



Yardley Friends Meeting Newsletter

65 North Main Street, Yardley PA 19067
www.YardleyFriendsMeeting.org

Ed Snyder, Clerk

Meeting for Worship: 10:00—11:00

First Day School: 10:15—11:00 (except summer)

October 2010

Coming Events

Oct. 3—Committee meetings
after Meeting for Worship

Oct. 10—Meeting for Business
after worship

Oct. 17—Meeting for Worship

Oct. 18—Bucks Food for Friends

Oct. 24—Meeting for Worship

Oct. 31—Meeting for Worship

Looking ahead...

Nov. 21—Quarterly Meeting,
Middletown

*Do YOU have news for the
Newsletter? Contact Betty
Steckman at [alphabetty123@
earthlink.net](mailto:alphabetty123@earthlink.net), 215-968-2807.
Deadline is the 25th of each
month.*

*If you would like to receive the
newsletter only by email, let me
know.*

*And if you aren't on the Yardley
Google email list and would like
to be, please let me know and
I'll see that you're signed up.*

A Message from Karen Lucca

A hearty "thank you" to all the flea market volunteers who gave so unselfishly of their time. Things ran smoothly due to those efforts. Thanks too, to Lynda Crespo, who cared so well for our White Elephant. Please, dear Friends, if you've been putting off working at the flea market, reconsider and give the next event a try. We need your help.

Aging Friends, Conflicted Friends

"Sharing the Journey of Aging," a one-day gathering for care committee members and others with an interest in pastoral care, spirituality and aging, will be offered on Saturday, October 16, from 9:30 to 3:00 at Arch Street Friends Meeting. The keynote speaker will be Connie McPeak Green. For further information, contact Tricia Coscia at 215-241-7017 or email triciac@pym.org.

"Conflict Among Friends" is the topic for consideration at the fall gathering of the PYM Meeting on Worship and Ministry. Friends bring a variety of perspectives about conflict, as well as about peace and unity. Conflict may be the window through which we reveal who we really are, what is important to us, and how we are guided in our responses.

All are welcome to come to this gathering on October 23 from 9:00 to 3:30 at the Upper Dublin Monthly Meeting, 1506 Fort Washington Ave., Maple Glen PA 19002. Bring a brown bag lunch.

Around the Meetinghouse...

Holding in the Light...

Roger Edens' father, recovering from a medical crisis.

Joanne Bertozzi, whose husband Gene died recently. The Bertozzis are long-time members of this meeting, although they have lived for years in Hanover, NH.

Joanne's address is:

Kendal at Hanover
80 Lyme Rd #350
Hanover, NH 03755

All who have not spoken of their burdens, pain or fear.

And a warm welcome to ...

Kellie Schlusel-Edens and **Leo**, who joined YFM at the last Meeting for Business!

Building Community, One Doughnut at a Time

Refreshments after Meeting for Worship—what we call elevenses—what a nice tradition! We get to greet our friends, catch up on news, meet folks we don't yet know, and welcome newcomers. We build community and feed our faces at the same time. What's not to like?

It doesn't just happen. Individuals volunteer to provide snacks, set them up and clean up when it's over. There's a sign-up sheet next to the kitchen door. Pick a Sunday and be one of our community-builders! Partner up if you're not sure how to do it or don't want all the fun yourself.

BURLINGTON CELEBRATES!

Oct. 17 (Sunday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.) - **Burlington Meeting House & Conference Center Anniversary Celebration.** Come celebrate the 15th anniversary of Burlington Meeting House & Conference Center and the one-year anniversary of the Worship Group on Sunday, October 17th from 10 am – 1 pm with Meeting for Worship, Lenape Indian, Quaker and Underground Railroad speakers and story tellers in historic garb. Enjoy children's historic, hands on activities and homemade ice cream and of course, refreshments and fellowship. Contact Carol Strawson at 609-387-3875 for more information. Burlington Meeting House & Conference Center is located at 340 High Street, Burlington, NJ 08016.

Oct. 22-24 (Friday-Sunday) - **Harvest and Halloween! Middle School Friends Gathering.** Burlington Conference Center, Burlington, NJ. Join the Middle School Friends community for an exploration of the masks we wear, the history of witches and Quakers, remembering the dead Friends from centuries past, and what "harvest" time means for all of us. We will gather at Burlington Conference Center Oct. 22nd – 24th and spend the weekend carving pumpkins and preparing pumpkin seeds, doing some mask-making, learning about the radical empowerment of women that sometimes resulted in Quaker "witches" being persecuted, and exploring the different traditions of remembering Friends and family who have passed, such as Dia De Los Muertos. Friends are invited to bring a costume if they like. You don't want to miss it! Contact: Stephen Dotson, Middle School Friends Coordinator 215-241-7171 StephenD@pym.org <http://www.pym.org/youngfriends/MiddleSchool/index.htm>.

**Treasurer's Report:
FISCAL YEAR 2010 (JULY 1, 2009—JUNE 30, 2010)**

	BUDGETED	TOTALS	PERCENT OF BUDGET
Income			
Members & Attenders	38,868	26,659	69%
Rentals	5,500	6,000	109%
Flea Market—Fall 09	7,500	10,874	145%
Flea Market—Spring 10	4,000	4,213	105%
Interest, Dividends	1,250	1,632	131%
Income Total	57,118	49,378	86%
Expenses			
Building & Grounds	25,850	23,428	91%
Committees	3,850	1,818	47%
Outreach	10,150	9,056	89%
PYM/BQM	15,300	15,800	103%
Expenses Total	55,150	50,102	91%
Net Ordinary Income		-723	

Meeting for Worship

The Meeting for Worship is central to Friends way of life. Out of the gathered silence come inspiration, courage and guidance. But one does not attend meeting only to receive. Everyone should be conscious of bringing something to meeting—a sense of worship, a sense of sharing. There are days, of course, when we come to meeting as a thirsty traveler comes to water, or as a drowning swimmer finds the land. We ask only to be there, to sit quietly and reorient our lives surrounded by the love and support of our Friends. And there are days of ebullience, when we feel so full of the joy and power of the Holy Spirit that it must overflow. But meeting has a deceptive power. It may be that when we are most in despair we may be called upon to minister to others, and that when we come rejoicing our joy will be absorbed into the silence. The meeting has a life of its own, and all our lives are part of it. It is only in a Friends meeting that we can begin to comprehend Paul's mystical observation, "There is one body, and one spirit."

—Smith, Warren Sylvester. *One Explorer's Glossary of Quaker Terms*. Philadelphia: Quaker Press of Friends General Conference, 1983, rev. 2002, p. 15.

NINTH QUERY: Ministry of Outreach

Outreach. What are we doing as a Meeting to communicate our presence and our principles to the community around us? Does our Meeting's ministry of outreach lead Friends to share their spiritual experiences with others?

What are we doing to invite persons not in membership to attend our meetings for worship and to encourage their continued attendance?

How does the Meeting welcome visitors? Are we sensitive to the needs and hesitations of each visitor?

Are we tender to the needs of isolated Friends and Meetings, and to nearby Meetings seeking support?

How do I ground myself in the understandings of my faith? Am I clear about my beliefs? How do I prepare myself to share my faith and beliefs with others? Does my manner of life as a Friend attract others to our religious society?

Do I seize opportunities to tell others about the Religious Society of Friends and invite them to worship with us?

Is my manner with visitors and attenders to our Meeting one of welcome?

Collaboration. In what ways does our Meeting respond to opportunities to join with other faiths in worship, in social action, and in spiritual dialogue? How does our Meeting encourage its members to seek opportunities to meet and work with Friends world wide?

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