

Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting
October 2012

Meeting Events

We start off this Sunday (9/30) with our own Howard Lesnick, who is a serious student of the Bible, both Hebrew Scripture and Gospels. Howard's topic is, "How do Jews, Christians, and Muslims approach the Bible differently?" On Sunday, 10/6, "What do the Ten Commandments command?". This will start a year's study of a variety of topics and books related to the Bible.

Friendly 8s return!

Ask a Chestnut Hill Meeting old-timer what Friendly 8s is, and you're likely to hear about potluck meals of 8 (or so) people. But over time innovative Friends have expanded the definition to include all sorts of other group activities: playing miniature golf, going to a movie or play, going to a museum, getting together for dessert, having a regular Scrabble tournament, holding a regular book discussion/study group. Meals are still often in the mix, but you should know that that's not all Friendly 8s is about. Let us know what sorts of activities interest you and others in your household (or just you) by responding to this questionnaire - <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?pli=1&formkey=dFhIVk5fczNEMkszcTRONmd0NHBfUXc6MQ#gid=0>.

A KISTA Trust update

Elizabeth Walmsley sends along a very upbeat report on the progress of KISTA, the trust for our Nepali immigrant friends, which she created and has been building and administering. Highlights of her report include a slideshow from the movie fundraiser, a new brochure - KistaTrifold.pdf that tells you how to support KISTA, and the announcement of a very impressive bottom line for the fund of over \$5,000.

QVS Project

At its called meeting on 16 September, Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting approved moving ahead to assist the group now working on establishing a Quaker Voluntary Service (QVS) program in Philadelphia. They aim to have a housing location and the first group of volunteers in Fall 2013. Now they're looking for existing programs for their volunteers to work in. They ask:

"Do you know of agencies and organizations that offer direct support to marginalized individuals and communities and would benefit from having a Quaker Voluntary Service intern? We are seeking placements now for the cohort beginning in September 2013. Contact Jack Malinowski - malfrazer@aol.com (215-438-2334) with recommendations. Feel free to pass the information on to an organization also."

Forum: Documentary film, Broken On All Sides

For the October forum on Sunday, 14 October, Peace and Social Concerns Committee presents the documentary Broken on All Sides: Race, Mass Incarceration & New Visions for Criminal Justice in the US. The documentary explores mass incarceration across the US and the intersection of race, poverty and the criminal justice and penal systems.

The movie dissects the rise of incarceration in the US, illustrates how the emerging Occupy movement offers hope for change and explores possible reforms and solutions to ending mass incarceration and this new racial caste system. Click here to visit the film's website - <http://www.brokenonallsides.com/>. There will be time for reflection after viewing the film.

October Calendar

Sun., 30 September, 12:00pm - Blue Moon Potluck - Social Room at rise of meeting
Mon., 1 October - MALT classes begin at CHFM
Tue., 9 October, 7:30pm - Men's Spiritual Support Group - Middle School room
Sun., 7 October, 12:00pm - Community Lunch - Social Room
Sun., 7 October, 12:30pm - Worship & Ministry Committee meeting - Middle School Room
Sun., 7 October - CH Fall for the Arts (we have a booth) - on the Avenue all afternoon
Tue., 9 October, 7:00pm - Peace & Social Concerns Committee meeting - Stapeley in Germantown

Wed., 10 October, 7:00pm - Finance Committee - Office
Sun., 14 October, 9:00am - Outreach Committee meeting - Middle School room
Sun., 14 October, 12:00pm - Forum: Broken On All Sides (film) Worship Room (after snack)
Wed., 17 October, 7:00pm - Client Committee meeting - Gathering Room
Wed., 17 October, 7:00pm - RE Committee meeting - Middle School Room
Sun., 21 October, 12:30pm - Monthly Meeting for Business - Worship Room, after lunch
Thu., 25 October, 6:30pm - Campaign Committee meeting - Gathering Room
Sat., 27 October, 9am - noon - Workday - In and around meetinghouse
Sat., 27 October, noon - 6pm - Orchard Day - Historic Fair Hill
Sun., 28 October, 9:00am - Early meeting for worship - Back corner of building site
Wed., 31 October, - November newsletter deadline - midnight, via email

Every Sunday

Early Meeting for Worship - 9 - 10am in worship room; on building site 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 (Sunday) School - 10:30 am to 11:30 am

New Meetinghouse News

Taking our new meetinghouse up the hill

On Thursday, 27 September, Jean Warrington and Phil Jones made a brief presentation to the board of the Chestnut Hill Community Association. Richard Snowden, a real estate developer, said, "I hope people understand what the Meeting is doing here. James Turrell is a really important artist, and it's a really big deal that the Meeting is bringing a freely accessible Turrell artwork to Chestnut Hill. It's a home run for Chestnut Hill."

Taking our new meetinghouse downtown

At 7:00pm on Thursday, 11 October, Chestnut Hill Meeting's Campaign Committee presents a program as part of the annual DesignPhiladelphia series - <http://events.designphiladelphia.org/event/1862/chestnut-hill-s-new-quaker-meetinghouse-and-james-turrell-s-skyspace> . Follow that link for a description of the program, which features John Andrew Gallery and Jordan Bastien.

News of Friends

Finding Friends

New address for Katie Hawkins:
8805 Cheltenham Avenue, Wyndmoor

New address for Signe Wilkinson and Jon Landau: 626 S. 21st St.
Phila., PA 19146

Contact information for new attender Gayle Davidson: 7425 Boyer Street, Philadelphia, PA 19119; gemd4100@yahoo.com; (413) 522-8258

Coming this month the Walnut St. Theater New(ish) attender Catherine Hagele (whose stage name is Catherine Palfenier) is appearing in a new play at the Walnut Street Theater's Independence Studio on 3. - <http://simpaticotheatre.org/landing/season/a-bright-new-boise/> A Bright New Boise, "by 2011 Obie Award winning playwright Sam Hunter, invites us all to consider the necessity of faith in a life that is entirely unpredictable." Opens 3 October.

First Family: Closet Quakers? Are the Obamas secretly Quakers? -

<http://www.newsworks.org/index.php/speak-easy-archive/item/43914-are-the-obamas-closet-quakers?Itemid=219>

Outside the Meeting Earth Quaker Action Team Looking for Hosts, October 19-21

The Earth Quaker Action Team (EQAT) is looking for Friends in the Philadelphia area to feed and/or host F/friends from other areas who are coming to learn about how to organize nonviolent direct actions in their community. The training sessions will be held at Merion Meeting. If you might be interested in hosting a participant, cooking food for the weekend, or in learning more about the training, please contact Eileen Flanagan - eileenflanagan@juno.com.

Films at Green Street Meeting

On Saturday, 13 October at 7:00pm, we are KNEE DEEP in WATER issues. On Saturday, 20 October, at 7:00pm, watch the film Shirley Chisholm '72: Unbought and Unbossed. For both films: popcorn, free admission; bring the kids to Green Street Friends Meeting, 45 W. School House Lane.

October 27 Workday

On Saturday, October 27, from 9-12 am, we'll be pruning, raking, etc. Bring your favorite pruners, rake, a tarp if you have it, and gloves. We will work if weather allows. Contact Cyane Gresham with questions - <mailto:cyane.gresham@gmail.com?Subject=Workday> .

Advance notice of November calendar change

Because of scheduling conflicts, there will not be a business meeting in November. Instead we will have business meeting on Sunday, December 2. (Normally we don't have a business meeting in December.)

Smile for the Camera

In order to update our picture directory, Terry Foss will be taking pictures on Sunday, 7 October. We will be seeking divine intervention for a universal "good hair day." Please look for Terry to have your picture taken after worship! Other "photo opps" will come later in October.

Sign up as a greeter

There's still (always!) time to volunteer to be a greeter; reply to this Doodle poll [link expired]. Be sure to click Save after you enter your name and pick your date(s).

Child Safety Policy

The Meeting developed a safety policy regarding our children several years ago. As a provision of that policy, we must tell you about the policy and provide you a copy every year. Please read the policy - [safetypolicy.pdf](#) , and help the Meeting ensure that our children are safe while they are in our care.

Tentative Forum Schedule

The Forum Committee lays out its plan for the year at the end of each summer. While plans do sometimes need to change, here is what they have in store for us through the end of the current academic year.

Lobbying Table

There's now a card table in the corner of the Gathering Room to facilitate weekly letter-writing on issues that FCNL brings to our attention.

Voter ID

Contact Judy Morgan - judymorgan711@yahoo.com to find out how you can get involved in; there's still work to be done before the election on 6 November.

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., it's not a potluck). All are welcome. (We do have a potluck lunch on the third Sunday of the month before business meeting, and again on the fifth Sunday when there is one.)

Please don't bring anything with strawberries in it to a potluck or community lunch; a member of our community is highly sensitive to strawberries.

Meeting for Worship

Children are welcome in meeting for worship from 10:30 to 10:45, when they leave to adult-supervised activity (summer).

Poem
The Winter Wood Arrives

I think

I could have
built a little house
to live in

with the single cord -
half seasoned, half not -
trucked into the
driveway and

tumbled down. But, instead,
friends came
and together we stacked it
for the long, cold days

that are -
maybe the only sure thing in the world--
coming soon.
How to keep warm

is always a problem,
isn't it?
Of course, there's love.
And there's prayer.

I don't belittle them,
and they have warmed me,
but differently,
from the heart outwards.

Imagine
what swirls of frost will cling
to the windows, what white lawns
I will look out on

as I rise from morning prayers,
as I remember love, that leaves yet never leaves,
as I go out into the yard
and bring the wood in

with struggling steps,
with struggling thoughts,
bundle by bundle,
to be burned.

Mary Oliver