

The Green Street Messenger



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First Day Meeting for Worship	10:30 AM
First Day School	10:30–11:15 AM
First Day Meeting for Worship at West Phila. Mtg.	10:30 PM
Wednesday morning Meeting for Worship	8:30–9:00 AM with GSFS
First Sunday evening Meeting for Worship	6:30–7:00 PM at Stapey Hall

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December 2017

Sunday, 3rd	9:30 AM Rise of Meeting 12:30 PM	Breakfast with a Friend - Anne Bayless & Dan McDevitt Coffee Hour - Susan Christian Care & Counsel Committee Meeting
Saturday, 9th	6:00 PM	Second Saturday Film & Discussion (See the About F/friends Section)
Sunday, 10th	9:15AM Rise of Meeting 12:30	Second Sunday Worship & Ministry (see below) Lunch - Gabbreell James & Margie Felton Monthly Meeting for Business (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)
Sunday, 17th	Rise of Meeting 12:30	Coffee Hour - VOLUNTEER NEEDED Monthly Meeting for Business
Sunday, 24th	10:00AM Rise of Meeting	Readings & Carols (See Below) Coffee Hour - VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Sunday, 31st	Rise of Meeting	Coffee Hour - JoAnn Seaver & Bill Van Stone

Draft Minutes of Monthly Meeting for Business Held Eleventh Month 19, 2017

At Green Street Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, held at 45 West School House Lane, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on Eleventh Month 19, 2017: Business Meeting convened at 12:45 PM in prayerful silence.

17-11-01 After a brief period of silent worship, the agenda was approved.

17-11-02 Interim Recording Clerk: Robert Dockhorn was appointed interim recording clerk for today's meeting.

17-11-03 Report of Head of Greene Street Friends School: Edward Marshall, Head of School, presented his annual report. The School opened with 318 students, the same number as last year, solidifying recent growth. The School has grown considerably in recent years. Students of color comprise 46% of the student body. There are 28 children of faculty and staff. The Germantown children (ZIP code 19144) number 64. Currently there are two Germantown Scholars and two Lenfest Scholars, who are on full scholarships. Otherwise, the maximum financial aid is 50% of tuition.

Ed answered questions raised at our Meeting last month. The racial makeup of students who left the school last year (Black 28%, Asian 2%, Latino 2%, Multiracial 17%, White 51%) was close to the makeup of the students that stayed. The racial makeup of workers on the building was widely varied among the different functions. For the makeup of the Board, of the 16 members there are eight women and eight men, and five people of color. For faculty salaries, we targeted the median for similar schools in our area and were within \$600.

17-11-04 Horizons: Ed introduced Lehla Olson, director of the summer Horizons Program, to give a report. This is the second summer, so we have kindergartners and 1st-graders, as we add a grade each year. It is a full day program, aimed at countering summer slide and fewer resources at home. Not just a camp. Learning centers, stations, specials, assemblies. Lehla distributed a handout describing a variety of activities and supports for students and empowering families to expect growth. The ideal is to match the achievements of GSFS students. A strong feature is the almost daily swim program. Trust is achieved with families through involvement in activities. Lehla is frequently in touch with parents on the phone. Families are brought back periodically during the other seasons of the year. The GSFS life skills program is used, providing socio-emotional learning. For instance, students come to understand that they can be excited and angry at the same time. It was noted that Wister, formerly a district school, is now a charter school, and the program has continued despite the transition.

Lehla also reported on the identity programming that occurs at Greene Street Friends during the school year. There is much work on gender and racial issues. Racial affinity groups are used, followed by coming back together with the whole community. Each week they reassess results and make course corrections.

Academically, students at Greene Street Friends test slightly above the norm, with no drilling for tests. Grammar and spelling are areas where they want to grow the program.

The Meeting thanked Ed and Lehla warmly for their presentations, with a comment that we feel fortunate to have Lehla involved, both in Horizons and as the School's learning specialist.

Clerk: JoAnn Seaver

Interim Recording Clerk: Robert Dockhorn

In attendance: Anthony DiGiovanni, Russell Endo, Rebecca Grant, Victoria Greene, Nicolina Hansen-Neff, Mychelle James, David La Fontaine, Ed Marshall, Chris Mohr, Robin Mohr, Lehla Olson, Marille Thomas, William Van Stone, Margaret Walters, Margaret Wood

Upcoming Events for F/friends

Extended Meeting for Worship, Saturday, December 2nd, 9:15 AM-3:15PM, Green Street Monthly Meeting

Need a spiritual boost? Feeling drained or weary? Try extended worship as way to feel spiritually renewed, and reconnected with the spirit of the Divine. Most newcomers to extended worship are surprised at how quickly time passes, and are surprised about how refreshed they feel. All are welcome.

Lola Georg, lolageorg@gmail.com

E.M.I.R Benefit Concert. Friday, December 8th, 6:00 PM Venice Island Performing Arts Center, Manayunk

Founded by Green Street Monthly Meeting member Victoria Greene to aid families who have lost a loved one, especially a child, to murder, E.M.I.R., will be hosting their annual fundraiser with a wonderful line up of artists featuring the fabulous [Serena Sol Brown](#). We'll be at the [Venice Island Performing Arts Center](#) in Manayunk on Friday evening, December 8th. There is a VIP reception starting at 6 pm, doors open at 7 pm, and the concert starts at 8 pm. [Donations for the concert](#) start at \$75, or if you would like to attend the VIP reception, donations are \$125. If for some reason you can't attend the concert this year, you can always [donate one or more tickets](#) to a family.

GSFS Parents' Association Pancake Breakfast, Saturday, December 9th, 8:30-10:30 AM Dining Room

Do you like pancakes? Do you like helping out Greene Street Friends families? If you answered, "Yes" to any or all of the above, we're hoping to see you in the Meetinghouse dining area for the Parents' Association annual pancake breakfast fundraiser. It's all-you-can-eat with as many pancake varieties as you can possibly imagine. We'll also be offering breakfast meats - turkey and veggie sausage - as well as a choice of beverage to make it a complete breakfast. All GSFS families, friends, and community members who are interested in our school are welcome to attend. Cost is \$10 for adults ages 13 and older, \$5 for children ages 5 to 12. Kids 4 and under are free.

Documentaries and Discussion Series, Saturday, December 9th, 6:00 PM * GSFS * CHANGE OF LOCATION

The Bail

The money bail system is broken: private companies achieve exorbitant profits by scavenging off of communities (primarily of color) living in poverty. Low-income Americans are sitting in jails for days, months, and even years for the most minor of infractions simply because they can't afford to pay high bond amounts. The reality is that the majority of people in jails – over 70% - are there for one simple reason: their income status. This is both morally and legally wrong.

Guest speaker: Oliver Inslee, Esq., Defense Attorney

Free refreshments will be served from 5:30 PM. Free childcare and parking is available. The event itself is also free. Just this month we will meet in the common room of Hargrove House 61 West School House Lane on the GSFS campus so the Horizons Program can host their Winter Gathering in the Dining Room.

Second Sunday With Worship and Ministry, Sunday, December 10th, 9:15 AM Green Street Monthly Meeting

Join Lucy Duncan as she presents on her recent trip to Palestine and Gaza. Learn about daily life in Gaza, the impacts of the blockade, the state of activism in Palestine and Israel, how US citizens are implicated, and what you can do, like supporting AFSC's #GazaUnlocked campaign or the new legislation proposed to protect Palestinian children from arrest, torture, and abuse that was supported by AFSC's No Way to Treat a Child campaign. Lucy will share photos and stories, come learn!

Christmas Play, Sunday December 17th, 10:30 AM

Readings and Caroling, Sunday, December 24th, 10:00 AM Green Street Monthly Meeting

Half an hour of Readings and Carols will precede an expectant (unprogrammed) Meeting for Worship today. All ages and visitors warmly welcome.



The Twelfth Query on Stewardship of Resources

What does our Meeting understand to be the meaning and implication of our testimonies on simplicity and integrity?

How do our Meeting's actions demonstrate this understanding?

As a Meeting, what are we doing to encourage members to embody integrity and simplicity in their everyday lives?

How do I strive to maintain the integrity of my inner and outer lives—in my spiritual journey, my work, and my family responsibilities? How do I manage my commitments so that over commitment, worry, and stress do not diminish my integrity?

Am I temperate in all things? Am I open to counsel and advice on overindulgence and addictive behavior, such as gambling? Do I take seriously the hazards associated with addictive and mood-altering substances?

Am I careful to speak truth as I know it and am I open to truth spoken to me? Am I mindful that judicial oaths imply a double standard of truth?

Do I refrain from membership in organizations whose purposes and methods compromise our testimonies?



News and Announcements

Hospitality Request

Peggy Worthington reminds everyone the hospitality schedule for 2018 will be sent out soon and volunteers are needed for every Sunday from January through June.

From the Budget Committee:

Dear Members and Attenders,

Appeal letters have been sent and we hope you will contribute to our Meeting's costs in operations. Doing so helps to sustain the operations that provides for our community of spiritual giving and caring. Thank you!

How to Make a Contribution to Green Street Meeting

Choose the method that is easiest for you!

1. By check, payable to Green Street Monthly Meeting. Place the check in the contribution box at the back of the meeting room OR mail it to: 45 W School House Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19144.

If you “write” checks online, please consider setting up an automatic monthly contribution.

2. By Cash – put cash in the donation box in the back of the meeting room.

We would like to thank you, so please consider including a note with your name and address.

3. By Credit Card

- Go to <http://www.pym.org/supporting-pym>

- Click the green GIVE ONLINE button.

- Go to the “Monthly Meeting or Quarterly Meeting Contribution Section” and enter the amount of today’s gift

- Choose the “Recurring Frequency” (e.g., a one-time gift, monthly, quarterly)

- Select “Green Street” in the drop down list of meetings

Parents of Kids in a Friends school or college? LISTEN UP!

Deadline January 25, 2018

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) offers Applications for Tuition Aid for Friends Children in Friends Schools now. Families usually begin the application process in November. Please complete the form, ensure that our meeting receives it by our January 25, 2018 deadline, and ensure that the forms arrive at your school before the school’s deadline. Application forms and instructions are online at www.FriendsEducationFund.org. Families and meetings with questions may contact Zachary Dutton, Associate Secretary for Program & Religious Life at 215-241-7008 or zdutton@pym.org. Please send the forms for signature to Bill Van Stone, the clerk of Green Street Meeting’s Educational Assistance Committee at wvsdc@aol.com or 625 Burnham Road, Philadelphia, PA 19119, before Wednesday, January 25th, 2018.

Green Street Monthly Meeting also offers assistance to all members who need (additional) financial aid from the Meeting to send their child to a Friends school, college, or a school for special education. Families interested should send a letter addressed to the Educational Assistance Committee with their request, name of parent(s) and child, 2018-19 grade of the child and name of the school to Bill Van Stone, Clerk of our Educational Assistance Committee. The deadline is January 25, 2018. College students are expected to submit their applications themselves. If you have questions call Bill Van Stone at 215 438 6106 or email him at wvsdc@aol.com.

Additional Worship opportunities

Friends now meet on Wednesdays from 6-6:45 *PM* at the Arch Street meetinghouse for Midweek worship. Please note the change in time.

First Sundays of the month at Stapley - 6:30 PM

EQAT Fundraising Event

Come enjoy a yoga class fundraiser for Earth Quaker Action Team (EQAT) led by Katy Hawkins of Shiné Yoga! Sunday, December 3rd, 7-8:30 PM at Chestnut Hill Meeting. Suggested donation: \$15+, but all are welcome. All donations to EQAT are tax deductible. RSVP and find details about this and our other activities at eqat.org/events

