

# March Newsletter



Kennett Friends Meeting - Monthly Newsletter  
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Thursday, Feb. 27	7:00 PM - Meeting for Worship for Peace ( <i>see flyer below</i> )
Saturday, Mar. 1	8:00 AM - Men's Breakfast at the Market at Liberty Place
Sunday, Mar. 2	9:00 AM - Discussion of the Third Query facilitated by Jessie Cocks ( <i><u>The Fairville Friends Pancake breakfast has been moved to April 6th</u></i> ) 11:00 AM - Meeting for Worship ( <i>childcare will be available</i> )
Thursday, Mar. 6	7:00 PM - Meeting for Worship for Peace ( <i>see flyer below</i> )
Sunday, Mar. 9	<i>*Daylight Savings Time Starts*</i> <b>9:00 AM - New time</b> Meeting for Business 11:00 AM - Meeting for Worship ( <i>childcare will be available</i> )
Thursday, Mar. 13	7:00 PM - Meeting for Worship for Peace ( <i>see flyer below</i> )
Sunday, Mar. 16	9:30 AM - Retreat theme and topic discussion ( <i>see list of ideas below</i> ) 11:00 AM - Meeting for Worship ( <i>childcare will be available</i> )
Wednesday, Mar. 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, Mar. 20	7:00 PM - Meeting for Worship for Peace <i>(see flyer below)</i>
Sunday, Mar. 23	9:30 AM - Song sharing hosted by Tony Brooks 11:00 AM - Meeting for Worship <i>(childcare will be available)</i>
Thursday, Mar. 27	7:00 PM - Meeting for Worship for Peace <i>(see flyer below)</i>
Saturday, Mar. 29	3:00 - 6:00 PM - <a href="#">PYM Family Meetup</a> at West Chester Friends Meeting
Sunday, Mar. 30	9:30 AM - Adult discussion - Discernment about Technology and technology tour with Selina Toedter 11:00 AM - Meeting for Worship <i>(childcare will be available)</i>
Thursday, Apr. 3	7:00 PM - Meeting for Worship for Peace <i>(see flyer below)</i>
Sunday, Apr. 6	9:30 AM - <b>New date</b> Fairville Friends Pancake breakfast 11:00 AM - Meeting for Worship <i>(childcare will be available)</i>

- ◆ Through February, Dave Park will be on the facing bench
- ◆ March greeters are Kathy, Laura & Eliot

### **Deepening Our Faith: Spiritual Nurture**

- How does the meeting encourage the use of spiritual practices that deepen our faith, enhance the excitement of shared religious discovery and increase the possibility of spiritual transformation?
- What is the nature of our shared experience of the Divine and how do we nurture our collective spiritual growth and transformation?
- In what ways do we support each other in our spiritual journeys, in our search for God's will and in our efforts to increase understanding of humanity's relationship to life on earth?
- How do we recognize, develop and nurture the spiritual gifts of all in our meeting?
- *How do I incorporate into my personal and family life those daily practices that focus on continued spiritual growth, including worship, reflection and engagement with writings that nurture the soul?*

- *How does my spiritual life integrate an understanding of a well-ordered relationship with the earth and deepen my reverence for the interconnectedness of all life?*

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

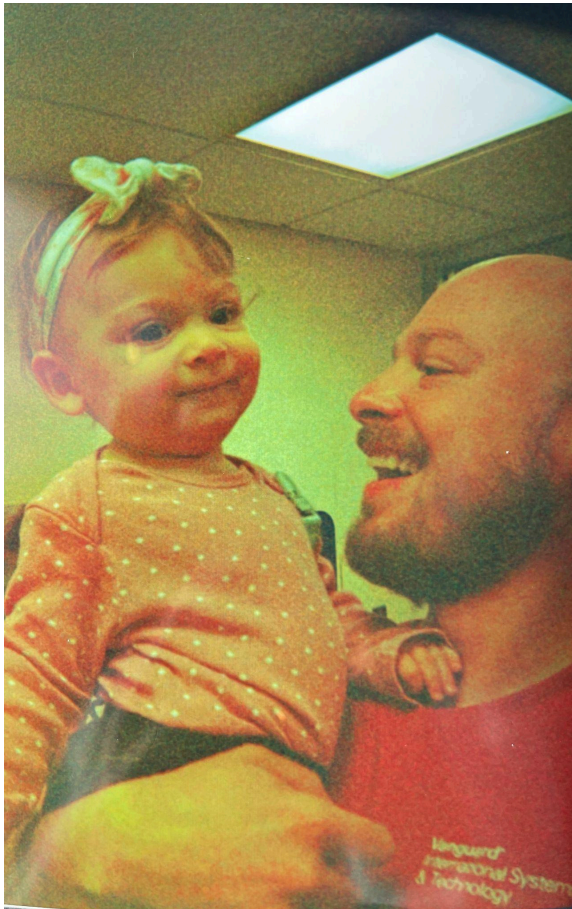
In 2025, Spirituality Group will meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Stay tuned to monthly and weekly emails for updates on readings.

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 6 and 7. 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



### **Introducing Friends: new member Tony Brooks**

1. What's something surprising about you that people wouldn't guess right away?

*I was a practicing DJ for roughly 12 years and have ~3,500 albums*

2. What's your favorite way to find a moment of peace during a busy day?

*Closing my eyes, taking a deep breath, and focusing on the light within - or stepping outside to appreciate nature.*

3. What's one thing you love about the Kennett Friends community?

*I suppose it's the diversity in personality and robust ability to discuss dense topics respectfully.*

4. What's something you're looking forward to doing as part of the Meeting community?

*Contributing to the BQCC for Fairville Friends School!!*

5. What's a piece of wisdom you've heard (from a Friend or otherwise) that has stuck with you?

*'What I know is, God exists within each of us - and, all we have to do is listen'  
- Maceo Davis*

**Retreat themes** for discernment in 9:30AM Adult Discussion on 3/16

1. Reflections and Changing Direction
2. Nourishing Peace through Understanding
3. In Honor Preferring One Another
4. Honoring the Spirit Within
5. They, That Have Ears to Hear, Let Them Hear
6. Holding Tenderness is called Strength
7. Life is a Series of Surprises
8. Let us be Silent, so we can Hear the Whisper of God

**Notes from AFSC's Coordinator, Ainsley Bruton**

It was so lovely to meet you yesterday and speak with Kennett Friends about the work being done at AFSC. Thank you so much for having me! I wanted to follow up and share the links I talked about in the presentation along with the slides, so that you can share them with anyone who is interested.

Best,

Ainsley

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- Slides from Presentation:  
[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1hs\\_HrVULbWCDrkplxm-mr8iFphW9wSFY/edit?usp=sharing&oid=107106966512251315790&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1hs_HrVULbWCDrkplxm-mr8iFphW9wSFY/edit?usp=sharing&oid=107106966512251315790&rtpof=true&sd=true)
- Migration justice yard sign order form: [afsc.org/migration-signs](https://afsc.org/migration-signs)
- Investigate divestment tool: <https://investigate.afsc.org/>

- Think Twice Campaign: <https://afsc.org/thinktwice>
- Lifelines: Aid Workers in Gaza film: <https://afsc.org/lifelines>
- Joint statement: A different future is possible: Quaker organizations share a vision for peace in Palestine and Israel:  
<https://afsc.org/newsroom/different-future-possible-quaker-organizations-share-vision-peace-palestine-and-israel>
- Meeting for Worship with attention to Peace (Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. ET):  
<https://afsc.org/events/meeting-worship-attention-peace>
- Action hour for Palestine (Fridays at 12 p.m. ET): <https://afsc.org/actionhour>
- Gaza weekly updates: <https://gazaunlocked.org/weekly-updates-gaza>
- Apartheid-free Coalition: <https://apartheid-free.org/>
- Protect, Resist, and Build webinar series (third Tuesday of the month at 8 p.m. ET):<https://www.mobilize.us/afsc/event/746944/>
- Become an AFSC Liaison: <https://afsc.org/become-afsc-liaison>

### Call for kitchen donations

House and Property has found we are in need of a few kitchen items. Please see if you have an extra of any of the below to donate. Thank you!

- ~~Salad Spinner~~ Thank you to Mark Ungemach for the donation!
- Knife Sharpener
- Grater

**PYM's Spring Continuing Sessions will be hosted by London Grove Meeting on Saturday, March 8th.** gatherings invite us to come together as a Body, recognizing the vital role each Friend plays in our shared spirit together. For full information and to register, please visit the link here:

<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/PYMEvents/event/springcontinuingssessions2025/>

### Samuel Martin Fund Application 2025-2026 School Year

The Education Committee awards grants from the Samuel Martin Fund to assist with the cost of attendance in a Pre-School through Grade 12 program in a Quaker School. Anyone receiving financial aid from the school may apply, however, priority is given to active Kennett Monthly Meeting members and attenders. The amount awarded varies based on the amount of funds available, the need demonstrated, and the number of applications received in any given year. **Applications should be submitted by March 15** for the following academic year. For more information and to view the application, please visit [kennettfriends.org/samuel-martin-fund](http://kennettfriends.org/samuel-martin-fund)

Flyers and further info

## Going My Way

sponsored by the Concord Quarter Working Group on Aging Concerns

**Wednesday, March 19, 2025**



**Options for Our Bodies at the End of Life**  
Part 1

7:00 to 8:30 PM,  
On-Line via  
ZOOM

End of life decisions involve not only getting our financial and familial affairs in order but also considerations on where we would like our bodily remains to end up. Matthew Genereux is the Funeral Director of the Longwood Funeral Home in Kennett Square. He attended the University of Delaware and Catonsville Mortuary School, where he earned his degree in Funeral Service Proficiency enabling him to become a licensed funeral director with federal jurisdiction. For 20 years, Matthew's funeral service experience includes serving his own client families and services to other local area funeral homes throughout the nation.

Matthew will be our featured speaker on this Zoom session where he'll discuss what we should know about the timeline for our bodies after death and three funeral options: Traditional burial, cremation, and green burial. Time for questions will be provided.

This will be part one of a two part series. Part two will be a presentation on body donation, organ donation and human composting, scheduled for March 26.

To register for the presentation so you receive the Zoom link please go to:

<https://concordquarter.org/aging-concerns/2025/end-of-life-options>

For more info email [concordquarter@pym.org](mailto:concordquarter@pym.org)

Part 2 in this series on March 26 will be at 7 pm on Zoom

## **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

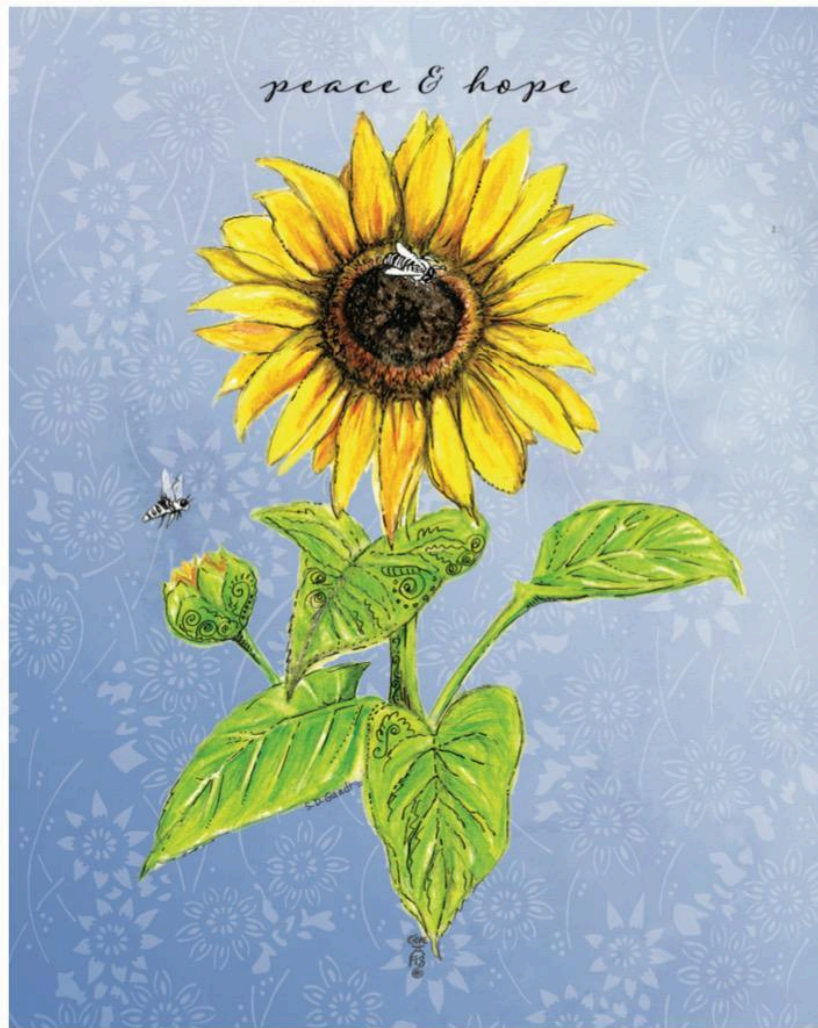
**May: Kathy Taylor**, Jim Nelson, Mary Claire and Scudder Stevens

**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.

Image used with permission from artist, Suzanne Gaadt.

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)

## ***The Negro Speaks of Rivers***

*By Langston Hughes*

*I've known rivers:*

*I've known rivers ancient as the world and older than the flow of human blood in human veins.*

*My soul has grown deep like the rivers.*

*I bathed in the Euphrates when dawns were young.*

*I built my hut near the Congo and it lulled me to sleep.*

*I looked upon the Nile and raised the pyramids above it.*

*I heard the singing of the Mississippi when Abe Lincoln went down to New Orleans, and I've  
seen its muddy bosom turn all golden in the sunset.*

*I've known rivers:*

*Ancient, dusky rivers.*

*My soul has grown deep like the rivers.*

