



KENNETT FRIENDS MEETING NEWSLETTER

October, 2009

→[Child and Youth Programs, see page 4 for more details.](#)

Date	Day	Time	
3	Saturday	8 am	Men's Monthly Breakfast meets in the kitchen
		9 am – 4 pm	<u>Yvonne Boeger Memorial talk: Jesus & Spirituality</u> see p.3
4	Sunday	9:45 am	Adult Class: Kristin Richardson from AFSC see p.4 →Child/Youth: crafts, singing, games with T. Amy
		10:45 am	Gathering followed by 11 am Family Meeting for Worship → <u>No Youth Classes on First Sunday</u> – children are asked to Remain with their families through the shortened Meeting. Noreen is available for childcare for very young children.
	At the rise of Meeting	(apx. 11:30)	Family Sunday Refreshments served downstairs.
	Noon		→caravan to Hindu Temple – information p. 4
10	Saturday	8:30 am – noon	<u>HIV/AIDS Community Interfaith Summit</u> see p. 3
11	Sunday	9:45 am	Adult Class: Learn About Fairville Friends School see p.4 →Child/Youth: crafts, sing, games with T. Amy Childcare available for the very small with T. Noreen
		10:45 am	Gathering followed by 11 am Meeting for Worship
		11:15 – 11:45 am	→Youth First Day School classes.
		6 pm	Covered Dish Supper hosted by Social Services & Trustees
		7 pm	Meeting for Worship for Business
18	Sunday	9:45 am	Adult Class: What Are Clearness Committees? (part 1 of 2) →Child/Youth: crafts, sing, games with T. Amy Childcare available for the very small with T. Noreen
		10:45 am	Gathering followed by 11am Meeting for Worship
		11:15 -11:45 am	→Youth First Day School classes.
25	Sunday	9:45 am	Adult Class: What Are Clearness Committees? (part 2 of 2) →Child/Youth: crafts, sing, games with T. Amy Childcare available for the very small with T. Noreen
		10:45 am	Gathering followed by 11am Meeting for Worship
		11:15 -11:45 am	→Youth First Day School classes.
November			
1	Sunday		Daylight Saving Time Ends. "Fall Back" on Saturday night. This is Family Sunday.
		9:45 am	Adult Class Child/Youth: crafts, singing, games with T. Amy
		10:45 am	Gathering followed by 11 am Family Meeting for Worship <u>No Youth Classes on First Sunday</u> – children are asked to remain with their families through the shortened Meeting. Noreen is available for babysitting very young children.
	At the rise of Meeting	(apx. 11:30)	Annual Chili Brunch – Welcome All!

HADLEY PROGRAMS IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER LISTED ON PAGE 2

Pick up a Complete Season Program in our Meetinghouse

GREETER FOR MEETING FOR WORSHIP IN October: Thomas Neuville

FAMILY SUNDAY REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE FOR October 4: B. Bruni, J.Engle, A. Humes, B.&T. Neuville, D.Tennent, M.Davis & D.Howard.

Sunday Refreshment Committee for November: E.Amoss, J.&C. Shoemaker, B.&C. DeGezelle, M.Potter, M.McDonough – *in culinary concert with* **Care & Counsel Committee's Annual Chili Brunch.**

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS MONTH:

10/11 6 pm Covered Dish Supper & 7 pm Evening Business Meeting

Hosting committees: Social Services and Trustees

10/18 Western Quarterly Meeting to be held at West Grove.

Please check with WQ for update of times & programs.

HADLEY PROGRAMS IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER:

10/4 Visit the Unionville Community Fair at the Willowdale Steeplechase Grounds
"Animal Junction" – live animals and education – 10 am – 4 pm under tent

10/24 Scott Davidson Quartet Concert. 8 pm at Lower Brandywine Presbyterian

11/12 Storyteller Willy Claflin brings laughter to Kennett Meeting. 8 pm

PROGRAMS FOR THE 2009 – 2010 SEASON ARE AVAILABLE IN THE MEETINGHOUSE

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER: Monday, October 26

10th Query, Stewardship of the Environment, To Be Considered In October

Is the Meeting concerned that human interaction with nature be responsible, guided by a reverence for life and a sense of the splendor of God's continuing creation?

Are the decisions of the Meeting and its committees relating to the uses of property, goods, services, and energy made with sensitivity toward the environmental impact of those choices?

How does our Meeting learn about environmental concerns and then act in the community on its concerns?

HIGHLIGHTS OF September 13, 2009 MONTHLY MEETING

-Memorial Minutes were read by Mary Louise Ruggieri for Robert Marshall and for Karen Anne Keister.

-Sarah Kastriner reported for Religious Education and detailed the new Fall schedule for children and youth. (*Check out our Calendar Page to see those changes & pg.4*).

-Dan George, Clerk of Sara Bowers Committee, introduced revised Guidelines for the Fund. Copies are available in the Meetinghouse. This will be taken up at Meeting for Business in October. No updates or revisions have been made since being approved in 1984.

-Marjorie Anderson has asked to be replaced as Representative to Kennett Sq.Ministerium. Friends are encouraged to visit the website for Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. www.pym.org for information. The new website is updated more frequently and has good information.

Annual Reports: due in November from Old Kennett.

due in December from Memorial Committee and from the Finance Committee.

Complete minutes and committee reports are available in the binder on the hall table in the meetinghouse

VISIT www.kennettfriends.org during the month for updates.

*The Yvonne Boeger Memorial Talks on***JESUS AND SPIRITUALITY**

Saturday, October 3, 2009. held at Crosslands. 9 am – 4:30 pm. Lunch is included.

This retreat will serve as an introductory primer to areas that will be more broadly discussed in six subsequent 2-hour gatherings in this series.

Presenter, J. Patrick Seyler is an ordained Lutheran minister who has studied spirituality for almost 40 years from a variety of perspectives, including different Christian and non-Christian traditions.

Contact: Jessie Cocks. Pamphlet available in our Meetinghouse. Sign up requested for planning purposes.

HIV/AIDS COMMUNITY INTERFAITH SUMMIT

Saturday, October 10, 2009. held at Kennett Meeting. 8:30 am – 12 noon.

Program of the “Hub of Hope” for community health professions and any interested participants.

Kennett Meeting is providing hospitality. Contact: Jessie Cocks. Flyer available in our Meetinghouse.

Or visit Hub-of-hope@umcod.org

- Receive** - HIV information local & global
- Hear** - Personal stories
- Learn more about** - HIV community resources
- Vital Attendees** – You! And especially parish nurses, health professionals, faith leaders **FREE**

Pre-registration requested: email to janelind@comcast.net

Continental Breakfast

Spanish Translation & Signing for Deaf available

Parking available

Sponsored by:

General Board of Global Ministries – United Methodist Global AIDS Fund, Patricia Magyar, Executive Secretary,
U.M. Church of the Open Door - H.U.B. of Hope HIV/AIDS Ministry – Rev. Dr. Anita Adams Powell, Pastor,
Rev. Dr. Deborah Tanksley-Brown, Ministry Director,

*A resource for the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church –
Office of Human Relations & Leadership, Rev. Hilda Campbell, Ex. Director*

Neighborhood Guild – Collection On-Going

MaryEtta Clendenin is our representative to the Neighborhood Guild. The Guild distributes clothing and toiletry items to at least 15 different organizations in our community. Contributions must be of new items such as children’s clothing, socks, underwear, blankets, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo and such. Recipients might be new mothers, school-aged children, or an older person living at the Pocopson Home. MaryEtta will be collecting through November – you can leave a bag marked for her in the Meetinghouse Office. Remember the NGA when you see “Two for One” or “Closeout” sales.

BOOKS FOR QUAKER FAIR

Donations of books for the Quaker Fair (hardback and paperback in good condition) will be accepted until Sunday, October 31, 2009.

Please no text books, books with broken bindings, jigsaw puzzles, photo albums or VHS tapes.

Books may be left on the table at the entrance of the (downstairs) Fellowship Room.

Contact Chris Kimmel with any questions.

Rel Ed. Offers two First Day School Programs for children this year – Sarah Kastriner

The first FDS program will begin at 9:45, when children of all ages will be welcomed into a class based on the one-room school house model of teaching, where older children assist younger children and everyone learns from each other. Led by Teacher Amy, children will participate in games, crafts, songs & activities with emphasis on practicing Quaker values (such as cooperation, respect, equality, & community).

The second FDS class will begin at 11:15. Following gathering at 10:45, children will remain for 15 minutes of silent worship, then follow their teachers to the classrooms for a 30 minute class from the FDS curriculum. **There will be no class during Meeting on Family Sundays (First Sunday)** - we hope children will remain in meeting for the entire worship (11:00-11:30).

This fall the younger class will begin with “Learning to Listen—Without and Within,” while the older class will study how Quakerism relates to other world religions. Noreen will provide childcare throughout the morning, as usual.

Field Trip – Visit the Hindu Temple in Hockessin, DE

This Sunday, October 4th ALL are welcome.

We will caravan from the meetinghouse, **departing at 12:00 (noon)**, to arrive at the temple by 12:15. A tour and discussion is planned, and vegetarian lunch is available at the temple’s cafeteria (\$3-\$6 entrees). For questions or to RSVP, please contact Elaine Amoss: elaineamoss@comcast.net

Godly Play® and Faith & Play

The Religious Education committee is exploring a new tool for our FDS curriculum: Godly Play® and Faith & Play. Anyone from KMM interested is invited to attend an information session and demonstration of the technique on Saturday, October 31st, from noon-3:30 at Mullica Hill Meetinghouse (NJ). Childcare is available. Please contact Sarah Kastriner or Jim Kimmel for details.

ADULT CLASSES IN OCTOBER – Betsy Neuville

10/4 Kristen Richardson from American Friends Service Committee

Join us to learn about the current priorities, initiatives, and efforts of the AFSC.

Our Quaker Fair has supported their work for many decades, so it is fitting to refresh our understanding of the importance of their work, as we countdown towards the 2009 Fair.

10/11 All About Fairville Friends: come learn about Quaker education provided at the small and robust school that is under the care of Kennett Meeting.

10/18 and 25: Clearness Committees: Walter Earle and Thomas Neuville will lead us in a 2-part exploration of the Clearness Committee as a means for personal discernment, moving forward, and listening for the spirit in community with others. We will have the opportunity for practical experience as well as discussion and insight from those who have been involved in clearness committees over the years.

QUAKER FAIR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2009

The Quaker Fair will soon be here and we would appreciate everyone's help.

If you are new to Kennett Meeting, we encourage you to get involved. The activities are listed below along with the Leader who coordinates each team of volunteers:

Set-Up	Eliot Dalton	Clean-Up	Bob Bean
Snack Bar	Betsy Neuville	Books	Christine Kimmel
Mabel's Attic	Debby/Bob Brumbaugh	Knitting	Marcie Potter & Julie Rickerman
Plants	Mary Ann Piccard	Luncheon	Sheila Magendantz
Dining Room	MaryEtta Clendenin	Pony Rides	Melanie Pratola
Country Kitchen	Sally Lighty	Publicity	Sarah Kastriner
Children's Room	Alison Frey - FFS	Children's Table	Elaine Amoss
Gift Shop	Sachiko George & Mary Claire Stevens		
Dishwasher Crew	Elaine Amoss	Parking	Maceo Davis

Some areas where we always need more help are:

The BIG Set Up--	After Meeting for Worship on November 15
Grandma's Attic--	Debby and Bob need help with set-up/pricing and with clean-up
Parking--	Help direct traffic on Fair day
Dishwashers --	In the kitchen during the luncheon on Fair day
The BIG Clean Up --	After 3 pm when the Fair closes

Sign-up downstairs in the Meeting house.

Donations

Book Donations – Drop off downstairs in Meetinghouse until 10/31. No text books; fiction must be recent and hardback with dustcover; no soiled, poor conditioned or mildewed books of any genre.

Mabel's Attic - Go through your closets and garage and start your Mabel's Attic box donation in which you can throw everything you have not touched in the last year (no clothes). **DO NOT BRING TO MEETINGHOUSE UNTIL SUNDAY, NOV 15.**

Country Kitchen - Test out your bread, cookies, candy, and preserve recipes, so you can donate home-made food items to this section of the Fair. Frozen pies and quiche also welcome.

Important Dates

Sunday, Oct 25: Quaker Fair Organizational Meeting, at Rise of Meeting

Sunday, Nov 15: Classrooms, Office, Library, Foyer area and bulletin board are cleared (noon).

Meetinghouse is set-up for Fair (noon – 1:30), benches moved, tables brought upstairs, book room shelves are installed in library, Mabel's Attic tables are brought in.

Mon - Fri, Nov, 16- 20: "Attic" items are laid out, then priced from 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Friday, Nov. 20: Luncheon prep at KMM from 9:00 – noon

Sat Nov 21: Quaker Fair from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM; clean-up from 3:00 – 5:00

Don't let tradition die out! We are still looking for a Quaker Fair Co-Chair to work with Lars this year, and help guide the Fair NEXT year. *Please* contact Lars if you are able to provide this valuable service.

Questions/comments, contact the 2009 Fair Clerk: Lars Farmer – 302-999-1267, or

larsfarmer@hotmail.com

ARTICULATION OF WHAT IS COMMON TO US AT THE CORE OF OUR FAITH

At our September Meeting for Business, Maceo Davis, one of our faithful representatives to (Philadelphia Yearly Meeting) Interim Meeting, spoke to the effort begun by Arthur Larabee to focus Friends on that which is at the “very core of our faith”.

Here follows an excerpt from the General Secretary’s Report delivered by Arthur Larabee at Summer Sessions, July, 2009. It is presented here to provoke your own thoughts.

I hope that you will visit www.pym.org to read these comments in their entirety – just search the above title - or look on the hall table of our Meetinghouse for a reprint. –Anne Hanzel

I think the time has come for us to undertake to discern and write down, in a simple and concise way, a statement that addresses who we are and what we believe.

I am not suggesting a statement that the Yearly Meeting would impose on monthly meetings. I wouldn’t want to do that, and I’m smart enough to know that that wouldn’t work.

Rather, what I do have in mind is a statement, representing the Yearly Meeting’s best corporate discernment of what we could say about what who we are and what we believe. Such a statement might then be used by members and meetings within the Yearly Meeting as they were led to use it. I could see such a statement being used as we currently use Faith and Practice. It is a guide, not the law.

I believe we need something that will fit on one sheet of paper; something we can give to seekers who come through our doors; something that is short of thrusting the whole of Faith and Practice at them.

Have you ever had the experience of someone asking, “What do Friends believe?” and hearing the answer, “Well, it’s kind of hard to say what Friends believe, but let me tell you what I believe.”

Or, have you ever had the experience of trying to tell a new attender what Friends believe, and you really hope that no one else is listening because maybe you won’t get it right, or you fear you may be contradicted?

Or, have you ever started out a sentence, “Well, early Friends believed this and early Friends believed that,” because you could not say with any confidence what Friends believe today.

Or, do you ever find yourself not being able to think of a single thing to say about what Friends believe, and so you start by saying what Friends don’t believe, defining us by what we are not. Friends don’t have paid clergy, or a programmed service, or a creed, or rely primarily on the bible.

(Ed. Note: text has been left out due to space requirements.)

Jay Marshall, in the book I’ve already alluded to on vitality among Friends, goes on to say, and I’m paraphrasing, that in addition to the broad spiritual focus, “the common thread shared by vital meetings is that various members within them are each able to give a similar account of what their purpose is. Members are able to self-disclose clearly to members and seekers- this is who we are- knowing that others would share the same message.

“However great of a challenge it is, a common understanding of a meeting’s . . . purpose is a strong contributor to vitality. It clarifies the group’s identity and helps its members and attenders understand which expectations are realistic and which ones are not.”

Perhaps it will not be easy for us to do this. It is not my role to decide whether or not we attempt it, but I am persuaded that the effort would bear good fruit.

-Arthur Larabee

Kennett Friends Meeting's
53rd Annual

Quaker Fair

Saturday, November 21st

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM



One-Stop Holiday Shopping &
A Fun Outing for the Whole Family!

Book Room: Hundreds of used books for readers of all ages and interests

Mabel's Attic: A treasure-trove of household items, games toys, and all manner of surprises

Country Kitchen: Homemade jams, preserves, delicious meats and cheeses, cakes, cookies & breads

Country Luncheon: (11:00 - 1:00) Fresh mushroom soup, sandwiches, salads, and dessert, complete with table service

The Knittery: Beautifully patterned hand-made sweaters, mittens, hats, scarves, booties, & blankets

Greenhouse: Holiday house plants, poinsettias, and more

Artisan's Row: One-of a kind wreaths, table displays, crafts and tree ornaments

Pony Rides: (10:00 - 1:00) Photographed pony rides

Children's Room: Games and crafts for kids & stress-free shopping and fun for all!

Kennett Friends Meeting is located on the corner of N. Union (Rt. 82) and W. Sickle Streets in Kennett Square.
Proceeds benefit American Friends Service Committee
Indoor Event ~ Free Parking