Yardley Friends Meeting

65 N. Main Street
Yardley, PA 19067

March 2024

Queries for February

Deepening Our Faith: Spiritual Nurture

How does the meeting encourage the use of spiritual practices that deepen our faith, enhance the excitement of shared religious discovery and increase the possibility of spiritual transformation?

What is the nature of our shared experience of the Divine and how do we nurture our collective spiritual growth and transformation?

In what ways do we support each other in our spiritual journeys, in our search for God's will and in our efforts to increase understanding of humanity's relationship to life on earth?

How do we recognize, develop and nurture the spiritual gifts of all in our meeting?

How do I incorporate into my personal and family life those daily practices that focus on continued spiritual growth, including worship, reflection and engagement with writings that nurture the soul?

How does my spiritual life integrate an understanding of a well-ordered relationship with the earth and deepen my reverence for the interconnectedness of all life?

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Ongoing Events at Yardley Friends

Meeting for Worship - Every Sunday at 10:00 am. Light snacks served following worship, called 11s, except on the 2nd Sunday. Please join us.

Meeting for Business – Meeting for Business is held the second Sunday of each month. Worship time is shortened to 45 minutes on this Sunday.

Game Night - Game night is held on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 7 pm to 9 pm. Feel free to bring a game that you would like to play.

Ponderings – Conversations where we explore our thoughts and get to know each other make our community stronger. This is the aim of Ponderings. Each month we will explore a thought, a statement or a question. We will let this lead us where it may. We hope to hold Ponderings the third Sunday of each month. This will follow 11s (snacks after Meeting for Worship). Everyone is encouraged to pick something on their mind to lead our Ponderings. Let Linda (linda6stn@gmail.com) or Betty (AlphaBetty123@earthlink.net) know your thoughts.

Religious Education - Religious Education is available on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

Reminder:

There is a bin in the lobby for our ongoing food supply drive.

Adult Education

On January 28th, Friends gathered for an adult discussion on light holding. We discussed how the specific terminology is specific to Quakers, but the idea exists throughout many religions and spiritual practices. Individuals gave testimony on their own interpretations and methodology of light holding. Some imagined the recipient bathed in bright light, while others sent healing energy, and some envisioned a more godly spirit in the process. Many gave testimony regarding the experience of being held, and what a touching embrace it is when their community cannot be close. The discussion closed with a scientific inquiry about how energy moves and flows around us in ways that we cannot understand.

My personal afterthought, is that while taking that time to hold those we know are struggling, is powerful, sending light into the universe is always powerful. A smile, a thoughtful gesture, or a kind word can start to heal the world. It bounces.

Social Witness

On February 14th, Yardley Friends delivered 30 dessert pacakages to Shir Ami to help with their efforts to feed the homeless in Pendel.

"The ways to give are as boundless as yout creativity."

- Davis Jenkins, and Hunt, *The Pact*

Religious Education

Thank you to all the students in Religious Education for the wonderful Valentines!

Things change all the time, so why do people make such a philosophical to-do that things are constantly in transition?
- Twyla Tharp (American dancer, choreographer, and author; 1941-)

We must walk consciously only part way toward our goal, and then leap in the dark to our success.
- Henry David Thoreau (American author, poet, philosopher, abolitionist, naturalist; 1817-1862)

This Second Month (aka "February" outside of Quaker world) has an atypical ending – a 29th day. Our quadrennial observance that balances our calendar is given the term "leap" day – a great way to consider the move out of a winter month into the transition to spring. And the seasonal transition has been rough: remnants of snow decorating the landscape here in our neighborhood this morning reminded me that what I hoped was a leap forward into warmer times was to be a bumpier transition.

Taking the leap – and moving through transitions in less-than-graceful patterns – seems to be part of our existence. I've noticed my life's journey is balanced between a flowing evolution of growth and change, and sudden transformative bounds forward (or sometime backwards, or side-wards). So whether the transitions you've faced this month have been even or bumpy, may the promise of a warming change to Spring give you space to savor the journey.

- Ted Taylor

Community News

Princeton Meeting

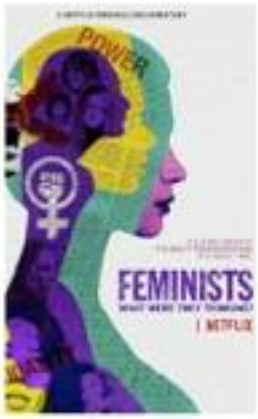
Mondays: Quakers & Makers... 9:30-11:30am in the Fellowship Building. The knitting group is expanding to meet weekly and to include anyone who wants to work on their projects in fellowship and/or drink and chat. All are welcome.

Riverbend Nature Center

https://events@riverbendeec.org/

Rethinking our Connection to Fossil Fuels: A Discussion
Wednesday, March 6, 2024
7:00 pm
Cost: Free
Location: Zoom

Many of our traditional ideas and practices need to be reconsidered to facilitate the swift transition away from fossil fuels to clean energy. We will consider the impact of our built environment, transportation, the natural environment, food, our stuff, disinformation, and individual actions on carbon pollution. We will rethink more sustainable practices that are more consistent with our values. Our goal is to give every participant actionable information that they can incorporate into their lives right now.



Bristol Friends Meeting

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Screening of the documentary
Feminists: What Were They Thinking?
Followed by discussion.

March 22nd at 7pm

Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve

Knowing Native Plants

PER CLASS: $30 IN-PERSON WITH GUIDED WALK;
$25 VIRTUAL ONLY

The Knowing Native Plants series is an annual seasonal deep dive into the native plants of the region featuring 14 Saturday classes throughout the year. Unique plant communities highlight and inform us about the landscape as their biology dictates where, when and how they grow. Unlike our Winter Lecture and Thursday Night Nature series, Knowing Native Plants contains the same programs each year. They are required attendance for our Native Plant Advocate Program.

Knowing Native Plants is a hybrid series where each class features both digital and in-person options. The in-person option includes a guided naturalist walk after the lecture.

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Meeting Information:
Meeting Schedule: 3rd Fri 7:30pm (ex Jul, Aug, Dec)

Meeting Address:
Morrisville Public Library
300 N Pennsylvania Ave
Morrisville, PA

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