



Quakerphernalia

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

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NOVEMBER 2018

- Nov 2 6pm Annual Auction - Middletown Meetinghouse
Nov 3-4 PYM Middle School Friends Fall Gathering
Nov 3 9am PYM Continuing Sessions - Arch Street Meetinghouse, Phila.
Nov 3 PYM Young Friends at Continuing Sessions - YoungFriends@pym.org
Nov 3 6pm Games Night - Makefield Meetinghouse
Nov 7 & 21 7pm Yardley Meeting Gun Violence Prevention Meeting - All are Welcome to Participate
Nov 8 7pm BQ Oversight Committee Meets - Buckingham Meetinghouse
Nov 11 6pm Camp Onas Board Meeting _ Wrightstown Meeting Social Hall
Nov 18 9:30am Quarterly Meeting - Yardley Meetinghouse
Nov 19 6pm Bucks Food For Friends - Fallsington Meetinghouse
Nov 22 9:30am Thanksgiving Meeting for Worship - Plumstead Meetinghouse
Nov 27 7pm BQ Outreach Committee Meeting - Pennswood Village

Looking Ahead

- Dec 26 Yardley Meeting - Red Cross Blood Drive
Jan 4-6 PYM Young Adult Friends Winter Retreat
Jan 20 1pm-4:30pm Friendly Decision Making; A Curious Thing with Arthur Larrabee - Buckingham Meetinghouse
Feb 17 Quarterly Meeting - Buckingham Meetinghouse
May 19 Quarterly Meeting - Doylestown

Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:

**November ~ Wrightstown December ~ Buckingham January ~ Doylestown
Worship 11:00****Arrive 10:45**

**Quarterly Meeting for Worship, Fellowship, and Business
Yardley Friends Meetinghouse ~ 65 North Main Street, Yardley PA
Sunday, November 18, 9:30AM - 3:00 PM
Join Friends and Share Your Light**

Don't forget your hand crafted items to donate to Friendly Crafters (and your money).

9:30: Registration and Refreshments

10:00: Worship

11:00: Adult Program - Ending Gun Violence: The Next Quaker Revolution: The Yardley Meeting Gun Violence Prevention Committee will provide the presentation. They will share some of the knowledge they have gained in the past year about this very relevant topic.

The presentation will start with a short introduction to the committee's initial focus and goals. They will discuss a few specific gun safety issues, which will then lead into sharing information about the many gun violence prevention organizations that exist. The committee will also point out the best places to find useful information and ideas within these organizations for your further exploration.

The focus will also include thoughts on the ingredients of successful social advocacy campaigns and how they could be applied to gun advocacy efforts, touching on ways that Friends can adapt to their own Meetings. They will wrap up with a rousing and inspiring brainstorming session that will touch on ways that Friends can adapt these ideas in their Meetings, and to their own vocal ministry in their communities and with their elected leaders.

10:00 to Noon: Children's Program - As the adult program focuses on the issue of gun violence and what we can do about eradicating it, the children's program will explore the roots of conflict and non-violent conflict resolution.

The program will begin with an introduction to the concept of conflict, with examples of conflicts in its many forms, explore Quaker testimonies and introduce the concepts of the conflict escalator and non-violent conflict resolution. Examples of conflicts from Biblical times and Quaker history will be presented, providing ample discussion of the underlying roots of conflict and ideas on positive resolutions, and how love, kindness, and compassion play a vital role in resolving conflicts.

The children will then be challenged to come up with "modern day" stories of conflict from their own lives, and give examples of how their conflicts could be resolved using the principles of de-escalation and Quaker teachings talked about earlier in the program.

Lots of fun and games for business meeting time will be available – including outside games if the weather is nice!

Noon: Lunch provided by our Yardley Friends

1-3PM: Business Session: We will hear from our Newtown and Plumstead Friends also our Treasurer, Budget and Nominating, Coordinator, Friends Camp Assoc. (Onas) and Bucks Quarter Peace Fair.

**PHILADELPHIA YEARLY MEETING
CONTINUING SESSIONS**

November 3, 9:00AM

This is our community's time to gather, do Quaker business, share skills, and build strategic relationships that grow our Faith and Practice. There is no cost to attend as an adult. Friends are invited to bring their own lunch. Youth programs will have food provided. Co-located programming for children, youth, and young adults will help network Friends across four states and 102 monthly meetings in meaningful ways. Held at historic Arch Street Meeting House, 320 Arch St, Philadelphia, PA, Continuing Sessions usually begins at 9 AM and ends by 4 PM. As we get closer to November 3, additional information will be made available.

**MIDDLETOWN MEETING ANNUAL
SUPPER AND AUCTION
AND YOU ARE INVITED!**

Join Middletown Friends for their annual supper and auction on **November 2nd beginning at 6PM.** There will be craft items, homemade delicacies, certificates for restaurants and a Smokey Mountain get-away.

There will also be items for children to bid on.

For more info contact Robin Hipple
robin.hipple@gmail.com

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**THICH NHAT HANH MEDITATION GROUP
SEEKS MEMBERS**

Old Path Sangha, a mindfulness meditation group that practices in the tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh seeks new members. **OPS meets the second Wednesday of each month from 7-9pm at Solebury Friends Meeting education building. The remaining dates for 2018 are: November 14, December 12.** Everyone is welcome and each session includes silent meditation, inspirational reading, chanting, walking mindfully, and mindful discussion. For more information contact Valerie Brown at ValerieBrown95@gmail.com or www.leadsmartcoaching.com

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**Bucks Quarter's
Worship Schedule for
2018-19 Chandler Hall
2018**

**November - Wrightstown
December - Buckingham
2019**

**January - Doylestown
February - Fallsington
March - Middletown
April - Newtown
May - Solebury
June - Wrightstown
July - Buckingham
August - Doylestown
September - Fallsington
October - Middletown**

BERKS DETENTION CENTER

Mary Starrs of Buckingham Meeting would like everyone to know about the monthly third Sunday vigils held at 3:30 to shut down the Berks Detention Center.

The vigil is organized and supported by the Shutdown Berks and Berks Interfaith groups and Reading Meeting. Many other divergent groups interested in justice for the immigrants families also attend. Many individuals come with signs some take to the microphone, all have energy and purpose. Participants raise their voices in peaceful singing so those behind the brick walls may hear and know that there are people who care.

The last time Mary was at Berks, with others from the Doylestown Immigrant Rights group and some members of Doylestown Meeting she was asked by a Reading Friend if members of Bucks Quarter would be interested in attending one Sunday.

Perhaps your meeting's Peace and Service Committee would put together a group of Friends and join others on the third Sunday of the month.

If you are interested in participating in a vigil at Berks, contact Holly Olson hollybqc@verizon.net for Mary's contact information.

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

MEMOIR WRITING GROUP

If you want to make a difference consider our Memoir writing group. The group meets at Friends Village the second and fourth Thursdays with a writing coach on the first Thursdays.

The pen is mightier than the sword.

For more info: Judith Solt judtsolt2@gmail.com or 215-968-2897.

331 Lower Dolington Rd - Newtown

**PYM MIDDLE SCHOOL FRIENDS
FALL GATHERING**

Middle School Friends at Fall Continuing Sessions:
November 3-4

Meet us at Continuing Sessions at Arch Street on Saturday, November 3, and stay for the night at a local meeting. This is a great gathering for first-time participants to get a feel for MSF, and for Friends with busy fall schedules! We will have games, snacks, crafts, and fellowship, as well as an opportunity to participate in intergenerational activities at Continuing Sessions!

Contact Elizabeth Croce for more information
Middle School Friends Program Facilitator

MiddleSchoolFriends@pym.org 215-241-7171

AT THE WELL

December 7-9 at Stony Point Center, NY

At the Well is a weekend-long gathering for Friends in public ministry who identify as women (cisgender and trans), trans men, genderqueer, non-binary, and all gender expansive identities. At the Well aspires to witness to the particularity of callings laid upon participants' hearts by providing a venue for Spirit to knit together a blessed community of connection, support, mentoring, restoration, and passion. The weekend will include times of worship, worship sharing in small groups, workshops, multiple participant-led offerings, socialization, rest, and renewal. An optional 24 hour pre-gathering will offer participants space for self-led sabbatical time or guided discernment program. Learn more and register:

quakersatthewell.wordpress.com

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

Clerk: Rick Dow (Lehigh Valley) **Recording Clerk:** David Rose (Lehigh Valley)

Roll Call of Meeting:

Bristol: 0, Buckingham: 0, Doylestown:0, Fallsington: 0, Lehigh Valley: 2, Makefield: 6, Middletown:3, Newtown: 0, Plumstead: 0, Quakertown: 0, Solebury2, Southampton: 1, Wrightstown: 2, Yardley: 3

Minutes for May Quarterly Meeting approved with a few corrections:

Stories of Vitality and Growth

- **Solebury Meeting** is considering inviting Congressional Candidates to come for an event that would be a community building activity, rather than a debate
- **Southampton** has one new member and an attender interested in revitalizing and growth. Meeting is again having worship on every First Day.
- **Middletown:** On October 6th, at 1:00 pm the Meeting is hosting an event where memorial markers will be placed on free black and slave grave sites located on the Meeting grounds.
- **Makefield:** September 23rd, the International Day of Peace, the Meeting will have a Peace Pole Dedication ceremony.

Coordinator's Report presented by Quarter Coordinator Holly Olson (Middletown) which provided the following updates.

- **Inreach:** Trip to Trenton Thunder Baseball Game, Closing Retreat for the Spiritual Formation Group, Spiritual Care Breakfast at Chandler Hall
- **Outreach:** Will be taking a Facebook training for Friends in September, Peace Fair is coming up on September 22nd, Friendly Decision Making on Jan. 29th, Gospel of Thomas presentation on Oct. 28th, and meeting the new Head of Buckingham Friends School.
- **Misc:** PYM Quaker Life Council is impressed by the Annual Reports from BQ meetings and will encourage other meetings to do the same.

Discussion and Sharing about the Listening Sessions at PYM Annual Session: Friends shared their experiences from attending the PYM Annual Sessions. One Friend felt that tensions around racial issues were easing and another felt they were just as strong as in the past. Friends heard about the Listening Sessions and the reflection from the clerk of Multicultural Audit Steering Committee.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Ed Snyder (Yardley MM) reviewed Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual for past fiscal year. He noted that the approved budget factored in a loss of \$4,338.00 to bring down starting balance but due to contributions being greater than expected this past fiscal year, the year ended with a surplus.

Middletown Friends Annual Report given by Jess Walcott, Clerk: A listing of past activities and events is given in the report with current membership at 93 members. Instead of reviewing the report, a question was asked: What are you most excited about? Response: Upcoming Memorial Service for the enslaved Africans buries on the property. Question asked: What is your vision for the future? Response: More events like the ones that we are doing that bring people together in Community.

Yardley Friends Annual Report given by Ed Snyder for Clerk Linda Jacobs. He noted that the Compassion Pot Lucks are continuing, the Christmas celebration, usually held on Christmas Eve, has been changed to the another night close to Christmas due to low attendance, Gun Violence Committee meeting every other week.

Yardley Ad Hoc Gun Violence Prevention Committee report given by Peg Smedley (Yardley MM) Committee meets every other Wednesday. Installation of memorial in front of Meetinghouse consisting of fifty-eight T-Shirts listing names of victims of gun homicides in Bucks County to be held Sep. 9th, and special events around gun control.

United Friends School Annual Report: Nancy Donnelly Head of School and member of Unami Meeting, gave the report. School focus this year on the Stewardship Testimony and the Diversity Topic of Immigration. She summarized the schools education guideline as two basic beliefs: *1. Each human being has a Divine spark of light through which a greater spiritual wisdom can be experientially accessed and 2. Truth seeking is a process of continuing revelation from multiple perspectives within a gathers community.*

Southampton Monthly Meeting Annual Report: Carolyn Peters-Eckel, Clerk gave the report. Meeting for Worship is again now held every Sunday at 10 am. Meeting will be installing a new sign as part of an effort to reach out into the surrounding communities. Much of the work of this small meeting of eight members involves the upkeep of the building and grounds. A highlight of the past year was a visit to the Ujima Friends Peace Center in Philadelphia.

Bucks Food for Friends: No presentation given. Holly answered questions regarding current state of the program. There are now around 30 churches involved.

Wrightstown Friends Annual Report given by Betsy Bayardi, Clerk. Current Adult membership is 187. Of special note is the Spiritual Exploration Group (SEG) which meets every third Sunday of the month and discusses a wide variety of topics. Another community strengthening event are "Meet and Eat" potlucks on first Sunday. Nursery School is almost fully enrolled for coming school year.

Solebury Annual Report given by David Smith, Clerk. Meeting reports 104 Adult members. Meeting is considering to host a Candidates night to focus on the topic of Community Building. Asked for ideas on how to host candidates without it becoming a debate.

Meeting closed with a period of silent gathering at 2:55 PM.

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