

Quakerphernalia

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

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November 2015

Nov 4 7-8:30pm	What You Can Do to Stop!! Mass Incarceration - Fallsington Meetinghouse
Nov 6 6pm	Auction - Middletown Friends Meeting - All welcome
Nov 6 7pm	Simple Supper Fundraiser- Newtown Meetinghouse
Nov 7	PYM Continuing Sessions at Westtown School
Nov 7 6pm	Games Night - Makefield Meetinghouse
Nov 8 6pm	Camp Onas Board Meets at Wrightstown Meeting Social Hall
Nov 10 7pm	Bucks Quarter Outreach Committee Meets at Pennswood Village
Nov 12 7pm	Bucks Quarter Oversight Committee Meets at Buckingham
Nov 14 9:30am-4pm	Moving into Mindfulness Workshop - Fallsington Meetinghouse
Nov 14 6pm	Games Night - Buckingham Meetinghouse
Nov 15 9am-3pm	Bucks Quarterly Meeting - Yardley Meetinghouse
Nov 21 6pm	Pot Luck and Movie Night - Middletown Meetinghouse
Nov 22 12:15pm	Speakers Series - Middletown Meetinghouse
Nov 26 9:30am	Thanksgiving Worship - Plumstead Meetinghouse

Looking Ahead

Dec 5 PYM PYM Extended Worship at Middletown

Dec 12 10:45am 56th Annual Peace Pilgrimage from Nazareth to Bethlehem

New Years Day Annual Bucks Quarter Skating Party!!!!

Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:

November - Buckingham December - Doylestown January - Fallsington

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

Quarterly Meeting for Worship, Fellowship, and Business

Yardley Friends Meetinghouse - 65 N. Main Street Yardley, PA 19067

Join Friends and Share Your Light ~ November 15th

Schedule of Events:

9:15-9:45: Registration and Refreshments

9:45-10:45: Meeting for Worship

10:45 - 11:00:Stretch Break

10:00-Noon: Children's Program: The children's program though sure to delight has not been firmed up yet.

11:00 - Noon: Adult Program: End of Life Decisions from a Quaker Perspective. This will be led by Ted Taylor who is a member of Yardley Meeting as well as the Director of Pastoral Care and Training at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in Hamilton, NJ.

Noon: Provided by our Yardley Friends

1:00-3:00: Business Session - We will hear from our Friends at Newtown and Plumstead Meetings as well as our Coordinator and Treasurer, Camp Onas, Budget and Nominating and Bucks Quarter Peace Fair.

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

Boris Simkovich, one week prior to Quarterly Meeting. boris@simkovich.com

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LIVES PASSING

Doylestown Friends suffer the loss of **Esther Friend** who passed on July 18th.

Newtown Friends and the wider Quaker communities of Bucks Quarter and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting suffer the loss of **Paul Kester** who passed on October 10th.

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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KEEP ON CRAFTING

Fall is here, winter is coming and it's time to think about Christmas. Yes, Christmas! Now is the time to start working on those beloved hand made gifts. Make some extras and bring them to Quarterly Meeting in November at Yardley for the **Bucks Quarter Friendly Crafters** table. Start your Christmas shopping early. For more information, contact Holly Olson at hollybqc@verizon.net or 215-453-7358.

IMPROVING YOUR LIFE SPEAKERS SERIES AT MIDDLETOWN FRIENDS MEETING

The guest speaker on November 22nd will be Lane Taylor. Lane will speak about the types of Yoga and the many benefits of a regular Yoga practice.

12:15 welcome and refreshments.

Speaker at 12:30.

For more information,

Contact langhorneclerk@gmail.com

These events are free and open to the public.
453 W. Maple Ave, Langhorne, PA 19047

FALLSINGTON FRIENDS MEETING HOSTS MOVING INTO MINDFULNESS WORKSHOP

On Saturday **November 14 from 9:30am-4:00pm**, Amy Ward Brimmer will lead a workshop on Moving into Mindfulness.

This will be an experiential, guided movement class for people at all levels of practice. Discover how to take the benefits of mindful movement out of the classroom and into everyday living. The workshop explores mindfulness through three components: Qigong, everyday activities, and guided meditation practice. We will also investigate mindful eating and thoughtful communication. We'll discover how movement is stillness and stillness contains movement. Participants will be given resources to support home practice, and leave with tools that can be applied in daily living.

Sliding Fee -- \$45 – 75 per person

For more information, go to

<http://wayopenscenter.com/events/>

To register, contact Amy Ward Brimmer, 917-216-5850

or amy@wayopenscenter.com

9300 New Falls Road Fallsington, PA 19054

NEWS FROM OUR FRIENDS AT PENNSWOOD VILLAGE

The Quakerism Committee here at Pennswood Village is launching a series of 3 "Second Sundays at Seven" discussion groups on Quaker values. The first was on September 13th on the topic of SIMPLICITY. The October topic will probably be the Peace Testimony in an Increasingly Violent World.

PV Friends are changing the name of the Barclay Terrace Room to the "BARCLAY MEETING ROOM" and in honor of their Quaker roots, Ken Burton has made a simple Quaker meeting bench for that room which will be accompanied by an appropriate piece of art.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO **STOP!! MASS INCARCERATION**

Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2015: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Fallsington Friends Meeting has invited Patrick Hall, Chair of the Trenton Campaign to End the New Jim Crow, to speak about what we can all do to stop mass incarceration and the industrial prison complex.

The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander is a stunning account of the rebirth of a caste-like system in the United States; one that has resulted in millions of African Americans locked behind bars and then relegated to a permanent second-class status—denied the very rights supposedly won in the Civil Rights Movement. Since its publication in 2010, the book has appeared on the New York Times bestseller list for more than a year; been dubbed the “secular bible of a new social movement” by numerous commentators, including Cornel West; and has led to consciousness-raising efforts in universities, churches, community centers, re-entry centers, and prisons nationwide. The New Jim Crow tells a truth our nation has been reluctant to face.

Enjoy delicious desserts, coffee, tea, and cider with us.

Free and everyone is welcome.

Fallsington Friends Meetinghouse

9300 New falls Road, Levittown, PA 19054

BLACK LIVES MATTER!

SIMPLE SUPPER FUNDRAISER NEWTOWN MEETINGHOUSE

Newtown Meeting Children's RE Committee is sponsoring a Simple Supper on Friday, **November 6th from 5:30-7 p.m.** The children of the meeting will be serving delicious soups, bread and butter, drinks, and desserts.

For more information contact Lisa Li at

sassafrasli@gmail.com

219 Court Street, Newtown, PA 18940

MIDDLETOWN FRIENDS MEETING ANNUAL AUCTION

Join Middletown Friends on **November 6th at 6pm** for a pot luck dinner and auction.

There will be craft items, homemade delicacies, certificates for restaurants and a Smokey Mountain get-away. There are also items for children to bid on.

For more info contact Robin Hipple

robin.hipple@gmail.com

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LIFE OF THE MEETING

**What does it mean when Quakers talk about
"The life of their Meeting"?**

"The life of a particular meeting depends not only on regular worship, but on the ties with other meetings, and on the social or other work which it can do in the town or village community of which it is a part. All members therefore are expected to share in the committee work of the local meeting, in the monthly and quarterly meetings, in the general activities of the Society, and in any contacts which Friends make with the life and work of the people round them. "

PYM CONTINUING SESSIONS

Saturday November 7 - Westtown School

Free! (small lunch fee)

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Check-In

5:00 - 5:30 p.m. Closing Worship

Come to Continuing Sessions, a new and meaningful way to be together, and follow our leadings in the world! It's one day to conduct the business of PYM, worship and facilitate our common interests so that we can all do the work that is meaningful to each of us in relationship with one another.

Friends from Concord Quarterly Meeting are organizing hospitality for Friends who have a distance to travel.

[Make a request](#) and we'll do our best to match you with an available host.

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A deeply powerful day where Friends of all ages gather to do our most important work.

We will work on one query together:

What is God calling PYM Quakers to do next to end racism and white supremacy in the Religious Society of Friends and Beyond?

Continuing Sessions is an extension of the best parts of our residential Annual Sessions packed into a day-long event. We'll begin and end in worship, we'll engage the mission and priorities of our yearly meeting, and we'll have fun as we seek spiritual deepening.

Programs for children and youth ages infant-high school age.

A weekend-long gathering for middle-school-age and high-school-age youth will run concurrently.

*This version of the February Quarterly Meeting minutes contains the edited highlights.
The minutes in full detail will be brought to Quarterly Meeting in November at Yardley Meeting for consideration.
Unedited version can also be read on the quarter's web site www.quakersbucks.org*

BUCKS QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Minutes of August 23, 2015

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

Agenda reviewed and approved

Previous Minutes of May 17, 2015, approved with a clarification regarding the budget.

Roll Call of Meetings: Bristol: 0, Buckingham: 1, Doylestown: 1, Fallsington: 4, Lehigh Valley: 2, Makefield: 2, Middletown: 5, Newtown: 1, Plumstead: 0, Quakertown NJ: 0, Solebury: 2, Southampton: 2, Wrightstown: 4, Yardley: 1

Stories of Vitality shared:

- Middletown MM started a movie night four months ago with financial assistance from PYM to purchase equipment. This has been a very successful form of inreach and outreach and will continue though the fall season.

- Southampton MM held a meeting for Racial Justice. Calls made to area churches and an African American pastor brought members of his congregation.
- Fallsington MM has an annual Welcome Day to encourage members to invite acquaintances. This year day will be held in October.
- Makefield MM established a games night during the summer. A number of elderly members who were loosening their association with the Meeting started coming to this evening activity.

United Friends School Annual Report Report is about the state of Quakerism at UFS. This past school year it was about finding the light in ourselves and others. The classrooms are named for important past and current Quakers. The school was honored to have William Nagel, Bayard Rustin's partner, speak to the school and visit with the students from the "Bayard Rustin" class.

Budget and Nominating Report The quarter's new treasurer is Jenna Schwoyer. The audit committee met with the Treasurer and its report was read stating that all accounting has found to be in good order. Electronic back up files are kept in separate locations.

Treasurer's Report Expenses vs. income for last year show a miniscule positive balance. In sum, we are in a stable and favorable place to be.

Yardley Monthly Meeting Annual Highlights covered in the oral report were membership numbers of around 108 adult members, annual Flea Market, Fall Market, First Day school enrollment and the creation of a RE pamphlet for seekers, Men's Discuss Group, hosting the Holiday Party at Pennswood Village, Adult Discussion Group, meetinghouse upkeep and improvements, Finances and cataloguing the library holding.

Coordinator's Report The Inreach portion included reports on the current status of the Pennsylvania Child Safety law, Clerks of the Quarter meeting, Bucks Food For Friends, Games Night at Buckingham and Makefield meetings, PYM Annual Sessions, and worship at Camp Onas. Outreach portion covered Wrightstown MM yard sale, Outreach Meeting at Wrightstown, Grange Fair, upcoming Peace Fair, and attendance at the PYM Development Visioning Session on May 23rd. A change at the Quaker Tent at the Grange Fair for next year is that the tile activity done at the Quaker Tent can no longer be completed using the currant fixative. While there was some discussion, no completely satisfactory solution was found. The report also contained an account of the phone calls received by Holly accusing Quakers of being against Israel.

Solebury Monthly Meeting Annual Report Highlights included outreach to Young Adult Friends, completion of another year of First Day school with the assistance of paid coordinator Betsy Cotton, annual Pancake breakfast with funds raised going to Mercer Street Friends, and Educational Fund assistance given to children to attend Quaker schools. Current membership is around 150.

Ad Hoc Working Group on Smaller Meetings in the Quarter The group was set up in response to the issues raised after the Clerks Annual Report at last Quarterly Meeting. They have met once and decided that they would reach out to meetings in the Quarter that have requested support and set up meetings with them to see what their specific issues and needs are.

Southampton Monthly Meeting Annual Report Highlights included the statistics that make Southampton one of the smaller meetings and the number of programs provided despite their small size. A highlight of the year was the Prayer Meeting for Racial Justice held following the shootings in Charleston which brought in persons from the community. The report noted that the few members are struggling with the large responsibility of caring for the property and are exploring ways of divesting themselves of this property while continuing as a meeting.

Bucks Food For Friends Annual Report BFFF is its 8th year. There are now 24 houses of worship providing meals every month as a direct result of the first BFFF meal. The latest dinner fed over seventy people. Additional volunteers are always needed.

Middletown Monthly Meeting Annual Report Highlights of some of the work done this past year included the renting of the schoolhouse on the property by the Bucks Learning Co-Operative. First Day School continues to grow. The Outreach Committee's Speaker Series has been very successful. A verbal report was provided of the Memorial Program held following the shootings in Charlestown with a march that went from the meetinghouse to the Peace Center to the AME Church.

Wrightstown Monthly Meeting Annual Report Of note are three themes: Spiritual Vitality, Outreach and Physical Improvement and summarized her report along these themes. Spiritual Vitality is expressed by the quality of worship and by the Spiritual Exploration Group that meets once a month, Outreach is greatly helped by the First Day School program which has 20-30 children most weeks, and the physical improvement most notable is the repaving of the entire Meetinghouse and Nursery School Drive while decreasing impervious surface by 10%

After announcement, Business Meeting ended with a period of silent worship at 3:20 p.m.

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