



Germantown Monthly Meeting

of the Religious Society of Friends

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THE FRIDAY BEE

September 27, 2024

SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

10:20am	Greeter	Lisa Holgash & Dudley Burdge
10:30am	Child Care	Starts in kindergarten building across the driveway from Meetinghouse
10:30am	Meeting for Worship	(Hybrid: In-person & on Zoom)
10:50am	First Day School	Older children attend Meeting for Worship with their families until 10:50 am, when their teachers will lead them to the Committee Room. Questions? Please contact Carla Childs (carlapricechilds@gmail.com) . Note: Children of any age are always welcome to join their families in Meeting for Worship.
11:30am	Introductions & Announcements	Karen Lightner
11:45am	Refreshments	Dorothy Cary et al – QVS Welcome Potluck Lunch!

PROTOCOL FOR MEETING FOR WORSHIP (Zoom, hybrid, in-person)

Please maintain silence as you enter the Zoom meeting or the meetinghouse so Friends can center and settle into worship.

Our current COVID-19 safety measures for the meetinghouse are as follows:

- Masks are optional. Feel free to wear one if you wish. We have a supply if you've forgotten yours.
- If you have a fever or are feeling unwell, please stay home and join our worship on Zoom.

MEETING NEWS & EVENTS

REMEMBERING AARON WUNSCH

It is with great sadness that we share the news that Germantown Monthly Meeting Member Aaron Wunsch passed away peacefully last Friday morning, September 20th, surrounded by family. Information on a memorial has not yet been determined. Please hold Jillian, Eli and their family & friends in the light.

Hidden City Philadelphia posted a beautiful article about Aaron – *In Memoriam: Celebrating Aaron Wunsch, Champion of Historic Preservation*. To read it, [click here](#)

GMM POTLUCK LUNCH TO WELCOME QVS – THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th

Please come welcome this year's [Philadelphia Quaker Voluntary Service](#) (QVS) Fellows visiting our Meeting!

And if you are able, bring a favorite dish to share! **Everyone is welcome!**

- [Click here](#) to give us an idea of what you will bring, so we can prepare.
- Helpers are also needed for setting up tables & chairs.
- Questions & helping hands contact Dorothy Cary (dcary@germantownfriends.org), Anne Stassen (anne.stassen@yahoo.com), or the Meeting Office (gmm@germantownfriends.org)

REFRESHMENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER!



OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER are calling! We hope everyone will volunteer for this a couple of times a year. Many thanks to those who provided refreshments over the past year! You have added so much to the fellowship of our community. And thanks to those who have signed up so far this Fall.

- **Available dates needing Refreshments providers:**
 - October 13 - November 3 - November 24
 - December 1 - December 8 - December 15 - December 29

To sign up, please contact Becky Johnson (blam.fam@verizon.net). THANK YOU!!

Note: Refreshments expenses are reimbursable or can be credited as in-kind donations to GMM (tax deductible).

ALABAMA STORY — Directed by GMM's Carla Childs!

★ **THREE MORE DAYS REMAINING! September 27-29** at Old Academy Players

As the Civil Rights movement is brewing, a controversial children's book about a black rabbit marrying a white rabbit stirs the passions of a segregationist State Senator and a no-nonsense State Librarian in 1959 Montgomery, Alabama. Inspired by true events, brimming with humor, heartbreak, and hope! **For tickets and more information:** [click here](#)

LIVE CONCERT @ GMM – MAURICE LOUCA – Friday, October 4, 7 - 9:30pm

Come for a live performance by Maurice Louca, one of Egypt's most innovative and influential composers. Known for his ability to blend traditional Arabic music with experimental and avant-garde styles, Louca creates a sound that defies genre and expectation. This performance will feature his latest works and collaborations, showcasing a rich fusion of influences that push the boundaries of contemporary music and offer a fresh perspective on the global music scene. No tickets required, but we recommend reserving your spot on Eventbrite with a suggested donation of \$20. This is a pay-what-you-wish event, so you can contribute any amount that feels right to you. **Ticket information,** [click here](#).

GERMANTOWN FRIENDS SCHOOL (GFS) NEWS & EVENTS

SETTING ASIDE TECHNOLOGY TO BE MORE PRESENT

GFS parents, teachers and school leaders are partnering to understand the impact of technology on children's learning and development. In response to growing research, and following this summer's parent/faculty/staff read, ["The Anxious Generation"](#) (Jonathan Haidt), there will be a collective effort to limit access to social media, phones, smart watches and screen time, be more intentional about using technology, and emphasize the importance of being present, face-to-face interactions and connection. "As a Quaker school, we value connection, community, and engaging experiences lived together," says Carol Rawlings Miller, Director of Academic Program. For more information, [read the article here](#).

ATTEND GFS MEETING FOR WORSHIP DURING THE WEEK

GMM is welcome to attend Meeting for Worship during the school year.

Schedule for upcoming week

- Middle School (MS) Worship: Monday, 9/30, 10:20 - 11:00am

QUAKER NEWS, EVENTS, RESOURCES

THE WATER WE SWIM IN – Social & Economic Changes Affecting Friends Meetings

- **When?** Wednesday, October 2, 8:00 - 9:30pm

Wonder why Friends meetings have fewer children and young adults? Wondering why it's a challenge to fill committees? Are you concerned about the future of your monthly meeting? Attend "The Water We Swim In," a live, online (Zoom) presentation with Barry Crossno – the General Secretary of FGC. He'll share about the social and economic changes affecting our meetings. He'll also talk about possible ways to renew our spiritual communities. There will be time for questions and discussion.

- [Click here](#) to register for Zoom link.

PHILLY QUAKERS in POWER-- "HOUSE MEETING" – October 3, 7:00pm (Hybrid: in-person & Zoom)

This will be an opportunity to reconnect, to explore **POWER's** vision and work, and to plan ahead. Please bring your passions about economic and education justice, mass incarceration, climate change, and beyond as they affect our city. Please sign up ahead of time if you can on this Google form – tinyurl.com/PhilaFriendsinPOWER2024.

- **Where?** Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting (1501 Cherry Street), Rufus Jones Room (in-person is encouraged)
- **Questions?** Please reach out to Jayson Massey: jayson.massey@gmail.com
- Unfamiliar with POWER Interfaith? [Click here](#) to learn more!

PHILADELPHIA YEARLY MEETING (PYM)

FRIENDS COUNSELING SERVICE

Did you know that Philadelphia Yearly Meeting has a service that offers counseling to members and attenders across PYM? It includes individual therapy, couples counseling, and family therapy sessions, and is made affordable with an income-based sliding scale fee structure. The counselors are all part of the PYM Quaker community, and combine "professional skills with a deep respect for Quaker values." Read more about Friends Counseling Service in this recent article: [click here](#)

YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS (ages 18-35) MONTHLY ONLINE WORSHIP SHARING - October 2, 7:00 - 8:00pm

First Wednesday of every month. This is a chance to be in community together, meet young adult F/friends and seekers throughout Philadelphia Yearly Meeting that we are perhaps not always able to see because of distance, and to deepen our relationship to worship and discernment. For more information, including Worship Sharing Guidelines, and Zoom link registration, [click here](#)

➤ **PYM Weekly News & Events** - [Click here](#)

➤ **PYM Events Calendar:** Check out upcoming and ongoing programs promoted by PYM - [Click here](#).

OTHER (VIRTUAL) WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Pendle Hill – [Daily Zoom meeting for worship](#) online from 8:30-9:10 am.
- Friends Council for National Legislation (FCNL) Witness Wednesdays: [Weekly worship](#) at 5:15pm (ET)
- Friends General Conference's (FGC) has *many* options for worship & discussion, including Newcomers & Seekers, Friends of Color Monthly worship, BIPOC Womxn's space, White Friends Confronting Racism, Gen X Friends (new), Neurodivergent Friends (new). The offerings keep growing! [Click here for the calendar](#)

QUAKER ORGANIZATIONS

Stay connected with news, work and resources of various Friends groups.

Click on the links below (only a partial list), and bookmark them for easy reference!

[Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting \(PQM\)](#)

[Philadelphia Yearly Meeting \(PYM\)](#)

[Friends General Conference \(FGC\)](#)

[Friends Committee on National Legislation \(FCNL\)](#)

[Friends Council on Education \(FCE\)](#)

[American Friends Service Committee \(AFSC\)](#)

TAKE ACTION!

MONTHLY "REACH-OUT" for PEACE in CHESTNUT HILL – Sat, September 28, 10 am to 12 noon.

Come to September's monthly "REACH-OUT" for PEACE vigil in Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, PA.

Peace flags, large banners, signs provided. Bell-tolling for peace.

- **Where?** Vigil takes place at Germantown Avenue & Mermaid Lane (near the 'Welcome to Chestnut Hill' sign and across from the Farmers Market).

Sponsored by Brandywine Peace Community. For information, call Bob Smith, 215-843-4827

ENVIRONMENTAL FILM FESTIVAL – September 26, 27, 28

Pennsylvania Interfaith Power & Light (PA IPL) invites members of Germantown Friends Meeting to participate in a three-evening *virtual* film festival themed around the efforts of people in different parts of the world to restore and preserve land and make it fruitful, often struggling against political or corporate forces that have different agenda.

The three films to be screened are: [Taking Root: The Vision of Wangari Maathai](#); [Stewards of the Land - Serán las dueñas de la tierra](#), and [Common Ground](#). Join us for one, two or all three films. [The attachment](#) describes each film in more detail and provides links to trailers for the three films and a link to register for the festival. If you have questions please reach out to our member **Bill Cozzens**, (215) 837-0634, currently serving on PA IPL's Board of Directors.

PA IPL Annual Conference "Planting Seeds for New Futures" – September 29, 1:00 to 5:00 pm

Pennsylvania Interfaith Power & Light's (PA IPL) virtual statewide Annual Conference with the theme this year of "Planting Seeds for New Futures," will be Sunday afternoon, September 29 from 1 until 5 PM. The opening address will be from Soul Fire Farm, "Uprooting Racism, Seeding Sovereignty." There will be two workshop tracks. The keynote address from Rev. Dr. Christopher Carter addresses "Cultivating Hope in a Time of Catastrophe". For more conference information and to register please go to <https://paipil.us/event/2024-annual-interfaith-climate-convening/>. Our member, Bill Cozzens, serves on PA IPL's Board and can answer questions you might have about the conference.

GET OUT THE VOTE with POWER INTERFAITH - Saturday, October 6, 12:30 - 3:00pm

Join POWER Philly to get out the Vote for the November election! We will gather at St Vincent De Paul Parish at 109 E Price Street from 12:30-3 PM to get training on how to canvass and knock doors to talk to people about the importance of voting in November. There will also be an option to join a relational voter engagement training for people who don't have the ability to canvass indoors, where they will make phone calls to friends and family.

Sign up at: <https://powerinterfaith.org/event/power-interfaith-leader-canvassing-event/>

HARRIS CAMPAIGN ORGANIZER NEEDS BICYCLE

Full-time field organizer for the AFL-CIO WorkingAmerica Harris campaign would love to get on-loan a bike with a rack. Happy to provide a generous security deposit. If you can help, contact Gary Krane at Gary@GetCourageNow.org

IN GERMANTOWN & NEARBY

GERMANTOWN COMMUNITY FRIDGE IS TURNING 4! Celebrate! Saturday, September 28, 11am-1pm

Come celebrate this incredible community resource, with free food, meals & more!

Where? [20 W Armat Street](#)

What is the Germantown Community Fridge? With two locations, it is a resource available 24/7 mutual aid resource that helps combat food insecurity and food waste in Philadelphia, specifically in the Germantown neighborhood. Learn more - [click here!](#)

MOUNT AIRY ARTS FESTIVAL - Saturday, September 28, 12 - 4:00pm

When? Saturday, September 28th, 12pm to 4pm

Where? On the grounds of the Allens Lane Art Center (ALAC) at 601 West Allens Lane in Mount Airy.

- Our members Rebecca Hoenig and Peter Samuel are both very active at ALAC. For more information, [click here](#).



Deadline for submissions to *The Friday Bee* is Thursday at 12:00 noon.



- ◆ Send announcements to gmm@germantownfriends.org
- ◆ Include "Bee" in the Subject line
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