

Quakerphernalia

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

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April 2012

**April 1st 2-4pm Called Session of Bucks Quarterly Meeting at Solebury Meetinghouse
PYM Budget/BQ Relationship - See Below**

- April 12 9:30am Open House at United Friends School - www.unitedfriendsschool.org
April 12 7pm Bucks Quarter Oversight Committee Meets at Buckingham Meetinghouse
April 15 2pm Open House at Newtown Friends School - www.newtownfriends.org
April 16 6pm Bucks Food For Friends at Fallsington Meeting
April 17 11:30am-1:30pm Open House and Luncheon at Friends Village
April 19 1pm Friends Home and Village Board Meets at Friends Village
April 21 9am-10:30am Open House at The Quaker School at Horsham www.quakerschool.org
April 21 10am-2pm Quakerism in a Nutshell with Melanie Douty Snipes at Makefield Meetinghouse
April 26 7:30pm Bucks Quarter Singing Group Meets at Makefield Meetinghouse - All voices welcome
April 28 10am-Noon Open House at Buckingham Friends School - www.bfs.org
April 29 1:30PM John Calvi to Speak at Doylestown Meeting (See Below)
April 20 5pm-7pm Newtown Friends Meeting Benefit Lasagna Dinner Fundraiser to Benefit
April 28 10am-3pm PYM Field Day!!!!!!!!!!!!

Looking Ahead

- May 5 Yard Sale!!! Wrightstown Friends Meetinghouse
May 7 13th Annual Chandler Hall Golf Classic at Trenton Country Club - vfusco@chandlerhall.org
May 20 Quarterly Meeting for Worship and Business at Wrightstown Meeting !!
May 18 - 20 Art Show at Middletown Friends Meetinghouse

Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:

April ~ Doylestown May ~ Fallsington June ~ Makefield
Worship 11:00**Arrive 10:45**

CALLED SESSION - BUCKS QUARTERLY MEETING

**Sunday April 1st, 2-4PM, Called Session of Bucks Quarterly Meeting
Solebury Friends Meetinghouse - 2680 Sugan Rd, New Hope, PA 18938**

This Called Session stems from a concern that was lifted up at the February Quarterly Meeting. The concern was for the financial situation of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. This subject required more time than was available and Friends were in unity to hold a Called Session at a later date.

How are we led in the concern of PYM finances in relation to Bucks Quarter finances? As a community of Friends we are in relation with one another.

How can we best live into the spirit as we relate financially and in spirit?

The purpose of the Called Session is not to be a gripe session. The goal is to send a unified statement to the General Secretary and Financial Stewardship that is coherent and constructive.

This is an opportunity for Bucks Quarterly Meeting (the largest quarter within PYM) to make a statement.

Bucks Quarter is fortunate to have a few Friends who serve on the Financial Stewardship committee of PYM and they are planning to attend and help us find a way forward.

For more information on our yearly meeting finances go to:

<http://www.pym.org/news/update-pyms-financial-situation-letter-members-yearly-meeting>

QUAKERISM IN A NUTSHELL

The hectic times we live in encourage us to do all we want and need to do at an accelerated pace. Appreciating that fact, Bucks Quarterly Meeting invites you to attend a workshop on Quakerism. Quakerism in a Nutshell.

Some topics covered will be: What does it mean to be Quaker? Ministers; do Quakers have them? Who are the mother and father of Quakerism? What are the SPICES of Quakerism? Eldering. Seeking. Singing.

The workshop will be held on **April 21 from 10AM to 2PM** with a break for lunch and sharing at **Makefield Meeting in the social hall.**

There is no charge, however donations will be gratefully accepted.

Melanie Douty Snipes of Fallsington Meeting has graciously accepted the invitation to serve as the facilitator for the workshop. Thank You Melanie!!

Makefiled Meeting is located at 877 Dolington Rd, Newtown, PA 18940. **To register by April 19 or for more information, contact Holly Olson at 215-860-9747 or hollybqc@verizon.net**

Registering helps Holly to plan for refreshments, lunch and materials.

WRIGHTSTOWN FRIENDS NURSERY SCHOOL AUCTION

On **April 21**, WFNS will hold its annual Spring Auction. We hope that you will join us at **6 p.m.** at the Schoolhouse on the grounds of the Wrightstown Friends Meetinghouse. Admission for the auction is free and refreshments will be served. The proceeds raised from this event have funded special needs, scholarships and various educational programs for our students.

Our past successes have been in large part due to the generosity of our friends and local businesses. We are also seeking donations of items and services to be sold at our auction. Any items, including gift certificates, will be greatly appreciated. Your donation will be exhibited along with a prominent mention of the contributor. We also encourage our school community to frequent the establishments of our donors.

If you have any questions or would like to make arrangements for us to pick up a donation, please call us at 215-968-9900. Many thanks for your consideration and we hope to see you at the auction.

LIVES PASSING

Buckingham Friends suffer the loss of **Stacey Wszola** who passed on February 24th. A Memorial Meeting for Worship will be held at the Buckingham Meetinghouse on Sunday May 6th.

Wrightstown Friends suffer the loss of **John Stetson, Sr.** who passed on February 21st.

JOHN CALVI

TO SPEAK AT DOYLESTOWN MEETING

Doylestown Friends Meeting is honored to sponsor a forum about one of the most pressing moral issues of our time...John Calvi of The Quaker Initiative to End Torture .

When: Sunday, April 29, 2012, 1:30 p.m.

**Where: Doylestown Friends Meeting,
95 E. Oakland Avenue, Doylestown, PA**
This is a free forum, open to the public.

Child care will be provided

John Calvi and QUIT are committed to raising awareness of the practice of state-sponsored torture, and to helping persons whose lives have been damaged by such practices. John has been a tireless advocate for the abolition of torture, and has also devoted his energies to working directly with victims of torture.

State-sponsored torture is perpetrated against our presumed enemies in war, and also in our own corrections system. Increasingly, persons of conscience are protesting our government's participation in this brutalization of other persons. Learn more about this vital issue, and about how you can support the campaign to end the use of torture.

For more information call Doylestown Friends Meeting at 215-348-2320

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DEADLINE CHANGES AGAIN

Please note, due to ongoing changes within the US Postal Service, all articles, advertisements, etc. must now be to Holly by the 11th day of the preceding months publication.

WRIGHTSTOWN FRIENDS

NURSERY SCHOOL SEEKS A DIRECTOR

Wrightstown Friends Nursery School is seeking a director for the 2012 school year. Duties include overseeing current teaching staff, teaching on a daily basis, nurturing preschoolers ages 3 to 5 and their parents in the Quaker tradition. Some administrative duties. We are looking for a well rounded director with at least 5 years preschool teaching experience. Preference given to those with a Quaker background or strong ties to the Quaker community. Resume with cover letter explaining ties to Quaker Community or Quaker background should be emailed to pbiggs@comcast.net or mailed to WFNS P.O. Box 293, Penns Park, PA 18943 to the attention of Pauline Biggs.

NEWTOWN FRIENDS MEETING

FIRST DAY SCHOOL LASAGNA DINNER

Every spring the children of Newtown Friends Meeting host a benefit dinner. This April, 20th from 5-7PM, please join Friends as they are served a sumptuous dinner of lasagna, served graciously by the children.

The dinner will benefit Mercer Street Friends Center and your donations will be gratefully accepted.

AN INVITATION FROM BETH TAYLOR

Beth Taylor of Plumstead Meeting recently took a trip to Haiti to support the work of her sister who is a Mid-Wife.

Beth has created a 30 minute slide show showing the beautiful country of Haiti and its beautiful people. She would love an opportunity and to share the slide show and her experiences with any meetings/schools/groups. Beth's presentation would be free of charge, but donations would be gratefully accepted and would go directly to people in Haiti, for food, without any organizational costs.

BUCKS FOOD FOR FRIENDS

If you would like to be a volunteer for Bucks Food For Friends, please contact:

Carol Richardson c.richardson@cbhearthside.com
Carol keeps the list of volunteers and what areas of help they are interested in. Cooking, set up, service and clean up are the available areas.

Occasionally the regular cooks need a vacation and fill ins are needed, so if cooking for 60 is your thing, please speak up!

OPENINGS AT

WRIGHTSTOWN FRIENDS NURSERY SCHOOL

Wrightstown Friends Nursery School has limited openings for the 2012-2013 School year. A five-day morning program and a three-day afternoon program are offered for children ranging in age from three to five years old.

WFNS school is located on the grounds of the Wrightstown Friends Meeting at 535 Durham Road (Route 413) in Wrightstown. To schedule a classroom visit or to request information, please contact Director, Jean Dinneen at 215-968-9900 or at dinn10@comcast.net. Please visit our website at www.wrightstownfriends.org.

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**FURNITURE (USED) AVAILABLE AT
FRIENDS HOME AND VILLAGE**

Friends Home and Village of Bucks Quarterly Meeting has a variety of **old** dining room chairs and tables available for donation to individual(s) willing to pick them up. The furniture is in decent shape but worn (some more than others). Friends Home is located at 50 So. Congress Street in the borough of Newtown and Friends Village at 331 Lower Dolington Rd Newtown.

Please e-mail info@friendshomeandvillage.org if you or your organization are interested.

**YOUNG FRIENDS AND
MIDDLE SCHOOL FRIENDS**

MAY GATHERING AT CAMP SWATARA

This great weekend event and all PYM YF and MSF events are open to everyone from all over the Yearly Meeting. It will be held May 4-6 in Bethel PA. This gathering will be held along with Caln Quarterly Meeting at Camp Swatara

Get more information at www.pym.org and search Young Friends

Register through April 2, 2012

PYM FIELD DAY!

Sat, 04/28/2012 - 10:00am - 3:00pm

When Friends gather for Yearly Meeting, there is often a reflection on the great joy we gain from being in fellowship as a wide and diverse community. Having a Yearly Meeting Field Day is a way to spend more time together between Sessions!

Field day is about fellowship and play. It's a chance to engage with friends from all over the yearly meeting in games, song, shared food, and conversation. Field Day is open to all ages, and everyone is encouraged to attend. Friends under the age of 16 must have an adult taking part in the event as well.

Come play Frazleyrham (a fantastic team/cooperative game the combines ultimate Frisbee, basketball, football, and is wildly fun), strum a guitar and sing country roads, do arts and crafts, make a human table, sample potluck dishes from new friends, and sit down with wonderful people to discuss how much fun you're having. Bring your kids, bring your friends, bring your friend's kids, and bring your kid's friends!

Registration – Registration information will be available closer to the events.

Schedule- Program goes from 10am -3pm, with a potluck lunch in the middle. There will time for action and a time for rest, and choices to make in between!

Cost – Please bring a potluck dish to share.

Location – TBD

**Contact Ben Camp for more information at
bcamp@pym.org**

**EXTENDED WORSHIP
AT NEWTON MEETING**

CAMDEN NJ

**GATHERING OF THE PYM MEETING ON
WORSHIP & MINISTRY**

Meeting on Worship and Ministry is the body charged with the nurture of worship, Spirit-led ministry, and the spiritual life of the yearly meeting. It includes the clerks of worship and ministry committees and all Friends called to strengthen the life of the Spirit in our meetings.

Saturday, April 7 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

9:00 Fellowship and Refreshments

9:30 - 3:30 Meeting for Worship

Brown Bag Lunch - Beverages Provided

Meeting for Worship, with Attention to Discernment.

The semiannual Gathering of the PYM Meeting on Worship and Ministry is an opportunity to worship and hold in the Light the spiritual life and strength of our meetings.

Come! Take part in this day of communion in the Spirit that nurtures, heals and leads us to deeper understanding and faithfulness in our paths.

Please contact Connie Eash cneash@gmail.com or 610-274-0947 for more

information or to request childcare with a 2 week notice.

Newton Friends Meeting

133 N. 8th Street, Camden, NJ 08102

Entrance on 8th Street,

OPEN HOUSE AT FRIENDS VILLAGE

Friends Village which is one of Bucks Quarter's two Retirement Communities within its care, invites you to an Open House and luncheon on **April 17th from 11:30am to 1:30pm. RSVP 215-968-9222**

331 Dolington Rd

Newtown, PA 18940

PENDLE HILL WORKSHOPS

Apr 6-8: Experiencing Easter Again for the First Time

Apr 20-22: Energy Healing for Mind, Body and Spirit

Apr 27-29: Preparing the Way

May 13-17: John Woolman, Responding to the Inner Teacher

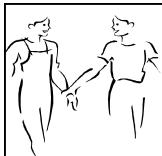
May 18-20: The Goodness Workshop with John Calvi

**THANK YOU...FROM MY HEART
AND MY SHOULDER**

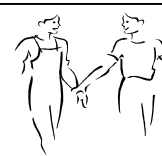
To all of you who held me in the Light, sent cards, emails and generally supported me when we were together...Thank you.

I continue to heal and will be on the road to physical therapy very soon.

Love,
Holly



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