



Salem Quarter News

Winter 2014

*The Light
shines in the darkness,
and the darkness
has never mastered it.*

The Man He Killed

By Thomas Hardy

"Had he and I but met
By some old ancient inn,
We should have sat us down to wet
Right many a nipperkin!

"But ranged as infantry,
And staring face to face,
I shot at him as he at me,
And killed him in his place.

"I shot him dead because —
Because he was my foe,
Just so: my foe of course he was;
That's clear enough; although

"He thought he'd 'list, perhaps,
Off-hand like — just as I —
Was out of work — had sold his traps —
No other reason why.

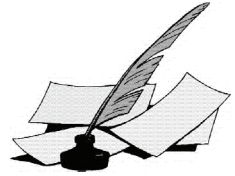
"Yes; quaint and curious war is!
You shoot a fellow down
You'd treat if met where any bar is,
Or help to half-a-crown."



Cover picture: Tom Etherington
Quote: John 1:5 Revised English Bible

Clerk's Message

Barry Sloane



Each year at this time, I find myself reflecting on the meaning of Christmas. To me it is the time to gather with family and friends, renew our love for one another and rejoice in the hope of the returning light. It is also a time to reflect on what I have or have not done in the previous year and what I can do to keep the Christmas spirit all year long. With that in mind, I was casting about for ideas to write in this article when I found these quotes. I found them inspirational and share them with you because you may also enjoy them.

George Matthew Adams, *The Christmas Heart*

Let us remember that the Christmas heart is a giving heart, a wide open heart that thinks of others first. The birth of the baby Jesus stands as the most significant event in all history, because it has meant the pouring into a sick world the healing medicine of love which has transformed all manner of hearts for almost two thousand years... Underneath all the bulging bundles is this beating Christmas heart.

Taylor Caldwell

I am not alone at all, I thought. I was never alone at all. And that, of course, is the message of Christmas. We are never alone. Not when the night is darkest, the wind coldest, the world seemingly most indifferent. For this is still the time God chooses.

Ann Schultz

Let us keep Christmas beautiful without a thought of greed, that it might live forevermore to fill our every need, that it shall not be just a day, but last a lifetime through, the miracle of Christmas time that brings God close to you.

Helen Keller

The only real blind person at Christmas-time is he who has not Christmas in his heart.

Dale Evans Rogers

Christmas, my child, is love in action. Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas.

Alexander Smith

Christmas is the day that holds all time together.

Wendy Cope

Bloody Christmas, here again, let us raise a loving cup, peace on earth, goodwill to men, and make them do the washing up.

Alfred, Lord Tennyson

The time draws near the birth of Christ: The moon is hid; the night is still; the Christmas bells from hill to hill answer each other in the mist.

Mother Teresa

It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you... yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand.

Orson Welles

Now I'm an old Christmas tree, the roots of which have died. They just come along and while the little needles fall off me replace them with medallions.

Ruth Carter Stapleton

Christmas is most truly Christmas when we celebrate it by giving the light of love to those who need it most.

W. C. Jones

The joy of brightening other lives, bearing each others' burdens, easing other's loads and supplanting empty hearts and lives with generous gifts becomes for us the magic of Christmas.

Bob Hope

My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?

Harry S. Truman

We miss the spirit of Christmas if we consider the Incarnation as an indistinct and doubtful, far-off event unrelated to our present problems. We miss the purport of Christ's birth if we do not accept it as a living link which joins us together in spirit as children of the ever-living and true God. In love alone - the love of God and the love of man - will be found the solution of all the ills which afflict the world today. Slowly, sometimes painfully, but always with increasing purpose, emerges the great message of Christianity: only with wisdom comes joy, and with greatness comes love.

May you and your family have a joyous Christmas season and may each day of the New Year bring you blessings!

Salem Quarterly Meeting Minutes

9/13/2014

Salem Quarterly Meeting met 9/13/2014 at Greenwich Lower Meetinghouse. Out of worship, clerk Barry Sloane (Mickleton) convened the meeting, welcomed Friends and visitors and thanked Greenwich, Mickleton and Mullica Hill Meetings for their beverage and dessert offerings. There was a Friendly presence for business of thirty-three representing six of the seven monthly meetings in the quarter.

Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting on 6/9/2014 were approved as they appeared in the Salem Quarter News with two corrections. Page six, line two, meetinghouse should be capitalized, and page seven, line 2 the date 6/7/2014 should be added.

Peggy Warner (Mullica Hill) reported that she plans to convene the Quarter Nominating Committee in November.

Marsha Gaspar (Woodbury), clerk of the Tri-Quarter Gathering presented a report on the 2014 Gathering. With the 2014 Tri-Quarter Gathering of Friends just 3 weeks away all promotional efforts have been completed. This means that Reminder Cards and Registration Forms have been sent to individuals and our contacts at 21 of the 22 Monthly Meetings, as well as to members of the Fellowship of Quakers in the Arts, a group that has joined us this year. The monthly meeting not contacted is Little Egg Harbor because of returns from a number of contacts tried.

Tri-Quarter Gathering of Friends has also received a grant from Friends Institute as well as support from all three Quarters.

A report on the financial status of the 2014 Tri-Quarter will

be submitted at the December meeting of the Salem Quarter. In the interim, on behalf of the Planning Committee of the event as well as those who attend it, Marsha thanked Salem Quarter for our ongoing support.

The Finance Committee report was presented by Michael Shapiro (Salem). (*See report p. 9*) Friends did not opt to make any changes to our Fiduciary investments at this time.

On behalf of the Steering Committee, Paul Somers (Greenwich) reported that the committee is functioning well. The Lower Alloways Creek property care and future is a continuing discussion as are future quarterly meeting programs. Clerk, Barry Sloane (Mickleton) has sent a set of queries to each monthly meeting to consider regarding the future direction of Salem Quarter.

Sandra Boone Murphy (Mickleton) reported from the Indian Affairs Committee highlighting recent and upcoming events and the effect they have on the tribe. The committee is committed to their work as led by the Spirit.

The Worship & Ministry Committee met at the home of Michael & Rebecca Shapiro (Salem) on Friday evening 9/5/2014. Out of worship they heard reports and confirmed details for planned events. (*See report p 16*). The Gifts Working Group presented a report to the committee. (*See report p. 10*)

Gary Holmes (Woodstown) reported from the Trustees regarding their last meeting held jointly with Salem Meeting Trustees regarding the Lower Alloways Creek Meetinghouse property. Out of that meeting came a proposal to create a new committee focused on the Lower Alloways Creek Meetinghouse property. The Trustees would then be responsible for only the care and maintenance of the cemeteries. Gary also reported the progress on the property deeds currently listed in the names of deceased trustees. Friends approved the follow-

ing minutes:

We are abandoning our customary practice of listing property deeds in the name of the Quarter Trustees due to its impracticality of use and instead listing the property in the name of Salem Quarter with the Quarter Clerk or Quarter Assistant Clerk authorized as our legal representatives. Current Clerk Barry Sloane and Assistant Clerk Tom Etherington are authorized to execute deeds of clarification to effectuate the legal resolution regarding real estate.

Friends approved the formation of a new Quarter committee created to oversee stewardship, management and use of the Lower Alloways Creek Meetinghouse property. This committee is to be nominated by the Quarter Nominating Committee and answer directly to the Quarter. Committee membership should be predominately from Salem Quarter, but not restricted to only members of Salem Quarter.

Friends expressed their appreciation for the program on the Underground Railroad and their gratitude to Lisa Garrison (Greenwich) for her efforts in coordinating the tour and her presentation.

Additional announcements were made and the meeting was closed in worship.

Rebecca Shapiro, recording clerk

A Blue Patch of Sky

George A. Crispin

For some getting up early in the morning is a delight. This is especially true for those days when the sun breaches the horizon with bursting radiance. First the forest is dark, then lightens into gray, and then as the sun gets well up the landscape is hung with a necklace of gold.

But not all sunrises are like this. In fact, on some days the sun does not rise; it is there, but behind the clouds. The day is gray with the possible intrusion of a purple haze. For some the light of the day affects the light in one's face, the bounce in one's steps, and the mood of the day. Yet, on such days one also often finds at the far corner and just above the horizon a patch of blue sky.

Somewhere, perhaps miles off, in another county, or even state, it is clear and sunny. With the right wind blowing and other favorable conditions that patch of blue sky may come our way.

The day may be filled with challenges, some of which we would rather not have to face. There may even be dangers looming. Or there may be simple tasks to perform that, if not in themselves bothersome, clutter our path through life. Yet on these days we remember that in the morning there was a patch of blue sky.

A patch of blue sky, once the size of a quarter, and by noon the size of a half dollar, is getting larger. As the day passes into the afternoon the sky is now half filled with shining light. And with the illumination of the sky there seems to emerge an increase of hope, and greater accumulation of accomplishments, tasks are getting done, problems solved, relationships healed.

Perhaps in a way that is not easily understood, the patch of blue is a reflection of a belief in hope, that things will get better, that the clouds will separate and the light shine through. Scientists tell us that light has enormous value to living beings. Light is energy. It travels faster than anything else in the universe. It makes life grow. And it has an effect upon the mind. Perhaps on another level, the coming of the patch of blue sky is the coming of hope. Hope for happiness and accomplishment. We must hold onto that portion of the sky that is blue, the patch of blue sky.

Salem Quarter Finance Report 9/13/2014

To date, we have received \$4,595 in quarter covenant payments from Greenwich, Mullica Hill, and Salem. Woodstown sent their covenant for the full year. Salem and Woodstown both sent their Education Fund designated payments for the full year. Seaville has sent a quarter payment for their Education Fund designated covenant. An individual contribution has been received as well.

Year to date expenses, in total \$1821, included: postage; web site registration; Tri Quarter support; 5th Sunday Worship & Prayer Group facilities rental; and mowing at Lower Alloways Creek.

Education Fund checks for eight students, totaling \$10,400 have been sent.

The checkbook balance is a modest \$6,688. Anticipated expenses through September total \$1,500.

In June, a suggestion was made that we consider moving our Fiduciary Consolidated Fund account(s) to the Fiduciary Green Fund. A comparison fact sheet has been prepared. Both Funds are considered socially responsible. The greatest difference between the definitions is the exclusion of fossil fuel investments from the Green Fund and the inclusion in the Green Fund of dedicated percentage of investments with environmental themes. The greatest difference in the direct effect to the investor is the predictability and level of income realized. For 2015, the distribution rate is a full 1% less than the Consolidated Fund. The volatility of the energy market causes the distribution rate to be set annually which makes advance budgeting more difficult. Over time, as the Green Fund becomes more established, income from there should become more predictable.

A change from the Consolidated Fund to the Green Fund would result in a decline in income. Should we opt to make this change during the current year, we should expect to experience a budget deficit of at least \$2,500, primarily in the Lower Alloways Creek and Education Fund accounts. We could move only the General and Property Fund accounts to the Green Fund and minimize the loss to the current budget at around \$500. Future budgets would be created based on these figures should that be the preference of the Quarter.

Gift's Working Group -- Report

Our late elder Friend, Thomas Ambler, often ended meetings in the Bible Association of Friends with the following words: *We will meet, on 7th day, ____ month, ____ at 1:30 p.m. at Arch Street Meetinghouse, if it is consistent with the Divine Will.*

We finally found a convenient time to meet with Thomas Swain to hear of his work in Britain; perhaps the Divine Will meant we were to have a fallow time to attend to “leavening”. The suggestion of Salem Quarter’s Worship and Ministry that we meet less frequently to share gifts was apt.

On 8/23/2014, we met at Mullica Hill and welcomed Thomas Swain, as well as Jim Herr, who was in the spiritual nurturer program of School of the Spirit for the past two years. Christine Cameron shared her efforts with *Quakerism in a Box*, an idea from Yearly Meeting this summer. We encouraged her to involve others in Salem Meeting. Gail Scuderi’s work on a mural in Atlantic City involved young people from that diverse community.

Thomas reported on two sojourns among British Friends: 4-6th months, 2013 and 2-4th months, 2014. He worked with The Kindlers (founders of the Levelers and QuakerQuest). Someone remarked that Thomas is challenging—but this allows them to see things differently. He did some training at Woodbrooke, which has continued the work through *Gifts on the Road* including a new course: ***Dreaming for Ministry:***

- Where do you see your ministry?
- What are your gifts that will allow your ministry to happen?
- Process of finding ministry: what do you want to speak to?
- What do you want to build? What do you want to fix?

Thomas also led a “silent retreat”/workshop at Swarthmore Hall, and was guest speaker at Denmark Yearly Meeting, a small gathering of 16 Friends. He found ministry occurred in visiting those who may see themselves as slightly outside Yearly Meeting because they create too much of a challenge for the others. He also mentioned Ben Pink Dandelion’s Swarthmore lecture at Britain Yearly Meeting held at Bath, Yorkshire.

Coming home, Thomas felt unemployed for the first time. Still,

nominating committee of PhYM and restructuring provides an opportunity to really look at spiritual gifts to nurture the two councils proposed. He asked for names of people to nominate for Implementation Committee.

Nearly 40 years ago, in a course on *Dreaming Your Ministry* in Haviland, Kansas led by Jack Kirk, Thomas dreamed of being an itinerant minister, elucidating the transforming power of God, clarifying or strengthening our covenant relationship with each other. Gifts work connects us to each other, and to God. The study group in Salem Quarter on *Letters to a Fellow Seeker* will focus on this aspect.

Q: After forty years of figuring out what the ministry is, why are you so hasty to structure it? In the case of something that is growing organically, perhaps it is not necessary to have a structure in place.

A: *Ministry is really about making things better for everyone. Worked with Gretchen Castle to develop a fun-filled day of music and gifts development.*

Q: The term “loving kindness” as used in the Revised Standard version of the Bible (“mercy” in KJV) really should translate as “love within a covenant accountability context.” This concept is an active thing—how does one live into this?

Q: What is your experience of the Inward Christ? There has to be experience, or the concept doesn’t work. We are born with this experience, but we lose it. As adults, we have to re-find the Inward Christ.

A: *The Woodbrooke group caught the truth of Thomas’ Gifts workshops, and are now recreating it in their own terms as Spirit speaks to them. The best work was open to leadings from groups - - flexible and faithful at the same time. “Tools” groups of 3: First person tells what they feel they do well, other 2 give feedback. Another possibility: Lectio Divina with Paul’s verses on gifts. Websites on spirit given gifts were shared.*

Thomas feels released from gifts work in England. One Friend mentioned the possibility of considering Evangelical Friends, perhaps in Northwest YM. Some of them do a good job of naming gifts.

A Friend asked “How do conservative Friends compare to PhYM?” Those with experience among conservative Friends responded that there is a greater willingness to wait, and less of a tendency to rush ahead to do it themselves. There is strong use of Faith and Practice. Friends are often expected to write out responses to queries before each monthly meeting. Monthly meetings name ministers, elders, and overseers—recognizing gifts within their own community before submitting Friends’ names for acceptance by their Yearly Meetings. Conservative Friends are more accepting of traditional views of Jesus and biblical references. All of Ohio Conservative Discipline is online – 54 pages as a pdf. <http://www.ohioyearlymeeting.org/documents/discipline/>

We are encouraged to try new approaches:

- At a talent show at a Young Friends gathering years ago, the billing included “Hoopes and Eli will do something amazing.” They had no idea what it was going to be, but they knew they would do something and it was going to be amazing. *Phil Anthony*
- Middletown Meeting looking for ways to increase attendance. Once a month having a designated message: the message is not prepared, but the speaker is selected. Expect the unexpected. *Thomas Swain*
- “Every now and then I have a feeling that there is someone I am given to work with.” *Phil Anthony*
- As a community artist, gather what’s given, synthesize it and give it back as the creative act. *Gail Scuderi*
- In a surprising leading to sit on the facing bench, I experienced the importance of a recently deceased Friend by watching reactions of Friends as they learned of his passing. The leading may come from a deep place of deep knowing. *Christine Greenland*

Extracted and adapted by Christine Greenland 9/12/2014; from notes by Jim Herr; 8/23/2014.

*From Our Friends School
Head of School*



A Reflection on Stewardship and Learning to Be a Global Citizen

Students in the 5th grade at Friends School Mullica Hill are learning to be responsible global citizens, by taking part in several initiatives this year:

Malaria – Nothing but Nets

Did you know that in parts of Africa, every 60 seconds a child dies from malaria? As part of the Middle School wide World's



World's Fair participants at Friends School

Fair day, the 5th grade learned about the importance of mosquito nets in preventing malaria around the world and also raised money for Nothing but Nets, a non-profit organization that raises money to provide mosquito nets to families in need. During the school World's Fair, Middle School students presented research information on countries around the world. The 5th graders used this opportunity to put on a skit showing the benefits of insecticide-treated mosquito nets, and educate the community on how these

nets can help to save lives. Through their educational performance the students raised \$60 which will be donated to Nothing but Nets, allowing for the purchase of six mosquito nets for families in areas affected by malaria.

Recycling and Composting

The 5th graders are also student leaders when it comes to helping the school with important environmental stewardship activities – recycling and composting.

Recycling – Recycling one ton of paper can save 17 trees, 7,000 gallons of water, 380 gallons of oil and 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space (source: <http://environment.about.com/od/recycling/a/The-Benefits-Of-Paper-Recycling-Why-Recycle-Paper.htm>). As a school, Friends School Mullica Hill uses a significant amount of paper and has lots of paper waste discarded each day. While increases in technology use by students and faculty/staff have helped to reduce the paper waste, there still remains a good amount of paper available to be recycled. Every day, the 5th graders go into each classroom to retrieve their paper recycling and compile the recycling into one school-wide container. Through their efforts, FSMH is actively ensuring that paper waste is part of the important cycle for reuse.

Composting – To further aid in environmental sustainability, FSMH has implemented a new initiative this year by establishing a school wide composting program. The 5th graders are again student leaders by collecting the compost bins placed in each classroom for lunch and other food scraps and taking them to the school compost bin. Since the initiative is new, decomposition is still in the early stages, but students understand that the compost bin returns natural food items to the earth and helps to make soil for future use. Combined with their worm farm learning in science class, these students are gaining knowledge on how to minimize food waste and contribute to a reduction in landfills.

Through these important hands-on learning opportunities, the 5th grade students are able to share their knowledge and information with the larger school community, and guide the school's effort to be good stewards of our resources.

Report on the 2014 Tri-Quarter Gathering of Friends to Salem Quarter September 13, 2014

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Respectfully submitted, in faith and service,

Marsha Gaspar

Tri-Quarter Gathering of Friends, Clerk, (2010 – 2014)

Worship & Ministry Report 9/5/2014

The committee met at the home of Michael & Rebecca Shapiro (Salem) on Friday evening, 9/5. Nine Friends were present with two out of the seven meetings in the Quarter represented. As we gathered we had a brief discussion on how we might appeal to the W& M members of more meetings. We began the evening with worship, holding in the Light the many agenda items before us.

The 5th Sunday Meeting for Worship & Prayer met on 8/31 from 2 -4 at the Cumberland County College. Members in attendance did not feel that the next 5th Sunday occurring in conjunction with Thanksgiving weekend would be a conflict. Members of the group not in attendance will be contacted for additional input. We expressed our desire to place posters on campus for the next event as a source of outreach.

Peggy Warner reported from the last Gifts Working Group meeting. The group is alive and well, grateful to have found a date to meet that was attainable for most. They found the sharing of news and current use of gifts to be exciting. Christine Cameron shared her experiences with the outreach table at Market Street Day in Salem as well as her experiences with Mary Waddington as they serve the community with Faith Works at United Way. Both Mary and Christine offered thoughts about what they brought away from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions this summer, noting the challenge made to Friends by new General Secretary, Christie Duncan-Tessmer to visit two new meetings each year.

As we reflected upon these accounts, thoughts about truth and our continual process of seeking arose from the silence leading to questions regarding outreach. How do other meetings conduct outreach? Which committees guide this process? How do we communicate with the public?

Our seven week series on *Letters to a Fellow Seeker* by Steven Chase and facilitated by Tom Swain is a reality. The program will begin on 10/9 at 7:00 pm at Friends Village. We agreed that \$12 was an appropriate cost for the books. We will ask Friends Village about providing coffee and tea. Each monthly meeting will be asked to supply cookies for one of the seven weekly sessions. Publicity for the event will begin at Quarterly Meeting on 9/13 and include posters, brochures, and newspaper articles.

The Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Worship and Care Standing Committee and the Meeting on Worship and Ministry have a schedule of Extended Worship gatherings. They are at Birmingham Friends in West Chester on 9/6 and will be at Central Philadelphia on 12/6. Two dates for the spring are at locations to be determined. We were led to offer a Salem Quarter location for one or the other dates.

We closed in worship, holding in the Light our joys and sorrows; grateful for the opportunity to share this deeply spiritual fellowship.

Friends Village Honors 3 Visionaries

By Mary Lou Frank



Dorothy Kramme received her 2014 Visionary Award from Steve Waddington, Clerk of the Board (on the left), and Friends Village at Woodstown Executive Director Tom Lyons during the recent anniversary celebration.

Three Salem Quarter natives were recently honored for the foresight and leadership they have shown in the creation and success of Friends Village at Woodstown.

Barrie Foster, Dorothy Kramme and Anna Rockey are the first recipients of the Friends Village Visionary Award. They were honored during the community's Anniversary Celebration held on the Friends Village campus in mid-September. Nearly 200 residents, family and Friends Village supporters attended the evening celebration.

Established as Friends Boarding Home in 1896 by the Salem Quarter Meeting, Friends Home was located on North Main Street in Woodstown for almost 80 years before relocating to its present location on the border of Woodstown and Pilesgrove in 1976. Both Foster and Kramme were members of the Board of Trustees in the years prior to the 2005

expansion which turned Friends Home into Friends Village and the only continuing care retirement community (CCRC) in New Jersey's five southern-most counties.

"As we look forward to the challenges of enhancing our community while we move further into the 21st century, we wanted to acknowledge the visionary people like Barrie, Dorothy and Anna, who helped to get us this far," said Executive Director Thomas B. Lyons, "This was also an opportunity to rededicate ourselves to supporting the organization which has been a leader in senior care and independence for over a century."

Foster and Kramme, (nee Peele), both grew up in Woodstown. Their mothers each served on what is now the Friends Village Board of Trustees. Foster has been instrumental in setting up the gardens and green spaces at Friends Village, providing residents and visitors with beautiful grounds to enjoy. He continues to volunteer his time and talents as does Kramme who helped plan the celebration without realizing she would be selected to be one of its honorees.

Anna Rockey, originally from Pedricktown, was among the first new residents who joined Friends, with her sister, as cottage residents shortly after the "village" opened in 2005. Her belief in, and devotion to, the organization's mission is demonstrated by her regular and continued support.

Also featured at the celebration were historical pictures and tidbits from the establishment of Friends Home and the Woodstown and Salem Meetings. "Because our history is a part of all the meetings, and their history is a part of ours, we'd love to have every meeting represented at our next anniversary," said Lyons.

All of the Salem Quarter Monthly Meetings are invited to share pictures and memorabilia from their own archives to create displays for future celebrations. If you would like to create a display or could use some assistance in creating it, please contact Mary Lou Frank at Friends Village, 856-769-1500. Next September, Friends Village will celebrate the 10th anniversary of its conversion into a CCRC.

Friends Village at Woodstown is a non-profit retirement community offering independent living in cottages and apartments, assisted living, memory support, skilled nursing, short-term and outpatient rehabilitation services. For more information about retirement living or rehabilitation services at Friends Village, visit the website at www.friendsvillage.org or call the Marketing Office at 856-769-1500.

Good Stewardship:
“IT’S NOT JUST ABOUT MONEY”

How well do we manage our assets to support our families and our faith community?

How well do we connect our Quaker values to our financial decisions?

Are our resources sufficient to see us through retirement?

These and many other pressing questions of importance to you and your loved ones will be the focus of an in-depth workshop on **financial and estate planning**.

Date: Saturday, February, 21, 2015

Time: 9 am – 12 pm

**Place: Mickleton Friends Meeting, 413 Kings Hwy,
Mickleton, NJ 08056**

Quakers have a long tradition of building our lives around our values. It has never been enough to simply profess belief in an ethical or moral philosophy – beliefs should lead to action. That is why Friends have so often been at the forefront of positive social change. This practice should apply to how we handle our money. During the workshop we will learn about specific strategies Friends can use to plan for a more secure financial future in all stages of life and consistent with Quaker values and one’s individual circumstances.

Participants will learn about our holistic approach to stewardship investing – it’s more than just buying shares in a “green” mutual fund or stock. We will also provide Friends with guidance on using various legal means to prepare a final exit strategy that will be orderly and considerate of their loved ones.

FGC and Everence, a \$2 billion Mennonite financial organization, offer complimentary financial assessments and consultation as part of their financial and estate planning services for Quakers. Friends from East to West Coast have already taken advantage of this valuable service. As a service to Friends, FGC does not charge any fee for this workshop or accompanying materials.

Please contact Robert or Gloria Horvay (856-223-5111) if you have questions or need childcare or would like a potluck meal after the workshop. The presenters request that attendees live within 25 miles (about a 35 minute drive) of Mickleton Meeting.

For information about FGC Stewardship Services contact:

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Medical Mission to Guatemalan Children



Weighing a baby with a scale hanging from a tree.

I want everyone— especially the world’s most vulnerable and marginalized children— to know that they are loved.
— Brittney

Brittney Gangemi, a friend of Mullica Hill Meeting, has gone on medical missions to Peru, Malawi, and Haiti in faithfulness to her call to serve people in third world countries. Friends in Salem Quarter helped support her mission to Haiti after the earthquake. Brittney is now planning a mission to help the children in Guatemala who have infectious diseases which kill thousands in their country — diseases like pneumonia or dysentery, for which we Americans take a pill or get a shot. Plans include special training in sustainable treatments and education to enable people to deal with infectious diseases where few, if any, modern resources are available.

Mullica Hill Meeting is supporting Brittney in this mission by helping her raise the \$15,000 necessary to finance the mission. Any funds over the necessary amount will be used for medical supplies for the people served. Checks payable to Mullica Hill Meeting may be sent to Mullica Hill Meeting, Joan Boarts, treasurer, 350 Wolfert Station Rd., Mullica Hill, NJ 08062. Be sure to mark the check memo for “Medical Mission.” More information is available at <https://purecharity.com/lovethroughmedicine> and you can check Brittney’s blog at <http://lovethroughmedicine.wordpress.com>

The Gift of a Miracle in the Midst of War.



German and English soldiers together in no man's land during the Christmas Truce of 1914.

Join us at QM on December 14 for a celebration of the spontaneous Christmas Truce between German and English soldiers on the Western Front in 1914. An interactive dramatic presentation will look at the growing trust as the truce developed and its consequences for the soldiers for the remainder of the war.

Directions to Mullica Hill Meeting

Take Route 45 south from Woodbury or north from Woodstown, Salem area to where it joins with Route 77 in Mullica Hill. The driveway is just at the corner of those two roads. The meeting house is up on a hill, so look around.

If you're coming in on Route 322 from Glassboro, follow the detour. Make a left onto Main St. (Route 45). Go through the town till Route 45 bears right at the intersection with Route 77. The meeting driveway is at the intersection.

GPS: Route 77 & 45, Mullica Hill, NJ
Lost? Call 609-206-5329

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Greenwich: Upper Greate Street P.O. Box 18, Greenwich, N.J. 08323
856-451-8217, 15 Sep–15 Jun, Lower Greate Street 15 Jun–15
Sept, Worship 9-9:45, 9:45-10 After-words and general fellow-
ship, 10:00- no longer than 11:00, First Day School, children and
adults.

Mickleton: 413 Kings Highway, Mickleton, N.J. 08056 856-423-3782
mickletonmeeting.org Worship 10:00 am, children's First-day
School 10:15

Mullica Hill: 2 Woodstown Road (Route 45 just south of Route 77),
P.O. Box 67, Mullica Hill, N.J. 08062 856- 478-2184 mullicahill-
friends.org
Worship 9:30 After-words and general fellowship 10:45, Meeting
for Learning 11:15

Salem: East Broadway at Walnut Street, P.O. Box 7, Salem, N.J. 08079
Worship 10:30; First Day School 9:15 am Sept.-May

Seaville: 3088 South Shore Road (Rte. 9, 1 mile S. of Rte. 50), Ocean
View, N.J. 08230 609-624-1165 seavillequaker.tripod.com
Worship 10:00 am; Beach meeting (weather permitting) Congress
Street beach, Cape May, May–Oct, 9:00 am Sundays, 7:00 PM
Wednesdays

Southern State Worship Group: Call Roshan Dinshah for info 856-
694-3025

Woodbury: 124 North Broad Street, Woodbury, N.J. 08096, 856 -845-
5080
http://www.pym.org/pym_mms/woodburynj_salq/.php
www.meetup.com/Woodbury-Friends_Meeting First-day School

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Salem Quarterly Meeting
Sunday, December 14, 2014
Mullica Hill Meeting House

9:30 Friends Gather

***9:45 Program "Christmas Eve In The
Trenches"***

(see page 21)

11:00 Meeting for Worship

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Meeting for Business

Child care, beverages, and dessert provided.