



London Grove Monthly Meeting

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September Bulletin

9th Month Queries on Ministry of Outreach

Outreach

What are we doing as a Meeting to communicate our presence and our principles to the community around us? Does our Meeting's ministry of outreach lead Friends to share their spiritual experiences with others?

What are we doing to invite persons not in membership to attend our meetings for worship and to encourage their continued attendance? How does the Meeting welcome visitors? Are we sensitive to the needs and hesitations of each visitor?

Are we tender to the needs of isolated Friends and Meetings, and to nearby Meetings seeking support?

How do I ground myself in the understandings of my faith? Am I clear about my beliefs? How do I prepare myself to share my faith and beliefs with others?

Does my manner of life as a Friend attract others to our religious society?

Do I seize opportunities to tell others about the Religious Society of Friends and invite them to worship with us?

Is my manner with visitors and attenders to our Meeting one of welcome?

Collaboration

In what ways does our Meeting respond to opportunities to join with other faiths in worship, in social action, and in spiritual dialogue?

How does our Meeting encourage its members to seek opportunities to meet and work with Friends world wide?

What opportunities have I taken to know people from different religious and cultural backgrounds, to worship with them, and to work with them on common concerns?

What opportunities have I taken to know, to work, and to worship with Friends outside of my own Meeting?

September 2017 Calendar

9/3	8:15 am	Religious Education Committee
	9:30 am	Meeting for Worship
	10:45 am	Meeting for Worship for Business
9/7	7:30 pm	Property Committee
9/10	9:30 am	Meeting for Worship; First Day School for Children (please see page 4)
	9:45	Opening Exercises; Adult First Day School (see page 4)
9/14	7 pm	Care & Membership Committee
9/17	8:30 am	Peace & Social Justice Committee
9/17	9:30 am	Meeting for Worship; First Day School for Children (page 4)
	10:45 am	Opening Exercises; Adult First Day School (page 4)
9/24	9:30 am	Meeting for Worship; First Day School for Children VISITORS' DAY (page 4)
	10:30 am	Opening Exercises; Adult VISITORS' DAY (page 4)
	6 pm	Adult Supper (at the home of Henry Pautler; please see details on page 5)



Childcare and Flowers Volunteers

Date	Volunteer bringing Flowers	Childcare Volunteers
9/3	Jill Benjamin	David Watkins (If needed)
9/10	Henry Pautler	Jill Benjamin (FDS) Tammy Brosius (2nd hour, if needed)
9/17	Henry Pautler	Tammy Brosius (FDS) Sandy Reber, Margaret Walton (2nd hour)
9/24	Peggy Jones	Alexia Vaughn (FDS) Barbara Haines, Margaret Walton (2nd hour)

8th Month Meeting For Worship For Business Summary

Recorder Betsy Walker noted the marriage of Rebecca Harrison Yerkes and Sarah Amanda Gregg on 7/7/2017, and the death of Claire Karpov on 7/21/2017.

Treasurer Doug Myers provided the financial report for 7th Month and year-to-date. Income for the month was \$4,600, with around \$4,200 in contributions toward budget. We had slightly under \$1,300 in expenses for the month. For the year, we are at 51% of budgeted contributions.

The background and details of the newly-created Pennock-Chase Peace Fund were reviewed, including the following fund description:

Pennock-Chase Peace Fund - Created through the merger of the existing Social Service Fund and the 2017 unrestricted bequest from member Patrick Chase, the fund is to be held by the Trustees with earnings to be used by the Peace & Social Justice Committee for charitable giving.

Meeting Members approved creation of this fund to support our Peace testimony and limited the fund to require that a minimum of 20% of annual giving be directed to local concerns.

Sam Cypressi, Clerk of the Nominating Committee, gave the first reading of committee assignments for 2018. The second reading and approval request will be made at 9th Month meeting for worship for business. In addition, members approved the committee's strong recommendation to waive membership requirements for participation on Finance and Nominating Committees. Meeting membership will still be necessary to participate on Care & Membership and Kindergarten Committees, or for service as a Trustee.

A report on the recent gathering of *Western Quarter* was given by Mark Myers. Worship was held at the London Britain Meetinghouse and followed by a social time at the nearby home of Co-clerk Shelley Hastings. Featured was our *WQ Representative Margaret Walton's* famous homemade ice cream.

Submitted by
Robert Frye
Clerk



News about Ninth Month Religious Education for Children and Adults

The following information was received from the RE Committee as we went to press:

- 9/10 *Welcome back to First Day School!*
9:30 am Children: Treasure Hunt
10:45 am Adults: "Do not be Afraid" with Donald LaBranche
- 9/17 9:30 am Children: Introduction to the New Testament
10:45 am Adults: Preparing for next year's 200th Anniversary of our Meetinghouse with Mark Myers
- 9/24 VISITORS DAY with refreshments, following rise of meeting for worship
9:30 am Children: Jews waiting for a Messiah
10:30 am Adults: Graveyard Tour with Tom Herman

As Autumn approaches (kindly refer back to the Query for Ninth Month!)

The meeting urgently needs volunteers to step forward to provide Worship Coordination for Opening Exercises and to offer assistance with childcare during Children's First Day School and (when needed) the second hour Adult Religious Education Programs.

Please consider offering your services to help our meeting function as we are accustomed to do during the fall and winter season. Worship & Ministry Clerk *Heather Hayes* will welcome you—and will even provide a script/order of service, if you haven't recently sat on the facing bench. This is a wonderful vantage point to experience worship in our meeting room and to assure that old traditions continue.



Reaching (In and Out) to London Grove Kindergarten

Margaret Walton recently announced an opportunity that potentially focuses Meeting InReach and Outreach on our London Grove Kindergarten. We need a few enthusiastic adults (taking Margaret as our role model) to help facilitate an expanded program intended to attract children and families who participate in the kindergarten. As usual, state law requires volunteers to have completed routine clearances, which can easily be obtained, at no charge, through the websites of the PA Department of Human Services and State Police. Just let someone from InReach Committee (*Carolyn Muller, Karen-Lee Brofee* or *Margaret Walton*) know if you need help fulfilling the requirement; and also let *Leona Provinski* know you are willing to assist in the children's program.

...Transitions are coming to the London Grove Bulletin!



Other members of Meeting In-Reach Committee welcome a new team of Bulletin Co-creators! Effective next month, *Jack Hinks* will replace *Susanna Davison* as Bulletin Editor, ably assisted by Associate Editor *Jesse Davison* and Calendar Page Editor *Jane Brosius*. Committees that wish to have their monthly meetings included, as well as the Religious Education schedulers, will keep Jane informed of what to include on Page 2. Our goal will be to plan several months at a time, so the monthly Calendar can list programs planned for children and adults, as well as names of volunteers providing childcare and flowers, for each week in the month. *Margaret Walton* and *Baz Powell* will appreciate your cooperation in responding to their forthcoming requests for volunteers!

Adult Supper 9/24! Jack Yeatman and Henry Pautler are planning a fall cookout at Henry's home. Call Jack if you plan to come and bring a dish, so they'll have enough hot dogs and burgers. Directions to Henry's home are available at the Meetinghouse.

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