

Quakerphernalia

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

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APRIL 2017

April 1 10am - 2pm	Quakerism in a Nutshell - Makefield Meetinghouse
Apr 1 6pm	Games Night - Makefield Meetinghouse
April 1 11am - 4:30pm	PYM Thread Gathering: Supporting Individual Calls to Ministry Peer Group Introduction
Apr 4 9:30am	“Tuesday Tour” - Buckingham Friends School www.bfs.org
April 7 5:30 - 7pm	Children’s RE Benefit Lasagna Dinner - Newtown Meetinghouse
Apr 8 9am	Meetinghouse to Meetinghouse Bike Ride
Apr 13 7pm	Bucks Quarter Oversight Committee - Buckingham Meetinghouse
Apr 15 6pm	Movie Night - Middletown Meetinghouse
April 13 9am	Information Session - Newtown Friends School - www.newtownfriendschool.org
Apr 17	Bucks Food For Friends - Fallsington Meetinghouse
Apr 17-23	AFSC Centennial - Friends Center
Apr 20 6pm	Movie Night - Middletown Meetinghouse
April 22 10am-1pm	Open House - Friends Home - Karen Haney or Norma Coverdale at 215-968-3346.
Apr 22 5-10pm	United Friends School Spring Benefit - www.unitedfriendschool.org
April 26 11:30am-1:30pm	Open House - Friends Home https://www.fhvpa.org/
Apr 29 9:15-3pm	Extended Worship - Plymouth Meetinghouse -Lola George, lolageorg@gmail.com
April 29 5:30 - 8pm	Come one Come all to the BQ Feast, Fun and Song - Solebury Meetinghouse
April 29 5-8:00pm	Wrightstown Friends Nursery School Auction (at the school) - Theme is Garden Party

Looking Ahead

May 20 8:30am-3pm	Peaceable Kingdom Conference - Buckingham Meetinghouse
May 21	Quarterly Meeting - Makefield Meetinghouse
May 21 2-4pm	Open House - Camp Onas www.camponas.org
May 27-29	Family Camp - Camp Onas
July 29-Aug 2	PYM Annual Sessions - The College of New Jersey
Aug 20	Quarterly Meeting - Plumstead Meetinghouse
Sept 23	The Peace Fair - www.peacefair.org
Sept 29-Oct 1	Spiritual Formation Opening Retreat for Bucks Quarterly Meeting
Nov 19	Quarterly Meeting - Newtown Meetinghouse

**Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:
April ~ Doylestown May ~ Fallsington June ~ Middletown
Worship 11:00****Arrive 10:45**

QUAKERISM IN A NUTSHELL SPONSORED BY BUCKS QUARTERLY MEETING

**April 1, 10AM to 2PM
Makefield Friends Meetinghouse
877 Dolington Rd, Newtown**

If you are new to Quakers and Quakerism or have been with us for a long time, please join us for an inspiring day of information, insight, worship and sharing.

This workshop is for Friends, attenders and seekers to explore the life of Quakerism and being Quaker today.

The workshop will be led by Melanie Douty Snipes.

Join us on **at the Makefield Meetinghouse**. Lunch is provided.

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

The workshop is free though donations will be greatly appreciated.

FEAST, FUN AND SONG

Join Friends on **April 29** for a Quarter-wide family social event of feasting, fun and singing. We will begin at **5:30pm with a pot luck meal followed by singing from 7 to 8:00.**

Friends of all ages are welcome.

The possibilities are endless...

Bring your own instrument (or not), recorder, mouth harp, guitar, fiddle, harmonica...your voice is a beautiful instrument too.

Sing (or not).

Socialize

Play with the kids

There are no rules or hefty structure. Just fun.

You are welcome to share in some or all of the fun. Bring your friends, neighbors and a dish to share. The more of everything the merrier we will be!

If you have a copy of “Rise Up Singing” bring it along. The meeting has hymnals.

We will gather at the Solebury meetinghouse.

2680 Sagan Rd, New Hope, PA

Our next gathering will be held on November 11th at the Wrightstown meetinghouse.

ENJOY A LASAGNA DINNER AND A SHOW

Newtown Meetinghouse
219 Court Street, Newtown
Friday, April 7th
5:30-7pm

All are welcome to enjoy a Lasagna Dinner sponsored by the Children's Religious Education Committee, to benefit Mercer Street Friends' summer preschool program.

The children of Newtown Meeting will serve a variety of homemade lasagnas, donated by members of the meeting community, as well as bread and butter, salad, drinks, and plenty of desserts.

In lieu of tickets, please donate as you feel led to support this critical program. Mercer Street Friends pre-school provides "free" high-quality early childhood education to 90 children, ages 3 to 5, who reside in the City of Trenton. The program emphasizes cognitive, social, and emotional growth. In addition to building essential academic skills in reading and math, the curriculum emphasizes the development of "soft skills" that are crucial to achieving success in school and life, including persistence, self-control, curiosity, conscientiousness, and self-confidence.

After dinner, pop over to George School in Walton Auditorium, 1690 Newtown-Langhorne Road, Newtown and enjoy an evening of dance performances with Dance Eclectic at 8 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

QUAKERPHERNALIA WILL GO PAPERLESS BEGINNING JANUARY 2018, QUAKERPHERNALIA WILL BE SENT ELECTRONICALLY. IF YOU WISH TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE QUAKERPHERNALIA AS A PAPER COPY, CONTACT HOLLY OLSON BY DECEMBER 2017. hollybqc@verizon.net

DO YOU SEEK

A DEEPER SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE?

The Spiritual Formation Program components of retreats, personal spiritual disciplines, readings, devotional groups and prayerful support combine to provide a structured community in which each member may discern God's call and prepare to follow it. Throughout the nine months many insights and deep relationships are forged in this intimate exchange.

The Spiritual Formation Collaborative hopes to offer this wonderful program in Bucks Quarter, September 2017 thru June 2018 as follows:

Opening weekend retreat: September 29, 3 Oct 1, (Friday evening 5-9 pm; Saturday 8:30am-5pm; and Sunday 8:30am-closing worship with the host Meeting)

Mid year : Saturday January 20, 2018 9am-5pm)

Closing weekend retreat: June 15,16,17, 2018. Fri, Sat, Sun, same times as opening retreat)

For more information contact Dale P. Myrtetus at dale122554@yahoo.com

COLEVILLE - Quakers in World War II

Written by Sam Nicholson

I am Samuel Nicholson a Friend in Newtown PA who served three years in the Friends Civilian Public Service camp, Coleville on the eastern side of the high Sierras. CPS was an arrangement in that war where the Mennonites, Brethren and Friends ran camps for drafted men and paid their living expenses while the Forest Service provided housing and Work of National Importance. We had 4E status for men not willing to wear a uniform. Many Friends from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting were there including Sam Snipes of Fallsington Meeting. Large parts of the leadership of PYM for many years were at Coleville. For the past year I have been writing the story of my time at Coleville. It's fun to read interesting stories but we also need to learn from the past.

To receive a pdf. of Sam's full story, contact Holly Olson at hollybqc@verizon.net

MEETINGHOUSE TO MEETINGHOUSE BIKE RIDE

On April 8th at 9AM, F/friends will gather at the Solebury meetinghouse (2680 Sugan Rd, New Hope) for a meetinghouse to meetinghouse bike ride. The departure time is 9:30.

Two groups will be riding. One will be a casual group doing a ride no longer than 10 miles at an easy pace. A route has been mapped out from Solebury to Carversville and back (so that allows a nice rest stop at the Carversville Grocery/General Store.

There will be a faster group that will do a ride of no more than 30 miles and the route is still being finalized, but it will likely go to Plumstead, Doylestown and Buckingham meetinghouses before returning to Solebury.

If you (or friends) are interested, please let Gene Sonn know so that he can coordinate.

(215) 370-2195 or genesonn@verizon.net

See you on the road!

DAVID BUCURA RETURNS TO THE BUCKS QUARTERLY MEETING AREA

May 11th 6:30 to 8PM

(Pot Luck Meal 5:30)

Wrightstown Meetinghouse

David Bucura, born in Rwanda, and living in Central Africa is a peacemaker and a pastor of the Friends Church in Rwanda. He is an AVP facilitator, mediation facilitator and the former Clerk of the FWCC-Africa Section. He has been the Central Africa Coordinator for the African Great Lakes Initiative. The current African Great Lakes Initiative coordinator David Zarembka is retiring and Bucura has agreed to lead the Africa program work that AGLI supports. David is in the New Jersey/Philadelphia area for April and May giving talks on Peace work in Africa (Burundi, Rwanda, Kenya and Uganda)

If you would like to invite David to speak at your meeting, contact Suzanne Mandala

smandala@verizon.net

At the time of this printing, the schedule is open for weeknights and Saturday's.

PEACEABLE KINGDOM CONFERENCE

May 20th 8:30AM to 3:00PM

Buckingham Friends Meetinghouse

5684 Old York Rd, Lahaska, PA

The Peaceable Kingdom Conference goals are to respect animals' emotions and intelligence; increase our reliance on plant-based foods; be kind to the Earth its inhabitants, and ourselves; and strengthen the human-animal bond.

Indra Lahiri, Keynote Speaker. Her talk is entitled; *Re-Wilding Our Hearts: a Path to Peace*.

Indra founded Indraloka Animal Sanctuary (2005) and co-organized the newly forming Global Coalition of Farm Sanctuaries.

Indra has spoken at the Animal Rights National Conference and International Animal Rights Conference.

The following Conference workshops are offered.

Barbara Simmons: How Language Impacts Our Actions.

Kate Watts: Increasing Reliance on Plant-Based Foods.

Dara Lovitz: Being Kind to Earth and its Inhabitants.

Victoria Schade: Exploring the Bond Between People and Animals.

Ligia Monzoni: Why Compassion for all Beings Should be Fundamental for our Spiritual Growth.

There are short breaks between workshops allowing time with vendors. During lunch people have greater opportunity to visit vendors, and purchase vegan lunch/drinks.

Vendors: ASK A VEGAN, ASK A MASTER GARDNER (Bucks County Cooperative Extension, 215-345-3283), Indra Lahiri, Humane League of Philadelphia (Rachel Black), Peace Advocacy Network (Dara Lovitz), American Anti-Vivisection Society, (Crystal Schaeffer).

Questions?: Email karenwinkler612@hotmail.com

To Register: Mail check for \$20 payable to Buckingham Friends Meeting to Peaceable Kingdom c/o Karen Winkler, 261 Old New Rd, Doylestown, PA 18901

On Friday, May 19 at 7:30PM, people are invited to watch a FREE viewing of the Peaceable Kingdom movie.

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

EXTENDED MEETING FOR WORSHIP

April 29, 9:15 am-3:15 pm

Plymouth Friends Meeting

Would you like to deepen your experience of Worship? Have you wished that Worship didn't end when the clock struck the hour?

The Worship and Care Standing Committee and the Meeting on Worship and Ministry invite you to experience Extended Worship.

Attend just a portion of the day or the full day. And remember to bring your lunch. All are welcome. If you will need childcare, email us by Monday, April 17.

Details: Lola George, lolageorg@gmail.com or www.pym.org/event/2017-extended-meeting-for-worship-plymouth/?instance_id=317

PYM STAFFING CHANGES

You may already have heard about the coming PYM staffing changes, which are posted on the PYM Website:

<http://www.pym.org/staff-changes/>

By the end of this fiscal year, the four coordinator positions that make up the Youth & Young Adult Program Team will be laid down. This means that the Children's Religious Life, MSF, YF and YAF positions will no longer exist after September 30, 2017.

As of October 1, 2017 there will be one full-time Youth & Young Adult Engagement Coordinator who supervises several casual-staff-level Program Facilitators. These Program Facilitators will be responsible solely for running Children's, MSF, YF and YAF events.

The above story lists several conference calls that people can join to ask questions and express concerns, Christie will be available to do the same with Friends at meal times at Continuing Sessions. Anyone with the need to discuss and/or process the changes is welcome to call me or come by any time; just get in touch so we can make an appointment to make sure I'll be there when you are (if it's not during the office hours).

While the changes do mean that some program offerings will need to be changed or reduced, I am committed to working with the Quaker Life Council to ensure that as little offerings are reduced as possible. I hope to visit camp Swatara to explore options with Young Friends and possible Middle School Friends directly. Another sprint group of the Quaker Life Council will soon convene to determine a vision, mission and governance structure for youth programs. If you'd like to contribute to the discernment that will influence this vision, mission and governance structure creation, you can go to the story about it on the PYM website:

<http://www.pym.org/youth-programs-visioning/>

2017 Chandler Hall

Worship Schedule

April – Doylestown

May – Fallsington

June – Middletown

July - Newtown

August - Solebury

September - Wrightstown

October - Yardley

November - Buckingham

December - Doylestown

2018

January - Fallsington

February - Middletown

March - Middletown

THREAD GATHERING: SUPPORTING INDIVIDUAL CALLS TO MINISTRY PEER GROUP INTRODUCTION

April 1, 11am - 4:30 pm. Friends Center

The Supporting Individual Calls to Ministry (SICM) peer group series will help participants learn and practice in small groups a process to foster their faithfulness to leadings. The series consists of 3 Saturday sessions held over a course of six months to include: worship; instruction and practice of a peer group process to help us discern and/or faithfully follow a leading; skills building related to the process; and guidance to plant this model in one's home faith communities to support others there. Participants can attend session 1 in which the peer group process will be taught or all three sessions to better master the process and allow on-going support during the six month course.

Additional sessions are June 24 and September 30.

Details: Lola Georg, lolageorg@gmail.com or www.pym.org/event/thread-gathering-supporting-individual-calls-ministry-peer-group-introduction/?instance_id=678

REsources and REnewal Retreat — May 5-7, 2017 West Chester Friends Meetinghouse

To honor, uplift and support the ministry of religious educators and spiritual nurturers, PYM's Children's Religious Life Program is collaborating with Melinda Wenner Bradley (NYYM) and Beth Collea (NEYM) to bring a retreat called REsources and REnewal to PYM. This weekend will give you a chance to bask in your community of practice for some rest and renewal, to celebrate cutting-edge work emerging in PYM and beyond, and to sharpen some skills.

Help us build the weekend you need it to be!

Please fill out the brief survey indicating topics of greatest need and interest:

www.pym.org/children/workshop-survey

Details: Zachary Dutton, zdutton@pym.org or Meg Rose, mrose@pym.org

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