

Quakerphernalia

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

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November 2008

- Nov 1 7pm "Understanding the Spirit of Islam" at Middletown Meeting (*See Article*)
Nov 1 9am Bucks Quarter Budget and Nominating Committee Meets at Wrightstown Meeting
Nov 2 2pm United Friends School Open House - 215-538-1733
Nov 5 7:30pm Bucks Quarter Singing Group Meets at Makefield Meeting
Nov 7th 6:30pm Annual Dinner and Auction at Middletown Meeting - (*See Article*)
Nov 7 & 8 Wrightstown Friends Nursery School Benefit Days at Newtown Bookshop (*See Article*)
Nov 8 1:30 AFSC Annual Public Gathering at Arch Street Meeting House
Nov 9 2pm Makefield Meeting - The Delaware Canal and Colonial Inns and Taverns (*See Article*)
Nov 9 6pm Camp Onas Board Meets at Wrightstown Meeting
Nov 11 7PM Bucks Quarter Outreach Committee Meets at Pennswood Village
Nov 12 7:30pm Buckingham Meeting Film Series Features , "We Feed the World" - (*See Article*)
Nov 14 6pm Bucks Quarterly Worship & Ministry Meets at Buckingham Meeting - See Below
Nov 14 5:30-7pm Newtown Meeting First Day School Simple Supper - All are Welcome (*See Article*)
Nov 14 6:30pm Chandler Hall Culinary Classics—Tickets \$75. Contact Heather Milardo 215-860-4000
Nov 15 10am The Quaker School at Horsham Open House - 215-674-2875
Nov 15 9:30am PYM Worship & Ministry Meeting Meets at Chestnut Hill Meeting
Nov 16 9am Bucks Quarterly Meeting Worship, Fellowship and Business at Solebury Meeting - See Below
Nov 20 1:30pm Friends Home and Village Board Meets at Friends Village
Nov 27 9:30am Thanksgiving Worship at Plumstead Meeting~
Followed by a Simple Brunch ~ All are Welcome (*See Article*)
Nov 30 10am Worship Followed by Stone Soup at Southampton Meeting - All are Welcome (*See Article*)

Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:

November ~ Newtown December ~ Solebury January ~ Wrightstown

QUARTERLY MEETING WEEKEND !!!

JOIN THE FELLOWSHIP, BE PART OF THE PROCESS AND THE DECISIONS

QUARTERLY WORSHIP AND MINISTRY PROGRAM AT BUCKINGHAM MEETING

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 14th, 6 PM

For directions to Buckingham: www.quakersbucks.org. and click on the Buckingham link

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6:00 Brown Bag Dinner ~ Beverages and Desserts Provided by our Buckingham Friends

7:00 Program: Joan Broadfield of Chester Meeting, member of the Listening Delegation to Israel and Palestine and Coordinator for Peace and Justice will share her spiritual journey and how it led to serving our faith through work.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16th ~ QUARTERLY MEETING FOR WORSHIP & BUSINESS

AT SOLEBURY MEETING

~ ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP ~ SHARE YOUR LIGHT ~

HELP US DISCERN GOD'S TRUTH IN OUR DECISION MAKING

For directions to Solebury: www.quakersbucks.org. Click on the Solebury link.

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SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

9:00-9:30: Registration, refreshments and fellowship

9:45-10:45: Adult/Young Friends Program: Phila. Area clergy who recently visited with Palestinian and Jewish groups in the Middle East will share their experiences.

9:45-Noon: Younger Friends (and anyone else!) will learn about Bucks Food For Friends from Diana Collinelli of Newtown Meeting and there will be activities around this theme.

11:00-Noon: Meeting for Worship

12:00: Brown Bag lunch. Desserts and beverages will be provided by our SoleburyFriends.

1:00: Meeting for Business ~ **Childcare will be available during the business session.**

Annual Reports to be Presented: Newtown and Plumstead Meetings, Friends Camp Assoc and The Quaker School at Horsham. **Regular QM reports to be presented:** Coordinator, Treasurer and Budget and Nominating.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR NON-PERISHISHABLE FOOD DONATION FOR THE

“UNDERSTANDING THE SPIRIT OF ISLAM”

Middletown Meeting invites you to learn more about Islam from someone who rejects the misconceptions about this ancient faith that have been fostered recently by radical Islamists and terrorists. Middletown Meeting is hosting an informational, ecumenical presentation by M. Ali Chaudry, PhD, on **Saturday, November 1, at 7:00 PM**. Dr. Chaudry is co-founder of the Center for Understanding Islam, headquartered in Bernardsville, NJ.

An exhibit of Qur’ans, beautiful Islam calligraphy and selected books on Islam and Muslims prepared by the Islamic Arts Exhibit Team will be presented.

WRIGHTSTOWN FRIENDS NURSERY SCHOOL BENEFIT DAYS AT NEWTOWN BOOKSHOP

Plan to shop at **Newtown Bookshop** on **Nov. 7th or Nov. 8th**: just mention “Wrightstown Friends Nursery School” and WFNS will receive 20% of your total purchase! Proceeds from both days will help to expand the school library. For more information, please contact Jane Scurti 215-295-2545.

ANNUAL AUCTION AND EVENING OF FUN AT MIDDLETOWN MEETING

Middletown Meeting invites you to their **Annual Auction** on **Friday November 7th**. There will be a pot luck dinner at 6:30, Middletown will provide hot dogs, beverages, and dessert. The auction begins at 7:30. Please come and enjoy the fun, and fellowship! It is not necessary to bring an item to donate to the auction, but you are welcome to. Bring your sense of humor and your checkbook! Call Holly Olson for more information ~ 215-453-7325.

MAKEFIELD MEETING

THE CANAL AND COLONIAL INNS

On **November 9th at 2pm**, **Makefield Meeting** will join with the Upper Makefield Historical Society to present a program on the Delaware Canal and Colonial Inns and Taverns of the area. The speaker will be Marie Duess (marieduess.com) and she will talk about her two recent books "The Delaware Canal" and "Colonial Inns and Taverns of Bucks County". The public is invited.

SIMPLE SUPPER AT NEWTOWN MEETING

The **first day school** of Newtown Meeting invites you to their Fall Simple Supper fund raiser on **November 14th at 5:30 to 7PM**. The children will cook and serve a scrumptious meal of home made soup and bread for you to enjoy. This year, the donations from the meal will be given to the Hashim/ Al Azawee family. Please note the article at right, for an update on the family.

BUCKINGHAM MEETING FILM SERIES

On Wednesday, **November 12 at 7:30 pm**, **Buckingham Meeting** will continue its film series with, “We Feed the World.” With unforgettable images, this film about scarcity amid plenty provides insight into the production of our food and answers the question, “What does world hunger have to do with us?” This film is free and open to the public with refreshments and discussion following.

LIVES PASSING

Solebury Friends suffered the loss of Ben Yates, who passed away on August 20th.

THANKSGIVING MEETING FOR WORSHIP AT PLUMSTEAD MEETING

Plumstead Friends invite you to Worship on **Thanksgiving morning at 9:30am**. Friends are also invited to bring food or beverage to share for pot luck brunch at the rise of Meeting.

Plumstead is our “greenest” of Meetinghouses (no electricity or fossil fuel dependency form of heat), but a great wood stove they do have! As the Meetinghouse grows warmer, so does the Spirit within. Come enjoy this very special time.

STONE SOUP AT SOUTHAMPTON MEETING

Sunday **Nov. 30th** bring your raw veggies for the soup pot at **Southampton Meeting!** Soup will simmer during Worship which begins at **10am**. After Worship, Friends will feast on the fine soup, enjoy wholesome bread, share in fellowship and as well as share those things which they are thankful. **Everyone is welcome.**

BUCKS FOOD FOR FRIENDS

Bucks Food For Friends would like to thank the following organizations for contributions in October.

Peace and Social Concerns Committee of Middletown Friends Meeting for their financial contribution, Zook’s BBQ at the Newtown Farmer’s Market for the donation of chicken and turkey, The Peace Fair for the donation of meat, 3D Printing in Newtown for the donation of 1000 fliers.

Thanks also to the many individuals who contributed to BFFF at The Peace Fair and over the past month.

Amy Haravitch,

Coordinator for Bucks Food For Friends

CALLING ALL RETIRED CELL PHONES

Bring your retired cell phones and accessories to the Bucks Quarter Worship and Ministry gathering or Quarterly Meeting. You may give them to Carole Wicker or Holly Olson. Please feel free to give them to Holly anytime you see her in her travels.

HASHIM / AL AZAWEE FAMILY UPDATE

Thanks to the generosity and effort of many BQM Friends, Nadia Hashim, Issam Al Azawee, Ahmed, Nabaa, and Sarah are now living in Paoli, just a 15 minute bus ride from Issam's place of employment. After working temporarily for a member of our Family Support Group in May and June, Issam worked all of July and August, on a trial basis, for a company in Malvern that manufactures static transfer switches. At the end of August he was hired permanently.

On September 21 Nadia and Issam signed a one year lease for a twin home in Paoli, and on September 27, 2008 we moved them from Lansdale. Their neighbor and landlord is the son of Birmingham MM members. Already there are Friends who live in the Paoli are be-friending the family.

There is so much good news coming in after just one week in the new house, the family as a whole is beginning to blossom!

Note: These Minutes are an edited version. Minutes in full detail will be available at the November Quarterly Meeting for Business.

BUCKS QUARTER MEETING FOR BUSINESS

First Day, Eight Month 24, 2008

Clerk: Bethann Morgan (Buckingham MM)

Recording Clerk: David Rose (Lehigh MM)

Roll Call of Meetings: Bristol: 2, Buckingham: 1, Doylestown: 0, Fallsington: 1, Lehigh Valley: 5 Makefield: 2, Middletown: 6, Newtown: 7, Plumstead: 0, Quakertown: 3, Solebury: 2 Southampton: 3, Wrightstown: 1, Yardley: 6

Minutes of 5/18/08 read by David Rose and were approved with a few changes:

Wrightstown MM Annual Report presented by Jim Alden, Co-clerk and is available. Jim provided a summary of the five page report. The report concluded with the statement that Wrightstown Monthly Meeting is a strong, thriving, community with the center being weekly meeting for worship.

Bucks Food for Friends: Report and Request of Minute of Support given by Amy Haravitch of Fallsington Meeting. The complete report is available. The report offered a history, the organization structure and plans for moving forward. They are operating with the understanding that any donations will be accepted under the name of Bucks Quarterly Meeting. The following minute was crafted and approved

Minute 1: Bucks Quarterly Meeting recognizes Bucks Food For Friends as a self financing program under its care.

Southampton MM Report: Presented by Bill Dockhorn. Southampton is a small meeting with usually 3 to 6 in attendance on First day. The report described the challenges of a small Meeting. The Meeting has held various events during the past year that have drawn members closer together.

Coordinators Report: Given by Holly Olson and is available. She divided her report between "Inreach" and "Outreach" activities. "Inreach" noted on the passing away of members of our community, participation in activities and sessions at PYM Annual Summer Sessions, the cooperative development of a Quarterly Meeting Sessions program for Young and Younger Friends. "Outreach" included a report about the Quaker Tent at the Grange Fair and the upcoming Peace Fair. Lastly a request to Monthly Meetings for updated e-mail lists for distribution of time sensitive information.

Middletown MM Report: Jim and Claudia Haviland, Co-Clerks, presented the report.

Complete report is available. The report was not read, rather, numerous instances were provided to show how "The light is strong and growing at Middletown MM".

Chandler Hall Annual Report: Given by Ramona Kirwan of Quakertown Meeting and is available. The report highlighted some of the initiatives of the past year, including the variety of community relationships which are maintained, especially with the other Quaker organizations in the area.

Solebury MM Report given by George Rhoads, Clerk and is available. This year has seen some increase in members and Friends held the first "Quaker Heritage Day" which was an initiative of the Outreach Committee. The Graveyard Committee has completed the creation of a computerized data base of the burial in the Graveyard which has generated a lot of interest from the local community. Phone-a-thon was successful in generating enough money to meet the budget.

Iraqi Family Support Group Update provided by David Smith of Solebury Meeting. The highlight of the report is that the father has just received notice that he is hired on a full time basis. The committee efforts are now going to be directed to helping the family make the move to the Malvern area.

Yardley MM Report given by Ed Snyder, Clerk. Ed summarized the full report and indicated that there has been a gain in membership and that the Meeting is healthy. Ed then read the Minute that was approved by Yardley MM, "Minute Regarding the Recording of Ministry of Tedford Taylor". After an explanation provided by Tedford Taylor as to why a similar Minute from the Quarter would be of benefit to him in his work as a Chaplain, the following Minute was crafted and approved.

Minute 2BQM recognizes, accepts, and encourages, the ministry of Yardley Monthly Meeting member Tedford Taylor as recorded by Yardley MM.

Interim Meeting PYM response to proposed structure changes. This report was presented for discussion by Chris Lucca of Yardley MM. This report has been distributed to the Monthly Meetings for their consideration and response. A majority of the Meetings have considered the changes and reported no opposition. The task of completing response which would include some of the concerns mentioned was referred to Oversight Committee.

Quarterly Meeting delegate to Peace Conference: Barbara Simmons was proposed as the Bucks Quarter representative to the Peace Conference. After discussion about the Quarters creating an inclusive group of representatives the following Minute was approved.

Minute 3: BQM approves the decision of the Clerk making the BQM selection for the Peace Gathering in consultation with other Meeting Clerks.

Audit Report: Not available

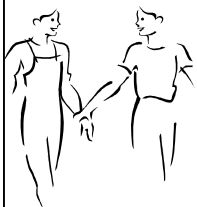
Treasurer's Report/Annual Report given by Karen Shaudys of Makefield Meeting and is available.

The audit took place for the last fiscal year. We budgeted a \$300 deficit for 2007-2008 and at the end of the fiscal year came within \$10 of a perfect prediction with a \$310 deficit. Karen notified Friends that the payroll payments for the Quarter have been paid by Buckingham Friends School and then reimbursed by the Quarter twice a year. They are no longer able to front us the money and we will need to pay as we go, which will require withdrawing some money from Friends Fiduciary. Meetings are asked to send their pledges to the Treasurer in an expeditious manner.

Worship and Ministry Report given by Carole Wicker of Makefield Meeting and is available. "Please come to Quarterly Worship and Ministry meetings". All are invited. Chandler Hall Worship Services are going great.

Next Quarterly Business Meeting November 16th, 2008, at Solebury MM.

Meeting closed with a period of worship.



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