



Quakerphernalia

The Newsletter of Bucks Quarterly Meeting of the Religious Society
of Friends

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DECEMBER 2018

Dec 1 10am	Awake & Aligned for the Holidays - Workshop at Fallsington Meetinghouse
Dec 1 6pm	Games Night - Makefield Meetinghouse
Dec 6 7pm	Bucks Quarter Sings at Friends Village
Dec 7 7:30pm	Candle Light Worship - Buckingham Meetinghouse
Dec 14 6:30pm	Carole Sing - Buckingham Meetinghouse
Dec 9 6pm	Tree Lighting in Fallsington at the Square - Refreshments in the Meetinghouse
Dec 10 12:30pm	Chandler Hall Auxiliary Meeting - Wright Meeting Hall
Dec 5 9am-4pm	Chandler Hall Auxiliary Holiday Sale
Dec 16 6:30pm	Candlelight Carol Sing - Wrightstown Meetinghouse
Dec 18 7:30pm	Christmas Songs, Stories, Fellowship - Southampton Meetinghouse
Dec 21 7pm	Candlelight Worship - Yardley Meetinghouse
Dec 23 11am	Harp Music During Meeting for Worship - Middletown Meetinghouse
Dec 24 4pm	Semi-Programmed Worship - Lehigh Valley Meetinghouse
Dec 24 5:30pm	Carol Sing and Worship - Doylestown Meetinghouse
Dec 24 7pm	Candlelight Worship - Middletown Meetinghouse
Dec 24 7pm	Candlelight Worship - Newtown Meetinghouse
Dec 24 7:30	Candlelight Carol Sing - Plumstead Meetinghouse
Dec 26 Noon - 5pm	Red Cross Blood Drive - Yardley Meetinghouse
Dec 27-30	Young Friends Christmas Gathering - Haddonfield Meetinghouse

Looking Ahead

Jan 5 7pm	Annual Square & Contra Dance - Fallsington Meetinghouse
Jan 4-6	PYM Young Adult Friends Winter Retreat
Jan 20 1pm-4:30pm	Friendly Decision Making; A Curious Thing with Arthur Larrabee - Buckingham Meetinghouse
Feb 17	Quarterly Meeting - Buckingham Meetinghouse

Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:

December ~ Buckingham January ~ Doylestown February ~ Fallsington
Worship 11:00**Arrive 10:45**

Nineteenth Century Quaker Benediction

Traditionally Spoken at Christmas ~

When the song of the angel is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the Kings and Princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their
flocks,

The real work of Christmas begins.

To find the lost

To heal the broken

To feed the hungry

To release the prisoners

To rebuild the nations

To bring peace among brothers

To make music in the heart.

HARPIST TO PLAY

AT MIDDLETOWN MEETINGHOUSE

You are invited to join Middletown Friends for their traditional Christmas worship on Sunday **December 23rd at 11am** with harpist, Leslie Stickley. Join Friends for fellowship and refreshments following worship.

You are also welcome on Christmas Eve at 7PM

453 W. Maple Ave - Langhorne PA 19047

CHRISTMAS EVE CAROLING AT PLUMSTEAD MEETINGHOUSE

Plumstead Friends invite F/friends for Worship and caroling on **Christmas Eve at 7:30pm**. Reminder: Dress warmly and in layers. No conventional heating system at Plumstead Meeting, even better is they have a wonderful warm crackling wood stove.

4914 Pt. Pleasant Pk - Doylestown, PA 18902

**BUCKS QUARTER SING AT
FRIENDS VILLAGE**

Join us at Friends Village on **December 6th at 7PM** in the dining room to sing holiday songs with the residents. Chris Kerr will lead on piano. You do not need to think of yourself as a “good singer”. This is a sing-a-long type of gathering and all voices together are beautiful and uplifting.

331 Lower Dolington Rd, Newtown PA

**CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP
YARDLEY MEETINGHOUSE**

You are welcome to join Yardley Friends for their Candlelight Christmas Worship on Friday, Dec 21 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm with light refreshments following.

65 N. Main St. Yardley

**BLOOD DRIVE
YARDLEY MEETINGHOUSE**

What a better way to celebrate the season of Light and Love than to give something deeply personal to those in need...and it won't cost you a penny...

Yardley Friends will hold a Blood Drive on Wednesday, **December 26 from noon-5PM.**

Sign up at <http://www.redcrossblood.org/>
65 North Main St., Yardley



**CHANDLER HALL AUXILIARY
HOLIDAY SALE**

The Chandler Hall Auxiliary sale will be held December 5th from 9AM to 4PM in the Quaker Meeting Room in Wright Meeting Hall. Donations of new or refitted items will be received on December 4th from 10-2PM. The Auxiliary has a wonderful array of items that have been donated for the holiday sale.

99 Barclay Street, Newtown

**THICH NHAT HANH MEDITATION GROUP
SEEKS MEMBERS**

Old Path Sangha, a mindfulness meditation group that practices in the tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh seeks new members. **OPS meets the second Wednesday of each month from 7-9pm at Solebury Friends Meeting education building. The final date for 2018 is December 12.** Everyone is welcome and each session includes silent meditation, inspirational reading, chanting, walking mindfully, and mindful discussion.

For more information contact Valerie Brown at ValerieBrown95@gmail.com or www.leadsmartcoaching.com

2680 Sugan Rd, New Hope (north of Route 202)

**SQUARE & CONTRA DANCE AT
FALLSINGTON MEETINGHOUSE**

Join Fallsington Friends on **Saturday, January 5th at 7:00 pm** for a fun evening of dancing that is open to everyone. The evening will feature simple squares, waltzes, line and contra dances expertly called by Laura and Charlie Thomford. No experience needed; our expert callers will guide you through the steps. Fun for all ages! Desserts and light refreshments will be served.

9300 New Falls Rd, Fallsington

MEMOIR WRITING GROUP

If you want to make a difference consider our Memoir writing group. The group meets at Friends Village the second and fourth Thursdays with a writing coach on the first Thursdays.

The pen is mightier than the sword.

For more info: Judith Solt judtsolt2@gmail.com or 215-968-2897.

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PLEASE REMEMBER...

Please remember the less fortunate this Christmas season and help out in any way that you are able.

Homeless Shelters

Orphanages

Blood Drives

Meal Programs

Food Pantries

Blanket Drives

Coat Drives

Animal Shelters

AWAKE & ALIGNED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

December 1, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm in the Fallsington Meeting Social Room. Gift yourself first this season! This workshop workshop with Amy Ward Brimmer (Fallsington MM) provides a chance to nurture and restore your body, mind, and spirit. You'll learn ways to stay authentic, responsive, and relaxed during this traditionally stressful season.

Gentle movement and breathing with Qigong & Alexander Technique, calming guided meditations, self-care strategies you design for yourself.

You'll leave feeling better, and take home a personalized action plan for when holiday fun turns to frenzy.

\$25 per person.

Contact Amy for more info (917) 216-5850

9300 New Falls Rd – Fallsington PA

Are you looking for a way to honor a special person in your life this holiday season? Give a financial contribution to Bucks Quarterly Meeting in the name of your loved one. Donations can be sent to Holly Olson at Bucks Quarterly Meeting 1690 Langhorne-Newtown Rd P.O. Box 4477 - George School Newtown, PA 18940

**Bucks Quarter's
Worship Schedule for
2018-19 Chandler Hall
2018**

**December - Buckingham
2019**

January - Doylestown

February - Fallsington

March - Middletown

April - Newtown

May - Solebury

June - Wrightstown

July - Buckingham

August - Doylestown

September - Fallsington

October - Middletown

November - Newtown

**YOUNG FRIENDS
CHRISTMAS GATHERING**

Come join Young Friends for an extended time of fun and community! The theme this year is *Palestine*. YF's will engage in workshops and worship experiments, have time for committees and community business, and enjoy some downtime! This gathering is also special because it will be the farewell to Kody Hirsch, Young Friends co-Facilitator. Come celebrate Kody and this season of Light together.

<https://www.pym.org/event/young-friends-christmas-gathering-2018/>

BRIDGES TO PEACE

The Peace Center in Langhorne is launching an exciting new initiative to share our programs with the community. Please join leadership and staff on one of these dates for inspiration through storytelling! Hear about our successes and the growing need to expand our bullying prevention and social justice programming.

These are feedback-raisers NOT fundraisers!

The Peace Center is seeking your input!

Tuesday December 4 and Tuesday December 11th from 6:45 to 8:00PM.

Please RSVP with preferred date to Debra Wachspress, Director of Relational Development at dwachspres@thepeacecenter.org or call 215-750-7220.

102 W. Maple Ave, Langhorne

AT THE WELL

December 7-9 at Stony Point Center, NY

At the Well is a weekend-long gathering for Friends in public ministry who identify as women (cisgender and trans), trans men, genderqueer, non-binary, and all gender expansive identities. At the Well aspires to witness to the particularity of callings laid upon participants' hearts by providing a venue for Spirit to knit together a blessed community of connection, support, mentoring, restoration, and passion. The weekend will include times of worship, worship sharing in small groups, workshops, multiple participant-led offerings, socialization, rest, and renewal. An optional 24 hour pre-gathering will offer participants space for self-led sabbatical time or guided discernment program. Learn more and register:

quakersatthewell.wordpress.com

**59th ANNUAL NAZARETH TO BETHLEHEM
PEACE PILGRIMAGE**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9th

Walk the Road of Peace

This pilgrimage, symbolic of the journey of Mary and Joseph, provides those who walk, those who pass by on the highway and those who just read about it in the Sunday paper, with an opportunity to think about what Christmas really means. If you are concerned about your ability to complete the walk, there are frequent rest stops and relief transportation.

More than a Walk If you cannot walk a portion of the pilgrimage, consider participating in the related events; Traditional hymn singing Christmas Carols at the Central Moravian Church steps, simple supper and guest speaker at the Christ United Church of Christ at Market & Center Streets.

Evening Speaker: J. Jondhi Harrell, Founder and Executive Director of The Center for Returning Citizens (TCRC) in Philadelphia.

TCRC offers comprehensive services for prisoners and formerly incarcerated people in the areas of re-entry, pre-entry, and advocacy. He plays a leadership role in numerous organizations, including the Philadelphia Reentry Coalition, the Formerly Incarcerated and Families Working Group of Decarcerate PA, the Coalition against Mass Incarceration (CAMI Philly), Beyond the Bars and the Ujima Friends Peace Center, Jondhi is co-founder of the Transitional Services Coalition and the BLOC Party (Build Lobby Organize Campaign), the movement to forge returning citizens of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania into a cultural, social, political, and economic coalition. He is a frequent guest lecturer on the topics of Mass Incarceration, Social Injustice, The New Underground Railroad, and Re-building Black America at Universities, Colleges, Churches, Organizations and community events.

10:45 Buses begin leaving 520 E. Broad Street (Bechtel Building, Bethlehem for Nazareth.). **Noon:** Pilgrimage begins at Moravian Church, Nazareth. **1:30** Rest stop, Trinity Lutheran Church, on Rt. #191 just north of Steuben Rd. **2:45** Rest stop, First Baptist Church, on Rt. #191 between Oakland Rd. and Johnson Drive. **3:45** Light candles, First Church of the Nazarene, 1500 Linden St, Bethlehem **4:45** Singing Christmas Carols at the Central Moravian Church steps. **5:30** Supper and rally, Christ United Church of Christ, Market & Center Streets.

Register at www.Peacewalk.org/Registration and include the names of all people coming with you. You are welcome to come even if you have not preregistered. You may join at any point along the way, times listed above are approximate. Dress appropriately for the weather; the walk takes place in sun, wind, rain or snow.

For more information: www.peacewalk.org or call Rick Dow at 610-865-5204.

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