



Quakerphernalia

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

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NOVEMBER 2019

Nov 1	6 - 9:30 PM	Annual Fall Auction & Potluck Supper	Middletown Friends Meeting
Nov 2	8:30 AM - 4 PM	Fall 2019 Continuing Sessions	Arch Street Meetinghouse
Nov 2	6 PM	Games Night	Makefield Friends Meeting
Nov 9	9:30 AM to 12:30 PM	Day of Mindfulness Workshop	Fallsington Friends Meeting
Nov 10	2 PM	Gun Violence Awareness Day	Newtown Friends Meeting
Nov 10	6 PM	Camp Onas Board Meeting	Wrightstown Meeting Social Hall
Nov 14	7 PM	BQ Oversight Committee Meeting	BFS, Jane Jackson House
Nov 15	5:30 - 7 PM	Simple Supper	Newtown Friends Meeting
Nov 17	12:30 to 1:45 PM	Series on Aging	Newtown Friends Meeting
Nov 17	9 AM to 3 PM	Quarterly Meeting	Lehigh Valley Friends Meeting
Nov 18	6 PM	Bucks Food for Friends	Fallsington Friends Meeting
Nov 19	7 PM	Bucks Quarter Outreach Meeting	Pennswood Village
Nov 28	9:30 AM	Thanksgiving Meeting for Worship	Plumstead Friends Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD

Dec 7	10 AM to 4 PM	Religious Education and Youth Work Thread Gathering	Wilmington Friends Meeting
Dec 14	10:45 AM	60th Annual Christmas Peace Pilgrimage	Nazareth Moravian Church
Feb 16	9 AM to 3 PM	Quarterly Meeting	Makefield Friends Meeting
May 17	9 AM to 3 PM	Quarterly Meeting	Middletown Friends Meeting

Quarterly Meeting for Worship, Fellowship & Business
Lehigh Valley Friends Meetinghouse • 4116 Bath Pike • Bethlehem, PA 18018
Sunday, November 17, 2019 • 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Join Friends and Share Your Light

9:00 AM	Registration & Refreshments
9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship
10:30 AM	Break
11:00 AM	Children's Program: Children are invited to the first 15 minutes of worship and then will be dismissed to join our regular RE class which is about Bible stories. During the time of the adult program, the children will have a lesson on Benjamin Lay and have a chance to make and furnish their own caves. They will be encouraged to find a topic that they feel passionate about and to speak to it. During business session there will be a chance to finish and play with the caves and also games.
11:00 AM	Program and Discussion on Interactions with the Incarcerated The Social Concerns Committee of LVMM will detail its involvement with Northampton County's Drug Court. The group has provided coffee and conversation for Drug Court participants, supporting them in their struggles. Jim Hauser will describe this activity and how it has affected his perspective. Dena Davis will recount her experience tutoring incarcerated women at Northampton County Prison and Nicholas Butterfield will speak about his involvement in a broader prison program linked to Quakers. Following the LVMM presentation and discussion, attendees will be invited to describe efforts their Meetings have undertaken with the incarcerated.
12:00 PM	Light soup & salad lunch provided by Lehigh Valley Friends
1:00 PM	Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Monthly Meeting Annual reports from Newtown and Plumstead Meetings Other reports from Bucks Quarter Treasurer, Budget and Nominating Committee, Coordinator Quarterly Report, Friends Camp Association (Onas) and Bucks Quarter Peace Fair

Series on Aging Newtown Meeting

Newtown Friends Meeting will continue the monthly series on aging issues November 17 at 12:30 pm. This month's program, facilitated by George Schaefer, will focus on spirituality and aging. George is a licensed social worker in PA, member of Abington Friends Meeting, where he currently serves as clerk of meeting, and the Care & Aging Coordinator for Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, which provides support to Quaker meetings and individuals throughout southeastern PA, southern NJ, Delaware and eastern shore of Maryland. We will explore ways our spiritual lives and practices support us emotionally as we cope with the inevitable changes of growing older including how we manage loss, loneliness and isolation, depression and anxiety in the last third of life. Newtown Meeting is located at 219 Court Street, Newtown PA. Questions can be directed to Susan Hoskins at 215-478-6663

or shoskins@friendsfoundationaging.org



Annual Fall Auction & Potluck Supper Middletown Meeting

Join Middletown Friends on Friday, November 1st for fun, food and fellowship. Dinner begins at 6:00 PM with hot dogs from the grill and beverages provided – please bring your favorite appetizer, salad, side dish, or dessert to share. Bring your handmade crafts, homemade delicacies, certificates for goods or services, inexpensive items for kids to bid on, and other donations ahead of time or before dinner. Bidding begins at 7:00 PM. Bring your cash, checkbook, and your sense of humor. All proceeds go toward unexpected requests to Ministry & Nurture for funding during the year.

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Bucks Quarter Chandler Hall Worship Schedule

2019	
November	Newtown
December	Solebury
2020	
January	Doylestown
February	Fallsington
March	Middletown
April	Newtown
May	Solebury
June	Wrightstown
July	Buckingham
August	Doylestown
September	Fallsington
October	Middletown

Arrive 10:45 AM ~ Worship 11:00 AM

PYM Fall Continuing Sessions Arch Street Meetinghouse

Fall Continuing Sessions will be held from 9 AM to 4 PM at the historic Arch Street Meetinghouse, 320 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA. Friends are encouraged to attend to participate in worship, fellowship and decision-making along with Friends from across the 102 meetings that comprise PYM. **There is no cost to attend!** Bring your own brown bag lunch or take advantage of a simple lunch and pizza option if you pre-register (\$10). PYM Children and Youth of all ages will spend the day engaging in community building, program-specific activities, and worship with the body. This includes the morning all-ages worship and All Together Time! Register at pym.org.



Experiment with Light Southampton Meeting

Join Southampton Meeting for an "Experiment with Light," a guided meditation every other Tuesday at 7:30 PM. The guided meditation, with time for journaling and worship sharing, usually takes about two hours. On the opposite Tuesdays there is Meeting for Worship/discernment at 7:30-8:30 PM. All are welcome. Contact Carolyn Peters-Eckel for more information at caeckel@gmail.com



Welcome PYM Young Friends Program Facilitator Olivia Chalkley

Olivia Chalkley will be stepping into the role of Young Friends Program Facilitator beginning at Fall Continuing Sessions on November 2. She is a graduate of Guilford College where she earned her degree in English Literature with minors in Community & Justice Studies and Quaker Studies. She has served Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association (SAYMA) as the Junior Yearly Meeting Coordinator, and for many years was on staff at Opequon Quaker Camp in Baltimore Yearly Meeting as a counselor, administrative staff, and the Assistant Director. Olivia shares, "What I love about Quaker youth programs in general, and teen programs in particular, is that we trust youth to have profound connections with God, build community with each other, learn from mistakes, and have important thoughts." Olivia will be a tremendous asset to the Youth Programs Team.



Employment Opportunities

In search of a job and interested in exploring opportunities at a Quaker organization? Visit <https://www.pym.org/employment/> to find a listing of a wide variety of employment opportunities within PYM and the wider Quaker community.



This version of the August Quarterly Meeting minutes contains the edited highlights. The minutes in full detail will be brought to Quarterly Meeting in November at Lehigh Valley Meeting for consideration. Unedited version can also be read on the Quarter's website www.quakersbucks.org

Clerk: Boris Simkovich (Makefield) **Recording Clerk:** David Rose (Lehigh Valley)

Friends gathered at the appointed hour of 1:00 p.m. and settled into a period of worship. Welcome given by Boris Simkovich. Agenda reviewed and approved.

Roll Call of Meeting: Buckingham: 5, Doylestown: 2, Fallsington (Bristol): 4, Lehigh Valley: 4, Makefield: 2, Middletown: 4, Newtown: 4, Plumstead: 0, Quakertown: 0, Solebury 2, Southampton: 3, Wrightstown: 4, Yardley: 8

Minutes of May Quarterly Meeting reviewed, corrections to dates and persons given, and then accepted.

Update on BQM Coordinator Search Committee given by David Rose, Committee Clerk. He stated that the Quarter is fortunate to have very qualified candidates who have applied so far. The process of interviewing them and gathering references and information is ongoing.

Stories of Vitality

- **Lehigh Valley** has a member who is building his own house and thirteen Friends showed up to help.
- **Southampton Meeting**, following a presentation by Paul Buckley, finds that they are more of a caring community
- **Plumstead** meeting house has a new floor.
- **Lehigh Valley** is investigating the purchase of a defibrillator. Is seeking input from other meetings.

Middletown Annual Report given by Jerry Belew for Lance Mervine (full written report available) He highlighted the various ways that the Meeting was creating links outside their community. This started with making connection with Settle Meeting in England, where the first founders of Middletown meeting immigrated from three hundred and thirty-five years ago. The Meeting also established a link with local African American community through effort started by Holly Olson which resulted in Celebrating the Forgotten Slaves of Middletown Meeting. The memorial meeting for member and BQM Coordinator Holly Olson in June was a moving experience. Current membership is 91. Middletown will be hosting an Extended Worship Service in September.

Discussion on Minute approved by Doylestown Friends Meeting on August 11, 2019 requesting support for national rally to help end gun violence. It was noted that other Meetings have acted on gun violence but their efforts have not been coordinated. Doylestown MM is bringing the issue before the Quarter in the hope that it will be passed on to the PYM Quaker Life Council with the understanding that PYM can decide what to do with the minute. Following discussion and rewording of the original minute to reflect Quarter consideration, the following minute was presented

- **MINUTE 1:** Bucks Quarterly Meeting in session August 19, 2019, supported the following minute and recommends that Philadelphia Yearly Meeting take on the responsibility for coordinating efforts with the appropriate local, national, and international organizations to achieve this effort.
 - Bucks Quarterly Meeting supports a Friends-led national protest against the private sale and possession of assault-style rifles and large-capacity gun magazines in the United States. This is rightly order, and is in alignment with our peace testimony, or opposition to physical violence, and our support of efforts to reduce and eliminate armaments and militarism in our society. The protest should take place in our Nation's capital at the earliest possible date that a well-organized one can be launched. **APPROVED.**

Budget and Nominating Report presented by Betsy Bayardi. She reported that the Kirkbride Estate issue has finally been settled and BQM has received a check for over \$27,000.

Treasurer's Annual Report (full report available) Treasurer Ed Snyder noted that largely due to the loss of the Coordinator BQM has a surplus at the end of FY 2018-2019 and there is an ongoing discussion in Budget and Nomination which will be brought before a Quarterly Meeting regarding the allocation of the surplus.

Break

Memorial Minute for Holly Olson and Minutes of Appreciation for Quarter's contribution for the Memorial Service from Middletown Meeting presented by Jerry Belew.

Solebury Annual Report given by Marian Hepburn (full report available) She highlighted the loss of two active member and the involvement of members in the governance of a number of organizations. She expressed the concern of the Meeting in the low participation in First Day School. The children did create fifty-eight Christmas Cards which were signed by members and attenders and sent to far flung Friends.

Bucks Food for Friends Annual Report given by Marian Snipes (full report available). She highlighted that this is the eleventh year and that the average number of persons who show up is between fifty and sixty. They could use more volunteers and the time commitment varies based on which team you would be assigned to. BFFF received donations of vegetables from "Roots to River" farm and poultry donations from Zooks at the Newtown Amish Market. Major funding come from the "Coalition Against Hunger" Fundraising Walk.

Wrightstown Annual Report given by Betsy Bayardi (full report available). Membership is currently at 209, a loss of three members from 2017. The quality of worship has been strengthened by the "Spiritual Exploration Group" that meets every third Sunday. Outreach has expanded its effort to be more visible through a "Coffeehouse Series" which is promoted through various social media tools. Noting the reality of the world we live in, the Nursery School has created a "safe room" and an emergency evacuation plan.

Feedback/Discussion related to February Quarterly Meeting presentation by Meta Theater Group. Boris presented a summary of the issue contained in the report included in the information provided (written summary report provided available) He asked the meeting for guidance on how to proceed. The discussion was broad ranging and at times very emotional.

Southampton Monthly Report given by Carolyn Peters-Eckel (full report available). She highlighted that the meeting has several new regular attenders. A weekend long presentation by Paul Buckley, author of Primitive Quakerism Revived, held May 10-12, has let to ongoing discussion within the meeting.

Yardley Monthly Meeting Annual Report given by Linda Jacobs (full written report available). Meeting has seven new members and a number of new regular attenders. The report included the number of activities that maintain community throughout the week. The Flea Market will be coming back this year.

Following Announcements, Boris announced that this is his last Quarterly Meeting as Clerk and introducing Leo Fitzpatrick as the new Clerk of the Quarter.

Meeting concluded with a period of silence at 3:55 p.m.

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