

**Abington Quarterly Meeting**  
**February 3, 2013, 8:30 a.m.**  
**Gwynedd Meeting**

**8:30 a.m. Meet and Greet;**

**9:00 a.m. Introductions; beginning AQM business**

**9:30 a.m. Meeting for worship**

**10:45 a.m. As a part of First Day School, Friends will hear from the various committees of Abington Quarter, and will take up further items of business for Abington Quarter.**

## Abington Quarter Calendar\*

### Feb 1

**Plymouth MM: Schmata Party: 6:30 p.m.** potluck/pizza. 7:00 p.m. Bring your tired, your worn, your outgrown clothing/small appliances, yearning for new life! Mending the world begins as we strive to conserve rather than consume.

### Feb 9 (Snow date: Feb 16)

**Upper Dublin MM: Memorial Meeting for Fugitive Slaves: 2 p.m.** Though their names are not known, fugitives who died seeking freedom before the Civil War are remembered (see article, p. 2 ) [nancybgold@aol.com](mailto:nancybgold@aol.com).

### Feb 6, 20; Mar 6, 20; Apr 3, 17 (2013)

**Richland MM: Food for Friends, 6:00 PM. Monthly on the 2nd, 4th, 5th Wednesday.** Free dinners for those in need. *Information Andre Salz 215-536-0395 or Donna Berger [deele44@verizon.net](mailto:deele44@verizon.net).*

### Mar 7

**Gwynedd MM: Environmental movie Thursday, 7 p.m.** *Genetic Roulette*. Explores genetically modified organisms in our food supply and how these affect human health. For information, please contact Mary Himmer 610-272-2164 or [mary.himmer@verizon.net](mailto:mary.himmer@verizon.net).

### Mar 16

**Gwynedd MM: Skill share day. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.** If you want to learn new skills or share your practical skills, please contact Mary Himmer 610-272-2164 or [mary.himmer@verizon.net](mailto:mary.himmer@verizon.net).

### Apr 4

**Gwynedd MM: Environmental movie Thursday, 7 p.m.** *Fresh*. A film about a rising group of people reinventing our food system, empowering access to fresh foods. For information, please contact Mary Himmer 610-272-2164 or [mary.himmer@verizon.net](mailto:mary.himmer@verizon.net).

\*Addresses for Calendar —see Page 2.

## Abington Quarter Calendar Events-Addresses

**Abington MM:** 520 Meetinghouse Road, Jenkintown, PA 19046.

**Gwynedd MM:** 1101 DeKalb Pike, Gwynedd, PA 19454.

**Plymouth MM:** E Germantown and Butler Pikes, Plymouth Meeting PA

**Richland MM:** S. Main St. & Mill Road (just off Rt. 309), Quakertown, PA 18951.

**Upper Dublin MM:** 1506 Fort Washington Ave., Maple Glen, PA 19006.

## —Weekly events in Abington Quarter —

### Sundays:

**Lectio Divina/Divine Reading 9-9:30 a.m.** Reflection, prayer, & sharing on scripture passages read aloud. *Judy Flanigan*, [jhflanigan@hotmail.com](mailto:jhflanigan@hotmail.com).

### Tuesdays:

**Gwynedd MM: Meditation Group 7:30-8:30 p.m. Sharing 8:30-9 p.m.** Guidance for interested beginners offered. Contact Ranvir Bakshi [rkbakshi@comcast.net](mailto:rkbakshi@comcast.net).

### Wednesdays:

**Plymouth MM: Mid-week worship 7:00 p.m.** Contacts Dave Miller [d.j.miller@verizon.net](mailto:d.j.miller@verizon.net) or Christine Greenland 215-322-4105 [christine.greenland@gmail.com](mailto:christine.greenland@gmail.com)

**Richland MM "Light Group" 7:00 p.m.** Friends at Richland Monthly Meeting invite Friends to explore a type of meditation used by early Quakers to "find the Truth in the Light", centering  
*Contacts: Susan Abbott*, [naisma@aol.com](mailto:naisma@aol.com), 610-346-1937 OR *Jack Schick*, [sjckschc@aol.com](mailto:sjckschc@aol.com).

### Fridays:

**Gwynedd MM: Yoga (Feb 1- Mar 8) 7:00 p.m.** Gentle Hatha yoga. Bring yoga mat or towel, and comfortable clothing. Contact Rich Himmer [rich.himmer@verizon.net](mailto:rich.himmer@verizon.net). Fee \$20/7 weeks.

## —News From AROUND Abington Quarter —

### Upper Dublin MM

Buried in the Upper Dublin Quaker Meeting graveyard are the remains of fugitive slaves who died during their escape from slavery to freedom before the Civil War. The Upper Dublin meetinghouse and an adjacent property were stations on the Underground Railroad which provided refuge and aid to runaways on their journey to freedom. Because it was illegal to assist fugitive slaves, they were buried secretly at night in unmarked graves. With no records kept of their deaths, they remain forever unknown.

*Editors note: Other meetings may have similar unmarked graves, since many Friends meetings homes and farms in the area were stations in the underground Railroad. Chris Densmore (Swarthmore) is giving a talk at Stenton on the same date and time on the development of the anti-slavery testimony among Philadelphia Friends [www.stenton.org](http://www.stenton.org). I will try to get an abstract of his talk.*

—News From AROUND Abington Quarter— (continued)

## Opportunities for Service with Abington Quarter

Interested in helping to keep Abington Quarter vibrant? Consider serving on a Quarter committee, or in a vacant position. See webpage for details, [www.abingtonquarter.org/Service-Opportunities](http://www.abingtonquarter.org/Service-Opportunities), and/or contact: Mike Mrozinski, AQM Clerk, 215-237-7637, [mikemenski@gmail.com](mailto:mikemenski@gmail.com)

## — BEYOND Abington Quarter —

### Reports

#### Worship and Ministry Thread Gathering 1/26/2013

Over 50 Friends from 37 meetings attended the Worship and Ministry thread gathering at Newtown Meeting, Bucks Quarter. Eight Friends from AQM attended (five from AQM Worship and Ministry). Workshops included Adult Education, Powerful Worship/Powerful Community, Sabbath Considerations, and Intergenerational worship with children. I have not heard about worship with children. One Friend from the quarter served as workshop facilitator, another as staff.

Most who attended valued the workshops that they chose (or in some cases, the workshop choose them). The food was wonderful, Friends shared in the work of preparation and clean-up, and enjoyed coming together for the day. Although some of us yearned for more opportunity for deeper unprogrammed worship and extended opportunities for spontaneous fellowship one might expect from a focus on worship and ministry, various Friends what they learned in small groups, workshops and fellowship. A fuller report will be presented at Quarter.

### Coming Events

- Feb 15-17** Clerking Workshop with Deborah Fisch and Deborah Shaw. Pendle Hill. Clerking business meetings as meeting for worship, discerning and recording the sense of the meeting, and coping with difficulties. <http://www.pendlehill.org/workshops/winter-2013/>
- Feb 9** 10:00am - 2:00pm Join the Junior Interim Meeting at the SHARE Food Program building- 2901 W. Hunting Park Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19144  
<http://www.pym.org/event/special-junior-interim-meeting-everyone-invited-february>
- Feb 15-17** Young Friends Gathering Medford Leas Retirement Community 1 Medford Leas Medford, NJ 08055 <http://www.pym.org/event/young-friends-gathering>
- Feb 16** 9:30am - 3:30pm Communications Thread Gathering; London Grove Friends Meeting.  
<http://www.pym.org/event/communications-thread-gathering>
- Feb 17** 8:00am - 8:00pm GET ON THE BUS! EQAT action in DC Busses leaving from various locations heading to Washington DC. <http://www.pym.org/get-on-the-bus>
- Feb 17-22** Doug Gwyn: John, the Quaker Gospel. Pendle Hill. See how early Friends experienced those conversations; engage in your own conversations with the Inward Teacher. Extended retreat. <http://www.pendlehill.org/workshops/winter-2013/>
- Feb 23** 9:30am - 3:30pm Pastoral Care Thread Gathering; Gwynedd Meeting;  
<http://www.pym.org/event/pastoral-care-thread-gathering>

— *Coming Events BEYOND Abington Quarter* — (continued)

- Mar 2** 12:00–3:00 p.m. Quaker College Fair Arch Street Meeting House.  
<http://www.pym.org/2013-quaker-college-fair>
- Mar 8-10** Quakers and the Song of Songs Pendle Hill. Michael Birkel explores how early Friends responded to this book of intimate poetry.  
<http://www.pendlehill.org/workshops/winter-2013/>
- Mar 10-14** Liberation: A Quaker-Jewish dialogue Pendle Hill. Marcia Prager and Rebecca Mays Explore the rich textured themes of freedom, liberation, and commitment from Jewish and Christian stories, enriched by a Quaker context.  
<http://www.pendlehill.org/workshops/winter-2013>
- Mar 14-17** FWCC Section of the Americas Let the Living Waters Flow! [Waycross Episcopal Camp & Conference Center](#). (near Bloomington, IN. Section of the Americas Meeting. A program on 3/16 will be directed by an international group of young adult Friends as a part of an all-day celebration of FWCC's 75th Anniversary. Register by 2/15/2013.  
<http://www.fwccamericas.org/LivingWater.shtml>
- Mar 15-17** Middle School Friends Gathering: Spring has Sprung Haverford MM, 255 Buck Lane, Haverford PA  
<http://www.pym.org/event/middle-school-friends-gathering-spring-has-sprung>
- Mar 23** 9:30 am -1:30 pm Planning a Family-directed funeral. Friends Center, 1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102 <http://www.pym.org/event/planning-family-directed-funeral>
- Mar 23** 7:30-9:30 p.m. William Penn Lecture. Arch Street Meeting; sponsored by Young Adult Friends. <http://www.pym.org/event/william-penn-lecture-0>
- Mar 30- Apr 4** Walk Humbly, Serve Boldly: Prophetic Ministry among Friends Today Margery Post Abbott and Noah Baker Merrill. How do we understand and recognize prophetic ministry today, and who is called to participate?  
<http://www.pendlehill.org/workshops/spring-2013/>
- Apr 12-14** A gathering for Friends: Godly Play and Faith & Play. Weekend. Share stories, experience, fellowship and worship. A joint project of PYM and FGC for teachers, parents and interested Friends. Cost: \$50.00. Contact: Melinda Wenner Bradely, [mmwb@comcast.net](mailto:mmwb@comcast.net); 610-399-3519 <http://www.pym.org/event/faith-play-gathering>  
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## **AQ Newsletter: assistance needed...**

The AQ Newsletter will get back up and running. However, we need people from various meetings to send in events at your meeting to Christine Greenland 215-322-4105; [christine.greenland@gmail.com](mailto:christine.greenland@gmail.com). I would like one or two younger Friends to assist as editors.

## **AQ Website wants to hear from your Monthly Meeting!**

In the interim help keep the AQ Website up to date for your benefit. *Contact: Kathy Singer, Abington Quarter Webmaster, 215-490-2595, [aqc.kathys@gmail.com](mailto:aqc.kathys@gmail.com).*

So here's what I want you to do: take your everyday, ordinary life - your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking around life - and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

Romans 12: 1-2 *The Message*

## Abington Quarter Sunday Worship

**9:30 - 10:30 AM**

*Gwynedd MM*

**10:00-11:00 AM**

*Norristown MM*

**10:30-11:30 AM**

*Horsham MM*

*Richland MM*

**11AM-12 PM**

*Byberry MM*

*Foulkeways WG*

*Pottstown WG*

*(2nd, 4th, & 5th*

*weeks only)*

**11:15 AM-12:15 PM**

*Abington MM*

*Plymouth MM—Also*

*Wed. evening, 7-8 PM)*

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