

YARDLEY FRIENDS MEETING NEWSLETTER

August 2019

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Outdoor/evening worship July 16

65 North Main Street, Yardley PA 19067
<http://yardleyfriendsmeeting.org/>

Meeting for Worship 10:00–11:00
First Day School 10:15–11:00

Linda Jacobs, Clerk
Ed Snyder, Newsletter Editor

This month at YFM

Aug 11

(No Men's Group this month)
Women's Group meets at 8:30
Business Meeting following rise of Meeting

Looking ahead

Sep 7

Flea Market! Save the date! If you've participated in this before, you know what this means to our community, and we look forward to your participation again. If you haven't participated before, we'll be asking for volunteers in various areas shortly.

We are looking for vendors! Spread the word - contact Doreen Boerner-Gage for more info.

See Clerk's Corner on next page for more info about the Flea Market.



See article on page 4 about our Monarch Waystation

Around the Quarter/PYM

Aug 18

Quarterly Meeting – at Fallsington. See page 3 for details.

Looking ahead

Sep 21

Peace Fair, Buckingham Meeting

Newsletters can be found on our website at <http://yardleyfriendsmeeting.org/news/> Email articles, pictures, book reviews, events to ed@mrplansinc.com.

The Flea Market

What's the buzz? For those of you that have been here, you are used to the tradition of the Flea Market. Anyone new is hearing conversations about it. What is it all about?

Before 1955 Yardley Friends Meeting was located further north on Main Street where the Santander Bank is today. The land for the present location was given to the Meeting by a Cadwallader family member. The Cadwallader family are lifelong Friends and members of the Meeting. Most of you know Betsy and many of us were lucky to know Sid and Carol (her parents) for many years. After the Meeting moved to the present location the Flea Market began as a fundraiser.

Women, who many of us knew when we came to Meeting, started the market. They put on a bake sale. Their special turkey salad sandwiches are still sold today. Vegetarian fare, sausage, peppers and onions, hot dogs and other foods are on the menu. The White Elephant sale may have been the main part of the Flea Market before opening it up to the many vendors who have participated for many years.

After 64 years and new generations the Market continues. When I moved to Yardley, it was one of the events people mentioned as something the community looked forward to each year. For the past few years we tried changes. We changed the name from the Flea Market to Fall Market to Autumn Market and aimed for more arts and crafts. We raised our prices. We heard from many how much they enjoyed the way it had been all these years. So we are back closer to the way it was. Arts and crafts have always been welcome.

The Flea Market is a way to invite the community to see Yardley Meeting. We try to help people in need by collecting food for Mercer Street Friends and a Habitat for Humanity truck collects in our parking lot. We have music and fun for everyone!

Working together is a way we all get to know each other and there is camaraderie in hard work. To me nothing is a better way to seal a bond than to work together for a common goal. As an extra bonus many years we've gone out for a drink and a bite to eat after we've cleaned up.

Many of us have market jobs we've been doing for years. There is so much you can do if you don't already have a role or if you'd like to switch.

To get ready we can empty our houses of things we don't need for the White Elephant. Starting the month of August the social room fills up with items you bring.

We need plenty of help the day of the market, but if you prefer, get a table for \$25 and sell what you want. Please tell everyone you can that tables are available at a good price.

Our silent auction has been our biggest money maker the last few years. If you do business with someone regularly, ask them to donate a gift. I have asked my grocer, my hair cutter, and Birchwood Farm where I get grass fed whole milk. Many small businesses are glad to give.

The day of the Flea Market you might help with food, parking, White Elephant and book sale. There are so many jobs we need to fill. Let Mark Woodford or people in charge of the different jobs know what you'd like to do. There are also things we do to get ready during the week and the night before.

More information is on the website. Everyone working together is what makes this event and all that we do strong. Whether it's your first year here or you've been part of the Flea Market for years, we look forward to working together!

See you at the Flea Market!

Editor's note – Dick Ryniker, in his growly way, used to say the Flea Market served three purposes: raising money, outreach, and inreach (getting to know one another better). The last one might be the most significant.

Bucks Quarterly Meeting is Coming Up...August 18, 2019 – Fallsington

Program: “When Spirit Leads Us: Nurturing a Friend’s Call to Ministry”

Come join Friends in Bucks Quarter for an interactive program about Quaker witness. Recently there has been a rise in Friends recognizing ministry. We’ll hear stories from Friends of how they have been led to do particular work. We’ll then consider queries in small groups, reconvening with results. Your input will help inform the program as we learn of gifts within our Quarter. We’ll consider how to encourage service work and ministries moving forward. This could be the first in a series of gatherings. The Children’s Program theme will be Special Gifts. After Worship, Fallsington Friends will provide lunch. 9300 New Falls Road, Fallsington, PA
www.fallsingtonmeeting.org

9:00-9:30am Welcome & Refreshments
9:30 - 9:45 Singing
9:45 – 11:45 Children’s Program
9:45am Adult Program
11:00am Silent Worship
12:00pm Lunch
1:00pm Meeting for Worship for Business

Query 8. Grounding for Transformed Lives: Integrity and Simplicity

What is the interplay between simplicity and integrity in the life of our meeting?

How does our meeting embody simplicity and integrity in its structures and practices?

How has our meeting considered humanity’s impact on the earth’s ecological integrity and the ways in which violence and injustice exacerbate this impact?

How do I strive to achieve harmony between my inner and outer commitments in my spiritual journey, my work, my family and my other responsibilities?

Am I temperate in all things?

Am I open to counsel regarding addictive behavior?

Am I involved only with those organizations and activities whose purposes and methods complement my integrity?

Am I careful to speak truth as I know it and am I open to truth spoken to me?

Am I mindful that judicial oaths imply a double standard of truth?

Monarch Waystation

After seeing Middletown Meeting's butterfly garden, a little research was done to see what Yardley Friends needed to do to include our butterfly garden in the "Monarch Waystation" program. The latest addition to our garden is a sign and also a "Certificate of Appreciation" (which is posted on the Children's bulletin board.) Our habitat will be included in the Monarch Waystation Registry, an online listing of Monarch Waystations worldwide.

".....Each fall, hundreds of millions of monarch butterflies migrate from the United States and Canada to mountains in central Mexico where they wait out the winter until conditions favor a return flight in the spring. The monarch migration is truly one of the world's greatest natural wonders yet it is threatened by habitat loss at overwintering grounds in Mexico and throughout breeding areas in the United States and Canada.

Monarch Waystations are places that provide resources necessary for monarchs to produce successive generations and sustain their migration. Without milkweeds throughout their spring and summer breeding areas in North America, monarchs would not be able to produce the successive generations that culminate in the migration each fall. Similarly, without nectar from flowers these fall migratory monarch butterflies would be unable to make their long journey to overwintering grounds in Mexico. The need for host plants for larvae and energy sources for adults applies to all monarch and butterfly populations around the world."

Here's a link to "Monarch Watch" the organization we contacted for some interesting information.
<https://www.monarchwatch.org/waystations/>

Christina Breidenbach

Visit our website! There are many pages (see below) – including a new one on the Suicide Prevention Project - with lots of information. Questions/suggestions? Contact Ed Snyder at ed@mrpplansinc.com.

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And to tend the soil is to forget ourselves.

Mahatma Gandhi