

Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting  
February 2013

## Monthly and Quarterly Meeting Events

Adult class Sundays at 9:00 am

Bob Rosenwein, retired Lehigh University professor, continues his fascinating talks on the Pulitzer Prize-winning book, *God: a Biography*, by Jack Miles, Sundays at 9am through February.

Helping to keep this Meeting going

This winter the Nominating Committee will be calling all Chestnut Hill Friends to ask how they would like to serve the meeting. Committees and other projects are good ways to get to know people in our community. (If you're new enough that your name is not yet in the directory, and you want to ensure that you're contacted, send a note to the Nominating Committee to that effect.) You can read a description of each committee in the [Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting Handbook](#). If you have questions, you can contact the clerks of committees from the directory, or else any of the members of Nominating Committee: Phil Jones, clerk; Jean Warrington; Jon Landau; Phil Anthony.

Save these dates!

On Friday and Saturday, 26-27 April, Spring will already be making itself felt, smelled, seen and enjoyed. And if you put those dates on your calendar right now to reserve them for the Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting Retreat, you can welcome in the season as you enjoy fellowship with others from our community.

## January 2013 Business Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the Meeting for Worship with attention to business held on 20 January, 2013 are available here as an 18-page PDF file [link broken].

We invite members and attenders to participate in meeting for business. You will not only hear, and perhaps add your voice to, decisions on the practices of the Meeting, but joining with Friends in spirit-led methods of conducting business and addressing concerns may deepen your own spiritual experience.

## February Calendar

Sun., 3 February, 12:00pm - Community Lunch - Social Room  
Sun., 3 February, 12:30pm - Worship & Ministry Committee meeting - Middle School Room  
Mon., 4 February, 7:30pm - Coordinating Committee meeting - Office  
Sat., 9 February, 10:00am - Junior Interim Meeting - SHARE Food Program -  
Sun., 10 February, 9:00am - Outreach Committee meeting - Middle School Room  
Mon., 11 February, 7:30pm - Care & Counsel Committee meeting - Mickey's house  
Tue., 12 February, 7:00pm - Peace & Social Concerns Committee meeting - Lynne Shivers's apt  
Tue., 12 February, 7:30pm - Men's Spiritual Support Group - Middle School Room  
Wed., 13 February, 7:30pm - Finance Committee meeting - Gathering Room  
Sun., 17 February, 12:30pm - Monthly Meeting for Business - Worship Room  
Wed., 20 February, 7:00pm - Client Committee meeting - Gathering Room  
Wed., 20 February, 7:00pm - RE Committee meeting - Social Room  
Wed., 27 February, midnight - March newsletter deadline - via email  
Thu., 28 February, 6:30pm - Campaign Committee meeting - Gathering Room

## Every Sunday

Early Meeting for Worship - 9 - 10am in worship room  
Hymn-singing, in Social Room by piano - 10:00 am to 10:20 am (after Adult RE class)  
Meeting for Worship (childcare available) - 10:30 - 11:30 am  
Children's First Day (Sunday) School - 10:30 am to 11:30 am

## Opportunities for action

Our Peace & Social Concerns Committee works to bring opportunities for social action to our meeting community. There are too many good causes for us as a meeting to make meaningful

contributions to all; the committee selects a few where we can make a difference, and concentrates on those. Here is a list of places where you too can get involved:

**New efforts to reduce gun violence:** Chestnut Hill Friends wrote 22 letters last month based on the FCNL alert. Irene McHenry, Jean Warrington, and others are working to increase support for the president's initiative.

**Reading Buddies in Fairhill, North Philly:** Nicholas Kristof wrote about two Philadelphia neighborhoods, Chestnut Hill and Fairhill, in his New York Times column on 23 January, 2013 - <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/opinion/55692961-82/poverty-programs-child-class.html.csp> . He compared the odds for a child in Chestnut Hill to those of a child in Fairhill, just 20 minutes down Germantown Ave.

**Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry:** Remember to bring in your non-perishable items (canned goods, hygiene supplies, etc.) for our monthly donation to the Germantown Area Crisis Ministry. Leave them in the box in the gathering room. David Wootton, with the help of Forrest and Tanner, makes that delivery on the third Sunday of each month. (Thank them when you see them!)

News of Friends

"I'm risking arrest. Will you support me?"

Dear Friends,

Within the next month, I plan to commit civil disobedience, which may well lead to my arrest. It's a big step for me - the first time in my life I've done this - but saving the climate for our children feels that important. Will you support me, not by getting arrested yourself, but by taking a bus to DC for a different and legal event?

It's kind of scary taking this new step, but I'm mostly excited and grateful for all the support I'm getting. I hope you will join me in DC and spread the word to others. If you can't, please consider making a donation toward the buses and any legal expenses -

<http://eqat.wordpress.com/donate/>

we might incur. And take a look at this article, published in - <http://www.pym.org/news/out-my-comfort-zone-and-hope> PYM Today, where I give more background on this leading. Prayers, of course, would also be welcome! If you want to receive an email or text on the morning of my action so you can hold me in the Light, please send a message to me or Kathy Miller.

With gratitude, Eileen Flanagan

Outside the Meeting

Junior Interim Meeting event, 9 February

Everyone is Invited to Junior Interim Meeting, Saturday, 9 February, 2013, from 10:00am to 2:00pm at SHARE Food Program, 2901 W. Hunting Park Avenue, Philadelphia. Friends of all ages are invited to join in the service that Philadelphia Yearly Meeting kids have discerned as their Priority: treating all as our brothers and sisters by aiding the hungry. Bring your committees, bring your clerks, bring your whole Monthly Meeting! SHARE provides access to low cost nutrition for families who are food insecure. For more information, contact Ben Camp, Children's Religious Life Program Coordinator - [children@pym.org](mailto:children@pym.org) call 215-241-7228, or check out <http://www.pym.org/children>.

Hymn singing resumes

Sunday mornings after Adult RE, from 10:00am to 10:20am in the Social Room. No audition necessary!

Proud mom's entertainment idea

At Chris' Jazz Cafe on Saturday, Feb 9th, 8 pm -

<http://www.chrisjazzcafe.com/calendar/calendarTOC.php?mo=2&yr=2013> , you can hear a brilliant trio. Come listen and see if you think this trio would be a good match for CHFM ears. You may help decide...

They are: Jean-Michel Pilc, piano; Richard Bona, bass; Ari Hoenig, drums. (Ari is Lynn Mather's son.)

Our new website is coming!

The new website will live in the "Quaker Cloud", a non-meteorological place set up by our f/Friends at Friends General Conference as a service for monthly meetings to build their websites. Some of the content (e.g., news of events) will be visible to anyone who visits the site. Other content will require a user account. And even though the website isn't quite ready for prime time, the folks who built the Quaker Cloud are ready for names and email addresses of members of our meeting community who want to take part at this stage.

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 to adult-supervised activity (summer).

Poem: Their Lonely Betters

As I listened from a beach-chair in the shade  
To all the noises that my garden made,  
It seemed to me only proper that words  
Should be withheld from vegetables and birds

A robin with no Christian name ran through  
The Robin-Anthem which was all it knew,  
And rustling flowers for some third party waited  
To say which pairs, if any, should get mated.

Not one of them was capable of lying,  
There was not one which knew that it was dying  
Or could have with a rhythm or a rhyme  
Assumed responsibility for time.

Let them leave language to their lonely betters  
Who count some days and long for certain letters;  
We, too, make noises when we laugh or weep:  
Words are for those with promises to keep.

by W. H. Auden