



Germantown Monthly Meeting

of the Religious Society of Friends

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THE FRIDAY BEE

October 11, 2024

SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

10:20am	Greeter	David Mettler
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	Barbara Wybar and John Hickey
11:45am	Refreshments	Jeri Adams

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 FOR WORSHIP WITH A CONCERN FOR BUSINESS

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October 13, 2024, 9:00 - 10:15am

Hybrid: On Zoom & in-person.

AGENDA:

- Query – Faye Steacy
- Opening worship
- Review of agenda – Karen Lightner
- Corrections to the Minutes from the September 2024 Business Meeting
- Standing Nominating Committee – David Mettler
- Care & Visiting Committee – Peter Samuel
- Trustees – Bill Stassen
- Religious Life of the School – Maureen Carr
- Use of Rooms – Joanne Sharpless
- Announcements
- Closing Worship

(Attendees are welcome to attend business meeting. Please notify the clerk in advance if you wish to attend.)

MEETING NEWS & EVENTS

REMEMBERING BOB SEELEY

After a lifetime of working for peace beginning in the 1960's, Robert (Bob) A. Seeley died on Friday, October 4. His passion for Germantown, environmentally friendly green spaces, public transit, affordable housing, good writing, and the Phillies was undiminished. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Seeley, and his daughter Laura Seeley. Address: 141 W Harvey Street, Philadelphia, PA 19144.

- Read this beautiful tribute to Bob's life – [click here](#). ♦ See information below about Memorial service.

SAVE THE DATES – TWO MEMORIAL SERVICES: AARON WUNSCH & BOB SEELEY

- **Saturday, November 2, at 2:00pm:** Memorial service for Aaron Vickers Wunsch
 - At the Arch Street Meetinghouse. Music begins at 1:30pm
- **Saturday, November 16 at 2:00pm:** Memorial service: Robert Atkinson Seeley
 - At Germantown Friends Meeting & Zoom will be available.

NEWS OF DICK TAYLOR

Our member Richard (Dick) Taylor has been moved from Stapeley to hospice care at Keystone Care, which is a more manageable situation for Dick and his wife Phyllis, who lives at Stapeley and is spending most of her time with Dick. They would appreciate receiving cards (see *their addresses below*). Phyllis is setting up a visit schedule for people who have been long-time close friends or colleagues in peace work and other work with Dick. Otherwise, visits are limited. Please hold them in the Light.

- **Phyllis Taylor:** 6300 Greene Street W303, Philadelphia, PA 19144 ♦ email: rktbpt@me.com
- **Dick Taylor:** Keystone Care, 8765 Stenton Ave, Wyndmoor, PA 19038

ANTI-RACISM DISCUSSION GROUP - Tuesday, October 15, 7:00pm (on Zoom)

The October meeting of the Anti-Racism Discussion Group will be on Tuesday, October 15 at 7PM. We will be discussing the Presidential campaign and begin discussing the book *The White Bonus*. If you are interested in joining the group, please e-mail John Colgan-Davis (j.colgan-davis@att.net) and put "Anti-Racism Group" in the subject line.

WELCOME GFS FAMILIES TO GMM - Next Sunday, October 20

Next Sunday, October 20, our Meeting will host our annual "GFS WELCOME SUNDAY" for families, faculty & staff from Germantown Friends School. Every year, families are curious about the Quaker principles and practices underlying a GFS education, and this is their opportunity to learn more.

- **9:45 am** - We will greet interested families & gather to share something about how a Quaker Meeting works
- **10:30 am** - They will join us for Meeting for Worship. The children will go with ours to First Day School... and afterwards we will all socialize over refreshments and get acquainted.

This annual event has been a great success with both Germantown Friends School and our own Meeting community. Please come to welcome these Neighbors... let's have a big turnout to fill our meeting room with joy and inspiration!

SAVE THE DATE: Stephen Angell: George Fox, Economics and the Testimony Against War October 29, 7:00pm (on Zoom; stay tuned for the link)

- We will consider George Fox's life and witness in the context of the economic systems of his day and his and the Society of Friends' evolving testimonies against outward wars.
- Steve is the Leatherock Professor of Quaker studies at the Earlham School of Religion, he earned his PhD at Vanderbilt University. *And he is Sam Angell's brother!*

NEW GMM MEMBERS DINNER – New Members, please mark your calendars!

When & Where? The evening of **October 25th** at the Meeting House; more details to come

Hosted by the Care and Visiting Committee

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR DECEMBER REFRESHMENTS! 🍪☕

Thank you to all who have provided refreshments after worship in the past months and those who have volunteered for October and November! You have added so much to the fellowship of our community. We hope everyone will volunteer for this a couple of times a year. **Available dates needing Refreshments providers:**

- December 1 - December 8 - December 15 - December 29
- January 5 - January 12 - January 19 - January 26

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).

GERMANTOWN FRIENDS SCHOOL (GFS) NEWS & EVENTS

MERCER TATE '48 LECTURE FOR PUBLIC SERVICE: Friday, October 18, 10:15 - 11:00am

MATTHEW COUNTRYMAN - "The Arc of the Moral Universe: Reflections on the Long Movement for Racial Justice."

Countryman is the author of "*Up South: Civil Rights and Black Power in Philadelphia*." An Associate professor of Afroamerican and African Studies and of History at the University of Michigan, Countryman is a founding member of the Black Washtenaw County Collaboratory (BWC), a community-campus collaboration. **Register to watch the livestream - [click here](#).**

STUDENT QUERIES FOR NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY

The students of SAGA (Sexuality and Gender Alliance) created two queries for this week's Upper School Meeting for Worship to celebrate National Coming Out Day on October 11. The goal was to reflect on what it means to hide your true self and how scary it can be to come out, even to friends.

- *How do you care for yourself in spaces or times when you might not be able to bring your full identity to the table?*
- *How do you celebrate who you are with others versus yourself?*

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: Tuesday, 10/15, 10:20 - 11:00am (*switched to Tuesday because Monday is a holiday*)
- Upper School (US) Worship: Thursday, 10/17 10:10 - 11:00am

QUAKER NEWS, EVENTS, RESOURCES

PENDLE HILL READING GROUP WORSHIP SHARING - October 16, 7:00 - 8:30 ET (*on Zoom*)

Paul Buckley's "*Quaker Testimony: What We Witness to the World*"

Pendle Hill's Reading Group focuses on Pendle Hill pamphlets and other Quaker readings, gathering to consider queries about the reading in a spirit of worship sharing. This month the focus is on Paul Buckley's "*Quaker Testimony: What We Witness to the World*" (PHP #481), exploring how Friends can testify to the world in the present moment.

For info, Zoom link registration, and links to the Pendle Hill Pamphlet – [click here](#)

PHILADELPHIA QUARTERLY MEETING – SAVE THE DATE! October 27 (details TBA)

Hosted by Monthly Meeting of Arch Street ([320 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA](#))

- Morning worship, lunch & activities celebrating the Arch Street Meetinghouse's 220th anniversary: [more info](#)
- Business Meeting (*hybrid*) will begin at 2:45pm
- To register for the October Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting: [click here](#) (*Zoom link & agenda will be sent to registrants*)

APPLY FOR PENDLE HILL 2025 SPRING TERM RESIDENT STUDENT PROGRAM!

An on-campus resident student program for those seeking space and community in which to share the daily rhythm of learning, work, and worship. Attend for the first 2 weeks, the first 4 weeks, or all 10 weeks as you're led.

- DATES OF SPRING TERM: March 1 - May 10, 2025
- APPLICATION DUE DATE: Applications considered on a rolling basis - September 2024 through January 1, 2025.
- MORE INFORMATION & LINK TO APPLICATION: [Click here](#)
- Information Session about the program: October 21, 7:30pm [Click here for Zoom link](#)

PHILADELPHIA YEARLY MEETING (PYM)

- 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!

APPLY TO BECOME A POLL WORKER ON ELECTION DAY!

Ever wonder who those folks are at your local polling location on Election Day? That could be *you*!

For more information & to submit an Interest Form to be a Poll Worker on November 5th: [Click here](#)

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER FOR THE ELECTION *(thanks to Power Interfaith for this helpful list)*

- **October 21:** Last day to register to vote ([click here](#) for PA online voter registration)
- **October 29** at 5pm: Last day to request a mail-in ballot
- **Early voting:** You can request, receive, and vote with an early, in-person absentee or mail ballot at your County Elections Office through the 5pm October 29 deadline. Check here.
- **November 5:** Election Day!
- **Mail-in ballots** must be received by 8pm on Election Day. Postmarks will not be honored.

SAVE THE DATE: The Keystone to Preserving Democracy and Our Planet, October 21, 7:00pm

Join author, activist, and Third Act founder, Bill McKibben, Philadelphia Councilmember Nic O'Rourke, and experienced Pennsylvanians for an evening of discussion about our crucial role in the November election. For more, [click here](#)

Where? Arch Street Meetinghouse (320 Arch Street) - [Register here](#).

Following will be canvassing to get out climate voters with Environmental Voters Project on **October 22nd**. [Click here for more](#).

IN GERMANTOWN & NEARBY

SECOND SATURDAYS IN HISTORIC GERMANTOWN - Last one of 2024!

Join in every Second Saturday through October from 12 - 4 PM for an afternoon of FREE, family-friendly activities and museum tours throughout Historic Germantown! [Click here](#) for more information. A couple examples below -

Bird Watching at Stenton - October 12 at 10:00am

Get acquainted with the wildlife in Stenton's trees with In Color Birding Club (ICBC) - bring your own binoculars or ICBC will have some to use. More info [click here](#) Register/RSVP (free), [click here](#)

Crocktoberfest at Wyck - Saturday, October 12, 11:00am-12:30pm

Follow along with Philadelphia chef & educator April McGreger as she explores the nuances of fermentation, including why fall is so strongly associated with fermentation. To get (free) tickets, [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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