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Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting

September 2010

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A different look this month

Friends: This month's newsletter contains a couple of new features, which I'm trying out as an experiment. First, because there are so many newsworthy items, each one is presented in this e-mail in very abbreviated form, followed by a link to **Read more**>>. Clicking each link takes you to the relevant spot in the full newsletter (in a new window). You can browse through the whole thing there, or just select the items you want to read from the e-mail version.

The other innovation is to include a new tab — **New Building** — at the top for news relating to the new meetinghouse project, so that all of those items are grouped together.

I am eager to hear from readers their responses to this approach, so [please send feedback, positive and negative](#), on this new design.

Phil Jones, newsletter editor

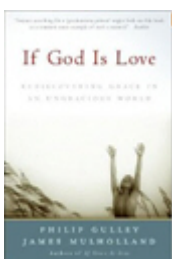
What's Happening

Christine Olinger Memorial Service

A Memorial Meeting for Worship to remember Christine Olinger will be held on Saturday afternoon September 11, 2010, at 2:00 pm, Newtown Friends Meeting House, 219 Court Street, Newtown, Pennsylvania 18940. For a map, directions, parking instructions, information about carpooling from Chestnut Hill, and information about the reception afterward at Wendy and Steve Kane's home, [read more](#)>>.

Sundays at Seven: Book discussion group

The Adult Religious Education Committee will sponsor occasions for small groups to discuss the book *If God is Love* by Quaker pastors Philip Gulley and James Mulholland. For details about location, meeting times, and how to find the book, [Read more](#)>>.



Forum on Moral Education

Judd Kruger Levingston will speak on “When Will they Ever Learn? How Families and Communities Can Nurture Positive Moral Choices in Adolescents and Young Children.” [Read more>>](#)

Children’s Program News

Hannah Mazzacaro has accepted the new position of Middle School teacher/curriculum planner for CHFM starting this fall. [Read more>>](#).



Urban archaeology in our own back yard

One quiet Sunday in August, Ezra and Moxie Duncan-Tessmer were the only children in First Day School. They went with their FAP (Friendly Adult Presence) out to look for the hidden stone steps in the woods; a young white-tailed deer ... [Read more>>](#).



September Calendar

[See the printable September calendar](#), which shows other groups’ uses of the building as well as our own.

Links in the list below jump to more information about the event.

- **Sat. 11 September** — Charity Bike/Walk/Roll Event — 9:00 am on Schuylkill River Trail ([see article](#))
- **Sat. 11 September** — Christine Olinger’s memorial service — 2:00 pm at Newtown Meeting ([see article](#))
- **Sun., 12 September** — Forum on Moral Education ([see article](#)) — 12:00 pm at meetinghouse, after light snack (CC)
- **Tues. 14 September** — Men’s Support Group — 7:30 pm at Meeting House (in FDS classroom with double doors opening onto rear walk)
- **Sun., 19 September** — Business meeting — 12:30 pm (after lunch)
- **Sun., 26 September** — Meeting for worship on lower lot — 9:00 am
- **Wed., 29 September** — September newsletter deadline — noon, via [e-mail](#)
- **Every Sunday**
 - Early Meeting for Worship — 9 - 10am in meetingroom; also on lower lot on 4th Sundays, weather permitting
 - Hymn-singing, in Social Room by piano — 9:45 am to 10:15 am

- Meeting for Worship ([see note](#)) (childcare available) — 10:30 - 11:30 am
- First Day School — 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Activities of Friends

Letter from the Clerk

Dear Friends,

This has been a challenging spring and summer for us. Two members of our community, Jim Cox and Christine Olinger, died after months of intensive and loving care by their families and Chestnut Hill Friends at hospice and home. Both Jim and Christine were sunny and outgoing, reminding us regularly to take joy in life and not take ourselves too seriously. Christine came to meeting just a few days before she died and we remembered the chicken coop and abundant vegetable garden that Friends had created for her across Mermaid Lane. We remembered her exuberance, her willingness to take risks to connect us. We sang to her, “Five foot two, eyes of blue — has anybody seen my gal?” Christine in her wheelchair just bowed her head and smiled.

[Read more>>](#)

Jean Warrington, CHFMs clerk

Chestnut Hill’s *Fall for the Arts Festival*, October 10

Please save the day October 10 on your calendar, and just in case it chooses to rain on that date, please save October 17 as well. As we have for several years now, we will have an all-day stall on Germantown Avenue, directly outside Carman’s Shoe Repair store, and are looking forward to sharing some of the many joys and enrichments of Quakerism with the general public on that day. [Read more>>](#).

Tricia Walmsley for CHFMs Outreach Committee



Sam Davis distributing Quaker oatmeal cookies at last year's Fall for the Arts Festival

New Building News

New gifts to campaign have double the impact

Earlier this year our team of grantwriters wrote successful proposals that resulted in two challenge grants from Quaker foundations Shoemaker and Tyson. [Read more>>](#).

Design Considerations: Air-conditioning and Fireplace

The client committee needs your feedback about whether to include air conditioning in the meeting room of the new meetinghouse and whether to have a fireplace or stove in the gathering room. [Read more>>](#).

Campaign passes \$1 million milestone

During the summer, we surpassed the \$1 million mark in our \$3 million capital campaign for a new meetinghouse. This critical fund-raising milestone was reached in large part due to generous contributions from the CHFMM community. In addition, [Read more>>](#).

Outside the Meeting

Charity Bike/Walk/Roll Event on Saturday, September 11

Sarah Whitman invites Friends to the 3rd Annual Philly Bike/Walk/Roll for Pain Relief along the Schuylkill River Trail, by participating in the event or sponsoring her. This event is held annually in September, which is Pain Awareness Month. Sarah is the founder of the event, has CRPS, and will be biking. [Read more>>](#)

Philadelphia Quakers and the Women's Suffrage Movement

As many Friends know, Fair Hill Burial Ground is the final resting place of Lucretia Mott. Jamie Stiehm, author of [this opinion piece](#) in *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, is a frequent volunteer at Fair Hill, studied at Swarthmore and is writing a major biography of Lucretia Mott.

Quaker Meeting, The Sixties

BY ROBIN BECKER

Seeing my friend's son in his broad-brimmed hat
and suspenders, I think of the Quakers
who lectured us on nonviolent social action
every week when I was a child. In the classrooms
we listened to those who would not take up arms,
who objected, who had accepted alternative
service in distant work camps and showed
slides of hospitals they helped to build.
On Wednesdays, in Meeting for Worship,
when someone rose to speak,
all the energy in the room
flew inside her mouth, empowering her to tell
what she had seen on her brief
encounter with the divine: sometimes, a parable,
a riddle, a kindness. [Read more>>](#).