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

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DECEMBER 2011

Our Monthly Meetings Welcome Everyone to the Christmas Events Listed Below

- Dec 2 7pm Buckingham Meeting Candle Light Worship
- Dec 6 11:30-1:30pm Friends Village Open House - Lunch Included RSVP 215-968-9222
- Dec 8 7:15pm BQ Singing Group at Friends Village
- Dec 9 7pm Carol Sing at Buckingham Meeting
- Dec 10 10:45am 51st Annual Peace Pilgrimage from Nazareth to Bethlehem (PA) ~ *(See Article)*
- Dec 15 1pm Friends Home and Village Board Meets at Friends Home
- Dec 18 11am Harpist Leslie Stickley During Worship at Middletown
- Dec 18 7:30pm Carol Sing at Wrightstown
- Dec 19 6pm Bucks Food For Friends
- Dec 20 7:30pm Southampton Meeting Candlelight Worship
- Dec 24 4:30pm Programmed Meeting for Worship at Lehigh Valley Meeting
- Dec 24 7pm Middletown Meeting Candle Light Worship
- Dec 24 7:00pm Newtown Meeting Candle Light Worship
- Dec 24 7:30pm Plumstead Meeting Light Worship and Caroling
- Dec 24 7pm Yardley Meeting Candle Light Worship
- Dec 31 7pm Middletown Meeting Candle Light Worship

Looking Ahead

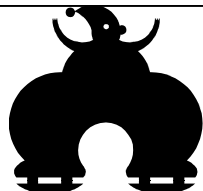
Jan. 1 Noon ~ 2PM New Year's Day Skating Party (See Below)

Jan 22 John Calvi Quaker Initiative to End Torture to Speak at Doylestown Meeting

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!

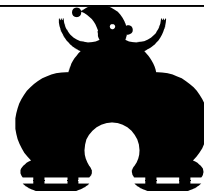
Join Bucks and Abington Quarter Friends and our Friendly school children and parents as we skate, smile and stumble. Come enjoy the decades long tradition of the Annual Skating Party, the fellowship and great fun for the entire family. Since many Friends will be up late welcoming the new year, we will 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

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SKATING PARTY GIFT CERTIFICATES

Want to treat that special someone to skating?

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Holly Olson

P.O. Box 4477 George School

Newtown, PA 18940

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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, the harpist for many of those years has moved to California. Middletown Friends invite you to worship and experience the music played by their new harpist, Leslie Stickley on **Sunday December 18th at 11:00AM.**

52nd ANNUAL NAZARETH TO BETHLEHEM PEACE PILGRIMAGE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10th

Walk the Road of Peace For 52 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 years speaker will be, Rev. Kelly Denton-Borhaug, Ph.D. Associated Professor and Chair of Religious Studies at Moravian College. She is the author of the newly released U.S. War-culture, Sacrifice and Salvation, London, Great Britain: Equinox, Sept.2011. Kelly's presentation will be titled, "**DE-ESCALATING U.S. WAR-CULTURE: A PRIMER FOR PEACE ACYIVISTS.**"

10:45 Buses begin leaving 520 E. Broad Street (Bechtel Building, Bethlehem for Nazareth.). **12:00P** Pilgrimage begins at Moravian Church, Nazareth. **1:30** Rest stop, Trinity Lutheran Church, on Rt. #191 just north of Steuben Rd. **2:45** Rest stop, First Baptist Church, on Rt. #191 between Oakland Rd. and Johnson Drive. **3:45** Light candles, College Hill Moravian, 72W. Laurel St (rear) Bethlehem **4:45** Singing Christmas Carols at the Central Moravian Church steps. **5:30** Supper and rally, 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; the walk takes place in sun, wind, rain or snow. For more information: www.peacewalk.org.

BUCKS QUARTER

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

Wednesday at Plumstead 8:30 AM

REMINDER

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

- ♦ Homeless shelters
- ♦ Blood drives
- ♦ Food Pantries
- ♦ Coat Drives
- Orphanages
- Meal Programs
- Blanket Drives
- Animal Shelters

Nineteenth Century

Quaker Benediction Traditionally

Spoken at Christmas

When the song of the angel is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the Kings and Princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their
flocks,

The real work of Christmas begins.

To find the lost

To heal the broken

To feed the hungry

To release the prisoners

To rebuild the nations

To bring peace among brothers

To make music in the heart.

BUCKS FOOD FOR FRIENDS GIVES THANKS

As Bucks Food For Friends closes the 2011 year, they give thanks to the following people and organizations for their contributions as of the printing of this publication:

Anonymous

11th Hour Bakers Resident Group - Chandler Hall

Timothy Dwyer

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Giant Foods at Summit Square, Newtown PA

Jenny and Irv Hollingshead

Makefield Friends Meeting

Middletown Friends Meeting

Ethel Quiring

Deborah Robinson & Steven Williamson

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Wrightstown Meeting

Zook's B.B.Q. Barn at

The Newtown Farmer's Market

Additional donations were given through pledges to the Walk Against Hunger. Phila Coalition Against Hunger

If you would like to make a tax deductible financial contribution to Bucks Food For Friends, you may do so, by sending your check to:

Rich Richardson

1 Atkinson Lane

Newtown, PA 18940

Your donation is deeply appreciated by all those involved.

BUCKINGHAM MEETING FILM SERIES

Wednesday, December 14, 7:30PM

"Inside Job"

This film documents the late - 2000s financial crisis. The film explores how changes in the policy environment and banking practices helped create the financial crisis. Winner of the Cannes Film Festival Best Documentary award in 2010. 108 minutes.

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



FROM YOUR COORDINATOR

Thank you.

Thank you dear Friends of Bucks Quarter who have touched my soul this year. You have done it directly by supporting me in my work and indirectly by supporting each other.

Many quarters do not have this sense of belonging to one another. We feel it and know it. This is a gift we can cherish this season and throughout the year.

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year to all.
Love, Holly

CALLING QUAKER SINGLES ...FINAL CALL...

To date there are six women (and no men...c'mon guys :) ! If you know any single men, encourage them to let Holly know. There is growing interest in restarting the former Bucks Quarter singles group. If this is of interest to you, contact Holly Olson as she is compiling a list of interested Friends. This is open to members and attenders of Bucks Quarter.

hollybqc@verizon.net or 215-860-9747 or
215-453-7358

OPEN HOUSE AT FRIENDS VILLAGE

Friends Village invites you to an Open House on Tuesday December 6th, 11:30 to 1:30. Lunch will be included in the Open House.

Personal tours are welcome, please call to schedule
Please RSVP 215-968-9222

Friends Home and Village Two Site ~ One Philosophy
Entrance Fees waived December 2011

PHILADELPHIA YEARLY MEETING MIDDLE SCHOOL FRIENDS HOLYDAY GATHERING Friday, Dec. 2nd - Sunday, Dec. 4th 2011 Birmingham Friends Meeting

Join the Middle School Friends community for an exploration of what the holidays or "holydays" (as they were once known) mean to Friends, what we are thankful for in our lives, what we celebrate about ourselves and our communities, and how we take time out to recharge and prepare for the long winter.

There will be workshops about consumerism, gifts, and making everyday a "holyday". An optional homemade gift-exchange will occur, as well as a talent show!

Registration information: The cost of the gathering will be \$70.00. Scholarship money is always available, so please don't stay away for lack of money! **Preregister and prepay by Wednesday, Nov. 30th.** Registration is limited to 35. If you want to attend, send your registration form in today! If you come, plan on staying for the entire program. (Part-time registrants will be placed on the waiting list). If you need to cancel your registration, please call as soon as possible so someone else can come.

ARRIVE after supper between 6 and 7:30PM on Friday, Dec. 2nd at Birmingham Meetinghouse. **DEPART at 12:00 noon** on Sunday, Dec. 4th. Friends are invited to join us for Worship at 10:00AM. Contact Stephen Dotson: 215-241-7171 or stephend@pym.org

Save the date for the following MSF gatherings:

Jan 20-22 at Burlington conference center

March 16-18 at Medford Leas retirement community

May 6-8 at Camp Swatara with Caln Quarter

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

MINDFULNESS IN TEACHING AND LEARNING

CORE skills and Habits of Mind with Irene McHenry

A course for K-12 teachers and administrators in Friends, public and independent schools will be held at George School on **Tuesday evenings February 7 through March 13, 6:30 – 8:30pm**. Course Fee: \$185

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Irene McHenry, Ph.D., is a licensed psychologist, school consultant, author/editor of numerous publications including the 2009 Tuning In: Mindfulness in Teaching and Learning. She teaches mindfulness for school faculty, staff, trustees and administrators. Irene is the executive director of the Friends Council on Education, board president for the Council for American Private Education, and a trustee for Haverford College.

Friends Council on Education
info@friendscouncil.org

Registration is Open!

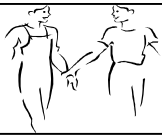
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COALITION TO SHELTER AND SUPPORT THE HOMELESS ("CSSH") NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

Central Bucks County currently lacks overnight shelters for adults without resources. The most critical need is for shelter on "Code Blue" nights, when the wind chill factor is below 20° F. CSSH is an alliance faith-based and community service organization working to establish a "Code Blue" program in Central Bucks County, to provide shelter for our homeless neighbors on Code Blue nights beginning in January. **Buckingham Friends Meeting** approved involvement in CSSH at their June Meeting for Business, and is among more than 10 faith-based and community service organizations already committed to CSSH. The **Buckingham Social Concerns Working Group**, is involved with the efforts of CSSH. In order to operate effectively, a group of approximately 250 volunteers, as 15 volunteers per night are required to open and run the overnight shelters for the winter of 2012 (i.e. January through March). CSSH will provide mandatory training sessions locally during the months of November and December.

For more information on CSSH, how to get involved, and upcoming volunteer training sessions, visit

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