



Salem Quarter News

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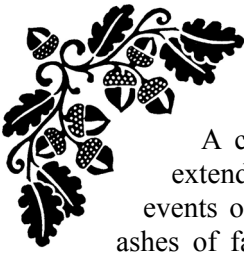
In the coming world, they will not ask me:

“Why were you not Moses?”

They will ask me:

“Why were you not Zusya?”

Rabbi Zusya



Coordinator's Corner

Phil Anthony

A couple of years ago I was at the gathering of an extended family I've been adopted into. One of the events of those annual gatherings is the interment of the ashes of family members who have died in the preceding year in the ancestral plot.

Just before the 2009 get-together, the 50-year-old brother of two of the attenders had passed away from a completely unexpected heart attack . . . and the funeral for the father of two others had already been scheduled. Mary, a sister of the man who had just died, announced to everyone who would hear her: "Enough. We have had too many deaths. No more are allowed until we have the chance to mourn our brother."

Mickleton MM, and Salem Quarter, have had far more than two losses over the past year. It's not just Sondra Ball in March and Mario Cavallini in December. I have to echo Mary's statement: Enough.

I'm writing this at the end of January. The first Sunday of the month, the intergenerational First-day School at Mickleton had used the methods of Godly Play® to explore their grieving in the aftermath of Mario's death (see p. 4). Two nights ago, on the last Saturday, the Salem Quarter Gifts Working Group joined Mickleton Friends to explore where they might go from here and how they may get there.

I don't think details would be appropriate. However, what I want to call attention to isn't the losses, nor what one Friend described as the hole left in the meeting. But the meeting has also recognized other Friends are stepping forward to carry on the work. Their gifts aren't the same. The holes torn in Mickleton's fabric remain there. The work will be done differently, and maybe it won't be exactly the same work. But it will continue.

The Gifts Working Group was touched by something else we learned during the workshop. The strength of Mickleton MM, and the quality that makes it possible for them to go on, is the love they have for one another and the support they give each other. Individuals may be unsure

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Cover Picture: A Memory Quilt produced by residents of Friends Village in cooperation with artists from Appel Farm Arts and Music Center. The project was made possible by a grant from the Salem Health and Wellness Foundation.
Cover Quote from Martin Buber, *Tales of the Hasidim*.

From the Clerk's Diary
Barry Sloane, clerk



December 30 – The fabric in the Quarter, at Mickleton, and personally has been ripped abruptly and profoundly. We all have lost dear friends over the years; shed our tears and celebrated our time with them, but it is relatively rare (thankfully) when we lose a dear friend with absolutely no warning. I struggle to find the meaning in this. Maybe there is none. I am numb and devastated. Mario is gone and Beverly is just flickering.

A person wiser than me observed that people's lives are uneventful for three quarters of their length. However, if you can tell the absolute truth about the five or ten moments that really mattered in any life, then every life is useful to the world and in the eyes of God—as grand as any president's or pope's. Mario had 'way more than five or ten moments. Perhaps, the point to dwell on isn't his untimely death, but that he had given us more than his share of moments.

*In the cicada's cry
 No sign can tell
 How soon it must die.*

—Basho Matsuo

January 16 – A Friend spoke in worship about new beginnings. After meeting for worship we at Mickleton were introduced to Annabelle Grace, daughter of Chet and Penny Luszcz, born January 3. I have yet to meet an infant that doesn't melt my heart, but this little girl has a special serenity about her. I have hope. The delight of meeting this new person speaks to the coming spring and joyful anticipation. Annabelle Grace has started out her life giving moments that matter. Mario would appreciate that.

*Pond with ice
 Tadpoles
 Summer*

—Thomas Grieg

Named for Tasks Unknown

Sandra Boone, Mickleton MM

It was December 30 when I learned of a friend's passing, release from. . . Oh, why be nice? Death, that's what it is. Death. My exuberant heart was abruptly stilled. His talents and gifts tethered through my mortal being. What if I should forget them, not by name, rather by example? How can my knowing be sustained? In my desires, my wanting, I will hold fast to the ties of our decade of sharing—the times of worship, joys, concerns, sorrows. His presence is engrained in the facing bench along with the vision of his hats. The ensuing days of over focus leading to creation, lists, e-mails, requests, questions, restless hours, quiet tears, frustration, work, prayers, and meditation finally released in peace. I know the work I must do. In just doing it, without regret or delay, I will have honored all the gifts my friend bestowed upon me.

Twelve days after the 30th, snow blanketed the trees once again. It looked and felt fluffy—scientifically dry. Roads being unplowed, there was that of invited isolation. Man's best friend and I climbed the stacked hay to a flat section. An extra horse blanket kept us protected from prodding dry blades and wind. We enjoyed our visual picnic of the horses chewing and watching the snowfall, the auditory condiments of the crunching hay and colliding flakes, and the stillness, the quiet of the farm that has become our new friend. Even with the recent discord, music surrounded all that is within these forested walls.

Ceremoniously, we'll head out to play again and again with this new friend who beckons at the window for us to continue our passions, knowing that our work needs tending to. Gifts in hand, with discernment the work will be done, by one and by all. Recollections move us



*Mario Cavallini, 12/10/2010, with
his brand-new bass recorder*

forward toward the light causing new wonderings for myself and for us. I wonder where your thoughts are taking you; what you will share next; how we will love, work, and grow together as we bask ourselves in his light and his peace?

A friend asked me today, “How are you?”

I replied, “I’m still growing.” Selected readings and specific words move and shape me toward a deeper sense of self, the being that I’m called to be. Rainer Maria Rilke’s words are currently doing just that:

Be patient toward all that is unsolved in your heart and try to love the questions themselves. Do not now seek the answers, which cannot be given you because you would not be able to live them. And the point is, to love everything. Live the questions now. Perhaps you will then gradually, without noticing it, live along some distant day into the answer.

So, for my friend, for myself, I will love everything most deeply, living the answers as completely as I can, being named for tasks known, by you and with you.

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Worship & Ministry Report

10 Twelfth Month 2010

Salem Quarter Worship & Ministry Committee met on 12/10/2010, at the home of Becky and Michael Shapiro of Salem Monthly Meeting, convening in worship at about 7:30 pm. Individuals were present from Mickleton, Mullica Hill, and Salem Monthly Meetings, as well as the quarter coordinator.

Our work in developing prayer groups in the Quarter continues. Our September report describes the first workshop, in which a dozen participants discussed factors that may influence the development of prayer groups, as well as a decision to hold a second workshop in November. The second workshop was attended by fewer people and took a different direction. Instead of talking about prayer groups, we held one; that is, the three people spent most of the time in prayer with concern for each other, for others in need, and for our communities. And from that experience came an idea that we considered and developed in the current gathering of Worship & Ministry — instead of trying to create one or more fixed-membership prayer groups, we could establish an ongoing, open-attendance prayer group.

Modeling after the concept of Midweek Meeting for Worship, this Salem Quarter Prayer Meeting would occur between the scheduled sessions of Quarterly Meeting. It would be open to all, focused on intercessory prayer. If attendance were to grow beyond a basic nucleus, it could spin off one or more other prayer groups. Furthermore, physical attendance – while very valuable – would not be essential; distant Friends could pray at the same time, uniting in spirit if not geography.

Adding yet another recurring event to our cluttered Quaker calendars is always a challenge. We decided to try a date that is easy to keep in mind and less likely than most to have a regularly scheduled event. We will hold the Salem Quarter Prayer Meeting on the afternoon of each fifth Sunday of the month. In 2011, fifth Sundays occur on 1/30, 5/29, 7/31, and 10/30. At least for the first session, we'll try scheduling for 2:00 to 4:00 pm, to give people comfortable time to travel from their home meetings, yet still have plenty of time for evening activities.

In developing the idea for this gathering for prayer, we were also mindful of a particular concern in the quarter. The Millville Worship Group is being laid down. While most of the original members have found other spiritual homes, there are still a few people who would be fed by a continued Quaker presence in the area. Also, the quarter could benefit from attention to the space in the middle of the ring that is formed by our monthly meetings. So, when it came to discussing where to hold the Salem Quarter Prayer Meeting, we felt it would be worthwhile to gather in a place geographically central to the quarter, perhaps between Millville and Glassboro along the Route 55 corridor. Possibilities will be investigated, and we hope to have a location in time for a first meeting on 1/30.

Likely, the meeting place will be a room in a public facility, such as a college, library, or church. There may be fees for room rental. Thus, Worship & Ministry decided to ask Salem Quarter, in its December business session, to consider setting a budget for this purpose, not to exceed \$100 per quarter (\$400 annually).

As we settled in our discernment on the prayer meeting, we noted that, in September, we had intended our December gathering to focus on spiritual anchoring and ways to support worship in our monthly meetings. While we did not explicitly address that topic, we realized that the prayer meeting could well support that purpose, nurturing the spiritual lives of the quarter's members and meetings.

We concluded in worship at about 9:15 pm. Worship and Ministry intends to meet again on 11 Third-month 2011, the Friday evening before Quarterly Meeting, and we welcome participation from all monthly meetings of Salem Quarter.

For the Committee,
Mario Cavallini, clerk.



Millville Worship Group Laid Down

The Millville Worship Group, under the care of Salem Monthly Meeting, held its last meeting on Sunday, 1/9/2011. Worship was attended by nine people from around Salem Quarter. Numbers had been dwindling as participants moved out of the Millville area to such far-flung places as Arizona, North Carolina, and Utah. While new attenders could be found, there was also a lack of seasoned Friends from elsewhere in Salem Quarter to sustain and nurture the group.

It is hoped that Way will open in the future to re-establish a Quaker presence in the Vineland/Millville area. Until then, Salem Quarter's Worship & Ministry Committee agreed to hold events in that general area, close to the geographical center of the quarter (see report, pp. 5-6). It is hoped that this will provide spiritual nurture for those who joined us in Millville, and build interest in Quakerism in the area.

The photo shows the participants in the final Millville worship. Front, from left, are Becky Shapiro, Salem MM, convener of the oversight committee for the worship group; Cindy Commander, Millville WG; Mary Waddington, Salem MM; and Dana Gayner, Salem MM. Rear, from left, are Mike Shapiro, Salem MM; Gary Holmes, Woodstown MM; Jean Welcker, Millville WG; Roshan Dinshah, Mullica Hill MM; and Phil Anthony, Salem Quarter coordinator.

Scenes from December Quarterly Meeting



Salem Quarterly Meeting Minutes

12/12/2010

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Salem Quarterly Meeting met 12/12/2010 at Salem Monthly Meeting. Out of worship, clerk Barry Sloane convened the meeting, welcomed Friends and thanked Salem for their hospitality. There was a Friendly presence for business of twenty-three representing six of the seven monthly meetings in the quarter. Friends were delighted to welcome Wright Horne from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

Minutes of the last quarterly meeting on 9/12/2010 were approved as they appeared in *Salem Quarter News*.

Marsha Gaspar (Woodbury) presented a follow-up report on the Tri-Quarter Gathering of 2010, highlighting the attendance and experiences. [*See report, p 11.*]

Clerk of the Finance Committee, Michael Shapiro (Salem), presented the Steering Committee budget for 2011. The Salem Quarter budget, of which the Steering Committee budget is the greatest part, has yet to be formally presented. He further noted that the Auditing Committee met and all was found to be in order. The committee had a few procedural changes to recommend to the Finance Committee.

Friends approved the Steering Committee budget as presented.

Tom Etherington (Mullica Hill) reported from Steering Committee on the status of an independent SQM website and the scheduled laying down of the Millville Worship Group. He brought the following recommendation to the quarter regarding the Care Committee:

“The Steering Committee recommends that the Committee for Caring take no action from now till the quarterly meeting scheduled for June 12, 2011, at Seaville Meeting, at which time we will look for new leading, possibilities, and people to serve on the committee. After much discussion, the Steering Committee decided not to make a recommendation to the quarterly meeting about how to proceed about the recognition of decisions of Woodbury Monthly Meeting. We suggest that quarterly meeting address that concern at today's meeting. Our concern with Woodbury Meeting continues and we suggest holding Woodbury Meeting in the light during the next 12 months.”

Friends discussed the topic of not recognizing decisions. Some thoughts were expressed supporting the continuation of non-recognition. The concept of monthly meeting autonomy was raised, pointing out that the structure of Quakerism is not like most organized

religions as there is no hierarchy of power over the monthly meeting. Support for recognizing Woodbury decisions was expressed by some despite personal concern over Woodbury's practice of closed business meetings. There was no clear unity, and the clerk moved on to other agenda items without action.

Mickelton MM offered a minute on the Clearness for a Quarter Indian Committee. [*See minute, p. 13.*]

Friends united with the minute as presented by Mickleton MM supporting the formation of a Salem Quarter Indian Affairs Committee.

The Salem Quarter Nominating Committee was requested to find a convener to call a meeting with those led to serve on the committee.

Mario Cavallini (Mickleton) reported from the Worship & Ministry Committee. Their meeting focused on the formation and scheduling of a Salem Quarter prayer group. There may be cost involved in providing a space to meet. [*See report, p. 5.*]

Friends approved the request of the Worship & Ministry committee for funding of a location for a quarterly prayer group at a cost of no more than \$400 annually.

Gary Holmes (Woodstown) reported from the Salem Quarter Trustees. The committee has not formally met. The only concern before them is regarding the trees at the LAC meetinghouse property. The Trustees have inquired about a professional opinion of the trees so that they may competently address the issue.

On behalf of Friends School Mullica Hill, Alice Waddington (Salem) reported on the amazing job of the new staff members.

Linda Jeffrey (Woodstown) reported on the Iraqi family. The family is doing well. Currently Dr. Karim's wife is in Bagdad with their daughter who is in medical school there. She is expected to return to the United States in January. Their oldest son is a student at Rowan. Their youngest son is at Friends School Mullica Hill and is applying to George School for next year. Dr. Karim is teaching at Salem Community College and is enrolled in a Master of Public Health program. In January, a close friend and colleague of Dr. Karim will be relocating with his family to this area.

Brittany Gangemi (Mullica Hill) hopes to journey in February to Haiti with a group from Johns Hopkins to work with the Haitian Health Foundation. She asked the quarter for our prayers and support. As part of her trip, she must raise \$1,800 in funds to finance the travel expenses and pay for a portion of the medical supplies they will be taking.

Friends approved a contribution to Brittany's fundraising effort for her trip to Haiti at the discretion of the Steering Committee.

Diane Metz (Seaville) offered a minute from Seaville Meeting regarding the efforts of Sen. Jeff Van Drew to loosen the handgun-carry laws in New Jersey. [See minute, p. 14.]

Friends united with the minute as presented by Seaville Meeting regarding the proposal by Sen. Jeff Van Drew to loosen the handgun-carry law in NJ with the following change: In the last line, the word "tighten" is replaced with "enforce".

Announcements were made and the meeting was closed in worship.

Rebecca Shapiro, recording clerk.

TriQuarter Report

I am pleased to report that 94 Friends enjoyed all or a portion of the Tri-Quarter Gathering of Friends at Camp Ockanickon on October 1-3, 2010, which lived up to its theme: "Miracle Weekend! Miracle Life! The Astonishing Miracle of Being!" Activities included workshops, meals, boating, hayrides, bonfire, square dancing, challenge course, teen social, stargazing, and outdoor worship, with zero negative incidents reported.

Unfortunately, while the experience of the Tri-Quarter was positive, the financial component was not, as we currently have less of a financial cushion this year than we did this time last year. This is due to the rise in camp rates; fewer participants; and a decrease in donations from Friends Institute and others.

Final Attendance—94 (best estimate for all who appeared even briefly)

By Age

75% were adults (18 and over)

25% were youth (babies, children & teens)

By Attendance/ Program Participation

75% were Full Weekend

15% were Two Days

10% were One Day (or part-day)

Monthly Meetings by Quarter (fewer MMs present)

Burlington (16% of total)

- Mt. Holly
- Trenton
- Westfield

Haddonfield (40% of total)

- Atlantic City Area
- Haddonfield
- Moorestown

Salem (38% of total)

- Mickleton
- Mullica Hill
- Woodbury
- Woodstown
- Seaville

Other (6% of total)

At present, we have \$5000-plus in our account, and will have a final accounting by next Salem Quarterly meeting in March 2011.

The next Tri-Quarter Gathering is scheduled for September 30 through October 2, 2011.

Marsha Gaspar, Woodbury Friends Meeting
Clerk, Planning Committee, 2010 Tri-Quarter Gathering of Friends.

*A Minute of Support from
Mickleton Monthly Meeting
Toward Establishing a Salem Quarter
Indian Affairs Committee*

During our December 2009 Salem Quarterly Meeting for Worship and Business, a concern was raised toward the adoption of an Indian Affairs Committee. Richard Joseph spoke to the meeting conveying the desire for a committee similar to PYM's Indian Affairs Committee that would serve our local southern Jersey region. Sondra Ball, as clerk, acknowledged that sense of meeting needed to thresh out what the work would entail. A clearness committee was to be formed; however, it did not materialize.

Given Richard and Sondra's previous work, it is with clearness that Mickleton Monthly Meeting recognizes the current work being done in unison with the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Indians of New Jersey; our primary dual mission with the tribe is to strengthen our relationships as led, bringing forth our gifts. Therefore, Mickleton Monthly Meeting sends this minute of support to Salem Quarter to form the Salem Quarter Indian Affairs Committee in order to reaffirm past, present, and future relations. Discernment and truths of current and potential actions with our brothers and sisters of the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribe are listed here:

1. Ongoing Interfaith prayer – hosted quarterly at the Fairton Reservation by Rev. John Norwood (Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape)
2. Original People's library of Salem Quarter (housed at Mickleton MM)
3. Artifacts cases: traveling display
4. Discussion forums for information: ex. "One Book One Quarter" similar to Cumberland Community College reading of Amy Hill Hearth's book; ex. Friends School of Mullica Hill has two shared readings for 2010-11 – one for children and one for adults
5. Live our diversity with a "knowing" truth – cultural anthropology
 - History- oral and written
 - Language of the Lenni-Lenape
 - Performing & visual arts: song/music/dance
 - Celebrations/traditions/customs
 - Artifacts

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- Food/ preparation
 - Economic opportunities (or the lack of)
 - Broken treaties (NJ: Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape)
6. Pool our collective interests, contacts, and resources
 7. Discover our collective and unique needs
 8. Discover perspectives/biases vs. inaccurate information (fact vs. fiction)
 9. We will do better when we know better: Within us, is there a contemporary mindset that mirrors *Fit for Freedom, Not for Friendship*?
 10. How should we walk in the light with our Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape brothers and sisters, given our Quaker testimonies and work: Simplicity, Peace, Stewardship, Social Justice, and Economic Justice?

Toward discernment,
Mickleton Monthly Meeting (sb)
November 2010.

A Minute of Seaville MM Concerning Handgun Legislation in New Jersey

In an article posted October 7, 2010, headlined “Millville pastor enlists Sen. Jeff Van Drew in quest for looser New Jersey handgun-carry law”, it was reported that the pastor of the New Life Ministries has a bodyguard with him when the pastor works in urban and blighted communities as well as “high crime areas”; and also that this bodyguard has been unable to obtain a permit to carry a handgun.

The article goes on to say: “As a result, State Sen. Jeff Van Drew (D-Cape May, Cumberland, Atlantic) wants to loosen laws on how licensed handgun owners qualify for permits to carry their weapons. New Jersey currently issues permits to carry only when owners shows a ‘justifiable need’ to do so.”

We believe that a pistol-packing pastor is an oxymoron. If the pastor is terrified, imagine what the people who live in these communities experience on a daily basis. We suggest that finding a means to improve conditions in blighted, high-crime areas would be better than loosening handgun laws.

Further, we urge Senator Van Drew to tighten gun laws rather than loosen them in his attempt to raise \$10-\$30 million in state revenue.

From Our Friends Village

Debbie Callahan

Two Memory Quilts, created by Friends Village residents, are now on display for all to enjoy. Reflected in the cloth are images of family, travel and favorite pastimes. This project was completed in conjunction with the Appel Farm Arts and Music Center of Elmer, thanks to a grant from the Salem Health and Wellness Foundation.

Seventeen residents from Assisted Living, Residential, and Health Care contributed in crafting the quilts. The coordinators of the project included Ann Gudeczauskas of Friends Village, Ann Mokris of Appel Farm, and professional quilter Christina Johnson.

Residents were paired with Appel Farm campers for the first three weeks. The campers, whose interests are creative writing and journalism, helped the residents decide what memories would be included on the quilt blocks by interviewing them. Residents received a copy of the finished interview and a photo of the camper and resident together.

With the assistance of the Friends Village Activity and Appel Farm staff members, residents chose representations of their memories by selecting fabric colors and shapes that would become quilt squares. One of the quilts appears in the cover photo of this issue of *Salem Quarter News*.

A formal presentation of these works of art was held this past fall. Attendees were delighted to see the finished product and enjoyed comments shared by participants. Several residents talked about the significance of items in their quilt squares and why they were important to them.

The Memory Quilt project concludes the second year of a successful collaboration with Appel Farm under the Health and Wellness Foundation grant. The 2009 project included two artists who worked with residents to craft paintings and various forms of three-dimensional art. A new art project, involving glazed clay tiles, is planned for this year. The proposal calls for the installation to become part of the residential garden area on the Friends Village campus.

From Our Friends School

Peter Manzelman

Fifth Grade Teacher and 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 help 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 to work individually with these younger students, help with their field day, and spend time fostering new and unique relationships. The fifth graders partnered with Friends Village at Woodstown. The students interview the elderly, play bingo, make room visitations, and bring light, spirit, and enthusiasm to the elderly.

All three programs help 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.



Spiritual Accountability: Aid to Faithfulness

- How is spiritual accountability an aid to faithfulness?
- How are we practicing spiritual accountability in our monthly and quarterly meetings?
- How might we further this practice?

At Quarterly Meeting we will hear from and join in conversation with Viv Hawkins to reveal our responses. Viv carries a minute of religious service approved by Central Philadelphia Monthly meeting and endorsed by Philadelphia Quarterly and Yearly Meetings.

*Join us at
Quarterly Meeting
Sunday, March 13
at Woodstown Meeting*



Reflections

Tom Etherington

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This year, 2011, marks the 400th anniversary of the King James Version of the Bible. There will be exhibitions and celebrations all over the English-speaking world. The KJV is the most widely respected of all the English translations of the Bible. Some people regard it as the only reliable translation of the Bible into English, and even those who do not regard it highly as a religious text recognize it as probably the most important influence on the English language as we know it today.

On one website, the BBC gave examples of some passages from the King James Bible that have entered into common language. They report: “*The Sun* says Aston Villa ‘refused to give up the ghost’. Wendy Richard calls her East Enders character Pauline Fowler ‘the salt of the earth’. The England cricket coach tells reporters, ‘You can’t put words in my mouth.’ *Daily Mirror* fashion pages call Tilda Swinton ‘a law unto herself’.”

As I read their quotes, it struck me that they were not original to the King James. A few moments of checking revealed them to be quotes from Tyndale’s translation of the Bible in 1526. In fact, estimates are that 94 per cent of the New Testament in the King James Bible was taken directly from the work of William Tyndale. This is not an act of plagiarism by the translators of the King James, but was, in fact, their intent. Even today, on the title page of most King James editions of the Bible it says, “with former translations diligently compared and revised.” It was the stated intention of King James and his translators to compile a Bible using the best translations from the past as well as the latest scholarship. Even when it was brand new, the language in the King James Bible had the look and feel of tradition.

There is something comforting and authoritative (in the sense of dependable) in having our faith tradition expressed in archaic language, whether that be Biblical or Quakerese. The danger of that is that a living faith is not a belief in something that once was, it is a challenge to us to live a life rooted in that spirit which underlies all creation and makes of us a new creation, actually living that life and power which is enshrined in tradition.

[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.]

Fri, 2/25: Empty Bowl Supper. Woodstown MM continues the Empty Bowls Project, an international grassroots effort to fight hunger. Under the direction of potter and Friend Gail Scuderi, children from the meeting and Friends School will be creating clay bowls. On Friday, 2/25, starting at 6 pm, guests are invited to a simple meal of soup and bread at the meetinghouse. In exchange for a suggested cash donation of \$10, guests may take a handcrafted clay bowl home as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world. The money raised will be donated to the Woodstown food cupboard. Please RSVP at (856) 478-6495, e-mail <gail.scuderi@gmail.com>. More about the project will be found at <www.emptybowls.org>.

Fri, 3/11: Salem Quarter Worship & Ministry. The Worship & Ministry Committee of Salem Quarter will gather at 7:30 pm at the home of Woodstown MM's Shirley Lock. For directions, call the coordinator, (856)769-0066, e-mail <salemqtr@verizon.net>.

Sun, 3/13: Salem Quarterly Meeting. Salem Quarter gathers at Woodstown MM. Viv Hawkins of the School of the Spirit's Way of Ministry program, will speak about spiritual accountability and support for one another at 9:30 am. Worship is at 10:30, followed by a performance of the Friends School Fine & Performing Arts students. Following lunch (soup, bread, and dessert supplied) will be the business meeting. See back cover for full schedule.

Sun, 4/3: Vineland/Millville worship. Quarter Friends are tentatively invited to worship at a private home in the Vineland/Millville area at 2:00 pm. More complete information as time gets closer from the coordinator, (856)769-0066, <salemqtr@verizon.net>.

Sat, 4/30: Salem MM Pot Pie Dinner. Check with the meeting for times, cost, etc., as the date gets closer. Meeting phone is (856)935-3381.

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

Sun, 5/29: Quarter prayer gathering. The quarter's Worship & Ministry Committee sponsors a prayer gathering at the George P. Luciano Family Center's Conference & Events Center of Cumberland County College. The gathering will run from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Further information, call the coordinator at (856)769-0066 or e-mail <salemqtr@verizon.net>.

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of themselves, and question whether they have the gifts to do the job they've been asked to take on. But they can help each other. Nobody has to do it alone.

I don't mean that Mickleton Friends love each other, and members of other meetings don't. That's not true. Nor are Mickleton's members and attenders perfect in their love (or any other way, for that matter!). They are, God bless 'em, human. I do know, however, that I'm learning from them about how powerful a force love can be—not some vague, fuzzy generic love, but love showing itself in very practical ways as support for each other's efforts, and forgiveness for each other's mistakes.

Love like that is the moving force behind the eldering function that Philadelphia Yearly Meeting is currently rediscovering. It also undergirds our sense of accountability to each other in our meetings, I think—a touchstone of Friends' practice throughout our history. We'll hear more about that at our March quarterly meeting.

Our presenter in March will be Viv Hawkins of Central Philadelphia MM, one of the founders of the School of the Spirit's program "The Way of Ministry". She'll speak with us about spiritual accountability, a topic she shared with New England Yearly Meeting last year. We look forward to welcoming her to Woodstown MM on Sunday, 3/13.

See the back cover for the schedule of the day's program, and come join us for a day of learning, worship, enjoyment of the children of Friends School's Fine & Performing Arts program, wonderful soups and breads at lunch provided by Woodstown, and business in the afternoon. I'll be hoping to see you all!

Directions to Woodstown Meeting House

Coming from the south, enter Woodstown on Rt. 40/45 from Salem, or Yorketown Rd., S. Main St. At the traffic light in the center of town, go north on Rt. 45. The meeting house is directly ahead as you approach the first turn after the light.

From the north, enter Woodstown on Rt. 45 from Mullica Hill. After you cross the bridge into town, the meeting house is about a half mile on your right, just before Rt. 45 turns left.

Google: Friends Meeting, 104 N. Main St., Woodstown, NJ

Lost? Call (609)206-5329 or (856)769-0066

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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
March 13, 2011
Woodstown Meeting House
(Directions p. 22)

- 9:00 Gather
9:30 Program
10:30 Worship
11:30 Friends School Fine & Performing
Arts Program
Noon Lunch (soup and bread provided by
Woodstown MM)
1:00 Business Meeting

Child Care Provided