

# Quakerphernalia

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

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## November 2014

- Nov 1 9am BQ Budget and Nominating Committee Meets at Wrightstown Meetinghouse  
Nov 7 5:30-7pm First Day School Simple Supper Fundraiser at Newtown Meetinghouse  
Nov 9 6pm Camp Onas Board Meeting at Wrightstown Meeting Social Hall  
Nov 11 7pm BQ Outreach Committee Meets at Pennswood Village  
Nov 11 8pm Growth Economy Study Group at Southampton Meeting House on the Hill  
Nov 13 7pm BQ Oversight Committee Meets in the Jackson House of BFS  
Nov 15 Communications and Outreach Thread Gathering of PYM at Wilmington (DE) Meetinghouse  
Nov 8 6pm Pot Luck and Games Night at Buckingham Meetinghouse- All Are Welcome  
**Nov 16 9:30-3** **Quarterly Meeting at Solebury Meeting**  
Nov 17 6pm Bucks Food For Friends at Fallsington Meetinghouse  
Nov 20 1pm Friends Home and Village Board Meets at Friends Village  
Nov 27 9:30 Thanksgiving Worship and Brunch at Plumstead Meeting

### Looking Ahead

- January 1 Noon-2** **Bucks Quarter Skating Party**  
Feb 15 Quarterly Meeting at Quakertown Meeting  
Feb 25-27 FCRP Gathering in Buckeystown Maryland  
**July 24-27** **PYM Annual Session at Muhlenberg College, Allentown PA**

**Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:**  
November ~ Newtown December ~ Solebury January ~ Wrightstown  
**Worship 11:00\*\*\*\*Arrive 10:45**

**Sunday, November ~ Quarterly Meeting for Worship, Fellowship, and Business**  
**Join Friends and Share Your Light**  
**Solebury Monthly Meeting 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM**  
**2680 Sugan Rd - New Hope, PA 18938**

### Schedule of Events

**9:30** - Registration and refreshments

**10:00** - Meeting for Worship.

**10:00-Noon - Children's Program:** The children will have a version of the adult program. They will explore what "service" means and how we let our lives speak. The major activity is going to be preparing bag lunches for Trenton Area Soup Kitchen.

**11:00 - 12:00 - Adult Program** - Ross Hennessey, Associate Director for Quaker Voluntary Service (QVS) will speak about "**Service as a Sacrament**". The Anglican Book of Common Prayer calls a sacrament an outward sign of an inward grace given unto us, through which we also receive grace...we receive God's grace, and by performing a sacrament receive another dose of the healing power and life of the Spirit. Ross will speak about Service, and how for Quakers, it is our sacrament.

**Quaker Voluntary Service** provides young people with a yearlong opportunity to live in community while doing work in various organizations committed to serving marginalized persons.

**Ross Hennessey** is a member of Germantown Monthly Meeting. Ross completed a Master's program in the Religious Studies department at Temple University, studying social movements, activism, and religion. His intellectual passion for exploring themes of social justice and community has continued into his PhD program where he is currently working on a dissertation at Temple University in the same department. In 2008, he helped found an intentional community and urban farm in Northwest Philadelphia which he continues to lead.

For more information on QVS go to [www.quakervoluntaryservice.org](http://www.quakervoluntaryservice.org)

**12:00-1:00** - Lunch provided by our Solebury Friends

**1:00-3:00** - Business Session

Meeting for Business Agenda Items: We will hear news of our Friends at Newtown and Plumstead Meetings, and Friends Camp Assoc. (Camp Onas) We will also receive news from our Coordinator, the quarter's Budget and Nominating Committee and Treasurer.

**Note: All agenda items for Quarterly Meeting must be to the clerk,  
Boris Simkovich, one week prior to Quarterly Meeting.**

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### FRIENDLY CRAFTERS AT QUARTERLY MEETING

Bring your handmade items to donate; scarves, baby clothes, candles, jewelry, note cards, stuffed animals, dishrags...the options are endless. **Christmas is just around the corner!!!!**

Solebury Friends will decide which Friendly project or cause will receive the proceeds of the day.

At the end of the day, you may take back your donated crafts or Holly will box them up for the February Quarterly Meeting Friendly Crafters sale at Quakertown Meeting.

### 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.

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### STUDY GROUP AT SOUTHAMPTON MEETING ALL ARE WELCOME

**Nov. 11 (Tues.), 8:00 - 9:30 p.m.:** Study group on the growth economy and environmental sustainability, at Southampton Meeting (710 Gravel Hill Road). An ongoing group; newcomers are welcome. This session will focus on "what it takes to reach people in thinking beyond the myths of our current economic system." For information about previous discussions and readings, contact Bob Dockhorn, facilitator, at [dockhorn@verizon.net](mailto:dockhorn@verizon.net).

### YOU ARE PYM

#### An evening with our new General Secretary, Christie Duncan-Tessmer

*You are our yearly meeting and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting is us – we are a community of more than 100 meetings and thousands of Friends in a four state region. We, together, are a powerful, grounded and needed people who experience the Spirit within and among us. Our General Secretary is touring the yearly meeting to meet you. We invite you and everyone in your meeting to gather for refreshing conversation, nourishment, and inspiring fellowship.*

**Please come!**

- Friday, November 7, 7:00 pm  
Centre Meeting, Center Meeting Rd,  
Wilmington, DE 19807
- Friday, November 14, 7:00 pm  
Gwynedd Meeting, 1101 Dekalb Pike, Gwynedd,  
PA 19454
- Sunday, November 16, 11:00 am  
Millville Meeting, 351 E Main St, Millville, PA  
17846  
*Millville Meeting invites Friends to join them for  
worship at 10 a.m.*
- Friday, November 21, 7:00 pm  
Princeton Meeting, 470 Quaker Road,  
Princeton, NJ 08540
- Sunday, November 23, 4:00 pm  
Lancaster Friends Meeting, 110 Tulane  
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### PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN:

#### EL CAMINO de SANTIAGO, an epic journey

Join our small group (15 persons maximum) as we explore the 1000-year old pilgrimage route known as El Camino de Santiago. Walking El Camino is a journey of a lifetime and brings together history, extraordinary scenic beauty, and exceptional Spanish cuisine.

**Tentative date:** September 18-28, 2015.

Contact: [ValerieBrown95@gmail.com](mailto:ValerieBrown95@gmail.com)

### SIMPLE SUPPER FUNDRAISER AT NEWTOWN MEETINGHOUSE

Newtown Meeting Children's RE Committee is sponsoring a Simple Supper on Friday, **November 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7 p.m.** The children of the meeting will be serving delicious soups, bread and butter, drinks, and desserts.

Proceeds will go to support the School of Leadership in Afghanistan, a boarding school founded to educate the next generation of Afghan female leaders. For more information on the work of the charity please visit their website: <http://www.sola-afghanistan.org/>.

In lieu of tickets, please donate as you feel led.

**219 Court Street, Newtown, PA 18940**

### CHANDLER HALL AUXILIARY HOLIDAY SALE

The Chandler Hall Auxiliary is organizing a Holiday sale where gifts for all can be purchased. The sale will be held on Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 4 PM in the Main Building Entrance Hallway.

We are looking for donations of new items which can be sold to holiday shoppers. All donations will be greatly appreciated and are tax-deductible as Gifts-In-Kind.

We are accepting donations on Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10 AM to 2 PM each day at the entrance to Wright Meeting Hall. Any baked goods donations will have to be delivered the morning of each sale. To make arrangements to deliver your donations at another time, please call or notify one of the following:

Marilyn VanSteelant: 215-968-5478

[lynnvansteelant@verizon.net](mailto:lynnvansteelant@verizon.net)

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**Hope you can join us for holiday shopping for  
all your loved ones.**

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### PYM THREAD GATHERING COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH

This subject is important to the vast majority of Friends every where. This will be an opportunity for grounding and skills development for Friends who are active in the ministry of communicating and connecting within our meetings. Thread Gatherings offer wisdom and experience sharing, workshops, and community around a thread of concern that runs through our meetings.

**Saturday, November 15, 9:30 - 3:30, Wilmington Meeting**

Registration and refreshments are available beginning at 9:00 am. The program begins at 9:30 a.m.

Lunch is potluck with salad and drinks provided by the Yearly Meeting

Childcare available with pre-registration by Oct 31

**Location:** [Wilmington Friends Meeting](#),

401 N West St, Wilmington, DE 19801

### FRIENDS CONFERENCE ON RELIGION AND PSYCHOLOGY

The annual February gathering of FCRP in Maryland will be held **February 25-27, 2015**. For more information go to [fcrp.quaker.org](http://fcrp.quaker.org)

## FWCC JOB POSTING

Friends World Committee for Consultation needs help organizing their meeting of representatives for the Section of the Americas, to be held in and around Mexico City in March 2015. FWCC is looking for someone with event planning experience, who speaks English and Spanish, and is available from now until the end of March. They would prefer someone in Philadelphia, but would consider someone who lived farther away if they had all the other skills they are looking for.

For the job description go to: [http://fwccamericas.org/events/2015\\_SectionMeeting/index.shtml](http://fwccamericas.org/events/2015_SectionMeeting/index.shtml)

*This version of the May Quarterly Meeting minutes contains the edited highlights.  
The minutes in full detail will be brought to Quarterly Meeting in November at  
Solebury Monthly Meeting for consideration.*

**BUCKS QUARTERLY MEETING of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS  
QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES  
August 24, 2014  
Held at Plumstead Monthly Meeting**

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

Clerk made announcements and described the format for being recognized.

**Roll Call of Meetings:** Bristol:1, Buckingham:1, Doylestown:2, Fallsington: 4, Lehigh Valley: 2, Makefield: 3, Middletown:3, Newtown:5, Plumstead: 3, Quakertown NJ: 2, Solebury: 4, Southampton: 1, Wrightstown: 1, Yardley: 5.

**Friends applauded the 100% meeting participation.**

**Minutes read and approved.**

**United Friends School** Annual Report presented by Nancy Donnelly, (Head of School, member Unami MM). As part of the Membership Renewal Process (MRP) by the Friends Council on Education the school has been asking itself the question posed by Christie Duncan-Tessmer during this morning's program, "How does the Truth fair with Thee?"

**Wrightstown MM** Annual Report given by Leo Fitzpatrick, Clerk. Membership remains the same. Meeting has just had a called meeting regarding the paving of the parking lot. This is a large and expensive undertaking and the process to get it passed by the Meeting has gone very well.

**Treasurer report** given by Ed Snyder (Yardley MM). Introduced as the quarter's new Treasurer by Betsy Bayardi (Wrightstown MM) who thanked the Nominations Committee for the work they did. Reviewed past year and pointed out that we had revenue less expenses of \$2,577.16.

**Yardley MM** Annual Report given by Betsy Cadwallader with special Yardley Religious Education report given by Jenna Seuffert (Middle School Friends RE Coordinator, Member Middletown MM). Membership numbers are stable. The report highlighted success of the Annual Flea Market. Meeting is active with Outreach and involved with Bucks Food For Friends. Men's Group being formed to meet monthly. Peace and Social Action Committee has been active again. Jenna Seuffert spoke of the trip to Washington DC by the Middle School FDS class.

**Plumstead Meeting Minutes on Gaza and Iraq** were presented by Beth Taylor, Clerk. Minutes on Iraq and Gaza were passed by Plumstead on August 8<sup>th</sup>. After discussion, the clerk summarized his sense that the Quarter is in sympathy with the minutes but cannot find unity at this time to pass the minute as presented nor find a way to resolve the issue.

**QM encourages other Meetings to consider the issues on their own.**

**Solebury Meeting** Annual Report given by John Kellogg, Clerk. Membership is stable. Oversight and Counsel has been attempting to establish contact with Young Adult Friends. Worship and Ministry is providing discussions focused on reading of poems.

**Coordinator's Report** given by Holly Olson, (Middletown MM). In-reach portion provided reports on PYM Annual Sessions, Clerk's Meeting of June 21<sup>st</sup>, Religious Education Meeting, Games Night at Buckingham Friends, Wrightstown MM Yard Sale, Worship at Camp Onas, the Spiritual Formation Program at Solebury which Holly will be participating in, and the BQM Facebook page (please like). Outreach provided update on Grange Fair, Peace Fair, and request for Bucks Quarter logo suggestions. Holly attended the "Gathering on Revitalizing our Quarterly Meetings" and provided a summary of the experience.

**Southampton Meeting** Annual Report provided by Carolyn A. Peters-Eckel, Clerk. Meeting for worship on First Day is only held on Fourth Sunday of month. Discussion group is held on Tuesday evening. Meetinghouse is also being used by other groups and congregations.

**Bucks Food For Friends** Annual Report given by Marion Snipes (Co-Coordinator, Fallsington MM). She related how impressed she was and how well run and organized the entire operation. Volunteers can get on a list to be emailed.

**Middletown Meeting** Annual Report given by Nancy Pickering. Meeting has had a good year overall. There is a vacant schoolhouse building on the meetinghouse property and the meeting is searching for a tenant. There is a speaker on the fourth Sundays on the subject of "Improving your Life" was very successful.

Friends thanked Plumstead Meeting for hosting a wonderful, and beautiful, Quarterly Meeting.

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