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CALENDAR

First-day - 8:00-8:55 AM – Early Meeting For Worship

- 10:00 AM Meeting For Worship. Children worship with us for the first 20 minutes, then go to First-Day School classes

Second First-day – 11:35 or so – Meeting For Worship For Business

Third First-day – Cooperative Meal—co-opted by Middle School Friends in February, back to normal in March

Third First-day – Letter writing campaign from FCNL

First First-day – 10:00 AM – Meeting For Worship, Cornwall Worship Group, in January, February, and March in Bradley Lounge.

Last First-day – 10:00 AM - Meeting For Worship, Willow Valley Worship Group (Joyce Collins 464-6363 for more information)

Every Fourth-day – 7:00 PM – Mid-week Meeting For Worship

FORUMS

February 20 – Rice and Beans Compassion Café—ALL are welcome

February 27 – The One Minute Quaker from Worship and Ministry Committee

March 6 – Marilyn Morrison, Spiritual Journey: A Path in Poems

March 13 – Meeting For Worship For Business

March 20 – Cooperative Meal and social time—ALL are welcome

March 27 – Outreach Committee: Outreach for Everyone

ACTIVITIES

Every Saturday – 11:00-Noon – Vigil For Peace in Lancaster. For more information, call Charles Lane 394-5912

Sun. Feb. 20 – 10:00 AM – Quarterly meeting of Caln Quarter in Reading

Sun. Feb. 20 – 12:15 PM – Peace & Social Concerns Committee in meetinghouse

Wed. Feb. 23 – 7:00 PM – Mid-week meeting for worship

Wknd Feb. 25-27 – Young Friends Gathering at Burlington Conference Center (see below)

Sat. Feb. 26 – 9:00-5:00 – We Can Do It Day in Philadelphia (see below)

- ACTIVITIES CONTINUED -

- Sat. Feb. 26 – 2:00 PM – “Show Me the Franklins!” in Harrisburg (see below)
- Sun. Feb. 27 – 10:00 AM – Meeting For Worship at Willow Valley
- Sun. Feb. 27 – 9:00 AM – First-day School Committee in the basement
- Tue. March 1 – 7:15 PM – Care & Counsel in meetinghouse
- Wed. March 2 – 7:00 PM – Mid-week meeting for worship
- Fri. March 4 – 6:30 PM – Amanda Kemp’s new play at YWCA (see below)
- Sun. March 6 – 10:00 AM – Meeting for worship at Cornwall Worship Group
- Sun. March 6 – 9:00 AM – Environmental Concerns Committee in meetinghouse
- Sun. March 6 – 12:50-1:50 PM – Peaceful Families Subcommittee in meetinghouse
- Sun. March 6 – 2:00-4:30 PM – Shape-Note singing in meetinghouse
- Mon. March 7 – 7:00-8:30 PM – Spiritual Oasis in meetinghouse
- Mon. March 7 – 7:00 PM – Worship & Ministry in meetinghouse
- Wed. March 9 – 7:00 PM – Mid-week meeting for worship
- Sun. March 13 – 11:35 AM – Meeting For Business
- Tue. March 15 – 7:30 PM – Science & Spirituality in meetinghouse (see below)
- Tue. March 15 – Deadline for March-April newsletter
- Wed. March 16 - 6:30 PM - Knitting Circle in high school room (see below)
- Wed. March 16 – 7:00 PM – Mid-week meeting for worship
- Wknd March 18-20 – Middle School Friends Gathering in Harrisburg (see below)
- Sat. March 19 – 6:00 PM – Healing Racism Working Group potluck. Call Brian Hernon for info.
- Sun. March 20 – 3:00 PM – LIPW Peace Forum in Lancaster (see below)
- Sun. March 27 – 10:00 AM – Meeting For Worship at Willow Valley

**LANCASTER MONTHLY MEETING
THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
HELD AT LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA
ON SECOND MONTH 13, 2011**

At noon, after worship sharing on queries on meeting for business and a brief period of silent worship, Clerk Joseph Moore took up the business of Meeting. The agenda was reviewed and approved, and minutes for First Month were approved as read.

Garden Committee: Labyrinth question. Debby Spence said that the Garden Committee is developing a comprehensive plan for the meetinghouse grounds. One question is what to do about the labyrinth created a few years ago by Seth Herr as an Eagle Scout project when he realized that some people in Meeting were interested in labyrinths. The labyrinth is delineated by bricks, which are now hidden by grass. The Garden Committee recommends that Meeting either redesign the labyrinth or remove it. If Meeting decides to keep the labyrinth, then those who are interested might want to form a committee to carry out a redesign. The Unitarian Church in Lancaster, which has an indoor labyrinth, would be interested in helping. Please let Debby know your thoughts—preferably by email, as this makes it easy to share information and creates a record.

Use of meetinghouse. On behalf of the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC), Jean Eaton spoke of her experiences as scheduler. Sometimes there are scheduling conflicts, sometimes the meetinghouse cannot accommodate a particular activity. There is a need for policy review and revision regarding rental of our space, including the fees charged (though Friends and LMM attendees and members are not charged). The LRPC will consider these issues, so please let Jean Eaton, Joe Moore or Myke Rogers know your ideas and concerns—preferably by email. The LRPC will send current rental rates and policy to Jim Herr for the newsletter.

Meeting’s membership statistics for 2010. Cindy Hummel reported that in 2010 membership dropped from 171 to 159. This resulted from the following:

- Deaths (2):
 - Millicent Holzinger (April 29, 1918-July 17, 2010)
 - Theodore Herman (March 11, 1913-December 30, 2010)
- Released—those turning 21 but not applying for membership (5):
 - Bailey Charles
 - Hannah Emerson
 - Hannah Greenburg

David Lahr
Isaac Perry

Joseph Moore, Clerk
Maria Cattell, Recording Clerk

Transferred out (6):

Edie & Philip Johnston & their 3 children
Emily Poling

New member (1):

Emily Higgs

State of the Meeting report for 2010. Cindy Hummel, Tom Latus and Rachel Perry read their State of the Meeting report. Meeting approved the report, trusting in the committee to revise it in accordance with corrections and additions suggested by Friends.

Worship & Ministry report. Tom Latus said much of Worship & Ministry's report is in the State of the Meeting report. He noted that Wednesday meeting for worship is the result of Bob Lowe's leading, prayerfully tested. The committee is planning a spring retreat, though the date is not yet decided. Tom asked Friends to send their ideas for the retreat to Worship & Ministry members. When a Friend commented that this committee is "busy, busy, busy," Tom said yes, we are busy, but the focus on meeting for worship unites us and it is a learning experience and source of spiritual renewal. Everyone is welcome to Worship & Ministry's meetings on the first Monday of each month and to sign up to join the committee. Clerk thanked the committee for its wonderful deep and spiritual work.

Treasurer's report. For Treasurer Karen Zimmerman, Ernie Nute presented a list of off-budget payments made in 2010 to meeting's various funds and totaling \$28,136. A second list shows how many "donor units" (households) contributed to LMM in 2010 and other statistics on donations. Next month Finance Committee will have a report on Meeting's overall financial condition.

Memorial minute for Ted Herman. Nancy Bieber read Ted Herman's memorial minute, prepared by Nancy, Stan Carnarius and Joe DiGarbo (see minute below). Meeting approved the minute, with thanks to the committee for preparing it. Recording Clerk will send the minute to *Friends Journal*.

After a brief period of silent worship, Meeting for Business ended at about 1:10 pm. There were 46 present.

Respectfully submitted,

Present: Karen Alderfer, Ronald Ashby, Nancy Bieber, Peggy Bright, Andrea Carty, Maria Cattell, Deirdre Citro, Joyce Collins, Joseph DiGarbo, Faith d'Urbano, Jean & William Eaton, Elsie Eberly, Mary Anne & Philip Eisemann, Chris & Tabea Fitz, Erika Fitz, Elizabeth & Thomas Gates, Grayfred & Lois Gray, James Herr, Eugene & Judith Homan, Cynthia Hummel, James Kalish, Amanda Kemp, John & Kay Lahr, Thomas Latus, Robert Lowe, Anna & Joseph Moore, George Noffer, Ernest Nute, Rachel Perry, Meyric Rogers, Joanna & Loren Sadler, Deborah Spence, Raymond Trayer, Thomas Tucker, Anne Wallace DiGarbo, Erma Weaver, Karen Zimmerman.

DATES

DO IT! – Next Saturday's Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) "We Can Do It Day" will focus on Children in our Meetings. There will be skills-focused workshops, conversations with others from around the Yearly Meeting area, and general inspiration. The program will explore how Meetings can embrace children at all levels of our work and how we support our children's spiritual journeys. In addition to the workshops, the day will include a simultaneous curriculum fair showcasing First Day School resources in the PYM Library, a children's program for kids in kindergarten and up, and childcare for Little Friends. Lunch will be provided. Fee for the day is \$20 (scholarship is available). More information is available online at www.pym.org or from Christie Duncan-Tessmer, Associate Secretary for Program & Religious Life, 215-241-7008 christiedt at pym.org

Interested? Andrea Carty 285-3830 and Karen Alderfer 872-8139 are taking a van and will leave from the meetinghouse parking lot. Please call one of them if want a ride.

PLAYING THINGS – On Amanda Kemp's website www.dramandakemp.com you'll find some of the upcoming performances of her Theatre for Transformation. These include "Show Me the Franklins!" at the Midtown Scholar Bookstore in Harrisburg, Feb. 26 at 2:00 PM—free and open to the public. And "Sister Friend," their newest play, will be shown during First Friday, March 4, at the YWCA of Lancaster, 6:30 PM. A companion CD, "Phillis Weatley: From Africa to America and Beyond," is now available. See Amanda or call

717-333-9563

LOVE GATHERING – Young Friends Winter Gathering will take place Feb. 25-27, 2011 at the Burlington Meeting House Conference Center, Burlington, New Jersey. If you, or someone you know, is in 9th grade (or was age 14 by Sept 1,) through college age, you're invited to this gathering, the theme of which is "Love." For more information check out the Young Friends website <http://archive.pym.org/youngfriends/index.htm> or contact Cookie Caldwell cookiec at pym.org 215-241-7222

SPIRITUAL BIOLOGY – The Spirituality and Science study group will meet on Tuesday, March 15 at 7:30 in the Community Room of the meetinghouse to continue a discussion of *The Biology of Transcendence* by Joseph Chilton Pearce. Because they had to cancel their meeting in January (snow—remember?), in March the group will discuss the parts of the book planned for February: Chapter 7 (The Enculturated Self) and Chapter 8 (The Great Accusation). Everyone is welcome. Any questions, call Adele Berardi at 391-8915.

PLEASANT NEEDLING – The Knitting Circle meets on the third Wednesday of each month—on the 16th in March—in the high school room at 6:30 PM. All are welcome; just bring your knitting and relax to the click of needles and friendly conversation

RESIDENT – The Quaker Affairs Office of Haverford College, under the direction of our member Emily Higgs, is pleased to announce the inauguration of its Friend in Residence program, which brings gifted and experienced Quakers to the campus for extended interactions with the community. The first Friend in Residence is Joe Volk, retired executive secretary of Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL). He will give an address that will be open to the public on Wed., March 16 at Haverford.

In related news, after a celebration of Joe Volk's twenty years as Executive Secretary, FCNL's General Committee appointed Diane Randall to become its fourth Executive Secretary since its beginning in 1943. Diane's first day in the office will be March 1. An active member of Hartford Monthly Meeting (CT), Diane will bring to FCNL the experience, skills, and talents necessary to lead this nonpartisan, Quaker lobby in the public interest.

NORMAL?! – Contrary to what appeared in this space last month, the Middle School Friends of PYM will not be gathering here on March 18, 19, and 20, but will be going to the Harrisburg meetinghouse. This is the perfect opportunity for students of that age in our Meeting to join the larger Middle School Friends community. With a theme of "unity, diversity, and the myth of 'normal,'" the group will explore how we are all unique, how we are all the same, and how both these things can be true AT THE SAME TIME! Here is a chance for Middle Schoolers to have a space to be weird, to be themselves, to be beautiful. They will explore issues around their identities and lifestyles, and have workshops on racial, ethnic, religious, ideological, class, and gender diversity. Questions? Contact: Stephen Dotson Middle School Friends Coordinator at 215-241-7171 stephend at pym.org.

SPEAK PEACE – Lancaster Interchurch Peace Witness (LIPW) invites you to its 2011 Spring Peace Forum. Dr. Charles Marsh will present "The Meaning of Dietrich Bonhoeffer for Contemporary American Christianity" on Sunday, March 20, 3:00 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 31 S. Duke St., Lancaster. Dr. Marsh is professor of religious studies and director of The Project on Lived Theology at the University of Virginia. Dr. Marsh has written extensively on the intersection of Christianity and peace and justice issues.

ARTISTES – Gear up and get ready for Meeting's annual art show, May 22 and 29. Connie Heiden will hang the show on Saturday, May 21, so items will need to be delivered on that morning. EVERYONE is welcome to participate.

SOME THINGS TO CHEW ON

GIVEN – As mentioned in the minutes, the treasurer's report this month listed some interesting statistics about donors to Meeting. If you would like to join that august group, please feel free to drop some money or a check in the wooden box on the table just outside the meeting room, send a check to our treasurer, Karen Zimmerman, PO Box 124, Lampeter, PA 17537, or contact Karen about having regular withdrawals of any size taken from your account and put in Meeting's.

LOST BIRTHDAYS – For years a calendar recording member birthdays has hung at the top of the steps to the basement. It's not there. Do you know where it is? Please contact Debby Spence

299-3446.

LONG STATE – This year’s State of the Meeting Report is 6½ pages long. Your editor suggested, with Meeting’s approval, that it not be included in this newsletter. Instead it will be emailed separately and put on our web site. If neither of those options appeal to you, please contact me and I’ll mail a printed copy.

PICK-ME-UP – Our childcare coordinator, Tabea Steinbeisser Fitz, wishes to remind all parents, grandparents and those who bring children into meeting that, if you are attending forum or business meeting, please come down to the basement at 11:30 to sign in your child(ren) for that time. The pick-up time for childcare is now extended 15 minutes; please use this as a window to pick up your child and to help clean up the childcare area so our childcare providers can leave at their given time. The times for pick-up are: common meals 11:30-11:45am, forums 12:30-12:45pm, business meetings 1:00-1:15pm. Thank you for bringing so many wonderful and delightful children to our meeting!!

MUGGING – The social committee heard complaints about their custom of collecting coffee cups during forums and business meetings. To avoid that disturbance, the custom has ended. But it leaves a problem of dirty cups. The committee suggests using a disposable cup if you’re going into the meeting room after our social time together. A Friend suggests bringing a cup—or travel mug—from home, which you can take back home to wash. If all else fails, and you take a glass mug with you, please wash it when the meeting is over. No one else will.

SENSATIONS – Members and attenders of Lancaster Monthly Meeting (LMM) are automatically part of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM). Once a year in the summer everyone associated with PYM is invited to come together for all or part of five days of “Annual Sessions.” In the mornings and the evenings we engage in the business of the Yearly Meeting (children, middle schoolers and high schoolers, and adults in their own settings, each gathering in their own ways). We all come together for worship at the end of each morning and for key, multigenerational events. In the afternoons we learn and play together in workshops and other activities. For many years and for this coming summer we meet at the DeSales University Campus in Center Valley, PA. In the summer of

2012 we will gather in Center City Philadelphia. The 2011 Annual Sessions will be Wednesday evening, July 27 through Sunday afternoon, July 30, with a special pre-sessions gathering during the day on the 27th.

Now the organizers of this year’s Annual Sessions would like your input—especially if you’ve never been to Sessions. Please take a few minutes to fill out their survey on line at www.pym.org/news/survey.

A GAS? – The movie *Gasland* is of interest to anyone concerned about the possibility of natural gas extraction causing environmental problems. Anyone with a library card can borrow a DVD of the movie for a week from the Lancaster Public Library.

MEMORIAL MINUTE FOR TED HERMAN

Theodore (Ted) Herman, 97, passed away at Cornwall Manor, Cornwall PA on December 30, 2010. He was a peace activist and scholar, professor emeritus of Colgate University and a member of Lancaster PA Friends Meeting. Born on March 11, 1913 in Philadelphia PA, he was a son of the late Carl L. and Molly (Leivy) Herman.

Ted attended Swarthmore College, receiving his B.A. in 1935 and becoming a Quaker while he was a student there. Following graduation he took a post teaching English and social studies at the Shanghai (China) American School. There he met his future wife, Chen Shi-ying (Evelyn), who was Warden of the Friends Receiving Home, a refuge for lost and abandoned children. During the Sino-Japanese War, Ted was active in the anti-Japanese underground and he was eventually interned by the Japanese. In 1944, he was repatriated, after which he worked with the US Office of War Information. After the war, he returned to China to rejoin his wife and to work for the UN Relief and Rehabilitation Administration in Chungking and Shanghai. Through their support of artists in post-war China, they developed what is now the largest collection of modern Chinese woodcuts in the United States which they eventually gave to Colgate University.

After returning to live in the United States in 1948, Ted studied at Columbia University (M.A.) and at the University of Washington (M.A., Ph.D.) Before arriving at Colgate University, Ted held positions at the University of British Columbia, Utah State Agricultural College and the University of Washington.

Ted was a professor of cultural geography at Colgate from 1955 until his retirement in 1981, and served for a number of years as geography department chair. His students recall him as being "one of the most demanding instructors they had at Colgate, and one who left a permanent impression on their world views." Ted loved the university and its community and he was very active in the anti-war movement of the late 1960's. He founded the University's Peace and Conflict Studies Program, and served as its director until his retirement. He was also instrumental in founding the International Peace Research Foundation.

After retirement, Ted's work for peace continued. He organized and participated in numerous seminars in non-violent conflict resolution and peace studies. In 1990, he received an award from the Consortium for Peace Research, Education and Development for his work. In addition to his professional memberships, he was a member of the American Friends Service Committee and the NAACP.

In his later years, he was particularly devoted in the recovery of the Balkan countries after the wars of 1991-1995. He was the leading force in the founding of the Balkan Peace Studies Center in Skopje, Macedonia. Today, because of Ted's work, the University of Skopje has graduate degree programs in peace studies, as does the Institute of Psychology and the law school there. In the Skopje area, over 1500 persons have participated in the Alternatives to Violence program.

In 1993, as part of Ted's sponsorship of an international peace conference in the Balkans, he invited Mother Teresa to attend. Although she declined, she wrote encouraging him to continue his good work and "to offer it up to the Glory of God." She concluded by asking Ted to "keep the joy of loving through sharing."

Ted was an active member of Lancaster (PA) Friends Meeting, serving for many years on its Peace and Social Concerns Committee. He inspired and guided many persons in their own work for peace and non-violent conflict resolution, not only in his home community but also around the world through conferences, letters and personal conversations.

Ted will be remembered for his generosity of spirit and his subtle sense of humor, for the twinkle in his eye and for his deep faith in the human potential for good. An inspired teacher, he listened to others, challenging and inviting them to exceed their expectations of themselves and to find creative and peaceful solutions for the problems of the world.

He is survived by his daughter, Evelyn Mae Herman, of California, a nephew, Walter Liang of California and a niece, Magdalen Seaman of Colorado. He was pre-deceased by his wife Evelyn (Chen Shih-ying) and a son, Carl Herman.

Joe DiGarbo, Nancy Bieber and Stan Carnarius