

# Quakerphernalia

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

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## APRIL 2013

April 6 10-Noon Monthly Meeting Clerks Meeting at Makefield Meetinghouse

April 6 & 13 Pastoral Visitor Training - See page two

April 11 7pm BQ Oversight Committee Meets at Buckingham Meetinghouse

April 13 6pm Wrightstown Friends Nursery School Auction

April 13 7pm Buckingham Peace and Social Justice Film Series Presents "5 Broken Cameras"

April 18 1:30pm Friends Home and Village Board Meets at Friends Village

April 18 6-7pm Open House - The Quaker School at Horsham (TQS)

April 18 7-9pm "The Nuts and Bolts of Tuition Reimbursement" by Connolly, Jacobson and John at TQS

April 20 9:30am-3:30pm PYM Finance Thread Gathering

**April 20 10-2 Bucks Quarter's "Quakerism in a Nutshell" to be held at the Wrightstown Meetinghouse**

April 25 10am Open House - United Friends School

April 25 7:30pm BQ Singing Group Meets at Makefield Meetinghouse

April 27 9:30a,-3:30pm PYM Peace and Social Concerns Thread Gathering at Woodstown MM

April 27 10am-noon Open House - Buckingham Friends School

### Looking Ahead

**May 19 Quarterly Meeting hosted by Doylestown Friends held at Buckingham Meetinghouse**

**Adult Program: Ken Brick, Coordinator for Friends Counseling Services**

**Children's Program: Christa Tinari, Director of Praxis Peace**

June 8 - June 23 Woolman Walk 2013 [www.WoolmanWyalusing2013.org](http://www.WoolmanWyalusing2013.org)

**July 24-28 PYM Annual Session at Muhlenberg College, Allentown PA [www.pym.org/annualsessions](http://www.pym.org/annualsessions)**

### Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:

April ~ Middletown May ~ Newtown June ~ Solebury

**Worship 11:00\*\*\*\*Arrive 10:4**

### QUAKERISM IN A NUTSHELL

**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 eldered? 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 20th 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**

BUCKS FOOD FOR FRIENDS THANKS THE 11TH HOUR BAKERS OF CHANDLER HALL AND THE HUMBLE ANONYMOUS DESSERT LADY OF PINEVILLE FOR THEIR DELICIOUS DESSERTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

### MIDWEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Tuesdays at Southampton 7:30 PM

Wednesdays at Lehigh Valley 5:00 PM

Wednesdays at Makefield 7:00 AM

Wednesdays at Middletown 7:00 PM

### 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.

215-968-0927 or jim.whitmoyer@verizon.net

**BUCKINGHAM FRIENDS MEETING  
PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE FILM SERIES**

**Saturday, April 13, 7:00PM**

**5 Broken Cameras**

A first-hand account of non-violent resistance in a West Bank village threatened by encroaching Israeli settlements. Shot chiefly by Palestinian farmer Emad Burnat, the footage is structured around the destruction of each one of Burnat's five cameras during five years of village turmoil.

Free Admission.

Refreshments and Discussion After Each Film

Buckingham Friends Meeting House

5684 York Road, Lahaska

(just south of Peddler's Village)

For more information, go to

[www.buckinghamfriendsmeeting.org](http://www.buckinghamfriendsmeeting.org)

215-794-5816

**BUCKS QUARTER SINGING GROUP**

For more than 15 years the Bucks Quarter Singing Group has been meeting monthly for fellowship and hymn singing. The group begins with worship and then through the time together hymns are chosen intuitively, sometimes old favorites, some times new songs that become favorites over time. It is fun and inspiring and spirits are always lifted leaving F/friends grateful and refreshed.

The Singing Group welcomes your voice to become part of the group! You do not have to be able to read music or have a gifted singing voice, just the fact that you like to sing is your ticket in! This is not a choir, simply a group of F/friends who come together for worship and singing. Everyone is welcome!!

The group meets every fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30pm at the Makefield Friends Meetinghouse, which is located at 877 Dolington Road in Newtown.

If you would like more information you may contact Holly Olson at 215-860-9747, 215-453-7358 or

[hollybQc@verizon.net](mailto:hollybQc@verizon.net)

**PYM Finance Thread Gathering**

**Saturday, April 20, 9:30-3:30,**

**Moorestown Monthly Meeting**

The Finance Thread Gathering is an opportunity to develop effective ways to encourage giving to the monthly meeting, gain technical skills relevant to the management of meeting finances, and explore ways to deepen our conversation on stewardship. Monthly meetings rely on financial support from members. In service to the meeting, finance committee members or meeting treasurers, are responsible for asking Friends to give to the monthly meeting and are also responsible for the proper management of the meeting's funds. This Thread Gathering is intended for meeting Clerks, Treasurers, Finance Committee Members and all Friends who are called to the work of building a culture of giving within our meeting communities.

Moorestown Meeting

118 East Main Street

Moorestown, NJ 08057

For more information contact Jennie Sheeks

[jsheeks@pym.org](mailto:jsheeks@pym.org)

**PASTORAL VISITOR TRAINING**

Ted Taylor, member of Yardley Friends Meeting and Director of Pastoral Care at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Hamilton, will be leading a two-day training course in pastoral visiting. The training is targeted to members of Bucks Quarter meetings already engaged in (or interested in learning more about) making pastoral visits to the ill, institutionalized, or shut-in. The interactive program includes training modules in (1) issues of aging and debilitation, (2) navigating the healthcare setting, (3) making pastoral assessments, (4) loss and grief, (5) advance care planning, and (6) pastoral conversation techniques. Day One is scheduled for Saturday, **April 6, from 9:30 AM – 4 PM at RWJ Hamilton Hospital**; Day Two is the following Saturday, **April 13, from 9:30 – 4 PM at Yardley Friends meetinghouse**. Lunch is available for purchase in the hospital café on day one; day two lunch will be brown-bag. For more information contact Ted Taylor – [tedtaylor@verizon.net](mailto:tedtaylor@verizon.net) or 609-306-6191. The course is free, though contributions to the hospital foundation's Pastoral Care Fund will be gladly accepted.

**WRIGHTSTOWN FRIENDS NURSERY SCHOOL  
AUCTION**

On April 13th at 6PM, WFNS will hold its annual Spring Auction. The auction will be held in Schoolhouse on the grounds of the 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.

Past successes have been in large part due to the generosity of our friends and local businesses. The school is also seeking donations of items and services to be sold at the auction. Any items, including gift certificates, will be greatly appreciated. Your donation will be exhibited along with a prominent mention of the contributor.

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 F/friends of WFNS look forward to seeing you at the auction.

**PYM PEACE AND SOCIAL CONCERNS  
THREAD GATHERING**

This Thread Gathering is an opportunity for grounding and skills development for Friends who seek peace, justice and an earth restored. Thread Gatherings offer wisdom and experience sharing, workshops and community around a thread of concern that runs through our meetings.

**Saturday, April 27, 9:30 – 3:30, Woodstown Meeting**  
Registration and refreshments are available beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The program begins at 9:30 a.m.

Lunch is potluck with salad and drinks provided by the Yearly Meeting

Childcare available with pre-registration by 4/24

**Woodstown Meeting:** 104 North Main Street,  
Woodstown, NJ 08098

For more information:

<http://www.pym.org/calendar/events/peace-and-social-concerns-thread-gathering/>

**ATTENTION PARENTS !**  
**Below are some super important**  
**Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM)**  
**links for you and your kids!!**

**PYM youth events pages:**

**Young Friends (teen age youth group):**

<http://www.pym.org/young-friends/events/>

Middle School Friends:

<http://www.pym.org/middle-school-friends/events/>

**Emerging Leaders Scholarship Program Intern information and application to share with interested young adults available at:**

<http://www.pym.org/volunteering/ongoing-volunteer-opportunities/program-volunteers/featured-program-opportunities/emerging-leaders-scholarship-program/>

**Opportunities for young people/summer activities:**

<http://www.pym.org/young-friends/resources/opportunities/>

To join the mailing lists add your address in this URL and check "PYM Young Friends" and/or "PYM Middle School Friends" (and share it with any others that want to be on our mailing list!)

<http://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin/ea?v=001jm8CFGIZLJGJLhK-sji9hQ%3D%3D>

**PHILADELPHIA YEARLY MEETING**  
**THREAD E-NEWSLETTERS**

Thread e-newsletters help Friends connect across monthly meetings on topics and ministries that are important to them. There are Threadletters in place for first day school, peace, worship, pastoral care and youth programs. Friends can subscribe by going to

[www.pym.org/threads/newsletters](http://www.pym.org/threads/newsletters)

**PHILADELPHIA YEARLY MEETING**  
**ANNUAL SESSIONS 2013**

**July 24-28 at Muhlenberg College, Allentown PA.**

Sessions Planning Group invites friends to mark your calendars for the next PYM Annual Sessions: Gathering Together Our Past, Our Presence, and Our Future. Ken Park, Clerk of Sessions Planning, writes about the theme and the group's discernment, "After much hard work, the Workgroup sensed unity in expressing the need to celebrate who we are, the importance of our past and future while looking at what presence we hold to each other and the world." Read his full statement at <http://www.pym.org/gathering-together-our-past-our-presence-and-our-future> and please save the dates! Contact Tricia Coscia, Annual Sessions and Volunteer Coordinator 215 241 7238 [sessions@pym.org](mailto:sessions@pym.org)

**MERCER STREET FRIENDS WILL REOPEN ITS**  
**SUMMER PRESCHOOL IN TRENTON**

Mercer Street Friends is restoring its summer preschool program after significant funding cuts forced its cancellation last year. The program will include nutritious meals, classroom learning, a tennis program, and parenting assistance, and it will help prevent the "backsliding" and skill loss that happen during a summer away from school.

The agency is reaching out to nearby Friends Meetings and individuals, hoping to raise funds for 60 children to attend the 8-week summer program. Program costs are just \$2,000 per child; gifts of any size will help give Trenton kids the best possible start to a hopeful future.

To donate please go to [www.mercerstreetfriends.org](http://www.mercerstreetfriends.org), or send a check to: Mercer Street Friends, 151 Mercer Street, Trenton, NJ 08611. Or call [609-656-5209](tel:609-656-5209) or email [dcarroll@mercercstreetfriends.org](mailto:dcarroll@mercercstreetfriends.org).

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