



Quakerphernalia

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

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MARCH 2016

Mar 5 9:15am PYM Extended Worship - Swarthmore Meetinghouse

Mar 5 6pm Games Night - Makefield Meetinghouse

Mar 7 1pm Chandler Hall Auxiliary Annual Meeting - Wright Meeting Hall, Moorehouse Room

Mar 8 7pm Bucks Quarter Outreach Committee Meeting - Pannswood Village

Mar 8 7pm Bucks Quarter Peace Fair Meeting

Mar 10 7pm Bucks Quarter Oversight Meeting - Jane Jackson House (BFS)

Mar 12 6pm Games Night - Buckingham Meetinghouse

Mar 18 10:30am Learning Fair - The Quaker School at Horsham

Mar 19 8:30am PYM Continuing Sessions - Arch Street Meetinghouse

Mar 19 7pm William Penn Lecture - Arch Street Meetinghouse

Mar 21 6pm Bucks Food For Friends - Fallsington Meetinghouse

March 26 8:30am-4:30pm Meeting Caregiver Training Workshop - Wrightstown Meeting Social Building

Mar 30 6:30pm The Quaker School at Horsham Presents Mike Fogel - Introduction to Social Skills

Looking Ahead

April 15 Benefit Lasagna Dinner - Newtown Meetinghouse

April 30 10am-2pm Bucks Quarter Offers Quakerism in a Nutshell - Makefield Meetinghouse

May 15 Quarterly Meeting Hosted by Fallsington Meeting

July 29-Aug 2 PYM Annual Session at Muhlenberg College, Allentown PA

Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:

March - Newtown April - Solebury May - Wrightstown

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

QUAKERISM IN A NUTSHELL

Informational Workshop on Quakerism

This workshop is for Friends, attenders and seekers to explore the life of Quakerism and being Quaker today. Come to this exciting workshop led by Melanie Douty Snipes. Join us on **Saturday April 30th, from 10am to 2pm at the Makefield Meetinghouse**. Lunch is provided.

To register and for more information, contact Holly Olson 215-453-7358 or hollybqc@verizon.net

The workshop is free though donations will be greatly appreciated.

GAMES NIGHTS!

On the first Saturday of the month, Makefield Friends host Games Night at 6pm with popcorn, pretzels and beverages.

877 Dolington Rd, Newtown

On the second Saturday of the month, Buckingham Friends host Games Night at 7pm with a pot luck meal beginning at 6pm.

5684 Old York Rd, Lahaska

BUCKS QUARTER AND TED TAYLOR PRESENT - MEETING CAREGIVER TRAINING WORKSHOP

SATURDAY March 26th - 8:30am to 4:30pm

Wrightstown Friends Meeting Social Hall

How do people of faith navigate a path through the difficult decisions faced in our complex medical system? Is there a way to use Quaker testimonies and precepts to examine and discern a Spirit-led way through murky bio-ethical dilemmas? And what are the bioethical issues faced by all of us throughout life's journey?

Ted Taylor is a member of Yardley Meeting is a chaplain at RWJ Hamilton Hospital, director of their department of Pastoral Care & Training, and coordinator of the hospital's bioethics committee. He will facilitate a one-day retreat that will shed light on these queries.

In the course of the day participants will experiment with an ethical decision-making process based on the clearness committee model of discernment. Specific bioethical issues will be explored using this process, including the topics of abortion, healthcare provider relationships, mental health, and end-of-life care.

At the end of the retreat, participants will have gained insight into many of the bio-ethical issues faced by people of faith, and will have a new tool with which to discern a way through ethical dilemmas.

Please register with Holly Olson at hollybqc@verizon.net

This free and open to meeting members. Brown bag lunch. Beverages and desserts will be provided.

FIRST DAY SCHOOL TEACHER POSITION

Buckingham Friends Meeting has an opening for their first day school teaching position. The curriculum is based upon Quaker values but without emphasis on Bible readings. A nice part time salary is offered for only 1 1/2 hours of work each Sunday (First Day) from September to the beginning of June with the summer off. If interested in the position you can reach out to BFM on their Facebook page, attend meeting for worship or contact John Baler at givingnature@me.com or 267-337-5745.

PYM CONTINUING SESSIONS

**4th and Arch Street Meetinghouse, Philadelphia
March 19 8:30AM**

A deeply powerful day where Friends of all ages gather to do our most important work.

“At Continuing Sessions we will meet, worship together and build the blessed community we hope to be. Come build our community in peace and in reverence of us all.”

On this day we will worship together, as a whole community and in worship sharing groups.

- Work on our query “What is God calling PYM Quakers to do next to end racism and white supremacy in the Religious Society of Friends and beyond?”
- Administrative and Quaker Life Councils will update us on the work happening in our Yearly Meeting.
- Connect with Friends who share common leadings in Action Groups.
- Programs for children and youth ages infant-high school age. A weekend-long gathering for middle-school-age and high-school-age youth will run concurrently. All ages will gather for All Together Time, lunch and at other sharing points throughout the day.

Continuing Sessions is an extension of the best parts of our residential Annual Sessions packed into a day-long event. We’ll begin and end in worship, we’ll engage the mission and priorities of our yearly meeting, and we’ll have fun as we seek spiritual deepening.

Registration is open.

<http://www.pym.org/continuing-sessions/>

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YOGA CLASSES

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. No charge, though a small donation to the meetinghouse is humbly requested. 215-968-0927 or jim.whitmoyer@verizon.net

EXTENDED WORSHIP AT MIDDLETOWN

If you seek an occasional extended time for worship, beginning in March, Middletown Friends will have extended worship every 2nd Sunday beginning at 10:00 leading into the 11:00 worship hour. All are welcome.

453 W. Maple Avenue, Langhorne

BUCKS QUARTER PEACE FAIR

It’s that time of year for Friends to gather around planning the 2016 Bucks Quarter Peace Fair. The kick-off meeting for 2016 is on March 8th, 7pm at the Buckingham meetinghouse. If you are interested in serving in a leadership way by serving on the planning committee or by being the liaison for your meeting please stand this kick-off meeting or contact Peter Ray at 215-794-5816 or peter.ray@comcast.net.

SPEAKER SERIES

**MIDDLETOWN MEETINGHOUSE
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Malaika is addicted to the tangible rewards of growing good food and the challenges of building healthy ecosystems. She has been working on farms for over 10 years and can't imagine life without muddy boots, fresh tomato sandwiches, long days of weeding and the satisfaction of working with the land to feed her community. Malaika studied sustainable agriculture at Hampshire College in Amherst Massachusetts and apprenticed on organic vegetable and dairy farms in New Jersey, Massachusetts, Vermont, Ecuador and Costa Rica. Before starting Roots to River farm she managed The Journey's End CSA in Sterling, Pennsylvania for two years. Malaika is the co-owner/farmer for Roots to River Farm, a CSA in Solebury. Roots to River Farm aims to transcend the economic, ecological and cultural devastation created by the industrial agriculture system by providing high quality organically grown produce directly to its local community. Roots to River Farm has been growing organically since it began in 2013 and the farm will be Certified Organic in the spring of 2016.

12:15 welcome and refreshments.

Info: Contact langhorneclerk@gmail.com

These events are free and open to the public.

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DINING WITH WILLIAM PENN

Hosted by Historic Fallsington, Inc. at the Fallsington Friends Meetinghouse

Thursday, March 10 from 7:30 – 8:30 pm.

Susan McLellan Plaisted, Proprietress, Heart to Hearth Cookery and coordinator of the volunteer foodways program at Pennsbury Manor will take the audience through the gastronomical world of Penn’s time and highlight receipts (recipes) of his first wife, Gulielma Penn.

Program is free but please reserve by calling 215-295-6567

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**BUCKS QUARTERLY MEETING
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WILLIAM PENN LECTURE

The William Penn Lecture is an annual event that brings Friends together from across the Yearly Meeting to be inspired and to be in the deep community that supports our sustained response to inspiration.

The [2016 William Penn Lecture](#) will be given by **Mary Crauderueff** on the theme “**Spirit Works: Exploring Quaker Leadership.**” Mary is curator of Quaker Collections at Haverford College, as well as an active member of the Young Adult Friends community. The lecture will be **Saturday, March 19 at 7pm**, following [Spring Continuing Sessions](#).

The William Penn Lecture is an annual event under the care of [Young Adult Friends](#). The lecture is given for the purpose of:

- The creation of a closer fellowship through association and interchange of experience
- Strengthening our loyalty to the ideals of the Society of Friends
- Preparation by such common ideals for more effective work through the Society of Friends for the growth of the Kingdom of God on earth

PYM ON FACEBOOK

Search under “Families of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting” and connect with others in PYM, find out whose attending a PYM event, or share thoughts and ideas about raising Quaker kids in popular culture—or maybe to just hang out electronically!

GUEST SPEAKER AT THE QUAKER SCHOOL AT HORSHAM

Thursday, March 3, 2016, 6:30-8:30 pm

Introduction to Social Skills by Mike Fogel, MA, ATR-BC, LPC of

[Child and Family Art Therapy Center](#)

This presentation focuses on concrete, actionable strategies and language for parents and educators to help students develop social competence. Topics that will be covered include: the unwritten social contract, perspective-taking/empathy, reading social cues, flexibility, as well as ways to create the ideal environment to foster social growth.

Michael Fogel, MA, ATR-BC, LPC, the director of the Child and Family Art Therapy Center, is passionate about making the world a better place, one child and family at a time.

Mike is highly specialized in the treatment of neurologically-based social challenges stemming from ADHD, learning disabilities, and Autism Spectrum disorders.

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