



Quakerphernalia



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

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December 2008

Our Monthly Meetings Welcome Everyone to the Christmas Events Listed Below

- Dec 3 7:30pm Bucks Quarter Singing Group Meets at Makefield Meeting
- Dec 13 10:45am 49th Annual Peace Pilgrimage from Nazareth to Bethlehem (PA) ~ (See Article)
- Dec 13 7pm Candle Light Meeting for Worship at Buckingham Meeting
- Dec 17 7:00pm Bucks Quarter Singing Group Meets at Friends Village
- Dec 15 1-3pm Creative Hands at Wrightstown Meeting ~ Pauline Biggs 215-860-5554
- Dec 21 7:00pm Candle Light Carol Sing at Wrightstown Meeting a Tradition since 1941
- Dec 18 1:30 Friends Home & Village Board Meeting at Friends Home
- Dec 21 11:00am Harp Music during Meeting for Worship at Middletown Meeting
- Dec 21 7:15pm Candle Light Meeting for Worship and Caroling at Southampton Meeting
- Dec 21 5:30-8pm Peace & Light Celebration at Richland Meeting ~ Food, Singing, Candle Light Worship
- Dec 24 4:30pm Programmed Meeting for Worship at Lehigh Valley Meeting
- Dec 24 7pm Candle Light Worship at Middletown Meeting
- Dec 24 7pm Candle Light Worship at Yardley Meeting
- Dec 24 7:30pm Candle Light Worship and Caroling at Plumstead Meeting
- Dec 31 7pm Candle Light Worship at Middletown Meeting

Looking Ahead

Jan. 1 Noon ~ 2PM New Year's Day Skating Party (See Article)

Jan 13 - 17: Heeding God's Call: A Gathering on Peace ~ Arch Street Meetinghouse (See Article)

Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:

December ~ Solebury January ~ Wrightstown February ~ Yardley

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

ANNUAL BUCKS QUARTER SKATING PARTY

NEW YEARS DAY ~ NOON TO 2PM

Don't be left out in the cold or inside with nothing to do, come inside! Join Bucks and Abington Quarter Friends and our Friendly school children and parents as we skate, smile and stumble. Come enjoy the decades long tradition of the Annual Skating Party, the fellowship and great fun for the entire family.

Since many Friends will be up late welcoming the new year, we will not begin until noon, so you'll have plenty of time to sleep in and still get to the party!

\$8 Adults, \$5 Children 14 and under.

Includes Skate Rentals

Face Off Circle address:

1185 York Road, Warminster, PA 18974.

Telephone 215-674-1345.

Call Holly Olson for more information:

215-860-9747

See enclosed flier

for posting on your fridge!!

Brings your friends!!

BUCKINGHAM MEETING FILM SERIES

On Wednesday, December 10th at 7:30 pm, Buckingham Meeting will continue its film series with, "War Made Easy: How Presidents & Pundits Keep Spinning Us to Death." This is a "trenchant compelling analysis of the repeated cycles of propaganda used by the U.S. government to drive the nation into war." This film is free and open to the public with refreshments and discussion following.

5864 York Road Lahaska, PA 215-794-7299

www.buckinghamfriendsmeeting.org

REMINDER

- ◆ Homeless shelters
- ◆ Orphanages
- ◆ Blood drives
- ◆ Meal Programs for
- ◆ Food Pantries
- ◆ Local Coat Drives
- ◆ Local Blanket Drives
- ◆ Pet Shelters

Please remember the less fortunate this holiday season and help out in any way that you can.

PEACE VIGILS AND MEDITATIONS

Doylestown: Tuesdays at State & Main Sts 6-7pm

Newtown Meeting: 2nd Tuesdays, 7pm

Newtown: Mondays at Routes 332 & 413 5-6pm

CAROLING AT PLUMSTEAD MEETING

Please join Plumstead Friends on **Christmas Eve at 7:30**, for their annual candle light caroling. This event is very dear to many Bucks Quarter Friends. Plumstead Friends will be collecting non-perishables on Christmas Eve for their local food pantry. Please give as generously as you can. Reminder...wood stove heat ~ dress warmly.

RING OUT, WILD BELLS

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care, the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes,
But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

~ Alfred, Lord Tennyson

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT QUAKER WORK

Bucks Quarterly Meeting is looking for donations to support our delegate, Kathy Harr to the Peace Conference this January.

Kathy will be attending the four day conference which will be held January 13 through 17, 2009 at the Arch Street meetinghouse in Philadelphia. Please send your contributions to Karen Shaudys, BQM Treasurer, 871 Dolington Road Newtown, PA 18940 Please note "Peace Conference" in the memo.

QUAKER QUEST COMMITTEE OF BUCKS QUARTER

Is greater growth of the Religious Society of Friends an important part of your life? If so, Friends would like to form a Quarter Quaker Quest Committee. Please contact Holly Olson, if you're interested.

CAMP ONAS NEEDS A TRUCK

Can you help Camp Onas? Camp Onas, a Quaker camp serving children from the PA, NJ and NY region, is seeking the donation of a full-size (ie: 8 foot bed), road worthy pickup truck to maintain camp operations.

Your donation is tax deductible.

Please contact **Sue Neiger Gould** at 610-847-5858 or by email at friends@camponas.org.

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A CELEBRATION OF THANKSGIVING

Sarah, Nabaa, Ahmed, Nadia, and Issam Al Azawee
The group of Bucks Quarter Monthly Meetings that hosted and supported this beautiful family will meet at the home of Issam, Nadia, Nabaa, Ahmed and Sarah on November 23 to wish the family well and note the passing of one year from their first meeting to commit to the project and six months from their arrival to the job offer and move to Paoli.

Congratulations Friends, God's work well done!
Blessings to dear Issam and his family!

49TH ANNUAL NAZARETH TO BETHLEHEM PEACE PILGRIMAGE

Walk the Road of Peace **Saturday, December 13, 2008**. For almost 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, provides all of us, those who walk, those who pass us 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. Come, walk with your family and friends, and make new friends who seek a more peaceful world. If you are concerned about your ability to complete the walk, please know that there are frequent rest stops and relief transportation.

It's 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 singing, we'll walk a little farther to the Christ United Church of Christ for a simple supper. After supper, guest speaker, Janet Chisholm, Peace, Justice and Training Coordinator at Kirkridge Retreat and Study Center and a lifetime worker for Peace. Her presentation is entitled "Walking Away from Fear."

Schedule: We will **gather at 10:45am** in the parking lot at 520 E. Broad Street, Bethlehem. Buses will transport pilgrims to Nazareth Moravian Church on Center Square where the pilgrimage will begin.

For more information:

Fran Dreisbach at 610-258-7313 or
Rick Dow at 610-865-5204.

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HEEDING GOD'S CALL A GATHERING ON PEACE

Planning for "Heeding God's Call" -- the peace gathering in Philadelphia that has become a joint effort of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, the Church of the Brethren and the Mennonite Church USA -- has been proceeding in exciting directions.

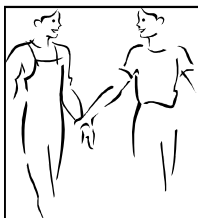
Noted author and activist Dr. Vincent Harding will be with the Gathering along with Elaine Kirkland, M.Div, United Church of Christ. It is planned that they will address delegates each day of the Gathering.

Two community organizers, Ched Myers and Alexie Torres Fleming, will speak to the work of the Spirit in their lives as they have been led to the work of peace building in their communities and beyond. Thirty workshops will explore six different scriptural calls.

Worship will occur throughout the Gathering. Morning worships will be led by Colin Saxton of Northwest Yearly Meeting; Rabbis Phyllis Berman and Arthur Waskow of the Shalom Center; and Bishop Gayle Harris of the Episcopal Church Massachusetts diocese.

On Saturday, January 17, the Gathering will expand to include people of faith from around the Delaware Valley. Our expectation is that approximately 2,000 people will participate. Morning programs will take place at multiple faith communities. After a simple lunch, all will gather at the church called Holy Ghost Headquarters ("the Met") at 858 North Broad Street for a concluding plenary session, cumulating with a public witness.

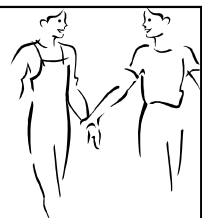
Information on the peace gathering will be mailed to Friends Meetings and available online at www.peacegathering2009.org.



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