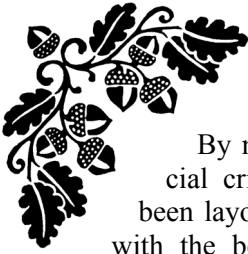




# *Salem Quarter News*

*Winter 2011*

*This was the Lord's doing;  
it is marvelous to our eyes.  
This is the day the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.*



## *Coordinator's Corner*

*by Phil Anthony*

By now, I imagine, everybody knows about the financial crisis of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. There have been layoffs last year and this year, and more are expected with the beginning of FY2013 next July. The library has moved into smaller quarters, and yearly meeting has relinquished some of its office space to save money. Programs are being cut back.

Next year it's expected that the cutbacks will affect Salem Quarter directly. Financial Stewardship Committee has recommended that PYM funding for quarterly coordinator programs be ended. At present PYM pays about 25 per cent of the costs of Salem Quarter's program.

It's not certain that the recommendation will be approved. Several alternate budget proposals have come forth, and it's certain that more will appear before next spring. Also, yearly meeting in session will have the final say on the subject—at the end of July 2012, one month after the 2013 fiscal year begins.

However, Salem Quarter has to adopt a budget now, without knowing what yearly meeting is going to do in eight months. Mike Shapiro, clerk of our own Finance Committee, is assuming that the PYM funds will go away. That leaves the quarter with three major options:

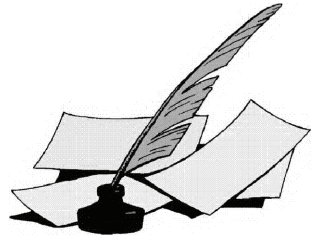
- Make up the difference between what PYM has provided in the past and what a full-time coordinator program requires. An option for finding the money is to cut back on monthly meeting covenants by the amount that would have come back to the quarter in coordinator support. Or the monthly meetings could simply pledge larger donations.
- Cut back the activities of the coordinator program. For instance, the second largest component of the coordinator budget could be eliminated—production and mailing of a print version of *Salem Quarter News*. (It would still appear, however, on our new under-construction Website, <[www.salemquarter.net](http://www.salemquarter.net)>). Friends should

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Quote: Psalm 118: 23, 24 KJV

# *Christmas Miracles*

by *Barry Sloane*



Christmas is fast approaching like the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse — Death, Famine, War, and Pestilence — This is the thought I often have around this time of year. I dread malls, shopping and the tacky overdone commercial pressure that now starts before we can even savor Halloween. I wonder what bizarre family dysfunction will manifest this year and I am dismayed by winter’s darkness. Then, a certain point arrives where I get into the spirit of the holiday and rejoice in the season and the Horsemen are forced to retreat, dissipating into a cloud of vapor.

This happens to me every year and it’s my annual Christmas miracle. And indeed this is a miraculous time of year. It is when the earth goes into darkness and nature slows to imperceptible pulses. It is the time when at long last, the light begins to return to the earth and the hope for another spring sparks alive. It is the time when we think of new beginnings and a time where for a moment, we pause and imagine a world at peace in the light of the Christ. It’s a time of family and friends gathering and a time when people seem to be a little nicer to one another. Every religion I can think of celebrates this time of year in one way or another and with similar hopes. The cycles of nature, the return of the light, the light of humanity and our sense of renewal and hope are indeed among the joyous miracles of Christmas.

I recently read about the Christmas truce of 1914. The Germans and the British ceased fire along the entire western front in WWI over Christmas in 1914. It was a spontaneous act started by the troops; not the politicians and generals. The Christmas truce started when the Germans put out little Christmas trees. They sang “Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht” (Silent Night, Holy Night), while the British responded with “O Come all ye Faithful.”

A soldier’s family discovered a letter about the truce in a box of writing materials. The young man, a British private called “Boy” experienced the Christmas Day Truce of 1914. He wrote to his mother, “Dear Mater ... the Germans began placing ... lights all along the edge of their trenches and coming over to us — wishing us Happy Christmas ... since about teatime yesterday, not a shot has been fired on either side up to now.”

“They also gave us a few songs so we had quite a social party...Some of our chaps went over to their lines. I think they've all come back bar one from E Co. They no doubt kept him as a souvenir.”

“After breakfast we had a game of football at the back of our trenches! We've had a few Germans over to see us this morning. They also sent a party over to bury a sniper we shot in the week. He was about 100 yds. from our trench. A few of our fellows went out and helped to bury him...About 10.30 we had a short church parade, held in the trench. How we did sing. O come all ye faithful.”

For dinner on Christmas day, the enemies ate together a meal of “fried bacon and dip-bread followed by hot Xmas pudding, then muscattels and almonds, oranges, bananas, chocolate, cocoa and smokes.”

“... There must be something in the spirit of Christmas as today we are all on top of our trenches running about. Whereas other days we have to keep our heads well down .... I had a parcel from B G's Lace Dept containing a sweater, smokes, under clothes etc. We also had a card from the Queen, which I am sending back to you to look after please ....”

The soldiers who were told to hate, loathe and kill, lowered their guns and extended the hand of peace and Christmas good will. That was one powerful miracle made even more powerful by the grass roots nature of it. So you see, peace is possible, we just have to demand it.

May each of you have many miracles over Christmas and throughout the coming year.

## *Call for Art Exhibit Entries*

*Mary Waddington*

*Salem MM*

Salem Monthly Meeting is calling for entries for a quarter-wide art exhibit to be held in its annex during quarterly meeting, Sunday, 12/11. Two-dimensional work should be framed and ready to hang, three entries per artist, more if space permits. Three-dimensional work is allotted half a table, or 3'x4'. Again we can show more if space permits.

Entries will be received and placed (preferably by the artist) on Saturday, December 10th, between 10 am and noon at the Salem MM annex. If delivery is not possible at that time, please contact Mary Waddington, (856)935-0683, so other arrangements can be made.



*From Our Friends School*  
*Peter Manzelman*  
*Friends School Service Coordinator*

“I’m scared,” whispered a Friends School seventh-grader as the school bus pulled up to the local ARC, a national organization supporting mentally challenged adults. Later that morning the same nervous seventh-grader, with all his focus and determination, was carefully helping an older mentally challenged adult work on a simple craft project.

Seventh-graders over the past eight years have regularly visited the ARC to work in the bakery and in the adult training center working hand in hand with the mentally and physically challenged. In the spring, Friends School holds a mini-walk to help support and celebrate its relationship with this important local organization. Adults from the ARC (with everything from wheelchairs to feeding tubes) walk in symbolic unity with students. These experiences have had a powerful impact on Friends School students, creating an atmosphere of compassion, empathy, helpfulness, purpose, and giving to their new friends.

The success of this seventh-grade program led Friends School to develop community partnerships for the fifth and sixth grades as well. The sixth-graders partnered with a local regional day school that serves mentally and physically challenged children. Several times a year Friends School students visit the classrooms, work individually with these younger students, help with their field day and spend time fostering new and unique relationships.

The fifth-graders partnered with the local Friends Village, a Quaker retirement/nursing home under the care of Salem Quarter. The students interview the elderly, play bingo, make room visitations, and bring light, spirit, and enthusiasm.

All three programs helped Friends School students to understand the inner joy that results from helping others. This often requires students to step out of their comfort zone, but in the end has increased their confidence and desire to step forward with heart to help those who are old and those who are challenged.

## *The Helen Glass Essay for Peace Contest*

*Matt Graesser*

*8th Grade, Friends School Mullica Hill*

**Query:** "Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal."

**Comment:** What are some of the ways that "peace" can be shown in the conduct of everyday life? Cite an example, either of yourself or another person, who behaves in "peaceful" ways in trying to make the world a better place.

Madiba was what the people of South Africa called him. Madiba means *father* and *knowing one*. He was the hope for the indigenous people of South Africa. He spread his peace to all of the people of South Africa, to the people of the whole continent, and to all of the people of the world. He truly was the inspiration that led to the downfall of British and Dutch colonialism in South Africa. He was imprisoned for 27 years in a cell barely larger than his arm length. He worked hard labor in the lime quarries there and his rations were limited. However he did not complain. When he became president he wanted to bring the blacks and whites together, not separate them more than they already were divided. He may have been the peacemaker who endured the most without dying.

Nelson Mandela was a young boy when the African National Congress had just started operating. Little did he know that he would someday be the leader of the organization. He was the first person in his family to attend a school and college. He made many friends when he went to the University of South Africa. Some of them would stand by him as he fought for racial equality in South Africa. He became active in politics soon after earning his Bachelor's degree. It was also during this time that the party supporting apartheid and racial segregation won the elections in South Africa. For helping blacks to learn to vote he was persecuted by white police. Finally he was arrested after seventeen months on the run. He was imprisoned for 27 years. Most of his imprisonment was in a cell on Robben Island barely bigger than his arm length. Yet after he was released he did not punish the people who mistreated him. Instead he embraced them and intertwined the lives of the African people with the lives of the European people. His fame grew while in the prison as the leader of the racial equality act in South Africa. He was released on February 2, 1990 to the regret of many whites of South Africa. Soon after he was elected president of South Africa in

the first election where blacks were allowed to vote. Many thought he would return all of the mistreatment he and his people had endured on the whites, but instead he embraced the white people, much to the surprise of many.

The first thing he did as president was encourage that all of the people, black and white, watch and cheer for the much hated rugby team, the Springboks. The team was mostly disliked by blacks because the team was all white except for one African player. Mandela refused to change the team's name or even colors. He even wanted to keep the same players instead of integrating it more. He went to many of the games and eventually met with the team's most valuable player, Francois Pienaar. Afterwards, Francois got the impression that Mandela wanted the Springboks, one of the worst rugby teams in the league, to win the Rugby World Cup, which was to be held in South Africa that year. The team was expected to lose every match they played. Surprisingly they won all of them. They even beat the best rugby team in the world at that time, The New Zealand All Blacks, in the championship. Mandela presented the trophy to South Africa and Francois in one of the largest upsets in sports history. This essentially brought the country together as blacks and whites celebrated in the streets together. Afterwards Mandela was truly able to start turning the country into a Democratic Nation. It was one of the most significant moments in South African history.

One of Mandelas most honorable acts was when he held the truth and reconciliation trials. When they were held many people were forgiven and many wrongs were righted. People who had highly mistreated others, mostly white men mistreating black men, were told to apologize to the victim and he would forgive that person. This was one of the most effective forms of peacekeeping to this day because the victim and the offender would both hear the other side of the story and may feel empathy for each other. Usually when this happened, the offender would apologize to the victim. This also helped to destroy the racial barriers between the whites and blacks. Mostly only large cases, such as rape or murder, were the trials that the government dealt with. On the contrary the truth and reconciliation trials became popular throughout the country for more minor cases during this time. The truth and reconciliation trials are thought to be the best way of abolishing apartheid in South Africa.

Mandela not only helped his own country but helped to settle an international conflict as well. When a plane exploded over Scotland and 270 people were killed in 1988, two Libyan men were the suspects. The USA, Scotland, Great Britain, and Spain had been prosecuting these two men. Mandela suggested that the suspects be tried in a third country. They agreed, therefore, Mandela suggested that they be tried in

South Africa; this was declined and instead was held in the Netherlands. One man was found guilty but the other innocent. The guilty one was jailed in a solitary jail in the Netherlands. Mandela visited him and told the media that he was all alone in one cell. He had no one to talk to and nothing to do. Mandela suggested that he be moved to a jail in a larger, more socially accepting jail, in a trusted Middle East country. Soon afterwards the man was moved and will spend the rest of the 27 years he is required to spend at that jail. Nelson Mandela used his first hand experience to help a guilty man feel more accepted. He felt that every man at least deserves respect.

Nelson Mandela has been said to have a peaceful aura around him that makes people feel at ease and happy. He is one of the most enduring and peaceful men this world has ever known. He helped a brutally racist country (South Africa) turn into a racially accepting country. He not only loved black people, he loved white people as well. He is one of the most caring people as well. He did what he did for others, not himself. He cared not only for himself, but for his people. He truly is one of the most peaceful men in the world.

*Matt has chosen to send his charitable donation to the TAP Project of UNICEF. The Helen Glass essay contest is sponsored by Mullica Hill and Mickleton Monthly Meetings.*

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## *Salem Quarterly Meeting Minutes*

09/11/2011

Salem Quarterly Meeting met 9/11/2011 at Greenwich Monthly Meeting. Out of worship, clerk Barry Sloane (Mickleton) convened the meeting, welcomed Friends and thanked Greenwich for their hospitality. There was a Friendly presence for business of eighteen representing six of the seven Monthly Meetings in the quarter. The clerk spoke of a positive outcome in the wake of 9/11/2001—our new friends, Dr. Karim al-Obeidi and his family.

**Dr. al-Obeidi** spoke to us briefly about their transition and adaptation to life in the United States, as well as the great need of those individuals and families of the more educated population of Iraq, like his own, who found it necessary to flee the country. He spoke of remembering not only those whom the US lost on 9/11, but of the loss to the entire world that tragedy represented. He noted the ideals of Friends





and extended thanks for our welcome to him and his family.

On behalf of her meeting, Linda Jeffery (Woodstown) offered some thoughts about what they have been able to learn from Dr. al-Obeidi and his family. Their calm response in the face of adversity and violence has been a source of inspiration and learning. She noted the wisdom, character, and courage she has seen in them throughout the strain of continual trial and threat.

Linda went on to speak of *Friends Committee on National Legislation*. They have developed strategies to offer peace in the face of violence. They encourage the development of relationships with the political community in Washington, DC who shape the laws and policies of our government. FCNL feels that this year and next year are key to the political issues that are of a particular concern to Friends. The FCNL annual meeting will be held on 11/2 to 11/7/2011. Linda encouraged us to strengthen the relationship between the quarter and FCNL.

Madeline Schaeffer (Mullica Hill) shared a series of *letters and responses that she sent to federal officials shortly after 9/11/2001*. In these letters, she shared her concerns for peace and non-violence reactions. The responses she received did not leave the reader with any certainty that her message was understood.

*Minutes of the last quarterly meeting* on 06/12/2011 were approved as they appeared in *Salem Quarter News*.

Phil presented a report offered by Marsha Gaspar (Woodbury) on the

2011 *Tri-Quarter Gathering*. It noted efforts by the planning committee to increase attendance, current registration information, and planned gathering events and activities for 2011. Phil noted a correction to the report. Friends Institute did not withdraw their funds; PYM finances caused the funds to be merged into the general fund. (See report p. 14.)

*SQM approved continuing their support to 2011 Tri-Quarter Gathering in the amount of \$500. Friends further minuted their gratitude to Marsha Gaspar for her tireless efforts.*

Mike Ayars (Woodstown) reported from *Steering Committee* as its clerk. He highlighted the recently quarter-sponsored events, *Budgets as a Spiritual Instrument* and *Nonviolent Responses to Terrorism*. Mike noted that we are looking at a FCNL program for March Quarterly Meeting. A prayer group has been formed to hold Diane Metz (Seaville) in the Light as she faces health challenges.

The clerk presented a formal report from the *Indian Affairs Committee* submitted by Sandra Boone Murphy (Mickleton). This highlighted their meetings, the naming of a clerk and recording clerk, the status of the books for lending, planned educational pursuits, the status of Friend Richard Joseph, and a schedule of future events.

Mike Ayars (Woodstown) reported from *Friends Village*. They experienced no ill effects from the recent barrage of storms. There are many workshops scheduled in the upcoming months. The board is continuing their work on a campus master plan. They have recently purchased the small red house near Healthcare to use a guest house.

Phil Anthony, coordinator, reported from the *Worship & Ministry* committee. They met at the home of the Shapiros on Friday evening, heard a report on the prayer group, discussed Quarter sponsored programs for the future, and heard a brief report on the Gifts Working Group. (See report p. 12)

On behalf of Gary Holmes (Woodstown), coordinator Phil Anthony reported from the Salem Quarter *Trustees*. The Maurice River burial ground wall damaged in a motor vehicle accident has been repaired. It was noted by multiple Friends that it looks better than ever.

Announcements were made and the meeting was closed in worship.

*Rebecca Shapiro*, recording clerk.



## *From Our Friends Village*

### *Daphne Peaslee*

Years ago, when the Friends Village Annual Golf Outing was still young, the proceeds were only one-third what they are today. This event is the primary fundraiser for the Residents Benevolence Fund, which supports resi-

dents with financial assistance.

This fall Friends Village celebrated the tenth anniversary of this big event. With the addition of a successful silent auction to the golf awards banquet, the challenge has been to find a venue that not only accommodates up to one hundred golfers, but also up to a hundred silent auction items and shoppers! The location of choice for the past three years has been Centerton Country Club, outside Elmer.

The staff of the Marketing and Development Department at Friends Village work hard throughout the year to encourage golfers to participate in the golf outing and to collect silent auction items from generous donors. When approached, many golfers quickly respond, “Well, I’m not a very talented golfer but...” Staff members assure them that the event is a fun day of golf for a good cause followed by a delicious meal and some swanky shopping! Besides, golfers play “best ball” on the course, which allows plenty of room for error on the swing.

Participants in the event include Friends Village residents, members of the Board of Trustees, friends and family, as well as generous sponsors like Susquehanna Bank, Parker McCay attorneys, and Fox Rehabilitation. Many Friends Village residents enjoy the opportunity to indulge in a delicious dinner with friends off-campus. Employees enjoy a break from their usual tasks and work together to assure the details of the day and night run smoothly.

On 10/6, the Friends Village Golf Outing was graced with fantastic autumn weather and over 100 eager participants. This combination helped Friends Village raise over \$17,000 for the Resident Benevolence Fund! We are proud each year knowing that we work so hard to provide the best we can for our residents.

For more information on how to support the Resident Benevolence Fund or a future event, call Daphne Peaslee at (856) 769-1500.

## *Salem Quarter Worship & Ministry* *9 Ninth-month 2011*

Salem Quarter's Worship & Ministry Committee settled into worship at the home of Rebecca Shapiro, clerk, and her husband, Michael, at about the appointed hour of 7:30 pm. Six members of the quarter from three monthly meetings were present, along with the quarter coordinator.

### ***Old business.***

The coordinator, Phil Anthony, reported on the Gifts Working Group. The group met on the afternoon of 8/20 in Woodbury, N.J. It was agreed that the group should concentrate on its core mission, the study of gifts and presenting programs to help meetings identify and express their gifts. Seaville MM has asked the group to consider a program there. A meeting to discuss how Seaville can best be served was scheduled for the evening of 9/8, but had to be cancelled because of flooding. This meeting will be rescheduled. No clerk has yet been identified by the group to succeed Mario Cavallini. The group will meet again the afternoon of 10/1.

The coordinator also reported that two groups have come together for prayer since the June meeting of Worship & Ministry. One met at Cumberland County College on the fifth First-day of Seventh-month, with only four people present in the middle of the summer with a conflict with PYM sessions at Allentown. This group will meet again at the college on First-day, 10/30, at 2:00 pm. The other group met at Mullica Hill's meetinghouse on the afternoon of 9/9. Its next meeting date has not yet been set.

At Seaville on 6/10, it was suggested that the quarter could offer a musical program of some kind. An article appeared in the Fall *Salem Quarter News*, listing Helena Bew of Seaville as the contact person for those interested in working on it. In Helena's absence, the coordinator said that to his knowledge, a former concert pianist from Greenwich MM is the only one who responded. It will rest on Helena to move this forward as she is able, following health concerns.

The question of a co-clerk to help Becky Shapiro organize and report on the work of Worship & Ministry was raised. No one has come forward, but it is hoped that someone will as we settle into a new year.

The committee will encourage attendance at Worship & Ministry meetings by other Friends from our monthly meetings.

*New business.*

Several possibilities for programs that Worship & Ministry might offer were lifted up. There was some discussion about what kinds of program would attract interest, and when a program could be held that would not conflict with other events. Who might lead the possible programs was also explored.

It was decided that two programs would be in order. The first is an afternoon of healing meditation and worship, which is scheduled for Saturday, 1/7/2012. Michael Gibson, Mullica Hill MM, agreed to be responsible for bringing this together. Becky will explore the availability of two program leaders who have facilitated such events in the past, and hopes to have information in time for quarterly meeting on Sunday.

The second is an all-day program of spiritual accountability by Viv Hawkins, Central Philadelphia MM, and friends from Philadelphia and New England Yearly Meetings. Interest in such a program was expressed by quarter members following Viv's presentation at Woodstown on 3/13. It would be held on a Saturday in April or May, 2012. Phil will be in touch with Viv to work on arrangements.

The meeting closed in worship, with attention paid to the meetings of Salem Quarter, about 9:35 pm.

For the committee,  
*Phil Anthony, coordinator.*

## *Tri-Quarter Gathering Report*

On behalf of the 2011 Planning Committee of the Tri-Quarter Gathering of Friends, I am requesting Salem Quarter's annual support of the only event that brings together members and attenders of the three quarters of Salem, Haddonfield, and Burlington.

As reported by clerk Marsha Gaspar at the Salem Quarterly Meeting of December 2010, last year's event was attended by 94 Friends, either for the whole weekend or a portion thereof. Of these, 38% were from Salem Quarter.

It may be of interest to Friends that to increase attendance at the Tri-Quarter overall, the Planning Committee has invited Bucks (PA) Quarter to participate this year. Registration Forms have been sent to Holly Olson, Bucks Quarter coordinator, who has by now distributed them to the 14 meetings in her quarter.

In addition, after several years of engaging the Young Adult Friends (YAFs) to consider having their fall meeting at the Gathering, they have said yes. This may increase attendance by another 30 participants if all goes well.

As to activities at this year's Gathering, we will have five workshops for adults, a fun workshop for kids, and—for the first time ever—an all-day challenge course event. Of course, there will continue to be six hearty meals, canoeing, hay rides, bonfire, star-gazing, worship, and ample free time to simply enjoy the pineland setting.

Quantities of registration forms have been sent to 22 monthly meetings of the three quarters, as well as to workshop leaders to encourage attendance. In addition, Phil Anthony, Salem Quarter coordinator, has been sent a quantity which can be distributed at this meeting as a source of information.

All this is to say that the Planning Committee has taken the initiative to bolster attendance at this year's event so as to have it come closer to being a self-sustaining enterprise. Nonetheless, because Friends' Institute has withdrawn their scholarship support this year, we know that Salem's support—as well as that of Haddonfield and Burlington—is vital to its continuation.

Thank you once again for helping us build interpersonal and spiritual bridges within our three quarters.

Respectfully submitted, in faith and service,  
*Marsha Gaspar*, Woodbury Friends  
 Clerk, 2011 Planning Committee  
 Tri-Quarter Gathering of Friends.



*Join us at Quarterly Meeting  
for a Christmas Carol Sing.*

*Enjoy the art show during lunch and  
stay for business in the afternoon.*

*Would you like to display some art work at the  
show? See page 4.*

*[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.]*

**Thu-Sun, 12/1-12/4: Ten Thousand Villages at Woodstown MM.**

Woodstown holds its annual Ten Thousand Villages gift sale in conjunction with the Woodstown by Candlelight tour, 12/2. Look for a flier with times closer to the date, or call Mike Ayars, (856) 478-4618, <mwayars@comcast.net>.

**Fri, 12/9: Quarterly Meeting Worship & Ministry.** The quarter's Worship & Ministry Committee gathers at 7:30 at the home of Becky & Mike Shapiro, 110 S. Main St, Elmer. Potluck nibbles will follow. For directions, call Becky at (856)358-2385, or e-mail her, <heddwch@comcast.net>.

**Sun, 9/11: Salem Quarterly Meeting.** Full schedule for quarterly meeting at Salem MM is on the back cover. The program of Christmas carols will begin at 9:30 am, with worship at 10:30, followed by brown-bag lunch and art show in the Salem annex. For further information, call the coordinator, (856)769-0066, or e-mail <salemquarter@gmail.com>.

**Sun, 12/18: Salem MM covered dish luncheon and Christmas party.**

The party will take place in the annex at the rise of worship. More information from Becky Shapiro, (856)358-2385, <heddwch@comcast.net>.

**Sat, 12/24: Salem MM candlelight worship.** Worship will begin at 7:00 pm in the meetinghouse. For information, call Becky Shapiro, (856)358-2385, <heddwch@comcast.net>.

**Sun, 1/29/2012: Soup and bread luncheon at Salem MM.** The luncheon will take place in the annex at the rise of meeting. Call (856) 358-2385, <heddwch@comcast.net>, for more information.

**Sun, 2/5: Movie Night at Salem MM.** Salem MM's Social Concerns Committee hosts a movie night in the meeting's annex starting at 6 pm. Further information from Becky Shapiro, (856)358-2385, <heddwch@comcast.net>.



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note, however, that this would not entirely make up the shortfall resulting from PYM's defunding the yearly meeting contribution.

- The coordinator program could be made part-time. This would require a close look at the current job description to determine what Friends would want to drop from the coordinator's duties. In fact, Friends will be asked to look at that in any case, since it takes 45 hours or more weekly to do what's now on the list, and the job is budgeted for only 35 hours a week. Or the position could be dropped completely.

I'm glad to talk with Friends about the coordinator program at your convenience, whenever you'd like. This could be an adult First-day School program, a business meeting, a special called meeting, or anything else that works for you. I'm not going to take part in deliberations about what the Salem Quarter budget should look like, however. That's for the members of the quarter to decide, not the staff.

All is not, of course, doom and gloom. It occurred to me last spring that PYM cutting back its staffing and programs would free the quarterly meetings to become more active in serving their meetings and members. Informal cooperation between quarters might provide a regional focus that would be more relevant than yearly meeting offerings. I won't try to predict what that would look like; it really depends on the interests and energy of the meetings and members. But it could mean a revitalization of Quakerism at the local and regional level.

There is occasion for joy in the immediate future, in fact. Quarterly meeting sessions will be held on First-day, 12/11, at Salem MM. Once more we will celebrate the season with Christmas carols, together with an art show in the Salem MM annex (see article, p. 4). I'll personally look forward to seeing all of you there.

## *Directions to Salem Meeting*

*39 34.286 N, 75 27.924 W*

From the southernmost parts of NJ, take Route 47 north to Route 49. Turn west on Rt. 49 which takes you in to Salem.

The traffic light at East Broadway and Walnut Sts. is directly in front of the meetinghouse.

Turn right into the Salem Mtg. driveway.

From northern South Jersey, take Routes 40 or 45 to Woodstown.

Take Route 45 from Woodstown to Salem.

Route 45 dead ends into Broadway.

Turn left onto East Broadway, then left at the first traffic light (one block) into Salem Mtg. driveway.

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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](http://www.pym.org/salem-qm/mickleton) [www.meetup.com/mickletonmeeting/](http://www.meetup.com/mickletonmeeting/) Worship 10:00 am, children's First-day School 10:15  
the first Sunday of the month

**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](http://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](http://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](http://www.pym.org/pym_mms/woodburynj_salq.php) [www.meetup.com/Woodbury-Friends-Meeting/](http://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

**Coordinator:** Phil Anthony, P.O. Box 55, Woodstown, N.J. 08098-0055  
(856) 769-0066 [salemquarter@gmail.com](mailto:salemquarter@gmail.com)

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**Salem Quarterly Meeting**  
Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the  
Religious Society of Friends  
PO Box 55  
Woodstown, NJ 08098-0055  
**Change Service Requested**

***Salem Quarterly Meeting***  
***December 11, 2011***  
***at Salem Meeting House***  
***(Directions on p. 18)***

***9:00 Gather***

***9:30 Christmas Carol Sing***

***10:30 Worship***

***11:30 Lunch (Use the extra half-hour to view  
the art objects on display.)***

***1:00 Business Meeting***

***Child care, beverages and dessert provided.***