



Quakerphernalia

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

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Deadline for Quakerphernalia : By the 11th day of the preceding months publication

APRIL 2016

- April 2 6pm Games Night - Makefield Meetinghouse
- April 9 9am Bus Tour of Underground Railroad Stops
- April 9 Coalition Against Hunger Walk - Philadelphia - Sponsor a Bucks Food For Friends Walker
- April 9 6pm Games Night & Pot Luck Dinner - Buckingham Meetinghouse
- April 12 7pm Bucks Quarter Peace Fair Planning Committee Meeting - Buckingham Meetinghouse
- April 15 White Privilege Conference - Philadelphia
- April 15 5:30-7PM Benefit Lasagna Dinner - Newtown Meetinghouse
- April 15 8pm Dance Eclectic - George School
- April 21 7pm Cancer Support Group Meets at Yardley Meetinghouse
- April 23 10am BQ Meeting Clerks Meet at Buckingham Meetinghouse
- April 23 9:30am PYM Pastoral Care and Religious Education Thread Gathering - Lancaster Meetinghouse
- April 24 12:15 Speakers Series - Middletown Meetinghouse - Learn to Draw
- April 29 Middle School Friends Gathering at Camp Swatara
- April 29 Young Friends Gathering at Camp Swatara
- April 30 10am Bucks Quarter Presents Quakerism in a Nutshell - Makefield Meetinghouse**
- Looking Ahead**
- May 15 9am Quarterly Meeting - Fallsington Meeting
- July 29-Aug 2 PYM Annual Session at Muhlenberg College, Allentown PA

Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:

April ~ Solebury May ~ Wrightstown June ~ Yardley

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.

Registration is necessary for planning lunch.

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CANCER TREATMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Yardley Friends Meeting is hosting a Cancer Treatment Support Group (CTST). The CTSG meets the **third Thursdays** of the month at 7:00 PM in the Social Room of the YFM meetinghouse.

This group welcomes caregivers (physical as well as spiritual), clinicians, family members, medical educators, as well as patients who are either currently undergoing treatment or those whose cancer is in remission. Our philosophy is that shared experience from multiple perspectives nearly always proves beneficial to all.

We very much hope to see you there.

65 N. Main Street, Yardley, PA

SPEAKER SERIES

MIDDLETOWN MEETINGHOUSE THE JOY OF DRAWING - LEARN HOW

Amy Raudenbush

April 24, 12:15

The speaker on April 24th will be Amy Raudenbush. Not many people are born with a natural aptitude for drawing. The "natural" artist may have a slightly stronger memory for retaining visual information and an eye for distinguishing important shapes from unimportant detail. But drawing is accessible to everyone and you needn't be a da Vinci to enjoy it. Graphic expression is a 40,000 year-old human skill that directly connects us to our environment. Bring whatever supplies you have. Amy will bring her encouragement and her sketchbooks.

Amy Raudenbush is a graphic artist at the Philadelphia Daily News. She produces a children's how-to-draw column called "The Art Thief," where children can "steal" drawing tips from a pro. Some of her work can be found at araudenbush.com.

12:15 welcome and refreshments.

**Info: Contact langhorneclerk@gmail.com
These events are free and open to the public.
453 W. Maple Ave, Langhorne, PA 19047**

LIVES PASSING

Solebury Friends suffer the loss of **Marjorie Crooks** who died on February 13. The memorial service will be held at the Solebury meetinghouse on April 2 at 2pm. Wrightstown Friends suffer the loss of **Jean LaRue** who died on February 20th.

BUCKS FOOD FOR FRIENDS

For many years, Bucks Food For Friends has participated in the Philadelphia Walk Against Hunger. BFFF will continue that tradition on April 9th.

The walk is the annual fundraiser for Bucks Food For Friends and your support is appreciated and will help us continue this mission.

Please help us reach our fundraising goal by going to <http://www.hungercoalition.org/hungerwalk> and search Bucks Food For Friends under Donate to a Team.

The mission of Bucks Food For Friends is to serve monthly home-style dinners in a warm, respectful atmosphere to those in need in the Lower Bucks County area. And *thanks* to your continued support, 2016 marks eight years of helping the many in our community, our neighbors who find it difficult to meet this basic necessity.

You may also make a donation to BFFF anytime during the year. Please send financial contributions to:

Rich Richardson

1 Atkinson Lane

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LASAGNA DINNER NEWTOWN FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE

Benefits Mercer Street Friends
Summer Preschool Program

On Friday, April 15th from 5:30 to 7pm, the children of the meeting will serve delicious lasagna, bread and butter, salad, beverages and desserts.

You are welcome to share in the delight!

BUCKS QUARTER PRESENCE AT THE MIDDLETOWN GRANGE FAIR

For many years, Bucks Quarterly Meeting has had an outreach tent at the Middletown Grange Fair. Due to a waning of energy from the quarter, the decision was made at the February session of Quarterly Meeting to lay



down this project and to focus our collective energies on The Bucks Quarter Peace Fair.

The Peace Fair is more aligned with Friends beliefs and hopes for the world. If you have volunteered at the BQ tent at the Grange Fair, please continue to donate those two hours at The Peace Fair. There are many areas needing your help including the BQ tent with tile project for the children.

To volunteer contact Peter Ray at peter.ray@comcast.net

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN QUAKER HISTORY?

Do You Know About the Friends Historical Association?

The Friends Historical Association is dedicated to the study, preservation, and publication of material relating to the history of the Religious Society of Friends Founded in Philadelphia in 1873, *Friends Historical Association* has become an organization that is international in membership and interests, and which anyone, Friend or not, is invited to join. www.quakerhistory.org

FORMING AN INTERFAITH COALITION IN (CENTRAL BUCKS)

TO ADOPT A SYRIAN REFUGEE FAMILY

Late last autumn during Friend's worship, Norma Kaplis (Newtown, Makefield MMs and Tzedek v'Shalom) had a leading regarding Tikkun Olam, "healing the world." She has been deeply affected by the violence in Syria, the mass migrations to Europe, and the sometimes harsh response to these migrants, here and abroad. Her leading went straight to her Heart. "If you find a home in your community for one refugee family, you are helping to heal the world." And so it was clear to Norma what to do...to put together an Interfaith Coalition in the Bucks area to bring a family to live in this community, and where members of this coalition would work together to help this family become independent, as well as to feel loved and respected. Tzedek v'Shalom has supported Norma's leading, with two members on a Committee to get the project started. The group is currently in an information gathering period and recruiting folks from other faith communities in the Newtown, Yardley, Doylestown area to participate. This article is a call for help in the service project. So far three members of Doylestown Friends Meeting have expressed interest in helping, as well as one person from Kol Emet synagogue. The Bucks County Buddhist Sanga has been approached. **There will be a meeting on March 23rd from 7 to 8 PM at the Newtown Friends meetinghouse** for all persons interested, to start doing specific tasks to help accomplish the adoption.

Please let Norma know if you wish to become involved. Norma is looking for interested individuals and/or meeting communities.

Norma Kaplis 267-872-5862 normakaplis@mac.com

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Do you prefer to receive Quakerphernalia electronically? Please let Holly know. You will be responsible to also let Holly know if you change your email address.

YOUNG FRIENDS PUB THEOLOGY

April 19, 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Young Adult Friends (age 18-35-ish) are invited to get together and talk about our spiritual lives! We'll meet at an all ages bar/restaurant.

Center city location TBD.

Details: www.pym.org/event/yaf-pub-theology-april/?instance_id=259 or Elizabeth Piersol Schmidt,

MIDDLE SCHOOL FRIENDS AT CAMP SWATARA

On **April 29-May 1**, Young Friends will share the camp space with Caln Quarter's annual family retreat, we will conclude our year at beautiful Camp Swatara. This is also our graduation gathering, where we say goodbye to our wonderful 8th graders!

Details: www.pym.org/middle-school-friends/events or middleschoolfriends@pym.org

YOUNG FRIENDS AT CAMP SWATARA

Come join Young Friends for the weekend of **April 29 - May 1** for fun and community with Caln Quarter at Camp Swatara! We'll have games, worship sharing, the hike to the rock pile and up to part of the Appalachian Trail, workshops and community with Caln Quarter, and singing at the traditional bonfire (weather permitting). We'll finish off the gathering Sunday morning with the bridging ceremony, in which current 8th graders will be welcomed into the Young Friends program and 12th graders will be welcomed by Young Adult Friends, followed by closing worship with Caln Quarter and lunch.

Info & registration: www.pym.org/event/yf-campswatara2016/?instance_id=244, Hannah Mayer,

PASTORAL CARE AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION THREAD GATHERING

Saturday, April 23, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Lancaster Friends Meetinghouse

We will deepen our skill sets with a workshop led by George Schaefer and Jean-Marie Barch. These Friends will be speaking to the challenges of setting and teaching healthy boundaries while remaining welcoming to all.

The workshop will be followed by small group experiences designed to produce outcomes we can follow through on as a community.

Info & registration: www.pym.org/event/pastoral-care-and-religious-education-thread-gathering-2016/?instance_id=234 or Zachary Dutton, 215-241-7008.

AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM OF BUCKS COUNTY

Bus Tour of Famous Underground Railroad Stops

Saturday, April 9, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tour stops: Bensalem AME Church; Bristol, Harriet Tubman Statue, and the Continental Tavern in Yardley site of the Underground Railroad

To register for this event, go to www.infoaambc.org and click the event registration link.

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