



ETHICAL VIEWS

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Sunday Platforms

Sunday, April 7, 11:00 AM
Pride and Shame: The Ups and Downs of Sexual Identity
Hugh Taft-Morales, Leader, Philadelphia Ethical Society



For many people, sexual identity and expression is an important part of life. Shouldn't Ethical Humanism support them as sources of energy,

joy, and pride? Unfortunately too often American culture wraps up sexuality in layers of shame, and this can hurt everyone, but especially people seen as not conforming to traditional stereotypes. And unlike guilt, which is usually about something we *did*, shame is about who we *are*. Such shame can be traumatic, and even lead to dysfunctional relationships and depression. Hugh Taft-Morales explores the damage done by shame and the joy that should flourish without it.

Sunday, April 14, 11:00 AM
Preventing Child Sex Abuse in the #MeToo Era

Marci A. Hamilton, Founder and CEO of CHILD USA

Prof. Marci A. Hamilton, the leading expert on statutes of limitations and access to justice for child sex abuse victims, will discuss the strategies to increase justice, including Statute of Limitations reform. Hamilton is the Robert A. Fox Leadership Program Professor of Practice, and Fox Family Pavilion Resident Senior

Fellow in the Program for Research on Religion at the University of Pennsylvania. She is also the founder, CEO, and Academic Director of CHILD USA, www.childusa.org, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit UPenn academic think tank dedicated to interdisciplinary, evidence-based research to stop child abuse and neglect. She is the author of *Justice Denied: What America Must Do to Protect Its Children* (Cambridge University Press), which advocates for the elimination of child sex abuse statutes of limitations. She has

CHILD USA

THE THINK TANK FOR CHILD PROTECTION

won wide national recognition and numerous awards for her work on both child sex abuse and as a vocal and influential critic of extreme religious liberty.

Sunday, April 21, 11:00 AM
Spring Celebration: Youth in Celebration!

For our annual celebration of spring, we will embrace the joy of youthful spirit (regardless of your calendar age). Come for music, poetry and prose to help us both remember the optimism and energy of



youth and celebrate young people today, especially the environmental awareness embraced by the next generation.

Please see note in Announcements.

Sunday, April 28, 11:00 AM
The Complexities of Child Welfare: The Importance and Challenges of Foster Parenting
Laurie Friedman, LCSW, MPA, Assistant Professor of Instruction at Temple University's School of Social Work.

Laurie Friedman's dissertation is about the experiences of prospective foster parents as they moved through the licensing process. She shares her perspective on the critical need for foster parents, focusing on

the mixed messages they receive in terms of their roles as paraprofessionals and caregivers. The discussion will be situated in the larger context of racial disproportionality in our child welfare system and what it means to care for others. In addition to her professional work with children, Dr. Friedman and her partner are formerly licensed foster parents.



Over 435,00 children and youth are in foster care.

American Society for Positive Care of Children

Sunday Ethical Education for Kids (SEEK) will meet during platforms on April 4 and 28. Contact is Nick Sanders, nick@phillyethics.org

LEADER'S COLUMN

Some Springtime Reflections on the Ethical Culture Movement



*Hugh Taft-Morales, Leader,
Philadelphia Ethical Society*

Every spring reminds us of the possibility of rebirth. This is a good thing, given the natural challenges for social movements that are born, age, fade, and disappear. Ethical Culture is no different. As the days lengthen and the temperatures rise, we must ask ourselves, will our humanistic movement flourish beyond our lives?

Let's be real – we may be at a crucial moment in our history. Many of our Ethical Societies have aging memberships, and some may not exist in a few years. Boston just closed shop. Chicago just left the AEU.

Some of our Societies report feeling unconnected to the AEU and our national community. If such trends continue, we may be in the last couple of decades of a sustainable national network.

Will we continue to shrink, leaving a sprinkling of sustainable Ethical

Societies operating somewhat on their own without a vibrant AEU?

Perhaps not, but only if we try some radically different approaches to rebirth. We need a bold path forward. I have an idea I want to suggest.

Before I do, however, those who know more about organizational development – from inside and outside of Ethical Culture – would need to critique this idea thoroughly. I have shared this idea with a number of people in the AEU, and have gotten positive reactions. My intuition draws me back to this idea again and again. I think it makes sense for who we are

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as a community here and now, and what we could be as a community in the future.

This is my idea. Maybe the AEU should consider creating “clergy teams” – a number of Leaders, and perhaps lay leaders too, that serve a group of societies, allowing those with particular skill sets to serve many Ethical Societies. Administrative Leaders could shape good governance; Educational Leaders could teach; Creative Leaders could perform and shape aesthetic inspirational

settings; Pastoral Leaders could counsel and heal. A clergy team might also serve new Societies currently being planted by the AEU, helping them become sustainable new humanist communities. Clergy teams could allow more fluidity in how leadership inspires and guides Ethical Culture. It might serve the world in ways we cannot imagine.

This idea recurs to me every time I see the young dynamic people coming into our Societies, as lay members and Leaders-in-Training. Many are deeply committed to our legacy of social justice. Some are reviving our commitment to civil rights and working across racial lines. Could

a new approach to leadership build on Adler's efforts to connect with Tuskegee, Hampton and other historically Black colleges? Could we build on the common “humanitas” Adler felt with W. E. B. DuBois?

I've heard concern that the model of a dedicated single congregational Leader per Society

may not work as we move into the future for a whole host of reasons. Maybe we should even rethink the title “Leader” so as to better reflect what leadership could become should we flourish. Who knows what that term would be, but as team members serving a broader collection of congregations, maybe it would be part of a new springtime for Ethical Culture. All this may be more possible if we set aside the habitual attachment to the one congregation, one Leader model. Don't you think it might be worth looking into?

MEMBER SOCIETIES OF THE AMERICAN ETHICAL UNION

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Washington Ethical Society

GEORGIA
Ethical Humanists of Atlanta *

FLORIDA
Ethical Humanist Society of Tampa *

ILLINOIS
Chicago Ethical Humanist Circle †

MARYLAND
Baltimore Ethical Society

MASSACHUSETTS
Boston Ethical Community ‡

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Ethical Society Mid River (St. Charles)
Ethical Society of St. Louis

NEW JERSEY
Ethical Culture Society of Bergen County
Ethical Culture Society of Essex County

NEW MEXICO
Ethical Humanist Society of Albuquerque*

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Brooklyn Society For Ethical Culture
Ethical Culture Society of Suffolk
Ethical Culture Society of Westchester
Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island
Ethical Society of Northern Westchester
New York Society for Ethical Culture
Riverdale-Yonkers Society for Ethical Culture
Ethical Humanist Society of Queens

NORTH CAROLINA
Ethical Humanist Society of Asheville
Ethical Humanist Society of New Bern *
Ethical Humanist Society of the Triangle

PENNSYLVANIA
Philadelphia Ethical Society
Susquehanna Valley Ethical Society

TEXAS
Ethical Society of Austin

VIRGINIA
Northern Virginia Ethical Society

* These are exploratory groups. † This Society recently left the AEU. ‡ This Society has closed.

SPRING/SUMMER EVENTS OF THE AMERICAN ETHICAL UNION

**Future of Ethical Societies
Conference**
**Saturday May 25 – Monday
May 27th**
Baltimore, Maryland
Contact office@aeu.org or
LeaderHugh@phillyethics.org

Future of Ethical Societies (FES) is a community of 18-35 year olds across the country that connects online, through local gatherings, on various service projects, and during national conferences. Established in 2004 as an affiliate of the AEU, FES maintains and builds ties with the Ethical Culture Movement despite time and geographical constraints.

**AEU 104th Assembly
Reclaiming Democracy
for All, in Tampa, Florida**
**Thursday, June 20, 7pm to
Sunday, June 23, 3pm**
For information and reservations:
<https://aeu.org/event/aeu-104th-assembly/>



If government of the people is to be by and for the people, then we, the people, need to reclaim it before it slips away. Marginalized groups and women already are denied equitable influence in social polity. Voter suppression targets people of color, women are underrepresented, and money in politics threatens democracy by giving corporate interests such as the NRA disproportionate power. As Ethical Humanists, we commit ourselves to democratic process in our lives, our local societies, and our global community. Join us at the AEU's 104th Assembly to consider the issues and strategies to reclaim democracy.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Theater of Witness and me

by Henry Pashkow

I heard Teya Sepinuck speak about Theater of Witness at the Philadelphia Ethical Society. She's its producer, director and writer. She creates theater presentations from the stories of ex-combatants, victims and survivors of war, and other traumatized people. She brings the antagonists together across divides of difference. That includes those who might have caused the pain. Each must bear witness to the pain the other has endured. That entails deep listening. The goal is to inspire healing and peace building and not to exact retribution. She showed filmed excerpts from her own theater presentations.

My interest was further aroused when a few months later I saw a theater performance of the piece, *Walk in My Shoes*, at the Painted Bride. I saw police and black men who'd been abused by police on stage, sharing their raw, anguished stories of trauma. They were not professional actors but real people acting out scripts Teya had written based on their stories. It was a full theatrical experience in collaboration with Philadelphia Police

Inspector Altovise Love-Craighead, and composer Jay Fluellen. No other form of artistic expression embraces the bond between performer and audience in quite the same way; no other is quite as immediate and intense.

I got a chance to participate in an experiential workshop under Teya's direction that would run for two full week-ends. We would write our own stories and work with a partner to develop and test our scripts before we performed to the group. One would perform and the other direct and then we'd switch so each had a chance. The director would be the vessel of steadiness, compassion and wisdom to the other.

Teya guided us through exercises to promote safe community and compassion. We would find the medicine in our stories, the kernel from which healing would spring forth. That would arise through deep listening and bearing witness to stories of suffering and transformation. Just walk with someone through his or her trauma until the place of strength, redemption, or transcendence reveals itself. Eschew judgment and preconceived notions about remedies. It's fine to not know it. Trust the process and the story would reveal what you need to know.

I was the only man among nine strong, verbal women. I feel intimidated by verbal people because I stutter and can't express myself as well as they can. I've hidden the feeling pretty well.



We were given the title of our first script: *The Day I was Born*. Then we were left to our own devices. I started writing about my parents' history but that didn't take me to the source of pain, though I didn't have

to forage long or plumb deeply to find where it lay.

I wrote about my mother's large extended family having arranged a Thanksgiving dinner in a rented hall with a stand-up comic. I was eight years old at the time. The butt of his jokes was a stutterer who could not respond quickly enough to the girl he wanted to date, or the food he wanted to order, and was made to look like a cretin. The stand-up comic acted out the repetitions, the blocks, the facial grimaces, everything. My mother's large extended family laughed. My parents did nothing. I felt abandoned. We never talked about how humiliated and terror-stricken I had been.

Theater of Witness and me
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Remembering it brought another incident to mind and I wrote that one out, too. When I was about twelve years old and in junior high and an occasional disciplinary problem, the teacher sent me into another class and I was asked why I had come. I stuttered badly while trying to explain. The teacher said, “b-b-b-b-b-“ and everybody laughed and I ran out of there crying. I decided to use that one. I wanted to see how I would feel imitating the teacher imitating me.

When I got up to act it out I was quite anxious. Strangely, I felt more at ease with it once I got into it. Theater is cathartic. When I finished we paused to take a breath and Teya asked what they found most moving about it, as she did with every script. They were quite empathic. I wish I remembered what they had said but was too focused on the torrent of feelings going through me.

Some women in the group had experienced sexual abuse and violence. Others had experienced trauma of a different sort. They had suffered as much as I had – or more.

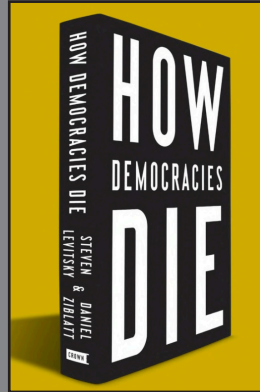
I’m telling you what I remember. Is that how these events happened? Probably not. Vanity plays lurid tricks on our memories. But some traumatic experiences happened and I will never forget them.

In Part Two I will get into how this connects to Ethical Humanism.

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HUGH’S READING LIST ON DEMOCRACY

How Democracies Die,
Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt



This book is a warning about the fragility of our system of government. If we are going to change our political system, will it be to improve democracy so it functions better, or will we drift towards chaos or a more entrenched oligarchy?

On Tyranny,
by Timothy Snyder,

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FROM THE
TWENTIETH CENTURY
TIMOTHY SNYDER

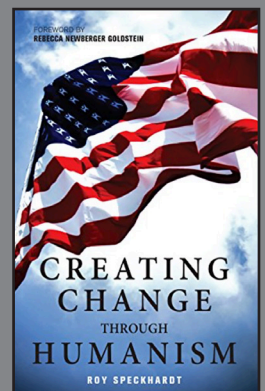
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The Common Good,
by Robert Reich

Creating Change through Humanism

by Roy Speckhardt,
Executive Director of the
American Humanist
Association

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, April 7, 7:00 pm

**INTRO TO ETHICAL HUMANISM -
In the PES Auditorium**

Do you have friends curious about the Philadelphia Ethical Society? Bring them to the next Introduction to Ethical Humanism for an overview, great conversation, and snacks! Please RSVP to leaderhugh@phillyethics.org

Tuesday, April 9, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
ETHICAL EVOLUTION
In the PES Auditorium

Are you striving to live closer to your ethical ideals? Do you want to express your values through action? Come to another "Ethical Evolution," a support circle led by Hugh Taft-Morales that offers tools and support to help you bring out your ethical best. An Ethical



Evolution introduction will occur from 6:00-7:00PM. If you have already come to an introductory session, come for a larger discussion of personal progress from 7:00-8:00PM. All interested can share a casual dinner afterwards at 8PM at a nearby eatery.

**Saturday, April 13,
10:00am - 4:00pm**

**ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE &
COMMUNITY WELLNESS EVENT**
6134 LANCASTER AVE

Join Hugh for the Overbrook



Environmental Education Center-hosted event where you can meet leaders from Philadelphia's Health and Environmental Community offering free wellness and health resources. Volunteer or just attend. If you want a ride to 6134 Lancaster Ave. Please RSVP to leaderhugh@phillyethics.org

Sunday, April 21, 9:30 am
ENDING RACISM TASK FORCE
MONTHLY MEETING -
Weston Room, 2nd Fl., PES

Sunday, April 21, 11:00 am-
SPRING CELEBRATION

You must have been a beautiful baby! At our April 21 Sunday we celebrate the springtime of our lives and in nature. Help us make this fun. Please give to Hugh or Betsy a photo of yourself as a child with your name in pencil on the back. We'll have a contest to see who can guess the identity of the most people. Do it ASAP, but the deadline is April 14!

Monday, April 22, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
SHOULD WE LOVE AND VALUE
PEOPLE WHO HAVE DONE EVIL?
The Greater Philadelphia
Thinking Society,
in the PES Auditorium

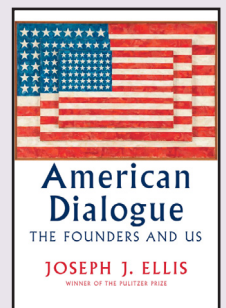
A guided dialogue hosted by the Greater Philadelphia Thinking Society (GPTS) and the Philadelphia Ethical Society. Join CJ Fearnley and Hugh Taft-Morales for this free event open to all.



We are social creatures who develop ethical ideals that guide our behavior, but we are also often ignorant and make mistakes. Should we love and value everyone, even those who have done evil? Should we love and value the good while reproaching and condemning the bad? Can our minds simultaneously hold these two opposite judgments of the same person? How do we deal with this duality of our nature? Come and join us as we discuss how we handle the fact that human beings have strengths and weaknesses. There will be complementary light refreshments. For more information, go to the GTSP Meetup page at <https://www.meetup.com/thinkingsociety/>

**Tuesday, April 23 (and May 7),
7:00PM - BOOK DISCUSSION**
ON *AMERICAN DIALOGUE: THE*
FOUNDERS AND US

Hugh Taft-Morales hosts a discussion of *American Dialogue: The Founders and Us*, by Joseph J. Ellis (2018). What is the answer to our many current cultural divides? Ellis suggests that the founding generation's "greatest legacy is the recognition that



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**From the PES
Ending Racism Task Force:**

HISTORY OF AN EVOLVING CHRISTIAN/ HUMANIST RACIST

submitted by Sylvia Metzler

I don't think I started out as a racist in 1937, but I did have plenty of white privilege. No Black families were permitted to live in Lancaster's East End where my family enjoyed a comfortable single home in a safe and pretty neighborhood. I attended a well-funded all-white elementary school there and in Upper Darby where we moved eight years later. Both my parents worked so Mom hired a cleaning woman to help out. She was the only African American person I knew wherever I ventured – school, church or neighborhood. To my mother's credit, my brother and I were not allowed to call Mrs. Brown by her first name. I was less respectful to her when I would argue with her about the best way to clean. I know now that her methods were superior.

Less respectful still was my father's barking at my choice of music on the radio: "Turn off that damn n____ music!"

In high school I never met the two Black students in my graduating class of 500. I did eventually meet some of my mother's Black fellow students and professors when she attended Cheney college, now a University, to earn her

Masters degree in special ed. After encountering them and several Black nurses and doctors when I entered nursing school, I had an epiphany. All my young life I had believed "colored people" were intellectually inferior to white people. I began to wonder what else I had gotten wrong.

After graduating as an RN in 1958, my husband, Dick, and I moved to Norristown. We were soon able to put a \$1000 down payment on a new \$12,000 row house. We had met a young Black couple with two boys the same age as ours who visited us and liked our home. They tried to buy one but were turned down. So while Dick and I were able to build up equity and then move to a single home with a big yard, our Black friends were still living in a poor run-down part of town with schools that were poorly funded and maintained.

Much to my husband's dismay, I got involved in the Norristown School District fight over integration and busing. As a result, my children and I were labeled "N____ lovers." Also as a result of my activism, a blind acquaintance asked me if I were Black? My response? "Oh my God - No."

Around this time, my husband's union, IBEW local #380, was told it had to integrate. Dick said the next union meeting was the best attended in their history with everyone pledged to vote "No." But then their business agent informed them that if they did not admit at least one

Black electrician, the government would step in with half a dozen! So Herb, an experienced electrician, was reluctantly admitted and given the worst jobs and robbed of his tools at every opportunity. To my amazement, my husband who had been raised in a southern racist family befriended Herb.

Our family were faithful members of a local Presbyterian church where I was sure that my fellow Christians would, unlike the unions, be committed to fighting racism. I taught Sunday School and helped arrange an exchange program with the AME (African Methodist Episcopal) Church in the "east end" of town. As long as our joint meetings took place Sunday morning in the churches, our board and general membership seemed supportive. But when we proposed a Saturday afternoon outing and picnic, we hit the proverbial wall. "DATING – RACE MIXING – OMG – MARRIAGE!!!" That ended the exchange with our AME sisters and brothers.

I was learning and growing but was also scared about rejection from family, friends and neighbors. I was reluctant to challenge racist remarks and jokes. I continued to do business with banks and Realtors who discriminated against people of color. At about age 35, I had come a long way but suspected I still had a long way to go.

Stay tuned for *History of an Evolving Christian/Humanist Racist, Part II*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS continued

argument itself is the answer."
Come join Hugh in this ongoing conversation between past and present. We will discuss Chapters 1 and 2 on April 23rd, and Chapters 3 and 4 and the Epilogue on May 7th.

Sunday, April 28, 4:00-5:30 pm UNDERSTANDING AND APPLYING STOIC VIRTUES

Almost 2000 years before Spike Lee's movie *Do the Right Thing*, the Emperor /Philosopher Marcus Aurelius said "If it is not right do not do it..." For the Stoics

doing the right thing was guided by the four virtues of Practical Wisdom, Courage, Temperance, and Justice. We will discuss the virtues and their modern applications. Optional pre reading: *What is Stoic Virtue?* <https://modernstoicism.com/what-is-stoic-virtue-by-chris-gill/>

PAST EVENTS

Spring, bringing renewed commitment and aspirations for the future

Thanks to all for making the Annual Pledge Luncheon a well-attended and successful event.



Clockwise from top left:
Drew Snyder, Marvin Leibman
and Irene Putzer

PES President Bob Bueding, giving
the annual report

Mustafa Younesie and Nastaran
Sabbouri

Hugh Taft-Morales listens as Ken
Greiff speaks

Sylvia Metzler, ready for spring,
with blooms in hand.

Adrienne McNair

*All photos by Christian Hayden except
Sylvia Metzler, by Nina Diamond*



PAST EVENTS

CONTINTUED

Other activities at PES, and out and about



On February 23, a film, *A Conscious Coloring of Kindness*, a film by Je' Exodus Hooper, was presented at the New York Society for Ethical Culture. In the film, Felix Adler (played by Ritchie Szoke), and W.E.B. DuBois (played by Joe Tolbert), the author of *The Souls of Black Folk* and activist-scholar, are re-imagined in this histo-contemporary retrospective of July 1900. The film journeys with Adler and DuBois through a series of poetic prose, soulful music and choreo-movements, as they stir in one another justice through a new lens of nonreligious ethics, African-based spirituality, and civil philosophy.

The film was produced by Frequency House Productions, and co-presented with the AEU. Among the attendees were PES members Christian Hayden and Winnie Musoni. Also attending but not shown were Hugh Taft-Morales and Stan Horwitz.



On March 4, Leader Hugh Taft-Morales conducted a class in the PES Collier Room for students from Alvernia University, a private Franciscan Roman Catholic university in Reading.

400 YEARS PROJECT

TO MARK 400 YEARS SINCE AFRICANS WERE FIRST FORCED TO NORTH AMERICA

DOUGLASS ON THE INFLUENCE AND RIGHTS OF WOMEN

*Hugh Taft-Morales, Leader,
Philadelphia Ethical Society*

Of all the horrors of slavery, a particularly cruel one was the separation of children from their mothers. Infants were raised by older women called “aunties” so that young mothers could quickly return to fieldwork. This further broke familial bonds that might interfere with obedience to the master. So it’s not surprising that Frederick Douglass barely knew his mother. The last time he saw his mother was when she walked 12 miles to take him upon her knee briefly, which he said made him feel like a king upon a throne.

His grandmother kept him blissfully unaware of his inevitable separation from his mother. When he was moved to Baltimore, he briefly nurtured a relationship with his master’s wife, Mrs. Sofia, who began teaching him to read. As he cared for her son Tommy, Douglass felt like Tommy’s half-brother. After her husband chastised her for coddling the boy, Sofia withdrew and grew cold toward him.

Despite having been severed from the early matriarchal influences in his life, Douglass deeply valued the leadership of women activists. He expressed deep gratitude to Harriet Beecher Stowe for the “services which you have already rendered my afflicted and persecuted people” by writing *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*. He lauded Harriet Tubman for her “superior labors and devotion to the cause.”

Understanding that liberty should be extended to all, Douglass attended the Seneca Falls Convention promoting women’s rights. He worked with Elizabeth Cady Stanton who, despite some racist beliefs, helped him to move, in the words of Ta-Nehisi Coates, “from a narrow abolitionism toward a broader humanism.” Douglass became known as “a women’s-rights-man.”

Nearer the end of his life, Douglass proclaimed, “When the true history of the anti-slavery cause shall be written, woman will occupy a large space in its pages; for the cause of the slave has been particularly woman’s cause. Her heart and her conscience have supplied in large degree its motive

and mainspring. Her skill, industry, patience, and perseverance have been wonderfully manifest in every trial hour.”

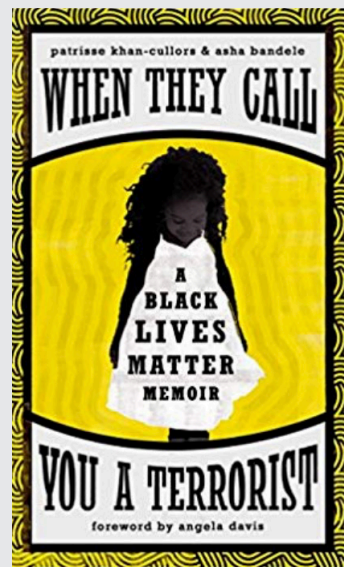
The trial hours continue into today, and we are still fighting for inclusion. Much of the racial justice movement is still cis-gender, heterosexual male dominated. Emergent modern movements, however, carry the legacy of woman and queer-led struggles for justice. The Black Lives Matter movement was founded by three women - Alicia Garza, Patrisse Khan-Cullors, and Opal Tometi.

Movements like Black Youth Project 100 (BYP100) are led by black queer activists and organizers like Charlene Carruthers. In their honor, and in Douglass’, let’s remember to fight for an all-encompassing liberty that emancipates people regardless of gender expression, orientation, and identity.

FEATURED READING

When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir,
by Patrisse Khan Cullors
and Ashe Bandale

This powerful memoir by “a mother and a wife, a community organizer and Queer, an artist and a dreamer” reveals the resilience one of the founders of #blacklivesmatter who persevered in post-Reagan safety-net-less America. It reminds us that in this country, one that often pursued Frederick Douglass to arrest him, the line between being treated as a hero and terrorist is a thin one.





APRIL 2019



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QUOTABLE

"The Revolution introduced me to art, and in turn, art introduced me to the Revolution!

Albert Einstein

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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DUE APRIL 14

BABY PHOTOS
WANTED
- YOURS!

Please give to Hugh or Betsy a photo of yourself as a child with your name in pencil on the back. We'll have a contest to see who can guess the identity of the most people.



SUNDAY SERVICES

11:00 A.M.

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April 7 - Kate Esposito
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April 14 - Ken Greiff
Last names: F-K
April 21 - Garry O'Rourke
Last names: L-Q
April 28 - Harry Thorn
Last names: R-Z

Hosts Coordinated by John Marshall

Sunday hosts greet and orient
members and visitors and make
a valuable contribution to the
community. If you'd like to help out,
please contact John Marshall.



Flowers Coordinated by Sally Redlener



April 7 - from Ken Greiff "On
the first Sunday in April to May
flowers."

April 14 - from John Marshall "In
memory of my mother's birthday and
their anniversary."

April 21 - from Sylvia Metzler on
Earth Day - "For all of our children
and grandchildren."

April 28- from Sally Redlener
"Celebrating Spring and the
many delights that afford us in
Philadelphia."

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2019 SERVICE AUCTION EVENT

THE SERVICE AUCTION EVENT IS A FUND RAISING PES
TRADITION WHERE MEMBERS OFFER AN EVENT, AS SUGGESTED IN
THE LIST BELOW. ALL MEMBERS HAVE A CHANCE TO SELECT AN EVENT
THAT INTERESTS THEM AND MAKE A BID ON IT.
ALL PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY TO THE PHILADELPHIA ETHICAL SOCIETY..

EVENTS INCLUDE:

- Ice Cream & Game Party
- Boating excursion on the Schuylkill
- Computer Help
- Movie Night Outings
- Museum Tours
- Garden Tours
- Sporting Events
- 2 Hours of Knitting Instruction



To learn more, contact Sally Redlener at sredlener110@gmail.com
Also, if you have another event you would like to host,
or a service to contribute, please contact Sally.