# ABINGTON QUARTER NEWSLETTER

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## Monthly Meetings in Abington Quarter

**Abington - Byberry - Gwynedd – Horsham – Norristown – Plymouth – Richland – Unami - Upper Dublin**

# Quick note from the Editor

Happy Fall!

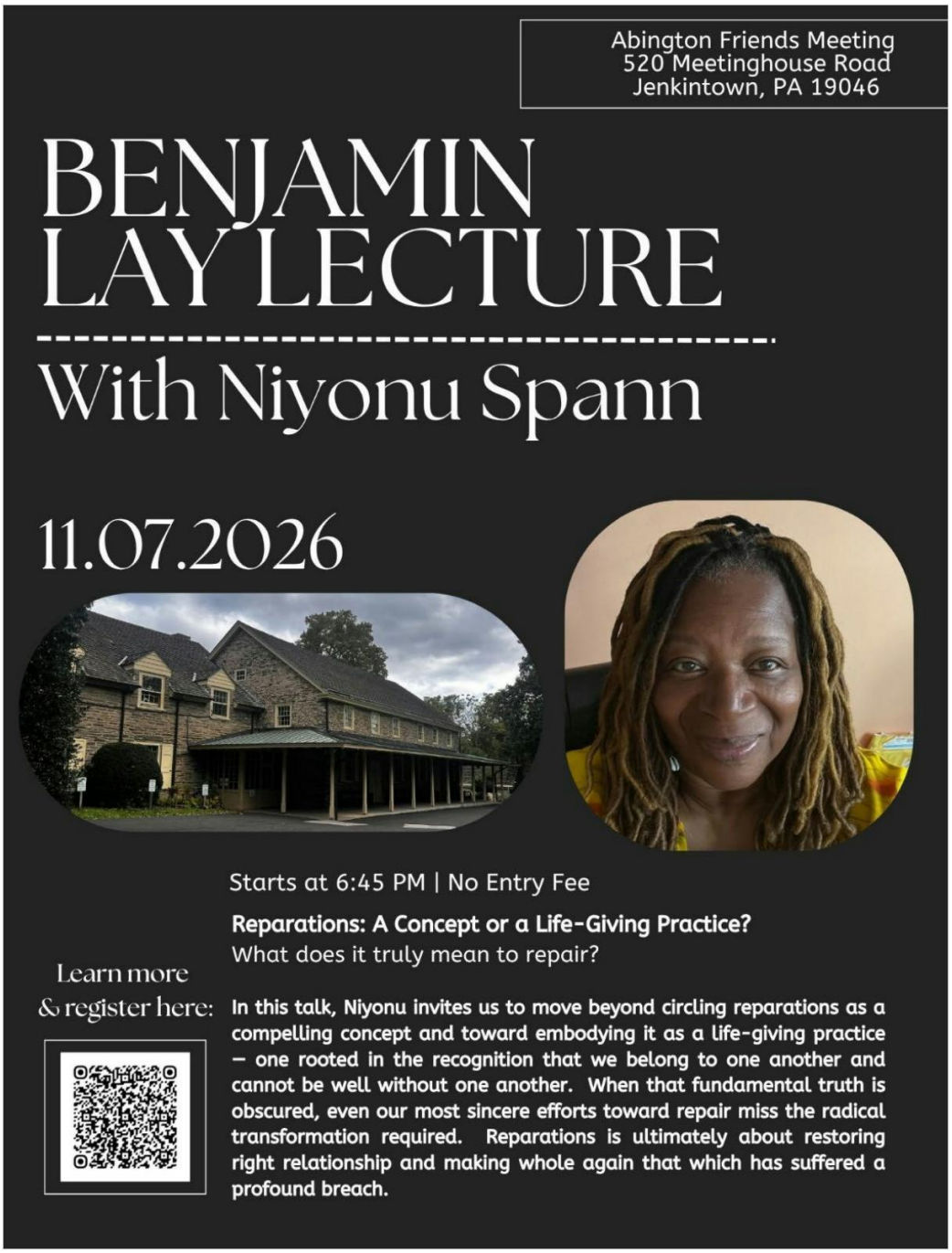
The deadline for the next newsletter is Tuesday January 19, 2027. Please note that events going on in Monthly Meetings can be shared with Friends in the Quarter before the next newsletter comes out. So please feel free to email them to me.

# Quarterly Meeting this Coming First Day



# News from Meetings of the Quarter

## Abington Monthly Meeting



ABINGTON FRIENDS MEETING · ADULT EDUCATION ALL ARE INVITED

# Quaker Leadership from Within

*A day of worship, deep listening and discovering the leader already in you*



## Saturday, November 7

10:00 AM – 3:30 PM, with an hour break for lunch

Abington Friends Meetinghouse
520 Meetinghouse Road, Jenkintown, PA

Have you ever felt a quiet nudge to serve — as a clerk, on a committee, or as a steady voice in meeting for business? Whether you have clerked for years or never imagined you could, come spend a day finding the grounded leadership that grows out of worship.

WORSHIP · UNITY · CONNECTION · SERVANT LEADERSHIP

### ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

"Quaker Leadership from Within" is a 4.5-hour program designed to support participants in finding grounded connection with Spirit and each other. Together, we will center on the pillars of Worship, Unity, Connection, and Servant Leadership. The workshop is designed to explore the use of the imagery of "vertical and horizontal" connections to engage in the practice of deep listening.

Reclaiming the embodiment of our Quaker roots, we will distinguish the difference between "wrestling" for mutual strength and "fighting" for power. Through exercises and discussion, the program provides a space for participants to transform dissonance into growth, ensuring that leadership remains rooted in the spirit of love and dedicated to the integrity of the Meeting.

### YOUR FACILITATORS: ,O AND STEVE MOHLKE

,O and Steve regularly facilitate a popular workshop on Friends Decision-Making and Clerking. They are both active leaders in the Religious Society of Friends. They bring their different life experiences and perspectives, that of a Black woman and a white man, into a deeply connected, engaging, sometimes funny, gathering in which participants connect with their inner leadership. Steve serves as General Secretary of New York Yearly Meeting.

## PRE-REGISTRATION REQUESTED

To register, please contact Sue Johnson at sue.m.johnson1214@gmail.com

Questions: (215) 884-2865 · AMM@abingtonfriends.net

ABINGTON FRIENDS MEETING

ADULT EDUCATION

# The Peace Testimony, the Military Draft & the Selective Service System



*Conscientious Objection to War is part of the Quaker Peace Testimony.*

## A class and conversation with Bruce Charlick

**WHEN**

**Sunday, October 18, 2026**

11:30 am

**WHERE**

**John Barnes Room**

Abington Friends Meeting

**QUESTIONS FOR OUR MEETING**

Are you familiar with the Selective Service System?

Did you know that the Selective Service Act will change on December 18, 2026?

Are the young people of our Meeting aware that Conscientious Objection to War is part of the Peace Testimony?

**NOT WIDELY KNOWN**

Draft-eligible men ages 18–26 cannot apply for Conscientious Objector status with the Selective Service System until they are drafted.

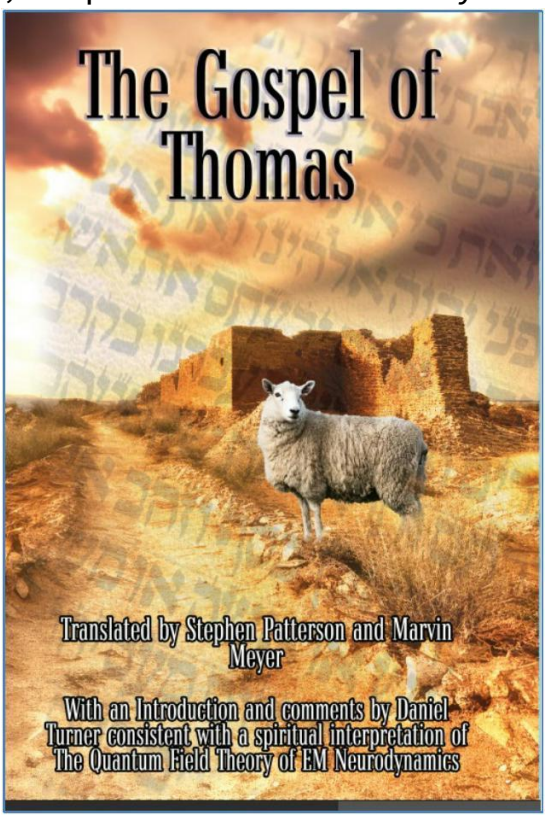
Please come to this class to learn more about these topics and to discuss how they could affect your family. All are welcome.

Sponsored by the Adult Education Committee

Questions: Abington Meeting · (215) 884-2865

# “The Gospel of Thomas” by Dan Turner

Dan Turner, Abington Quarter’s recording clerk, has published a commentary on the heretical, long lost but recently rediscovered Gospel of Thomas.




It provides a perspective on Jesus’ assertions in all 4 canonical gospels that little children belong to the Kingdom of Heaven...because, aside from the cells of our bodies, we are spiritual beings animated by individual shares of the light of life -- the “inner light.”

In Quaker parlance. Hoping to catch the attention of “universalist” Quakers, the commentary is consistent with a spiritual interpretation of the Quantum Theory of EM Neurodynamics. Don’t be alarmed; aspects of this and other modern
ideas are only discussed where they are clearly relevant!

**Dan Turner**

# Gwynedd Monthly Meeting

**Friendly Finds**

**GREAT DEALS. GREATER CAUSE.**

*benefits worldwide projects of the American Friends Service Committee*

If you have any questions or would like to help with the sale (even just for one hour), please contact the sale committee clerk, Chris.

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Holiday Sale
Flea Market
and Bake Sale
Saturday, Dec 5, 9-1
GWYNEDD FRIENDS MEETING
1101 Dekalb Pike Gwynedd, PA 19454 • Intersection of 202 and Sumneytown Pike

## Abington Quarter Welcomes the Quaker Pirate



On Sunday morning, October 4, after a deep meeting for worship, members and attenders of Abington Quarter walked into the community room of Gwynedd Friends where invitingly arranged tables awaited them for a printmaking experience with artist, Todd Drake.

Eighteen months of preparation by a Working Group had started by asking the meetings of the quarter: What is important to my meeting? Seven meetings had come together with an answer:

**Nurturing the Light Within everyone, we let that experience guide our compassionate actions for peace and justice.**

Todd had created three sketches from which the Quarter representatives selected one to be made into a print illustrating our answer.

Now, here we were!! Approximately 85 people, ages 8 to 96, facing drawing paper, pencils, sticker paper and foam pads for carving at each of our assigned tables, where participants from three different meetings were represented. Carving tools awaited us upon completion of the drawing. How would **we** illustrate our statement?







At a break, one person shared:

*I wasn't looking forward to the Todd Drake event and had no confidence in my artistic skills, but as I shared with my table and watched some of them struggle, too, we encouraged each other to do more than we had thought possible. It was great!*

Community had been built by letting go of our thoughts of inadequacy and entering into a new experiential learning experience.

This is the result!





# Norristown Monthly Meeting

## Annual Carol Sing, December 20th at 7 pm

The *Norristown Friends Meeting* is having our Annual Carol Sing, December 20th at 7 pm.

LOCATION: At Upper Provenience Meeting House, at 807 Black Rock Rd. Oaks Pa. 19426.

**Please bring your Flashlight, as there are no electric lights.**

We will enjoy the warmth of a wood stove and our celebration of the Holidays with our singing. Afterwards we will have refreshments .

This event is weather dependent. If there is torrential rain or snow, we will need to cancel.

Please check our website Norristownfriends.org for any updates or email us at Office@norristownfriends.org with your planned attendance & we will keep you updated!

# Quarterly Meeting Locations

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| November 1 | Plymouth |
| February 7 | Horsham |
| May 2 | Upper Dublin |
| August 1 | Abington |
| November 7 | Norristown |