



Kennett Friends Meeting - Monthly Newsletter  
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Thursday, Jan. 30	7:00 PM - Meeting for Worship for Peace <i>(see flyer below)</i>
Saturday, Feb. 1	8:00 AM - Men's Breakfast at the Market at Liberty Place
Sunday, Feb.2	9:30 AM - Adult discussion of the second query, Deepening our Faith: Meeting for Business 11:00 AM - Family Sunday Meeting for Worship <i>(childcare will be available)</i> Refreshments provided by Tish & Eliot Dalton, Robin and Dave Harper, Cathy DeGezelle, and Bill Iliff
Thursday, Feb. 6	7:00 PM - Meeting for Worship for Peace <i>(see flyer below)</i>
Sunday, Feb. 9	9:30 AM - Meeting for Business 11:00 AM - Meeting for Worship <i>(childcare will be available)</i>
Thursday, Feb. 13	7:00 PM - Meeting for Worship for Peace <i>(see flyer below)</i>
Sunday, Feb. 16	9:30 AM - Song sharing hosted by Jessie Cocks 11:00 AM - Meeting for Worship <i>(childcare will be available)</i> 12:00 PM - Chili brunch (welcome new members!)
Wednesday, Feb. 19	7:00 PM - Spirituality Book Discussion in-person and on <a href="#">Zoom</a> (chapters 4 & 5 of <i>The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe</i> by Richard Rohr and Gospel of Thomas sayings)

Thursday, Feb. 20	7:00 PM - Meeting for Worship for Peace ( <i>see flyer below</i> )
Sunday, Feb. 23	9:30 AM - Presentation from Ainsley Bruton, AFSC's Quaker Engagement Coordinator ( <i>more information below</i> ) 11:00 AM - Meeting for Worship ( <i>childcare will be available</i> )
Thursday, Feb. 27	7:00 PM - Meeting for Worship for Peace ( <i>see flyer below</i> )

## **Through February, Irene Miller will be on the facing bench**

**January greeters** are to be decided

## **Second Query**

Deepening Our Faith: Meeting for Business

- Meeting Queries:
  - Deepening Our Faith: Meeting for Business
  - Is our meeting for business held in worship in which we seek divine guidance?
  - How do we sustain prayerful consideration of all aspects of an issue and address difficult problems with a search for truth that is unhurried by the pressures of time?
  - Do we recognize that we speak through our inaction as well as our action?
- Individual queries:
  - Do I regularly attend meeting for business? If unable to attend, how do I fulfill the responsibility to understand and embrace the decisions made?
  - How do I affirm and support God's presence in the process of discernment and reaching a decision?
  - Do I remain open to personal transformation as the community arrives at the sense of the meeting?

## **Sunday, February 23 presentation from Ainsley Bruton**

Join us on Sunday, February 23rd for a presentation by Ainsley Bruton (they/them), AFSC's Quaker Engagement Coordinator, about AFSC's work to promote peace and justice around the world. Ainsley will share with us some information about AFSC's food justice activism, efforts to de-militarize police forces, peacemaking in the Middle

East, AFSC's social change leadership program for young adults, and more. Ainsley will also be connecting with Friends to learn more about peace and justice work being done at Kennett Friends Meeting.

As the Quaker Engagement Coordinator, Ainsley works to build and maintain relationships with Friends, Meetings & Churches, and Quaker organizations. They manage the AFSC liaison program and write the monthly Acting in Faith newsletter. They facilitate and coordinate staff presence at Yearly Meetings and support staff in Quaker engagement.

Ainsley is passionate about working with Friends of all experiences to create and sustain communities united in shared values of peace and justice. Ainsley's educational background is in Fine Arts, and they are also deeply invested in the intersections of visual culture and social justice movements.

### **East Linden Christmas Fund update**

In December, we continued our East Linden Neighborhood Holiday Fund used to purchase gift cards that local families can use to buy gifts, food, and/or any other necessities for the holidays. The 30 families and 68 children that received gifts were identified by neighbors and KFM members, LaToya and Payton, who exchanged the gifts door-to-door without fanfare or expectations.

We are collecting donations towards this fund throughout the year to cover expenses for both 2024 and start saving towards 2025! If there are any questions, please reply to this email.

### **Spirituality Book Discussion from Barbara Clarke**

In 2025, Spirituality Group will begin to meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Stay tuned to monthly and weekly emails for updates on readings.

We are currently reading *The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe* by Richard Rohr. The February meeting will

go over chapters 4 and 5. Plus, we will ponder on the next 7 sayings in the Gospel of Thomas. All are welcome to attend!

We will gather around the big screen to include Zoom participants.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86739314909?pwd=QnJmUWxWQ2ZPVzRkQ3M2YkIDRWp2QT09>

Meeting ID: 867 3931 4909 - Passcode: 391875

**Flyers and further info**

## **Family/First Sunday Refreshments- Monthly List**

Members listed first are **bold** and are the coordinators. Each month's team is responsible for food, refreshments, set-up and clean-up.

**September: Carol Lorah Bland**, Jessie Cocks, Michele and Paul Scheibe

**October: Laura MacKelcan**, Margaret Moore, Barbara McPherson

**November: Elaine Amoss**, Andrea Puskar, Thomas and Betsy Newville

**December: Erin Witmer** and **Brad Yuska**, Dave Tennent, Linda Traver

**January: Debby Brumbaugh**, Sarah Kastriner, Dave and Sam Parks

**February: Tish and Eliot Dalton**, Robin and Dave Harper, Cathy DeGezelle, Bill Iliff

**March: Lars Farmer**, Barbara and Steven Clarke, Tony Brooks

**April: Tammy Yost & Karen Kelly**, Edie Burkey, LaToya Meyers, Jim and

Chris Kimmel

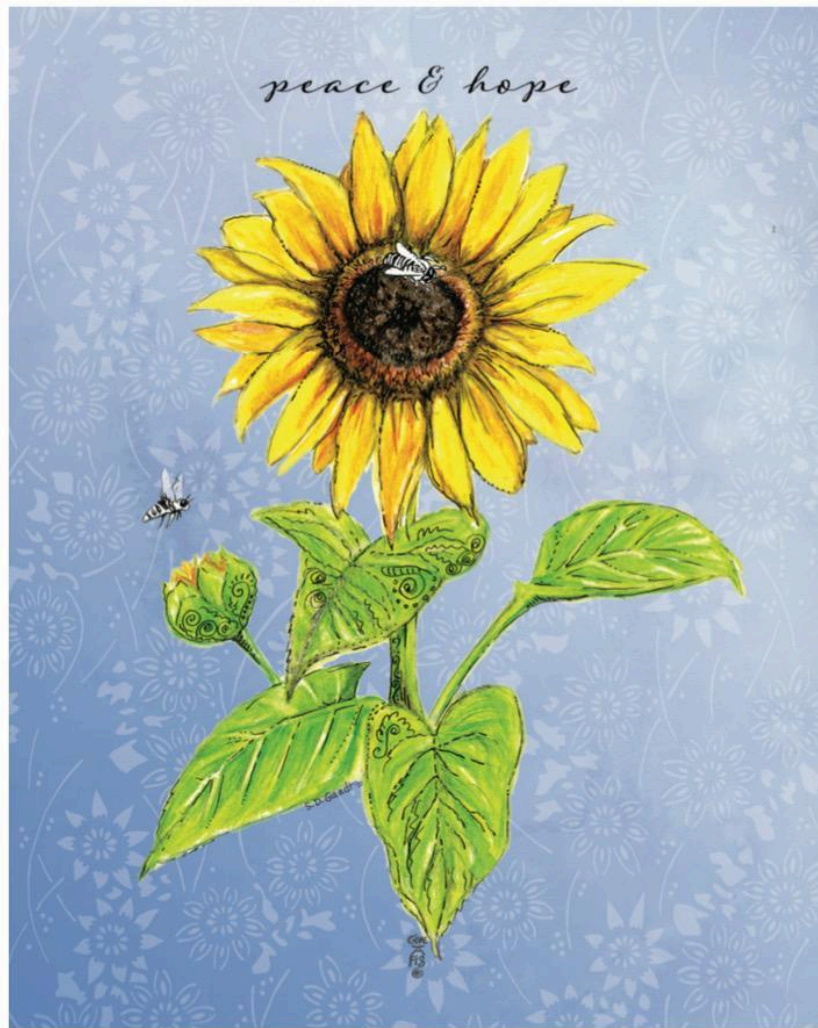
**May: Kathy Taylor**, Jim Nelson, Mary Claire and Scudder Stevens

**June: Covered Dish Picnic:** Renee Bowers & Aaron Fichtelberg, Becka & Henry Schlimme (responsible for desserts and refreshments)

**July & August:** No planned Family Sunday refreshments. All are free to bring something if you are so moved.

Remember there are refreshments on the last Sunday in June, July & August at

OLD KENNETT MEETING ~ 9AM Meeting for Worship



# KENNETT FRIENDS MEETING

**7PM every Thursday**

125 W Sickle Street  
Kennett Square, PA 19348  
7-8PM  
KennettFriends.org

The Worship Room at Kennett Friends Meeting will be open from 7-8PM for a Community gathering for Meeting for Worship for Peace in the manner of Friends.

Come join us in shared time together for reflection on peace for the world community, aligning with a higher consciousness for the greater good.

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She's donating all profits from sales of this fine-art print available at <https://gaadt.com>.  
Order by 3/25/22

Thank you for reading the newsletter! If you have anything you would like included in future newsletters, please call, text, email, or grab coffee with Selina Toedter at

484-631-5028 and [coordinator@kennettfriends.org](mailto:coordinator@kennettfriends.org)

*Love is the will to nurture life and growth in oneself and in another... Love is personal; it is the sacred trust of living things. Likewise, love is neither need nor dependency. 'I need you' is not the same as 'I love you'. Need as the basis of a relationship may lead one person to suffocate another through demands. Need may drive me to manipulate, intimidate, or coerce you into fulfilling me.*

*Love is so vastly different! It is freeing; it acknowledges the separateness of the beloved. It treasures the unique otherness of the beloved that is each one's contribution to the relationship. Love calls for submission and sacrifice. It does not seek to possess, but rather to empty itself in nurture of the loved one.*

~ Donald A Green, 1982

