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Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements? Surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

To what were its foundations fastened?

or who laid its cornerstone,

when the morning stars sang together

and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

When I heard the learn'd astronomer,

When the proofs, the figures, were ranged in columns before me,

When I was shown the charts and diagrams, to add, divide, and measure them,

When I sitting heard the astronomer where he lectured with much applause in the lecture-room, How soon unaccountable I became tired and sick, Till rising and gliding out I wander'd off by myself, In the mystical moist night-air, and from time to time, Look'd up in perfect silence at the stars.

Walt Whitman

(Walt Whitman was not a member of a Friends Meeting. His mother was Quaker and he had great admiration for Elias Hicks. Whitman wrote of Hicks in his **Democratic Vistas** and gathered materials for a biography of Hicks, but never completed it.)

There is a unofficial policy of using local photographs on the cover of Salem Quarter News. Local is a relative term. The picture on this issue is of the Andromeda galaxy, which is the galaxy closest to our own (hence local). It takes light from that galaxy a mere 2.5 million years to reach us. Light from the furthest galaxy that has been discovered by the Hubble telescope takes 13 billion years to reach us. There are probably other galaxies further away, but there hasn't been enough time since the creation of the universe for their light to reach us. Keep this in mind as you read this issue of the Salem Quarter News, listen to news of world events, or spend time with your family. Doing so helps one to keep things in perspective.

Photo by NASA

Quote: Job 38:4-7

#### Are We There Yet ...?

#### Dietrich Preston Clerk of Quarter



Earlier in the week I was looking down at the yard to see the daffodil stalks just breaking out of the ground, the newly formed buds on the trees and just when I was thinking about our transition into Spring, Mother Nature lets us know that Winter is not over until She says it is. Sure enough a full blown nor'easter fell upon the Delaware Valley as well as all along the U.S. eastern seaboard. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all who were affected by the power outages or other catastrophic events. We can only hope that no more damage is done this Winter season.

I've thought to myself before, "Why does the human race have all these holidays around the time of the Winter Solstice?" As my predecessor put in the last Salem Quarterly newsletter, Hanukkah, Eid-al-fitr, Diwali, Kwanzaa, Chinese New Year, Christmas are all equally important celebrations recognized all over the world. I then began to think about what Winter was like hundreds if not thousands of years ago. I would say it was probably a lot harsher than how we have it today with supermarkets open 24/7 and an abundance of food and resources.

Back so long ago there must have been much more preparation for the Winter season with storing food and making shelter accommodations than we have today. Still, I think there is something else we need to store up for the long cold winter — maybe cheerfulness, good-will, kindness to one another. I'm sure everyone has felt the Winter blues at sometime or another, but maybe this is what the Winter Solstice celebrations are for—not just for physical sustenance but emotional, psychological sustenance as well.

Today, with just a little over two weeks before the Spring Equinox, I'm getting those feelings of anxiousness, impatience, asking Mother Nature, "Are We There Yet?" I'm sure She doesn't have to answer to anyone let alone little ol' me. Spring will get here when it gets here ... it always does. Regardless of how much longer we have to go, I hope everyone has stored up enough kindness, love and good cheer to get them through the rest of Winter as we look forward to the beautiful blossoms of Spring.

Perseverance is what gets people through the Winter season, the difficult times and I believe perseverance is one of human kind's greatest attributes. We keep in mind the people in this world who have persevered through great hardships and we will always promote the end to these hardships.

Blessings to all and may you have a prosperous Spring season!

## Salem Quarterly Meeting Minutes 3/11/2018

Salem Quarterly Meeting met 3/11/2018 at Salem Meetinghouse. Out of worship, clerk Dietrich Preston (Woodbury) convened the meeting, welcomed Friends and visitors, and expressed our gratitude to Salem Friends for their gracious hospitality. We thanked Sandy Boone Murphy for her presentation this morning. There was a Friendly presence for business of seventeen representing six of the seven monthly meetings in the Quarter.

Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting on 12/10/2017 were approved as they appeared in the Salem Quarter News.

The Finance Committee report was submitted by Michael Shapiro (Salem.) Since last December income includes \$5,310 in covenants and donations on behalf of Meetings and our expenses have been \$4,170 (Carpenter Tree, Univest Insurance, USPS, JVS Copy and postage reimbursements). Our available balance is about \$6,200. The Finance Committee will meet tentatively on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am to build the 2018-19 budget for Quarter approval in June.

On behalf of the Quarter Nominating Committee, Rebecca Shapiro (Salem) presented the following for approval:

Salem Quarter Trustees: Cemetery-Grounds terms to expire 2021 David Cadwallader, Salem Paul Somers, Greenwich (clerk)

**Salem Quarter Education Fund Committee** terms to expire 2021 *Robert Holden*, Seaville

**PYM Nominating Committee** terms to expire 2021 *Bob Horvay,* Mickleton

Friends approved the nominations as recommended by the Nominating Committee. The nominations for Clerk and Treasurer were made and approved at the last Quarter Meeting in December. By her request, Marie Haaf was released from her term on the Indian Affairs Committee.

The Worship & Ministry Committee did not meet on Friday evening. The meeting was rescheduled for Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

On behalf of the Indian Affairs committee, Sandra Boone Murphy (Mickleton) submitted a written report and noted some of the highlights. (See report p. 14)

A brief report from Friends School Mullica Hill was presented by Bill Carrigan (Mickleton). The eighth grade is currently on their annual educational/service trip to Costa Rico. The entire class save one was able to attend thanks to the scholarship money provided. The FSMH Board of Trustees is pleased to introduce the new head of school, Matt Bradley. John Bond is named to be the next clerk of the Board. School events include worship each Friday at 8:45 am; Spring Auction on 4/13; Spring Musical on 5/17; Visitation Day for Quakers, Grandparents, and Trustees on 5/17; Spring Musical at Rowan on 5/18; and Graduation at 7:00 pm on 6/12.

Dietrich Preston (Woodbury), of the Tri-Quarter Gathering, reported the proposed theme for the next gathering will be "We are Family" with multiple intergenerational activities planned.

Jared Valdez, (Mickleton) was recommended and applied for a Pickett Grant. If approved, he would be using the funds to create a promotional video for our South Jersey Quakers series with Jon Watts of Quaker Speak.

On behalf of Emily Blanck (Mickleton), Bill Carrigan (Mickleton) reported that Continuing Sessions will be in Harrisburg on 3/24. As part of Continuing Sessions, Friends will have the opportunity for participating in an anti-gun violence march in Harrisburg in sympathy with March for Our Lives taking place in Washington DC.

Mary Ann Gilmore (Mullica Hill) presented the mission statement and the details for the 3/24 March for Our Lives in Washington DC and the sister march in Philadelphia. (There are 725 events worldwide.) The march will demand that lives and safety be a priority and that we end gun violence and mass shootings in our schools. She offered her assistance in coordinating participation to Washington or Philadelphia. Friends suggested that she coordinate with Jared Valdez to share the information electronically so that individual Friends could participate as they feel led. Friends discussed the need to have conversations regarding this issue and the many varied perspectives and priorities.

Meeting was closed in worship.

Rebecca Shapiro, recording clerk

### Officers and Committees of Salem Quarterly Meeting

Approved by Salem Quarterly Meeting 3/11/2018

Clerk—three years, two consecutive terms only, first term ends 2021

Dietrich Preston, WBY

Assistant Clerk—three-year term ends 2019

Tom Etherington, MUL

Recording Clerk—three-year term ends 2021

Rebecca Shapiro, SAL

Treasurer—three-year term ends 2020

Jack Mahon, WTN

Assistant Treasurer—three-year term ends 2019

Michael Shapiro, SAL

Salem Quarter Trustees: Cemetery-Grounds —three-year term, at least one per monthly meeting

Responsible for the care and maintenance of the properties and cemeteries entrusted and/ or deeded to Salem Quarter, excluding the Lower Alloways Creek Meetinghouse and surrounding grounds.

2020: Maurice W. Ayars Jr., WTN

Preston Carpenter, SAL

Barbara Jean Chadwick, SEA

Rick Williams, MIC

2021: David Cadwallader, SAL Paul Somers, GRN (clerk)

Salem Quarter Auditors—three-year term Responsible for the annual audit of the accounts of the treasurer.

2019: Joe Tingle, MUL

2020: Gloria Horvay, MIC

Walt Pierson, MIC

Salem Quarter Liaison with Friends School at Mullica Hill Board of Trustees—three-year term

Act as a liaison, disseminating information between the school and the Quarter.

2020: Bill Carrigan, MIC

Salem Quarter Education Fund Committee—three-year term Receive applications for scholarship, determine scholarship awards and disseminate distribution of funds.

2019: Alice Waddington, SAL

Judy Isenhart, MIC

2020: Lori Talbot, GRN

Tacie Trull, SAL (clerk) Tom Etherington, MUL Sally Crane. WTN

2021: Robert Holden, SEA

Salem Quarter Worship and Ministry—terms not established Responsible for the provision of guidance and support for the spiritual life of the Quarter and the support of the Monthly Meeting W & M committees in the Quarter.

Rebecca Shapiro, SAL (clerk)

(All members of Monthly Meeting Worship & Ministry or Ministry & Oversight Committees)

PYM Nominating Committee—three-year term, Quarter entitled to two members

Representatives from the Quarter bring names from the Quarter to the attention of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee in an effort to match gifts and skills to appropriate PYM committees.

2021: Bob Horvay, MIC

Salem Quarter Lower Alloways Creek Committee: Meetinghouse-Property - members to be nominated by the committee and approved by Quarterly Meeting.

An action group to oversee stewardship, management and use of the Lower Alloways Creek Meetinghouse building and property.

Penny Watson, GRN
Mary Waddington, SAL
Jim Waddington, SAL
Paul Somers, GRN
David Culver, SAL (clerk)
Maurice W. Ayars Jr., WTN (rec. clerk)
Keith Ragone, WTN
Preston Carpenter, SAL
Ron Magill (ad hoc)

Indian Affairs Committee - members to be nominated by the committee and approved by Quarterly Meeting

Modeled on the PYM Indian Committee, the Quarter Committee formed 12/2009 to focus on a single tribe, the Leni Lenape and act as a liaison between the tribe and the Quarter.

Sandra Boone Murphy, MIC (clerk) Lois Dinshah, MUL Carol Lively, GRN Jim Murphy, WBY

Salem Quarter Steering Committee—appointed by monthly meetings. Ex officio, quarter officers

Responsible to act on behalf of the Quarter between quarterly sessions, arrange for quarterly meeting programs, and other such business as directed by the Quarter.

Paul Somers, GRN (clerk)

Bob Horvay, MIC
Gloria Horvay, MIC
Tom Etherington, MUL
Rebecca Shapiro, SAL (rec. clerk)
Michael Shapiro, SAL
Michael Hainsworth, SEA
Diane Metz, SEA
Helena Bew, SEA
Maurice W. Ayars Jr., WTN
Jack Mahon, WTN
Dietrich Preston, WBY

Finance Committee—appointed by monthly meetings, one per meeting. Ex officio, Steering Committee treasurer Responsible for the creation of an annual proposed budget based on the covenants pledged by the Monthly Meetings in the Quarter. Final budget approval is given by the Quarter in session.

Burt Doremus, GRN
Barry Sloane, MIC
Joan Boarts, MUL
Michael Shapiro, SAL (clerk)
Ben Ford, SAL
Diane Metz, SEA
Jack Mahon, WTN

#### Nominating Committee - appointed by monthly meetings, two per meeting plus one from Friends Village Board Responsible for bringing forth names and securing the willingness to serve on Quarter Committees as approved by the Quarter.

Grace Thompson, GRN
Anne Lester, MIC
Ruth van Veenendaal, MIC
Peggy Warner, MUL
Rebecca Shapiro, SAL
Ben Ford, SAL
Diane Metz, SEA
Gail Scuderi, WTN (co-clerk)
Chris Mahon, WTN (co-clerk)

#### **Clerks of Meetings**

Greenwich: *Grace E. Thompson*Mickleton: *Gloria Horvay*Mullica Hill: *Jeffrey Summerton* 

Salem: Tacie Trull

Seaville: *Michael Hainsworth* Woodbury: *Dietrich Preston* Woodstown: Kahlil Gunther

## Friends Village at Woodstown Board of Trustees—three-year term, nominated by Friends Village, approved by Quarterly Meeting

2019: Maurice W. Ayars Jr., WTN (secretary)

Russell Bassett, Jr., SAL Susanne Culver, SAL (clerk)

2020: Richard Ridgway, MUL (ass't clerk, ass't secretary)

Grace E. Thompson, GRN Stephen Waddington, SAL Joan Ayars, SAL (treasurer) Sandy Ridgeway, MUL

For personal contact information, please refer to the print edition or contact your Steering Committee representative.

(Continued from page 18) 2018 Winning Peace Essay

I know that my voyage with stopping bullying doesn't end there. In my future, I plan on helping others around me who feel that they are not being treated fairly. I plan on helping in any way that I can during high school and college. During college, I plan on joining a mentoring program which is aimed to let younger students talk to older students to ask for help in school work and friendships. After college, I want to be lawyer. The way I see a lawyer is someone who is devoted in helping people without a voice speak for themselves. That is where I see myself. I want to help people who feel mistreated.

Knowing that 4,500 kids kill themselves because of bullying, I thought about ways that I could help some of them out. I think that helping run a school-wide program against bullying and picking a career that I feel helps others express their opinions is a great way to do my part. Learning the facts about bullying is a great way to start helping. The time that I have spent working with T. Skye on Start With Hello Week was definitely a great experience because I have seen first-hand how much children appreciate acts of kindness, and I got to see how much that makes a difference to them. I am looking forward to helping people all throughout my future whether it is as a student or as a lawyer. I hope that there are other people who feel the same way as me and will help me in changing the future of bullying.

#### Indian Affairs Committee



... As long as the sun shines and the rivers run, we shall bind our hearts

The Indian Affairs Committee conducted business during a set meeting, February 21, 2018, hosted by Mickleton Friends Meeting. We shared many meaningful articles and events taking place with sovereign Tribal Nation neighbors and patterns throughout Indian Country.

With work of the US Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, six **Virginia Tribal Nations** increases the number of Federally recognized Tribes to 573. The <u>State of Indian Nations (SOIN) Address</u> was given by National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) President Jefferson Keel, with follow-up by Senator Udall of New Mexico, Committee on Indian Affairs Vice Chairman.

- The Nanticoke-Lenape **Turtle Trading Post** store in Bridgeton is *not* currently open for business; however, services continue at the Cohanzick Tribal Grounds. We're awaiting final details by the N-L for their **Spring Gathering** (May) & **Powwow** (June.) The Nanticoke-Lenape **Tribal Nation civil rights lawsuit** continues; we hear from Pastor JR Norwood, "Our attorneys have requested a meeting with the new attorney general and are also gearing up for a final push in court." May our prayers and light reach those in service with NJ State governance, toward reaffirming relations.
- Toward **environmental concerns**, Lenape Indian Tribe of DE leadership has ongoing relationships in NJ and DE, with Pachamama Alliance and Sierra Club Chapters.

IAC **talks** continue within Salem Quarter as well as the wider PYM community, and have branched out to Pendle Hill. The PH

Jan.-March First Monday talks have been related to Right Relations with Indigenous Peoples. A member of the SQ IAC is seated on the PH planning committee in preparation for their May 3-6, 2018 **Conference**, *Truth & Healing: Quakers Seeking Right Relationship with Indigenous Peoples*.

Three Friends attended/reflected on the **National Museum of American Indians** exhibit debut, *Americans* and webcast discussion, *A Conversation about "Americans"* <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Td--OkcSO3k">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Td--OkcSO3k</a>; also recommended is the joint webcast from NMAI and the National Museum of African American History and Culture, *Finding Common Ground*, <a href="http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/112895926">http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/112895926</a>.

The **Bridgeton HS** Native American Awareness Club, *Dream-catchers*, is conducting a t-shirt sales fundraiser. The shirt design sports their HS Bulldog mascot wearing a t-shirt with the Nanticoke-Lenape Tribal Nation's Turtle logo; shirt costs range \$13-\$18.

Friend, Marie Haff (WTN), has requested to be released from this committee, reducing her obligations; we are grateful for her years of shared knowledge and discernment.

Our **next meeting** is set for Wed. May 23, 2 PM, at Mickleton Mtg. If unable to attend, consider joining a conference call meeting, set for Th. May 24, 7 PM; prior necessary arrangements must be made to obtain the call-in number & pin; call 609 221-7247.

Named members of the Indian Affairs Committee are Carol Lively, Lois Dinshah, Jim Murphy, Sandra Boone Murphy; the IAC is an open committee of fellowship & service of the Salem Quarter Religious Society of Friends.

#### The Sky's the Limit George A. Crispin

Most of us have heard the phrase "The Sky's the Limit" when contemplating some task of extreme difficulty. Taken literally, the sky extends upward some 300 miles, then there is space, and beyond that infinity. The expression "the sky's the limit" gives evidence that there are extremes beyond which we cannot go.

However, challenging these limits, and, thus, the adage "the sky's the limit," has been a resolve within the hearts of some that have encouraged repeated record breaking and venturing into the unknown.

Before Magellan no one had sailed around the world. "The sky was the limit."

Before the Wright brothers no one had built a machine heavier than air that could fly. "The sky was the limit."

Before Roger Bannister no one ran a mile in under four minutes. "The sky was the limit."

Before Einstein no one unraveled the relationship between energy and mass. "The sky was the limit."

That the sky is the limit exists for those who accept it as so. But for those whose imagination and resolve inspires them to go farther, the sky is not the limit. For them there may be no limits.

# The Meetinghouse Library You Might Not Have Known About by John Jeremiah Edminster, Clear Creek Monthly Meeting, Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting

Do you find it hard to read the early Quaker writers because of all their Biblical allusions? Are there verses in Scripture that puzzle you, and you wonder what the "classical" Quaker writers (Fox, Fell, Penington, Barclay, Penn, etc.) had to say about them? The Quaker Bible Index (QBI) was created to help you with just these challenges. The QBI is an online reference tool that links verses of Scripture with early Quaker texts that reference them. As its creator, Esther Greenleaf Mürer of Central Philadelphia Meeting, acknowledges, it's "a work in progress," and doesn't yet index every book of the Bible, but it's still actively under construction as of this writing (2017). It can be accessed at esr.earlham.edu/qbi/. All the early Quaker texts referenced are currently in print, with the exception of the eight-volume set of George Fox's Works, reprinted in 1990 from the 1831 American Edition by the New Foundation Fellowship.

Many of the works referenced by the QBI that are now in print are also available online at the Quaker Heritage Press www.qhpress.org/. But even early Quaker texts that have been out of print for centuries – including that 1831 edition of Fox's works – are accessible and searchable in the Digital Quaker Collection (DQC) creatby Earlham School of Religion, esr.earlham.edu/dqc/. "searchable," we mean that this collection of over one thousand titles allows the investigator to key in a word or phrase (for example, "carnal weapons," or "What canst thou say?") and see where it occurs in the works of one author, or the whole collection, or any subset of the collection.

This means that if you're a pastor writing a sermon on Matthew 5:44 ("Love your enemies") and you want to know how Isaac Penington (1616-1679) used it, you can navigate to the "Matthew 5" webpage in the QBI and have your answer within seconds. If you want to know how Thomas Chalkley (1675-1741) used it, you can call up the "search" option in the DQC, key in "Love your enemies" (don't forget the quotation marks!)\*, and select "Chalkley, Thomas." The difference is that Penington's works are now in print (hence you may use the QBI) and Chalkley's aren't (hence you must use the DQC).

But these online texts, and online search utilities, aren't just for pastors, or for Quakers, or for students of the Bible. They're for seekers of all kinds. The Quakers of those early years lived lives transformed by personal encounters with the Light of the living Christ. They still speak to us today, through writings now accessible to anyone with a computer and an internet connection. It's the virtual Quaker meetinghouse library you might not have known about, and it's open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Here is an example of what the Quaker Bible Index can find for you. A search for what early Quakers said using the reference of John 1:1 retreives the following information. This source index from the Quaker Bible index tells us that:

GF3 is The Works of George Fox, volume 3, New Foundation Publication, 1990.

JN 1 is volume 1 of the Works of James Naylor, Quaker Heritage Press, 2003.

IP3 is volume 3 of The Works of Isaac Penington.

Note that the quoted text contains references in brackets to other Biblical allusions used by the author in that passage.

<sup>\*</sup> When searching online, remember that when searching for a phrase it must be in quotes, eg. "love your enemies." If you search without the quotation marks, the search engine will find all of those words anywhere in the text, thus returning lots of unwanted hits.

#### (John 1:1)

[Other texts citing John 1:1: GF3:60 (<u>John 10:35</u>) GF3:211 (<u>Mat 4:1-11</u>), GF4:73 (<u>John 4:29</u>), GF4:236 (<u>1 Pet 1:23</u>, <u>Rev 17:1</u>), GF6:231 (confl <u>1 Jn 1:1</u>), GF7:13 (<u>John 12:6</u>), GF7:33 (<u>1 Jn 5:19</u>), GF7:234 (<u>1 Pet 2:2</u>), GF7:290 (<u>Gen 11:1-9</u>), GF8:215 (<u>Rev 2:10</u>), GF8:236 (<u>Mat 27:46</u>), GF8:277 (<u>Rev 3:10</u>), JN2:57 (<u>Rev 19:13</u>), IP3:10f (<u>Mat 11:3</u>), IP3:160f (<u>John 14:6</u>), IP3:337 (<u>Rev 2:23</u>), HPS 351 (<u>Heb 11:3</u>), JSS 13 ((<u>John 1:4</u>), JSS 22 (<u>John 10:8</u>), JSS 49 (<u>Gen 1:7-11</u>)]

GF3:171 (1659): You say, "The scriptures are the word of God." The scripture itself saith, "The word is God [John 1:1]." Christ's "name is called the word of God [Rev 19:13]," and the scriptures are words, the words of God, the words of Christ, the declaration which the ministers of the word set forth [Luk 1:1]; which words end in Christ the word [John 1:1], who fulfils them. And they are called the scriptures of truth [Dan 10:21] which cannot be broken [John 10:15]; and so ye do not speak as the church did that gave forth scripture. And the spirit of God was the rule in speaking forth the scriptures [2 Pet 1:21], which brings to know the right use of them again.

JN1:161f (1653): In the beginning was the word [John 1:1], and none knows this word but who are come into the beginning. [quotes 1 Jn 1:1,3] .... Who knows this word is pure and are made clean through the word, are washed by it, are sanctified by it [Eph 5:26], are cut in pieces by it, and are divided asunder by it [Heb 4:12]. This word is a hammer beating down everything [Jer 23:29], that the seed of God may rise up, and all who know this word may come to the beginning. It is a fire burning up all corruptions [Jer 23:29], and this is the word that is nigh thee, in thy heart [Deut 30:14]. And this is the word which all the prophets spoke from; and this is the word that became flesh and dwelt amongst us [John 1:14], saith the saints; and this is the word of life that the apostles preached [Phil 2:16, 1 Jn 1:1], the substance of all figures, types and shadows [Heb 10:34]. And this is the word which makes all the saints one, that reconciles their hearts together to the Lord [2 Cor 5:19]; this is the word by which all things stands and remains, and are upheld, by his word and power [Heb 1:3].

IP3:95 (1668): Do the Quakers think to find eternal life in the Scriptures? did they ever teach men so? Have they not very often faithfully testified otherwise? Not in words concerning the thing, but in the thing itself [Luk 1:35?], in the Word which is the beginning and from the beginning [John 1:1], do they look to find eternal life. Yea and there they have found it, and do live in the life which is eternal, and the life which is eternal lives in them.

# Combating Bullying 2018 winning Glass Peace Essay by Piper Salmon 8th student at Friends School Mullica Hill

I think that in order to achieve something big, you must start small. I feel that I should start improving the world by helping people who feel mistreated in schools. Bullying is a dangerous issue that people of all ages are affected by. There are some ways that I feel that I am helping to stop bullying now. I also plan on helping people with bullying in the future. When you consider 4,500 kids kill themselves each year as a result of being bullied, you realize that bullying is a situation that needs to be improved. I plan on improving bullying by helping run a school-wide program against bullying and picking a career that I feel helps others express their opinions.

Bullying is a serious issue that a lot of people are faced with. Studies show that twenty eight percent of students grades six through twelve have experienced bullying. One hundred and six thousand children stay home from school each day in fear that they are going to be bullied. That is far too many absences. There are many different types of bullying. One type of bullying is direct which is physical, verbal, and damaging of property. Another type is indirect which is spreading gossip, relational, and through the internet. A reason why there is so much bullying is that kids feel scared to tell adults, like their parents or teachers. No one steps in to help, making the person feel alone which can lead to suicide. Those are only a few facts about why bullying is terrible.

One way that I feel like I am contributing to stopping bullying is Start With Hello Week. Start With Hello Week is a project started by Sandy Hook Promise and is done in schools in all different areas. The idea behind the project is to empower students to stop social isolation. I've helped by having meetings with T. Skye, who is the teacher in charge of Start With Hello Week at my school, about what we are going to do to get the other students excited about Start With Hello Week. We decided that it would be a good idea to have them make welcome posters to hang all around the school. They also made friendship bracelets that they handed out to their friends. Some of them made post-it notes to put on their friends' lockers and cubbies. And to tie them all together, we made a giant poster that everyone in the whole school signed. All of the kids participating were very excited about making posters and bracelets. It made me happy to see that the future generations of my school were enjoying expressing that friendship is important.

#### Information for Visiting

(see also www.salemquarter.net)

- **Greenwich:** First Day (Sunday) Meeting for Worship: 9:30 am 10:15 am (Oct 1 to June 30 at Upper Meeting House and July 1 to Sept 30 at the Lower Meeting House.) First Day School for Children: 10:00 am. First 15 minutes are spent with the Meeting for Worship, except the First First Day of each month when Meeting for Business is held at rise of meeting.
- Mickleton: 413 Kings Highway, PO Box 231, 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; mullicahillfriends.org; Worship 9:45 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 meetings from Memorial Day to Labor Day weather permitting In Cape May Windsor Ave and the water, 9:00 am Sundays, in Ocean City, 23rd St. and the beach, 8:30 AM Sundays
- Southern State Worship Group: Call Bill Geary
- **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 10:00 am, worship 11:15 am
- **Woodstown,** 104 North Main St., P.O. Box 13, Woodstown, N.J. 08098; 856-478-4618 http://www.woodstownfriends.org; First-day School 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am

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#### Salem Quarterly Meeting June 10, 2018

Lower Alloway's Creek Meeting House Restoration work on the meeting house should be complete. Future uses of the meeting house will be considered.

Check the Salem Quarter eBulletin for details.