



# Quakerphernalia

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

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## DECEMBER 2017

- Dec 6 9am-4pm Chandler Hall Auxiliary Fund Raiser - Wright Meeting Hall  
Dec 8 9am Information Session - Buckingham Friends School - [www.bfs.org](http://www.bfs.org)  
Dec 8 7pm Candlelight Worship - Buckingham Meetinghouse  
Dec 10 6pm Tree Lighting Fallsington Square Followed by Caroling in the Meetinghouse  
Dec 11 1pm Chandler Hall Auxiliary Meeting - Wright Meeting Hall  
Dec 15 7pm Carol Sing - Buckingham Meetinghouse  
Dec 17 11am Harp Music during Meeting for Worship - Middletown Meetinghouse  
Dec 17 6:30pm Candlelight Carol Sing - Wrightstown Meetinghouse  
Dec 18 6pm Bucks Food For Friends - Fallsington Meetinghouse  
Dec 19 6pm Young Adult Friends Winter Solstice Pot Luck - [www.pym.org/young-adult-friends/events/](http://www.pym.org/young-adult-friends/events/)  
Dec 19 7:30pm Christmas Songs, Stories, Fellowship - Southampton Meetinghouse  
Dec 22 7pm Candlelight Worship - Yardley Meetinghouse  
Dec 24 4pm Semi-Programmed Worship - Lehigh Valley Meetinghouse  
Dec 24 5:30pm Carol Sing and Worship - Doylestown Meetinghouse  
Dec 24 7pm Candlelight Worship - Middletown Meetinghouse  
Dec 24 7pm Candlelight Worship - Newtown Meetinghouse  
Dec 24 7:30 Candlelight Carol Sing - Plumstead Meetinghouse  
Dec 26 Noon-5pm Blood Drive - Yardley Meetinghouse  
Dec 27-30 Young Friends Winter Gathering - Mickelton Meetinghouse - [www.pym.org/young-friends/](http://www.pym.org/young-friends/)

### Looking Ahead

- Jan 6 7pm Annual Square & Contra Dance - Fallsington Meetinghouse  
Jan 12-14 Middle School Friends Gathering - [www.pym.org/middle-school-friends/events/](http://www.pym.org/middle-school-friends/events/)  
Jan 20 5:30pm Bucks Quarter Pot Luck, Sing and Play - Middletown Meetinghouse  
**Feb 18 Quarterly Meeting - Quakertown**  
**May 19 & 20 Quarterly Meeting Weekend at Camp Onas!! Stay Overnight on Saturday - So much fun!!!!**  
July 16-22 Quaker Pilgrimage to England ~ Registration is now open - [deborra@friendscouncil.org](mailto:deborra@friendscouncil.org)

**Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:**  
**December ~ Fallsington January ~ Middletown February ~ Newtown**  
**Worship 11:00\*\*\*\*Arrive 10:45**

*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.*

### HARPIST TO PLAY

#### AT MIDDLETOWN MEETINGHOUSE

You are invited to join Middletown Friends for their traditional Christmas worship on Sunday **December 17th at 11am** with harpist, Leslie Stickley. Join Friends for fellowship and refreshments following worship.

**453 W. Maple Ave - Langhorne PA 19047**

### CHRISTMAS EVE CAROLING AT PLUMSTEAD MEETINGHOUSE

Plumstead Friends invite F/friends for Worship and caroling on **Christmas Eve at 7:30pm**. Reminder: Dress warmly and in layers. No conventional heating system at Plumstead Meeting, even better is they have a wonderful warm crackling wood stove.

**4914 Pt. Pleasant Pk - Doylestown, PA 18902**

**Are you looking for a way to honor a special person in your life this holiday season? Give a financial contribution to Bucks Quarterly Meeting in the name of your loved one.**

**Donations can be sent to the Holly Olson at  
Bucks Quarterly Meeting  
P.O. Box 4477 - George School  
Newtown, PA 18940**

### BUCKS QUARTER BOOK CLUB

“Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome” by Joy DeGruy Leary, Ph.D is moving, disturbing, eye opening and it came highly recommended as a book for a Bucks Quarter book club.

Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome explains how the centuries of slavery followed by systemic and structural racism and oppression have resulted in generations of maladaptive behaviors that began as survival strategies in the African American community.

I am looking at wintertime to get together as a quarter to have a book discussion. A study guide is also available.

<https://joydegruy.com/resources-2/post-traumatic-slave-syndrome/>

If you are interested in participating in the book club, please contact Holly Olson.

215-860-9747 or [hollybqc@verizon.net](mailto:hollybqc@verizon.net)

### CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP YARDLEY MEETINGHOUSE

Jin Yardley Friends for their candlelight worship will be on **Dec. 22 from 7:00 pm** by the fireplace. Please bring a candle (some will be provided). All are welcome.

Light refreshments will follow.

**65 N. Main St. Yardley**

### LIVES PASSING

Doylestown Friends suffer the loss of **Robert Trepeta**, Newtown Friends suffer the loss of **Charles Wells**, Wrightstown Friends suffer the loss of **Jaromir Marik**,

### 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](mailto:jim.whitmoyer@verizon.net)

### PLEASE REMEMBER...

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

<b>Homeless Shelters</b>	<b>Orphanages</b>
<b>Blood Drives</b>	<b>Meal Programs</b>
<b>Food Pantries</b>	<b>Blanket Drives</b>
<b>Coat Drives</b>	<b>Animal Shelters</b>

### MEMOIR WRITING GROUP

If you want to make a difference consider our Memoir writing group. We have met for several months. The second and fourth Thursdays.

A writing coach joins us the first Thursday.

Remember. The pen is mightier than the sword.

For more information, contact Judith Solt

[judysolt2@gmail.com](mailto:judysolt2@gmail.com) 215 968 2897

### SQUARE & CONTRA DANCE AT FALLSINGTON MEETINGHOUSE

Join Fallsington Friends on **Saturday, January 6 at 7:00 pm** for a fun evening of dancing that is open to everyone. The evening will feature simple squares, waltzes, line and contra dances expertly called by Laura and Charlie Thomford. No experience needed; our expert callers will guide you through the steps. Fun for all ages! Desserts and light refreshments will be served.

**9300 New Falls Rd, Fallsington**

### BUCKS QUARTER BLOOD DRIVE

*What a better way to celebrate the season of Light and Love than to give something deeply personal to those in need...and it won't cost you a penny...*

Bucks Quarterly Meeting will hold a Blood Drive hosted by Yardley Friends Meeting on Tuesday, **December 26 from noon-5PM.**

Sign up at <http://www.redcrossblood.org/>

**65 North Main St., Yardley**

### 58th ANNUAL NAZARETH TO BETHLEHEM PEACE PILGRIMAGE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9th

#### 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.

#### Evening Speaker

Born into an activist family in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Roberta Meek grew up knowing that freedom is not free and justice is not a guarantee. As a young girl, she had the unusual opportunity to meet Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was one of the key organizers of King's visits to the city. So it is not surprising that Roberta's career path weaved its way through the labor, civil rights and social justice battles in Allentown. Her work included serving as a Chief Steward and later Executive Vice President of CWA Local 13500 to independent consulting work facilitating a myriad of programs that address racial justice, cultural pluralism and non-violent problem solving. Her presentation is entitled "We Who Believe in Freedom Cannot Rest: Racism in the Current Era."

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](http://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](http://www.peacewalk.org) or call Rick Dow at 610-865-5204.

*FROM YOUR COORDINATOR  
Through the years, my service to you as  
the Coordinator for Bucks Quarterly  
Meeting continues to be a gift. Never has  
that gift meant so much until this year.  
Your love and care is truly a blessing.  
Thank you.  
I look forward to being under your care  
and in your service for many years yet to  
come. Love, Holly*



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**Bucks Quarter's  
Worship Schedule for  
2017-2018 Chandler Hall**  
December - Fallsington  
**2018**  
January - Middletown  
February - Newtown  
March - Solebury  
April - Wrightstown  
May - Buckingham  
June - Doylestown  
July- Fallsington  
August - Middletown  
September - Newtown  
October - Solebury  
November - Wrightstown

#### **EXTENDED WORSHIP**

Extended Worship will be held **December 2nd** at Green Street Friends Meetinghouse.

Please let Lola know by Monday, November 20th if you are requesting childcare. Please also remember to bring your own brown bag lunch.

The facebook event is here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/518252775192227/>

The PYM calendar event is here: [http://www.pym.org/event/extended-meeting-worship-3/?instance\\_id=851](http://www.pym.org/event/extended-meeting-worship-3/?instance_id=851)

9:15 to 9:30 am - Gathering and Welcome

9:30 to 12:30 pm - Extended Meeting for Worship

12:30 to 1:30 pm - Lunch (bring your own)

1:30 to 3:00 pm - Worship Sharing

3:00 to 3:15 pm - Clean-up and Departure

**45 West Schoolhouse Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19144**

For more info or questions, contact Lola Georg

[LolaGeorg@gmail.com](mailto:LolaGeorg@gmail.com)

(484) 368-4637 [voice mail or text]

#### **CHANDLER HALL AUXILIARY HOLIDAY GIFT AND BAKE SALE**

**Chandler Hall Auxiliary** is having a holiday gift and bake sale. The date of the sale is Wednesday, **December 6, from 9-4 in Wright Meeting Hall.**

Funds raised by the Auxiliary are for benevolent care of the residents of Chandler Hall. Items for sale include household items, new/re-gifted items, handcrafts and baked goods.

If you'd like to make a donation to the sale they will be accepted Saturday, December 2 from 10-1 and Tuesday, December 5 from 1-4 in Wright Meeting Hall.

Baked goods can be dropped off the day of the sale before 10:00.

For more information, contact Kathie Parry

[jkparry1@comcast.net](mailto:jkparry1@comcast.net)

**99 Barclay Street, Newtown**

#### **FROM MULTNOMAH MONTHLY MEETING PORTLAND, OR**

This email was sent from Multnomah Monthly Meeting of Friends to share a Minute supporting the United Nations Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty, which was approved in Meeting for Worship for Business on September 17, 2017. It is our intention to send it to all Quaker Monthly and Yearly Meetings and prominent institutions. You can access a copy of the Minute here

[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/2099154b7c975701e96493d8f/files/cadced50-a117-4d76-aaa8-79d39e75c1ef/Nuclear\\_Treaty\\_Minute\\_MMM\\_09172017.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/2099154b7c975701e96493d8f/files/cadced50-a117-4d76-aaa8-79d39e75c1ef/Nuclear_Treaty_Minute_MMM_09172017.pdf)

They are asking that all who identify as Quakers, if so led, join them in supporting the new United Nations Treaty which bans nuclear weapons, just as chemical and biological weapons are already banned.

Treaty negotiations were successfully concluded within the United Nations on July 7, 2017. On September 20, 2017, the new Treaty was opened for signature by heads of governments or Foreign Ministers. Fifty governments took the first step and signed the treaty on that first day and three have already submitted their documents to the United Nations for ratification. Once 50 nations have ratified, it will enter into force.

Relatively few of our fellow citizens in the United States – including many Quakers – are aware of this treaty. Our major media in this country have not reported on its development, nor have they encouraged open discussion of its significance or pros and cons of its 18 articles. Most other countries are already deeply engaged in this process.

We in Multnomah Monthly Meeting of Friends in Portland, Oregon encourage all Quaker Meetings and institutions to engage in educating ourselves and our fellow citizens on its existence. Let us now join together, seeking Divine guidance and proceeding as the way opens before us.

Additionally, we've produced a resource sheet that provides background information and links to more details about the Treaty, which you can access here.

[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/2099154b7c975701e96493d8f/files/4304b3bb-9e8b-4818-8d91-d2991174abc6/Resources\\_on\\_Prohibition\\_of\\_Nuclear\\_Weapons\\_Treaty.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/2099154b7c975701e96493d8f/files/4304b3bb-9e8b-4818-8d91-d2991174abc6/Resources_on_Prohibition_of_Nuclear_Weapons_Treaty.pdf)

In the Light,

Jeff Love, Clerk of Multnomah Friends Meeting  
Portland, OR

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Email: [Jeffjb164@gmail.com](mailto:Jeffjb164@gmail.com)

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