

Quakerphernalia

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

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Deadline for Quakerphernalia : By the 13th day of the preceding months publication.

November 2009

- Nov 4 7:30pm Bucks Quarter Singing Group Meets at Makefield Meeting
Nov 5-7 Arts on Arch Livingston Taylor, Liz Longley, FQA Art Show and Sale
Nov 6 & 7 Wrightstown Friends Nursery School Benefit Days at Newtown Bookshop
Nov 7 2pm United Friends School Open House - 215-538-1733
Nov 7 5:30-7pm Newtown Meeting First Day School Simple Supper - All are Welcome
Nov 8 6pm Camp Onas Board Meets at Wrightstown Meeting
Nov 10 7PM Bucks Quarter Outreach Committee Meets at Pennswood Village
Nov 11 7:30pm Buckingham Meeting Film Series Presents, "Capitalism Hits the Fan"
Nov 12 7pm BQ Oversight Committee Meets at Buckingham
Nov 13 6pm Bucks Quarter Worship & Ministry Meets at Makefield Meeting Meeting - See Below
Nov 13 6:30pm Chandler Hall Culinary Classics—Tickets \$75. Contact Heather Milardo 215-860-4000
Nov 14 9am The Quaker School at Horsham Open House - 215-674-2875
Nov 15 9am Bucks Quarterly Meeting for Worship Business at Buckingham Meeting - See Below
Nov 16 103pm Creative Hands Meets at Wrightstown Meeting (all are welcome) - Pauline 215-860-5554
Nov 19 1:30pm Friends Home and Village Board Meets at Friends Village
Nov 20th 6:30pm Annual Dinner and Auction at Middletown Meeting
Nov 21 10am-2pm Quakerism in a Nutshell Workshop Sponsored by Bucks Quarter at Wrightstown Meeting - See Article
Nov 26 9:30am Thanksgiving Worship at Plumstead Meeting~ Followed by a Simple Brunch ~ All are Welcome
Nov 29 10am Worship Followed by Stone Soup at Southampton Meeting - All are Welcome

Looking Ahead

January 1— Annual Bucks Quarter Family Skating Party at Face Off Circle in Warminster

Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:

November ~ Yardley December ~ Buckingham January ~ Doylestown

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

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 13, 6:00 PM

QUARTERLY WORSHIP AND MINISTRY PROGRAM HOSTED BY MAKEFIELD MEETING

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

6:00 Pot Luck Dinner

7:00 Discussion: GROWING PAINS, DOES YOUR MEETING HAVE THEM? ALL MEETINGS HAVE GROWING PAINS.

Small, medium and large Meetings have growing pains. Should the small Meeting stay small, how does the small Meeting grow? Has the Meeting gotten too big? How does a Meeting enrich its first day school? These are all very real and present concerns in Monthly Meetings that can help and hinder our Religious Society.

Please join Friends for an interesting conversation with Jorge Arauz-Cevallos of Chestnut Hill Meeting on **Friday, November 13th at Makefield Meeting.**

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15th ~ QUARTERLY MEETING FOR WORSHIP & BUSINESS

AT BUCKINGHAM MEETING 8:45AM—3:00PM

~ ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP ~ SHARE YOUR LIGHT ~

HELP US DISCERN GOD'S TRUTH IN OUR DECISION MAKING

8:45-9:15 Registration and Refreshments

9:15-11:30 Children's Program: Children of all ages will enjoy the day making dog & cat toys to be donated to our local animal shelter, learning about animal care and rescue and playing together. Come & have fun.

Please bring donations of cat and/or dog food.

9:15-10:15 Adult Program: David Mook, member of Buckingham Meeting will speak on poetry and writing as a spiritual practice and its capacity to help us heal from painful experiences. David is teaching writing at Castleton College in Vermont. He published a compilation of his and his youngest daughter Sarah's poetry after her untimely and sad death at age 8 years old. *Older children are welcome to attend this presentation and then stay for hymn singing and worship or leave and join the children's program at 10:30am.*

10:15-10:30 Hymn Singing

10:30-11:30 Meeting for Worship

11:45-1:00 Lunch. Soup will be provided by Buckingham Friends.

1-3:00 Meeting for Business

YOU'RE INVITED TO QUAKERISM IN A NUTSHELL

The hectic times we live in encourage us to do all we want and need to do at an accelerated pace. Appreciating that fact, Bucks Quarterly Meeting invites you to attend a workshop on Quakerism. It will be Quakerism 101, 201, and A to Z but in a compressed version called, Quakerism in a Nutshell.

Some topics covered will be: What does it mean to be Quaker? Ministers; do Quakers have them? Who are the mother and father of Quakerism? What are the SPICES of Quakerism? Eldering. Seeking. Singing. The workshop will be held on **November 21 from 10AM to 2PM** with a break for lunch and sharing at **Wrightstown Meeting in the social hall.**

There is no charge, however donations will be gratefully accepted.

Melanie Douty Snipes of Fallsington Meeting has graciously accepted the invitation to serve as the facilitator for the workshop. Thank You Melanie!!

Wrightstown Meeting is located at 535 Durham Road (Route 413) Wrightstown, PA 18940. For more information, contact Holly Olson at 215-860-9747 or hollybqc@verizon.net

PENNSWOOD VILLAGE WORSHIP GROUP

The Pennswood Village Worship group has returned to its worship space in the Barclay Terrace room. Worship is every first day morning at 10:30am

HELP BY EATING

Newtown Friends Meeting will hold its annual Simple Supper on **Saturday, November 7** at the meeting-house. Meals will be served from **5:30 to 7 PM.**

BYOB (bring your own bowl). A variety of delicious homemade soups will be available, along with crusty bread and butter, and ice cold water. Desserts will also be available for sale. A free-will donation will be taken to raise funds for Bucks Food For Friends.

BUCKS FOOD FOR FRIENDS CELEBRATES ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY

In October, Bucks Food For Friends celebrated its one year anniversary! F/friends involved thank everyone who has given financial support, gifts in kind, prayers, and love. Special thanks go to Fallsington Friends Meeting for serving as the host site.

The Fallsington Methodist Church has spun off and serves a meal on the first Monday of each month and there are plans for a church in Bristol to begin a meal. One year ago, no one was providing a home style meal to those in need in Lower Bucks County other than the regular meals for residents of the Red Cross Shelter. BQ F/friends have done God's work well and will continue in this ministry.

As the close of the year approaches, please consider a financial contribution to BFFF. All gifts are tax deductible. Send your gift to Rich Richardson, 1 Atkinson Drive., Newtown, PA 18940

STONE SOUP AT SOUTHAMPTON MEETING

Sunday **Nov. 29th** bring your raw veggies early for the soup pot. 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.**

WRIGHTSTOWN FRIENDS NURSERY SCHOOL BENEFIT DAYS AT NEWTOWN BOOKSHOP

Plan to shop at **Newtown Bookshop** on **Nov. 6th & 7th.** 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 info, contact Jane Scurti 215-295-2545. The Bookshop is located at 2829 South Eagle Road Village at Newtown East Newtown, PA (215) 968-2400

BUCKINGHAM MEETING PRESENTS FILM SERIES

Wednesday November 11 7:30pm:

Capitalism Hits the Fan: An Economics professor breaks down the root causes of today's economic crisis, showing how it was decades in the making and in fact reflects failures within the structures of American-style capitalism itself. He puts the crisis within a larger frame, argues that proposed government actions will not be enough to address the real causes of the crisis, and suggests that far more fundamental change is needed. This is an introduction that allows ordinary citizens to comprehend, and react to, the crisis.

57 min. Free Admission

Refreshments and Discussion After Each Film

Buckingham Friends Meeting House

5864 York Road, Lahaska For more info,

www.buckinghamfriendsmeeting.org or 215-794-5816

ANNUAL AUCTION AND EVENING OF FUN AT MIDDLETOWN MEETING

Middletown Meeting invites you to their **Annual Auction** on **Friday November 20th.** 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.

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.

7th ANNUAL CULINARY CLASSICS CHANDLER HALL

Enjoy a beautiful evening of music, flowers, gourmet food and beverages. This charitable event will feature local restaurants, bakeries, confectioneries, caterers and wineries.

Culinary Classics supports the Hospice Program at Chandler Hall. Mark your calendars for this fabulous event on **Friday, November 13th at 6:30pm.**

For tickets, contact Heather Milardo at 215-860-4000x1502 or by email at hmilardo@chandlerhall.org

LIVES PASSING

Doylestown Friends suffered the loss of Ed Nagle, who passed away in September.

PIANIST NEEDED

Do you play the piano? Are you available on the first Wednesday of each month from 7:30 to 9ish? The Bucks Quarter Singing Group really needs someone to tinkle the ivories during their monthly sing. If you are willing and able, please contact Holly Olson at 215-860-9747 or hollybqc@verizon.net.

YOU'RE INVITED!

NEWTOWN FRIENDS SCHOOL ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

November 22, 2-4pm & November 23 & 24 8-6pm
1460 Newtown-Langhorne Road (Rt 413)
Many Quaker children & adult selections featured from the Quaker Books catalog of FGC. Interesting selections from two local independent booksellers: Booktender's Secret Garden & Newtown Book Shop. Book signings on Sunday afternoon.

ARTS ON ARCH

Thursday through Saturday - **November 5-7**, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) and Fellowship of Quakers in the Arts (FQA) are presenting Arts On Arch. This will be an Art Show and Sale which opens with a Preview Party (open to all) on Thursday evening, Nov. 5, and runs through Saturday afternoon, Nov. 7. The show, at the Fourth and Arch Street Meeting House in Philadelphia, will feature up to 40 artists. On Friday evening November 6 there will be a concert with **Livingston Taylor (James' brother with a sense of humor!) and Liz Longley** at the Arch Street Meeting House. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased online.

Information about Arts on Arch events is at <http://www.pym.org/pm/arts-on-arch.php>
Questions may be directed to Jan Hatchard in the PYM Development Office at 215-241-7115 or -7271 or janh@pym.org.

50th ANNUAL NAZARETH TO BETHLEHEM PEACE PILGRIMAGE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

Walk the Road of Peace For 50 years, during the Christmas season, people who believe in the importance of peace have been gathering to walk from Nazareth to Bethlehem (only ten miles in this country)!

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

More than a Walk Even if you cannot walk a portion of the pilgrimage, please consider participating in our related events. There will be traditional hymn singing in the heart of historic Bethlehem. Following the singing, there will be a simple supper and guest speaker at the Christ United Church of Christ at Market & Center Streets. The speaker will be, the Rev. James A. Forbes, Jr. Rev. Forbes is President and Founder of the Healing of the Nations Foundation of New York and Senior Minister Emeritus of the Riverside Church. His presentation is entitled: Get on the Path and Stay on the Path.

A 10:45A Buses begin leaving 520 E. Broad Street (Bechtel Building, Bethlehem for Nazareth.). **B. 12:00P** Pilgrimage begins at Moravian Church, Nazareth. **C. 1:15** Rest stop, Trinity Lutheran Church, on Rt. #191 just north of Steuben Rd. **D. 2:30** Rest stop, First Baptist Church, on Rt. #191 between Oakland Rd. and Johnson Drive. **E. 3:30** Light candles, First Church of the Nazarene, 1500 Linden St., Bethlehem. **F. 4:30** Singing Christmas Carols at the Central Moravian Church steps. **G. 5:30** Supper, 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, **The times listed above are approximate.** Dress appropriately for the weather; we walk in sun, wind, rain or snow. Persons desiring overnight lodging or for more information, call Fran Dreisbach at 610-258-7313, or the Lehigh County Conference of Churches, 534 Chew St., Allentown, PA 18102, 610-433-6421 or visit our website: www.peacewalk.org.

SPACE AVAILABLE

FOR MEETINGS AND GATHERINGS

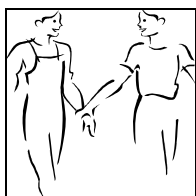
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FRIENDS HOME AND VILLAGE

After many years of tireless and thoughtful service, Will Bowers, member of Fallsington Meeting has stepped down from his role as President of the Board for Friends Home and Village. The board is extremely fortunate that Carol Richardson, member of Newtown Meeting has agreed to serve as Board President.

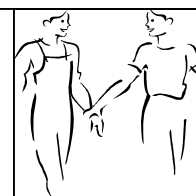
OXFAM HUNGER BANQUET AT BUCKINGHAM FRIENDS SCHOOL

On December 4th at 6pm, Buckingham Friends School in cooperation with the area Meetings is sponsoring an Oxfam Hunger Banquet to help raise awareness about hunger and the distribution of wealth in the world. Questions such as "What is a normal meal for the majority of people around the world" will be addressed. Participants are served a simple meal that reflects access to food around the world. The Hunger Banquet is designed to inform participants about the daily reality of the world's population in terms of food resources. Attendance is \$5/person. Please R.S.V.P. to: 215-794-7491. Proceeds will go to Oxfam USA. Food and additional monetary donations at the event are appreciated. Food donations will go local food banks.



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