



The Green Street Messenger

monthly calendar & newsletter of...

Green Street Monthly Meeting of Friends
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Join us for...

First Day Meeting for Worship	10:30 AM
First Day School	10:30–11:15 AM
First Day Meeting for Worship at West Phila. Mtg.	1:30 PM
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

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September 2016

September

Sunday, 4th	9:30 AM	Breakfast with a Friend—Bob Dockhorn and Geniver Montalvo
	Rise of Meeting	Coffee Hour—Jean Prestas
	12:30	Care & Counsel Committee Meeting
Sunday, 11th	9:00 AM	Second Sunday Forum
		<i>(Please watch for email closer to the date)</i>
	Rise of Meeting	Coffee Hour— Michael Van Hoy
Sunday, 18th	Rise of Meeting	Coffee hour—Gabbreell James and Kenyatta James
	12:45	Meeting for business
Sunday, 25th	9:15 AM	Friendly Bible Study
	Rise of Meeting	Coffee hour—Anthony DiGiovanni and Jim Hood



The office will be closed from Thursday, September 1 through Monday, September 5. It will reopen on Tuesday, September 6.

About our F/friends

(News and announcements of concern to the Meeting)

From the editor: I print the graduation speeches from graduates of GSFS whose parents are members or attenders of the Meeting. I now have received permission to print Grace Jickling's.

Grace Jickling

My whole life I've been looking to the future, hoping for something more. Whether it's living in San Francisco or having six cats, all these dreams and hopes fill me. My future is a simple place in my mind, a fantasy. I can live my dream of being a journalist, a writer, a friend. But along with the future comes the uncertainty that dawns on me everyday. One thing does stand out about my future, though -- I know what I want to do. I want to create and write. When I create, I see a path for my future clearly, and I know I'm doing what I should always be doing: making poems, projects, stories, narratives, artwork, music and information.

All of these dreams derive from the support and education of Greene Street. Ten years here shaped my personality, friendships and character. I admit that I was unhappy with the drama and mess that came with the class. Many people will say, "But that's why I love you guys!" But I can honestly, openly say that I'll be happy to meet some new people. I'll never be tired of the education and teachers of this school, though. Each and every one of them nurtures your individual learning style. My teachers have supported me, through all of this helping me to develop my writing, grammar and knowledge. I've had so many different styles of teaching and learning, and this has helped me develop my own learning style.

With all my time looking at the future and past, I haven't always been living in the present. I've been so eager for a new life that I haven't been appreciating my own. This year I made so many new friends and branched out in my class, meeting the very people I was so anxious to leave. I've learned countless things about my world, my community, my class and myself. Greene Street is my past, but it will also be my future. I'm so thankful to my community, teachers, friends, family and all the support that they have given me and continue to give me. Without them, I would not be where I am today, and I would not be able to live my dream for the future.

Ethel Anna Trefsgar, 91, a lifelong resident of Philadelphia, Pa., passed away at her son's home in Auburn, Maine on Sunday, July 10, 2016.

Ethel attended Dobbins Vocational High School, then a World War II training school at the University of Pennsylvania for ship hull drafting and pipe design. She was employed by Cramp's Ship Yard during World War II, doing layout and design. After the war, she worked for 35 years at Honeywell in the Art Department. Ethel was an active member of the Religious Society of Friends from 1934. She attended Fair Hill Friends in North Philadelphia, Pa., then transferred her membership to Green St. Meeting, serving on the boards and committees of Stapeley Hall and Green St. Friends Meeting.

Ethel enjoyed the City of Brotherly Love's history, museums, and her center city shopping missions.

Ethel and her husband Bob had been married for 74 years.

From the editor: Many of you have seen this, but some have not.

Caring for the Meeting House

Recently, some small things have not been left in good order after Sunday activities. A week ago, a window was left open on the second floor. Since it was in the front of the building and not by the roof in back, it is unlikely that anyone would be able to get in through that window, but all windows in the FDS rooms need to be closed when FDS is over.

On that same day, paper towels were scattered all over the floor in the women's room on the second floor. A knitted piece and another piece of cloth were left on the bureau that is in the hallway on the second floor. The secretary's scotch tape was missing from her office and found in one of the FDS rooms.

Frequently, papers are left in various places on Sunday: from a forum held, from Friendly Bible study from FDS, etc.

I encourage Friends to be careful about returning items borrowed from the office and cleaning up after themselves, as a courtesy to our Meeting secretary, and to the people who use the meetinghouse during the week. —Bob Dockhorn

Meeting for Worship at Stapeley on the first Sunday of the month.

Stapeley residents will happily welcome anyone who wants to join them in their meeting for worship at 6:30.

Middle Schoolers and their parents. September 24, 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM here at Green Street Monthly Meeting with Middle Schoolers staying overnight and joining us for meeting for worship on Sunday.

For: Children, Family, Middle School Friends, Young Friends

This is a potluck event for parents of youth of all ages who have an interest in connecting to other parents, hearing about PYM's youth programs and enjoying delicious food together. Please plan to bring a dish that will serve 5-6 people. Childcare will be provided.

In addition, this is the first Middle School Friends event of the year. We will all have a potluck dinner together at Green Street Monthly Meeting. After parents depart, Middle School Friends will stay overnight at the Meeting. Middle Schoolers will participate in get-to-know you activities, talk a bit about this year's theme, and play some games before joining Green Street Monthly Meeting for Worship on Sunday morning. For more information: Meg Rose 215-241-7228

RSVP: mrose@pym.org



The Ninth Query on the 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 worldwide? *What opportunities have I taken to know people from different religious and cultural backgrounds, to work with them, and to work with them on common concerns?*

What opportunities have I taken to know, to work, and to worship with Friends outside of my own Meeting?



News and Announcements
Workshops and/or Short Courses at Pendle Hill

The Pendle Hill website now lists one day events, weekends and weeklong events. Please call Pendle Hill at (610) 566-4507 or (800) 742-3150, ext. 3, or go to pendlehill.org. Matching scholarships are available; please call. For more information, please go to their website, pendlehill.org, or call.

Extended Worship, September 10, 9:15 AM – 3:15 PM at Abington Friends Meeting

Would you like to deepen your experience of worship? Have you wished that worship didn't end when the clock struck the hour?

The Worship and Care Standing Committee and the Meeting on Worship and Ministry invite you *to* experience Extended Worship at Abington Friends Meeting, 520 Meetinghouse Rd. Jenkintown.

Attend just a portion of the day or the full day. And remember to bring your lunch. All are welcome.

If you need childcare, email us by Monday, August 29. For more information, contact Lola Georg at 484-368-4637 or lolageorg@gmail.com

Schedule: 9:15 to 9:30 Gathering and Welcome

9:30 to 12:30 Extended Meeting for Worship

12:30 to 1:30 Brown Bag Lunch

1:30 to 3:00 Worship Sharing

3:00 to 3:15 Cleanup and departure.

Future Opportunities:

October 29, at Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting

December 3, at Middletown Friends Meeting at Langhorne

January 28, 2017 at Hockessin Friends Meeting (to be confirmed)

March 4, at Swarthmore Friends Meeting

April 29, at Plymouth Friends Meeting, Plymouth Meeting

June 3, at Chester Friends Meeting (to be confirmed)

Peace Fair Gathering for High School Age Young Friends

Friday, September 16, 4:00 PM – September 18, 11:30 AM at Buckingham Friends Meeting, Lahaska, Pa. Bucks Quarterly Meeting's Annual Peace Fair, an opportunity for high school age Friends from all of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting to gather to perform community service, get to know each other, do some work sharing, have fun! Cost: \$25.00

On Sunday, families are invited to join us for worship, singing begins at 10:15 followed by worship at 10:30. The Peace Fair is an awareness and fun event, not a fundraiser. The Peace Fair supports area non-profits do work on peace, community service, the environment and other causes consistent with Quaker values.

Join with other high school age Quakers to perform community service. The Peace Fair is made possible because of financial contributions and volunteer work by Bucks Quarter Friends, as well as service performed by Young Friends. Young Friends play a key role in setting up and taking down the fair, as well as providing staffing for food sales and children's games during the fair. Service at the Peace Fair qualifies for community service hour requirements.

The Peace Fair is Fun! The Peace Fair attracts the community by providing a fun experience, including live music and dance, food, crafts, and children's games, alongside the exhibits by area non-profits who do important work locally. Free time for Young Friends might include a trip to Peddler's Village (groups can go to Peddler's Village with parental permission) or a game of wink as well as a pizza party.

Look for registration this summer.

For information on the Peace Fair go to www.peacefair.org. For information about Young Friends at the Peace Fair contact Karen Gallagher, 610-239-8550, karengbqpf@gmail.com or Robert Rosenthal, 267-252-7539, robert.rosenthal84@gmail.com. Karen is a member of Norristown Monthly Meeting, Robert is a member of Central Philadelphia Meeting. Both are parents of former PYM Young Friends and have been Friendly Adult Presences for PYM Middle School and Young Friends gatherings over the last 10 years. They have shared a

leading to keep a Young Friends presence at the Peace Fair after this event was discontinued as part of the official PYM Young Friends activities.

T. Wistar Brown Teachers' Fund

The Fund provides financial grants supporting members of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting who are over the age of 21 and who request assistance for professional development in preparing themselves to teach at the primary or secondary school level. Deadlines are: March 10 for summer. June 10 for fall/winter. **November 1 for spring.** Visit: www.twbfund.org for information.

Humor Corner: After church, Robbie tells his parents he has to go and talk to the minister right away. They agree and the pastor greets the family. "Pastor," Robbie says, "I heard you say today that our bodies came from the dust." "That's right, Johnny, I did." "And I heard you say that when we die, our bodies go back to dust." "Yes, I'm glad you were listening. Why do you ask?" "Well you better come over to our house right away and look under my bed 'cause there's someone either comin' or goin'!"

Editor: I figured this could apply to what is under more beds than mine.

Quote Corner: The deeper our faith, the more doubt we must endure; the deeper our hope, the more prone we are to despair; the deeper our love, the more pain its loss will bring: these are a few of the paradoxes we must hold as human beings. If we refuse to hold them in the hopes of living without doubt, despair, and pain, we find ourselves living without faith, hope, and love.

Parker J. Palmer

The **submission deadline** for the October newsletter is **9:30 am on Friday, September 16.**