



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

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MARCH 2019

- Mar 2 9:15am PYM Extended Worship - Swarthmore Meetinghouse
Mar 2 6pm Games Night - Makefield Meetinghouse
Mar 2 7pm Secret Codes of Slaves and the Underground Railroad - Middletown Meetinghouse
Mar 3, 17, 24 & 31 11:15am Twelve Steps as a Spiritual Practice - Makefield Meetinghouse
Mar 4 9:30am Immigration Law/Berks Co. Residential Center Discussion at Unami Meeting
Mar 7 5:30pm Quaker Women's Social Hour - Pineville Tavern, Pineville, PA
Mar 9 10am PYM Thread Gathering - Pastoral Care in Multigenerational Community - Princeton Meetinghouse
Mar 10 12:30 Presentation by Tom Wells, Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act legislation -
Middletown Meetinghouse (Snow date March 24)
Mar 10 6pm Camp Onas Board Meeting - Wrightstown Meeting Social Hall
Mar 13 11:30 Open House - Friends Village - Includes Lunch at 12:30 - RSVP bheverly@fhfvpa.org
Mar 14 7pm BQ Oversight Meeting - Jane Jackson House
Mar 18 6pm Bucks Food For Friends - Fallsington Meetinghouse
Mar 23 PYM Continuing Sessions - Reading Meetinghouse, Berks Detention Ctr., Reading County Col.
Mar 26 7pm BQ Outreach Committee Meeting - Pennswood Village
Mar 29 Buckingham Friends School Annual Auction - HollyHedge Estate
Mar 31st Bucks Quarter Presents the Film, "I'm Not Racist...Am I? - The Newtown Theatre

Looking Ahead

- April 4th Fundraiser for Friends Home and Friends Village - Patchwork Project
April 6 United Friends School Spring Benefit - Proper Brewing Co., Quakertown, PA
April 16 PYM-wide Quaker Family Meetup - Princeton Meetinghouse
April 20 Quakerism in a Nutshell - Wrightstown Meetinghouse & Social Hall
May 19 Bucks Quarterly Meeting - Doylestown
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:
March - Middletown April - Newtown May - Solebury
Worship 11:00****Arrive 10:45**

I'm Not Racist... Am I?

**Film Screening and Discussion with Producer
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.

QUAKERISM IN A NUTSHELL

Informational Workshop About Quakerism

Are you new to Quakers and Quakerism? Do you wish to be better informed and involved? Have you been a Quaker for a long time? Please join us for our annual workshop, Quakerism in a Nutshell on April 20th from 10AM until 2PM (lunch is included). This workshop is for Friends, attenders and seekers to explore the life of Quakerism and being Quaker today. Join us for this wonderful workshop led by Melanie Douty Snipes. Open to the public.

Lunch is provided.

To register or for more information:
contact Holly Olson 215-860-9747 or
hollybqc@verizon.net

Registration deadline is April 18th.

Registration is required for planning lunch.
The workshop is free though donations to offset expenses will be greatly appreciated.

535 Durham Rd, Newtown, PA
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**THE TWELVE STEPS
AS SPIRITUAL PRACTICE
Makefield Meeting Adult First Day School
March 2019**

This March at Makefield Friends Meeting, Maia Simon will lead four sessions of Adult First Day School with a look at the Twelve Steps, which first were defined by the founders of Alcoholics Anonymous and are now used by many other programs for addiction and for emotional and relationship wellness. One need not have or acknowledge an addiction to participate in these discussions; we are examining the steps as spiritual practice.

The last of the Twelve Steps says, "Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of these steps, we tried to carry the message to others who still suffer and to practice these principles in all our affairs." Indeed, the Twelve Steps are a program intended to help one find conscious contact with a 'Higher Power'; it is a program for spiritual formation and growth.

This program at Makefield Meeting is based on a weekend workshop Maia has delivered at Pendle Hill called 'Beyond Abstinence; Taking The Steps To Happy, Joyous, And Free.'

Adult First Day School at Makefield meets from 11:15 to noon each Sunday of the month except the second. First Day School is preceded by meeting for worship from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. and light refreshments thereafter. You are invited to join us in March for the discussion of the Twelve Steps (and worship, if you wish) on the **3rd, 17th, 24th, and 31st** of the month.

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PYM CONTINUING SESSIONS - FREE

Join us for Spring Continuing Sessions 2019 which will be held on **March 23rd in Reading 10AM to 4PM.**

10AM: The Young Adult Friends are leading the yearly meeting body in a worshipful resistance of family detention, outdoors at the Berks Co. Residential Center. Parking is near the center. Optional indoor programming at the Reading meetinghouse is planned for Friends who are weather sensitive.

Lunch is brown bag.

1 to 4PM: Meeting for worship with attention to business will be held at the Miller Center for the Performing Arts at Reading Area Community College. Youth & Children's programming will be at the Reading meetinghouse.

Registration: www.pym.org/continuing-sessions

Info: Meg Rose, mrose@pym.org

Olivia Brangan, obranagan@pym.org

REMEMBERING OUR HUMBLE ROOTS...

"The men and women who left their footprints on the sands of time, George Fox, Margaret Fell, Francis Howgill... and the rest, could not have done it alone. Behind them stood the ones who have left no memorial... men and women who snatched a scanty living from little hill farms, who kept small village shops, who tended sheep and who were prepared to face the loss of it all... for a liberty which they themselves might never live to enjoy."

~ Elfrida Vipont Foulds, 1953

LIVES PASSING

Buckingham Friends super the loss of **Linda Redenbaugh** who died on January 20th.

Doylestown Friends suffer the loss of **Sally Fell** who died on January 22nd.

Solebury Friends suffer the loss of **Kirk Norris** who died on January 24th.

QUAKER WOMEN'S SOCIAL HOUR

This monthly gathering includes women throughout Bucks Quarter. The group meets at a restaurant in the Langhorne/Newtown area the first week of every month rotating the days Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The next meeting will be held at the Pineville Tavern on March 7th at 5:30PM.

If you would like to be on the email list, contact Kris Sheffer, kmichaelsheffer@hotmail.com.

YOGA CLASSES

NEWTOWN MEETINGHOUSE

Weekly Yoga classes are held at the Newtown meetinghouse on Wednesday nights at 7pm with Jim Whitmoyer, who has many 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

MEMOIR WRITING GROUP

If you want to make a difference consider our Memoir writing group. The group meets at Friends Village the second and fourth Thursdays with a writing coach on the first Thursdays.

The pen is mightier than the sword.

For more info: Judith Solt judtsolt2@gmail.com or 215-968-2897.

**WHAT I'VE LEARNED DURING MY TEN YEARS
IN IMMIGRATION LAW, & FIVE YEARS WITH
DETAINEES AT THE BERKS COUNTY
RESIDENTIAL CENTER**

(detention center)

On **March 4th** there will be a discussion led by Jackie Kline from Aldea, the People's Justice Center at Unami Friends Meeting from 9:30-10:45AM.

What would you do if sitting next to your first client at the Berks County Detention Center were five more on the bench? If every time you came to see a client, there were others there? Jacqueline Kline will be speaking to us about her experiences with the law firm that she and partner Bridget Cambria began (five years ago on March 4!).

Their clients have been traumatized in their country of origin, and then traumatized here, so in 2016 Jackie and Bridget (along with Carolanne Donohue of Reading Friends Meeting) founded the non-profit Aldea, the People's Justice Center, to address the many issues that immigrants face in this country, e.g., getting their child into school, getting a SS card, etc. Aldea has built long-term relationships with the people they've served. Two individuals who've won asylum joined Aldea's board of directors, and one of them has testified in Congress and before Amnesty International.

Jackie anticipates talking for a short time and then answering questions. Her experience includes working with DACA recipients and victims of domestic violence. She'll be bringing along her 14-month-old son, so child care will be provided!

Contributions to an honorarium are welcome as checks made out to Unami Meeting or Aldea.

Unami Meeting: 100 E. Fifth St., Pennsburg, PA

“SECRET CODES OF SLAVES AND THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD”

Saturday, March 2- 7:00 PM

Middletown Friends Meetinghouse,
453 W. Maple Avenue, Langhorne, PA

Most African American slaves were not taught to read or write, but that didn't stop them from communicating vital information to those escaping to freedom. Esteemed quilter and president of the African American Museum of Bucks County, Linda Salley will present the many ways enslaved people sent signals to one another, including messages embedded in quilts.

This program is co-sponsored by Langhorne Council for the Arts and Middletown Friends Meeting to celebrate both Black History Month and Women's History Month. Proceeds will support the African American Museum of Bucks County and the Langhorne Council for the Arts student scholarship fund. A donation of \$5 per person is requested at the door. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call 215-752-0854. In the event of inclement weather, postponement will be announced on www.langhornearts.org.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT FUND OF PYM

Take a moment to dream about getting the word out to the public about how special Quakerism is and how you would like to see more people visit and then hopefully join...

Ok, now think about how to fund that project...did you know that there is money available to help your meeting with your project?

To find out more, visit <http://www.pym.org/grants/granting-groups/membership-development-granting-group/membership-development-support-fund/>

There is even a committee, Membership Development Granting Group with members who can help you.

THREAD GATHERING PASTORAL CARE IN MULTIGENERATIONAL COMMUNITY

March 9, 10AM to 4PM

Princeton Friends Meetinghouse

Friends are invited to explore ways in which meetings can work to maintain the day to day spirit; and emotional health of their community. This gathering will put special emphasis on caring for all ages, children, families and youth.

To register, click here:

<https://www.pym.org/quaker-life-council/thread-gatherings/registration-building-vibrant-multigenerational-community/>

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QUAKER OATHS NEWS

Many of you attended the screening of Quaker Oaths last fall. Here is the latest new from Lucy Kreutz: Just wanted to give you an update on Quaker Oaths- The film is now [streaming on Amazon Prime Video](#) and will soon be up on iTunes as well.

Also, it has been released on DVD and is for sale at Target, [Best Buy](#), [WalMart](#), [Barnes and Nobles](#), and Amazon- it has already sold a bunch of copies to total strangers, which is kinda mind blowing! It's also streaming in Mexico and in China and potentially more countries to come.

Bucks Quarter's Worship Schedule for 2019 Chandler Hall

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

February - Buckingham

March - Doylestown

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AMONG THE REDWOODS

[Ben Lomond Quaker Center](#) is located in the coastal redwood forest of central California and has well served the spiritual needs of Friends in the West since 1949. Rather than hiring a "Quaker couple" to take up running the center this summer, the BLQC Board now seeks to separately hire a Director and an Associate Director. Please consider the invitations below to apply for these positions, and please share these invitations as widely as you can.

Ben Lomond Quaker Center is now accepting applications for a Director to begin work during the summer of 2019 providing spiritual leadership to Friends in the west, developing workshops; managing staff, finances and facilities; fundraising; and working closely with spirit-led Board in support of Quaker Center's mission. Compensation includes: salary, benefits and housing in the glorious California coastal redwoods.

- [Please see the job description here.](#)
- The application deadline is March 31, 2019.
- Send resume and cover letter to search@quakercenter.org.

Quaker Center is also seeking applications for the position of Associate Director. This individual will support the BLQC Director to maintain a vital, spirit-led organization, which speaks to the spiritual condition of Friends and others. Compensation includes: salary, benefits and housing.

- This position will remain open until filled; applications received by March 31st may be prioritized.
- [Please see the job description here.](#)
- Send resume and cover letter to search@quakercenter.org.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact Holly Olson: hollybqc@verizon.net or 215-860-9747

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