

Quakerphernalia

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

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February 2015

Feb 6-8	PYM Middle School Friends Gathering at Swarthmore Meetinghouse
Feb 7 9am	BQ Budget and Nominating Meets at Wrightstown Meeting Social Hall
Feb 9 2:30pm	Chandler Hall Auxiliary "Kitchen Shower" (Ginny Urbanski 215-364-0867)
Feb 12 7pm	BQ Oversight Committee Meets at the Jane Jackson House (BFS)
Feb 14 6pm	Games Night & Pot Luck - Buckingham Meetinghouse
Feb 16 6pm	Bucks Food For Friends at Fallsington Meetinghouse
Feb 19 1:30pm	Friends Home and Village Board Meets at Friends Village
Feb 20-22	PYM Young Friends Winter Gathering at Wilmington Meetinghouse
Feb 22 12:15pm	Speakers Series at Middletown Meetinghouse - Spiritual Travel
Feb 28 9am	PYM Pastoral Care Thread Gathering at Abington Meetinghouse http://www.pym.org/calendar/events/pastoral-care-thread-gathering-2015/

Looking Ahead

March 21 10am-2pm	Quakerism in a Nutshell at the Makefield Meetinghouse
July 5-11	FGC Gathering at Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC
July 29 - Aug 2	PYM Annual Sessions - Muhlenberg College, Allentown PA

Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:
February ~ Yardley March ~ Buckingham April ~ Doylestown
Worship 11:00**Arrive 10:45**

Sunday, November ~ Quarterly Meeting for Worship, Fellowship, and Business
Join Friends and Share Your Light
Quakertown Monthly Meeting February 15, 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM
290 White Bridge Rd, Quakertown, NJ 08868

Schedule of Events

9:30 - Registration and refreshments

10:00 - Adult Program: Mary Lou Quinlan is the author of 4 books, most recently the critically acclaimed The God Box. She is an inspirational speaker, and appears frequently in national media.

Mary Lou will talk about the genesis of her book and her profound relationship with her mother. The God Box is particularly relevant to Quakers as it speaks to the practice of "speaking directly to God without any middlemen". Mary Lou travels extensively performing her one-woman show based on her book with all proceeds going to local charities—usually hospice programs. She has performed at Bucks County Playhouse in support of Chandler Hall.

10:00-Noon - Children's Program: The teachers of QMM First Day School will present a program on "Famous Quakers throughout history with emphasis on African-American Quakers" (February is Black History month.) Child care will be provided in the afternoon.

11:00 – 12:00 - Meeting for Worship

12:00-1:00 - Brown bag lunch with desserts and beverages provided by our Quakertown Friends

1:00-3:00 - Business Session - Childcare Provided

Meeting for Business Agenda Items: We will hear news of our Friends Doylestown, Makefield and Quakertown. We will also receive news from our Coordinator, the quarter's Budget and Nominating Committee, Outreach Committee, the Friends Home and Village Annual Report, The Quaker School at Horsham and our Treasurer will present the preliminary 2015-16 budget..

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

Boris Simkovich, one week prior to Quarterly Meeting.

boris@simkovich.com

LIVES PASSING

Wrightstown Friends suffer the loss of **Jeannine Vannais** who passed on January 5th surrounded by friends and family.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Are you interested in a Women's Bible Study Group?

Contact Beth Taylor at Huldah44@Verizon.net.

KEEP ON CRAFTING

Cold winter days are great for stitching, card making, candle molding, etc. Bring your hand crafted donations to Quarterly Meeting in February at Quakertown for the Bucks Quarter Friendly Crafters sale table.

For more information, contact Holly Olson at hollybqc@verizon.net or 215-453-7358.

IS YOUR MEETING A "NUT FREE" ENVIRONMENT?

Bucks Quarter is working toward our Quarterly Meeting gatherings being safe for children and adults with nut allergies. Consider talking about this important subject within your Monthly Meeting community.

QUAKERISM INFORMATIONAL (QUAKERISM IN A NUTSHELL)

Faith, Witness, Process ~ What's it all about?

Wanted: Friends, attenders, seekers to explore the life of Quakerism and being Quaker today.

Come to this exciting workshop led by Melanie Douty Snipes and find out what makes Friends quake.

**Join us on Saturday March 21st, 10am to 2pm at the Makefield Friends Meetinghouse
Lunch provided.**

We will have a morning session then break for lunch and sharing, then reconvene after lunch for a general question and answer session.

To register and for more information, contact Holly Olson 215-453-7358 or hollybqc@verizon.net
The workshop is free, registration is necessary for planning lunch.

**Makefield Friends Meetinghouse:
877 Dolington Rd, Newtown, PA 18940**

MIDWEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Tuesdays at Southampton 7:30 PM
Wednesdays at Lehigh Valley 5:00 PM
Wednesdays at Makefield 7:00 AM
Thursdays at Plumstead 9:00AM
Thursdays at Middletown 7:00 PM

FRIENDS VILLAGE COMMUNITY GARDEN NEEDS PLOWING

Friends Village needs its garden plowed under. The garden is approximately 2- 30'x100'. A rototiller won't go through the leaf mulch. This could be done anytime between now and early spring.

Gardeners are also being sought to help with the community garden. Your service would be contributing to the healthy diet of the residents. 90% of what is grown is used in the meals for residents.

Members of Bucks Quarter are being asked to help because Friends Village along with its sister campus Friends Home are the two retirement communities under the care of Bucks Quarterly Meeting.

For more information or to volunteer, contact: Jerry Taylor at 215-493-6625

IMPROVING YOUR LIFE

SPEAKERS SERIES AT MIDDLETOWN FRIENDS MEETING

Spiritual Travel with Connie Fenty

Please join Connie Fenty as she shares information about how she became involved with experiencing and then co-leading Sacred Journeys to sites in England, Cornwall, Wales, Ireland, and France. Connie will also facilitate a discussion on Pilgrimage and the Hero's Journey.

12:15 welcome and refreshments.

Speaker at 12:30.

For more information,

Contact langhorneclerk@gmail.com

These events are free and open to the public.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

Annual Sessions 2015

Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA

July 29 - August 2

"Open Our Eyes That We May See"

A VALENTINE'S DAY GIFT TO EACH OTHER FOR COUPLES

Saturday February 14 - 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

Friends Center - 1515 Cherry Street, Phila, PA

Patricia McBee and Brad Sheeks, who bring forty years of experience with the Couple Enrichment Program of Friends General Conference will guide the day's activities.

Give yourself and your partner the gift of a day just for the two of you to explore:

- What are you grateful for?
- How can I help you know yourself better?
- What sadness do you feel some days?
- How can I be more genuine with you?
- What worries do you carry?
- What are you grateful for?

After the welcome and overview of the day, Pat & Brad will have a conversation on a topic prompted by one of the questions listed above; or by something said as we introduced ourselves as couples.

Each couple will have time for a private conversation of their choice prompted by one of the questions above, or by something said by someone else. It is a good idea to start out with something about which you are very grateful in your relationship.

Next we gather as a whole group to hear how the previous activity was experienced by others.

Gathering in groups of three couples we continue our conversations with the support of attentive and confidential listening by the other couples. We will have a break for lunch.

We will continue these small group conversations with breaks to review our experiences.

There is no registration fee, a contribution to cover costs including child care if needed is appreciated.

For information or to register, contact Brad Sheeks at bsheeks@verizon.net or Patricia McBee at pmcbee@juno.com or call them at 215-349-6959.

*This version of the November Quarterly Meeting minutes contains the edited highlights.
The minutes in full detail will be brought to Quarterly Meeting in February at
Quakertown Meeting 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
QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES**

Held at Solebury Monthly Meeting, November 16, 2014

Clerk: Boris Simkovich (Makefield)

Recording Clerk: David Rose (Lehigh Valley)

Roll Call of Meetings: Bristol: 0, Buckingham: 1, Doylestown: 1, Fallsington: 2, Lehigh Valley: 2, Makefield: 3, Middletown: 4, Newtown: 8, Plumstead: 1, Quakertown: 1, Solebury: 4, Southampton: 1, Wrightstown: 2, Yardley: 4

Minutes of August 24, 2014 were read and approved with one correction.

Stories of Vitality were shared

Coordinator's Report given by Holly Olson (Middletown MM). In-reach portion reported on the Clerk's meeting, Religious Education meeting cancelation, Spiritual Formation program cancelation, Facebook page (please "like"), work on Bristol Meeting records, help and support provided to a Young Friend, and upcoming New Year's Eve skating party. Outreach report noted the success of the Peace Fair, participation in Historic Fallsington Day and Historic Bristol Day. Holly has been meeting with other Quarter Coordinators and will be visiting other Quarterly Meetings. Friends were encouraged to attend one of the General Secretary Tours sessions around PYM.

Treasurer's Report given by Ed Snyder (Yardley MM). Activity for the first fiscal quarter is as expected. No items of concern reported. He reported that since the end of the report in September, an additional \$20,000 has been sent to PYM.

Newtown MM Annual Report given by Rich Richardson for Wendy Kane. Membership at end of 2013 stood at 295 with 15 new members joining since then. Work done by the Library committee, the First Day School classes, annual fundraisers under care of the Children's Religious Education committee, Peace and Service concerns were reported on. Also noted were concerns about meeting financial obligations and the upcoming 200th anniversary of the Meeting.

Bucks Quarter Peace Fair report given by Tim Cunningham (Buckingham). This year was notable for the strong sense of community that was expressed by the help provided by other meetings. Next year's Peace Fair will be September 19, 2015. Planning will start earlier and reach out for help sooner. Looking for meetings to adopt a specific responsibility. Karen Gallager (Norristown MM) spoke about the Young Friends involvement with the fair and how important it is for them. Request made to have Meetings sign up for a task as early as possible.

Auditor's Report read by Betsy Bayardi (Wrightstown MM) for Alan Gray (Plumstead MM). Report found BQM financial records to be in good order.

Nomination request present.

- David Smith (Solebury MM) was nominated to PYM Nomination Committee: **Approved.**
- Betsy Bayardi (Wrightstown MM) nominated to be "At Large" member to PYM Nomination Committee: **Approved.**

Plumstead MM Annual Report read by Lane Taylor for Beth Taylor. The Meeting continues to be a "small, simple and quiet Meeting" with First Day School averaging five to seven children. Community building activities are ongoing and members are involved in a number of both local groups and the larger Quaker Community.

Camp Onas Annual Report given by Lane Taylor (Plumstead MM and Board Member). Lane noted that the camp will be undertaking a large capital campaign to upgrade the pool. Friends were encouraged to attend worship at the camp during the summer. Meetings in the Quarter who do not have their allotted two board appointments filled were encouraged to do so.

Announcements:

- Kelly Schussell-Edens, clerk of the quarter's Outreach Committee will be moving away from the area in a little over a year and urges the Quarter to find a replacement that she can train in the meantime.
- Tyler Hoff from Friends Home and Village CEO (Yardley MM) introduced himself. He also noted that FHV is also looking for additional Board members.
- Tribe One, a group that Jonathan Snipes has been part of for the past twenty years, will be performing their anniversary concert in Germantown in December,
- Extended worship opportunities are being provided by the PYM Meeting for Worship and Ministry (MFW)

Clerk's Reflections: Holiday season approaching and we should remember those that do not have the friends, family or support during this season.

Meeting closed with a period of silent worship at 2:40 p.m.

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