

Worship & Ministry 2019 Annual Report Marybeth Snyder

The Worship & Ministry committee led two Adult First Day classes this year. One in January and one in October. The first was a Worship Sharing on Martin Luther King's Letter from Birmingham Jail led by Mark Ratliff, John Davidson and Patricia McBee. Each member of the Committee brought special gifts to the Worship Sharing: John Davidson inspired with the background and historical context of Letter and helped participants to deeply consider how to combat injustice.

The second program will be on "Ministering to the Meeting Without Speaking", led by Patricia McBee. What is the responsibility of Worshippers to each other to deepen Worship? Why do we Quakers worship in community together and not alone and apart?

With the goal of promoting gathered Worship, the committee made a proposal to Meeting to have late comers to Meeting for Worship remain in Worship together outside the main Meeting until the children leave at 20 after the hour. This proposal was discussed but requires further discussion and discernment.

In April and November, Worship & Ministry organized worship services at Chandler Hall. The committee thanks those members of the meeting who have been willing to help with this important ministry of pastoral care.

Marybeth Snyder visited Friend's Home and Village Worship and instituted a signup sheet for Newtown Members who may wish to worship with residents. We asked Bucks Quarter to invite members of other meetings as well.

At the request of Pennswood's Quakerism committee, members of Worship & Ministry attended a discussion with residents about deepening Meeting for Worship at Pennswood.

Committee members helped to organize the memorial service for JoAnn and Lew Woodman.

Worship & Ministry collaborated with Children's Religious Education to organize the semi-programmed Easter service. The committee sought to deepen Worship with a revamped, and inclusive program. Together we arranged for the musical accompaniment, led by Debbie Watts, and printed the program. Julian Bacher read the Easter story from the Gospel of Mark. Noah Buxton read from the Gospel of Matthew. Nate Sherwin read from the Gospel of Luke. Charlotte Paces-Carter read an Easter poem. Chiyo Moriuchi presented Bibles to the 4th graders in the meeting.

Worship & Ministry also organized the Christmas Eve candlelight service: we worshipped in silence and closed with the hymn Silent Night.