

Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting
December 2012

Meeting Events

You are invited to join our annual Christmas Breakfast on Sunday, December 16 from 8:30 to 10 am at the meetinghouse. A Chestnut Hill Meeting community tradition for over 40 years, the potluck breakfast brings together members, attenders, and visitors to enjoy an always amazing array of delicious, delectable food. Please bring a treat for the breakfast, but if you forget, do come anyway and enjoy the fellowship and fun.

Friends are also invited to come to the meetinghouse on Saturday, December 15 from 2 to 4 pm to drop off food or to help decorate and to set up for the breakfast.

Not sure what to bring to a breakfast potluck? Think brunch. We will have signup sheets this Sunday at meeting.

Dishes that do not require significant heating are best. Please label dishes with ingredients (unless the contents are obvious) to help Friends monitor their healthy intake of nuts, or gluten, dairy products and/or eggs.

We look forward to seeing you all on December 16 before Meeting for Worship! If you have questions, please call Liz Williams at 215-205-7931, or contact the Hospitality Committee, which hosts the breakfast.

To our visitors

You are welcome to Friends meeting, to gather in worship with us. To learn more about our community, talking with Friends after meeting and reading the newsletter will help. Outreach committee members are at the guest book after meeting and will be glad to talk at more length, to answer questions, recommend books, or suggest meeting projects that might interest you. We are glad you have found Chestnut Hill Friends, and we want to get to know you. - Jean Warrington -from the Outreach committee

Attention Chestnut Hill Families!

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) has wonderful weekend retreats throughout the year for Middle School and High School aged people. However, often those people, and their parents, are uncomfortable joining those activities because they don't know the others who attend. One way to overcome this discomfort is to participate in FAMILY activities with other PYM families, even before family members reach Middle School. Attending PYM Annual Sessions is a great family activity; Annual Sessions 2013 will be held on the Muhlenberg College campus July 24-28, 2013. However, you don't have to wait - there are several family activities planned for this winter, and all families are invited. Click for examples of upcoming activities. -

http://www.chfmnewsletter.org/201212/2012-12_newsletter.html#PYMFamilyActivities

Proof that workdays work!

Thanks to all those who have helped on property workdays this year; it has made a difference. [Picture of Young friends enjoying the swings after a workday cleanup.]

December Calendar

Calendar Note: No men's spiritual support group meeting or Forum in December.

Sat., 1 December - Earth Quaker Action Team action - Various locations
Sat., 1 December, 9:00am - Leaf-raking at burial ground - Plymouth Friends Meeting
Sun., 2 December, 9:00am - Adult RE: Music Inspired by the Bible 1 (Amey & Dylan) Social Room
Sun., 2 December, 12:00pm - Community Lunch - Social Room
Sun., 2 December, 12:30pm - Business Meeting - Worship Room
Mon., 3 December, 7:00pm - Outreach Committee meeting - Jean Warrington's house
Sun., 9 December, 9:00am - Adult RE: Music Inspired by the Bible 2 (Amey & Dylan) Social Room
Mon., 10 December, 7:30pm - Care & Counsel Committee meeting - Mickey's house
Sat., 15 December, 2:00pm - Decorate for Christmas Breakfast - whole meetinghouse

Sun., 16 December, 8:30am - Christmas Breakfast - Social Room
Wed., 19 December, 11:00am - Demo class, Music All Around This World
Sun., 23 December, 9:30am - Christmas sing-along with instruments - Social Room
Sun., 23 December, 11:30am - Children's play, "Winter Holidays Through the Ages" - Social Room
Sun., 23 December, 5:00pm - Candle-lit caroling - In the neighborhood
Fri., 28 December, midnight - January newsletter deadline - via email
Sun., 30 December, 9:00am - The Psalms as Poetry: sharing our favorites aloud - Social Room

Every Sunday

Early Meeting for Worship - 9 - 10am in worship room; 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
Children's First Day (Sunday) School - 10:30 am to 11:30 am

New Meetinghouse News

Time for steel!

The foundation of the new building has been essentially completed, and now the floors are being poured. Delivery of the steel components of the building's skeleton follows, and the framing begins in the next few weeks. As always, look for the latest pictures of the project on the new building website - [link expired]

News of Friends

Choral Arts Philadelphia

Amy Hutchins and Dylan Steinberg will be part of the Choral Arts Philadelphia performance of Vivaldi's Gloria and J. S. Bach's Magnificat in a concert on Sunday, December 16, at 4 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 17th & Sansom in Center City. Read more at <http://www.choralarts.com/node/19> .

Mendelssohn Club of Philadelphia

Mendelssohn Club of Philadelphia, the chorus Phil Jones sings in, presents its Christmas concert, Angels From On High at St Paul's Chestnut Hill at 5:00pm on Saturday, December 15. Read more about the concert at <http://www.mcchorus.org/wp/archives/1529> To buy tickets online, go to this page - https://mcchorus.secure.force.com/ticket#sections_a03F00000008tNnjIAE and use the discount code "Jones" (without the quotes). You can print your ticket and show it at the door.

Paintings and Photography

Terry and Roberta Foss will have an exhibit of Terry's photographs and Roberta's paintings at Stapeley Hall (Wesley Enhanced Living) in Germantown from January 5 to March 31. There will be a reception on January 13 from 2 - 4.

Outside the Meeting

EQAT in action

This December 1st, the Earth Quaker Action Team will be visiting PNC Banks all over the tri-state area (and beyond) with samples of drinking water taken directly from a well contaminated by mountaintop removal coal mining in Eunice, West Virginia. Click here to find the action nearest you. - <http://eqat.wordpress.com/2012/11/16/join-us-for-our-december-1st-day-of-action/>

10,000 Villages and NPIHN

As the winter holiday season approaches, we are granted more time to think about our good fortune and the well-being of others around us. We search for gifts with meaning for the people who mean the most to us. This holiday season, Northwest Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network (NPIHN) has partnered with one of the world's largest fair-trade organizations, Ten Thousand Villages. Shop for holiday gifts to fit all budgets on Thursday,

December 6, from 5pm to 9pm at Ten Thousand Villages on 8331 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19118, and 15% of your purchase will be donated to NPIHN!

Music All Around This World ... for kids

This January, All Around This World - <http://www.allaroundthisworld.com/fairmount.html>, global music classes for little kids (infants to 5 years) and their grownups, is coming to Chestnut Hill! What's this all about!? All Around This World is a unique, interactive music class for children 0-5 years old that encourages kids to explore the world by enjoying global music, rhythms and movement. In weekly, 45 minute sessions, kids and their parents/caregivers sing, dance and play together while experiencing different languages, cultures and traditions.

You can come check out a free sneak preview class Wednesday, December 19th at 11 am, at the Meetinghouse. Space is limited - so RSVP quick to Emily Bate - emily@allaroundthisworld.com.

Heschel-King Festival in January

Celebrate and learn from the vision, lives and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel! What are the civil rights issues of today? How can we work together across race, religion, class, and ethnicity to create a more just society? Co-sponsored by more than 35 faith and community groups, the Heschel-King Festival will explore these questions for a new generation.

Why 2 pianos?

Roberta Foss has donated her upright piano to the Meeting; it is in better condition than the one we have had for years. But that old one might good enough for you, or someone you know. Contact Dylan Steinberg for more information.

Marcelle Martin has a blog!

Many Friends remember our member Marcelle Martin, who recently relocated to Richmond, Indiana, to pursue her studies and work on her book. You can sample her writing without waiting for the book by checking in on her blog, A Whole Heart - <http://awholeheart.com/>.

Reading Buddies in North Philly

Chestnut Hill Friends are carpooling down Germantown Avenue to Fairhill School every Wednesday morning to listen to third graders read aloud. The school has begun the 100 Book Challenge and the principal has asked for more used books and for reading buddies. If you would like to join us, speak to Judy Morgan, Lynn Mather, Nancy Cox, Hollister Knowlton or Jean Warrington - jeanwarrington@verizon.net

Monthly Financial Summary

Click here to see the latest brief summary - [link expired] of the Meeting's financial situation.

Young Friends Christmas Gathering

Teens, Relationships and Sexuality - <http://pym.org/event/young-friends-christmas-gathering-@>, December 27-30, 2012. Arrive: Thursday 4:00 pm - Depart: Sunday Noon, Swarthmore Meetinghouse, Swarthmore PA

Photo directory updates

Outreach committee is updating the photo directory for bulletin board and, eventually, the new website. Send a photo - outreachcom@chestnuthillquakers.org or have one taken after meeting.

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 fifth Sunday of the month, when there is one.)

Meeting for Worship

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

Quote

"Anything worth thinking about is worth singing about."

Bob Dylan