

Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting
April 2012

Meeting Events

Forum: The Visitor

This month's forum focuses on the topic of immigration through the screening of The Visitor. This independent film provides a window into the personal experience of the immigration issue. It is also a moving story of a man whose soul comes to life after a period of grief and depression through a series of unlikely relationships. The film is rated PG-13 for "brief strong language" and runs for 1 hour and 48 minutes. For more information, see the trailer - <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0857191/>.

Inquirers' Breakfast on 22 April

Having breakfast together at the end of a very well attended Quakerism 101 course seems like a nice way to wrap up for those who have been in the class, and an enticement for those who missed it to think about attending future Adult Religious Education offerings. So, whether or not you attended the Q101 class, whether or not you're new to the Meeting, whether or not you have inquiries ... the Outreach Committee invites you to join us for breakfast at 9:00am in the Social Room on Sunday, 22 April.

April Calendar

Sun., 1 Apr. - Community Lunch - Social Room, at rise of meeting
Sun., 1 Apr. - Worship & Ministry Committee meeting - 12:30 in Middle School room
Tue., 3 Apr. - Peace & Social Concerns Committee meeting - 7:00pm @ Stapeley Hall
Sat., 7 Apr. - Work Day - 9:00am - 12:00 noon, around building and on lower lot
Mon., 9 Apr. - Care & Counsel Committee meeting - Mickey's home
Tue., 10 Apr. - Men's Group - Middle School room
Sat., 14 Apr. - Work day & Easter egg hunt at Historic Fair Hill - 10-4 at Burial Ground
Sun., 15 Apr. - April meeting for business - 12:30 in Worship Room, following lunch
Sun., 22 Apr. - Inquirers' Breakfast - 8:30 - 10 in Social Room
Wed., 25 Apr. - May newsletter deadline - midnight, via email -
Thu., 26 Apr. - Campaign Committee meeting - 6:00pm to 7:30pm, Social Room
Sun., 29 Apr. - Blue Moon Potluck - at rise of meeting, in the Social Room

Every Sunday

Early Meeting for Worship - 9 - 10am in meeting room; on 22 April, also outdoors on the building site (weather permitting)
Hymn-singing, in Social Room by piano - 9:45 am to 10:15 am
Meeting for Worship (childcare available) - 10:30 - 11:30 am
First Day School - 10:30 am to 11:30 am

A KISTA Update

Elizabeth Walmsley reports on the most recent meetings of KISTA, the organization she founded to assist our Nepali friends in planning (and paying) for education and training. There are now five members, whom many in the Meeting have met. Their planning includes many different educational opportunities: English classes, heating and air-conditioning maintenance training, certified nurse's assistant training, and teacher training. Despite various setbacks they remain committed to working together to improve their circumstances.

New Meetinghouse News

Closing the funding gap

The Campaign Committee continues to work to help close the difference between our original campaign goal and the winning bid from our contractor. A number of grant applications are in process, and approaches to Friends from other monthly meetings are continuing. The goal is to exceed the low bid so that we can start on an endowment, and also add some of the "extras" like a photo-voltaic array that were not included in the contractors' bids.

The Client Committee, for its part, has worked with the contractor to find adjustments to lower the bid. They have identified a number of changes, mostly in materials, that reduce significantly the contractor's bottom line.

Both groups report significant progress, and we expect that the contract will be signed in early April, with a likely groundbreaking in mid-May. Stay tuned for details.

News of (Young) Friends

Last Fall, Claire and Nikka Landau, daughters of Signe Wilkinson and Jon Landau, together with Jason Tucker, a classmate from Germantown Friends School, formed a group called PhilaSoup. Teachers from public and independent schools in the Philadelphia area assemble for a simple meal of soup (donated), for which each person pays a modest amount. Then three teachers make presentations about ideas they have to improve their classrooms; everyone votes, and the winner receives the evening's "gate" as a micro-grant. And now they've taken it a step further.

Andrew Jones, son of Ann and Phil Jones (and GFS class of '03 classmate of Claire Landau and Jason Tucker), did a little teaching from afar last trimester in Sarah Sharp's Penn Charter class on the Middle East. Andrew now lives in Doha, Qatar, where he works for Al Jazeera English as a TV news editor.

Outside the Meeting

Join with New Sanctuary Movement and with Occupy on 1 April!! Holy Week and Passover are both happening in the first week of April. In honor of those important events, this Sunday (1 April), at 2 pm at Logan Square groups from around the city are marching to celebrate freedom from the Pharaohs, Caesars and Abu-Jahls.

PYM meets ACH

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting has announced that Friends who would like to make one-time or periodic contributions to monthly, quarterly and yearly meetings can use PYM's online payment system. In addition to credit cards, your payment options now include the ability to pay by check.

Historic Fair Hill Spring work day and Easter Egg hunt

Work day on Saturday, 14 April from 10-4, with Easter Egg hunt at noon. All are welcome to help plant the newly expanded gardens and play in the beautiful green five acres. Carpool to Fair Hill with Jean and Peter Warrington or take the 23 bus.

Friends in Healing

From Caroline Cupp, chaplain at Friends Hospital, comes this invitation: "Please join us at Friends Hospital for a breakfast discussion on the partnership between religious and psychiatric communities in the care of individuals affected by mental illness. Explore the ways in which modern mental health care works with the mind, body, and spirit, and gain confidence in working with people with mental illness in your congregations."

Keeping up with Friends in the "City of Quarterly Love"

The Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting Facebook group is named City of Quarterly Love <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cqlove/> Its e-mail list is cqlove@groups.facebook.com, which replaces the old Yahoo Groups listserv, recently laid down. The Facebook organization is named Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Philadelphia-Quarterly-Meeting/157408294299985?sk=wall&filter=1>

Continuing Rev_l_tion: A Young Adult Friends Conference

Pendle Hill, Quaker Earthcare Witness and the Clarence and Lilly Pickett Endowment are delighted to announce an exciting opportunity from June 15-20, 2012, for all young adult Quakers in North America. Continuing Rev_l_tion: A Young Adult Friends Conference on Ministry,

Earthcare and Social Action will be an intensive and powerful six-day gathering offered at Pendle Hill in Wallingford, PA. Go here <http://pendlehill.org/yald> for more information.)

Meeting Secretary update

When Viv Hawkins resigned as meeting secretary, Phil Jones applied to be the interim secretary while the Personnel Committee re-examined the secretary's job. They have done that, and have offered a non-interim position to Phil, who has accepted. With the move to the new building this job will need to be re-defined once again, so this appointment will be revisited in a year.

Directory Correction

Stevik and Robert's mailing address: PO Box # is 150, not 15.

Member's house for sale

Eileen Flanagan and family moved recently, and are now selling their beloved (and well-insulated) East Falls row house. You can check it out here http://www.prufoxroach.com/8361495_CMNCMN_3311-TILDEN-ST-8361495.html .

New Sanctuary Movement: Summer Job

New Sanctuary Movement is hiring a summer intern! NSM is seeking a graduate student for a 10 week long, full-time paid summer internship to help manage a state legislative advocacy campaign.

Lost & Found

Black AT&T iPhone charger, plugged into outlet to the left of front door (Mermaid Lane side); found 3/26/2012. Located in lost & found basket in foyer (bottom shelf of small table in corner to the left of the door to the gathering room).

Gwynedd Coffeehouse

See flyer for the next Coffeehouse at Gwynedd Friends Meeting.

http://www.chfmnewsletter.org/201204/2012_04-newsletter.html#Gwynedd_Coffeehouse.pdf

Community Lunch

Community Lunches occur on the first First Day (Sunday) of the month from 12:00 - 1:00pm and are provided by the Hospitality Committee (i.e., they are not potlucks). All are welcome. (We do have a potluck lunch on the fifth Sunday of the month, when there is one (and this month, there is!))

Allergy Reminder

Friends are reminded that a member of our community has a severe allergy to strawberries, and has to leave the building if they are present. So please don't bring strawberries in any form to any meeting social function or meal.

Meeting for Worship

Children are welcome in meeting for worship from 10:30 to 10:45, when they leave to attend First Day School.

Poem

A Prayer in Spring
by Robert Frost

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers today;
And give us not to think so far away
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here
All simply in the springing of the year.

Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;
And make us happy in the happy bees,
The swarm dilating round the perfect trees.