

Quakerphernalia

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

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Deadline for Quakerphernalia : By the 10th day of the preceding months publication

December 2015

- Dec 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Cancer Support Group Meets at Yardley Meetinghouse
Dec 4 7pm Candle Light Worship at Buckingham Meeting - Dessert Pot Luck to Follow
Dec 5 9:15am-3:15pm Extended Worship at Middletown Friends Meetinghouse
Dec 12 10:45am 56th Annual Peace Pilgrimage from Nazareth to Bethlehem (see page 2 for details)
Dec 11 7pm Carol Sing at Buckingham Meeting - Dessert Pot Luck to Follow
Dec 14 1pm Chandler Hall Auxiliary Meets in the Cafe of the Wright Meeting Hall
Dec 13 6pm Fallsington Tree Lighting, and Carol Sing on the Square in Fallsington.
Dec 17 1:30 Annual Meeting of the Board of Friends Home and Village Meets at Friends Home
Dec 21 6pm Bucks Food For Friends at Fallsington Meetinghouse
Dec 20 10am Solebury Meeting Mitten Tree Program and Holiday Luncheon Following Worship
Dec 20 11am Harpist During Worship at Middletown Meetinghouse
Dec 20 7pm Candle Light Carol Sing at Wrightstown Meetinghouse
Dec 22 7:15pm Candle Light Christmas Program at Southampton Meetinghouse
Dec 24 5:30pm Caroling and Worship at Doylestown Meetinghouse
Dec 24 7pm Candle Light Worship at Middletown Meetinghouse
Dec 24 7pm Candle Light worship at Newtown Meeting - Food and Fellowship to Follow
Dec 24 7:30pm Candle Light Carol Sing at Plumstead Meetinghouse - Bring a Flashlight
Dec 27 -30 Young Friends Christmas Gathering at Newtown Meetinghouse
Dec 31 7pm Candle Light Worship at Middletown

Looking Ahead

Jan 1 Noon - 2 Bucks Quarter Skating Party!!

February 21 Quarterly Meeting at Buckingham

Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:

December ~ Doylestown January ~ Fallsington February ~ Middletown

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

ANNUAL BUCKS QUARTER SKATING PARTY

NEW YEAR'S DAY ~ NOON TO 2PM

Fellowship and great fun for the entire family.

This New Year's Day, don't be left out in the cold or inside with nothing to do, come inside and join Bucks Quarter for the annual skating party. Since many Friends will be up late welcoming the new year, we will not begin until noon. You will have plenty of time to sleep in and still get to the fun! The Annual Skating Party has been the thing to do on New Year's Day for over 50 years!! Ages one to infinity are welcome to join the fun.

Cost: \$10.00 Adults, \$5.00 Children under 14

Includes Skate Rental, Hot Chocolate and Pretzels

Where: Rink at Warwick

(Turn in at Camars Drive)

1621 Mearns Rd ~ Warminster PA 18974

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Contact: Holly Olson for more info

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HARPIST TO PLAY AT MIDDLETOWN

You are invited to join Middletown Friends in their traditional harp music during worship on Sunday **December 20th 11am.** Harpist Leslie Stickley will lead Friends in and out of worship. Join Friends for refreshments following worship.
453 W. Maple Ave - Langhorne PA 19047

CHRISTMAS EVE CAROLING

PLUMSTEAD MEETING

Plumstead Friends invite F/friends for Worship and caroling on Christmas Eve: Meeting begins at 7:30pm. Reminder: Dress warmly and in layers. No conventional heating system at Plumstead Meeting, even better they have a wonderful warm crackling wood stove.
4914 Pt. Pleasant Pk - Doylestown, PA 18902

**EXTENDED WORSHIP
MIDDLETOWN MEETINGHOUSE**

Join Friends from throughout our Yearly Meeting for extended worship on Saturday, December 5 at Middletown Friends meetinghouse, 453 W. Maple Ave, Langhorne.

Would you like to deepen your experience of Worship? Have you wished that Worship didn't end when the clock struck the hour?

The Worship and Care Standing Committee and the Meeting on Worship and Ministry invite you to experience Extended Worship.

Attend just a portion of the day or the full day. And remember to bring your lunch. All are welcome. If you will need childcare, email us by Monday, February 16 to let us know.

Schedule:

9:15 to 9:30 Gathering and Welcome

9:30 to 12:30 Extended Meeting for Worship

12:30 to 1:30 Brown Bag Lunch

1:30 to 3:00 Worship Sharing

3:00 to 3:15 Clean-up and departure.

For more information, please contact Lola Georg at lolageorg@gmail.com or call 484/368-4637

LIVES PASSING

Newtown Friends suffer the loss of **Paul Kester** who died on October 10th. The Memorial Service for Paul will be on December 19th, 2PM at the George School meetinghouse.

YOGA CLASSES

AT NEWTOWN MEETINGHOUSE

Weekly Yoga classes are held at the Newtown meetinghouse on Saturdays at 8:30am with Jim Whitmoyer, who has over 11 years experience as a Hatha Yoga teacher. Classes are open to all; no prior experience is necessary. There is no charge, although a small donation to the meetinghouse is humbly requested.

215-968-0927 or jim.whitmoyer@verizon.net

**HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY
(OCT 27 TH)**

**TO MABEL BANKES OF WRIGHTSTOWN
MEETING, OLD HAVERFORD MEETING
AND FRIENDS VILLAGE.**

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

MEETS AT YARDLEY MEETINGHOUSE

Beginning on December 3rd, a cancer support group will meet every Thursday evening at 7PM. This is open to all Friends and the public.

*What is important in your
life these days?*

MIDDLETOWN MEETING

BUCKS LEARNING COOPERATIVE

You may have driven past the schoolhouse building and wondered who the new folks are using the building. Middletown Meeting is pleased that the Bucks Learning Cooperative has settled its second location into their schoolhouse building.

Bucks Learning Cooperative is a center that helps teenagers live & learn without school by supporting teens to create personalized educations

based on their interests, abilities and goals.

For more information and Open House dates go to <http://www.buckslearningcooperative.org>

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.

**56th ANNUAL NAZARETH TO BETHLEHEM PEACE
PILGRIMAGE**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12th

Walk the Road of Peace

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, Shane Claiborne, founder and board member of The Simple Way, a faith community in inner-city Philadelphia that has helped birth and connect radical faith communities around the world. His presentation is entitled: *"Tearing Down the Walls."*

10:45 Buses begin leaving 520 E. Broad Street (Bechtel Building, Bethlehem for Nazareth.). **Noon:** 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, First Church of the Nazarene, 1500 Linden St, 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

MIDWEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Tuesdays at Southampton 7:30 PM

Wednesdays at Lehigh Valley 5:00 PM

Wednesdays at Makefield 7:00 AM

Thursdays at Middletown 7:00 PM

PLEASE REMEMBER...

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

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Meal Programs

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Coat Drives

Animal Shelters

SHARE YOUR MEETINGS STORIES QUAKER STORIES VIDEO PROJECT

The Quaker Stories Video Project provides a means for Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Friends to talk about, listen to and record one another's stories of our spiritual journeys, and to collect and share these stories online and in a video library. A Story Kit, equipment and Video-Making Manual provide a template and means to share and record stories from Friends in your Monthly Meetings and other Friendly groups. It is beginner-friendly and includes the tools needed to video record individual Friends' telling their stories so they can be shared throughout the Philadelphia community and beyond. To reserve the kit via the online form, or learn more, visit: www.pym.org/volunteering/2014/10/join-the-quaker-stories-video-project

YOUNG FRIENDS CHRISTMAS GATHERING

Sat. Dec. 27th, 5pm through

Tues. Dec. 30th, 12pm

Get out of the house after Christmas for a longer gathering with Young Friends, featuring lots of opportunities for play, community, workshops, and worship with lots of other young Quakers.

Location: Newtown Friends Meeting
219 Court Street, Newtown, PA

For more information: Hannah Mayer,
YoungFriends@pym.org, 215-241-7222

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2016 PILGRIMAGE TO ENGLAND

July 11-17, 2016. Join trip leaders, Irene McHenry (*Chestnut Hill Meeting*) and Deborra Sines Panceo (*Abington Meeting*), of the Friends Council on Education, to experience the roots of the Religious Society of Friends in England's "1652 Country" with a guide from Britain Yearly Meeting.

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