



## Haddonfield Monthly Meeting Religious Society of Friends

# Newsletter

Meeting for Worship  
10:00 am Sunday  
9:15 am Wednesday

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### From Worship and Ministry

#### **Peace: Christ's Healing at Work**

Peace comes from God's gift of transforming love in Christ. Peace is both the result of this gift of love and its active expression at work in our lives. Thus, peace is both a goal and a process. Peace is not just a vision of the perfected order of creation where all creatures live in harmony. Peace is the life-giving acts of love by which Christ expresses his caring for the whole world and by which we, in turn, express our caring for one another. Thus peace is possible not just at the end of time when Christ will be all in all. Peace is possible now in the midst of the tumult and strife, as we become part of the active love Christ showers on the world. This love is not extinguished by pain, bitterness, and violence. It continues in the midst of all our turning away from God. Thus, the peaceable kingdom is never threatened with extinction because of the hurts and wounds of this world. Its presence or lack of presence is never measured by degree of violence which swirls around us. It is measured by Christ's boundless love which continues to be poured out on us, waiting only for our response.

This understanding of the peaceable kingdom as already present (at least as a seed) takes the wrongly-held burden of accomplishing peace off our shoulders. For we do not create the peaceable kingdom with our power. We enter into God's kingdom which is emerging in our midst. With this understanding, despair cannot overwhelm us. Hate can never extinguish the love of Christ.

Our awareness that peace is the process of Christ's love in our lives should remind us that this peace is not a possession which we receive once and for all and can tuck away as a mark of our religious accomplishment, making us superior to those who are not "at peace." Our entry into the peaceable kingdom may be given great impetus by special religious experiences which help the healing of our wounds and make us aware of God's love. But we continue in that kingdom only through ongoing relationship with Christ. Our power to love is constantly renewed by our experience of being loved. Our protection from moving our hurts, fears, or lusts to the central motivating place in our lives comes only as God continues to hold that central place. Our lives as peacemakers are rooted in a life of contemplation, a constant, living awareness of our relationship with God.

Thus, we reach out to others not as people who have all the answers but as those who know the experience of fear and hurt and who are in the process of being healed. We speak to others who disagree with us not in condemnation but with eyes which ever look toward the Source of our healing.

*Sandra Cronk*

#### **Facing Bench for April**

Worship and Ministry has care of the Meeting. They will ask people to sit on the facing bench and break Meeting throughout the month of April.

#### **Hospitality for April**

School Committee. There will be **no** covered dish in April.

## Upcoming Events

**April 11–13 — Intergenerational Women's and Girls Gathering: Seeking Peace Inside and Out.** That special time has rolled around again for women and girls to gather, share with one another, worship, celebrate and have fun together! Burlington Conference Center. For more information, contact Melanie Douty at 215-241-7222, 1-800-220-0796 or melanied@pym.org.

**April 12 — Gourmet Dinner to benefit HFS.** See the flyer enclosed with this newsletter.

**April 18 — Reading of the Gospel of Mark.** 7:30 p.m. in the Meetinghouse.

**April 26 — Computer training for Meetings.** 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Friends Select, 17th & the Parkway, Philadelphia. The Treasurer's Planning Group is sponsoring this hands-on training on how to keep Meetings' financial records using Quickbooks software. Registration is limited. Call or e-mail Connie Brookes at Friends Fiduciary Corporation (215-241-7272, CABFidCorp@aol.com) or Kathy Reilly at PYM (215-241-7205, kathyr@pym.org). Childcare will **not** be provided.

**April 28 — Peace Vigil and Service.** 7 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church on King's Highway in Haddonfield. Part of the ongoing series of peace services sponsored by the Haddonfield Council of Churches.

**May 2–4 — The Costs of Racial Justice.** Pendle Hill conference. Arch Street Meetinghouse. See article on page 5.

**May 3 — Bicycle Collection.** 11 a.m.–2 p.m. in the school parking lot. See article on page 5.

## March Monthly Meeting for Business

The Meeting opened with a period of silence; the Clerk read from the 8th Query in *Faith & Practice*, on Peace.

How does our Meeting act to advance peace, to oppose violence, and to support the constructive use of authority in our community, our nation, and the world?

What are we doing as a Meeting:

- to free our nation from militarization, so evident in our society and in its economy?
- to understand the causes of war and violence and to work for the development of the attitudes and institutions of peace?

– to recognize and correct the causes of violence within our communities, and to work toward overcoming separations and restoring wholeness?

– to increase the understanding and use of nonviolent approaches for the resolution of conflicts?

*Do I live in the power of that Life and Spirit that takes away the occasion of all wars?*

*How do I maintain Friends' testimony that military training and all participation in war and its preparation are inconsistent with the teaching and the spirit of Christ?*

*Do I work for the establishment of alternative ways of settling disputes? Am I aware that to build a world community requires that we all face our differences honestly, openly, and in trust?*

*Do I treat conflict as an opportunity for growth, and address it with careful attention? Do I seek to recognize and respect the Divine in those with whom I have a basic disagreement? Do I look for ways to reaffirm in action and attitude my love for the one with whom I am in conflict?*

On the matter of a peace banner overlooking Haddon Avenue that was discussed last month — it was reported that the Friend who was troubled by the proposal had a change of mind. The Meeting approved the banner to be hung in the cemetery so that it can be seen over the wall.

Ty Drago reported to the meeting about an ad-hoc committee to discuss a Monthly Meeting retreat; the Meeting approved the committee going forward.

David Marshall reported on his travelling in the ministry last year. He presented his Travelling Minute back to the Meeting. David plans to travel to China in the fall to teach English.

Overseers Committee recommended that Steve Anderson be released from membership in the Meeting. This was approved.

The Clerk received a letter of transfer of Tracy and Melissa Carpenter from Goshen MM to this Meeting. Overseers recommends the transfer: the Meeting approved.

Pam Anderson and Steve Berryhill reported for the Property Committee that the School's admissions officer needs temporary use of the office and library in the Meetinghouse; the Meeting approved, providing the library is available at some time each week for Meeting members' use.

The Meeting approved looking into a request by the School to use the auditorium for its extended-daycare program.

Jayne Stokes, on behalf of Peace & Social Concerns, presented a minute from Interim Meeting encouraging Meetings to consider adopting energy-efficient and renewable energy technology. The Meeting approved, and referred the matter to Property Committee.

Flora McKinney reported on the recent session of Interim Meeting, and the forthcoming session of Yearly Meeting.

Pat Williams briefly reported for the School Committee; she said that it appreciated the note of support they had received from Worship & Ministry.

The meeting ended with a brief silence.

## FIRST DAY SCHOOL

*"It Takes a Meeting to Raise a Friend."*

*"Ye have no time but this present time."* G. Fox

The third term of First Day School started on March 16 and will end May 18. The teachers for this term are: Preschool and Kindergarten — Children's Inclusion Committee; 1st–3rd grades — Pam Perry; 4th–6th grades — Lisa Whittington-Baschoff; 7th & 8th grades — Chris Werner; high school — Drew Humphries.

The children's classes are studying stories of Jesus from the New Testament. Memory brings back a song we sang years ago and some verses have recently been added which are pertinent.

Jesus loves me this I know,  
For the Bible tells me so,  
Little ones to him belong,  
They are weak but He is strong.

*chorus:* Yes Jesus loves me, Yes Jesus loves me,  
Yes Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus Loves me this I know,  
Though my hair is white as snow.  
Though my sight is growing dim,  
Still he bids me trust in Him

Though I am no longer Young,  
I have much which He's begun.  
Let me serve Christ with a smile,  
Go with others the extra mile.

I love Jesus, does He know?  
Have I ever told Him so?  
Jesus loves to hear me say  
That I love Him every day.

## Adult Classes for April

**April 6** — Peace Teams work in Columbia, South America and in South Africa. Val Liveoak, a member of Friends Meeting in San Antonio, New Mexico, will share her experiences. Val was a co-founder of the Friends Peace Teams ten years ago. She is now Administrative Co-Clerk of the Peace Teams and is also an Alternative to Violence Facilitator.

**April 13, 20, May 11** — Bible study. A three-part study of Abraham and the "Binding of Isaac" will be lead by Keith Wallace on April 13, 20 and May 11 as part of Adult First Day School. Keith will present historical and theological perspectives from Judaism as well as early Christian thought. Please bring your Bibles. Participants will be encouraged to read portions of the text and share their ideas.

**April 27** — Simplicity, part 2. Francie Pagell will follow up her program from last Fall with practical advice on taking the "Simple Path."

## Gospel of Mark

Haddonfield Friends Meeting will hold a special Lententime service for the reading of the Gospel of Mark. This service will be on April 18th at 7:30 p.m. The service will consist of nine voices reading from an arrangement by Roger Dreisback-Williams, from *The Revised English Bible*.

We have chosen this special season to invite us all to think together about the life of Jesus and the Gospel Story. Reading the Gospel of Mark in a single setting is a unique opportunity hear the message as a whole. Jesus' life expressed love so powerfully that lives were transformed and stories created to convey the experience to others. The transformation of the world through the power of love is an underlying message in Mark's Gospel... The Gospel is written in Spirit not in stone. Enter into the reading with love and in the light of Life everlasting. May the blessing of His presence be felt by all.

*Howard McKinney, Coordinator*

## **What Is School Committee?**

Questions were raised at the March Business Meeting about what School Committee does. The following is Pat Williams' attempt to answer these questions.

### **Q: What is School Committee?**

**A:** School Committee is a committee of Haddonfield Friends Meeting. The members are chosen by Nominating Committee and approved at Business Meeting. School Committee functions as the board of trustees for Haddonfield Friends School.

### **Q: What is the responsibility of a board of trustees?**

**A:** A board of trustees is responsible for seeing that the organization carries out its mission.

### **Q: What is the mission of Haddonfield Friends School?**

**A:** The mission of Haddonfield Friends School is to teach strong academic skills and the understanding that there is "something of God" in every person.

### **Q: What does a board of trustees do?**

**A:** A board of trustees hires, evaluates and, if necessary, terminates the chief executive officer. Board members are obligated to see that the financial condition of the school is reported accurately and that accounts are audited annually. Important policy decisions are the responsibility of the board: mission statement, as well as policies on admissions, hiring, financial aid, personnel, conflict of interest, financial management and investment, insurance, sexual harassment, drug and alcohol. The board is also an important participant in strategic planning. And trustees are responsible for ensuring that the organization has adequate resources to carry out its mission and therefore must participate enthusiastically in fundraising.

### **Q: What is beyond the scope of a board of trustees?**

**A:** The board of trustees does not manage the organization on a day-to-day basis.

### **Q: What is unique about a Quaker board of trustees?**

**A:** The Friends Council on Education & *PYM Governance Handbook for Friends Schools* states:

There are two faith-based qualities that can be said to distinguish Quaker governance from other models:

The first is a belief that there is a spiritual energy present in the world, often called God, and that we can choose to access this spiritual energy in the conduct of human affairs. Quakers believe that when we are open

to the promptings of this spiritual energy, our choices, decisions and our lives, both individually and institutionally, are better for it.

The second is a belief that each person is endowed with a measure of Divine essence, often referred to as the Inner Light. So believing, Quakers have been very open to the Truth, regardless of who was speaking it. The position or office of the speaker is much less important than what is being said. Quakers believe that there is a greater Light to be found among the many, than among the few, and so Quaker boards have generally been open to consulting widely, being mindful of different constituencies and voices, gathering as much Trust as possible, before making decisions.

## **News From HFS**

### **Meet the Fourth Grade**

*By Trs. Robin Stockton and Margaret Ierley*

This year at H.F.S. we have a total of 29 fourth graders. They are a diverse, enthusiastic and energetic group of children, who are eager to learn and are a pleasure to teach.

March is a busy and academically challenging time in our curriculum. The children are learning division, measurement and geometry in math. Our science program focuses on space, and will culminate with a performance of student-written, -directed and -produced sketches that will be performed for the entire school, as well as parents.

It is also an exciting time to be a social studies student. We are well underway with our long-term research requirement for the year, the in-class state report. Each child is becoming an expert in the state of their choice and will spend six weeks gathering important information including its location, history, geography, economy, cities, symbols, weather, resources, government, points of interest and famous people. Our project includes an introduction to the research phase of report writing, an orientation to library materials, the construction of bibliography materials, note cards, footnotes as well as the use of reference materials.

We are finishing up our study of Chinese culture and sports history (an interesting combination, don't you agree?) and have thoroughly enjoyed our latest novel, *In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson*, by Bette

Bao Lord. In our literature program we strive to make meaningful cross-curricular connections for the children, and this novel offers a wide array of interesting topics for discussion as well as hands-on activities. Perhaps you noticed our scrolls hanging outside of the admissions office? We each learned how to write four different Chinese characters that were significant to us. Peace, love, destiny, friendship, joy, determination, intellect, strength. Wonderful words to discuss and explore from different cultural perspectives. Wonderful words that can be used to describe our wishes for our fourth graders this year.

## **Bicycle Collection**

Pedals for Progress is collecting used bicycles in repairable condition to ship overseas to developing countries. Bikes can be dropped off from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 3rd at the HFS parking lot. A donation toward shipping (suggested: \$10 per bike) is requested. All cash and material donations are tax-deductible. These bikes provide transportation and employment for thousands of people in Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.

## **Pendle Hill Monday Night Forum**

**Economic Justice & Gender: A Borderlands Perspective.** April 7, Arch Street Meetinghouse.

Daisy L. Machado is professor of history of Christianity and Hispanic church studies at the Brite School of Theology of Texas Christian University and has written extensively on Latin-American women and on issues of immigration and poverty.

**Racial Justice from a Multi-Faith Perspective.** April 21, Pendle Hill. Elizabeth Ellis is an ordained minister with the Unitarian Universalist Association and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and an Ignatian spiritual director. She is presently director of social witness programs at Pendle Hill.

Both talks begin at 7:30 p.m. and admission is free. For more information about the Monday Night Forum or any other events at Pendle Hill, visit their web site, [www.pendlehill.org](http://www.pendlehill.org).

The lecture series, Racial Justice: Speak Truth to Power, concludes its eight-month-long conversation about racial justice with a weekend conference, **Racial Justice As Economic Justice** May 2-4, Arch Street Meetinghouse

Join philosopher Cornel West, reparations attorney Jerry Leaphart, and theologian Ada María Isasi-Díaz and others as we probe the economic realities of racial injustice and clarify what is at stake in the choices we face. The weekend will include facilitated workshops, a museum tour, shared meals, music and conversation. Conference fee is \$160, which includes four meals and all conference sessions. Contact the Pendle Hill registrar at 800-742-3150 or [registrar@pendlehill.org](mailto:registrar@pendlehill.org) to register.

## **Meeting Retreat**

A group consisting of representative members of Overseers, Worship and Ministry and Religious Education committees met on March 9 to discuss the idea of staging a retreat for Haddonfield Monthly Meeting to be held in the Fall of 2003. The purpose of the retreat would be to deepen the Meeting's spiritual life and its sense of community.

A planning committee was named. It consists of Ty Drago (chair), Jayne Stokes, Jake McGlaughlin, Dave Marshall and Diane Werner. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact any of the above committee members.

## **Report on PYM Annual Fund**

As of March 3, 49% of the goal of \$435,000 goal had been received. This is the fund that supports the concerns activities of Meetings and Friends in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. The Fiscal Year runs to June 30, so there is still time to contribute to this special fund.

## **A Friend's View of the Lord's Prayer**

*Submitted by Gary Smith*

Friends have been criticized by other Christians for abandoning formalized prayer. In response to one such observation Marshall Massey, a Colorado Friend, wrote as follows:

"In Matthew 6:9, introducing the Lord's Prayer, we read, not that Christ said, "say these exact words," but that he said, "in this manner [houtôs], therefore, pray." William Foxwell Albright, the late senior editor of *The Anchor Bible*, and C. S. Mann, dean of the Ecumenical Institute of Theology, St. Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore, comment on this phrase as follows:

**Pray like this.** — i.e., “in this way,” not “in these words.” — Albright and Mann, *Matthew*, Anchor Bible Series (Doubleday, 1971), p.75

Barclay M. Newman and Philip C. Stine, authors of the United Bible Societies' *A Handbook on the Gospel of Matthew* (UBS, 1988), not only concur with Albright and Mann, but point out that most major modern translations likewise concur. (Newman and Stine, *op. cit.*, p. 167)

So the opinion of modern translators of Matthew is that the Lord's Prayer was not intended as a set form, but rather as a teaching of the right way to approach prayer: Honor God as Parent; desire that He be honored throughout the world; pray fervently that His reign come to Earth; pray that He care for you; remember the rule that as you do, so you will be done to, and unite your spirit with that rule; beg to be spared temptation and evil; do not let yourself forget God's power and glory. If you pray like that, then *no matter what words you use*, you are fulfilling Christ's teaching. If you don't pray like that, but only recite the words of some translation of the Lord's Prayer mechanically, then not only are you *not* fulfilling Christ's teaching in *Matthew 6:9*, you are expressly *violating* his teaching in *Matthew 6:7*.

Traditional Friends focus on praying *like* that, not on mechanically reciting the words. As far as anyone knows, we always have. We also remember that we are commanded to pray in private, not in public in church (*Matthew 6:5-6*), which is a major part of the reason why we don't make a show of reciting the Lord's Prayer together in our meetings for worship.

So we don't fly in the face of the Bible on this matter. Other denominations may perhaps do so, but we don't."

*Marshall Massey*

## **FCNL Gifts are Tax-Deductible**

There is still time to help with reconstruction of the Friends Committee on National Legislation, as detailed in the March issue of the newsletter. The following is a point of clarification. As you may know, FCNL is a lobbying organization and contributions to it are not tax deductible. However, the FCNL Education Fund, an educational organization, owns the FCNL building. Therefore, gifts to the FCNL Education Fund — Capital Campaign to reconstruct the building ARE tax deductible.

## **Poems Old and New**

Quiet! This instant! You will recognize me, no past, and no future. Only Now; clean, clear, pure.

Be Still! Feel me through the vibrations of the cosmos, the rays of the sun, and the pulse of the tides: POWER.

Hear me in the Silence; sound of the wind, and the birds and trees; *And your inner melody.*

Know me through the warmth of the sun, the coolness of the breeze, the joy of the creation; I AM.

Experience me through your own light, the eyes of a Friend, the innocence of a child, a "*Gathered Meeting:*" ONE.

*Harold Heritage/96*

## **Locally-Published Book Raises Money for Afghan Schools**

Emerald Pademelon Press, Susanna Dodgson's publishing company, has produced *We Felt Their Kindliness: An American Family's Afghan Odyssey 1949-1951*. This book is a compilation of writings and photographs of Osborne and Rebecca Cresson, Quakers who moved their family to Afghanistan in 1949. Their son, Os Cresson, who lives in Mt. Holly, edited the collection. Jayne Stokes (Haddonfield Meeting) designed the book and Kevin Madden (Newton Meeting) edited and proofread it. The result is a jewel of a book which puts a human face on a Muslim nation.

All money raised from the sale of this book is going either towards printing more copies (\$5 per copy) or towards AFSC building a school in Afghanistan. Pre-publication copies are available for a donation of \$35 either from Susanna Dodgson ([writing@emeraldpademelon.com](mailto:writing@emeraldpademelon.com)) or Os (Os Cresson, [oscresson@juno.com](mailto:oscresson@juno.com)). Os will cook a Persian meal for your family and friends and talk about Afghanistan if the donation is sizeable. He is also willing to visit schools, churches and Friends' groups to talk about Afghanistan for a donation to the AFSC Afghanistan fund.

# April 2003

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9:15 am All School Meeting for Worship 7 pm School Comm.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 10 am Meeting for Worship 11:20-12:15 FDS 12:30 REC	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:30 pm Overseers	<b>9</b> 9:15 am Meeting for Worship	<b>10</b> Family Heritage Night HFS	<b>11</b> HFS Grandparents Day 7:30 pm Monthly Meeting for Business	<b>12</b> 6:30 pm Gourmet Dinner
<b>13</b> 9 am P&SC 10 am Meeting for Worship 11:20-12:15 FDS	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9:15 am Meeting for Worship 7:30 pm Prop. Comm.	<b>17</b> 7:30 pm Worship & Ministry	<b>18</b> 7:30 pm Reading of the Gospel of Mark	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Newsletter deadline 10 am Meeting for Worship 11-12 FDS EASTER	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9:15 am Meeting for Worship	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
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