

Quakerphernalia

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

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FEBRUARY 2013

- Feb 2 9am BQ Budget and Nominating at Wrightstown
Feb 4 7:30pm "Consider the Conversation" Part 2 at Wrightstown Meeting Social Room
Feb 9 7pm Buckingham Peace & Social Justice Film Series "Last Call at the Oasis"
Feb 14 7pm BQ Oversight Meets at Buckingham in the Jane Jackson House
Feb 18 6pm Bucks Food For Friends at Fallsington Meetinghouse
Feb 20 10am Open House - United Friends School unitedfriendsschool.org
Feb 21 1:30pm Friends Home and Village Board Meets at Friends Home
Feb 28 7:30pm BQ Singing Group Meets at Makefield Meetinghouse

Feb 17 9:15 Quarterly Meeting at Buckingham Meeting

Looking Ahead

- March 3, 10, 17, 24 Prayer Course (Page 2)
March 16 9:30am-3:00pm Aging in Place as a Meeting Community at Yardley Meetinghouse
April 20 Bucks Quarter's "Quakerism in a Nutshell" to be held at the Wrightstown Meetinghouse
July 24-28 PYM Annual Session at Muhlenberg College, Allentown PA

**Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:
February ~ Fallsington March ~ Makefield April ~ Middletown
Worship 11:00****Arrive 10:45**

Sunday, February 17 ~ Quarterly Meeting for Worship, Fellowship, and Business

Join Friends and Share Your Light

Buckingham Monthly Meeting 9:15 AM – 3:00 PM

**Please bring an unopened pet food related item or toy for the Bucks County SPCA
(dog, cat, Guinea pig, rabbit, rat or bird)**

9:00 - 9:30 ~ Refreshments and Registration 9:30 - 9:45 ~ Singing

9:45 – 10:45 ~ Meeting for Worship (children are present for the first 15 minutes of worship)

10:15 – Noon ~ Children's Program: The Children's program will be wonderful and exciting!!

10:45 – 11:00 ~ Break

11:00 – 12:00 ~ Adult Program: Growth Dilemma Project of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting:

HUMANITY FACES A PROFOUND DILEMMA

The economies of virtually all nations are managed to promote growth. People with plenty are induced to acquire more and those in debt are induced to borrow more.

Yet more growth makes the wealthiest even wealthier, while unemployment, hunger and violence are widespread. And human economies are already far larger than Earth's commonwealth of life can continue to support.

The purpose: to help Friends learn about the growth dilemma and alternatives to our current growth-based economy, and to foster a wider dialogue about reforming our economic system so it serves justice and the commonwealth of life.

12:00 – 1:00 ~ Lunch of soups, beverages and desserts provided by Buckingham Friends

1:00 – 3:00 PM ~ Meeting for Business: All are welcome! We will hear from Doylestown, Makefield and Quakertown Meetings, the quarter's Outreach Committee, Friends Home and Village, the coordinator and the Treasurer will present the preliminary 2013-2014 budget.

Note: All agenda items for Quarterly Meeting must be to the clerk,

Amy Ward Brimmer, one week prior to Quarterly Meeting.

awbrimmer@gmail.com

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

LIVES PASSING

Middletown Friends suffer the loss of **Charlotte Arton** who passed away on December 11. Yardley Friends suffer the loss of **Richard Ryniker** who passed on January 8.

CAMP ONAS

Is your child registered for camp this summer?
Spaces are filling up.

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**BUCKINGHAM FRIENDS MEETING
PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE FILM SERIES**

Saturday, February 9 ~ 7:00PM

Last Call at the Oasis

The global water crisis will be a central issue facing our world in the 21st century. This film deals with drought and pollution in United States, Australia and the Mideast, with glances at Asia, Africa and South America. An informative, fast-moving documentary.

Free Admission.

Refreshments and Discussion After Each Film

Buckingham Friends Meeting House

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For more information, go to

www.buckinghamfriendsmeeting.org

215-794-5816

HOSPICE PROGRAM CONTINUED

February 4th, 7:30PM will be the second part of "Consider the Conversation" a program presented by Doylestown Hospital Hospice and hosted by Wrightstown Friends Meeting. This will be held in the social room.

Betsy Payn will return to guide you through the process of documenting your wishes. She will distribute the necessary forms and help you with the process of where/how to file these important documents. There will also be a panel discussion. "Conversations Before the Crisis"

For more information Contact:

Sam Hartman 215-674-1954

Wrightstown Friends Meeting

535 Durham Rd

Newtown, PA 18940

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

AGING IN PLACE AS A MEETING COMMUNITY

You're Invited to join Yardley Friends for Aging-In-Place as a Meeting Community on Saturday March 16th from 9:30am to 3:00pm. The format will be of a spiritual nature discussing thoughts and feelings rather than informational. The following topics will be covered.

Aging in Place at Home

Coping with Transitions in the Meeting Community
Care Giving to Parents & Children (the Sandwich Effect)

Dementia & Physical Health

Green Burials

Childcare and lunch will be provided

For more information:

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Yardley Friends Meetinghouse

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BUCKS QUARTER SINGING GROUP

The Bucks Quarter Singing Group would love to have your voice added to the community. You don't have to be able to read music or have a great singing voice. This is not a choir, just a group of F/friends who enjoy time together.

The group meets every fourth Thursday of the month, 7:30pm at the Makefield Meetinghouse, 877 Dolington Rd, Newtown, PA 18977

PRAYER COURSE ~ LIVING A PRAYERFUL LIFE

Sunday Afternoons March 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th

2:00 - 3:30PM at the Wrightstown Friends Meetinghouse

"Living A Prayerful Life" is a prayer course that was developed by a Peter Lang of Summit Chatham MM specifically with Friends in mind. For George Fox and early Friends prayer was described as inward retirement, "waiting upon the Lord". In our modern, high-tech, busy world it often appears that prayer and living have come to be widely separated. No matter what stage of life that we find ourselves in, true prayer offers the opportunity to grow deeper in Quaker faith and become open to the Power of God's love.

The three-fold purpose of the Prayer Course is to lead us to a deeper relationship with God, to discern how prayer leads to action and to deepen the spiritual life of our meetings. This will be an experiential program in the tradition of our Quaker search for truth. The participants will be asked to commit themselves to a period of daily prayer, to keep a prayer journal and to hold each other in the Light during the Prayer Course.

"Living A Prayerful Life" will consist of four sessions, which will include presentations, discussion and the practice of prayer. It will be an open forum in that questions and comments are encouraged throughout the program. Although Friends are encouraged to attend all four sessions, as we will be making a commitment to prayer and to each other, each session is also a separate unit and you are welcome to attend as many as possible.

Therefore, come and join us on this amazing journey as we learn how to look at and practice prayer in new and exciting ways. You may be surprised at what happens to you!

Note recommended reading: Pendle Hill Pamphlets, "Prayer: Beginning Again" by Sheila Keane and, "Holding One Another In The Light" by Marcelle Martin.

To register: Contact Holly Olson at hollybQc@verizon.net or 215-860-9747. **Space is limited to 25 participants**

Cost: \$10

*This version of the February Quarterly Meeting minutes contains the edited highlights.
The minutes in full detail will be brought to Quarterly Meeting in February at
Buckingham Monthly Meeting for consideration.*

**BUCKS QUARTER RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS MEETING FOR BUSINESS
NOVEMBER 18, 2012**

HELD AT YARDLEY MEETINGHOUSE

Clerk: Amy Ward Brimmer (Fallsington MM) **Recording Clerk:** David Rose (Lehigh Valley MM)

Friends gathered around the appointed hour of 1:00 PM and settled into a period of worship

Agenda reviewed, modified and accepted

Roll Call of Meetings: Bristol:1, Buckingham:2, Doylestown:0, Fallsington: 7, LehighValley: 1, Makefield: 4, Middletown:2, Newtown: 4, Plumstead: 2, Quakertown NJ: 0, Solebury: 2, Southampton: 0, Wrightstown: 1, Yardley: 5. There were two visitors from East Africa Yearly Meeting in Kenya currently attending Lehigh Valley MM: Zibiah and Allen Amiani.

Minutes approved with one clarification noted.

Growth and Sharing

- Yardley MM participation in Yardley Day resulted in a couple of new visitors the following First Day.
- Sam Snipes noted that The Peace Center in Langhorne has very few Friends involved.
- Fallsington: Monthly Meeting Outreach Committee involved in Historic Fallsington Day which this year had double attendance for tours. Have also started a specific Welcome Day for members to invite others.
- Makefield has been laying a foundation by improving community. The community is now at the stage to host a Quarterly Meeting next year.

Coordinators Report presented by Holly Olson (Middletown MM). Holly reported that the Spirituality and the Final Third of Life program was a success. She also reported on the Quarterly Pastoral Care Meetings, Clerk's Meetings and Religious Education Meetings. Outreach festival and fairs were well attended. Peace Fair was a great success and has made a profit this year.

Special Recognition was given to Donna Allen (Newtown MM). She has been donating \$790 in advertising space every year for BQM to advertise in the Times Publishing magazines.

Interim Meeting Report: David Rose recapped the saga of the minute supporting Religious Diversity, originally created to in response to HR 535 "Year of the Bible" but then rewritten in support of HR 771 declaring a "Year of Religious Diversity". PYM at last Interim Meeting approved the minute that opposes governmental preference in matters of religious conviction.

Newtown MM Annual Report given by Wendy Kane, incoming clerk. Wendy highlighted the current discussion regarding internal communication. Also highlighted was the clearness committee that met to discuss the "Fivefold Path to Peace" proposed by Paul Kester. A member of the PYM Peace and Concerns SC shared that the committee had approved the proposal and passed it on for Yearly Meeting consideration.

Plumstead MM Annual Report given by Beth Taylor, clerk. Beth highlighted that the meeting has a concern about the safety of drivers going around the bend in front the meeting as a number of have missed the bend and driven off the road. Members are constructing a berm. The meetinghouse recently served as a movie location for "The North Star", a film under production. A "cushion project" will be started to replace the current old and mismatched cushions.

Camp Onas Report given by Beth Taylor (Plumstead MM). The report contained a breakdown of Camper Statistics, Quaker Meeting participation, and financial aid granted. Sue Gould retired this year as Director and the transition has been made to Holly Hecht. Work has been completed on a digitized album of Camp Onas pictures and historical records called "The Onas Chronicle". A "**Minute of Appreciation for Suzan Neiger Gould**" was presented It was agreed that the entire **Minute would be included in the record of this Quarterly Meeting**. Friends can contribute to Camp Onas both individually and through their Meeting. Each Meeting should have two representatives on the Camp Board. Friends were reminded that registration is coming out shortly and Camp is usually fully booked by March.

Audit Committee Report given by Marian Hepburn (Solebury MM). The transition to QuickBooks is still in process and the committee noted that a proper reconciliation of FY2011 and GFY 2012 is still necessary. A number of recommendations were made. The Audit committee recognized the work that the Treasurer had done on the conversion to Quick Books.

Treasurer's Report given by Tim Dwyer (Bristol MM). The complete report is available. Contributions are in line with past year and there are no problems to report. The explanation provided for the large amount already spent from the Operating expense line item is the purchase of a computer for the Coordinator.

Budget and Nomination Report given by Betsy Bayardi (Wrightstown MM): Monthly Meeting Treasurers throughout the Quarter have regularized their giving pattern which is a great help in planning. There is a need for representation on the Chandler Hall Board, especially for someone with construction experience. Quaker School at Horsham also has a need for representation on their Board. Betsy will be reaching out to Monthly Meetings for Assistant Treasurer recommendations.

Outreach update given by Kellie Schluskel-Edens (Yardley MM). Outreach brochure needs to be updated. A minute to the PYM Membership Development Support fund in support of the project was presented and approved.

Announcements

Growth Dilemma Project is being taking up by PYM Peace and Social Concerns Standing Committee and was reported by Carole Wicker. Buckingham MM already has considered the issue and may bring a minute to the next Quarterly Meeting supporting the Growth Dilemma project..

Meeting ended at 2:40 PM with a time of gathering silence.

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