



Bulletin
London Grove Monthly Meeting
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The Third Query: Spiritual Nurture, Ministry and Religious Education

Does our Meeting encourage the ministry of both word and deed? How does our Meeting recognize, develop and nurture the gifts in our Members and Attenders of all ages?

Does our Meeting prepare all its Members and children for worship and for a way of life consistent with the principles of the Religious Society of Friends? How do we teach about Quaker practices in business and worship and their importance to the functioning of our Meeting community?

In what ways do we support each other in order to seek God's will and act upon our understanding of truth? Is there opportunity in our Meeting to share the excitement of religious discovery and the possibility of religious transformation?

Does our Meeting provide opportunities for all in the Meeting to learn about:

- The Inner Light, the living Christ within, the Bible, the writings of Friends, our Christian heritage, other religious traditions and their respective roles in the history and formation of Friends' principles?
- The common testimonies Friends declare?
- The variety of expression Quaker faith takes today?

Do I maintain as part of my personal and family life those daily practices that focus on continued spiritual growth, with disciplined worship, inward retirement, and communion with the divine spirit?

Do I frequently read the Bible and other religious literature, including the records of the lives and experiences of Friends? Do I take the time to explore these resources with others, and likewise encourage my children?

Do I share my own faith and spiritual journey, and encourage such sharing within my family?

Spiritual Hospitality

“There is something sacred in each person. How we relate to people is what we actually believe about them. Words are not the thing, relationship is all. We are the epistles, we are the texts, the manifestations of God. How we treat others is our personal statement about God. If enquirers want to know what Friends are about, they will read the books – perhaps – but they will also read us.”

-Harvey Gillman, *Spiritual Hospitality*, Pendle Hill Pamphlet #312, p. 1

March 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February 26	27	28	29	March 1	2	3
Quaker Quest today 2-4 PM Adult Supper- 6:00 PM-Cypress's				Property Committee 7:30 PM	300th Committee 1:30 PM	"For the Bible Tells Me So" Movie 7 PM (see page 3)
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:30 AM Worship and Children's First Day School 10:30 AM Meeting for Business and children's activities 2:00 PM Quaker Quest (see pg.4)				Care and Membership Committee 7:00 PM		Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed tonight. 
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:30 AM Worship and Children's First Day School 10:30 AM Adult First Day School and children's activities Noon Worship & Ministry Committee 2:00 PM Quaker Quest (see pg.4)	Religious Education Committee 7:15 PM		The London Grove Book Club 6:30 PM Sandwich Supper 7:30 PM Discussion (see page 4)			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9:30 AM Worship and Children's First Day School 10:30 Adult First Day School and children's activities 2:00 PM Quaker Quest at West Grove (see page 4)	Religious Education Committee 7:15 PM Deadline for material for April Bulletin-send to londongroveinreach@verizon.net	Library Committee 9:30 AM 	Peace & Social Justice Committee 7:30 PM			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
9:30 AM Worship and Children's First Day School 10:30 Adult First Day School and children's activities 2:00 PM Quaker Quest at West Grove (see page 4)				Friends of all ages are invited to join the choir to sing Easter morning. Rehearsals will follow our First Day program on March 25 and April 1. Please e-mail emh725st@yahoo.com or call Eileen Hickman 610-869-9702 with questions or suggestions.		

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[London Grove Monthly Meeting](#), [Philadelphia Yearly Meeting](#) , [Friends General Conference](#) and [London Grove Friends Kindergarten](#) each have Facebook pages also.

Worship and Ministry Committee will be meeting on Sunday, March 11 at Noon following the Adult First Day School Program. Please bring a bag lunch and plan to stay for the Quaker Quest session beginning at 2 PM. *All are welcome!*

Date	Assist Preschool Class or baby-sit (9:30)	Assist with children's activities or baby-sit (10:40)
3/4/2012	Barbara Draper	Mary Dugan Carolyn Muller
3/11/2012	Patricia Anne Horrocks	D. Douglas Mooberry Patricia P. Mooberry
3/18/2012	Anna W. Myers	Elisabeth Y. Walker Patricia Anne Horrocks
3/25/2012	Elizabeth LeP. Powell	Gail Newbold J. Denis Newbold

Childcare for March

If you cannot make your assigned day and time please arrange for a substitute.

Adult First Day School

March 4, 2012 - Meeting for Worship for Business

March 11, 2012 - Our Quaker Testimonies: Simplicity - A discussion of our testimony of simplicity and how we can bring it more into our lives.

March 18, 2012 - Bible Study with Bob Frye

March 25, 2012 - "Our Life as a Worship Community" First of a three part dialogue led by the Worship & Ministry Committee (details on page 6)

On Saturday, March 3 at 7 PM, London Grove Forum and Peace and Social Justice Films will present a free screening of the film, "For the Bible Tells Me So". This award winning movie explores the relationship of religion and homosexuality. Can the love between two people ever be an abomination? Is the chasm separating gays and lesbians from some Christians too wide to cross? Refreshments and moderated discussion will follow the film. For more information email LondonGroveQuakers@verizon.net. This event is free and open to all.

London Grove Forum

Quaker Quest is here! Please note the following dates and join us for as many as you can! **Licensed child care is provided.*

- Sunday, February 26: 2:00 - 4:00 PM : Quakers and Family: London Grove Meeting
- Sunday, March 4: 2:00 - 4:00 PM : Quakers and Violence: London Grove Meeting
- Sunday, March 11: 2:00 - 4:00 PM : Quakers and God: London Grove Meeting
- Sunday, March 18: 2:00 - 4:00 PM : Quakers and Family: West Grove Meeting
- Sunday, March 25: 2:00 - 4:00 PM : Quakers and Violence: West Grove Meeting
- Sunday, April 1: 2:00 - 4:00 PM : Quakers and God: West Grove Meeting



Worship and Ministry

The Inner Word: Alive and Powerful

Margaret Fell wrote to Friends near and far. Her letters reach across time. In *The Messenger that Goes Before: Reading Margaret Fell for Spiritual Nurture* (Pendle Hill Pamphlet 398), author Michael Birkel shares some of her teachings with us.

There are four steps to spiritual listening and living:

1. **Be/keep low and watchful:** To be low, or to be humble, empowers us to notice what is really happening rather than to be absorbed in our own fantasies, ideas and intentions. That way we do not block what we want to see, (which is) the activity of God in our midst.
2. **Wait:** To wait is to be patient, and to wait-on, which is to be attentive and ready to respond. Do not be distracted with our own goals, often based on our fears, our need for attention, or our desire to look important. To hear the song of our favorite bird, we need to wait for the dogs to stop barking and the crows to stop cawing. Come to stillness.
3. **See:** Once quieted and centered, to see can require courage, because what we see may be new, even startling. The Light will show us truth, including truths about ourselves. Some may initially make us uncomfortable. Perhaps we would prefer that they were not true. To see can also bring us to love what we see.
4. **Mind:** Now we take in what the Light shows: We discern, by our own Light, or by our own Measure, like weeding a garden. We ask, what stays in and what goes out? We distinguish a true leading from a motion that comes from some other, lesser source. Fell says, Mind the light within. "Keep to your measure."

– distilled from Pendle Hill Pamphlet 398, *The Messenger that Goes Before: Reading Margaret Fell for Spiritual Nurture* by Michael Birkel, pages 7-9.

Clerk's Report

Decisions by Meeting – February 5, 2012

Meeting approved the Minutes of our January 8, 2012 and January 22, 2012 Meetings for Business, with minor corrections.

Meeting approved marriage under the care of the Meeting for Kevin Thompson and Vanessa Charles. An Oversight Committee will be appointed.

Meeting approved a request from the Quaker Quest Committee to temporarily erect a banner on the corner of Newark & Street Roads in support of our Quaker Quest series. The exact location will be determined jointly by the Property and Quaker Quest Committees. At the conclusion of the three Quaker Quest sessions at London Grove, the banner will be moved to West Grove Meeting.

Treasurer's Report – January 31, 2012

The beginning balance was \$32,973.59. This was \$350.00 higher than the ending balance reported last month due to additional 2011 contributions. Total income for the month of January was \$1,275.86. Total expenses were \$6,811.43. The net ordinary income for the month was -5,535.57, with an ending balance of \$27,438.02.

Contributions received to date are \$1,265.00 (1.1% of budget, while 8.3% of the year has passed). May we provide a "Friendly Reminder" to everyone that making contributions regularly throughout the year makes it easier for us to manage our cash flow needs.

Preliminary Agenda – Meeting for Business – March 4, 2012

- Minutes of February 5, 2012 Meeting for Business
- Response to the Third Query - Religious Education Committee
- Treasurer's Report
- Annual Reports – Auditors, Trustees
- Kindergarten Committee – enrollment report
- Quaker Quest Committee

Food for thought ...

Rufus Jones, a pre-eminent 20th century Quaker historian, theologian and philosopher, used to tell a joke about an allotment (parcel of land) given to an unemployed miner in Wales and how, after tilling and tilling and a great deal of care, he turned a most unpromising bit of land into a fine garden. The local vicar came along and congratulated him, saying "Look what you and God have achieved," to which the miner replied, "Yes, but you should have seen it when God had it all to Himself."

And a follow-up Query ...

What is our role in how tomorrow looks? Does the Spirit favor the well prepared?

Any and all Friends are invited to sit on the Facing Bench during our Meetings for Worship.

Sitting on the Facing Bench – with the opportunity to hold our worship experience with "eyes for all" can bring new depth to your worship experience. Please consider joining with others on the Facing Bench on First Day! No invitation required



Worship and Ministry

Meeting for Worship isn't something that just happens to us - we can participate in shaping it even as we empty ourselves to become receptive to the Divine as we gather together. The Worship & Ministry committee has received a variety of comments about the way we currently spend our time together on Sunday mornings. We are planning to have a three part dialogue on "Our Life as a Worship Community" beginning on March 25 and continuing into April and May. We'll be exploring our Sunday morning schedule as a whole group. It is up to all of us as a worship community to design a format that best expresses who we are, and what we value most. Plan to join us on these days, or if you are unable to attend, share your thoughts with a member of the Worship & Ministry committee. Our committee consists of co-clerks Ginny Green and Pam Leland, Jack Yeatman, Cintra Murray, Gail Newbold, Carol Curtis, and Greta Rech.

Books added to our Library in January/February 2012

Adult books are on the 'wheeled trolley'. Children's books are in the Children's Library standing up on the top shelf.

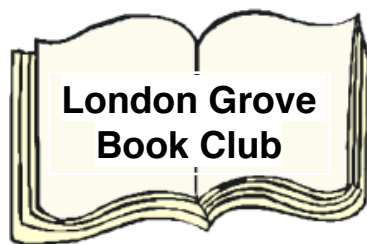
Asterisk * denotes – studied in our London Grove Book Club.



Call Number	Author	Title
Adult Books		
248.4 Palm	*Palmer, Parker J.	A Hidden Wholeness (with DVD)
289.68 Moo	Moore, Rosemary	The Light in Their Consciences-Early Quakers 1646-1666 in Britain
289.6 Irv	Irving, Nancy ed.	Friends' Peace Witness in a Time of Crisis
294.3 Ore	*O'Reilley, Mary Rose	The Barn at the End of the World
OVER B Tho	Thomforde, Suzie, 'creator'	Memories of Phil Thomforde
B Gre	Green, Roxanna	As Good as She Imagined - The Redeeming Story of Tucson AZ – Christina Taylor Green
294.3 Nhat	Nhat Hanh, Thich	Anger
Children's Books		
J F Mit	Mitchell, Barbara	Down Buttermilk Lane - Culture of the Amish
J F He	Henley, Karyn	Gram's Song - Explaining Death to Children
J 371 Mor	Mortenson, Greg	Listen to the Wind children's version of "Three Cups of Tea"

See our new easy guidelines - February, next to Computer in the Library.
 To search in our Library, use cntrl-F keys, with Subject words, Author, or Title.
 You may view our first entries in www.LibraryThing.com First SEE notice in Library.

Thanks, June Yeatman and our committee – Happy reading!



London Grove Book Club will meet on March 14 and continue to discuss Parker Palmer's book, "A Hidden Wholeness." There will be a sandwich supper at 6:30 and discussion at 7:30.

News from around Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

PYM Today Online: In January, a new publication called PYM Today Online was launched to better connect with you and others who are interested in Quaker faith and practice, news and activities of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and our faith community.

PYM Today Online is an electronic newsletter and is being sent to all households for which PYM has an email address. If you want to subscribe but did not receive your own personal copy, it is easy to subscribe - just go to the PYM website at <http://www.pym.org> and sign up! That's all there is to it - PYM Today Online is free to everyone who wishes to receive it.

PYM Today Online is published monthly in addition to the twice-yearly printed journal, PYM Today. The emphasis will be on timely information, breaking news and upcoming events.

PYM Upcoming Events Calendars: You can receive a convenient, desktop-sized event calendar for each month. These delightful calendars include artistic images relevant to Quaker testimonies & practice and the PYM community itself. Download your own copy each month at <http://www.pym.org/philadelphia-yearly-meeting-desk-calendars-2012>

Quaker College Fair - Saturday March 3, 12:00-3:00 PM at the Arch Street Meeting House. "Where will I most thrive, and how can I connect to that place?" This Fair is a right-sized opportunity for students and families to meet admissions representatives of the historically Quaker Colleges (Earlham, Haverford, Guilford, Bryn Mawr, Swarthmore, Wilmington, etc.). There will be time for one-to-one discussions and opportunities to get detailed answers about the application process, financial aid, college life, and right "fit." Keynote panelists for the opening discussion include Doug Bennett, former President of Earlham College, Emily Temple, recent graduate of Haverford College, and Dan Evans, Director of College Guidance at the William Penn Charter School. For more information, see <http://www.pym.org/committee/quaker-college-fair> or contact Grace Cooke, PYM Friends in Education Coordinator at 215-241-7224 or gcooke@pym.org To register, see <http://tinyurl.com/Qcollegefair>

Everyone is invited to **Junior Interim Meeting** on Saturday, March 10th, 2012, from 10:00 AM–2:00 PM at SHARE Food Program. Junior Interim Meeting invites all members of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of ANY AGE to help directly support the Children's Priority by joining us for a very special time. The Children's Priority is: "God's big idea for us is to make the world a better place and share our Quaker Faith by treating ALL as our brothers and sisters. We will do this by raising money and helping those who are hungry and homeless." Everyone can follow the ministry of the Children's Priority by offering their service at SHARE with the members of Junior Interim Meeting. Bring your committee, bring your meeting, bring your friends. We will gather at SHARE Food Program at 2901 West Hunting Park Ave. For more information visit <http://pym.org/march-special-event> or contact Benjamin Camp, Children's Religious Life Program Coordinator, at 215-241-7228 or bcamp@pym.org

Young Friends Urban Life Skills Gathering, March 20-April 1, 2012 at Germantown Meeting, 47 West Coulter Street, Philadelphia, PA 19144. Saturday morning we will be volunteering on work projects in the Germantown area. In the afternoon the Young Friends Urban Adventure: teams of about 5 Young Friends (9th grade or age 14 up) & Friendly Adult Presences will solve clever clues (we think they are clever), find obscure landmarks, take pictures, test powers of observation and face fun challenges while navigating the urban landscape via public transportation and on foot! This scavenger hunt will take you to checkpoints, as you explore your city like you've never experienced it before and will be a one-afternoon, one-city amazing adventure. On Saturday evening we will attend the William Penn Lecture sponsored by Young Adult Friends. For more information contact Cookie Caldwell, PYM Young Friends Coordinator at 215/241-7222 or ccaldwell@pym.org. Also see <http://www.pym.org/event/young-friends-urban-life-skills-gathering-1>

2012 William Penn Lecture, Saturday March 31, 7:00 pm at Arch Street Meeting House. This year's lecture will feature Signe Wilkinson, an editorial cartoonist best known for her work at the Philadelphia Daily News. Signe is a member of Chestnut Hill Monthly Meeting and is an active and outspoken Friend with concerns for outreach, supporting young adult Friends and humor. The William Penn Lectures have a long history and are warmly remembered by Friends who attend them as occasions for fellowship with our community, inspiration and challenges to live into our faith. All Friends are invited to attend! For more information, please see <http://www.pym.org/william-penn-lecture>

Inspired Pasta & Courageous Conversation

3rd in a series of talks at Providence Friends Meeting
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Sunday, March 18, 2012, 1:00 PM

Fracking—Friend or Foe?

David Braun, President of United for Action, a grassroots community action group, and currently working with Josh Fox, maker of the award winning film *Gasland (and who is currently finishing up Gasland Part 2)* will present the latest on the costs, impacts and implications for Pennsylvania and its citizens of the controversial gas extraction technology referred to as fracking.

ALSO:

GASLAND (the movie)

Friday, March 16, 7:00 PM

In conjunction with the Fracking presentation, Providence Meeting will also show the film *Gasland*. If you have not seen it, we highly recommend it as a way of learning about the issue that is polarizing the country. Winner of numerous awards and called "*volcanic . . . with humor and inquisitiveness, Fox has delivered 2010's most alarming wake-up call.*"

Sunday, March 18, 12:30 pm Inspired Pasta lunch by Francesco Bellini

1:00- 2:00 Courageous Conversation with David Braun

Coming next: April 15 – John Wenderoth, *Hunger in America, Feeding the Homeless*

For more information

www.providencemeeting.org/pasta-peace

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