



The Green Street Messenger

monthly calendar & newsletter of...

Green Street

Monthly Meeting of Friends
located at...

45 West School House Lane
Philadelphia, PA 19144

Join us for...

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| First Day Meeting for Worship | 10:30 AM |
| First Day School | 10:30–11:15 AM |
| Wednesday morning Meeting for Worship | 8:30–9:00 AM with GSFS |
| First Sunday evening Meeting for Worship | 6:30–7:00 PM at Stapeley Hall |

January 2016 *(No names for hospitality received as of print time.)*

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| Sunday, 3rd | 9:30 AM Rise of Meeting 12:30 5:00 PM | Breakfast with a Friend— Coffee Hour— Care & Counsel Committee Meeting First Sunday potluck at Stapeley |
| Sunday, 10th | 9:00 AM | Second Sunday Forum <i>No information received</i> Rise of Meeting Coffee Hour— |
| Sunday, 17th | 9:00 AM Rise of Meeting 12:45 | Meeting for business Monthly Meeting Lunch— Continuation of Meeting for business |
| Sunday, 24th | 9:15 AM Rise of Meeting 12:30 | Friendly Bible Study Coffee hour— Discussion of <i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i> (Please see the About F/friends section) |
| Sunday, 31st | 9:00 AM Family Meeting Rise of Meeting 12:30 | Intergenerational sharing about our spiritual lives <i>(Please see the About F/friends section.)</i> Coffee Hour— Meeting of FDS teachers and all interested Friends <i>(Please see the About F/friends section)</i> |

Minutes of Monthly Meeting for Business Held Twelfth Month 20, 2015

At Green Street Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, held at 45 West School House Lane, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on Twelfth Month 20, 2015:

The Meeting convened at 12:30 PM in prayerful silence.

After a period of silent worship, the clerk asked Friends to feel free to share a special holiday memory from their past. Friends enjoyed this period of reminiscing.

The clerk read the agenda and it was approved.

Minute from Worship and Ministry re: making a public statement

The clerk read the following minute:

The Worship and Ministry Committee is clear that this is the time for the Meeting to make a public statement about our concerns for justice and inclusivity in this country. We are deeply concerned by anti-Muslim rhetoric and action. We are deeply concerned by patterns of police violence against Black people. We are clear that the meeting needs to post a large public all-weather sign NOW expressing our values. We propose this language:

Green Street Quakers stand against fear and hatred in solidarity with both our Black and Muslim friends and neighbors.

Over time, we hope that the meeting will approve a long-term permanent sign that makes our meeting more visible and publicly welcoming – and that also allows space for a supplemental public message that could change over time.

The clerk asked that Friends enter into silent worship and encouraged all Friends to freely share out of the silence. Most every Friend present spoke during this period.

Friends approved the minute and empowered the Worship and Ministry Committee to take the next steps forward, knowing that the acting recording clerk and the committee member present will share the meeting's comments with the rest of the committee.

Nominating Committee - First reading of nominations for Recorder and Clerk of Meeting

Jean Prestas presented the names of Eric Davenport for Recorder and JoAnn Seaver for Clerk of the Meeting. JoAnn has agreed to serve as Clerk for a one-year period.

As is the practice, these nominations will be held over for one month before seeking approval at next Monthly Meeting. Friends who have questions/concerns should directly contact someone on the Nominating Committee

Budget Committee - Presentation of 2016 Proposed Budget

David La Fontaine presented the 2016 Proposed Budget, along with information from 2015 budget/actuals to date.

Friends were informed that Yearly Meeting was no longer paying for the clearances necessary for those who serve in First Day School. It was agreed to add \$300 to the proposed budget so the Meeting can reimburse Meeting members for this expense.

There were questions about potential capital expenses like the kitchen, handicap ramp and a hearing assist system. We would like an update from Property Committee in the upcoming months.

Friends approved the 2016 Budget with the one change noted above.

Children and Youth Education Committee

Chris Mohr informed Friends that Michael van Hoy will continue teaching the middle school and high school children through January, but will stop after that. The Committee is still looking for Friends to commit to teaching through the winter and spring. It is nice community of children and teachers and Friends were encouraged to join in serving the Meeting by helping to teach in First Day School.

The Meeting concluded at 2:30 PM after a period of silent worship, agreeing to meet again at the appointed time on First Month 17, 2016.

Anthony DiGiovanni, Clerk and Acting Recording Clerk

Present: Doris Clinkscale, Anthony DiGiovanni, David La Fontaine, Chris Mohr, Sharon Mullally, Frank Perch, Jean Prestas, JoAnn Seaver, Margaret Walters, Donald Weightman,

About our F/friends

(News and announcements of concern to the Meeting)

Sunday, January 3, First Sunday Potluck at Stapeley (Wesley Enhanced Living) All are invited and heartily encouraged to come to Wesley Enhanced Living at Stapeley in Germantown, at Greene Street and Washington Lane. The monthly Friendly First potluck evening meal, starting at 5 PM in the Recreation Room, will be followed by a half hour Meeting for Worship in the Parlor at 6:30. As always, anyone and everyone in the Philadelphia Quarter is welcome and wanted. Tricia Walmsley of Chestnut Hill MM is Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting's coordinator-in-general for the Friendly Firsts (walmsley127@verizon.net or 215-248-1514).

Early notice: *Green Street Monthly Meeting is hosting the first Sunday in February. Please contact Andy Jickling at 215-439-0100, or andyjickling@gmail.com with what you plan to bring to the potluck.*

Sunday January 10, Second Sunday Forum

No information received as of printing deadline. Please listen for announcements after meeting.

Saturday, January 16, Invitation from the QVS Fellows,

We're pleased to announce that our first coffeehouse was a success. We enjoyed the company and talents of friends from around the Philadelphia area. We also were able to raise a substantial amount of money toward our fundraising total required by QVS.

Our second coffeehouse will be on Saturday, January 16 from 4-6 PM at our house (106 W Tulpehocken St.). There will be coffee, tea, and some light snacks. Folks are encouraged to come perform a poem, song, or another talent, or simply come and enjoy the atmosphere. There will be a free will donation taken to further our goal of completing our fundraising goal as soon as possible. Street parking is limited, so folks are encouraged to get to us by taking public transit (Tulpehocken stop on the Chestnut Hill West line, and the H, XH, 23, and 65 busses). Contact: the QVS house email philadelphiahouse@quakervoluntaryservice.org. Best, Philly fellows

Greene Street Friends School invites you and your friends and family to take part in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service on Monday, January 18. The event is organized by the GSFS Parents Association and is one of the largest service sites in Philadelphia.

There will be lots of important projects for volunteers of all ages, including:

making breakfast bags for Aid for Friends

donating blood with the American Red Cross (sign up now or read more on eligibility requirements)

assembling toiletry bags for the Mennonite Central Committee

decorating gift bags for Cradles to Crayons
making craft projects for St. Christopher's Hospital
glazing bowls for the Empty Bowl Project
cleaning at Linegelbach School
participating in a discussion of equality, race, and inclusion
Please join us from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (the blood drive goes until 2:00 p.m.).
Emily F. Harmar direct phone line:215-438-7003
Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Relations
Greene Street Friends School

If you haven't done this yet, do it RIGHT NOW! Deadline is January 24.

Tuition Aid Applications for Friends Children in Friends Schools Applications are available

Families begin the application process in November. Please complete the form, ensure that your meeting signs it and ensure that the forms arrive at your school before the school's deadline. Application forms and instructions are online at www.FriendsEducationFund.org. Families and meetings with questions may contact Zachary Dutton, Associate Secretary for Program & Religious Life at 215-241-7008 or zdutton@pym.org. Please send the forms to Bill Van Stone as the new Clerk. If you have questions, please contact Peggy Walters as outgoing Clerk. See contact information at the end of next paragraph.

All members who need financial aid from the Meeting to send their child to a Friends school, college, or a school for special education should send a letter addressed to the Educational Assistance Committee with their request, name and 2016-17 grade of the child and name of school, to Bill Van Stone, Clerk of the Educational Assistance Committee. **The deadline is January 24, 2016.** College students are expected to submit their applications themselves. If you have questions, call Peggy Walters at 215-247-7276 or e-mail margaretjwalters@verizon.net Bill Van Stone, 625 Burnham Rd. Phila. Pa. 19119, wvsdc@aol.com

Sunday, January 24 at 12:30, discussion of Brown Girl Dreaming

Please join us to discuss PYM's "One Book One Yearly Meeting" selection for this year, Jacqueline Woodson's "Brown Girl Dreaming", on Sunday, January 24 at 12:30 in the Shoemaker Dining Room. It is a somewhat quick read accessible to ages 12 and up, and let us know if you need assistance obtaining the book. Or, perhaps feel free to join us even if you have not read the book! We want to encourage it to be an inter-generational group discussion so we are inviting ages 12 and up to join us. For more information about the selection, please refer to pym.org/one-book-one-yearly-meeting/ from Eric Davenport and Valerie Anderson

Sunday, January 31 at 9:00 AM This I Wonder: Religious Education and Multigenerational

Worship On the fifth Sunday of January, the theme for the day will be three topics to get us thinking, feeling, and talking about our spiritual lives together. We will meet in the social room.

This I believe....

This I doubt...

This I wonder...

Come prepared to share some anecdotes from your own spiritual journey, whether you're six or sixty-six. Childcare will be provided. All are welcome, with particular invitation to those who are new to the Meeting and to the Religious Society of Friends. Our time together will be particularly rich if we are joined by members and long-time attenders as well. These themes will be continued in the 10:30 Family Meeting for Worship.

First Day School Teacher Meeting on Sunday January 31 at 12:30 PM

The children and youth religious education committee invites everyone who is a teacher with First Day School--whether a lead, an assistant, or a substitute--to join us January 31 for a get-together. We'll gather in the dining room around 12:30 and look for a suitable spot to chat. We'd like to talk shop, compare notes, swap curriculum ideas, and anticipate scheduling needs this winter and spring.

Meanwhile, if you're thinking of helping out with the kids, it's not too late! If you want to volunteer, or if you might want to but you still have questions or want to know more, please contact Chris Mohr, Shani Taylor, JoAnn Seaver, or Neal Fordham.

Thank you all for helping Green Street live into its aspiration to be a thriving, multigenerational community!

Sunday, January 31, Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting for Business at Friends Center City – Riverfront 1:00 - 4:00 PM. Riverfront Worship Group, 22 South Front St., Phila. Meeting for worship: monthly on 2nd Thursdays from 3 to 4 PM. For information about the agenda, please go to philadelphiaquarter.org a week or so before the scheduled meeting.

Early notice: Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting Program Meeting

Here at Green Street Monthly Meeting on Sunday, February 28.



The First Query on Meeting for Worship

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

As we worship is there a living silence in which we are drawn together by the power of God in our midst?

Is the spirit of our worship together one that nurtures all worshipers?

How does our Meeting respond when the vocal ministry seems inappropriate, or when the meeting for worship is consistently not gathered?

Do I faithfully attend meeting with heart and mind prepared for worship, clear of any predetermination to speak or not to speak, and 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 relationship with others?

Have I experienced in worship that direct leading to listen or to speak, and have I been faithful to my own experience?



News and Announcements

Workshops and/or Short Courses at Pendle Hill

For more information about any of these weekends, call Pendle Hill at (610) 566-4507 or (800) 742-3150, ext. 3, or visit www.pendlehill.org. Matching scholarships are available; please call.

(Please go to their website, pendlehill.org, or call them for more information.)

Mar. - Aug. Answering the Call to Radical Faithfulness

An Intensive Online/On-Campus Certificate Program in Prophetic Activism and Civic Engagement (includes four on-campus residencies.)

Jan. 4 Parallel Journeys: A Pilgrim's Way Home Free **7:30-9:00** PM in the Barn

Jan. 22-24 Paths in Prayer

Feb. 19-21 Living the Compassionate Life: The Essence of Nonviolent Communication

Friday, January 8, 5:30 PM - Sunday, January 10 at noon. Young Adult Friends Winter Retreat, Unpacking Race, Equipping Ourselves For Justice, at Swarthmore Friends Meeting

Join Young Adult Friends, age 18-35ish from across the Phila. Yearly Meeting region and beyond for our winter retreat. Information: www.pym.org/calendar/events/young-adult-friends-winter-retreat-2016 Questions? Elizabeth Piersol Schmidt, epiersolschmidt@pym.org or 215-241-7075.

New Tours at Arch Street Meeting House, Information Sessions: January 12, 6 PM & January 16, 11 AM.

Interested in learning about the new tours and public programs that Arch Street Meeting House will debut starting Spring 2016? Join us for one of our upcoming information sessions, where we will discuss the new programs and tours to be offered to the over 25,000 visitors the historic meetinghouse welcomes each year. If you are looking to get involved in the new docent and greeter program information and applications will be on hand. For more info: visit www.archstreetmeetinghouse.org or contact archstreetmeetinghouse@pym.org or at 215-627-2667

Saturday and Sunday, January 16 and 17, Winter Family Overnight - from Saturday at 1:30 PM to Sunday at noon., at Camp Onas, Ottsville, NJ. Cost: \$35 per person.

Family overnight is a one-night sleepover for the families with kids K-5th grade. There is multigenerational activity for the whole family, a dinner together, free time to play, a fireplace, hot chocolate, bedtime stories, Giant First Day School, worship, a chance for adults to spend time with other parents, and home in time to have the time on Sunday you need to prepare for the rest of the week. **Register by January 11.** Family overnight is an intentional village for the purpose of being a family of Friends. Please go to pym.org to the PYM calendar for more information.

Employment Opportunities

Community Engagement Fellow

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting is searching for a passionate, motivated, out-of-the-box thinker to serve as our Community Engagement Fellow. The Fellow will work with the Community Engagement Coordinator to build partnerships with local and regional Quaker communities and implement structures that engage PYM Friends in sharing ministry. This work includes necessary administrative duties involved in carrying out events and working with volunteers.

Details: www.pym.org/employment/home/opportunities/community-engagement-fellow

Interim Middle School Friends Coordinator

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting is looking for a motivated person with a willingness to hit the ground running to serve as our Interim Middle School Friends Coordinator, starting in March 2016. The Interim Middle School Friends Coordinator is responsible for creating space for experiencing the movement of Spirit within and among the community of 6-8th graders.

Details: www.pym.org/employment/home/opportunities/185-2

Humor Corner: Hope for after the holidays. (Church bulletin bloopers)

I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even though he diets, yet shall he live.

Quote Corner: Lord, baptize us again and again with the pure water of life, the life of Thy love for us. Touch our hearts with brands from Thine altar, to destroy those things in our lives that keep us from being authentic examples of the work of Thy transforming power. Open our eyes, that we may see the work which Thou wouldst have us do for Thee. With grateful hearts we come with assurance unto Thee. *Charles Warner Palmer, c.1940, PYM Faith & Practice*

The **submission deadline** for the February newsletter is **9:30 AM on Friday, January 15.**