



# The Green Street Messenger

*monthly calendar & newsletter of...*

Green Street Monthly Meeting of Friends  
45 West School House Lane  
Philadelphia, PA 19144

West Philadelphia Preparative Friends Meeting  
1018 S 48th St (Squirrel Hill Apartment Bld.  
Basement)  
Philadelphia, PA 19143

## *Join us for...*

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| First Day Meeting for Worship                     | 10:30 AM                      |
| First Day School                                  | 10:30–11:15 AM                |
| First Day Meeting for Worship at West Phila. Mtg. | 1:30 PM                       |
| Wednesday morning Meeting for Worship             | 8:30–9:00 AM with GSFS        |
| First Sunday evening Meeting for Worship          | 6:30–7:00 PM at Stapeley Hall |

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## November 2016

Saturday, 5th      Daylight Saving Time Ends, Turn clocks back one hour before going to bed.

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| Sunday, 6th | 9:30 AM         | Breakfast with a Friend—Cally Iden and Margie Felton |
|             | Rise of Meeting | Coffee Hour—Traci/Walter Hjelt Sullivan              |
|             | 12:30           | Care & Counsel Committee Meeting                     |

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| Sunday, 13th | 9:00 AM         | Second Sunday Forum                                |
|              |                 | <i>(Please watch for email closer to the date)</i> |
|              | Rise of Meeting | Coffee Hour—JoAnn Seaver/Bill Van Stone            |

**Saturday, 18th    6:00 PM                      Meeting's Thanksgiving Pot luck Dinner**  
*Come one, Come all. Please see the About F/friends section.*

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| Sunday, 20th | Rise of Meeting | Lunch—Peggy Worthington/Shelton Berman |
|              | 12:45           | Meeting for business                   |

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| Sunday, 27th | 9:15 AM         | Friendly Bible Study                        |
|              | Rise of Meeting | Coffee hour—Peggy Walters and Andy Jickling |

*The meeting office will be closed Wednesday, November 23 through Monday, November 28.  
It will reopen on Tuesday, November 29.*

## ***Minutes of Monthly Meeting for Business Held Tenth Month 16, 2016***

At Green Street Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, held at 45 West School House Lane, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on Tenth Month 16, 2016.

Business Meeting convened at 12:45 PM in prayerful silence.

**16-10-01** The clerk welcomed Friends, holding hands around the circle.

**16-10-02** Friends approved minutes from Ninth month.

**16-10-03** Friends reviewed, amended and approved the agenda.

### **16-10-04 Care and Counsel**

Doris Clinkscale reported. She read a letter from Nashville Friends Meeting approving transfer of membership of Mina Baisch from their meeting to Green Street Meeting. The meeting joyfully accepts the recommendation of Care and Counsel to transfer her membership to Green Street Meeting. JoAnn Seaver, Bill Van Stone, Mary Joy Benson and Traci Hjelt Sullivan agree to serve on a welcoming committee.

### **16-10-05 Naming Committee Report**

Chris Mohr reported on the progress of the Naming Committee. The committee is in process, and hopes to bring a slate of names before the meeting during the November Meeting for Business.

### **16-10-06 Care Relationship with Greene Street Friends School - Questions for Head of School**

Friends generated a series of questions to guide the Head of School as he prepares his report for the Eleventh Month Meeting for Business. If anyone has questions or concerns they would like to pass on, please communicate them to the Clerk.

### **16-10-07 Trustees Report**

Traci Hjelt Sullivan, treasurer of the Trustees, reported.

We were reminded that the Trustees lost their 501c3 for a while, but all contributions to the meeting during that time are still fully tax deductible. The Trustees' 501c3 status has now been regained.

Friends were reminded that the meeting has considerable wealth, managed by the Trustees. Are we being intentional about our use of this wealth? Very little of the Trustees assets are restricted, which means the trustees have legal flexibility about how and whether to spend them.

Friends asked for clarification about the "two layers" of accounting. The Trustees manage a large reserve. The current practice is that the income from that reserve is passed to the Meeting. The meeting then creates and manages a budget for that income from the Trustees (plus contributions). The meeting also has financial reserves of its own. Occasionally the Trustees make extra payments on behalf of the meeting (over and above income). Last year included two examples of extra payments—one to EMIR, and another to GSFS.

In response to questions, the Trustees stated that they were ready to contribute extra funds toward the kitchen remodeling project. In addition, the meeting could certainly propose other uses of the Trustees reserves. One Friend asked if the Trustees might consider investing in solar panels for the new school building and then sell electricity to the school/grid.

A Friend inquired whether any of the Trustees Reserves were invested in Friends Fiduciary Green Fund. We learned that when Trustees want to balance their investments, moving assets from

specific stocks to mutual funds, they intend to make these movements into the Green Fund. They have already made one such investment.

One Friend raised the question of where our wealth has come from, and what are the meeting's obligations of accumulated historical wealth that we are now entrusted with? Trustees do have some knowledge about where our worth has come from, but more research could be done.

Friends asked questions and found clarity about what the Trustees are and what our budgeting process is. The clerk expressed appreciation for the hard work and diligence of the trustees and the treasurer especially.

#### **16-10-08 Discussion of Relationship with POWER**

Anthony DiGiovanni reported. Friends were asked to consider the organization POWER (Philadelphians Organized to Witness, Empower and Rebuild) and discuss entering into a more formal relationship with the group. POWER is an interfaith community organizing movement. It has a robust structure of teams that work on multiple campaigns in three categories: Jobs, Criminal Justice and Education. These teams are staffed by individuals from member congregations. Friends explored and raised questions about this idea. There was general enthusiasm, but also caution. Friends are asked to consider whether we have capacity to participate in POWER with integrity - but also to remember that there is vast and exciting potential to be harnessed by associating with this group. There is a possibility of co-joining with Germantown Monthly Meeting. This will be brought back for consideration next month.

#### **16-10-09 Visioning Workshop - Chris Mohr and Cheryl McFadden**

Continuing from the "How Good Could it Be?" workshop, which looked at growing our meeting, Chris Mohr reported on the excitement of possibilities in our meeting. He revisited the process so far and explained the next step, which will be to solicit feedback from the meeting at large on the four areas that have been identified: Spiritual, Community, Facilities and Youth. He suggested engaging the all ages worship with this next step of the process on the fifth Sunday of October.

**16-10-10** These minutes were approved.

**16-10-11** Friends ended in worship.

The meeting adjourned, agreeing to meet again at the appointed time Eleventh Month 20, 2016.

JoAnn Seaver, Clerk

Blythe Davenport, Acting Recording Clerk

Members present: Mina Baisch, Susan Christian, Doris Clinkscale, Blythe Davenport, Anthony DiGiovanni, Russ Endo, Chris Mohr, Robin Mohr, JoAnn Seaver, Traci Hjelt Sullivan, Walter Hjelt Sullivan, William Van Stone, Margaret Walters

Attendees present: Mary Joy Benson, Geniver Montalvo

Staff: Gail Woodbury, Secretary

## ***About our F/friends***

(News and announcements of concern to the Meeting)

### ***Meeting for Worship at Stapeley on the first Sunday of the month.***

Stapeley residents will happily welcome anyone who wants to join them in their meeting for worship at 6:30.

### ***Request for help planning the 5th Sunday, for October the 30th. (Mostly for those who get the newsletter electronically as by postal mail it will be very short notice.)***

At business meeting on Sunday, Oct. 16, Friends approved having the intergenerational worship on the fifth Sunday of the month, Oct. 30 focus on the themes of the visioning workshop, "How Good can it be at Green Street Monthly Meeting?" Please see minute #16-10-09.

The major themes that have come out of this process are growth and nurture of Spirituality, Community, Facilitates, and Youth, with Worship being at the center.

Chris Mohr has asked for assistance in creating a truly intergenerational sharing. Please contact him if you are willing to help and/or have any ideas on how to facilitate this. Chris Mohr, mohrandmohr@gmail.com

### ***Fall 2016 Continuing Sessions, November 5, Westtown School (Philadelphia Yearly Meeting)***

Continuing Sessions is an extension of the best parts of our residential Annual Sessions packed into a daylong event. We'll begin and end in worship, we'll engage the mission and priorities of our yearly meeting, and we'll have fun as we seek spiritual deepening. Programs for children and youth. There will be a small fee for lunch.

8:30 AM Check in & Coffee

9 AM Opening Worship, All Together Time, & Panel Work

12:15 PM Bring your lunch (beverages, light snacks, small salads provided, \$5 requested or what you are able).

1 PM Conversation/Interest Groups

2 PM Worship

2:45 PM Meeting for Worship for Business

3:15 PM Closing Worship

Register at [www.pym.org/continuing-sessions](http://www.pym.org/continuing-sessions)

*Young Friends Fall Continuing Sessions Gathering 2016 November 4 - 6, West Chester Monthly Meeting.*

Come join Young Friends for our Fall gathering weekend of fun and community. We'll have activities and worship sharing exploring our theme of Gifts in Service, spend the morning with the whole yearly meeting at Fall Continuing Sessions, have some free time as well as time for committees to meet, and see the return of Affinity Time (time to do or talk about something you love or an identity you hold with other similarly-minded or -identified people.). We'll top off the event with a costume ball. Info: Hannah Mayer, [hmayer@pym.org](mailto:hmayer@pym.org) or register now:

[www.pym.org/event/2606-2/?instance\\_id=383](http://www.pym.org/event/2606-2/?instance_id=383)

### ***Middle School Friends Gathering, November 4-6, Westtown School***

Our November gathering coincides with PYM Continuing Sessions. Join us for meaningful workshops, worship, friendship and a talent show. This gathering also features the fabulous ropes course on Westtown campus - a fun time not to be missed.

Register at: [www.pym.org/event/middle-school-friends-november-gathering/?instance\\_id=416](http://www.pym.org/event/middle-school-friends-november-gathering/?instance_id=416)

Info: Tara Rubinstein, [trubinstein@pym.org](mailto:trubinstein@pym.org)

***Invitation from Radnor Friends Meeting: Roots of Injustice, Seeds of Change***

Radnor Friends Meeting would like to invite you and all Friends at Green Street Meeting to a special workshop 'Roots of Injustice, Seeds of Change' that we will be hosting at **11:30 AM on Sunday November 6**. This is a two hour workshop developed by the 'Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples' ministry which is under the care of the Boulder CO Friends Meeting.

Paula Palmer is director of that project and will lead the workshop. Paula will be in the Philadelphia area to speak about Quaker Indian Schools at the "Quakers, First Nations, Native Americans from the 1650s to the 21<sup>st</sup> century" Conference being held at University of Pennsylvania, Haverford College, and Bryn Mawr College November 10 – 12. She will also speak on the issue at Pendle Hill on November 7. And we are fortunate that she can present the workshop while she is here in our area. <http://www.mceas.org/quakersandamericanindians/index.htm>  
<https://pendlehill.org/events/quaker-indian-boarding-schools-facing-history>

Please let all Friends at Green Street Meeting know they are invited to this workshop. If you plan to attend please RSVP to [Radnor.Meeting@gmail.com](mailto:Radnor.Meeting@gmail.com) as the workshop is interactive and seating is limited.

And, as always, you are welcome to join us for Meeting for Worship at 10:00 AM.

In peace,

Burt Dallas, Clerk, Peace and Social Concerns Committee

Radnor Meeting, 610 Conestoga Rd, at Sproul Rd (Rt320), Radnor PA 19807

***Tuesday, November 8, Election Day Vigil at Abington Friends Meeting***

Abington Friends Meeting invites our neighbors and friends to an on Tuesday,. The Meeting House will be open from 7:30 AM until 9 PM for anyone who may wish to participate in a silent vigil. The Election Day Silent Vigil is intended to be an opportunity for individuals to have time to meditate or pray for whatever they hold in their hearts. We don't endorse any candidates, but we are acknowledging that on the day of the election, some people may want a quiet place to gather with others or to sit in silence with their own thoughts and prayers. Our Friends Meeting community felt the need for this, and we are extending the invitation to others in the wider community.

Abington Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, 520 Meetinghouse Road, Jenkintown, PA 19046

For more information, please contact Loretta Fox, the Abington Meeting Secretary/Bookkeeper at: 215-884-2865 or [amm@abingtonfriends.net](mailto:amm@abingtonfriends.net)

Website: [www.abingtonmeeting.org](http://www.abingtonmeeting.org)

***YAF Pub Theology, November 17, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM, Philadelphia Location***

Young Adult Friends (age 18-35-ish) are invited to get together and talk about our spiritual lives. Expect awesome conversations and meeting/reconnecting. We'll meet at an all ages bar/restaurant. Info: Elizabeth Piersol Schmidt, [epiersolschmidt@pym.org](mailto:epiersolschmidt@pym.org) or 215-241-7075

Check website for exact location:

[www.pym.org/event/yaf-pub-theology-november/?instance\\_id=362](http://www.pym.org/event/yaf-pub-theology-november/?instance_id=362)

***Saturday, November 18, 6:00-9:00 PM, Green St. MM, Thanksgiving Dinner—Come one and all!***

The Hospitality Committee encourages you to come and bring your friends and family to this wonderful community gathering. Please sign up at meeting or let Peggy Worthington know how many people will be in your group and what you will bring. [pwofoc@yahoo.com](mailto:pwofoc@yahoo.com) or 609-442-2875  
*You will also need to help with either set up or clean up as you can.*

### ***Toward a Sustainable 19144, by Susan Christian***

The coming of autumn was not welcome this year -- I just hadn't had enough peaches when all of a sudden they were gone from grocery store shelves. But I have come back around to loving the fall and here's why: we have a dogwood tree in our yard, and I can see and hear the frenzy of activity from squirrels and birds going for the dogwood's bright red berries. In the space of two minutes this morning I saw a robin, a blue jay, a morning dove, a flock of sparrows and a cardinal move into and through that tree.

In contrast to the dogwood, its neighbor, the Japanese maple, is completely silent – no berries for the wildlife. These two trees have outgrown their space and we have struggled with the choice of which tree to remove. The choice is now clear. The Japanese maple offers nothing to wildlife because it's not native. The dogwood is a necessity to local wildlife because they are native and they evolved together. When selecting shrubs or trees or perennial flowers for your home, opt for the native species—they survive the droughts better and they offer life-sustaining food to the wildlife.

*From the editor: Please check out the website for connection to this blog and others.*

### ***Share what's happening at Green Street Meeting.***

The web site working group is looking for photographs (with captions), descriptions of meeting events, and short opinion pieces. We are happy to help with editing. Please submit to [geniverm@yahoo.com](mailto:geniverm@yahoo.com). Items that you would like added to the google calendar on our website should be submitted to the meeting secretary at [secretary@greenstreetfriendsmeeting.org](mailto:secretary@greenstreetfriendsmeeting.org).

***Note about the next deadline from the editor:*** Dear Friends, Many months the newsletter deadline is relatively flexible. The deadline for the December newsletter of 9:30 AM, Friday Nov. 18 is not. I will be gone over Thanksgiving so my time for getting the newsletter out is quite tight. If an item arrives for the newsletter after the stated time, I doubt it will make it in.

### ***News from the wider world of Friends: 2016 World Quaker Day in Bolivia***

Jeff Keith, a member of our Communications Program Group, was in La Paz for World Quaker Day. He writes about the event hosted at the Friends International Bilingual Center:

"Some Bolivian Adult Friends have opened the Friends International Bilingual Center (FIBC), a new Quaker house in La Paz, to bring together both Bolivian Quakers and those from other countries who want to visit Bolivia. Emma Condori, the director of the FIBC, invited many Bolivian Quakers to come to the center on Sunday, October 2, to celebrate World Quaker Day all afternoon.

Over 50 Friends including children, young adults, and older adults attended the celebration, representing four Bolivian yearly meetings as well as myself from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting in the United States.

We socialized, worshiped together, played games, and enjoyed refreshments and excellent music. Emma and other Friends helping out with this event showed videos of the FWCC gatherings in Kenya and Peru. We also watched the QuakerSpeak video, "Listening in Tongues." Friends described several of the Bolivian yearly meetings and then I described what an unprogrammed Quaker meeting with silence-based or "expectant" worship was like. In particular, I said that our worship services are hardly ever completely silent, and that many inspirational messages get shared. It was a great privilege for me to be able to share this event with my Bolivian sisters and brothers."

*This article was written by Jeff Keith of Central Philadelphia MM. It comes from the FWCC newsletter. That newsletter is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.*

To learn about more WQD celebrations from around the World:

Friends all over the globe found wonderful ways to celebrate our shared faith. For more pictures and accounts, go to the World Quaker Day website.



### ***The Eleventh Query on Stewardship of Resources***

Does our Meeting serve social and economic justice in its uses of property and money?

How does our Meeting engage its members in the support of the Meeting's work, its ministry, and the upkeep of its property?

How does our Meeting engage its members in the support of the quarterly and yearly meetings and other Quaker organizations?

To what extent does our Meeting rely on current members for financial support, and what role does endowment income serve? Does the Meeting consider carefully the appropriate role of invested funds?

*Am I clear that I am the steward, not the owner, of property in my care?*

*Do I simplify my needs, making choices that balance self-sufficiency (to avoid unnecessary dependence on others) and fair sharing of resources? Do I make choices as a consumer that support the equitable distribution of income?*

*Do my employment and other activities allow for use of time and energy in spiritual growth and in service to the Religious Society of Friends?*

*Do I contribute generously within my means to the funding of the work of Friends in my Meeting, in the yearly meeting, and in the wider world of Friends?*



### ***News and Announcements***

#### ***Workshops and/or Short Courses at Pendle Hill***

*The Pendle Hill website now lists one day events, weekends and weeklong events. Please call Pendle Hill at (610) 566-4507 or (800) 742-3150, ext. 3, or go to [pendlehill.org](http://pendlehill.org). Matching scholarships are available; please call. For more information, please go to their website, [pendlehill.org](http://pendlehill.org), or call.*

#### ***Visioning and Creating a Moral Economy Conference at Pendle Hill, December 1-4***

Though it may feel difficult to see through the current political melee, we must continue the work to create a more moral economy now and beyond November. We still face increased corporate power on a global scale, widening wealth and income inequality, the criminalization of poverty, the scorching of our planet, and other threats to the common good and true democracy. The good news is, the groundswell of moral economic alternatives is growing.

I invite you to join the Visioning and Creating a Moral Economy Conference at Pendle Hill, Co-sponsored by Quaker Institute for the Future, New Economy Coalition, and the Philadelphia Area Cooperative Alliance. This 4 day conference December 1-4, will be a great opportunity to dig in and plan ahead for the work to come.

Join thought leaders, activists on the ground, and others engaging in strategic planning to realize the vision. The conference will include plenary sessions with speakers and panels, open forum small group discussions, workshops, and whole group visioning and action sessions. Presenters include Philadelphia Area Cooperative Alliance Board President Esteban Kelly, PUSH Buffalo's Director of Programs Rahwa Ghirmatzion, Political Economist Gar Alperowitz, social movement strategist George Lakey and more.

Because we want to make Visioning and Creating a Moral Economy as accessible as possible, we are offering a sliding scale registration. There is financial aid, and potential group discounts available as well. **Please go to [pendlehill.org](http://pendlehill.org) for more information and registration.**

***FCNL Annual Meeting, November 10-13, Washington D.C.***

Help set legislative priorities, lobby congress on ending mass incarceration, and get energized for Spirit-led engagement. PYM's Legislative Policy Collaborative ( [www.pym.org/legislative-policy-collaborative](http://www.pym.org/legislative-policy-collaborative) ) **has funding for several Young Adult Friends to attend.** Info: <http://fcnl.org/events>

***General information: Grants Application Deadlines***

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting makes over 500 grants every year to individuals, Meetings, and non-profit organizations. Grants are made from income from restricted bequests and Trusts given to our Yearly Meeting by generous donors since 1795. All granting deadlines are listed by month at [www.pym.org/grants/grants-resources/grants-application-deadlines](http://www.pym.org/grants/grants-resources/grants-application-deadlines)  
Information: Carol Walz, [cwalz@pym.org](mailto:cwalz@pym.org), or 215-241-7201.

***Looking ahead: December***

***Extended Meeting for Worship, Dec 3, 9:15 am - 3:15 pm, Middletown Friends Meeting at Langhorne***

Would you like to deepen your experience of Worship? Have you wished that Worship didn't end when the clock struck the hour? The Worship and Care Standing Committee and the Meeting on Worship and Ministry invite you to experience Extended Worship. Attend just a portion of the day or the full day. And remember to bring your lunch.

Info: Lola Georg, [lorageorg@gmail.com](mailto:lorageorg@gmail.com) or [www.pym.org/event/2016-extended-meeting-for-worship-middletown/?instance\\_id=311](http://www.pym.org/event/2016-extended-meeting-for-worship-middletown/?instance_id=311)

***Social Justice and Spirituality Thread Gathering, Dec 10, 11 AM - 5 PM, Swarthmore Friends Meeting***

The Thread Gathering will focus on ways we can ground our work in spiritual discernment, partner with other groups to be effective, and network with other Quakers to broaden our engagement.

Details: [www.pym.org/event/social-spirituality-2016/?instance\\_id=432](http://www.pym.org/event/social-spirituality-2016/?instance_id=432) or Zachary Dutton, [zdutton@pym.org](mailto:zdutton@pym.org)

***Humor Corner: Abraham's computer (Updating the Old Testament?)***

Abraham bought himself a fancy new computer. He was showing it to Isaac one day. "Look at all the wonderful programs it has on it. And look at all the neat things it can do..."

Isaac was impressed, but a little concerned..."But dad, I don't think your computer has enough memory." Abraham said "Don't worry son; the Lord will provide the RAM"

***Quote Corner:*** "Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it's thinking of yourself less." *C.S. Lewis (From the editor; I'm not sure I agree with this, but it made me think.)*

The **submission deadline** for the December newsletter is **9:30 AM on Friday, November 18.**