

Quakerphernalia

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

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JANUARY 2011

- Jan 1 Noon-2 **Annual Bucks Quarter Skating Party ~ See Below !!!**
- Jan 8 10am -2:pm Open House Wrightstown Friends Nursery School
- Jan 9 2pm **Called Meeting - Bucks Quarter Worship & Ministry Committee at Buckingham Mtgse**
- Jan 9 7pm 2nd Sundays at 7 at Newtown Meetinghouse (See Page 3)
- Jan 11 7pm Bucks Quarter Outreach Committee Meets at Pennswood Village
- Jan 12 7:30pm Buckingham Meeting Film Series Presents, **"The Response"**
- Jan 13 7pm Bucks Quarter Oversight Committee Meets at Buckingham Meetinghouse
- Jan 17 1-3pm Creative Hands at Wrightstown Meeting ~ Pauline 215-860-5554
- Jan 17 6pm Bucks Food For Friends at Fallsington Meetinghouse
- Jan 20 1:30 Friends Home and Village Board Meets at Friends Village
- Jan 22 10am-noon Monthly Meeting Clerks Meeting at Wrightstown Meeting Social Hall (snow date 1/29)
- Jan 23 1-3 Quaker Parenting Initiative (Location to be Determined)
- Jan 23 2pm Understanding Islam & Muslim Americans - Panel Discussion at Doylestown Meetinghouse
- Jan 27 7:30 Bucks Quarter Singing Group Meets at Makefield Meetinghouse
- Jan 28 6-8:30pm Movie Night at Newtown Meeting
- Jan 30 1-3 Quaker Parenting Initiative Meets at (Location to be Determined)
- Jan 30 9am-2pm Camp Onas Board Retreat at Onas

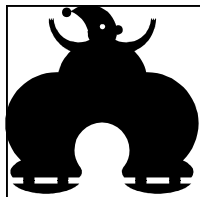
Looking Ahead

- Feb 18 Bucks Quarter Worship and Ministry at Solebury
- Feb 20 Quarterly Meeting to be held at Pennswood Village and Newtown Friends School

Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:

January ~ Middletown February ~ Newtown March ~ Solebury

Worship 11:00**Arrive 10:45**



ANNUAL BUCKS QUARTER

SKATING PARTY

NEW YEARS DAY ~ NOON TO 2PM

Don't be left out in the cold or inside with nothing to do, come inside!

Join Bucks and Abington Quarter Friends and our Friendly school children and parents as we skate, smile and stumble. Come enjoy the decades long tradition of the Annual Skating Party, the fellowship and great fun for the entire family. Since many Friends will be up late welcoming the new year, we will not begin until noon, so you'll have plenty of time to sleep in and still get to the party!

\$8 Adults, \$5 Children 14 and under

Includes Skate Rentals

Bucks Co. Ice Sports Center (Formerly Face Off Circle) address:

1185 York Road, Warminster, PA 18974.

Telephone 215-674-3744

Call or email Holly Olson for more info:

215-860-9747 ~ hollybqc@verizon.net

SKATING PARTY GIFT CERTIFICATES

Want to treat that special someone to skating?

Detach this portion and mail it along with your check to:

Holly Olson

P.O. Box 4477 George School ~ Newtown, PA 18940

Name (s) _____

Adults _____ Children _____ Total amount enclosed _____

ATTENTION QUAKER PARENTS!!

Are you comfortable enough in your Quaker skin to raise Quaker children with joy and confidence? Would you like support in this area? **Plan to attend the Quaker Parenting workshop brought to Bucks Quarter by the Quaker Parenting Initiative (QPI) and led by Harriet Heath.**

Quakerism has much to offer parents as parents search to nurture their children towards responsible adulthood.

* Our Quaker faith has beliefs that can support parents' efforts. The belief for instance that a Way will open supports parents as they see their child experimenting in unhealthy behaviors. The belief in continuing revelation keeps parents trying to stay open to understanding this child they love so well.

* The Testimonies set guides for our parenting. How to live simply in a society based on materialism? Does the Peace Testimony hold any meaning to how we interact with each other within the family?

* And Quaker practices offer parents so much. Just using queries rather than "shoulds" encourages parents to think through what they want for their children.

These are some of the Quaker strengths we will explore with parents in our discussion sessions as parents pursue their own individual issues. Parents attending the series learn about Quakerism and/or become more aware of the meaning of our faith for our everyday lives.

The web site, www.quakerparenting.org has other information about what the Quaker Parenting Initiative has to offer parents.

The six sessions are scheduled to begin on January 23rd and will run from 1-3pm (bring a brown bag lunch) location will either be the Buckingham, Yardley, or Wrightstown meetinghouses.

There is a fee for the sessions so the more parents signing up, the cheaper it gets! If 20 families (couples) sign up it will only be \$30 per family (total fee is \$600 split between the attendees). Do not stay away for lack of funds.

Please register by calling or emailing Holly Olson, : 215-860-9747 or hollybqc@verizon.net

There will be childcare available and those providing childcare will be paid \$10 per hour (please let Holly know if your teen is led to provide child care).

DOYLESTOWN MEETING SPEAKERS SERIES

On January 23rd at 2PM, Doylestown Friends Meeting will host a panel to discuss **Understanding Islam & Muslim Americans**. The panelists are Iftekhar Hussain, chairperson of the PA board of directors of The Council on American-Islamic Relations; Adnan A. Zulfiqar, Law and Public Policy Fellow at The Annenberg Center for Global Communication Studies; and David Brahinsky, Professor of Philosophy and Comparative Religion at Bucks County Community College. Barbara Simmons, director of The Bucks County Peace Center, will moderate.

Doylestown Friends Speaker Series can be found on Facebook. Email dmmspeakers@gmail.com with questions or comments.

Doylestown Meeting, 95 E. Oakland Avenue, Doylestown, PA 18901

**This event is free and open to the public.
Childcare available—refreshments served**

YOGA AT BUCKINGHAM MEETING

In exchange for any donation of money or canned goods to New Britain Food Larder, you can enjoy an hour of gentle yoga guided by Lucy on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. Bring either a sticky mat or large towel and wear comfortable clothing. Buckingham Friends School, Route 202 & 263, Lahaska, PA.

Drop in or let me know you're coming at 215.262.4633 or LMDUBAS@gmail.com. www.yogabylucy.com
Explore the wisdom, beauty and health benefits of yoga.

LIVES PASSING

Quakertown Friends suffer the loss of **Nancy Starr** who passed away in Costa Rica in August.

Wrightstown Friends suffer the loss of **Eugenia Howes**, who passed away on Thanksgiving Day.

Yardley Friends suffer the loss of **Charlie Clappison**, who passed away on November 21st.

WANTED !!

The Bucks Quarter Outreach is looking for **someone who can edit videos** (in a timely fashion) for the quarter's web site.

If you are interested, please contact Kellie Schlussek-Edens at visualdiva@yahoo.com

OPEN HOUSE WRIGHTSTOWN FRIENDS NURSERY SCHOOL

Wrightstown Friends Nursery School invites families interested in the 2011-2012 preschool program to our Open House. Nursery School teachers will be available to answer your questions and to present the Schoolhouse facilities located on the grounds of the Wrightstown Friends Meeting, 535 Durham Road (Route 413), Wrightstown, PA. Parents and children are invited to attend.

Wrightstown Friends Nursery School is a small Quaker school under the care of the Wrightstown Friends Meeting. For more than 30 years, we have helped children develop important social and academic skills through cooperative games, imaginary play and multi-sensory experiences. Our curriculum includes field trips, community service projects, art activities and an interactive music program provided by nationally known musician and composer, Cathy Block.

We offer five day morning program and a 3-day afternoon program (Tuesday to Thursday). Our students range in age from 3 to 5 years old. Available openings are limited and vary each year depending on both the number of returning students and siblings who are applying for the first time

To schedule a classroom visit, if you are unable to attend our Open House, or to request additional information, please call Director, Jean Dinneen at 215-968-9900 during school hours (8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) or 215-322-1026 at other times. Please visit our website at www.wrightstownfriends.org.

YOU'RE INVITED !!!

MOVIE NIGHT NEWTOWN MEETING (for 5th graders and up)

January 28 - 6:00-8:30pm the movie will be, "By the People: The Election of Barak Obama". Admission is free; bring \$5 for pizza and drinks. Friends of Friends are welcome. RSVP to Melanie Parry 267-987-0538. Parent/grandparent volunteers are always welcome, necessary, and appreciated.

THE BUCKS QUARTER SINGING GROUP ROCKS THE HOUSE!!

For more than 15 years, Makefield Meeting has hosted a fellowship group for hymn singing. We begin with worship and then through our time together we choose hymns intuitively, sometimes old favorites, sometimes making our way through new songs that over time become favorites. It is fun and inspiring, and our spirits are always lifted leaving us grateful and refreshed.

We would love to have your voice added to mix! You don't have to be able to read music to join us, you just have to like singing. We are not a choir, just a group of Friendly people who come together for worship and singing.

Everybody is welcome!

The group meets every fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm at Makefield Friends meetinghouse, which is located at 877 Dolington Road in Newtown. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 23, 2011.

For more information, please contact Holly Olson at hollybqc@verizon.net.

We look forward to seeing you!

MIDWEEK WORSHIP IN THE QUARTER

7-8PM Wednesdays at Middletown

5-6PM Wednesdays at Lehigh Valley

If your meeting holds a midweek worship and would like it listed in Quakerphernalia, please let Holly know.

BUCKINGHAM MEETING FILM SERIES PRESENTS

"The Response"

Wednesday, January 12, 7:30PM

A courtroom drama based on the actual transcripts of the Guantanamo Bay military tribunals. Three military officers decide the fate of a suspected enemy combatant who cannot see the classified evidence held against him. NPR: "A brilliant production".

Free Admission

Refreshments and Discussion After Each Film

Buckingham Friends Meeting House

5864 York Road, Lahaska For more information, go to

www.buckinghamfriendsmeeting.org

or call 215-794-5816

2nd SUNDAYS AT 7

Every second Sunday from January to June 2011, join Friends at Newtown Friends meetinghouse for an evening of discussion of spiritual matters focusing on a different Pendle Hill Pamphlet each month.

Please purchase your pamphlet before hand at www.pendlehill.org/bookstore. January will be led by Susan Thompson and the pamphlet will be:

#406 The Mind of Christ; Bill Taber On Meeting for Business~ Michael Birkrel

CAMP ONAS

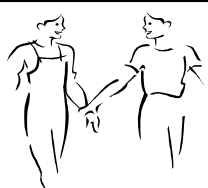
Plan now for a fun-filled summer camp experience at Camp Onas!

Our active and creative program stresses sharing, cooperation, understanding, simple living, and most essential of all, fun! Campers can come for 2 or 4 week sessions starting June 26 and running into August. A one-week session for 7, 8 and 9 year old campers is available to introduce younger campers to overnight camp. Special rates for Quaker kids and financial aid is available. Please check www.camponas.org for dates, rates and session availability. Info Days at Camp Onas are Sunday, February 6 and March 6 at 2pm. Contact us at 610-847-5858 or friends@camponas.org for more information and a brochure.

COUPLE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND: FEBRUARY 18-20, 2011

Couple Enrichment (CE) can help you and your partner improve your communication skills, celebrate the strengths and joys of your relationship and learn how to use conflict creatively. It is not therapy or marriage counseling. CE is designed for couples with a strong commitment to each other that want to enhance their relationships. All committed couples are welcome without regard to marital status or sexual orientation.

Stuart Bush and Mary Ellen Scott, FGC Certified Leader Couple and members of Doylestown MM will lead a CE Workshop February 18-20 (Friday Evening, Saturday and Sunday morning.) If you are interested in finding out more, or to register, please contact Stu or Mel (215-345-5309, stuartgbush@gmail.com). The cost will be \$75/couple, and the registration deadline is Tuesday, February 1, 2011. Scholarships are available.



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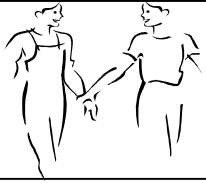
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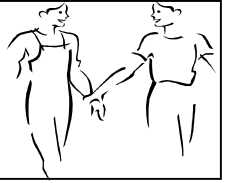
Please call or email us at: 267-429-0438

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To make a reservation for your children:

Tel: 215-295-1139 x 102

Web site: www.snipesfarm.org

Back by Popular Demand! 2nd Annual Quaker Farm Camp A Nature Camp with Spirit!

August 15-19

For Children ages 6-11

Quaker Farm Camp is a fun farm camp where Quaker children have adventures together! Quakerism comes alive through singing and worship out in the beauty of the farm, and as we explore the testimonies through art, theater, stories and service. Old children are welcome to come as Jr. counselors.

Tel: 215-295-1139 x 105

Email: Melanie at melanie.douty@gmail.com

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