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

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December 2009

Our Monthly Meetings Welcome Everyone to the Christmas Events Listed Below

- Dec 6 4-7pm "Community Building in Tough Times" Workshop at Newtown Meeting
- Dec 9 7:00pm Bucks Quarter Singing Group Meets at Friends Village
- Dec 9 7:30pm Buckingham Meetings Film Series Presents, "Brothers Keeper"
- Dec 12 10:45am 50th Annual Peace Pilgrimage from Nazareth to Bethlehem (PA) ~ (See Article)
- Dec 12 7pm Candle Light Meeting for Worship at Buckingham Meeting
- Dec 17 1:30 Friends Home & Village Board Meeting at Friends Home
- Dec 20 11:00am Harp Music during Meeting for Worship at Middletown Meeting
- Dec 20 8:30-10am Christmas Pancake Breakfast at Buckingham Meeting
- Dec 20 7:15pm Candle Light Meeting for Worship and Caroling at Southampton Meeting
- Dec 20 7:30pm Candle Light Carol Sing at Wrightstown Meeting a Tradition since 1941
- Dec 20 5:30-8pm Peace & Light Celebration at Richland Meeting ~ Food, Singing, Candle Light Worship
- Dec 21 1-3pm Creative Hands at Wrightstown Meeting ~ Pauline Biggs 215-860-5554
- 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 7:00pm Candle Light Worship at Newtown 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)

Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:

December ~ Buckingham January ~ Doylestown February ~ Fallsington

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 or email Holly Olson for more info:

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See enclosed flier for posting on your fridge!!

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SKATING PARTY GIFT CERTIFICATES

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Name (s) _____

Adults _____

Children _____

Total amount enclosed _____

CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP AT BUCKINGHAM MEETING

On **Saturday, Dec. 12th**, there is the Candlelight Service at Buckingham Friends Mtg. at 7:00pm, followed by a reception at Katherine Kay/Robert Roop's home. All are welcome. Directions will be provided.

HARPIST AT MIDDLETOWN MEETING

Harpist Joanna Mell will perform during a semi-programmed worship on **December 20th** at Middletown Friends Meeting.

CAROLING AT PLUMSTEAD MEETING

Please join Plumstead Friends on **Christmas Eve** at **7:30**, for their annual candle light caroling. Plumstead Friends will be collecting non-perishables on Christmas Eve for the Pennridge FISH food pantry. Please give as generously as you can. Reminder...wood stove heat ~ dress warmly.



- ◆ **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.

YOGA CLASSES AT NEWTOWN MEETING

Weekly yoga classes are offered at Newtown Meeting House on **Saturdays at 8:30 am**. The instructor, Jim Whitmoyer, has over 10 years experience as a Hatha Yoga teacher, and imbues each class with a theme which evokes a positive attitude for the practice and our lives in general. Classes are open to all; no prior experience is necessary. There is no charge, although small a donation to the Meeting House is humbly requested.

For more information, contact Jim at 215-968-0927, or jim.whitmoyer@verizon.net

BUCKINGHAM MEETING PRESENTS FILM SERIES

Wednesday, December 9 7:30PM

Brothers Keeper

A small NY town was the center of one of the most celebrated and bizarre murder trials in U.S. history. Four eccentric brothers shared the same dilapidated two-room shack for over 60 years and had virtually no contact with the outside world--until one was found dead in the bed he shared with his brother. One brother "confessed" to suffocating his ailing brother as an act of mercy. But was an uneducated hermit with a low IQ an innocent victim of police abuse, or was it a mercy killing--or was there another motive? This is a real-life murder mystery as suspenseful and compelling as any Hollywood whodunit. 105 min.

Free Admission

Refreshments and Discussion After Each Film

Buckingham Friends Meeting House

5864 York Road, Lahaska For more information, go to www.buckinghamfriendsmeeting.org or call 215-794-5816

OXFAM HUNGER BANQUET AT BUCKINGHAM FRIENDS SCHOOL

On **December 4th at 6pm**, Buckingham Friends School in cooperation with the area Meetings is sponsoring an Oxfam Hunger Banquet to help raise awareness about hunger and the distribution of wealth in the world. Questions such as "What is a normal meal for the majority of people around the world?" will be addressed. Participants are served a simple meal that reflects access to food around the world. The Hunger Banquet is designed to inform participants about the daily reality of the world's population in terms of food resources.

Attendance is \$5/person. Please R.S.V.P. to: 215-794-7491

Proceeds are going to Oxfam USA.

Food and additional monetary donations at the event are appreciated. Food donations will go local food banks.

LIVES PASSING

Makefield Friends suffer the loss of **Hannah Hollister**. Newtown Friends suffer the loss of **Elizabeth Applebaum**. Solebury Friends suffer the loss of **William Tinsman, Sr.**, who passed on October 28th.

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

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST
AT BUCKINGHAM MEETING**

Buckingham's annual Pancake Breakfast will be held in the school on December 20th from 8:30-10:00 am, followed by Worship and the children's Christmas pageant after Worship. All are welcome. There is no charge. Please pass the word to Buckingham Friends School alum, as they are welcome to come too.

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As Bucks Food For Friends closes the 2009 year, they give thanks to the following people and organizations for their contributions as of the printing of this publication:

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"Don't ask what the world needs. Rather ask - what makes you come alive? Then go and do it! Because what the world needs is people who have come alive."

Rev. Howard Thurman (1899-1981) USA

ELDER CARE SUPPORT GROUP

Beginning the Wednesday, the 28th of October at 7:30 PM Friends who are concerned about issues of elder care giving are invited to come to the Newtown Friends Meetinghouse. Five consecutive Wednesday sessions will initiate the formation of the Elder Care Support Group. Each session will begin with a brief topical presentation by a local expert and will be followed by a group discussion. Please come and join us if this issue is important in your life. For further information call Rosanne at 215-322-5902

COMMUNITY BUILDING IN TOUGH TIMES

You're invited to a special event dedicated to the Power of Community on **December 6th from 4-7pm**. Are you facing challenges during these financial times; job and career setbacks, financial worries, stress—they all take a toll. Join your peers at **Newtown Friends meetinghouse** to give and receive support, strength - problem solve through networking, expert advice and uplifting conversation. 219 Court Street, Newtown, PA 18940
For more information, contact Betsy Crofts at clerk@newtownfriendsmeeting.org

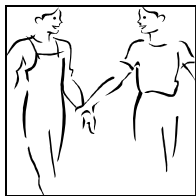
**50th ANNUAL NAZARETH TO BETHLEHEM
PEACE PILGRIMAGE**

SATURDAY , DECEMBER 12

Walk the Road of Peace For 50 years, people have been gathering to walk from Nazareth to Bethlehem. This pilgrimage, symbolic of the journey of Mary and Joseph, provides those who walk, those who pass by on the highway and those who just read about it in the Sunday paper, with an opportunity to think about what Christmas really means. If you are concerned about your ability to complete the walk, there are frequent rest stops and relief transportation.

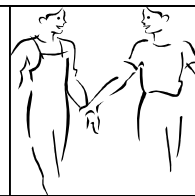
More than a Walk If you cannot walk a portion of the pilgrimage, consider participating in the related events; Traditional hymn singing in the heart of historic Bethlehem, simple supper and guest speaker at the Christ United Church of Christ at Market & Center Streets. The speaker will be, the Rev. James A. Forbes, Jr. Rev. Forbes is President and Founder of the Healing of the Nations Foundation of New York and Senior Minister Emeritus of the Riverside Church. His presentation is entitled: Get on the Path and Stay on the Path.

A 10:45A Buses begin leaving 520 E. Broad Street (Bechtel Building, Bethlehem for Nazareth.). **B. 12:00P** Pilgrimage begins at Moravian Church, Nazareth. **C. 1:15** Rest stop, Trinity Lutheran Church, on Rt. #191 just north of Steuben Rd. **D. 2:30** Rest stop, First Baptist Church, on Rt. #191 between Oakland Rd. and Johnson Drive. **E. 3:30** Light candles, First Church of the Nazarene, 1500 Linden St., Bethlehem. **F. 4:30** Singing Christmas Carols at the Central Moravian Church steps. **G. 5:30** Supper, Christ United Church of Christ, Market & Center Streets. **Register** at www.Peacewalk.org/Registration and include the names of all people coming with you. You are welcome to come even if you have not preregistered. You may join at any point along the way, **times listed above are approximate**. Dress appropriately for the weather; we walk in sun, wind, rain or snow. Persons desiring overnight lodging or for more information, call Fran Dreisbach at 610-258-7313, or the Lehigh County Conference of Churches, 534 Chew St., Allentown, PA 18102, 610-433-6421 or visit our website: www.peacewalk.org.



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