

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

March 2014

- March 5 9:30am Open House ~ United Friends School
March 8 10-noon Monthly Meeting Clerks Meeting at Wrightstown Meeting Social Hall
March 8 PYM Junior Interim Meeting at Arch Street Friends Meetinghouse
March 9, 23, 30 2pm Prayer Course ~ Wrightstown Meeting Meetinghouse
March 11 7pm BQ Outreach Committee Meets at Pennswood Village
March 13 7pm BQ Oversight Committee Meets in the Jackson House at BFS
March 14-16 PYM Middle School Friends Gathering at Wicomico River Friends Meetinghouse
March 15 6pm Games Night at Buckingham Meetinghouse
March 16 6pm Friends Camp Assoc. Board Meets at Wrightstown Meeting Social Hall
March 23 12:15PM Speakers Series at Middletown Meeting
March 28-30 PYM Young Friends Gathering (Location to be Finalized)
March 29 6:30pm William Penn Lecture - Arch Street Meetinghouse - Christina Repoley

Looking Ahead

April

- April 5 10am-2pm Quakerism A-Z - Faith, Witness, Process ~ What's it all about?
April 26 4pm United Friends School Spring Benefit
May 4 2pm Create a Vision for Social Media for Bucks Quarter - Wrightstown Meetinghouse
July 24-27 PYM Annual Session at Muhlenberg College, Allentown PA

Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:

March - Solebury April - Wrightstown May - Yardley

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

PRAYER COURSE ~ LIVING A PRAYERFUL LIFE

March 9, 23, 30 and April 13

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: Holly Olson at hollybqc@verizon.net or 215-860-9747. **Space limited to 25 participants**

Cost: \$10

LIVES PASSING

Lehigh Valley Friends suffer the loss of **Barry Young** who passed on January 28th. Middletown Friends suffer the loss of **Rachel Ambler** who passed on January 26th.

QUAKERPHERNALIA BY EMAIL

If you would prefer to receive your Quakerphernalia electronically, contact Holly Olson at hollybqc@verizon.net

It is formatted to print on 8 1/2 x 11 paper

QUAKERISM A TO Z

Faith, Witness, Process ~ What's it all about?
Come Find Out!

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 tick.

Some topics covered will be our testimonies known by the acronym SPICES, why we don't have ministers...or do we? When and how did Quakerism get started? What do elders do...who do they elder...is it a bad thing to be elderd? Friends and singing. God and Quakers, Jesus and Quakers, do you have to believe in them? Monthly, Quarterly, Yearly Meeting...which one do you belong to? All these great questions can be answered plus more at this workshop. **Join us on Saturday April 5th from 10am to 2pm in the Wrightstown Meeting social hall.**

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 215-860-9747 or hollybQc@verizon.net
The workshop is free, registration is necessary for planning lunch.

Wrightstown Friends Meetinghouse: 535 Durham 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 Middletown 7:00 PM
Wednesdays at Plumstead 9:00AM

CALLING ALL YOUNG FRIENDS AND YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS

Bucks Quarter needs your social media expertise!
There will be a meeting on **Sunday May 4th, 2PM** at the Wrightstown meetinghouse to begin the conversation on how to **Create a Vision for Social Media in Bucks Quarter.**

Most of us over the age of 40 are not richly plugged into social media and we need your help to guide us. All ages are welcome and needed but especially the age groups that make up our future. We need your vision of the future of Quakerism and how to get that word out.

PHILADELPHIA YEARLY MEETING THREAD GATHERINGS

Thread Gatherings bring Friends from many monthly meetings together for a shared sense of community and calling. Each gathering focuses on one primary thread (topic) and offers workshops, experience sharing of our ministry, wisdom sharing from our experience and more.

For more information go to:

<http://www.pym.org/thread-gatherings/>

The following Gatherings are scheduled for 2014:
Stewardship of Finances April 19
Peace & Social Concerns April 26

SPEAKERS SERIES AT MIDDLETOWN FRIENDS MEETING

March through May there will be a speakers series at Middletown Friends Meeting on the fourth Sunday. Beginning a 12:15 with refreshments and followed by a guest speaker at 12:30.

Guest speaker in March will be Jean M. White RN-BC, HN-BC, HTCP/1

Jean is a Healing Touch Therapist. The topic will be Self-care and Healing.

Contact Holly Olson for more Information.

These events are free and open to the public.

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GAMES NIGHT AT BUCKINGHAM

You are Invited!

Buckingham Friends invite you to Games Night. Games Night happens on the third **Saturday of the month** running October, November, and January through May. The evening begins at **6:00** with a pot luck meal and then the games begin. For the most part all of the games are multigenerational and none are electronic so leave your devices at home and enjoy an evening of community fellowship. It is not unusual for this fun to continue past 9:00. You are welcome to come and go any time you wish.

PYM JUNIOR INTERIM MEETING, MIDDLE SCHOOL AND YOUNG FRIENDS GATHERINGS

Junior Interim Meeting will be held on **March 8th**. Junior Interim Meeting is an opportunity for Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's children to take part in God's Big Idea for them. Junior Interim Meeting builds on the Children's Priority, a calling that the children of PYM hear as a group, and address with Quaker business methods. **Middle School Friends** gathering at Wicomico River Friends Meeting will be held March 14th - 16th. **Young Friends** March Gathering will run **March 28, 7pm to March 30 at noon**. The location is yet to be finalized.

PYM YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS THE WILLIAM PENN LECTURE WITH PRESENT CHRISTINA REPOLEY MARCH 29TH

The Young Adults Friends of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting invite everyone to the fourth William Penn Lecture of the 21st century.

PROPHETIC SERVICE AS FORMATION AND TRANSFORMATION

Christine Repoley is a member of Atlanta Friends Meeting and the Executive Director of Quaker Voluntary Service.

<http://www.quakervoluntaryservice.org/>

The William Penn Lecture is an annual event for all Friends. It is under the care of Young Adult Friends and comes out of a history that began with the first lecture in 1916.

The doors will open at 6:30 for this event. The lecture begins at 7:00 and will be followed by a Question & Answer period and refreshments.

Arch Street Meetinghouse -
4th and Arch Streets Phila, PA

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.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION INTEREST SESSION

Do you seek Deeper Spiritual Experience?
Are you Led to Intergenerational Community?
The Spiritual Formation Program is forming a new cohort, with a focus on young adult Friends!

We Invite You a Sample Session of the Spiritual Formation Program:

- * Participate in worship sharing groups
 - * Grow in spiritual practice and faith experience
 - * Move together in witness to the Eternal in our lives
- Young Adult and other interested Friends - Explore a deeper connection to one another and Spirit

Who: Young Adult & other Friends interested in intergenerational spiritual development

When: Saturday, March 22nd, 11am – 12:30pm

Where: Arch Street Meeting House, 4th and Arch Streets in Philadelphia, PA

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(Young Adult Friends Communications Coordinator)

SACRED JOURNEY TO FRANCE

September 9-21: "Caves to Cathedrals" Travel with Connie Fenty from Middletown Meeting on a Sacred Journey to France. Discover how our ancestors were inspired to create visual and ceremonial expressions of the relationship between themselves and the Divine Feminine. Travel with us to the Painted Caves in the Dordogne region. There we will be guided by a French man who grew up playing in the caves. Although, the caves can still be entered by visitors, they may not be assessable for much longer. This will be a rich experience. Then on to Cathedrals in Chartres and Paris. View details of the magnificent stone carvings and stained glass windows and hear how Chartres Cathedral was "attuned" to spirit with Sacred Geometry.

For more information contact Connie Fenty at conniefenty@gmail.com or call 215-906-2275.

NEWS FROM MERCER STREET FRIENDS

Last year's summer preschool program at Mercer Street Friends Center was a great success, thanks to the generosity of many local Friends/friends. This summer the program will continue, in keeping with our new mission statement: "Bridging opportunity gaps... helping families and communities make the journey out of poverty." We want to tell you more about the summer preschool and other inspiring programs at Mercer Street Friends. If you would like to have a board or staff member visit your Meeting, please contact Lisa Ogletree, 267-994-2150. For more information and ways to contribute, visit our website, www.mercerstreetfriends.org.

For more information contact Lisa Ogletree

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