

# The Green Street Messenger



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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.	10:30 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 Stapey Hall

## September 2019

<b>Sunday, 1st</b>	9:30 AM	Breakfast - Chihiro Hospitality - Traci & Walter
<b>Sunday, 8th</b>	9:15 AM Rise of Meeting	Second Sunday Worship & Ministry Hospitality - Shani & Mychelle
<b>Sunday, 15th</b>	Rise of Meeting 12:30 PM	Lunch - Gabbreel & Kenyatta Monthly Meeting for Business
<b>Sunday, 22nd</b>	9:15 AM Rise of Meeting	Friendly Bible Study Hospitality - Susan Christian
<b>Sunday, 29th</b>	9:15 AM Rise of Meeting	5th Sunday Hospitality - Anne Bayless & Dan McDevitt

## News & Announcements

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### **The Power Hour: Enlivening and Enriching our Worship Experience**

(Sponsored by the Worship and Ministry Committee)

A half-day workshop exploring worship

**Saturday, October 5, 2019 9:30am to 1:00pm, Includes lunch.**

Followed by semi-programmed, The Power Half-Hour, on the 3rd Sunday of each month from 10:00-10:30am.

Come explore and share the power of your worship experiences with Friends as we strive to enrich our worship as individuals and as a community. This adult religious education program begins with a half-day worship on Saturday, October 5th and will continue with a half-hour semi programmed worship from 10:00-10:30am on the third Sunday of the month.

Worship and Ministry will be held Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 7pm in the Social Room.

More information to follow on the listserv.

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### **Multi-cultural Concert to Benefit Youth Program at Grumblethorpe**

(Hosted by Jim Dragoni)

Grumblethorpe is a youth program, which teaches teenagers from Germantown how to grow food and market in to the community. This program is a magical place and the mission is wonderful and impactful.

This year, Jim is producing the benefit concert on **Saturday, October 5th, from 4pm-8pm**. This concert will show the universal nature of Germantown and will feature music from China, blues, jazz, and folk, from the US as well as a Senegalese percussionist and a Bach harpist.

Proceeds made from the food sale will help support the Youth Program.

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### **Hospitality**

Dear Friends,

Some help is needed in completing our hospitality list for the remainder of 2019. We are hoping to have two (2) people serve hospitality each week. Please check the calendar on listserv and in our kitchen to sign up! Thank you!

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### **New Voting Machines at GSFS**

After 20 years, Philadelphia made the decision to change its voting machines. The new machines are touch-screen, with secure features intended to safeguard your vote. Northwest Neighbors of Germantown and GSFS will have a public demonstration so that you can see and sample the new machines. No registration necessary. If you have any questions, please email Maani ([mwaldor@greenestreetfriends.org](mailto:mwaldor@greenestreetfriends.org))

GSFS Multipurpose Room: 20 West Armat Street

Open to the Public Wednesday, September 18, 6:00 PM After

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## **Our Meetinghouse Renewal Campaign**

Hands-on fundraising to renew our meetinghouse began in the Spring of 2018 and the work continues today. Our historic meetinghouse was built in 1876, with additions in 1877, 1901, and 1917. Despite ongoing stewardship, it is time to renew the life of this home of ours.

This hundred-year renewal is making us all feel good and we hope you will share that good feeling for being part of it. The old kitchen has been transformed. We can picture ourselves communally preparing our coffee hours, lunches and dinners with readily available equipment with lots of space bordered by gleaming walls and shelves. There are working areas not only for adults but for our children. Overhead, a smooth ceiling and recessed lights cover necessary pipes and rewiring.

We picture ourselves in the dining room, at last made accessible to all, surrounded by cheerful colors made brighter with new light fixtures for energy efficient lights and ingenious window treatment. And, a dream come true, we are able to hear each other since acoustic panels are part of the scheme.

We marvel at the repurposing and transformation of neglected spaces to create venting for the stove, separate storage rooms for the meeting and for the school, a cleanable floor extending the new colors of the dining room into formerly dark places, the latest in storage units reclaiming under stairs space.

Green Street Friends Meeting has at its heart being warmly welcoming. Now, our presentation matches our practice – thanks to F(f)riends like you.

Our dreams of renewal have been given form by the work of our Property Committee and our architect, Larry McEwen. Let us walk you through all that is planned.

Our aim is to present our meetinghouse as an open place for worship, welcome, and service. While the meeting is able to use some of its reserves—the legacy of generations past—to contribute substantially to the \$825,000 total cost of the project, our meeting community today has committed to raising \$225,000 in a special campaign. The meeting asks you to consider what resources you might share and asks for your gift.

There are several ways that you can contribute directly to Green Street Monthly Meeting's fundraiser to bring us to our goal beyond what our Trustees have allocated. Donations in any amount will assist Green Street Meeting. What matters most is that our meeting's Friends consider personally significant contributions to this once-in-a-generation opportunity to reinvigorate our community's physical space.

Our website contains a link for making donations, and the fundraiser brochure and pledge card are available in the office. To receive a copy, please contact our meetinghouse secretary, Ashanta Washington [secretary@greenstreetfriendsmeeting.org](mailto:secretary@greenstreetfriendsmeeting.org) or call (267) 285-0553. The pledge card shows you several options for making a gift. For more information, to make your recurring, or one-time gift contact [joann.seaver@verizon.net](mailto:joann.seaver@verizon.net).

The good uses of Green Street's meetinghouse are many and cover generations—generations of members and attenders and their families, and generations of children in Greene Street Friends

School who fill the dining room every school day and the meeting room on Wednesdays. The school uses the meetinghouse for occasions such as parent dinners, school trustee meetings and Martin Luther King Days of Service. The meetinghouse has held weddings—welcoming same sex marriages since the 90's, memorial services, workshops, committee meetings, coffee hours that last well into the afternoon, conferences, Monthly Meetings for Worship for Business, and a free series of Documentaries and Discussion for all-comers. It has been the spiritual home of our membership, creating a holy space for worship, searching, insight and support. It has helped us build a warm and vital community that is enlivened by our outreach into our Germantown community.

**No gift is too small!** Please join us in making the meetinghouse fundraiser a success.

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### **Events at GSMM**

Are you interested in hosting an event at Green Street Monthly Meeting? Are you part of a group who would like to rent space at the meetinghouse?

Please contact our secretary at 267-285-0553 or by email at;

[secretary@greenstreetfriendsmeeting.org](mailto:secretary@greenstreetfriendsmeeting.org) to book your next event. We recently updated our calendar and rental guidelines. All requests should be submitted as far in advance as possible. All requests must be approved before any event is placed on the calendar.

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### **News & Announcements**

Please remember to email all of your newsletter announcements to the secretary by the 25th of each month.

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*I expect to pass through this world but once; any good thing therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.*

--Attributed to Stephen Grellet, c. 1800

**Meeting for worship is at 10:30am. All are welcome**