

BYBERRY MONTHLY MEETING

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Tentative Reopening Plans: With great caution and discernment, we are (hoping) for resumption of onsite worship (in hybrid mode) on SEPTEMBER 13th. We fully recognize that not everyone is comfortable with being in groups, and many will continue to mask. Fortunately, with wi-fi in the meetinghouse, and our Owl, we will continue to have a presence on Zoom. This decision, of course, is fluid. Should the situation change, (whether within our community or CDC and Philadelphia D of Health guidance), we may alter the opening date. Watch this space, follow us on social media (FB, Instagram) and check emails. In the meantime, we are soooo looking forward to being back in community!

TIME, TALENT, TREASURE: HELEN FILE (devoted Friend to Byberry) —

We were reminded of this lovely tribute during our recent meetinghouse clean-up, (having been (mostly) out of the meetinghouse for the last 16 months). With this new feature of “Time, Talent, Treasure”, we want to honor someone who gave of all three, ever so willingly.

Dear F/friend, Helen File, dedicated her life to: family and F/friends, her heritage as a Byberry Walton and to being a Quaker. She gave MANY decades of service not only to Byberry, but Abington Quarter, Arch Street Meetinghouse and the Yearly Meeting. Her presence is still felt; her love for this community continues in her spirit; her detailed records are coming in handy as we look to future projects!



Reminder: We continue to meet in Zoom on Tues & Thurs @7PM, and Sun @ 10AM for M4W. Email us at ByberryQuakers@gmail.com for the Meeting ID and link.

“UNPLUG & RECHARGE”

Outdoors at Byberry Friends Meeting

Thurs, July 8th (6PM Dinner BYO*E)

7PM Worship

Weather Dependent & BYO*Everything (dinner, water, chair, napkins, etc)

Quaker Corner / Adult Discussion

The Seventh Query:

Grounding for Transformed Lives:
Peace & Alternatives to Violence

In Our Meeting:

- How do we help each other face conflicts with patience, forbearance and openness to healing?
- To what extent does our meeting ignore differences in order to avoid possible conflicts?
- What are we doing as Friends within our communities to: 1) Recognize and correct the causes of violence; 2) Understand the impact of the global military-industrial complex on all aspects of life? 3) Increase the understanding and use of alternatives to violence? 4) Work toward overcoming separations and restoring wholeness? 5) Support the constructive use of authority? 6) Promote the sustainability of the earth?

Personally:

- Do I “live in the virtue/power of that Life and Spirit that takes away the occasion of all wars”?
- How do I maintain Friends testimony that participation in war and its preparation is inconsistent with the teaching of Jesus?
- Do I treat personal conflict as opportunity for growth?
- How do I face my differences with others and reaffirm in action and attitude my love for those with whom I am in conflict?



CONGRATULATIONS!



What an exciting year for the Leeser Family!!!

MAJOR shout-out to Alexia! While there have been major challenges this year, clearly Lexie kept her “eye on the prize” as she graduated from Smith College with a Bachelor of Arts in Geosciences.

Well done, Lexie! We are excited to see what’s in-store (and hoping for a return to Philadelphia)!

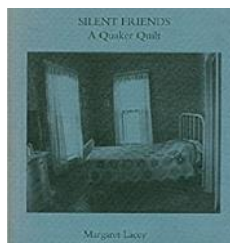
July Zoom Book Discussion:

“Silent Friends: A Quaker Quilt” by Margaret Lacey

Monday, July 12th at 7PM!

Request Meeting ID and Password at

ByberryQuakers@gmail.com



*** Save the Date * AQ Quarterly (08/01)**

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