

Quakerphernalia

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

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NOVEMBER 2013

- Nov 1-3 PYM Young Friends Gathering at Lancaster Meeting
Nov 2 9am BQ Budget and Nominating Committee Meets at Wrightstown
Nov 3, 9, 10 PYM General Secretary Search Committee Listening Sessions (See Article)
Nov 8 6:30 - 9:30pm Chandler Hall Culinary Classics Benefit in the Wright Meeting Hall
Nov 9 9:30 Junior Interim Meeting (Elementary Age Gathering) Meets at Arch Street Meetinghouse
Nov 10 6pm Camp Onas Board Annual Meeting at Wrightstown Meeting Social Hall
Nov 12 7pm BQ Outreach Committee Meets at Pennswood Village
Nov 14 7pm BQ Oversight Committee Meets at Buckingham Meetinghouse
Nov 16 8:30am-2:30pm Preparing for The Best of Your Life Workshop - Fallsington Meetinghouse (See Article)
Nov 16 6pm Pot Luck and Games Night at Buckingham Meetinghouse ~ All Are Welcome
Nov 17 9am-3pm Quarterly Meeting at Lehigh Valley Meeting
Nov 18 6pm Bucks Food For Friends at Fallsington Meetinghouse
Nov 20 2-5pm Open House - Friends Home (BQ Retirement Living in the Heart of Newtown)
Nov 21 1:30pm Friends Home and Village Boards Meets at Friends Village
Nov 21 7:30pm BQ Singing Group Meets at Makefield Meetinghouse (Notice change in schedule)
Nov 27 11:30-1:30pm Open House - Friends Village RSVP Req for Lunch (BQ Ret. Living in Newtown Twp)
Nov 28 9:30 Thanksgiving Meeting for Worship at Plumstead Meeting

Looking Ahead

- Dec 1 12:30pm Camp Onas Informational for BQ Parents & Children at Middletown Meetinghouse
Jan 1st Bucks Quarter Skating Party!!!!
Jan & Feb Creative Parenting in a Quakerly Manner Discussion Group

**Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:
November ~ Fallsington December ~ Makefield January ~ Middletown
Worship 11:00****Arrive 10:45**

**Sunday, November 17 ~ Quarterly Meeting for Worship, Fellowship, and Business
Join Friends and Share Your Light**

Lehigh Valley Monthly Meeting 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Schedule of Events

9:00 - Registration and refreshments

9:30 - Worship – Children join the adults for first 20 minutes of worship.

9:50 to 10:30 Children's Program: Quakers and the Bible.

10:30 - 10:45 stretch break

10:45 - 11:45 Children's Program: Music and crafts connected with the theme of Quakers and the Bible, creation stories (biblical and other ones too!) earth sustainability, and animals. It will be so much fun!

10:45-11:45 Adult Program: David Zarembka, the speaker for the morning program, has been the coordinator of the African Great Lakes Initiative for the Friends Peace Teams since 1998. He has over forty years of involvement in the Great Lakes region and will be speaking about the Kenyan Quaker response to the election violence in Kenya in 2008 and how the significant work that Quakers did through Friends Church Peace Teams (FCPT) affected the 2013 elections in Kenya.

A gripping story of Quaker Peacemaking in action.

11:45 -1:00 Lunch: Simple lunch of soups, breads, desserts and beverages provided by LVMM Friends

1pm-3pm: Meeting for Business: We will hear from Newtown and Plumstead Meetings, Friends Camp Assoc. (Camp Onas), the Coordinator and Treasurer as well as the Budget and Nominating Committee.

Note: All agenda items for Quarterly Meeting must be to the clerk,

Amy Ward Brimmer, one week prior to Quarterly Meeting.

awbrimmer@gmail.com

SHARE YOUR STORY AT QUARTERLY MEETING

There will be space on the QM business agenda is for Meetings to share a quick story about an inreach or outreach event that caused you to feel the vitality and/or growth that is in your meeting.

**PREPARING FOR THE BEST OF YOUR LIFE
WITH PURPOSE AND CLARITY**

An Invitation From Fallsington Friends Meeting

Saturday November 16, 8:30am to 2:30pm

We all wish to enter our middle and later years with comfort and dignity. Come hear a panel of Quaker professionals on how to prepare for this special time in life.

Lisa Bellet Collins, Esq:

Organize your legal affairs for peace of mind.

Tom Wells, Contractor:

Adapt the home you love to age in place.

Colleen Warmingham, Minimologist:

Simplify your possessions with meaning and joy.

\$10 fee includes lunch at special interest tables.

Registrations must be received by November 13.

Contact Holly Olson at 215-453-7358 or

hollybqc@verizon.net

Fallsington Friends Meetinghouse

9300 New Falls Rd, Fallsington, PA 19054

www.fallsingtonmeeting.org

Best of Your Life Workshop

Registration Form

Please and submit this form with your \$10 check made payable to Fallsington Friends Meeting.

Registration form and payment must be received by November 13th.

Send to:

Holly Olson, 452 N. Main Street

Sellersville, PA 18960

Names(s)

Addresses(s)

Phone

Email

Meeting

**CAMP ONAS INFORMATIONAL GATHERING
AT MIDDLETOWN MEETINGHOUSE**

December 1st, 12:30PM

You are invited to attend an informational gathering to learn about Camp Onas. Director, Holly Mueller Hecht as well as a few former and current campers will be available to answer questions. You can visit the Onas web site at www.camponas.org

Brown bag lunch with desserts and beverages provided by our Middletown Friends.

For more information contact Holly Olson:

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453 W. Maple Ave, Langhorne, PA 19047

MIDWEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Tuesdays at Southampton 7:30 PM

Wednesdays at Lehigh Valley 5:00 PM

Wednesdays at Makefield 7:00 AM

Wednesdays at Middletown 7:00 PM

LIVES PASSING

Buckingham Friends suffer the loss of **Lena Woolsey** who died in September, Fallsington Friends suffer the loss of **Marianne House** who died Oct 1st, Southampton Friends suffer the loss of **Maria Peters** who died on Oct 5th (Memorial Service to be held Nov 9, 2pm at Southampton), Wrightstown Friends suffer the loss of **Laura Mason** who died in September and **Richard Morrison** who died Oct 7th.

BUCKS QUARTER SWEATSHIRTS

Did you love the T-shirt? You'll love the sweatshirt. Available for preorder and prepayment in lavender or purple. Children's sizes available in purple only. Price is \$30 for both kids and adults sizes. XXL will be \$35. Available at Quarterly Meeting Nov 17 or by arrangement with Holly. hollybqc@verizon.net

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**THANKSGIVING MEETING FOR WORSHIP AT
PLUMSTEAD MEETING**

Plumstead Friends invite you to Worship on Thanksgiving morning 9:30. 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.

**CREATIVE PARENTING
IN A QUAKERLY MANNER
DISCUSSION SERIES OFFERED**

How do we raise Quaker children in a non-Quaker world? Is it possible to live Simply with the endless demands of daily life? Can we really live the Peace Testimony in a world full of violence and war? Have you ever wondered about how Quaker beliefs, values and practices might be integrated into day to day life and offer guidance within our families? Do you seek a group of like-minded people to discuss these challenges and explore opportunities to find some answers?

If these questions concern you and your family please join the Creative Parenting in a Quakerly Manner Discussion Group.

Dates: January 8, 15, 22, 29, & February 5, 12

Time: 6:30pm-8:30pm

Place: Newtown Friends Meetinghouse

Cost: \$80 per person/ \$140 per couple

Facilitated by: Teri Van Solkema-Waitz- Member Newtown Friends Meeting

& Liaison for The Quaker Parenting Initiative-

www.quakerparenting.org

Sign Up & Questions Contact Teri:

TVWaitz@aol.com / (267) 934-8084

**PYM GENERAL SECRETARY
SEARCH COMMITTEE TO HOLD
LISTENING SESSIONS**

Do you care about the vitality and future of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting? Do you think who the next General Secretary is will make a difference? Come share your thoughts, wishes and concerns with the General Secretary Search Committee at one of four Regional Listening Sessions. For more information, go to: www.pym.org

Listening Sessions:

October 30, 6:00pm

Wilmington Friends Meetinghouse

November 3, 1:00pm

Harrisburg Friends Meetinghouse

November 9, 1:00pm

Arch Street Meetinghouse

November 10, 12:30pm

Richland Friends Meetinghouse

If you are unable to attend a session, please take the survey at:

<http://tinyurl.com/PYMSurvey2>

or email gssearch@pym.org

**FRIENDS HOME AND VILLAGE
OF BUCKS QUARTERLY MEETING
ANNOUNCES...**

Friends Home and Village together with Caring Friends Home Care are pleased to announce an affiliation in which residents of the two Newtown senior housing communities will have access to enhanced services provided through Caring Friends Home Care (CFHC) and Intervention Associates (IVA). This is a preferred provider collaboration which means current and future residents have the convenience of scheduling non-medical home care and concierge services directly with on-site CFHC and IVA staff.

According to Mary Ann DuGan, Executive Director at Friends Home and Village, "Staff from CFHC and IVA is available for residents to ask questions and then schedule care and other services. We believe this collaboration will lead to potentially fewer housing moves by our residents. Please contact Mary Ann DuGan or Norma Coverdale at (215) 968-3346 regarding housing and service options for those 62 and older at Friends Home and Village.

Friends Home

50 S. Congress St
Newtown, PA 18940

Friends Village

331 Lower Dolington Rd
Newtown, PA 18940

'A PEOPLE TO PEOPLE CONNECTION'

In April, Holly Olson asked Elaine and Charlie Fetting of Buckingham Meeting to host David Bucura who was visiting the U.S. from Rwanda. David is a Clerk of Friends World Committee for Consultation-Africa Section and Central Africa Coordinator for the African Great Lakes Region as well as AVP facilitator and mediation facilitator. The Fettigs were happy to host David and during the visit they learned that he is also very much involved in creating five Peace Libraries for kids in Rwanda. The official language in Rwanda recently changed from French to English so getting books in English is important, but expensive.

Elaine thought of a way to help David's book collection. She knew that a woman, Christy Sommers, from "Where There Be Dragons" was leading a trip to Rwanda in June with a group of American high school students. Elaine had Christy ask the teenagers to each bring a book for the library with them. She also gave David and Christy each other's email address so they could meet.

It turned out very well! The American teenagers not only donated books, but they also were able to meet with David and learn about Quaker peace work in Africa. Here is what Christy wrote to Elaine after the trip:

"Dear Elaine,

My whole group was able to meet with David, and we had an incredibly interesting visit to the Quaker school where he works. We brought all the books that had been collected to donate to their library, and then ended up spending half a day with them visiting the school, talking to students and administrators, and seeing their library, computer lab, and other facilities. It looks like a great school and they were wonderful hosts.

And, later, after Elaine told Christy about putting this in our newsletter:

How great that you would like to share our visit to the Quaker school with your group! Honestly, I appreciate you putting us in touch with them, as it was a great opportunity to learn from them. My students really got a lot out of the visit. The headmaster made time to speak with a group of the students and was very patient answering their many many questions. We've already talked about going to visit them again next summer!

*Best,
Christy"*

Elaine thought you might like to hear about this little 'connection'. You could Google: Peace Library Rwanda or Where There Be Dragons for more information. One link for Peace Library: <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/blair-forlaw/childrens->

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