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Quick note from the Editor

The deadline for the next newsletter will be Wednesday , April 19, 2023.. I look forward to seeing you all at Quarter on February 5. Chris

From our Clerk (and Norristown)

Hello Friends...

The News from Norristown Monthly Meeting

We had our annual leaf raking party, which was extended for a few different days. Leaves don't cooperate when the wind is a blowin'. But we got most of them! Our bounty of leaves gets composted at the meeting, in a few fenced in containers.

We are glad to be attending to worship in a regular basis, it's always a blessing when a a visitor comes and checks us out. We are worshipping hybrid style, using an owl and a computer to share the physical worship with those who would like to be there, but, for whatever reason, need to join us on our virtual connection. A Pandemic Plus...

Many of you know we take care of the Upper Providence Meeting House and Graveyard, on Black Rock Road in Collegeville. We are grateful that our AQM fund has helped us with funds to paint the meeting house. We met there for our Traditional Christmas Carol Singing on the last Sunday evening before Christmas. It was another festive affair, enjoyed by 30 or so attendees.

We are blessed to have the care of such a wonderful antique meetinghouse! The meeting house was rebuilt in 1828. We will soon be celebrating its 200th anniversary ! We meet there 4 times a year for Easter morning , the last Sunday in June, the last Sunday in September and the Sunday before Christmas.

I want to thank Chris Mrozinski for his managing our AQM Newsletter!

Pray for Peace in our lifetime! Kelly

Kelly Green, Norristown MM/AQM Clerk

News from the Meetings of the Quarter

Byberry Monthly Meeting

Update

We are still working out some final challenges before being able to use the Byberry meeting house addition, but, thanks to volunteer work amongst Friends and friends, we will have it internet connected by the end of January. We hope to reopen soon with special events for late winter or spring. Stay tuned. We continue to enjoy worship and fellowship with Upper Dublin Meeting via Zoom or in person.

David Nepley, Clerk of Byberry MM

Gwynedd Monthly Meeting

*The AFSC
SALE*

@ Gwynedd Friends Meeting

Please join Gwynedd for their first AFSC sale of 2023 on *March 11*. The sale is from 9-1. There will be clothing of all sizes, shoes, a bust of Abraham Lincoln, and much more. All proceeds go to the *American Friends Service Committee* (AFSC). A flier that you can post at your meetings will be sent as soon as it is ready. Hope to see you all there.

Chris Mrozinski, co-clerk of Gwynedd's AFSC Fundraising Committee

***The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich**

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 7:00 pm on Zoom

Mark your calendar NOW to participate in next season's JEDI book group to meet with others in our community to delve into issues of justice and equality in our society. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Since this book is a novel, we will be following a different format. There will only be one session, but we will break into smaller groups to allow greater opportunities for participation. This should allow readers to finish the book in time for the discussion.

To register for this book group so that we can send you updates and zoom information, please email: Deb Hejl deb.hejl@gmail.com

We trust that this will be a meaningful and thought-provoking read for everyone. New participants are welcome and encouraged to join in!

Deb Hejl, JEDI Group

Poetry and Prose Night

Sunday Feb 26, 7:00 p.m.

Have you published a book or poem, article or story? Have you been writing poetry in private but never shared it in public? Have you written a short memoir piece that you'd like to test out in front of a live audience? Do you have a beloved poem written by someone else (anyone from Emily Dickinson to Mary Oliver to your Aunt Annabel) that you'd love to share?

Poetry and Prose Night is an enjoyable and relaxed opportunity to share original or beloved poetry and prose with a Friendly audience in our own Meetinghouse. At this point we plan to be in person but can explore a hybrid option if there is interest) We are open to any form. A time limit will be provided for each reader.

We are also looking for musical guests to provide an intro or interlude for the evening. Don't be bashful! I know there is creativity among us. Please feel free to spread the word and inudge your friends. If you'd like to read, please contact Faith Paulsen at FaithJP@aol.com or 610-585-6696 (for call or text).

Not interested in reading? We are also looking for good listeners to be our audience. All are invited to join us on Sunday February 26, 7:00 p.m. Please bring refreshments to share. I look forward to hearing from you!

Faith Paulsen

Norristown Monthly Meeting

White Nationalism Talk

I wanted to give you advance notice! We are having Manfred Brauch, share on "The Christian Heresy of White Nationalism" on Friday, February 24 @ 7pm.

Hope you can make it. It might even be a hybrid event. We will keep you posted.

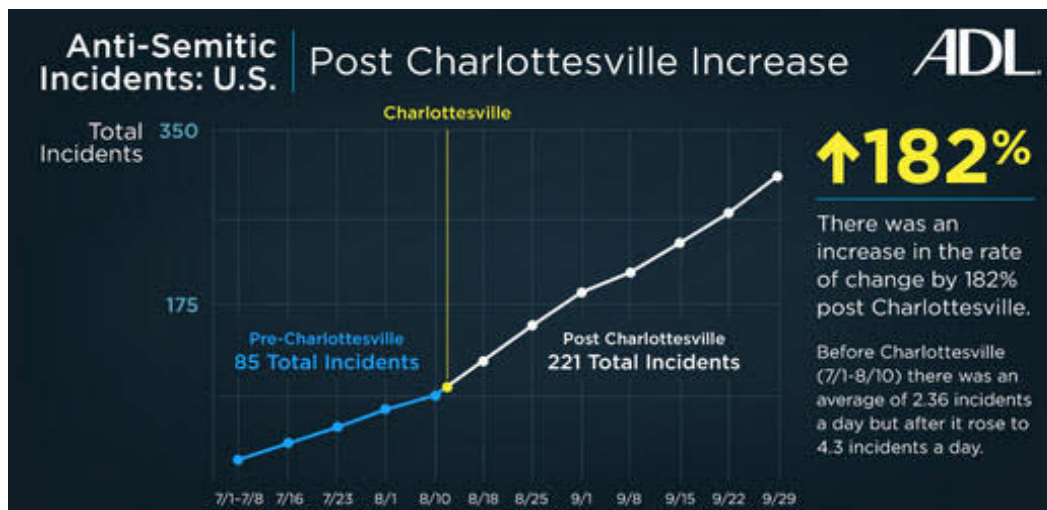
Kelly Green

Plymouth Monthing Meeting

Interfaith Discussion Antisemitism in Our Community

*Presented by Conshohocken, Plymouth Meeting and Whitemarsh (CPW) Interfaith Council
February 5th, 4 pm at the Plymouth Meeting Quaker Meetinghouse*

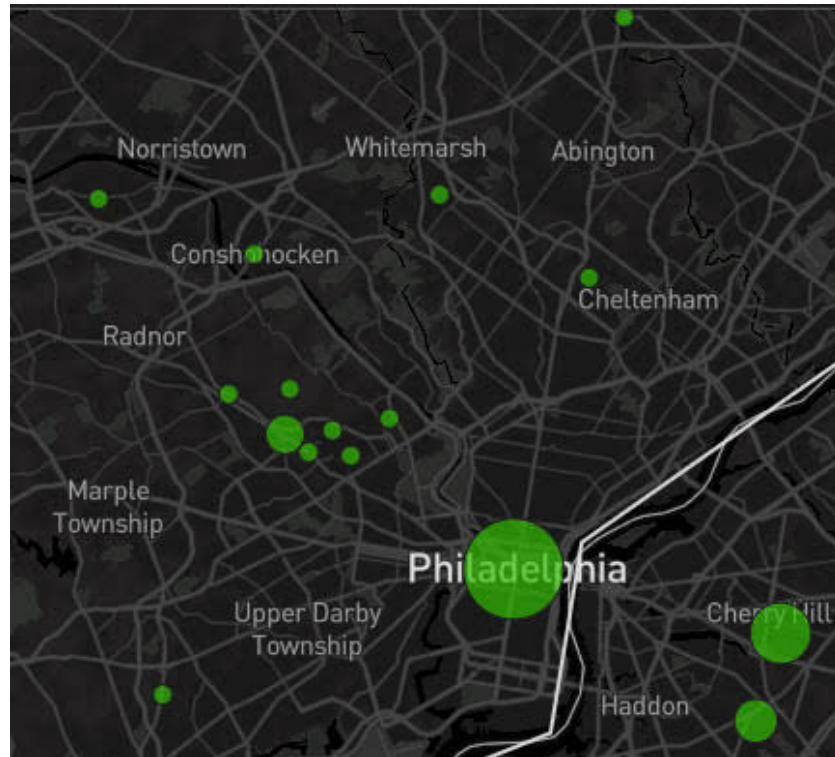
In recent years in our community and across our country and the world there has been a steady increase in antisemitic incidents ranging from verbal or graffiti defacement to violent and deadly events. Antisemitic thought and speech is easily found across the social media platforms. In some sectors of our society, this kind of thought and speech is becoming accepted as normal.



Anti-Semitic Incidents in the Months Surrounding Charlottesville March.

Join with us on Sunday February 5th when Rabbi Glenn Ettman and Cantor Jorden Franzel will lead us in a presentation that will define what antisemitism is and share what its impact is currently having on our Jewish friends and neighbors? After their presentation, they invite the gathered community to share questions and thoughts that will help us discern ways we can personally and corporately collaborate to address antisemitism.

Antisemitic Incidents in our area during 2022



David Miller

AQ Monthly Meeting Events

Gwynedd	AFSC Spring Sale Saturday March 11 from 9-1 See above for more info
Norristown	"The Christian Heresy of White Nationalism" on Friday, February 24 @ 7pm. See above for more info
Plymouth	Interfaith Discussion Antisemitism in Our Community February 5 at 4pm See above for more info

Quarterly Meetings & Locations

2023 Quarterly Meetings & Locations		
Hope to see you all on February 5 at 9 am via Zoom and in-person at Upper Dublin		
March 5, 2023	Abington	Representative Meeting
May 7, 2023	Byberry	Quarterly Meeting
June 4, 2023	Gwynedd	Representative Meeting
August 6	Richland	Quarterly Meeting (short) and Picnic