



Germantown Monthly Meeting

of the Religious Society of Friends

47 West Coulter Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19144 (215) 951 2235

THE FRIDAY BEE

October 4, 2024

SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

10:20am	Greeter	Jonathan Busser
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	Peter Samuel
11:45am	Refreshments	First Day School and John Hickey

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

TONIGHT! 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](#)** (partnership with GMM Outreach Committee)

REMEMBERING AARON WUNSCH

- A lovely obituary for Aaron Wunsch in the September 30 *Philadelphia Inquirer* - [click here](#)
- *Hidden City Philadelphia* posted a beautiful article about Aaron – *In Memoriam: Celebrating Aaron Wunsch, Champion of Historic Preservation*. To read it, [click here](#)

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).

GERMANTOWN FRIENDS SCHOOL (GFS) NEWS & EVENTS

ATTEND GFS MEETING FOR WORSHIP DURING THE WEEK

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

Schedule for upcoming week

- Lower School (LS) Worship: Thursday, 10/10, 9 - 9:30am
- Middle School (MS) Worship: Monday, 10/7, 10:20 - 11:00am
- Upper School (US) Worship: Thursday, 10/10 10:10 - 11:00am

QUAKER NEWS, EVENTS, RESOURCES

WORLD QUAKER DAY WITH PENDLE HILL - Sunday, October 6, 9:30 - 11:00 (on Zoom)

World Quaker Day, the first Sunday of October each year, celebrates being part of a global Quaker community. Join Friends after Pendle Hill's daily Zoom worship, as their new Friend in Residence, Jennifer Kavanagh, shares on the theme of "being now," reflecting on everyday life as worship, slowing down, and taking time out. For more information, [click here](#)

FGC GOVERNANCE GROUP - LISTENING SESSION (via Zoom) - Monday, October 7, 7:00pm

- **Who?** This is a session only for Adult Young Friends (18-36), Friends who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, Plus and Friends of Color. (Led by Friends General Conference (FGC) Working Group)
- **What?** An opportunity for these particular groups to hear about the proposed governance changes for FGC and provide feedback. Details & context [click here](#)
- **Goal?** Exploring and recommending systemic and structural changes to the organization of Friends General Conference (FGC), its governance, volunteerism, staff, and program systems so that the governance structure provides a solid, transparent foundation that empowers and enables the organization to better grow and to transform into an actively anti-racist faith community. **More background context, details, and Zoom link registration,** [click here](#)

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](#).

YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS FALL RETREAT (OCTOBER 18-20) – REGISTER NOW!

Fall gathering at West Chester Friends Meeting, centering ourselves on the theme of "Living Your Life as a Friend." Cooking meals together, sleeping on the floor of the Meeting House, and a sliding scale cost \$0-\$60!

- For more information, and Registration link, [click here](#)

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](#)

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

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

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!

GLOBAL DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE & ACTION - October 6, 7, 8

Join Prayers for Peace Alliance, Nonviolence International & partners in remembering & renouncing the violence that has impacted the Palestinian & Jewish communities. For more details, see attached flyer

- **October 6 - Solidarity Walk: Remembering the first 75 years of Nakba**
(4:00pm, Castor & Cottman Aves, Northeast Philadelphia)
- **October 7 - Memorial Vigil: Honoring the victims of October 7**
(6:00pm, Fairmount Water Works)
- **October 8 - Peace Action: End the Suffering (6:00pm, City Hall)**

JOIN POWER PHILLY GET OUT THE VOTE CANVASSES! - Sunday, October 6, 12:30 - 3:00pm

Join POWER Interfaith to knock doors, talk to folks in our community about the issues they care about, and encourage them to get out to vote in November. Door knocking & phone banking!

- **Where?** Meet 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.
- Sign up for door knocking or phone-banking: [click here](#)

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

FILM SCREENING AT WYCK - "Black Girl in Paris" - Tuesday, October 8, 6:00pm

Join the Young Friends of Wyck for an exclusive screening of the film *Black Girl in Paris*. The evening will feature a conversation with filmmaker Kiandra Parks, live typewriter poetry with Jade Flower Foster, and a pre-screening mixer. Food & drink are included with the ticket. This event will take place in Wyck's Educational Center. Please dress warmly.

➤ For tickets, [click here](#)

RESERVE A (free) SPOT FOR CROCKTOBERFEST AT WYCK Saturday, October 12, 11:00am-12:30pm

Join in for the final Second Saturday workshop of the year at Wyck, led by Philadelphia chef & educator April McGreger. Follow along with Chef 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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