

YARDLEY FRIENDS MEETING

NEWSLETTER

January 2022

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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)

Marna Matthews, Clerk

Ed Snyder, Newsletter Editor

This month at YFM

Regular activities

First Day Worship - We are meeting **inside**, with masks, windows open and social distancing (and a zoom link). ***Please check the google group emails Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning for the zoom link.*** Worship is back to one full hour, 10 -11. Elevenses are suspended for the time being.

Women's group – Wednesdays, twice per month at 2:30 PM (zoom) – ***check the google group emails***

Committee Meetings - on the first First Day, following Meeting for Worship (but during Covid more likely to be on Zoom with the time decided by clerk of the committee.)

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

Most activities are announced on the google group. If you are getting this newsletter by hard copy or otherwise are not on the google group, please email ed@mrpplansinc.com and ask to be added.

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.

Inspiration for the month

The purpose of life, after all, is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experiences.

Eleanor Roosevelt

(From the January 2022 Motto Calendar, aka Quaker Calendar; copies available in the Meetinghouse)

Query 1. Deepening Our Faith: Meeting for Worship

Are our meetings for worship held in stilled, expectant waiting upon God?

As we worship in the living silence, are we drawn together by the power of God in our midst? Do we experience a deep reverence for the integrity of creation?

How does our worship nurture all worshippers, creating a deeper sense of community?

How does our meeting encourage vocal ministry that spiritually nurtures the worshiping community?

Do I faithfully attend meeting with heart and mind prepared for worship, clear of any predetermination to speak or not to speak, expecting that worship will be a source of strength and guidance?

Does worship deepen my relationship with God, increase my faithfulness and refresh and renew my daily life, both inwardly and in my relationships with other persons and with all of creation?

Does worship enhance my capacity for attentive, non-judgmental listening to others?

How does participation in meeting for worship contribute to my life-long spiritual journey?

Happy New Year!

I didn't realize the following famous quote was from a Quaker, but it is a testament to our spirit and appropriate for the new year:

" I shall pass this way but once; any good that I can do or any kindness I can show to any human being; let me do it now. Let me not defer nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

Stephen Grellet (November 2, 1773 - November 16, 1855) French-born American Quaker missionary. Married Rebecca Collins in 1804, daughter of publisher Isacc Collins.