

## Abington Quarter Calendar\*

**Nov 3 Abington MM: PYM Sponsored Workshop: Successful & Effective Committees.** 9:30 AM-3:30 PM. Barnes Room. Joan Broadfield, [broadfieldje@gmail.com](mailto:broadfieldje@gmail.com), 610-874-5860. (More information in Page 3)

**Nov 4 Upper Dublin MM: AQM Representatives Meeting.** Meetings 9-10 AM, 11 AM-12 Noon, Worship/10-11 AM, Socialize/8:30-9:00 AM. Mike Mrozinski, [mikemenski@gmail.com](mailto:mikemenski@gmail.com).

**Nov 4 Abington MM: Sundays at Seven.** 7:00-9:00 PM. Barnes Room. Discussion group, topic is: Testimonies, Exploring Integrity, Simplicity, and Peace. What is a testimony, a concern, a query? Information: Loretta Fox, 215-844-2865, [amm@abingtonfriends.net](mailto:amm@abingtonfriends.net).

**Nov 8, Dec 6 Gwynedd MM: Environmental Movie Night.** 7 PM. Organic, local popcorn. Information: Mary Himmer, 610-272-2164, [mary.himmer@verizon.net](mailto:mary.himmer@verizon.net).

**Nov 10 Gwynedd MM: Coffeehouse,** Celtic folksongs, doors open-7:30-PM, Donation, \$5. folksongs, a capella, old time gospel, dance & original works, [www.atwater-donnely.com](http://www.atwater-donnely.com).

**Nov 13 Upper Dublin MM: Forum on Haiti.** 7 PM. Information on relief needs from Beth Taylor, Plumstead Meeting. Refreshments. Information: Nancy Gold, [nancybgold@aol.com](mailto:nancybgold@aol.com).

**Nov 13 Gwynedd MM: Concert.** 7-10 PM. Germantown Friends School, Choir. Information, Gary Lapreziosa, [gwyneddfriends@verizon.net](mailto:gwyneddfriends@verizon.net), 215-699-3055.

**Nov 18 Gwynedd MM: Outdoor Meeting for Worship,** 8:45-9:15 AM (prior to indoor Meeting for Worship at 9:30 AM.) Weather permitting. In the woods by fire pit (near the soccer field). Seating on wooden benches under trees. Information, Gary Lapreziosa, [gwyneddfriends@verizon.net](mailto:gwyneddfriends@verizon.net), 215-699-3055.

**Nov 18 Abington MM: Adult Class Film: Something the Lord Made,** 12:30 PM. Short Stable. Two pioneers of cardiac surgery-Dr. Alfred Blalock and lab assistant Vivien Thomas-changed the practice of medicine in a miraculous way. Loretta Fox, [amm@abingtonfriends.net](mailto:amm@abingtonfriends.net).

**Nov 22 Gwynedd MM: Thanksgiving Day Meeting for Worship,** 10 AM, Library.

**Oct 24, 31 Nov 14, 28 Dec 12, 26 Jan 9 (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).

### December CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Most of the Monthly Meetings in Abington Quarter have special events for the winter holidays: Christmas breakfasts, teas, carol sings, sharing celebrations, etc. Check with each monthly meeting for specifics. Contact information for AQ Monthly Meetings available on Abington Quarter website, [www.abingtonquarter.org](http://www.abingtonquarter.org).

\*Addresses for Calendar —see Page 2.

### Abington Quarter Calendar Events-Addresses

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

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

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

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

## —News From AROUND Abington Quarter—

### Richland MM Starts a “Light Group”

Friends at Richland Monthly Meeting have started a light group in which members experience a type of meditation used by early Quakers to “find the Truth in the Light”. The group is open to all (no experience necessary) and uses Rex Ambler’s book, *Light to Live By*. The book is based around a meditative process Ambler found described in a 1653 tract by George Fox. Ambler examines this process in detail and relates it to his own personal exploration and spiritual development. *For more information:* Susan Abbott, [naisma@aol.com](mailto:naisma@aol.com), 610-346-1937 OR Jack Schick, [sjckschc@aol.com](mailto:sjckschc@aol.com).

### News From Abington Quarter Coordinator by Kathy F. Singer

I have truly enjoyed my work as the Abington Quarter Coordinator and it is therefore with sadness that I am letting Friends know that I have resigned for family financial reasons. I have accepted a full time position as a library/media specialist in a public school district starting in mid November, 2012.

I have found the work of AQ Coordinator to be a position that combines the best of both the secular world of employment and the spiritual vocation that I feel called to. I have truly enjoyed the work of bringing AQ members and monthly meetings closer together through visits, this Newsletter, the re-designed website, committee meetings, and conversations with individual Friends. I feel confident that the Quarter is in a good place for a new Coordinator to take what has been started and to continue to develop the position according to the needs expressed by monthly meetings and members of Abington Quarter. My special thanks go out to the wonderful people who served on the AQ Coordinator support and nurture group, and to the Friends who worked so hard to initiate planning for a Coordinator, and who developed a vision, job description, and funding for the position.

I intend to stay active in Abington Quarter and am looking forward to seeing many Friends at future Abington Quarterly Meetings. This edition of the *AQ Newsletter* will be the last one you will receive from me as the Coordinator. I will continue to serve as the webmaster for the Quarter website for the near future.

In order to keep the website relevant and useful, please send events announcements and news to me, Kathy Singer, [acq.kathys@gmail.com](mailto:acq.kathys@gmail.com), 215-490-2595.

### New Recording Secretary for Abington Quarterly Meeting

A warm welcome to Jim Fitzgerald (Abington MM), the new AQM Recording Secretary for Abington Quarterly Meeting.

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## **AQM Minutes From October, 2012**

Written minutes are available from Mike Mrozinski, AQM Clerk, [mikemenski@gmail.com](mailto:mikemenski@gmail.com) or Jim Fitzgerald, AQM Recording Clerk.

## **PYM Workshop: Successful & Effective Committees, Nov. 3, 2012**

This workshop will explore how groups operate and how group dynamics affect decision making with the goal of increasing the success and effectiveness of committee work. Sponsored by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) Nominating Committee and co-lead by Joan Broadfield and Lynne Shivers. 9:30 AM-3:30 PM. Abington MM, 520 Meetinghouse Road, Jenkintown, PA 19046. Questions & information, Joan Broadfield, [broadfieldje@gmail.com](mailto:broadfieldje@gmail.com), 610-874-5860.

## **Friends Journal Article, “Friends Will Have a Christmas Tree”, Dec., 2012**

In the December 2012 issue of *Friends Journal*, Jack Schick has a second (for the year—congratulations Jack!) article. If your Monthly Meeting has experienced tension over whether to have a Christmas tree somewhere on the Monthly Meeting property, this article will be of great interest. It details discernment and meeting for business process about a donated tree.

[www.friendsjournal.org](http://www.friendsjournal.org)

## **Service Opportunities 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).

## **Gwynedd MM, Employment-Child Care Provider Needed**

Opening for Child-Care Provider for children, infant up to age twelve. Hours-Sundays from 9:30- 10:45 AM, the parents will remain in the Meetinghouse during this time. Applicants 18 years and older. When this position is filled, there will be two adults providing care for this time period. Applications accepted through Nov 10. Send letter, and contacts for 3 references to: Gwynedd Monthly Meeting, Attn: Child Care, 1101 DeKalb Pike, Gwynedd, PA 19454.

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

This is the last AQ Newsletter until further notice because of a transition period between AQM Coordinators. In the interim help me 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).

## —News from BEYOND Abington Quarter—

### **Spirituality & the Final Third of Life Workshop, Nov. 3**

Workshop focuses on a Friends’ approach to aging and caregiving. Small & large group sessions on temporal and spiritual topics with various leaders including: Planning for self & family, emotional aspects, Home based burial, Wills/Trusts/Do Not Resuscitate statements. *Buckingham MM* (address 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. Open to adults ages 18 and over. Cost, \$10.

Please register by Oct 26, Holly Olson, 215-860-9747, [hollybqc.verizon.net](mailto:hollybqc.verizon.net).

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## Friends Education Fun: Tuition Aid for PYM Quaker Families

If you have a child in a Friends school (or are in the application process), the Friends Education Fund (FEF) may be able to assist with tuition. FEF is under the care of Friends Council on Education. The Fund's mission is to raise funds to support tuition aid for Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) children attending one of the thirty-one Friends elementary, secondary, and special needs schools in the PYM area. Guidelines require that at least one parent has been a member of a PYM Monthly Meeting for a full year prior to the supported year, and that the family has met financial need criteria as determined by the Friends school.

November is the ideal time to start the application process of completing the application form, getting your Monthly Meeting Clerk's signature, and returning these to the school prior to their financial aid deadline. Form, application timeline, and information available at [www.FriendsEducationFund.org](http://www.FriendsEducationFund.org).

Questions to Christie Duncan-Tessmer, (PYM) 215-241-7008, [cduncan-tessmer@pym.org](mailto:cduncan-tessmer@pym.org).

## Worldwide Friends Conference (FWCC), Kenya, 2012

With over 850 attendees, last April's conference was the largest worldwide gathering of since 1967. The Conference was sponsored by Friends World Committee for Friends Consultation (FWCC), [www.fwccworld.org](http://www.fwccworld.org). FWCC is the umbrella organization for the world's 400,000 plus Friends. Their mission is to encourage fellowship among branches of The Religious Society of Friends. Friends from Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe, Latin America and North America came together at Kabarak University near Nakuru, Kenya. The theme of the conference was "Being Salt and Light-Friends Living the Kingdom of God in a Broken World". Information is available at the Salt and Light website, [www.saltandlight2012.org](http://www.saltandlight2012.org). On-line documentary, [www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=8VhKPTpcwDE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=8VhKPTpcwDE).

## Quaker Public Policy Institute, Nov. 15-16

Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) sponsors this event in Washington D.C. The Institute consists of workshops, panels, trainings, and lobbying in support of a more ethical federal budget. The FCNL Annual Meeting follows the Institute from Friday Nov. 16 to Sunday, Nov. 18. Registration for the Public Policy Institute is \$50. There is a reduced rate of \$25 for students, retirees, and people with low income. Funds are available through Philadelphia Yearly Meeting for young adult Friends who are involved with a PYM monthly meeting. FCNL is also able to help with some travel expenses. Information about the Public Policy Institute is available at [www.fcnl.org/lobbyday](http://www.fcnl.org/lobbyday). Information on the FCNL annual meeting is available at [fcnl.org/events/annual\\_meeting/am12](http://fcnl.org/events/annual_meeting/am12).

## Friends Journal-October Issue, 2012

The entire October issue of Friends Journal is devoted to a timely topic, "Our Money and Our Testimonies" OR ("Wall Street, Main Street, and Meetinghouse Road"). There is an article on the work of Friends Fiduciary Corporation by the Executive Director, Jeffrey Perkins. The topic of socially/environmentally responsible investing has been a recent topic of discussion at Abington Quarterly Meetings. Friends Journal gives us all information for thought and reflection. *Friends Journal*, 215-563-8629, 800-471-6863, [www.friendsjournal.org](http://www.friendsjournal.org).

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i thank You God for most this amazing day:  
for the leaping greenly spirits of trees  
and a blue true dream of sky;  
and for everything which is natural which is infinite which is yes

(i who have died am alive again today,  
and this is the sun's birthday;  
this is the birthday of life and of love and wings:  
and of the gay great happening illimitably earth)

how should tasting touching hearing seeing breathing  
any--lifted from the no of all nothing--human merely being  
doubt unimaginable You?

(now the ears of my ears awake and  
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

e.e. cummings

## 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)*

TO:

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