

YARDLEY FRIENDS MEETING

NEWSLETTER

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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 Snyder, Clerk

Ed Snyder, Newsletter Editor

This month at YFM

Nov 3

Committee Meetings following rise of Meeting

Nov 10

Women's Group meets at 8:30

Men's Group meets at 8:30

Business Meeting following rise of Meeting

Nov 16

Potluck welcome dinner for Mercy Ingraham

Looking ahead

Dec 7

Holiday party at the meetinghouse; catered dinner and decoration setup following. Contact Linda Jacobs Snyder for info and RSVP.

Candlelight worship to be determined...possibly Dec 20.

Around the Quarter/PYM

Nov 17

Quarterly Meeting – at Lehigh Valley.

Nov 21

PYM Friends in Business fall dinner and program *Money, Politics* and Quakers:

How money in politics eviscerates equality in society -- and what can be done about it.

For more info on activities in the Quarter, see the latest Quakerphernalia at quakersbucks.org.

If you have articles or announcements for Quakerphernalia, please contact Wendy Kane, the coordinator, at quakersbucks@gmail.com.

New projector

We are the proud co-owners (with our Buddhist tenants) of a projector for using with a computer. It is located in the storage room (the room to the right as you enter the worship space). There are also screens of varying sizes in that room, from a tabletop model good for small groups, to a very large one that could be used for movies, etc.

It's fairly easy to use but a test run is recommended to become familiar with it and assure compatibility.

Your Francis and Betty Irwin calendar inspiration for the month

The highest test of the civilization of a race is its willingness to extend a helping hand to the less fortunate.

Booker T. Washington

Understanding and Learning

No individual or group knows exactly what another individual or group is going through. This can be within a family, place of worship, or anywhere in the greater world. It doesn't matter if it's about race, sexual choices, political beliefs, religion, demographics, how we live our lives, anything. Everyone has likenesses and differences. Wouldn't it be a better world if we really tried our best to promote a conversation with an open mind? It seems important to realize as we start a conversation we don't totally understand. Every individual has their own back story. We are raised with different groups and taught different beliefs. No matter how similar some of our stories are we all have something unique in our lives.

I feel encouraged when I hear of groups getting together and really listening to each other with an open mind. I heard recently on NPR of a large group putting people with different backgrounds and beliefs together for conversation. They said at the end there were changes in some of the people's beliefs. Many changed their minds about immigrants because they heard the life stories of immigrants in the group. Some changed their mind about \$15 minimum wage because they heard from small business owners who could not stay in business and learned that the cost of living is very different in different parts of the country. Communicating can only help people have a clearer understanding of the lives and feelings of others. Working to help people understand is a very worthwhile project. The more people reach out in this way the better the world can be.

There are years and years of us being brought up a certain way. All our experiences are different. Our beliefs reflect where we came from. Often we judge a situation not from what is happening now but what has happened sometime in our past. Let's try not to judge. Please know that it's a continual process. Nothing changes overnight. It's by respectfully communicating and listening and getting to know each other that understanding comes.

There is so much hate and violence in the world. Quakers believe in peace and the light within. Does that sometimes get hard in our everyday life? Can we aim to lessen blocks between us and others so we can move on together to work on the many injustices alive in the world?

Query 11. Witnessing in the World: Education

What does our meeting do to support and improve public education?

What help do we provide for the children and adults in our meeting to pursue their educational goals?

What is our meeting's role in support for Friends' education? If our meeting is connected to a Friends school or schools, does this relationship nurture spiritual life and the manifestation of Friends principles?

Do we enable children in our meeting to attend a Friends school? Does our meeting work with the family to consider all available means of support?

How do I show my concern for the improvement of public education in my community?

Do I demonstrate my encouragement and support for Friends education through awareness and service?

Carol Hansen

Sad news – we just learned that Carol Hansen passed away today (October 31). Carol was a long-time attender (with her husband Omar) and she joined as a member a few years ago. Carol was our pianist. She led with a friendly smile and strong voice for many years. The family will be making arrangements to hold a memorial at the Meetinghouse. We will let you know arrangements as soon as we know.