



Marlborough Friends Meeting Newsletter

Open for worship every Sunday at 11:00 AM. 361 Marlborough Road, Kennett Square PA 19348

Restarting our newsletter

The Marlborough Friends newsletter is restarting after a break.

Marlborough Meeting's Newsletter was faithfully written and distributed by Friend Robert Garret for many years. In this appreciated tradition Marlborough members wish to follow his lead by continuing this contact among members, attenders and interested friends.

In addition to a printed version, publication will be on the Meeting's website of "MarlboroughMeeting.org", clicking then on "newsletter". If you know anyone who would like to receive a copy of our newsletter by email or postal mail please let us know.

Issues of the restarted newsletter will begin at #100.

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Advice #6

Endeavor to make your home an abiding place of joy and peace where the Presence of God is known and felt. Seek to know an inward retirement, even amid the activities of daily life. Make a quiet place in your daily life, wherein you may learn the full meaning of prayer, and the gladness of communion with your Heavenly Father.

However, as it is written:

*"What no eye has seen,
what no ear has heard,
and what no human mind has conceived"
the things God has prepared for those who
love him—*

*these are the things God has revealed to us by
his Spirit.*

*The Spirit searches all things, even the deep
things of God*

1 Corinthians 2:9-10

Marlborough Open House

On Saturday June 3rd, an open house and Public Meeting was held at Marlborough. The Meeting made an extra effort to organize a day of presentations on Quakerism. Doug Gwyn (Quaker Author) gave a talk on *The Quaker View of the Christian Revelation*. A hearty dinner was provided followed by our Public Meeting.



Left to right: Doug Gwyn, Hoot Williams and Seth Hinshaw. Foreground: Bob Horvay. Background: Gene Hillman.

The term *Public Meeting* was used by early Friends to refer to a special Meeting for Worship to which the public was invited. These meetings were often called when a Quaker who was *Traveling in the Ministry* was visiting. For our Public Meeting, we invited a number of Quakers from the Philadelphia area and Ohio who are known to have a *Gift of Vocal Ministry*. Ultimately, six such Friends traveled many hundreds of miles to be here.



Left to right: Burton Doudna, Mackenzie Morgan Unknown. Foreground: Gloria Horvay

The event was a clear success. Overall forty to fifty individuals were present. We found it interesting that the vast majority were not people interested in Quakerism, but other Quakers who were drawn to learn about the Christian Quakerism that Marlborough represents.



Some of the Friends who attended the Public Meeting.

We had several responses from those who attended. Here are some examples...

"I really felt like something beautiful and special happened there and I got to be part of it!"

"Many thanks for the excellent hospitality yesterday at the Public Meeting. It was obvious that great care had been given to the planning. The meetinghouse grounds were beautiful. The dinner was outstanding and generous. From parking signs to porta-potty to schedule of speakers, everything was well done."

"Thank you very much for hosting a pleasant and informative day. As someone who recently began attending a Meeting, this broadened my understanding. I found your (both) sharing from the panel helpful and meeting those who traveled to support the community impressive. The food was wonderful, the sounds during Meeting for Worship resonate in my mind."

MARLBOROUGH ONLINE

We revamped our website this year. It now includes history, timeline and stories like the Marlborough Foot Washing. MarlboroughMeeting.org.

We also have a Facebook Page. See facebook.com/marlboroughmeeting

Restoration is a Continuing Exercise

The Marlborough Meetinghouse was built in 1801. A major restoration was done in 1972-73. However, work has continued since then. In 2007 the doors, windows and shutters were removed, restored and returned. Below are before and after pictures.



Last year the windows in the rear of the meeting house were worked on. This year we scraped and painted the soffits...



However, a lot of work remains. Some inside walls are peeling, particularly on the schoolhouse side.



Marlborough Meeting is small. Our membership is less than twenty. We rely on outside help, so if you are interested in donating to maintain our historic meetinghouse, please go to our website (MarlboroughMeeting.org) and click on *Donate*, or mail your check to Treasurer, 361 Marlborough Road, Kennett Square PA 19348

Picnic 2017

Members and Friends of the meeting, as well as Marlborough Village neighbors joined together on the Meeting grounds for our annual June Picnic.



UPCOMING EVENTS

On Saturday afternoon 10/21 at 3:00 PM, Henry Jason will be speaking at the Marlborough Meetinghouse. His topic will be *Principles and Beliefs of Early Friends: A Look at some Core Understandings*. See our website or Facebook page for details.

The Marlborough Christmas Carol sing will be on Sunday, December 17th at 7:30 PM.