



Salem Quarter News

Summer 2011

*Be fruitful and multiply
and fill the earth and subdue it
and have dominion over the fish of the sea
and over the birds of the heavens
and over every living thing
that moves on the earth.*



Coordinator's Corner

Phil Anthony

As soon as this issue of the newsletter goes to Tom Etherington for layout, my attention will turn to moving the coordinator's office. Within a week or two I'll be ensconced in Rooms 509–511 at Friends Village, which now form a suite. The mailing address and voice phone number will stay the same, PO Box 55, Woodstown 08098, (856)769-0066. But the rarely used fax number will go away. And we have a new e-mail address, <saalemquarter@gmail.com>.

Part of the reason is expense. The cost of two telephone lines plus Verizon DSL was out of control. With one line, and Salem Quarter piggy-backing on the Friends Village Internet system, we hope to reduce our monthly bill significantly. (Thanks to Mike Ayars for wrestling with those arcane notations that Verizon seems to think explain what they're charging people for.) Nor does Friends Village expect any payment for rent, heat, utilities, and so on.

The other part, however, is what I think is the important reason for moving. Friends Village is under the care of Salem Quarter. There hasn't been a whole lot of contact between the coordinator and the Village, however—not the way there's been between the coordinator and our monthly meetings, or even Friends School. We hope that the new location will provide more contact between us, so that resources in the quarter are made available to Friends Village and vice versa.

While I'll miss seeing Woodstown MM Friends on a regular basis, I look forward to meeting and renewing acquaintance with folks at Friends Village.

Changes. Another thing that will happen once the Summer newsletter is out of my hands is a meeting to redesign our Website, probably with our own domain. That had been a goal of Mario Cavallini's going back to last fall. We'd talked in broad about it. He'd already identified a possible new Webmeister (though I didn't learn about it until later)—Jim Murphy of Woodbury MM.

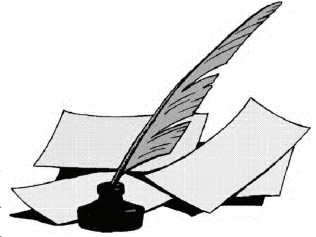
Now, after not having a Web presence since last Summer, we're moving forward with redesign. Friends will gather at Friends Village on 5/1 to determine our Web strategy: Who are we trying to reach with our Website? What will serve those different populations? How much should we try to put on our site, and when should we refer visitors to the monthly meeting sites or to PYM? How can we give Salem Quarter a human face, highlighting the activities of our monthly and quarterly meetings?

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*Cover picture: Lenten Rose, Diane Metz, Seaville;
Quote: Gen. 1:28 ESV*

Seriously Now ... NOT!

Barry Sloane, Clerk of Quarter



Growing up, the images I saw of Jesus depicted him as a serious person. Being holy and holiness seemed to be serious business requiring a serious demeanor. Getting into heaven was serious business as well. Years ago when I was visiting my cousin, a priest in Virginia, I saw in his living room a picture of Jesus laughing. At first it was a little jarring, because I had never thought about Jesus in that way, but in reality, the depiction makes perfect sense. Jesus must have been joyful and laughed a lot.

Looking at that picture reminds me that we need a lot more laughter in our lives. How do we laugh like Jesus? To answer that question, who laughs more than anyone?

Last Saturday, Dianne and I were at an Easter egg stuffing party for our meeting's annual Easter Egg Hunt. Julia (age 6) and Sara (age 4) Carrigan were there – laughing and laughing and laughing. Their laughter gave us joy and made us laugh.

Studies have shown that children laugh 150 to 300 times a day from an inner place of well-being. They laugh because it is their nature to be joyful. They laugh for no reason. Children have yet to develop a sense of



humor, as humor is based upon a developed intellect. As children grow up, they learn that it is not okay to laugh for no reason—if you laughed loudly for no reason while shopping in a supermarket, people would think you were crazy. Instead of laughing spontaneously, we learn to laugh from the mind. We eventually switch from the joyful laughter of childhood to the intellectual laughter of adults. We are missing a lot because of this.

Numerous other studies show that laughter reduces stress, prolongs life, is good for your immune system, and by the way, getting to heaven should be a lot more fun than that serious “holy” stuff we learned.

So how do we keep or recover our childlike joy? Adding more laughter and joy is not about thinking. It's about simply being who you are and flowing with it. So first, we have to *decide* to laugh. Here is a short list of some things you can do right now to laugh and be playful.

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- Act playful (not silly).
- Be a kid at heart (that means “don’t be afraid to play and dance”).
- Blow bubbles.
- Dance. Dance funky.
- Daydream.
- Doodle. Draw and paint. Draw cartoons.
- Feel happy (think about this one: how does “feeling happy” look like? What do you do when you are happy? Find out. Then do it.)
 - Find out how things work, always with a big smile on your face.
 - Fly kites.
 - Get into the habit of doing really nice things for people who will never find out (the best way to cheer yourself is to try to cheer someone else up).
 - Get really excited about everything, just for fun.
 - Get new sneakers (multicolored ones are best). Go barefoot. Add lots of “ooooo” and “aaaaa”.
 - Go on adventures. (If in doubt, just “go”. Void does not exist. Something will happen.)
 - Have a comedy night. (Go with friends. If you don’t have any, invite your neighbor.)
 - Hold hands. Say I love you. Hug and kiss
 - Jump in mud puddles.
 - Laugh a lot at random, whenever you feel like it (fake it as much as you need to).
 - Learn new stuff.
 - Listen to happy music.
 - Look at the sky and imagine you are a bird flying.
 - Commit to engage in a heart-to-heart conversation with at least one new person per day each week. The goal is to make new friends.
 - Make up new rules and try them out religiously for a whole day.
 - Say hello to everyone with a big smile on your face.
 - Say yes.
 - Smell flowers.
 - Smile.
 - Stop along the way and ask yourself: I know there is beauty right here and now. Where is it?
 - Surprise someone. (Offer them flowers?)
 - Take bubble baths.
 - Talk with animals.
 - Walk in the rain.

Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

*Join us at Seaville Meeting on
Sunday, June 12
for our summer quarterly meeting.*

Seafood Smart



Phil Broder of the Wetlands Institute will explain how preserving the marine environment will enable us to continue to feed ourselves and continue to provide employment for seafood workers. Overfishing is causing declines in populations of some fish and fishing methods are killing other species or destroying habitat. The Cape May County Wetlands Institute's newest program, Seafood Smart, is partnering with the commercial seafood industry to promote sustainably harvested seafood in New Jersey. Seafood Smart will educate consumers and chefs so that they can make environmentally conscious choices, helping to lower demand for diminishing species and create markets for seafood from stable populations that are landed in New Jersey.



From Our Friends School

*Bruce Haines
Head of School*



For several years now Bill and Melinda Gates and the Gates Foundation have put serious money behind the Small Schools Initiative. The initiative has sponsored research demonstrating what many of us see inherently, which are the educational advantages for a child growing and learning in a smaller school community. While the research covered schools through high school, the results are consistent for small schools with students of all ages. This is a wonderful affirmation of what we have believed for years at Friends School.

So, what does the research affirm?

It reveals that small schools generally foster a more positive attitude among children towards their education, encouraging them to take more responsibility for their own learning in a more personalized environment. The “safety” and comfort of a small school promotes learning. The intimate community in a small school is an ideal place for children to dare to take academic risks and master challenging tasks.

The research supports small schools as “caring communities” where children feel needed. They are pressed into service to fill roles that draw on skills and gifts that might go untapped in a larger setting. In small schools, interpersonal relationships among teachers, parents and children are invaluable and life changing. The power of example by adults in student’s lives is more poignant and enduring in small schools.

In a small school everybody knows your name. No one is a stranger; anonymity is not an option. There is also a higher rate of parent involvement and investment in a small school, mirrored by greater collaboration among teachers creating innovative curriculum and activities for children. Perhaps most important, small schools are communities that create good habits of heart, mind, and character.

As I watch children bounce up the sidewalk in the morning, quickly finding a friend and greeting me with a smile, I see daily what the research shows. Children want to come to school because they feel connected to a community that recognizes their gifts, talents, and self-worth. Friends School students are not just taught a subject, they live it—whether running and voting in the annual second grade ice cream election, debating worldwide topics as actual representatives on United Nations Day, or researching and presenting their colonial

character in full garb in the 200 year-old meetinghouse.

Students feel connected to adults around them who model a passion for learning, who care deeply about the uniqueness of each child, and who understand the delicate balance between work and play. Children feel connected because childhood is honored. Values of kindness, respect and integrity are woven throughout a child's day in the classroom and on the playground. Students graduate as confident, passionate inquisitive learners.

Of course we are not only a small school, but also a Friends' school. One of the core Quaker testimonies is community. At Friends School we have emphasized

Salem Quarterly Meeting Minutes

03/13/2011

Salem Quarterly Meeting met 3/13/2011 at Woodstown Monthly Meeting. Out of worship, clerk Barry Sloane convened the meeting, welcomed Friends, and thanked Woodstown for their hospitality and the fine soups. The performances from the Fine and Performing Arts program at Friends School were delightful. There was a Friendly presence for business of twenty-three, representing six of the seven monthly meetings in the quarter.

Minutes of the last quarterly meeting on 12/12/2010 were approved as they appeared in *Salem Quarter News* with a correction to the spelling of Brittney Gangemi's name.

Peggy Warner (Mullica Hill) presented the proposed nominations from the Nominating Committee. Peggy thanked all those Friends who responded positively to the request to serve. A volunteer to serve on the PYM Nominating Committee is still needed. Peggy also presented the list of the Board of Directors at Friends Village as submitted to the quarter. It was requested that in the future the coordinator send a list of the proposed nominations to each monthly meeting Steering Committee contact for distribution prior to quarterly business meeting. *(See report, p. 11)*

Friends approved the slate of nominations and the Friends Village Board members as presented.

Barry Sloane (Mickleton) presented a report on behalf of Marsha Gaspar (Woodbury) from the Tri-Quarter Conference. A contribution was received from

Burlington Quarter, the subsequent balance was noted. Persons interested in being a workshop presenter at the next gathering should contact Marsha Gaspar.

Mike Ayars (Woodstown) reported from Steering Committee as its new clerk. He addressed the procedure for Friends to visit or bring a concern to the Steering Committee. Such concerns should be submitted to the clerk in writing in advance. Concerns appropriate for the Steering Committee will be placed on the agenda at the discretion of the clerk when time is available. Friends invited to attend will be placed early in the agenda.

In an effort to build a closer relationship with Friends Village and reduce office costs via the Verizon bill, the coordinator's office is moving to Friends Village, rooms 509 and 511. The telephone number will remain the same. Internet connection will be provided by the Friends Village network, and there is a new e-mail address: <saalemquarter@gmail.com>. The quarter will continue to use a storage area at Woodstown Monthly Meeting.

Steering Committee is pursuing the re-design of the Quarter web site and anticipates a called meeting this spring for interested persons.

Steering Committee acknowledged and minuted the long service and dedication of George and Dana Houghton (Woodstown), who find they are no longer able to serve on the committee. They have provided spiritual insight and thoughtfulness with clarity and wisdom. Their integrity has brought balance and centering to each and every meeting through their meaningful questions and perceptions. We will miss their physical presence and pray that they will continue to hold us in the Light.

A report from Friends Village was presented by Grace Thompson (Greenwich). Through attrition the board size has been scaled back in size from 12-18 to 10-12. They are now sized similarly to other such boards. The bylaws have been revised to require that no fewer than 60 per cent of the board must be Friends. The resident board member terms will be staggered. The board's current initiative is to make Friends Village a greener environment. They have begun by reducing their use of disposable food service items like cutlery and plates.

Phil Anthony, coordinator, reported from the Worship & Ministry committee on the prayer group gathering and discussion toward the appointment of a Worship & Ministry committee clerk. (*See report, p. 17*)

Gary Holmes (Woodstown) reported from the Salem Quarter Trustees. They have been asked by the Salem County Historical Society to have the LAC meetinghouse open for the Open House Tour on 4/30/2011. The Trustees will

be meeting at 9:00 am on Saturday, 4/16/2011, for cleaning. All are welcome to join the Trustees at the clean-up.

Bruce Haines, who became head of Friends School Mullica Hill last summer, introduced himself and thanked Alice Waddington for agreeing to be the liaison between the school and the quarter. He spoke to the purposes and ideals of the school as regards both values and academics and to what kind of topics should be reported regularly to the quarter. He spoke about the school's social and academic programs as well as the goal of increasing the enrollment of Friends' children.

Emily Blanck (Mickleton) spoke to the need to make wildlife in the Friends School preserve more accessible by cleaning and marking the trail. This has been a concern of Mickleton MM. They inquired as to whether or not the quarter would be interested in participating. Comments included the positive outcome of fostering community spirit and increasing the personal connection between the quarter and the school. A clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, 4/9/2011, at 9:00 am; participants should gather at the Raccoon Valley Swim Club.

Phil Anthony, coordinator, and Lois Dinshah (Mullica Hill) made a brief report on the trip to Haiti as a medical volunteer made by Brittney Gangemi (Mullica Hill). Her trip was supported in part by a contribution from Salem Quarter. She is currently finishing up her nursing degree at Johns Hopkins, and her full report will be her presentation to quarterly meeting in September.

Grace Thompson spoke about the needs of one of their new member's spouse, Tony Ramirez, who is becoming a citizen of the United States. As part of his citizenship affirmation, he must swear to bear arms for the country. This is in conflict with his belief in non-militarism. He has asked to take a modified affirmation. Mr. Ramirez is willing to offer service in some other civilian manner. Greenwich Monthly Meeting has written a letter of support for him and asked the quarter to unite with the letter when the final draft is available.

Salem Quarterly Meeting acknowledged their willingness to unite with the letter of support from Greenwich Monthly Meeting for Tony Ramirez when the draft of the letter is finalized. Grace Thompson, clerk of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, will be contacting Wright Horne at PYM for assistance with the exact wording of the letter.

Announcements were made and the meeting was closed in worship.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Shapiro, recording clerk.

From Our Friends Village
Daphne Hollingshead



Gifts to Friends Village touch so many lives. Family members or loved ones send donations with suggestions as to which area they would like their gift to benefit.

If a donor's mother enjoys the music programs or a specific activity, it may be requested that the funds be used in the Activities Department. Some supporters make donations and ask that they be used in the Healthcare Wing for equipment. Others know that there are unexpected needs in a variety of areas on campus and simply make a generous unrestricted donation. Or a gift may be specifically directed to the Residents Benevolence Fund, which helps residents with financial assistance.

Many of the new additions to the Friends Village campus have been the products of planned gifts. Planned gifts range from charitable gift annuities to insurance policies to bequests listed in someone's will. These planned gifts help provide for future needs at Friends Village and do not affect the lifestyle of the donor.

Additions and improvements made possible from planned gifts include a 14-passenger van with wheelchair lift, which was purchased after a bequest in 2008. More recently, a donor made a generous gift through his will that helped replace all carpeting and flooring in the Fenwick Dining Room. Others have selected to benefit from the income provided by a charitable gift annuity, which benefits the donor as well as Friends Village.

Friends Village is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to serving residents' personal and community needs, encouraging their active participation in the broader society, while enabling them to be fully involved in decisions concerning their care. Planned gifts are just one example of how donors show support for this mission.

The Friends Legacy Society is an exclusive group of donors who have made planned gifts to Friends Village. For more information on how you can become a member of the Friends Legacy Society, please call Daphne Hollingshead in the Marketing and Development Department, (856)769-1500, ext. 2744.

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Approved by quarterly meeting in session, 3/13/2011

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Scenes from Quarterly Meeting



Worship & Ministry Report

11 Third-month 2011

The Worship & Ministry Committee of Salem Quarter gathered on 3/11/2011 at the home of Shirley Lock of Woodstown MM, convening in worship a little before 8:00 pm. Friends were present from Mullica Hill and Woodstown MMs, as well as the quarter coordinator. Others who had been expected could not attend for a variety of reasons.

The coordinator reported on prayer and worship in the Millville-Vineland area. At the December Worship & Ministry meeting, it had been decided to hold prayer gatherings in that area on fifth First-days throughout the year. The location was chosen to be near the



geographic center of the quarter, as well as to provide a Quaker presence for the former members of the Millville Worship Group.

The first of these prayer gatherings was held at Cumberland County College the afternoon of 1/29. Nine persons were present, three of whom live in the Millville area. Others, who came from Salem Quarter's established meetings, included four Friends who were present for the March Worship & Ministry meeting.

Not as many are expected at the next scheduled gathering, which we intend to hold at CCC from 2:00 to 4:00 pm on 5/29, because this is the Memorial Day weekend. Recognizing this, those gathered at CCC in January expressed a wish to hold a meeting for worship at a private home in the area between now and then. The worship will take place at the home of Paul Zinader, a few miles west of Vineland, on First-day, 4/3, at 2:00 pm. Worship & Ministry minuted its approval of taking the worship under its care. All Friends are welcome to attend.

The group turned to the major items of business of the evening: the selection of a clerk to succeed Mario Cavallini following his death on 12/30/2010, and the consideration of future direction for Worship & Ministry in his absence. It was noted that Mario had spoken of the lack of programs offered by Salem Quarter since the "Faith & Play" workshop in the fall of 2009. Possible programs that might come under Worship & Ministry's care were discussed. They will be

considered for action at the next meeting. One Friend in particular, who has spoken of her wish to be involved in program development and giving back to the quarter, will be invited to attend that meeting.

Several names of possible clerks were lifted up. The group went into worship to consider the names and the selection process itself. It was minuted that:

- The group would be easy with having co-clerks for the committee.
- The group would approve any of the persons suggested, either as clerk or as co-clerk along with someone else on the list.
- Those whose names were suggested will be informed of it. If one of them agrees before the next meeting of the committee, she or he will be named immediately. Otherwise, those nominated will be asked to discern whether they are called to this duty, and to attend the next Worship & Ministry meeting, when it is expected that a decision will be made.

The June quarterly meeting will be at Seaville MM. The coordinator will arrange for a meeting place near Seaville for the next Worship & Ministry meeting if a clerk has not come forward to make arrangements by then. Everyone with a concern for Friends' worship is encouraged to attend that meeting and all others.

The meeting ended in worship at about 9:30 pm with thanks for Shirley Lock's hospitality, intending to convene again at 7:30 pm on 10 Sixth-month 2011, God willing, at a location to be determined.

For the Committee,
Phil Anthony, coordinator.

Helping us out will be an old friend of mine, Martin Kelley, who makes his living designing and maintaining Websites. Some of you will remember him at Greenwich several years back, presenting the quarterly meeting program on Convergent Friends. Others will be familiar with a Website that he is a major contributor to, <www.quakerquaker.org/>. And a few of us remember when he and Julie Heiland were married at the Woodstown meetinghouse under the care of Atlantic City Area MM, three children and quite a few years ago. . . .

This summer our quarterly meeting will be held on 6/12 at Seaville MM. Our speaker, Phil Broder of the Wetlands Institute in Cape May, will be telling us about efforts to work with commercial fisheries for sustainable catches (see p. 5). The schedule is on the back cover, and we hope there will be a good turnout especially of environmentally conscious Friends.

Another change involves the PYM budget. By the time you receive this, almost everybody should know about the Yearly Meeting budget crunch. Plans are to lay off seven staff, reduce an eighth staffer to a 60 per cent employee, close the Burlington Meeting House, run the library with volunteers only, and reduce both funding and staffing for other programs. That includes quarterly staff, like myself, but the good news is that the cap they expect to put on PYM contributions is just about what they're already giving Salem Quarter. Other quarters aren't so fortunate.

The primary items that aren't on the table to be cut are support for Quaker schools; funding for the elderly; and legal obligations for PYM property. The first two of these get their money from donor-restricted funds established years ago. While the lousy economy has cut down their income, nevertheless there is still an income stream to draw on. And PYM will, of course, honor repayment of borrowed money and mortgages. Instead, much of what will go away affects high school age and young adult Friends. As I write, there's a scramble to see how much can be preserved by totally volunteer efforts with little or no staff support.

In light of this, Salem Quarter is working to put together its own budget workshop. We don't want to spend our time rehashing PYM's intentions for FY 2012. Rather, we would like to explore the larger question what it means that a budget is a spiritual document, and how religious institutions can go about making that happen. Several people have agreed to help us out with the workshop, including PYM's Lola Georg, associate director for business and finance, Tad LaFountain, Burlington Quarter clerk; and our own treasurer, Dianne Sloane.

Despite my efforts, we don't have the date locked down yet. I expect it to happen on a Saturday in mid-July, however—probably 7/9 or 7/16—at Woodstown MM. Keep your ears open. We expect an announcement at Seaville during quarterly meeting. I'll look forward to seeing you there.

Reflections
Tom Etherington
Mullica Hill MM



As I was shoveling snow one day last winter, I saw a dead house finch lying atop a snow bank. The house finch population has been moving north over the past 30 or so years and is now quite common in the area. I wondered if maybe this one had died of old age or whether the winter had just been too much for it. There was nothing I could do for the poor little creature, so I scooped up in my shovel and put it under a bush and whispered, “Rest in peace.”

That was a very human thing to do. There is something about human beings that wants to fix things. The rest of creation doesn’t seem to share this concern, but maybe they just lack the ability to fix things. If the mate of this little bird had seen him lying there in the snow and come down to see what was wrong, what could it have done? The writer of Genesis acknowledges this trait of human beings when he says that human beings were put in the Garden to take care of it.

Part of the current popular consciousness is a concern for the environment in which we live. We see that our population has an effect on everything that surrounds us, and we are concerned that we are changing the world in ways that are not good for us or other living creatures. But all creatures do this. Populations grow and use up the resources needed for their own growth. Their waste products change living conditions, often for the worse. Populations decline. The fossil record is not an eloquent treatise. At best, it is a collection of random clues for us to figure out. The best we can make of it is that, over the years, there have been a great many life forms, and most of them, for one reason or another, have died out.

It is people who care most about the natural order of things who are most concerned when they see it changing. It may well be that the change we see around us is part of the natural process of change that continually happens. But we human beings cannot but help our desire to set things right. We would not be human beings if we did not try to fix things.



Salem Quarter Calendar



[These are only a few of the things that will be happening around the quarter in the upcoming months. Ask your Steering Committee representatives about what the other meetings are doing as time gets closer—Ed.]

Sat, 5/21: Woodstown MM Strawberry Supper. Check with the meeting for times, cost, etc., as the date gets closer. Phone number is (856)769-9839, or visit <<http://www.woodstownfriends.org/>>.

Sun, 5/22: Quarter prayer gathering. The quarter's Worship & Ministry Committee sponsors a prayer gathering at 2 PM at the home of Paul Zinader, 1201 Morton Ave., Pittsgrove Township. For further information or directions, call the coordinator at (856)769-0066, e-mail <salemquarter@gmail.com>.

Fri, 6/10: Quarterly Meeting Worship & Ministry. Seaville MM hosts the quarter's Worship & Ministry Committee at 7:30 in the meeting's Friendship Hall. Potluck nibbles will follow. Directions, see p. 22. For further information, call the coordinator, (856)769-0066, <salemquarter@gmail.com>.

Sun, 6/12: Salem Quarterly Meeting. Schedule for quarterly meeting at Seaville MM is on the back cover. After 10:00 worship, we'll hear from Phil Broder of the Cape May County Wetlands Institute on Seafood Smart, a program of sustainable seafood harvesting. Seaville MM provides lunch, followed by business meeting. Directions, see p. 22. For further information, call the coordinator, (856)769-0066, <salemquarter@gmail.com>.

Wed-Sun, 7/27-7/31: PYM Annual Sessions. "Powerful Beyond Measure: Trusting the Call to Leadership" is the theme of this year's annual sessions at DeSales University, Allentown, Pa. Check for registration forms on the PYM Website, <<http://www.pym.org/annualsessions>>, or be in touch with sessions coordinator Tricia Coscia, (215)241-7238, <sessions@pym.org>, for more information. And this year children eighth grade and younger staying with their parents will pay no program or mail fees, thanks to an Education Standing Committee grant.

Directions to Seaville

Seaville Monthly Meeting is located at 3088 South Shore Road (Route 9), Ocean View, N.J. To find it:

From southern Cape May County: Take Route 9 north. The meetinghouse is on the left. Or take the Garden State Parkway to Exit 20 and follow Route 50 north to Route 9. Turn left on Route 9. Drive one mile. The meetinghouse is on the right, just after a curve.

From Salem, Greenwich, and Millville: Follow Route 49 east to the T intersection with Route 50 in Tuckahoe. Turn right, and take Route 50 south to Route 9. Turn right again and drive one mile on Route 9. The meetinghouse is on the right, just after a curve. Allow about half an hour from the intersection of Route 49 with Route 55 in Millville.

From farther north and west: Get onto Route 55 and take it to Exit 24, Millville/Route 49. Follow the directions from Salem, Greenwich, and Millville (above) to the meetinghouse.

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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,
First-day School 10:30 am, worship 11:30 am

Mickleton: 413 Kings Highway, Mickleton, N.J. 08056 (856) 845-7682
www.pym.org/salem-qm/mickleton www.meetup.com/mickletonmeeting/ 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 mullicahillfriends.org
Sunday School 9:45 am, worship 11:00 am Sep–May; worship 10:00 am Jun–Aug

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; Children's First Day School 10:00 am.

Beach meetings (weather permitting) , **south side of 59th Street jetty, Ocean City**, 12 Jun–Labor Day, 9:00 am; **Grant Street beach, Cape May**, May–Oct, 9:00 am

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

Woodbury: 124 North Broad Street, Woodbury, N.J. 08096, (856) 845-5080
www.pym.org/pym_mms/woodburynj_salq.php www.meetup.com/Woodbury-Friends-Meeting/ First-day School 10:00 am, worship 11:15 am

Woodstown, 104 North Main St., P.O. Box 13, Woodstown, N.J. 08098,
(856) 769-9839 <http://www.woodstownfriends.org/> First-day School 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am

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Quarterly Meeting

June 12, 2011

at Seaville Meeting House

(Directions on p. 22)

10:00 Worship

11:00 Program Seafood Ecology (see p. 5)

*12:00 Lunch (soup and bread provided by
Seaville Mtg.)*

1:00 Business Meeting

Child care, beverages, and dessert provided.