

Quakerphernalia

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

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DECEMBER 2010

Our Monthly Meetings Welcome Everyone to the Christmas Events Listed Below

- Dec 9 7:00pm Bucks Quarter Singing Group Meets at Friends Village
- Dec 8 7:30pm Buckingham Meeting Film Series Presents, **Food, Inc.**
- Dec 11 10:45am 51st Annual Peace Pilgrimage from Nazareth to Bethlehem (PA) ~ *(See Article)*
- Dec 17 7pm Candle Light Meeting for Worship at Buckingham Meeting
- Dec 16 1:30 Friends Home & Village Board Meeting at Friends Home
- Dec 19 11:00am Harp Music during Meeting for Worship at Middletown Meeting
- Dec 19 7:30pm Candle Light Meeting for Worship and Caroling at Southampton Meeting
- Dec 19 7:30pm Candle Light Carol Sing at Wrightstown Meeting a Tradition since 1941
- Dec 20 1-3pm Creative Hands at Wrightstown Meeting ~ Pauline Biggs 215-860-5554
- Dec 20 6pm Bucks Food For Friends at Fallsington Meetinghouse
- Dec 21 National Homeless Day
- 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

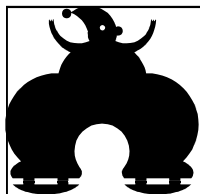
Jan. 1 Noon ~ 2PM New Year's Day Skating Party (See Below)

Jan 23 2-4pm Understanding Islam and Muslim Americans—Doylestown Friends Meeting

Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:

December ~ Makefield January ~ Middletown February ~ Newtown

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

**Bucks Co. Ice Sports Center (Formerly 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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SKATING PARTY GIFT CERTIFICATES

Want to treat that special someone to skating?

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Newtown, PA 18940

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Adults _____ Children _____ Total amount enclosed _____

ATTENTION QUAKER PARENTS!!

Are you comfortable enough in your Quaker skin to raise Quaker children with joy and confidence? Would you like support in this area? Then plan to attend the Quaker Parenting workshop brought to Bucks Quarter by the Quaker Parenting Initiative (QPI) and led by Harriet Heath.

Quakerism has much to offer parents as parents search to nurture their children towards responsible adulthood.

* Our Quaker faith has beliefs that can support parents' efforts. The belief for instance that a Way will open supports parents as they see their child experimenting in unhealthy behaviors. The belief in continuing revelation keeps parents trying to stay open to understanding this child they love so well.

* The Testimonies set guides for our parenting. How to live simply in a society based on materialism? Does the Peace Testimony hold any meaning to how we interact with each other within the family?

* And Quaker practices offer parents so much. Just using queries rather than "shoulds" encourages parents to think through what they want for their children.

These are some of the Quaker strengths we will explore with parents in our discussion sessions as parents pursue their own individual issues. Parents attending the series learn about Quakerism and/or become more aware of the meaning of our faith for our everyday lives.

The web site, www.quakerparenting.org has other information about what the Quaker Parenting Initiative has to offer parents.

The six sessions are scheduled to begin on **January 23rd and will run from 1-3pm** (bring a brown bag lunch) location to be determined. The total cost for the workshop is \$600 divided by the number of attendees. There will be childcare available and those providing childcare will be paid \$10 per hour (please let Holly Olson know if your teen is led to provide child care).

REKNOWN HARPIST TO PLAY AT MIDDLETOWN

As has been the tradition for decades, Middletown Meeting will have harp music during worship on the Sunday preceding Christmas (**19th**).

Joanna Mell has been the harpist for many of those years and she been performing in the East Coast Metropolitan area for over 25 years. Joanna has been a featured performer at the Philadelphia Irish Festival, the Celtic Classic, Bethlehem Musikfest, the Minstrel Coffeehouse, and other Celtic festivals on the East Coast. She is also a composer of Celtic songs and tunes.

You're invited to join Middletown Friends as they worship on December 19th along with this wonderful musician and her music.

YOU'RE INVITED !!! MOVIE NIGHT NEWTOWN MEETING (for 5th graders and up)

December 31 - 6:00-8:30pm the movie will be **E.T.** (parents please join in for this New Years Eve movie to begin your celebration!). Admission is free; bring \$5 for pizza and drinks. Friends of Friends are welcome. RSVP to Melanie Parry 267-987-0538. Parent/grandparent volunteers are always welcome, necessary, and appreciated.

CAROLING AT PLUMSTEAD MEETING

Please join Plumstead Friends on **Christmas Eve at 7:30**, for their annual candle light caroling.

Reminder...wood stove heat ~ dress in layers.

BUCKINGHAM MEETING FILM SERIES PRESENTS

Wednesday, December 8, 7:30PM

Food, Inc.

Drawing on Eric Schlosser's *Fast Food Nation* and Michael Pollan's *The Omnivore's Dilemma*, director Robert Kenner's Oscar-nominated documentary explores the food industry's detrimental effects on our health and environment. Kenner spotlights the men and women who are working to reform an industry rife with monopolies, questionable interpretations of laws and subsidies, political ties and rising rates of *E. coli* outbreaks. 94 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

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

YOGA AT BUCKINGHAM MEETING

In exchange for any donation of money or canned goods to New Britain Food Larder, you can enjoy an hour of gentle yoga guided by Lucy on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. Bring either a sticky mat or large towel and wear comfortable clothing. Buckingham Friends School, Route 202 & 263, Lahaska, PA. Drop in or let me know you're coming at 215.262.4633 or LMDUBAS@gmail.com. www.yogabylucy.com Explore the wisdom, beauty and health benefits of yoga.

REMINDER

- ◆ Homeless shelters
 - ◆ Blood drives
 - ◆ Food Pantries
 - ◆ Coat Drives
 - Orphanages
 - Meal Programs
 - Blanket Drives
 - Animal Shelters
- Please remember the less fortunate this holiday season and help out in any way that you can.**



LIVES PASSING

Lehigh Valley Friends suffer the loss of **Betty Nebel**.

BUCKS FOOD FOR FRIENDS GIVES THANKS

As Bucks Food For Friends closes the 2010 year, they give thanks to the following people and organizations for their contributions as of the printing of this publication:

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Newtown, PA 18940

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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

51st ANNUAL NAZARETH TO BETHLEHEM PEACE PILGRIMAGE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

Walk the Road of Peace For 51 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 Christmas Carols at the Central Moravian Church steps, simple supper and guest speaker at the Christ United Church of Christ at Market & Center Streets. This year's speaker will be, Nancy Tate, Coordinator of LEPOCO, one of the oldest continuously active peace groups in the Northeast and the Nation. Nancy's presentation will be titled, ***WE HAVE ONLY BEGUN: REFLECTIONS ON OUR WORK FOR PEACE!***

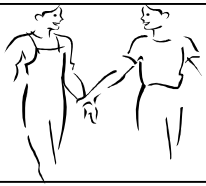
A. 10:45 Buses begin leaving 520 E. Broad Street (Bechtel Building, Bethlehem for Nazareth.). **B. 12:00P** Pilgrimage begins at Moravian Church, Nazareth. **C. 1:30** Rest stop, Trinity Lutheran Church, on Rt. #191 just north of Steuben Rd. **D. 2:45** Rest stop, First Baptist Church, on Rt. #191 between Oakland Rd. and Johnson Drive. **E. 3:45** Light candles, First Church of the Nazarene, 1500 Linden St., Bethlehem. **F. 4:45** 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.

To my dear F/friends,

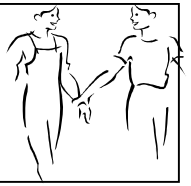
Another year has passed and I am ever more thankful to be in your service and your Light. I wish for you, your families and our greater human and animal families a deeper sense of peace and well being in 2011. There is great work to be done but there is always great work to be done...what else is God's work but great?! It's wonderful, it's fun, it's heavy and it's joyful, sometimes it's dirty and smelly and sometimes it's pure bliss. I wish you peace, love and light now, and for the coming year.

Yours in the Light and with love,
Holly Olson



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