

# Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting, October 2010 newsletter

## Meeting Events

### Work days at the meetinghouse

On October 9 and November 13, the Property Committee will sponsor Work Mornings ... [Read more](#)

### EXTRA! Stop the (cookie) presses!!!

Tricia Walmsley reports with dismay that the Philadelphia Bureau of Licenses and Inspections prohibits us from giving away home-baked cookies of any religious persuasion, sugar content or redeeming social value whatsoever at our booth at Fall for the Arts!

... [Read more](#)

### Forum: A global dilemma — a Quaker witness

Does our economic system require perpetual growth to function? Steve Loughin, clerk of The Growth Dilemma Project, will lead a challenging discussion to explore this and other issues, examining the impact and meaning brought to them by the core Quaker Testimonies of peace, simplicity, equality, community and integrity. This event coincides most fortuitously with the 10/10/10 global observation of the climate crisis. ... [Read more](#)

### Interested in Exploring Charity?

A group of people interested in issues such as: How much should I give? How can I give more? How do I balance my own financial health such as retirement, with the desire to give more now? will have its first meeting on Sunday, October 24, at the rise of meeting.

... [Read more](#)

### October 30 W & M Retreat on Simplicity

Worship & Ministry is sponsoring a retreat for Chestnut Hill Meeting members and attenders on Saturday, 30 October for fellowship and consideration of Friends' testimony of simplicity, under the leadership of Anita Paul. ... [Read more](#)

## October Calendar

See the [printable October 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. CC after the event title indicates that child care is available.

- Sun., 3 Oct. Outreach Committee meeting — 9:00 – 10:15, Middle School room
- Sun., 3 Oct. Community Lunch — Rise of Meeting
- Sun., 3 Oct. Adult RE: Sundays at Seven — CC — 7:00pm – 9:00pm
- Sat., 9 Oct. [Work Morning](#) (cleanup) — 9:00am — 12:00noon
- Sun., 10 Oct. [Forum — Growth Dilemma](#) — CC — 12:00 – 1:00
- Sun., 10 Oct. [CH Fall for the Arts — on the Avenue](#); visit our booth — 11:00am – 5:00pm
- Sun., 10 Oct. Adult RE: Sundays at Seven — CC — 7:00pm
- Mon., 11 Oct. C&C Meeting — Mickey's house — 7:30pm – 9:00pm
- Tues., 12 Oct. Coordinating Committee — meetinghouse — 7:30pm – 9:00pm
- Wed., 13 Oct. Finance Committee Meeting — Social Room — 7:30pm – 9:00pm
- Sun., 17 Oct. Meeting for Business — CC — meeting room — 12:30pm – 2:30pm
- Tues., 19 Oct. Men's Spiritual Support Group — 7:30pm (Middle School room)
- Thu., 21 Oct. Meetinghouse Project Communications Group meeting — 7:00pm – 9:00pm
- Sun., 24 Oct. Early meeting for worship on lower lot (in addition to meetinghouse) — 9:00am – 10:00am
- Sun., 24 Oct. [Charitable Giving conversation](#) — office — 11:30am

- Tues., 26 Oct. Peace & Social Concerns Committee meeting — Gathering Room — 7:00pm – 8:30pm
- Thu., 28 Oct. November newsletter deadline — noon — via e-mail {link}
- Sat., 30 Oct. [Retreat: The Testimony of Simplicity](#) — CC — 9:00am – 3:00pm
- Sun., 31 Oct. Blue Moon Potluck and welcome of new members — at rise of meeting
- Every Sunday
  - Early Meeting for Worship — 9 - 10am in meetingroom; also on lower lot on 4th Sundays
  - 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

## Religious Education News

### 2010-2011 Curriculum: World Religions and the New Testament

This year, First Day School will be studying the New Testament as part of our four-year curriculum rotation that also covers the Old Testament, Quaker History, and Quaker Testimonies. New this year, the Religious Education committee has developed a unit on world religions to lead off the curriculum for 2010-2011. ... [Read more.](#)

### Share your talents with First Day School

We are excited that the First Day School will be preparing a pageant/play this year, to be performed for the meeting community on December 19, telling the story of Jesus' birth. We welcome any Friends with musical, dramatic, and/or crafty/sewing talents to help the FDS with this event! We are also planning a First Day School Seder for the spring (First Day before Easter) and again would love your help.

### Sign up to teach First Day School

We still need volunteers to teach the younger group (K–4th grade). We have broken the year up into segments that are 7 weeks long, and ask that volunteers plan to teach for at least most of a segment. [Read more.](#) If you would like to teach First Day School or have any questions or ideas for us, please [contact us](#): Betsy Robertson, Carla White, Lisa Griffin, Hannah Mazzaccaro.

## In Our Meeting Family

### Nepali News

The big excitement for this week is that 4 year old Kalyan has now started school. He's enrolled in the Germantown Headstart program every weekday for a few hours. He's very curious and savvy about how things work, well coordinated, and says all the essential words — playground, school bus, seat belt, dinosaur, bathroom and bye, bye Mommy. ... [Read more.](#)

### Landau Sisters in Scholastic Magazine

Friends may be aware that last year, while Claire Landau (Signe and Jon's elder daughter) was in her first year teaching in a Philadelphia public school, her sister Nikka was in Taiwan on a Fulbright fellowship teaching in a very different situation. They began co-writing a globe-spanning blog, and now [an article about their experiences](#), featuring extensive quotes from the blog, has appeared in Scholastic Magazine.

### New Hollinger play, starring Megan!

Unless you've been out of the country — or not listening to WHYY-FM — you already know that CHFM member Michael Hollinger has a new play at the Arden Theater. What the ads don't tell you, but this article does, is that the female lead is played by Michael's wife, Megan Bellwoar (also a CHFM member). [Read the whole article.](#)

## **Wedding Invitation ... and a way to help**

Chestnut Hill Friends are invited to the marriage of Robert Fudge and Steven (“Stevik”) Kretzmann, under the care of our Meeting, on Saturday, November 6, 2010, 5:00 pm, at Plymouth Monthly Meeting. If you plan on attending, please [RSVP to Robert and Stevik](#). And if you want to help, [read more](#).

## **Our Growing Community**

### **Willistown Friends see our new meetinghouse as ‘a sign of life’**

In September, Willistown Friends Meeting Trust gave us a \$5,000 grant towards the construction of our new meetinghouse. ... [Read more](#).

### **“Hullo!” from Nikla Lancksweert, Campaign Coordinator**

In the five months since I took on the role of "Campaign Coordinator", charged with helping the CHFM community be still more well-equipped and organized in its approach to raising funds for the new meetinghouse, the \$3 million capital campaign passed the first \$1 million milestone! Unfortunately, I cannot claim responsibility for that success. ... [Read more](#).

### **Grant-writing team needs your help**

One of the funding streams for our new meetinghouse project is foundations. A team headed by Carolyn Schodt has a list of foundations that they are planning to approach. They’d like Friends to look at [this list of foundation boards of directors](#) for names of people they know. If you spot someone you know, please [contact Ann Tydeman Solomon](#) of our grant-writing team.

## **Outside the Meeting**

### **Fair Hill Book Drive**

The fall book drive is under way with 500 books already donated by Haverford Friends School and delivered to teachers at Potter Thomas School in Fair Hill. Please bring gently used children’s books to put in the box in the gathering room October 1 through the Sunday before Thanksgiving. ... [Read more](#).

### **NIM Workshop: The Myths of Retirement**

Neighborhood Interfaith Movement’s Resources for Older Adult Learning (ROAL) is offering a workshop, “Not Your Parents’ Retirement: The Myths of Retirement,” on Saturday, 23 October, from 9:30am to 12:30 noon at NIM, 7047 Germantown Avenue (just below Mt. Pleasant). [Click to download a flyer about this program](#).

### **Another chance to see Traces of the Trade**

Friends may remember that CHFM and Central Philadelphia MM co-sponsored a showing of this moving film at Friends Center several months ago. If you missed it then, or want to see it again, closer to home, NIM offers another showing, in Germantown. [Read more](#), or [see NIM’s announcement](#).

### **Non-Violent Communication classes**

Max Rivers, a new visitor to our meeting in September, wants to share with the community that he is teaching an inexpensive series of classes on NVC: Non-Violent Communication on Tuesday nights in East Mt. Airy. ... [Read more](#).

# Poem

## The Call

I have heard it all my life,  
A voice calling a name I recognized as my own.  
Sometimes it comes as a soft-bellied whisper.  
Sometimes it holds an edge of urgency.  
But always it says: Wake up, my love. You are walking asleep.

[Read more.](#)