

Hamilton Friends September 2018 Newsletter



Advices and Queries

26. Do you recognize the needs and gifts of each member of your family and household, not forgetting your own? Try to make your home a place of loving friendship and enjoyment, where all who live or visit may find the peace and refreshment of God's presence.

Coffee List

Sept 30 : Glenna and Carol Leigh

We are looking for people to sign up for October.



Calendar

Monday October 8, 4 pm: Thanksgiving Shared Meal with Welcome to Syrian Family and Farewell to Louise.

We have much for which to be grateful. Come to a shared meal at the Meetinghouse (MH).

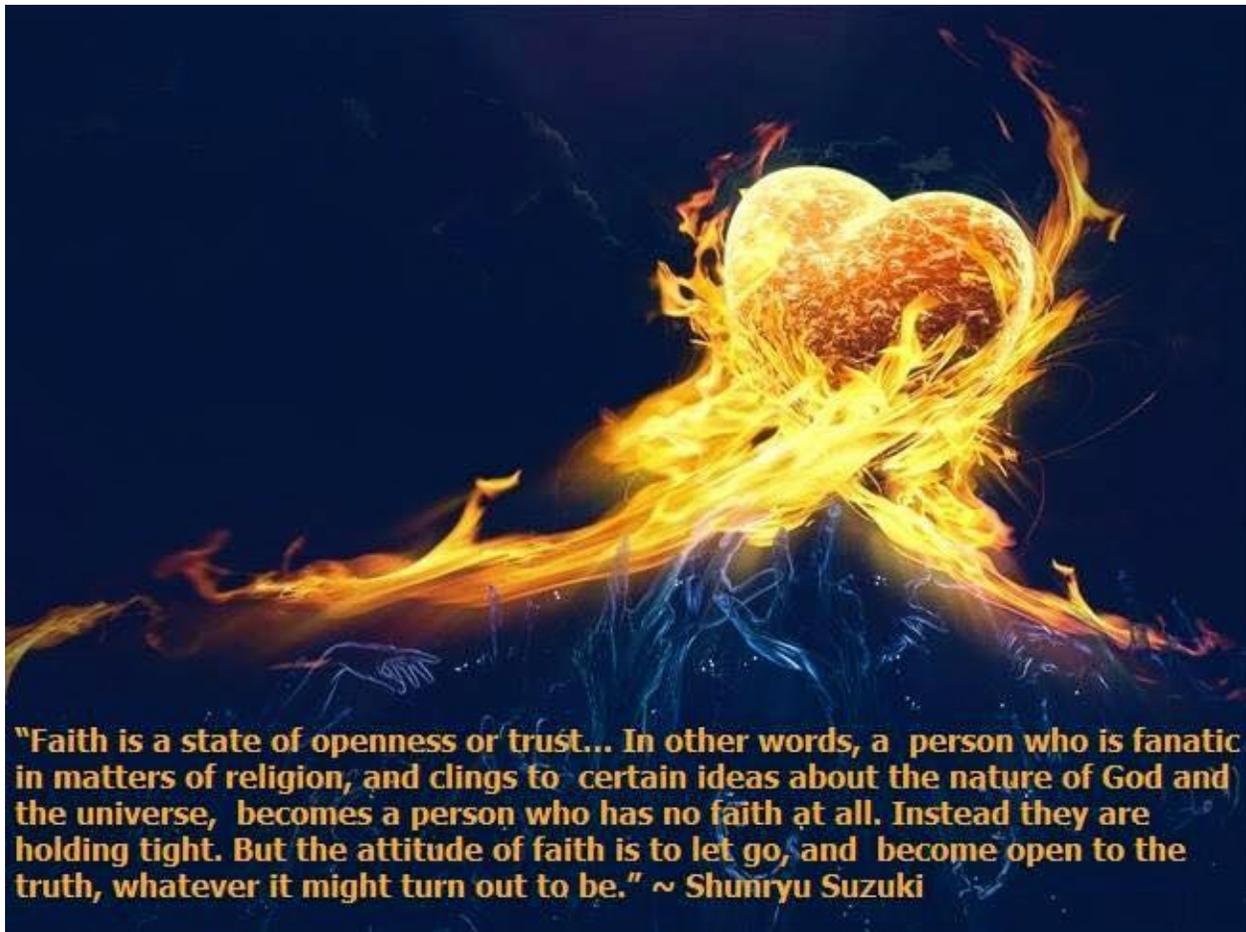
Two turkeys have been promised. Friends can sign up to bring a food item on the list on the bulletin board at the MH, or contact Glenna and Carol Leigh (glennajenzen@gmail.com, clwehking@gmail.com), or come on the day with a potluck item - it's all good!!! We do need a vegetarian / vegan main dish and side-dishes to accompany the main dishes. All are welcome: F(f)riends, friends of friends, etc. We will eat at 5 pm.

October 14: Meeting for Worship for Business

Saturday October 20: HMM Friends will host Yonge Street Half-Yearly Meeting in our Meetinghouse. The day begins with coffee at 9 a.m., followed by Meeting for Worship, and Meeting for Worship for Business. After a lunch of soup and Bring-your-own-Sandwiches, our Friend, Dick Preston, will give his long-awaited presentation on Truth and Reconciliation and Friends.

November 18th: At a Brown-Bag Lunch, Carol Leigh Wehking will give a presentation on the testimony of Simplicity following worship and coffee time.

November 25th: Meeting for Worship for Business



"Faith is a state of openness or trust... In other words, a person who is fanatic in matters of religion, and clings to certain ideas about the nature of God and the universe, becomes a person who has no faith at all. Instead they are holding tight. But the attitude of faith is to let go, and become open to the truth, whatever it might turn out to be." ~ Shunryu Suzuki

-Submitted by Carol Leigh Wehking



Fare Well, Louise!

Our dear Friend, Louise Trépanier, is moving to Montreal. We will miss her presence in our Meeting, and send our caring loving thoughts with her. We will formally say good-bye at our Thanksgiving shared meal on October 8th.

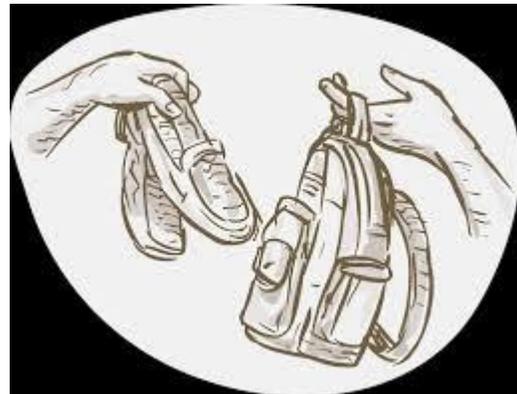


Donations

We heard at the September business meeting that donations to HMM are down somewhat for this time of year from previous years. If you haven't yet made a donation to support our beloved community, we hope you will do so soon. We're not a money-making organization, and everything we do or hope to do depends on the participation and generosity of our members and attenders. For instance, we will *soon be helping and supporting in **Canada** the Syrian refugee family we have arranged to sponsor!*

Our Hamilton Meeting Exchange Event

As we have often done in years past, but not for quite awhile, we will have a Meeting Exchange. If you don't know or can't remember what that is, here's a reminder. We bring items in good condition that we no longer want or need and display them, usually in the Pendle Hill room, for other Friends to view and consider and take away if they want them. It's not a sale -- we don't price the items -- but any donations for the items we take are welcomed and go to Hamilton Meeting. This can get going as soon as anyone brings in something to give away! and it usually goes on for about a month. If items are left at the end, the original owners can reclaim them, or we will give them to charity.





Hamilton Meeting is on Facebook!

Check it out! Our Facebook page is "Hamilton Monthly Meeting (Quakers)". It's a public group but you do have to ask the administrator (Wilf) to join the group, which we urge you to do! Lots of interesting posts will generate interest in our Meeting and in Quakers.



We care about the environment!

Concern for our planet is longstanding in our faith and in our Meeting. At the September Meeting for Worship for Business, Friends agreed that we would like to be part of the Eco Churches of West Hamilton (EcoWHam) group. Several of our members have attended a meeting of the group or otherwise made connections, but we have no one able to be our official representative. EcoWHam meets monthly in Dundas during the day on a weekday.

Would anyone care to take on -- or share with another Friend -- the service of representing Hamilton Monthly Meeting at the EcoWHam meetings so that we can add our name to the list of members? The more churches officially part of the group the stronger the voice. If you can do this, please contact Beverly beverly_shepard@sympatico.ca

Nisreen and Laila are coming!

Dear Friends, we are writing with very happy news - members of the Syrian newcomer family which our Meeting has sponsored are expected to be arriving very soon!!!

Although we do not have final confirmation yet, we have been told that Nisreen (29) and her daughter Laila (3) will be arriving some time on October 1st, followed later in October by one or both of Nisreen's parents (Mamdoha and Subhi).

It has been a long wait and we are very happy!

We will be writing with more information in the next Newsletter. In the meantime, we will be celebrating their arrival at Hamilton Meeting's usual potluck Thanksgiving supper on Monday October 8th. We are inviting Nisreen and Laila to join us if they are not too tired, and Nisreen's sister Noura and her family (who already live in Hamilton) to come as well. In the meantime, we will be establishing a list of items which the newcomers need and will very much appreciate your donations of corresponding items (in new or near-new condition please). Further information to come via the HMM e-mail list. Also appreciated are any financial donations which you may be able to make to help support the family - please contact our Treasurer Wilf Ruland at "deerspring1@gmail.com" for more details.



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Subhi Hussein-24 Jan, 2017



It has been a long wait and lots of hard work for our Refugee Committee and other supporters from our Meeting to get this far, with lots more to do to get the new family settled. But we are all very thankful that they are coming at last.

-Submitted by Wilf Ruland