



Quakerphernalia

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

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FEBRUARY 2019

Feb 2 9:15am Extended Worship - Plymouth Meetinghouse

Feb 2 6pm Games Night - Makefield Meetinghouse

Feb 8-10 Young Friends Winter Gathering - <https://www.pym.org/event/young-friends-winter-gathering-2019/>

Feb 9 10am Outreach Thread Gathering - Abington Meetinghouse

Feb 10 6:30pm Folk/Americana Concert with Amy Dee - Fallsington Meetinghouse

Feb 14 7pm Bucks Quarter Oversight Meets - Jane Jackson House BFS

Feb 17 9am-3pm Bucks Quarterly Meeting at Buckingham (details below)

Feb 18 6pm Bucks Food For Friends - Fallsington Meetinghouse

Looking Ahead

Mar 31st Bucks Quarter Presents the Film, "I'm Not Racist...Am I? - The Newtown Theatre

Mar 29 Buckingham Friends School Annual Auction - HollyHedge Estate

April 4th Fundraiser for Friends Home and Village - Patchwork Project

April 16 Quaker Family Meetup - Princeton Meetinghouse

May 19 Bucks Quarterly Meeting - Doylestown

June 30 - July 6 FGC Gathering - Grinnell College, Grinnell IA

August 18 Bucks Quarterly Meeting - Fallsington

Sept 21 Bucks Quarter Peace Fair

November 17 Bucks Quarterly Meeting - Lehigh Valley

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

**Quarterly Meeting for Worship, Fellowship, and Business
Buckingham Friends Meetinghouse ~ 5684 Old York Rd - Lahaska, PA**

Sunday, February 17, 9:00AM - 3:00 PM

Join Friends and Share Your Light

Don't forget your hand crafted items to donate to Friendly Crafters (and your money).

Proceeds from Friendly Crafters will go to the Meta Theater Company

9-9:30: Registration & Refreshments

9:30-10:15: Meeting for Worship

Adult Program: The Meta Theatre Company - **Dismantling The Racism Machine** - MTC will act out the "invention" of race. They are bringing Dr. Karen Gaffney with them, who wrote the book. In the show, they have bystander intervention training about issues in the work place. This can also be applied to immigration.

About MTC: For the last 5 years, MTC rehearses as volunteers at The Edna Mahan Correctional Facility for Women. The cast consists of incarcerated women, as well as theatre activists outside the prison walls. MTC uses theatre to educate about mass incarceration, and the oppressions caused by larger systems around intersections of white privilege, race, class gender and sexual orientation. MTC performs the work of the women of Edna Mahan in the community to raise awareness about the importance of liberating re-entry programs, and create action to change how women come back to their communities after they serve their time. The women of the Edna Mahan Theatre Program also perform in the prison to share their knowledge, and create change with other incarcerated women. creates live performance for communities to share experiences, heal and grow. MTC's mission is to create theatre about the issues of white privilege, race, class, gender and sexual orientation, and help audiences create social change in their communities. After the curtain falls, community action begins!

9:45 - Noon Children's Program: Children will join in worship for the first 15 minutes and then go off for their program which was not fully developed at the time of this publication but is sure to be great as always!

Noon: Lunch provided by our Buckingham Friends - **Meat and non-meat options will be available.**

Friends with special dietary needs should bring a brown bag lunch.

1-3PM: Business Session - We will hear the Annual State of the Meeting Reports from our Doylestown, Makefield and Quakertown Friends, the quarterly report from our Coordinator, Treasurer and Budget and Nominating Committee, Outreach Committee and Friends Home and Village will present their annual report.

***I'm Not Racist... Am I?* Film Screening and Discussion**

Sunday March 31, 2019- 1:00 pm at the Newtown Theatre - 120 N. State St. Newtown, PA

Bucks Quarterly Meeting's Outreach Committee is excited to host a screening and discussion of the feature documentary, *I'm Not Racist... Am I?* The film follows a diverse group of teens through a yearlong exploration to get at the heart of racism. Through some tense and painful moments, we see how these difficult conversations affect their relationships with friends and parents, and ultimately challenge them to look deep within themselves. By the end of their time together, we'll see these remarkable young people develop deeper bonds, a stronger resolve and a bigger, more significant definition of racism than any of us ever imagined.

Unfortunately, our work to eradicate racism from our society will not be over any time soon. Come to this engaging event to become more enlightened.

One of the producers of the film, André Robert Lee will lead the discussion following the film. Appropriate for teens in grades 7 and up. No cost for admission and the event is open to the general public.

CONCERT AT FALLSINGTON MEETINGHOUSE

Amy Duckett Wagner (Amy Dee) will give a concert on Sunday February 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the social hall. To learn more about Amy and her beautiful voice and music go to <https://www.amydeesongs.com/>
9400 New Falls Rd, Fallsington, PA

WELCOMING AND RETAINING NEWCOMERS

An Outreach Thread Gathering

Saturday, February 9 - 10 AM to 3:30 PM

Abington Friends Meetinghouse

Help us make real progress on outreach! Attend for a fun time, collaboration, meaning making, and visioning for the future! Holly Baldwin from Friends General Conference will talk about FGC's Welcoming Friends Project, Jon Watts from QuakerSpeak will present new outreach-themed videos, and folks from PYM's Membership Development Granting Group will discuss new opportunities.

Draft Schedule (subject to change)

10:00 AM – Refreshments and Sign In

10:30 AM – Brief Worship and Introductions

10:45 AM – Opening All Together

Opening Workshop with Holly Baldwin of FGC

12:15 PM – Lunch

1:00 PM – Reset for Afternoon

1:15 PM – Two concurrent workshops

QuakerSpeak Presentation from John Watts

- **Jon Watts, Director of QuakerSpeak, will show recent QuakerSpeak videos devoted to the topic of welcoming Friends. Participants will be invited to engage in discussion.**

Presentation from the PYM Membership Development Granting Group

3:00 PM – Closing Worship

To register, click here

<https://www.pym.org/quaker-life-council/thread-gatherings/registration-welcoming-and-retaining-newcomers/>

LIVES PASSING

Buckingham Friends suffer the loss of **Barbara Garrett.**

Newtown Friends suffer the loss of **Esther Hart and Cappie Fleuchaus.**

Fallsington Friends suffer the loss of **Sam Snipes.** A Memorial Service will be held at the George School meetinghouse on March 9 at 2pm.

Quakertown Friends suffer the loss of **Robin Meaker.**

EXTENDED WORSHIP

Extended Worship will be held **February 2** at the Plymouth Friends Meetinghouse.

Please remember to bring your own brown bag lunch.

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

2150 Butler Pk, Plymouth Meeting, PA

For more info or questions, contact Jim Strong
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Bucks Quarter's Worship Schedule for 2019 Chandler Hall

2019

February - Fallsington

March - Middletown

April - Newtown

May - Solebury

June - Wrightstown

July - Buckingham

August - Doylestown

September - Fallsington

October - Middletown

November - Newtown

December - Solebury

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January - Wrightstown

SEMINAR ON AMERICAN MUSLIM HISTORY

Presented by Ahmet Selim Tekelioglu

Wednesdays, February 6, 13, 20

10am-12pm in the Game Room

at Pennswood Village

1382 Newtown-Langhorne Road, Newtown, Pa

Ahmet Selim is an academic and a scholar of American religious landscapes. He hails from Turkey and has lived in the United States for more than a decade.

Ahmet holds a PhD in Political Science from Boston University and a Master's in International Relations from the Middle East Technical University in Ankara, Turkey. His research focuses on the American religious landscapes, Politics of ethnoreligious identities, and the Muslim minorities in the West.

Recommended reading for the Seminar "Muslims In America" by Edward E Curtis IV

Kindly register by emailing

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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 for consideration. Unedited version can also be read on the quarter's web site www.quakersbucks.org

**Bucks Quarterly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Minutes - November 18, 2018 Held at Yardley Friends Meeting**

Clerk: Rick Dow (Lehigh Valley) **Recording Clerk:** David Rose (Lehigh Valley)

Friends gathered near the appointed hour of 1:00 p.m. and settled into a period of worship.

Welcome given by Clerk Rick Dow. He highlighted the request from Wade Wright to think about how they can help and become involved with the PYM Sessions Committee.

Agenda reviewed and accepted.

Roll Call of Meetings: Buckingham: 1, Doylestown: 0, Fallsington: 2, Lehigh Valley: 4, Makefield: 4, Middletown: 6, Newtown: 6, Plumstead: 2, Quakertown: 1, Solebury: 2, Southampton: 1, Wrightstown: 1, Yardley: 10

Minutes for August Quarterly Meeting reviewed, revised and accepted.

Minute Regarding Yardley Monthly Meeting's Ongoing Support of Ted Taylor's Ministry given by Linda Flower.

Linda read the section of Faith and Practice regarding the recording of those members with the gift of Ministry and the Minute regarding Yardley Monthly Meeting's ongoing support of Ted Taylor's Ministry. After a brief discussion the Clerk proposed the following action: Bucks Quarterly Meeting supports and accepts Yardley Monthly Meeting's Minute of ongoing supports of Ted Taylor's ministry. **Minute approved.**

Stories of Vitality and Growth

- **Lehigh Valley:** A mistaken fire alarm led to a building evacuation. This exposed the need to have a regular practice of fire drill.
- **Southampton MM** has a new sign along the roadside, which gives the times for worship.
- **Friends Home and Village**, approximately two years ago, Friends Village began holding Meeting for Worship on third Sunday of the month with one or two attending which has now grown to 6-8 people and held every week.
- **Middletown MM** As part of their 335th Anniversary, a connection was made with Settle Meeting in England, which was the home meeting for many of the early Middletown settlers/members.
- **Solebury MM** hosted the Head of Buckingham Friends School for a presentation at which he requested that alumni of the school send in updates on themselves.

Coordinator's Report presented by Quarter Coordinator Holly Olson (Middletown MM). Inreach section reported on workshops attended, meetings visited and programs participated in. Outreach reports on Facebook Training, Peace Fair summary, and fall Harvest Day Festivals.

Discussion and Sharing about November Continuing Sessions: Rick Dow (Lehigh Valley MM) shared that his sense at the beginning of Sessions was that hanging over the beginning of the Session was the report of the Diversity Audit. The change of language in the agenda from approving the Report to accepting the Report changed the sense of the meeting. He noted that there is a need to hold the Quaker Life Council and PYM Clerk Chris Lucca in the Light as they dealt with this issue. Betsy Bayardi spoke of the difficulty that the PYM Nominating Committee, of which she is a member, is having finding persons to fill the rolls of Alternate Clerk, Rising Clerk and Presiding Clerk.

Arch Street Executive Director Lynne Calamia gave a brief presentation about the Arch Street Meeting House Historical Site and the need for Quaker Volunteers to speak with visitors. She is looking for people who can talk about Quakerism from their personal experience.

Treasurer's Report: Ed Snyder (Yardley MM) gave the report. He appreciated the response he received with his request to Meeting Treasurers to send in their contribution to help with a cash flow problem that the Quarter had experienced after making the payment to PYM.

Minute from BQM Outreach Committee: A request from BQM to the Membership Development Support Fund of PYM to cover the cost of a showing of "I'm Not Racist, Am I?" with the producer as guest speaker. Request for \$2,800. **Minute approved.**

Newtown Annual Report given by Susan Hoskins. She highlighted the community building activities such as the weekend long retreat at Camp Onas, a summer picnic at Core Creek Park and fund raising dinners. Religious Education is in contact with 52 children. Peace and Service is involved with aiding Syrian refugees among other concerns. The meeting has been involved with providing referrals, help and assistance to a homeless person who most recently staying on the meeting property.

Friends Camp Association Annual Report given Ken Blackwell (Yardley MM). Ken focused on the theme of expanding and reconnecting with community. The goal was set to provide more services to communities that have not previously had much camper representation. This has meant that a greater number of Camper Scholarships and assistance were required.

Budget and Nominating: Betsy Bayardi announced that Rick Dow is clerking his last meeting. Things have been going so smoothly here at BQM and there have been so many issues at PYM that have occupied her time that the end of his term came up unexpectedly. The Nominating Committee does have some people who they are considering but does not have a name to present yet. Meanwhile, Boris Simkovich is being proposed as Acting Clerk until the next Quarterly Meeting when the name for a new Clerk will be presented for approval. Boris' flexibility and willingness to serve us again was **approved** with deep gratitude.

Plumstead Annual Report given by Beth Taylor. This is the 30th year for the revived meeting. As usual, there will be a Thanksgiving Day worship with potluck following. The Memorial to the Lost gun violence T-shirt display is currently at the meeting.

Concern for Children and Trauma: In synchronicity the morning's program on Gun Violence and its effects, Beth Taylor read a letter written by her daughter, a teacher in Portland, Oregon, to the mother of one of her students regarding the concern the mother had about her daughter learning about local murders on public transportation. The letter was presented as the issue of gun violence is omnipresent and could serve as a model response to similar concerns

Peace Fair: Beth Ann Morgan gave the report. The Fair this year was a great success with over 100 vendors and beautiful weather. Peace Fair 2019 will be held on September 21st.

Meeting closed with a period of silence following Rick Dow expressing appreciation for the assistance that he received during his term as Clerk of the Quarter.

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