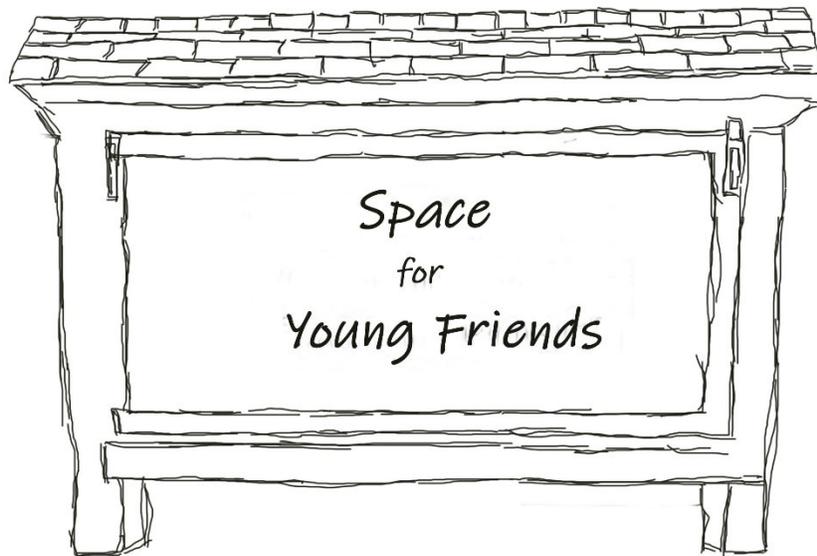
To shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you will reach out your hand to comfort them and to change their pain to joy.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU WITH THE FOOLISHNESS

To think you can make a difference in this world, so that you will do the things which others tell you cannot be done.

--Sister Ruth Fox, OSB

Thanks to Betty Steckman for submitting this



Wrap up from last month:

Research Challenge: This site directs you on how to find all your government representatives:
<https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials>

Answer to our What is it? Photo Challenge: A bolt that holds a headlight on a locomotive! If you want to see this bolt in person, visit Strasburg Railroad in Lancaster County.

This month's challenges:

Compassion: For the sight challenge, get a cheap pair of sunglasses from the dollar store and smear the lenses with petroleum jelly. Try performing basic daily living tasks while wearing the glasses. Don't forget a seeing eye person to make sure you don't get hurt.

Research: Plan a road trip. Provide driving directions for your family to take a road trip from your house to the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago without using any technology. Tip: you can find paper maps at AAA (if your parents have a membership) or at the library.

Skill: Have a parent or grandparent help you add window washer fluid to the car and check the pressure on the tires. If you are over 14, fill the car with gas.

Brain Teaser: Turn me on my side and I am everything. Cut me in half and I am nothing. What am I?

Recipe: Stovetop Popcorn

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil or coconut oil
(coconut gives movie theater taste, olive is healthier)
- ½ cup popcorn kernels, divided
- Salt, to taste

Instructions

- I. In a large, heavy-bottomed saucepan over medium heat, combine the oil and 2 popcorn kernels. Cover the pot and wait for the kernels to pop, which might take a few minutes. In the meantime, place a large serving bowl near the stove so it's ready when you need it.
- II. Once the kernels pop, turn off the burner, remove the pot from the heat and pour in the remaining popcorn kernels. Cover the pot again, and give the pot a little shimmy to distribute the kernels evenly. Let the pot rest for 60 seconds to make sure the oil doesn't get too hot before the kernels are ready to pop.
- III. Turn the heat back up to medium, put the pot back onto the burner and continue cooking the popcorn, carefully shimmying the pot occasionally to cook the kernels evenly. Once the kernels start popping, tip the lid just a touch to allow steam to escape (see photo).
- IV. Continue cooking until the popping sound slows to about one pop per every few seconds. (If the popcorn tries to overflow the pot, just tip the upper portion of popcorn into your bowl and return it to the heat.)
- V. Remove the lid and dump the popcorn into your serving bowl. Sprinkle the popcorn with a couple pinches of salt, to taste, and any other topping you would like. Toss the popcorn and serve immediately, for best flavor and texture. The popcorn will taste good for several hours, though.

Events

Saturday August 7th at 1 pm

OPEN AIR, CRAFTER'S & FRIENDS MARKET

Ringoes Grange, No 12,

Ringoes Grange, 1101 Old York Road, Ringoes, NJ 08551, Ringoes, NJ 08551

We're back, and more & more crafter's & "friends," have been signing up. We will be having Body Store; Color Street; decorative wreaths & things; wooden crafts & signs; and much more. Come hear Thomas as he plays songs from his CD and enjoy lunch.

2ND FRIDAYS IN QUAKERTOWN

The Gathering Place,
351 West Broad Street, Quakertown, PA 18951

Elsa O'Brien had an idea. She wanted to begin a regular event to bring the community together to have a good time and to support local causes. And the Second Friday idea was born.

4th Friday of every month

EASTON OUT LOUD

Easton Out Loud,
Centre Square, Easton, PA 18042

Downtown Easton turns up the volume in a monthly series of activities every fourth Friday with live music, food, drinks, games and fun activities. This event is perfect for the whole family!

August 21st and 22nd

40TH ANNUAL ROASTING EARS OF CORN FESTIVAL

Museum of Indian Culture,
2825 Fish Hatchery Road, Allentown, PA 18103

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and join us for a family-friendly weekend of live Native American drumming and dancing, foods, arts and crafts vendors, and lifeways demonstrations. The Museum of Indian Culture in Allentown, PA, invites the public to its 40th Annual Roasting Ears of Corn Festival, Pennsylvania's oldest Native American Indian Festival, on Saturday & Sunday August 21st and 22nd, 2021. Gates open 10:00 am until 6:00 pm rain or shine. Grand Entrance is at 12:00 noon. Admission: \$10 adults, \$5 children 8-17 and seniors over 62, FREE for children under 8. Enjoy the aroma of fire roasted corn, along with other favorites such as fry bread with strawberries and cream, Indian Tacos, buffalo burgers and stew, and traditional corn soup. Our Native American marketplace offers unique handmade items such as Navajo and Zuni silver jewelry, Iroquois wampum jewelry and bead work, Kachina dolls, pottery, leather clothing, moccasins and handbags, hand drums, natural soaps, and dreamcatchers, just to name a few. Featured performers, traditional Aztec Fire Dancers, the Salinas Family from Mexico City, will perform daily at 11 am and 1:45 pm; and Native Nation Dance Theater from Philadelphia, PA will perform at 12:45 daily. Activities for people of all ages include: a children's area offering face painting and pony rides, and a craft area to make Native American inspired "wampum" bracelets, gourd rattles, and help to paint our Roasting Ears of Corn Festival mural. Other activities include Cree demonstrator, Katrina Fisher, award-winning Plains teepee program; life skills demonstrations of flint knapping, primitive fire making, flute making, and Native Cooking demonstrations by Heart to Hearth Cookery. You can also try your hand at Atlatl (dart thrower) and Tomahawk throwing. This year, the festival includes a Native American artifact show hosted by the Indian Artifact Collectors Association of the Northeast (IACANE).

August 21, 2021 from 11am-3pm for Bounce and Boogie 8/28/21 for Just Clowning around

Bounce & Boogie Saturday / Just Clowning around

Quakertown Farmers Market,
201 Station Rd, Quakertown, PA 18951

Bounce and Boogie: Join us for a FREE Event at the Quakertown Farmers Market! Come out to try the 40' Mega Obstacle Course and a 24' Dual Slide; both HUGE inflatables! Plus enjoy live band on the stage with music by Sunset Skyz Music Duo. Endless fun for kids & adults!

Clowning Around: Join us for a FREE day of Clowning Around at the Quakertown Farmers Market. Balloon creations by We Bring The Fun 365, plus 2 magic, comedy and juggling shows by Al Grout. Kids will have fun trying their luck at our Carnival theme games with prizes.

More to Explore: Awesome playgrounds in the area:

Lion's Pride Park, with two areas – kid's Mountain and the Grove 3129 Bradley Rd, Warrington, PA 18976

Kid's Mountain: An exciting state-of-the-art play area fully accessible to people of all abilities, will include swings, slides, climbing towers, and rope bridges. The topography will lend itself to climbing, sledding, walking, and enjoying the views. In keeping with the Lions Club mission of serving people with vision challenges, interesting features will be created for engagement of people with limited or no sight.

The Grove: Offering inter-generational experiences set in scenic beauty, including playing life-size games, playing large-scale, in-tune musical instruments, and enjoying picnics that will build lasting family memories. Seating areas will incorporate benches and tables that will accommodate people with various physical needs

Kid's Kingdom Playground 1100 Edgewood Ave, Morrisville, PA 19067

This wooden, medieval-themed playground is located in Yardley. It's a large castle-style playground that is sure to entertain kids for a couple hours. Check out the cool structure off Edgewood Road.

Brownsville Park 1455 River Road New Hope, PA 18938 This 37-acre park includes an ADA-compliant playground with play areas designated for younger and older children. As the park use has grown, we've added a pavilion, charcoal grills, a tennis court and a basketball court, trees and benches, and pet stations

Kids Castle 425 Wells Rd, Doylestown, PA 18901

This massive playground located in [Doylestown](#) is fit for royalty! The wooden castle has not one, not two, but eight stories! It's designed for kids ages 5-12, but there are also toddler swings for the little ones! Witness the medieval magic for yourself in Castle Park off of Wells Road.

Yardley Monthly Meeting Children's Religious Education Committee