



London Grove Monthly Meeting

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October Bulletin

10th Month Queries on Stewardship of the Environment

Is the Meeting concerned that human interaction with nature be responsible, guided by a reverence for life and a sense of the splendor of God's continuing creation?

Are the decisions of the Meeting and its committees relating to the uses of property, goods, services, and energy made with sensitivity toward the environmental impact of those choices?

How does our Meeting learn about environmental concerns and then act in the community on its concerns?

How am I helping to develop a social, economic, and political system which will nurture an environment which sustains and enriches life for all?

Am I aware of the place of water, air, and soil in my life? Do I consider with care the necessity of purchasing substances hazardous to the environment? Do I act as a faithful steward of the environment in the use and disposal of such hazardous substances?

Do I choose with care the use of technology and devices that truly simplify and add quality to my life without adding an undue burden to essential resources?

Outdoor Worship 8/28/16



Photo Credit: Brenda Macaluso

October 2016 Calendar

10/2	9:30 am	Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School
	10:45 am	Meeting for Worship for Business
10/6	7:30 pm	Property Committee
10/9	8:30 am	Peace & Social Justice Committee
	9:30 am	Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School
	10:35 am	Opening Exercises; Adult Religious Education — Bible Study
10/13	7 pm	Care & Membership Committee
10/16	8:15 am	Religious Education Committee
	9:30 am	Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School
	10:35 am	Opening Exercises; Adult Religious Education — FCNL Priorities
10/20	9:30 am	Library Committee
	7 pm	Kindergarten Committee
10/23	9:30 am	Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School
	10:35 am	Opening Exercises; Adult Religious Education — Quaker Studies
10/27	6:30 pm	Committee of Clerks
10/30	9:30 am	Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School
	10:35 am	Opening Exercises; Speaker from Canine Partners
	11:30 am	Simple Meal (to benefit UNICEF and Canine Partners)



Childcare and Flowers Volunteers

Date	First Hour	Second Hour	Flowers
10/2	Doug Myers	Doug Myers, Kim Brosnan-Myers	Grace Pfeifer
10/9	Cecilia Tang	Cecelia Tang, Betsy Walker	Susanna Davison
10/16	Carolyn Muller	Carolyn Muller + volunteer if needed	Barbara Haines
10/23	Susanna Davison	Susanna Davison + volunteer if needed	TBA
10/30	Carolyn Muller	Carolyn Muller + volunteer if needed	TBA

9th MONTH MEETING FOR WORSHIP FOR BUSINESS SUMMARY

Anna Myers, Keeper of the Calendar, sought and received approval for a request for use of the meetinghouse on September 24 to celebrate a Walton family member's birthday.

Treasurer Doug Myers provided a summary of Meeting's finances for 8th Month and year-to-date. Contributions for the month were \$4,455 and expenses were \$9,760 – primarily Caretaker salary for the balance of 2016, Unionville School taxes and one Leadership Fund grant. We are 2/3 through the year but have only received 39% of contributions needed to meet budget.

Sam Cypressi, Clerk of our Nominating Committee, gave the second reading of the 2016-17 Committee roster. After discussion, Meeting members approved committee assignments. Sam also proposed waiving our current nine year term-limit rule. After further discussion, it was decided that the Nominating Committee will continue to review this practice.

Care & Membership Committee Clerk, Denis Newbold, gave members background on the recently received request of a member to resign from London Grove Monthly Meeting and summarized the reasons why the committee was recommending acceptance of the member's request. After a thorough discussion among members in attendance, the recommendation was accepted and instructions were given to the Meeting Clerk to send our acceptance to the requestor by both email and mailed hard copy (This was subsequently completed.)

Finally, a discussion was held on if/how to celebrate the bicentennial of our meetinghouse building in 2018. Unity was apparent that the event should take the form of recognition (modest commemorative publication, plaque, etc.). Also, the proposal to form a committee to research the history of the building will be discussed at the October 27 Committee of Clerks meeting.

Robert Frye
Meeting Clerk

Busy October First Days for Adult Religious Education:

10/9: Donald LaBranch's Bible Study: "Bible as Fairy Tale, Part 1"

10/16: Peace & Social Justice Committee: David Watkins will discuss "Priorities of Friends Committee on National Legislation"

10/23: Quaker Studies/Women Ministers: Mina Johnson, "The Ministry of Lucretia Mott"

10/30: P&SJ Committee and London Grove Cares will lead up to Simple Meal with a speaker from Canine Partners for Life (Please see next page for details!)

PYM: Sunday, October 16 Join your extended family of Friends for dinner!

Friendly 800's is a giant version of a potluck dinner event held in many Quaker meetings, called Friendly 8's. Friendly 8's details vary from place to place, but in general, Friends from the meeting gather in groups of about 8 people for a potluck dinner in one another's homes.

Friendly 800's is when we do that on a yearly meeting level! Everyone of every age from every meeting is invited to participate by having dinner together at someone's house on Sunday October 16. You can go to the home of someone from your own meeting or another meeting. A sign-up process will take care of the details and we'll all end up eating in groups of about 8 at the same time.

Each Friendly 800 location will have similar experiences including:

- Responding to a query
- Writing a mini-epistle (one sentence long!)
- Generating suggestions for a yearly-meeting-wide scavenger hunt
- Of course: eating!

Several of us from London Grove Meeting attended a Friendly 800 at Centre Meeting last year. Sign up (to be a host or a guest) through pym.org

Hadley Fund's "Fall Frolic & Sing Along" on Sunday Afternoon, October 23!

Well-known story-teller Bill Wood from West Grove Meeting returns to London Grove to entertain children ten and younger and their families with stories and a sing-along, beginning at 2 pm. Weather permitting, the event may be held outdoors.

MEETING FOR WORSHIP and DISCUSSION OF GRIEF AND LOSS 10/26

Care & Membership Committee has rescheduled the planned midweek gathering of Friends who have deeply suffered loss. The goal is mutual exploration of how we—as individuals, a committee and as a Meeting—might more fully support those among us who are grieving. Most responses to grief are supportive; others, though well-intended, may be hurtful. C&M seeks to learn how the committee, and the Meeting as a whole, can more fully match the needs of those suffering grief and loss. Because grief is most fully understood by those who have deeply suffered loss, C&M invites such Friends to come together for worship and discussion. We will meet at 6:30 pm in the Social Room. Sharing in a small circle of worship can help to inform the committee and the Meeting community. If you are willing to be a part of this effort, please contact Karen-Lee Brofee at klbrofee@gmail.com.

SIMPLE MEAL 10/30

Dear Friends, London Grove Care Committee will again be sponsoring the Simple Meal the last Sunday in October. This year, we will be sponsoring Canine Partners for Life. We will have a speaker, who will bring her dog and give a short program, along with our annual Helen Corson segment. Canine Partners have a wish list of things they could use for their dogs. If you would like to donate any of the following, please start to save them up to bring on Simple Meal Day:

Glad tall kitchen trash bags with handles, paper towels, Simple Green Cleaner, office supplies (multipurpose paper, post-its, etc.), Avery clip-style name badges, postage stamps, Metal slow feed dog bowls, puppy collars (10 - 16 inches), dog ear cleaner, dog toothpaste, Purina forti-flora, small training treats, Galileo dog bones, interactive tug toys, soft Elizabethan collars (size large), safe paw Ice Melt, gift certificates to a pet supply store or Staples. There are more items on their website. We will be taking cash as well to give to this organization.



We will be doing our usual collection of change and bills to donate to UNICEF and Gail Newbold will have the boxes to give to the children.

We are also asking for the 28 oz. empty tomato sauce and tomato cans again this year. We will be helping do the table arrangements for the Empty Bowl fundraiser in February so you can just bring them in when you have them, from now till then, and put them in the blue food collection bin in the Library.

Thank you for helping others, even our four-legged friends.

Georgia Delaney, Clerk of London Grove Quakers Care Committee



GREETINGS FROM LONDON GROVE KINDERGARTEN!

Our teachers have been busy setting up classrooms and creating new and exciting spaces for the children. Teacher Deni-lyn began the new class of preschoolers, Little Acorns, with Teacher Mary White. The half-day classroom was transformed to a preschool

room, with more age-appropriate toys and spaces. Teacher Kate and Teacher Beth Runey will lead our new class of combined Kindergarten children. Half-day and Full-day students will be in the same room. Our school library has been tidied up and transformed a bit as well. (Teacher Kate was busy!)



If you have a special interest or gift you would like to share with the children, please contact Deni-lyn Lane. Her email is Deni-lyn@gmx.com. The children love to meet new friends. Our school is so fortunate to have a caring, extended community! Meeting for Worship is held at 11:30 am and Friends are very welcome to join us!

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