

## Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting

October 2013

### Monthly and Quarterly Meeting Events

#### Settling in

Do you have questions or comments about the new building? Love something, can't find something or make something work, notice that the lights don't turn off? Put a note in the "Building joys and concerns" box in the Gathering Room, or email concerns@chestnuthillquakers.org. Meg, Dylan and others will make sure your question or observation gets to whoever needs to know.

#### Hospitality: Blue Moon Potluck & Community Lunch

September provides us with five Sundays, which means we have a Blue Moon Potluck at rise of meeting this Sunday, September 29. Everybody is invited to bring a dish, and there's usually plenty of food for those who didn't see the notice or forgot. Hospitality will also provide the usual Community Lunch on the following Sunday, October 6. That's not a potluck.

#### Friendly First Sunday at Stapeley, October 6

Under the care of Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting, CHFM hosted the first potluck supper at Wesley Enhanced Living at Stapeley in Germantown (hereafter "Stapeley") last April. Since then, four other meetings in the Quarter have taken a turn. The Quaker residents at Stapeley have been very happy to know they are still very much a part of the Quaker community. It's our turn again, 6 October.

#### Adult Classes

The first set of classes will meet on September 29 and October 6 and 13. They will consider a wonderful Pendle Hill pamphlet by William Taber called *The Prophetic Stream*. It is described as "A call to revive the prophetic message in Quaker worship and ministry and in Christianity," and interweaves the experience and messages of Biblical prophets, including Jesus, with possibilities for addressing the challenges of our own time. Howard Lesnick will lead our exploration, which will include his own reflections as well as discussion.

#### FCNL Letter-writing Potluck

Would you like to contribute to a more just and peaceful world in an easy and enjoyable way? Come to our letter-writing potluck, 6:30 pm on Thursday, October 17, at 16 W. Moreland Avenue, (just off Germantown Avenue, next to the Staples store). Bring a dish and we'll provide paper, envelopes, and an important topic to focus on that is carefully researched and summarized with a sample letter by the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL). Enjoy a good meal, have fun, and make a difference all at the same time! Please RSVP to Judy Morgan at judymorgan711@yahoo.com or Mary Day Kent at MDayKent@verizon.net. And if you can't make the potluck, look for the FCNL letter-writing table after the Meeting for Worship on October 20!

#### October Calendar

Sat., 28 September, 10:30 am - Rally against gun violence  
Sun., 29 September, rise of meeting - Blue Moon Potluck - Social Room  
Sun., 29 September, 9:15 am - First adult class - Gathering Room  
Mon., 30 September, 7:30 pm - Support group for caregivers - Friends Center  
Thu., 3 October, 7:00 pm - Peace & Social Concerns Committee - Committee Room  
Sun., 6 October, 5:00 pm - Friendly 1st Sunday @ Stapeley - Stapeley  
Sun., 6 October, 9:15 am - 2nd adult class - Gathering Room  
Sun., 6 October, 12:30 pm - Worship & Ministry Committee - Gathering Room  
Mon., 7 October, 7:00 pm - RE Committee - FD2, upstairs  
Mon., 7 October, 7:30 pm - Coordinating Committee - Gathering Room  
Tue., 8 October, 7:00 pm - Property Committee - Committee Room  
Tue., 8 October, 7:30 pm - Men's Spiritual Support Group - FD2, upstairs  
Wed., 9 October, 7:30 pm - Finance Committee - Gathering Room  
Thu., 10 October, 7:00 pm - Outreach Committee - Committee Room  
Sun., 13 October, 9:15 am - 3rd adult class - Gathering Room

Mon., 14 October, 7:00 pm - Care & Counsel Committee - Mickey's house  
Thu., 17 October, 6:30 pm - Letter-writing Potluck - Off-site  
Sat., 19 October, 11-4 - GSFS Fall Fair - GSFS  
Sat., 19 October, 2:00 pm - Private memorial service - Worship Room, Social Room  
Sun., 20 October, 12:30 pm - Meeting for Business - Worship Room  
Mon., 21 October, 7:00 pm - Office & Administration Committee - Committee Room  
Thu., 24 October, 6-8:30 pm - Project for Nuclear Awareness party - 4th and Arch  
Sun., 27 October, 9:00 am - Early outdoor meeting for worship - Woods above patio  
Sun., 27 October, 9:15 am - 4th adult class - Gathering Room  
Sun., 27 October, 12:30 pm - Philadelphia Quarter Program Meeting at CHFM  
Wed., 30 October, midnight - Deadline for November newsletter

Every Sunday

Adult Class, 9:15 am to 10:15 am in Gathering Room, or Hymn-singing -  
9:45 am to 10:15 am in Social Room  
Meeting for Worship (childcare available) - 10:30 - 11:30 am  
Children's First Day school - 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Getting a website account

We have officially "turned off" our old website; anyone going to that URL will end up at our new website. And yet fewer than 50 people have requested new website accounts. Once the directory and other goodies are hidden behind that account login, Friends will wish they were among the account holders. If you tried to set one up and found the process inscrutable, please try again using these [modified instructions](#).

Outside the Meeting

Rally against gun violence, Sat., 28 Sep.

The rally will feature a 3-mile human chain along 52nd Street from Woodland Avenue to Parkside Avenue. Click for more information - <https://www.facebook.com/events/584867681585062/>

Support Group for Caregivers, 9/30

Friends who give care to disabled or ill family members or friends carry an extra burden in life. Conversations with Brad Sheeks have led to the idea of a support group for caregivers that will have its first organizing meeting at 7:30pm Monday, September 30th at Friends Center. For more information, contact Brad at [bsheeks@verizon.net](mailto:bsheeks@verizon.net)

Greene St. Friends School Fall Fair benefits Costa Rica Exchange Program

The fair will be held on October 19, 11 am - 4 pm. With carnival games, crafts like pumpkin painting and tie-dyeing, the ever-popular Haunted House and Dunk Tank, a silent auction featuring local businesses, homemade baked goods, lunch off the grill, not to mention an array of vendors, the Fall Fair has something for everyone. At the school, Greene Street and Schoolhouse Lane in Germantown.

Disarmament in Light of Humanitarian Need

Please join the Project for Nuclear Awareness for a cocktail reception and celebratory awards ceremony to celebrate United Nations Day. The awards ceremony will include both the John C. & Chara C. Haas Award for International Peace and Social Justice and the Eisendrath Award for Youth Advocacy. October 24, 2013, 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., at 4th Arch Street Meeting House in Philadelphia. There is free private parking available. Click here to make reservations <http://pnausa.us6.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=1a59fa63569d4f4721dcbbb03&id=dc8cdadcd2&e=2f5f580def> on our website by October 5, 2013!

Greeters for October

Note: If your date isn't convenient, feel free to contact someone whose date is later to arrange a switch. Please let the newsletter know ([newsletter@chestnuthillquakers.org](mailto:newsletter@chestnuthillquakers.org)) so we can update our list.

**Greeters for October** (and the end of September)

9/29: Crissy Bowen and Marja Brandon  
10/6: George Benz and Pauline Doyle  
10/13: Jude Brandt and Grace Moses  
10/20: Barb Buonocore and Joe Byers  
10/27: Ginny Christensen and Linda Clark

**Greeters for November**

11/3: Patricia Conway and Nancy Cox  
11/10: Ernie Cuff and Ellen Deacon  
11/17: Sarah Sweeney-Denham and Jane Dorwart  
11/24: Sue Betts and Diane Dunning

Friendly 8s Sign-up: Click here to fill out a questionnaire

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1BQ0L7Dm7jgC040CF6ox24JYn3vazC7vKv\\_-1bpBshYI/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1BQ0L7Dm7jgC040CF6ox24JYn3vazC7vKv_-1bpBshYI/viewform) about your interest in this way of entering the community that is Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting. A member of Outreach Committee will contact you as groups form up.

Greater Philadelphia Pain Society Administrative Position: Part-time position ~ 25 hours/month, pay around \$25/hour. Please contact her (Sarah.Whitman@drexelmed.edu ) for more information.

National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims, at EMIR Healing Center, 5213 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19144 on Saturday, 28 September at 1:00pm. Light Refreshments and Activities.

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're not potlucks). All are welcome. (We do have a "Blue Moon" potluck lunch on the fifth Sunday of the month, when there is one.)

Third Sunday Lunch: Our meeting for business takes place on third Sundays of September through June (usually skipping December). Hospitality Committee supervises, but Friends are asked to contribute dishes, sometimes around a theme. Watch for sign-up information.

Allergy Reminder: 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 for First Day (Sunday) school class.

Poem

How It Is with Us, and How It Is with Them

We become religious,  
then we turn from it,  
then we are in need and maybe we turn back.  
We turn to making money,  
then we turn to the moral life,  
then we think about money again.  
We meet wonderful people, but lose them  
    in our busyness.  
We're, as the saying goes, all over the place.  
Steadfastness, it seems,  
is more about dogs than about us.  
One of the reasons we love them so much.

by Mary Oliver