



Kennett Friends Meeting - Monthly Newsletter
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Thursday, July 3	7:00 PM - Meeting for Worship for Peace (<i>see flyer below</i>)
Saturday, July 5	8:00 AM - Men's breakfast at Liberty Place Market, Kennett Square
Sunday, July 6	11:00 AM - Family Sunday Meeting for Worship (<i>Sarah and Marykate will be providing childcare</i>) 12:00 PM - Refreshments TBD 1:00 PM - Women's fiber arts group (in the library)
Thursday, July 10	7:00 PM - Meeting for Worship for Peace (<i>see flyer below</i>)
Sunday, July 13	9:00 AM - Meeting for Business (new time as of March) 11:00 AM - Meeting for Worship (<i>Sarah will be providing childcare</i>) 12:00 PM - Refreshments provided by Mary Claire and Scudder Stevens and helpers
Wednesday, July 16	7:00 PM - Spirituality Book Discussion in-person and on Zoom (currently reading <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, July 17	7:00 PM - Meeting for Worship for Peace (<i>see flyer below</i>)

Saturday July 19	11:00 to 4:00PM - Rescheduled Juneteenth Jubilee at the Kennett Library
Sunday, July 20	8:30 AM - Western Quarter Meeting for Business at Centre Friends Meeting Schoolhouse and via Zoom (see flyer below) 11:00 AM - Meeting for Worship (Sarah will be providing childcare) 12:00 PM - Refreshments TBD
Wednesday, July 23	PYM Annual Sessions July 23-27 via Zoom and at Cheyney University's campus
Thursday, July 24	5:30 PM - Third Thursdays on State Street 7:00 PM - Meeting for Worship for Peace (see flyer below)
Sunday, July 27	9:00 AM - Meeting for Worship at Old Kennett Meetinghouse (Sarah will be providing childcare) 10:00 AM - Refreshments on the picnic tables
Thursday, July 31	7:00 PM - Meeting for Worship for Peace (see flyer below)
Saturday, August 2	8:00 AM - Men's breakfast at Liberty Place Market, Kennett Square
Sunday, August 3	11:00 AM - Meeting for Worship (Sarah and Marykate will be providing childcare) 12:00 PM - Refreshments TBD

- ◆ Through July, Selina Toedter will be on the facing bench
- ◆ July greeters are Laura MacKelcan and Eliot Dalton

Seventh Query

Grounding for Transformed Lives: Peace and Alternatives to Violence

- How do we help each other face conflicts with patience, forbearance, & openness to healing?
- To what extent does our meeting ignore differences in order to avoid possible conflicts?
- What are we doing as a Friends meeting within our communities:
 - To recognize and correct the causes of violence?

- To understand the impact of the global military-industrial complex on all aspects of life?
 - To increase the understanding and use of alternatives to violence?
 - To work toward overcoming separations and restoring wholeness?
 - To support the constructive use of authority?
 - To promote the sustainability of the earth?
- *Do I “live in the virtue [power] of that Life and Spirit that took [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 an 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?*

SAVE THE DATE for our 2026 Retreat at Pendle Hill

Pendle Hill, located at 338 Plush Mill Road, Wallingford, PA., 19086-6023, will be hosting KFM for a retreat from **February 27-March 1, 2026**. We’ll be at Brinton House on the Pendle Hill campus with facilitator [Valerie Brown, JD, MA, PCC](#), an author, Buddhist-Quaker Dharma teacher, facilitator, and executive coach specializing in leadership development and mindfulness practices with a focus on diversity, social equity, and inclusion. [If you know you will be attending, please RSVP to Coordinator Selina Toedter.](#)

PYM annual sessions

[Philadelphia Yearly Meeting’s Annual Sessions](#) will take place from **Wednesday, July 23 – Sunday, July 27 at Cheyney University’s campus**, offering a space for Friends to worship in community and practice our faith. The theme of sessions, Members One of Another, reminds us that our faith is not just about the places we meet, but the relationships we build, nourish, and support.

The question “How are we called to create safe space for people affected by the changes in our nation?” was included on the agenda for Spring Continuing Sessions, but time did not allow for it to be addressed. This topic will now be taken up as an item at Annual Sessions.

Registration for Annual Sessions will open in the coming weeks, for more information on Annual Sessions, please contact Tara Rubinstein, at trubinstein@pym.org or at (215) 241-7228.

Eagle Scout project completed at Old Kennett Friends

Harrison Braithwaite, a senior at Unionville High School and Boy Scout in Troop 916 of Chadds Ford, finished his Eagle Scout project today at the Old Kennett Cemetery. Harrison organized the cleaning and straightening of gravestones in the State Street Meetinghouse Garden area of the graveyard.

The State Street Meetinghouse Garden area of the graveyard was established when Kennett Friends Meeting built the Sickle Street Meetinghouse at Sickle and Union Streets in 1960. At that time the State Street Meetinghouse, which stood where the Post Office stands today, was too small for the congregation. It was sold to the Kennett Borough for \$10 and most of the graves were moved to Old Kennett cemetery in 1960. Later, in 2002 the remainder of the graves on State Street were moved to the State Street Garden area.

Harrison organized the cleaning and straightening of the 60 graves in that area as well as cleaning the monument that was erected at the burial site of the unknown Hessian soldiers that were buried after the Battle of the Brandywine in September 1777 at Old Kennett.

It's with great pleasure that I announce the completion of Harry's project. I appreciate Harry's dedication to this project and his leadership ability to manage the project all the way through. Thanks also goes to the volunteers that worked hard to complete the project today.

Please see the attached before and after photos of the work that was done and make it a point to get up there and visit the beautiful old Kennett Cemetery.

Very respectfully,

Lars Farmer



Chester County 2026 Historical Celebrations

Chester County will be hosting plenty of celebrations and activities as part of the 250th anniversary of America in. Barbara McPherson has added Old Kennett Meeting's special events to a planning document [which can be found here](#). Please reach out to Barbara with any questions or to get more involved!

Spirituality Book Discussion from Barbara Clarke

Spirituality Group will meet on July 16th at 7:00 PM. We are currently reading The Universal Christ book by Richard Rohr, Chapters 8 (Doing and Saying) & 9 (Things and Their Depth). Plus ponder on the next 6 sayings in the Gospel of Thomas (101-106) 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

**19th
JULY**

**CELEBRATE FREEDOM WITH
US AT KENNETT LIBRARY IN
KENNETT SQUARE!**

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**KENNETT LIBRARY
320 E STATE STREET,
KENNETT SQUARE, PA
11 AM TO 4 PM**



Centre Monthly Meeting welcomes
Concord and Western Quarterly Meetings
Sunday, July 20, 2025
at Centre Friends Meeting
311 Centre Meeting Rd, Greenville, DE

8:30- meetings for business:
Concord Quarter in the schoolhouse [CQ Zoom](#)
Western Quarter in the meetinghouse & [Zoom](#)

**9:30 - Judy Hinds, Kendal MM, presents
Warner Mifflin's Quakerism in Action
in the schoolhouse for middle school and up**

**9:30 - 11:45 children's program - schoolhouse
Equality led by Kristin Simmons of PYM**

**11:00-11:45 meeting for worship - meetinghouse
& [WQ Zoom](#)**

**11:00-11:45 youth program - schoolhouse
Quaker Abolitionists
led by Tom Martin, Birmingham MM**

**12:15 lunch - Centre Meeting Friends will provide
soup, sandwiches, salads - potluck items welcomed**

**child care also available:
9:30-lunch, perhaps earlier**



Judy and silhoutte
of Warner Mifflin.

Warner Mifflin's Quakerism in Action

Judy will lead us through activities using maps, making
timelines, and walking us through history to hear how Warner
Mifflin (1745-1798), unflinching Quaker abolitionist, speaks to us
today.

Parking available at the meetinghouse and schoolhouse across the road.
We will use both the meetinghouse and schoolhouse during the day.

Local KSQ Protests

Saturdays, 4-5pm, State & Union Streets

**Thursdays, every other, 4-5:30pm,
Old Kennett Meeting at Kendal, Rt 1
Next ones: April 10, 24, May 8, 22, etc.**

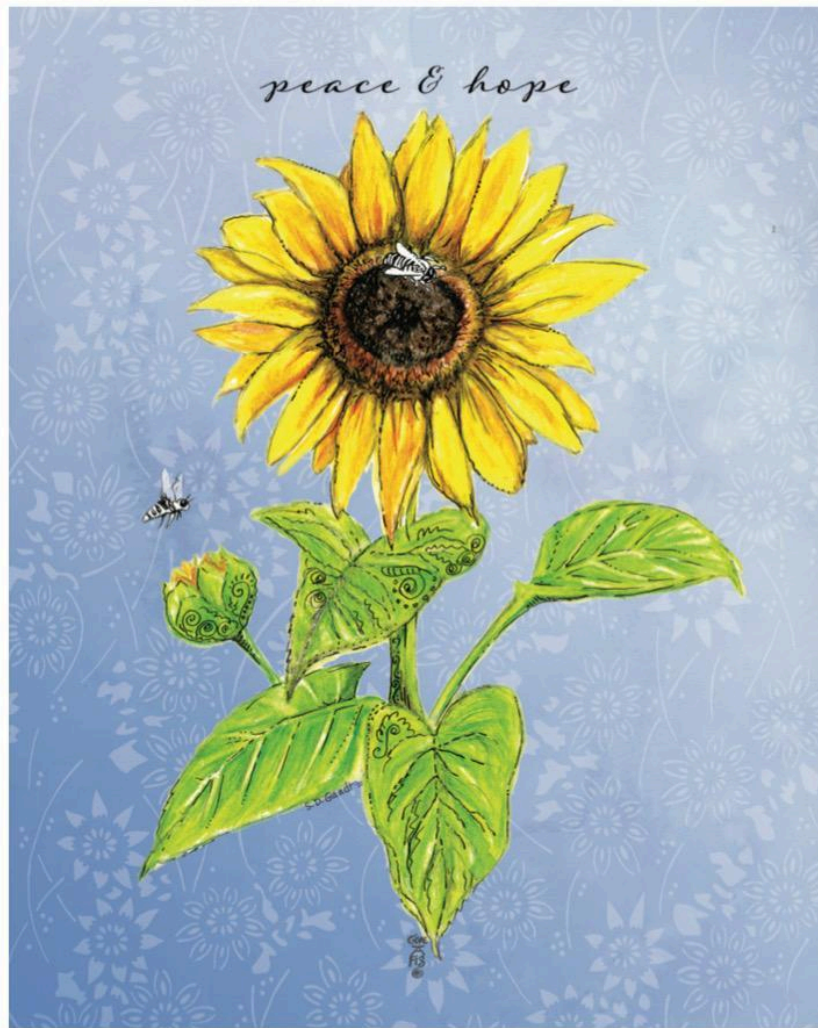
Make your own signs. Use jumbo black or red markers and large lettering so your message pops!

The fewer words the better. **LESS IS MORE.**



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and
Dave Nutall





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

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

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

