

Morningside Monthly Meeting

Religious Society of Friends

Morningside Matters

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MMM Event Calendar

June 26 – M & C Breakfast at 9:15 AM, in the Riverside Cafe

July 3-9 – FGC Gathering in Grinnell Iowa (details in newsletter)

July 17-23 – NY Yearly Meeting Summer Sessions at Silver Bay (details in newsletter)

An Invitation to the Bedford Stuyvesant Worship Group

Helen Garay Toppins

Date: Sunday afternoon, June 19 from 3:00-5:00pm.

Location: Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Plaza, 1368 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11216. We will meet in the Board Room.

Directions: Subway – A or C train to Nostrand Avenue and walk 1 ½ blocks. Restoration is also convenient to the Nostrand and Fulton Street buses.

For all public transportation details visit the MTA NYCT - Trip Planner+.

Driving directions visit www.mapquest.com

Downtown Outdoor Meeting for Worship

Sally Campbell

Every Thursday from May through September the Downtown Meeting gathers near the Labyrinth of Contemplation in the northwest corner of Battery Park. You are very welcome to come for some or all of the hour between 6 and 7 PM. You can find us north of Castle Clinton and west of the Korean War Memorial. It is a beautiful place to enjoy nature and stillness amid the city's noisy bustle. Check out our website: downtownmeetng.org. Any Questions call Sally Campbell at 646 489-4175.

Torture in New York State Prisons?

There will be a program on torture in New York State prisons on Tuesday, June 21st at 7:00 PM, at Riverside Church in Room 9T. The program is free and open to the public. At press time the presenters are:

Mary Beth Pfeiffer, author of *Crazy in America: The Hidden Tragedy of the Criminalized Mentally Ill*, which grew out of reporting on the abuses of people with mental illness in New York State prisons.

Jack Beck who is involved with the Prison Visiting Project at the Correctional Association of New York. He will give us an overview of how solitary confinement is used in NY prisons as well as the administrative and legislative restrictions placed on its use.

For more info contact, Patricia Chernoff patriciachernoff@verizon.net

An Invitation from Manhattan Meeting

Gloria Thompson

Manhattan Monthly Meeting invites you to join its Monthly Prayer Meeting, via conference call, on the third Tuesday, of every month from 8:00-9:00 P.M.

How does this work? Your totally free conference telephone number is: 712.432.6100. Your participant PASSCODE: 91703#. If you have difficulties signing on the date and time mentioned, please call 646.334.2978.

Please join with your hearts open ready to lay your burdens down and share your gifts with one another.

Please Help Carry On the Work of Our Meeting

Pamela Wood

Contributions to the work of the Meeting are welcome. These go to pay our expenses (rent for example), our financial support of New York Yearly Meeting and our outreach to other organizations. They may be given to Bart Dominus, Pamela Wood or Charlene Ray at Meeting or you may request an envelope. Checks should be made out to Morningside Monthly Meeting. Contributions are tax deductible.

Friends General Conference Gathering "Meeting at the Center"

The 2011 Gathering will be from July 3–9 at Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa. The theme will be "Meeting at the Center." The Gathering features Spirit-led programming for children, a dynamic high school program, and opportunities for Friends with common interests to gather. There will also be special opportunities for young adults. Choose from a wide variety of small, week-long workshops

such as Quilting, Racism, Lobbying, Truth, Clerking, Bible, Eldership, and Dancing in the Light. You should register ASAP. Further information is available at www.fgcquaker.org/gathering or from FGC, 1216 Arch St. #2B, Philadelphia PA 19107; 215-561-1700.

New York Yearly Meeting Summer Sessions

Helen Garay Toppins, office@nyym.org

NYYM Summer Sessions will be held at Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks on the shores of Lake George from July 17–23. The theme is “Peace with Earth: Transforming Our Communities.” Anne Mitchell, general secretary of Quaker Earthcare Witness, will be the keynote speaker. There will be worship sharing, a special symposium; an inter-generational Council of All Beings, and fellowship. Details and registration forms for Silver Bay are in the May Spark and online at www.nyym.org. Please register early.

Keep those Cards Coming

Nancy Smith, the jailed 78-year old clerk of Hudson Monthly Meeting, is still serving a 6-month sentence for trespass for her actions at Ft. Benning, Georgia, to protest the School of the Americas. Please keep those cards, notes and letters coming. She also likes newspaper and magazine articles. Her address: Nancy H. Smith #94641-020, Danbury Federal Correctional Institution, Route 37, Danbury CT 06811. She LOVES hearing from Quakers.

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June Meeting for Business minutes.