

Middletown Friends Meeting

Newsletter – May/June 2009

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Langhorne, PA 19047
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Co-clerks: Jim and Claudia Haviland

Meeting for Worship 11:00 AM
(10:00 AM in July & August)
First Day School 9:45 AM
(Adults and Children)

Zoo Friends! Friends Home & Village Family Fun Day on May 30

Friends Village is inviting you to its early summer fund raiser; "Zoo Friends!" on May 30 from 10 AM to 3 PM. The event will feature The Peaceable Kingdom Petting Zoo (camel included!) and lectures, face painting by "Polly Wally," food court and bake sale, music, arts & crafts, games, scavenger hunt, video of treasured memories, campus tours, and family fun. Tickets are \$10 per person, family group tickets are \$25 (two adults/four children). All are welcome, the big, the tall, the short, the small!! All proceeds benefit the Friends Home and Friends Village community of Bucks Quarterly Meeting. For more information contact: Christine Popplewell at 215-968-3346.

Middletown's Oversight Committee has provided funds to purchase tickets for all Middletown families who wish to attend. Please contact Robin Hipple (215-322-8920) ASAP to reserve your tickets.

Called Meeting to be held in June on Future Use of Waln Building

A special called meeting is planned for mid-June to begin to discuss proposals for use of the second floor of the Waln Building. The sense among Property Committee members and Friends attending recent business meetings seems to be that the space should be used for some type of social outreach. Friends will be notified when a date is set.

FDS Picnic June 7

Mark your calendar for the FDS Picnic to be held at the rise of meeting. All members, attenders, and guests are invited and encouraged to join us!

Peace & Social Concerns Committee News

After many years of service, Nancy Pickering has stepped down as convener of the Peace & Social Concerns Committee. Mark Pryzby has agreed to serve as the new convener, and will be calling a committee meeting soon. Please join us in expressing your appreciation to Nancy for all her good work over the years!

The Peace & Social Concerns Committee reminds you to bring your donations to the Food Pantry!

Rolodex Update:

Grace Pickering has a lovely new room in Barclay! Grace's new address is:

Pennswood Village Apt. B-01
1382 Newtown Langhorne Road
Newtown PA 18940; 215-504-6893



Member and Attender News: Birthday Celebrations!



Welcome Lydia Vail Parry-Bogert, born at 11:59 PM on March 31 to proud parents Jaci and Ian Parry-Bogert. She was 8 lbs, 2 oz at birth and was 20.5 inches long. Drake adores his baby sister and is enjoying his new role as "big brother." *Above left*, mom Jaci Parry-Bogert, great-grandmother Margaret Donahue, and grandmother Kathie Parry. *Above right*, great aunt Lydia Lewis with her namesake.

Sabrina Hankins turned 4 years old on March 25th. Happy Birthday Sabrina!

Sabrina (*at right*) celebrated her birthday in fine style. Sabrina (*right*) and eight friends went to a wonderful place, Noodles, Knobs n Noggins, where each room is a different type of play area. The kids got to make a puppet craft and have cupcakes and snacks. After that, the family went to lunch at the Pleasant St. Cafe in Hudson.

Nathaniel Hankins turned 1 on April 24th!!

Nathaniel's birthday was much calmer as befits a 1 year old. Nathaniel (*at right, with mom*) and his one guest (the other guest got sick) were able to play outside as well as inside. It was a much smaller gathering. Auntie "Cake" came from NYC - Uncle Adam had an out of town guest so he couldn't come. Alan and I represented the "older" generation - Luke's mom was sick. Lindy's two Smith classmates, mothers of the kids, were there and of course Lindy, Luke and Sabrina.

—From Sally Farneth

Inga Mitchell-DiMicco turned 21 on May 8th.

Inga is now the Manager of the Zumiez store at the Oxford Valley Mall and has recently purchased a horse named Delana.

Congratulations to **Claudia and Jim Haviland**, who welcomed a new granddaughter, **Ava Grace Jackson**, on May 8 in Maryland. Ava joins parents Sara and Christopher and siblings Pierce and Delia.



More Member News...

Kim Parry is a journalism major and sociology minor at Penn State University and will be entering her senior year in the Fall of 2009. She aspires to be a photographer or writing editor one day, and is a Tonic writer program intern. Friends are invited read and comment on her recent articles at the websites: <http://www.tonic.com/news/article/dont-take-life-too-seriously-you-wont-make-it-out-alive/> and <http://www.tonic.com/news/article/work-and-no-play-no-way/>



Middletown Friends participated in the Langhorne Ministerium's Cross Walk on Good Friday, which began at our meetinghouse. Members of several other Langhorne churches joined Friends in worship in the manner of Friends, as *explained (above left)* by **Holly Olson**, before starting off on the walk. Our guests also enjoyed fresh mini-muffins baked by **Kate Daly** and **Carmela** and **Felix Vazquez**. **Claudia Haviland** gave the benediction at the Good Friday service that followed the walk at Langhorne Presbyterian Church.



Happy egg hunters on Easter Sunday included **Reese (left)** and **Paige (right) Copenhaver**, **Felix** and **Carmela Vazquez**, and **Hailey**, **Abby**, and **Alana Gessner (above)**.



Quakers Working to Alleviate Hunger:

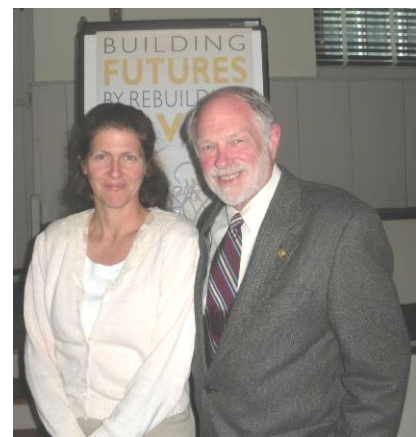
Bucks Food For Friends Update

Bucks Food For Friends (BFFF) enjoys the help of **Harry Catterson**, **Bev Smalley**, and **Robin Hipple**, as well as **Holly Olson**, who has served on the Steering Committee since the program's inception. Harry has been arriving early to help with set up, and service. It was so nice to have Harry play his guitar while preparations are under way. Robin and Bev are on the ever important cleanup crew. In March, the group shared a dinner with 50 guests and in April, 21 guests were served. BFFF is noticing that the weather and hours of day light play a large role in the number of guests who attend. The Steering Committee is grateful to Middletown Meeting for its support of energy and shelter for the freezer that lives in the garage.

Walk Against Hunger

On April 11th, **Holly Olson** and ten other Bucks Food For Friends folks participated in the Walk Against Hunger sponsored by the Greater Philadelphia Coalition Against Hunger. The day was cold and wet, but spirits were high and bright. It was so cold and wet that the walk was called off when folks hit the 1½ mile mark. BFFF collected over \$2,000 in sponsorships and 80% of that amount will come back to BFFF to support its ministry of food.

Mercer Street Friends



Friends gathered for a potluck luncheon on April 19 followed by a program on Mercer Street Friends by **Susan Snipes-Wells** and **Bob Lefever** (right). Mercer Street Friends' regional food bank provides over 2 million pounds of food each year to more than 50 local faith-based organizations and social service agencies. For more information on volunteer opportunities or to make a donation to Mercer Street Friends, check out their website, www.mercerstreetfriends.org, or call 609-396-1506.

News From Around the Quarter

Quarterly Worship & Ministry Program Hosted by Fallsington Meeting

Quarterly Worship & Ministry will meet Friday May 15, with potluck meal at 6:00 PM and program at 7:00 PM. Friends will discuss "Our journey opening the Four Doors to Meeting for Worship." Fallsington Friends have been studying Bill Taber's pamphlet, *Four Doors to Meeting for Worship* and will share some of the experiences they have had while reading it. *Four Doors* is a great read for new and seasoned Friends; you are welcome to join in this discussion whether you have had the opportunity to read it or not.

Quarterly Meeting for Worship & Business at Yardley Meeting

Bring Pantry Donations of Peanut Butter, Tomato Sauce, Dry Cereal, Pasta, Canned Tuna, Box Mixes of Mashed Potatoes and/or Rice to Quarterly Meeting on Sunday, May 17. Schedule is as follows:

- 9:00–9:45 AM: Registration
- 10–Noon: Children's Program
- 10:00 AM: Dr Leon Bass will speak on "Racism, Anti-Semitism and the Holocaust." As a black soldier in World War II Dr. Bass experienced the humiliation of both a segregated nation and army and the horrors of the "walking dead" of a German concentration camp. He will share his insightful and spiritually informed reflections on these topics. *Older children are encouraged to attend this lecture and then stay for worship, or leave to join the children's program, at 11:00.*
- 11:00–11:45 AM: Worship
- Noon–12:15 PM: Hymn Sing (participation optional)
- Noon–1:00 PM: Light lunch provided by our Yardley Friends
- 1–3 PM: Meeting for Business: The afternoon business session has the all important work of finalizing the Quarter's budget for the next fiscal year as well as all the great news from Buckingham, Fallsington, Lehigh Valley and Bristol Meetings. We will hear from Chandler Hall, our Clerk of Quarter, the Oversight Committee and your Coordinator. Childcare will be available during Meeting for Business.

Camp Onas

Camp Onas is for a few more campers. Are you looking for a fun-filled, friendly summer adventure? Sign up now for Camp Onas. Check www.camponas.org for rates and dates and a registration form. Or, contact Sue at 610-847-5858 or friends@camponas.org for more information. Quaker rates and financial aid is available. Interested families are invited to the Camp Onas Open House on Sunday, May 17 from 2-4

Camp Onas Seeks Kitchen Staff

Camp Onas, a Quaker, residential, summer camp located in Ottsville, PA has openings for an experienced cook and food service manager for the summer season, June 21-August 22. Both positions are full time and offer summer accommodations. Potential weekend job opportunities for cooks are also available. For more information please call 610-847-5858 or email Sue Gould, Director at friends@camponas.org.

Wrightstown Friends Nursery School

Spaces are still available for the Fall 2009 Nursery School Term. If you or someone you know is still looking for a gem of a nursery school, please call Jean Dinneen at 215-968-9900 to arrange a visit and tour.

Buckingham Meeting Peace and Social Justice Film Series

Buckingham Friends invite you to, the film, "The 11th Hour" on May 13 at 7:30pm. Leonardo DiCaprio's documentary on the global environmental crisis offers some exciting and radical solutions for making life on earth sustainable. Our planet might be in crisis, but that doesn't mean it's too late to change. 92 mins.

Admission is free and refreshments and discussion follow the film. 5864 York Rd., Lahaska PA

2nd Annual Heritage Day and Pie Festival at Solebury Meeting

Solebury Meeting will hold its 2nd Annual Heritage Day and Pie Festival on Saturday May 30th from 10 AM to 3 PM rain or shine. Proceeds will go to Doylestown FISH, which provides emergency shelter and food to those in crisis, and to Pedals for Progress with Pedals for Progress. Solebury Friends are looking for folks to donate a bike in good working order they no longer use. They are also looking for a \$10 donation per bike to cover

breakdown and shipping to impoverished countries around the world that are the recipients of the bikes. The pies are varied and oh so delicious!!

Press Release Workshop

On June 6 from 9 to 11 AM, Bucks Quarter will hold a Press Release writing workshop at Newtown Meeting with Norval Reece. Norval is a member of Newtown Meeting and proficient at writing PRs and very good at getting them run in our local papers.

Yearly Meeting and Beyond

Annual Fund

Have you given? Why not? Please do! Mail your donation to Kaye Henley or Jan Hatchard, 1515 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

PYM Summer Sessions

Our Yearly Meeting will gather on the campus of DeSales University in Center Vally, PA from July 29-August 2 for Summer Sessions. Mark your calendars and plan to attend! This is an opportunity to mix and mingle with over 300 Friends and attenders that hail from within the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting region. You do not need to attend all five days. If the budget is your thing, then attend for that day; if the budget is definitely not your thing, then attend the other days! Catch the spirit, the love and the Light that is our Yearly Meeting. The Children's Sessions during Summer Sessions will focus on the query, How can we "Live up to the Light" around earth care? The children's program will feature activities and stories built around the book "Earth Care: World Folktales to Talk About" by Margaret MacDonald. For more information, see the PYM website, www.pym.org.

Middletown Friends to Attend Friends General Conference - The Gathering

George and Nancy Pickering and **Sally and Alan Farneth** plan to attend the 2009 FGC Gathering on the campus of Virginia Tech University in Blacksburg, Virginia from June 27 to July 4. They will be joined by **Rachel Pickering Copenhaver** and daughters, **Paige and Reese**, and **Lindy Farneth Hankins** and children, **Sabrina and Nathaniel**.

According to the Gathering website, "About 1500 Quakers (mostly from the unprogrammed, liberal tradition) spend a week together on a college campus at different sites around the US and occasionally Canada. Attenders range from newborns to elders in their 90s. "In structure, it's part conference and part family camp. In content, it provides an abundance of opportunities to learn about Quakerism and to foster your spiritual life – and to have fun together." More than 50 workshops offer an opportunity to worship and learn together... Quaker history, environmental stewardship, knitting, paper making, bicycling, hiking, clerking, singing, New Testament, healing are just a few of the workshops offered this year. For a full list visit www.fgcquaker.org and click on workshops. Anyone still interested in attending should contact FGC at 215 561-1700 x 3005, M-F 9AM-5PM (EDT). Registration after April 18 is on a first come, first served basis.

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