

Quakerphernalia

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

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Deadline for Quakerphernalia : By the 13th day of the preceding months publication.

August 2010

- August 1 Closing Day of PYM Summer Sessions at DeSales University, Center Valley, PA
August 12 7pm BQ Oversight Committee Meets at Buckingham Meetinghouse
Aug 16 1-3pm Creative Hands Meets at Wrightstown Meeting Social Hall ~ Pauline 215-860-5554
August 16 6pm Bucks Food For Friends at Fallsington Meetinghouse
Aug 18-22 Middletown Grange Fair ~ **Call Holly to Volunteer as a Greeter at the Quaker tent!**
August 19 1:30pm Friends Home and Village Board Meets at Friends Village
August 26 7:30pm BQ Singing Group Meets at Makefield Meetinghouse
August 27 6pm Bucks Quarter Worship & Ministry at Plumstead Meeting All Welcome (See below)
August 29 9am-3pm Quarterly Meeting at Lehigh Valley Meeting - (See below for details of the day)

Looking Ahead

- September 8th 7:30pm Buckingham Meeting Film Series Begins the Season with "Flow: For Love of Water"
Sept 11 Yardley Meeting Flea Market
Sept 18 Richland Friends Meeting Celebrates 300th Anniversary
Sept 25 11th Annual Peace Fair
Oct 16 Peace Center Auction of Your Dreams at the Yardley Country Club

Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:

August ~ Yardley September ~ Buckingham October ~ Doylestown

Worship 11:00**Arrive 10:45**

FRIDAY AUGUST 27, 6:00 PM

QUARTERLY WORSHIP AND MINISTRY PROGRAM HOSTED BY PLUMSTEAD MEETING

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

6pm: Pot Luck dinner

7pm: Carol Ann Gray will tell us about her ministry though veterinary services at Indian Reservations. Carol Ann is a vet, and former member of the Indian Committee of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

Plumstead Friends always have wonderful gatherings so please plan to share a beautiful evening with Friends in Upper Bucks County.

Plumstead Meeting a super easy ride straight up 413 or down 412 and 611 to 413.

4914-A Pt. Pleasant Pike, Doylestown, PA 18902

SUNDAY AUGUST 29 ~ QUARTERLY MEETING FOR WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP & BUSINESS

LEHIGH VALLEY MEETING 9:00AM- 3:00PM

JOIN FRIENDS AND SHARE YOUR LIGHT !

Schedule of Events:

9:00: Meetinghouse open for refreshments and registration

10:00 -11:00: Meeting for Worship

10:15-Noon: Children's program will involve creating a mural based on one of our testimonies.

11:15 to Noon: "Carrying the light of Quakerism into the future" Arthur Larrabee, PYM General Secretary

Noon to 1:00 pm: Lunch provided by Lehigh Valley.

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm: Business Meeting.

If Friends are bringing food...

Lehigh Valley Meeting is "nut free"

due to the serious allergies of some of their children.

Directions to Lehigh Valley Meeting can be found on the Quarter's web site, www.quakersbucks.org
For those with GPS, the address is 4116 Bath Pike, Bethlehem, PA 18018

Lehigh Valley Meeting is really not so far, and the drive is wonderful. Get out of the traffic crush in the lower end of the county and head north where it's cooler...way cooler since you'll spend the day with Quakers!



The Grange Fair is Coming!!

The Middletown Grange Fair in Wrightstown will be held August 18th through 22th. Every year Bucks Quarter has a tent at the fair and Friends generously serve as greeters at the tent. Holly Olson sets the volunteer schedule. **If you are able to help at the tent for a two hour shift of your choice please call Holly at 215-860-9747 or email hollybqc@verizon.net.** Beginning in August, Holly will make phone calls to ask for volunteers and the time slots get trickier. The tent opens at 10AM and shuts down at 10PM. If you've never helped before, it's very easy and Holly will make sure that you are teamed up with someone who has helped in the past. Serving as a volunteer at the tent is a lot of fun and the fair is lots of fun. Come to the fair for the afternoon or evening and volunteer for two hours while you're there!! You may park your car at Wrightstown Meeting but please be mindful not to park on the grass. It's an easy walk across the ball fields to the fair. Parking at Wrightstown Meeting is good way to offset your gas cost! Parking last year at the fair was \$10. A portion of the parking fee goes to our local fire departments.

Please call or email Holly with any questions.

MONTHLY MEETINGS WORSHIP WITH CAMPERS AT CAMP ONAS

Summer Meeting for Worship at Camp Onas

Third session – August 1

- ◆ Plumstead
- ◆ Wrightstown
- ◆ Southampton
- ◆ Solebury

Changeover between third and fourth session – August 8

- ◆ Quakertown
- ◆ Yardley

Fourth session – August 15

- ◆ Bristol
- ◆ Buckingham
- ◆ Newtown

Worship is held in the walnut grove and it's wonderful. You may want to bring a towel, blanket or chair.

LIVES PASSING

May was a month of many losses for Friends in Bucks Quarter. **Elise Barrish** former member of Wrightstown Meeting passed on May 14th. **Barbara Wharton** of Buckingham Meeting passed on May 16th. Also of Buckingham Meeting was attendee **Gene Messa** who passed on May 23.

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WRIGHTSTOWN FRIENDS NURSERY SCHOOL HAS OPENINGS...

PASS IT ON!!!!!!!

It's your little loved ones lucky year, Wrightstown Friends Nursery School has openings.

Wrightstown Friends Nursery School is now accepting enrollment for 2010 - 2011 school year.

Children ages 3 to 5 1/2

Morning session 9:00 to 11:30 5 mornings a week

Afternoon session 12:30 to 3:00, 3 afternoons (Tuesday -Thursday)

Please visit their website www.wrightstownfriends.org or contact Director, Jean Dinneen at 215-322-1026

FREE BEREAVEMENT CAMP FOR CHILDREN AT CHANDLER HALL

The free Summer Bereavement Camp entitled "Healing Hearts" is hosted by Chandler Hall Health Services' Hospice Program. The camp is offered free of charge to children aged 6-12 who have experienced a loss of a loved one and would benefit from learning techniques to help them cope with this loss. The camp will be held beginning the week of Aug 23rd from Monday to Friday. The hours of the camp are from 9 am to 3pm each day. The camp is held at Chandler Hall in Newtown, Pa. Pre registration is necessary.

Please call Amy Keiper-Shaw, LCSW;QCSW by August 9th at (215) 860-4000 ext.1403 to register or with further questions.

YOGA CLASSES AT NEWTOWN MEETING

Weekly yoga classes are offered at the Newtown Meeting House on **Saturdays at 8:30 am**. Jim Whitmoyer, has over 10 years experience as a Hatha Yoga teacher, and imbues each class with a theme which evokes a positive attitude for the practice and our lives in general. Classes are open to all; no prior experience is necessary. There is no charge, although small a donation to the Meeting is humbly requested.

For more information, contact Jim at 215-968-0927, or jim.whitmoyer@verizon.net

PYM SPIRITUAL FORMATION PROGRAM SEPT. 24-26, 2010 to JUNE 17-19, 2011

Gathering Friends from different regions of PYM for a program of individual spiritual deepening *and* corporate community building. Be supported on your spiritual journey to develop daily spiritual practice(s), share your story with other seekers, and discern what the Inner Light has in store for you!

For more information: www.pym.org/worship-and-care/s-fprogram.htm, or Registrar Susan Thompson at 267-847-6396 or sthompson@healthfederation.org

REPORT FROM SCOTLAND

While your coordinator was in Scotland, she had the joy of staying with and worshipping with Glaswegian Friends as well as Friends in St. Andrews. Below are some things that UK Friends do differently.

Friends in Glasgow and St. Andrews (I'm also told that Friends in England) have a table in the center of the meeting room with copies of the Bible and Faith and Practice so as to serve as a reminder as to why Friends have gathered. There is a collection basket on the table and money is collected weekly for a charity of choice; one charity per month.

Clearness Committees for membership are made up of one person from the home Meeting and one person from the Quarter. This serves as a reminder that Friends are part of a bigger group than the Monthly Meeting and it offers a wider perspective to the clearness process.

They have stopped using the term "Monthly Meeting."

*This version of the May Quarterly Meeting minutes contains the edited highlights.
The minutes in full detail will be brought to Quarterly Meeting in February at Lehigh Valley Monthly Meeting for consideration.*

**BUCKS QUARTERLY MEETING RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
MEETING FOR BUSINESS
FIRST DAY, FIFTH MONTH 16, 2010
HELD AT FALLSINGTON MEETINGHOUSE**

Clerk: Chris Lucca (Yardley Meeting)

Recording Clerk: David Rose (Lehigh Valley Meeting)

Friends gathered at the appointed hour of 1:00 pm settled into worship.

Worship broke with the singing of two hymns.

Business Issues: The Clerk expressed appreciation for the wonderful collaborative work done by Buckingham and Doylestown to host the previous Quarterly Meetings.

Approval of Agenda was done with minor adjustments

Roll Call of Meeting: **Roll Call:** Bristol:2, Buckingham: 1, Doylestown: 0, Fallsington: 8, Lehigh Valley: 1, Makefield: 3, Middletown: 2, Newtown: 0, Plumstead: 0, Quakertown: 2, Solebury:0, Southampton: 2, Wrightstown: 1, Yardley: 3

Review of Minutes; Minutes were read and accepted.

Quarterly Report of Coordinator: Report given by Holly Olson (Middletown Meeting). Complete report available. Holly reported on the various Meeting programs she attended, Quarter wide programs that were implemented and updates on issues that have arisen. She informed the Meeting of becoming aware of local hospitals having a lack of awareness of Pastoral Care for Friends and is working to rectify the situation.
Report Accepted

Annual Report Bristol MM: Report given with enthusiasm by Paul Schaffer, clerk BPM. He highlighted the opportunity presented with the upcoming 300 year celebration in 2013.

Bucks Quarter Treasurer Report: Given by Tim Dyer (Bristol PM). Appreciation expressed for Monthly Meetings. Friends Home and Village donations can come from individuals in order to increase the overall donation to FH/V through the Quarter. There has been an effort made to reduce operating expenses. This is reflected in the reduction proposed. Budget approved.

PYM Associate Secretary for Program and Religious Life presentation given by Christine Duncan-Tessmer (Chestnut Hill MM). Christie began by giving a number of answers to the question: What is the Yearly Meeting? She provided an overview of the work of the Yearly Meeting. The upcoming restructuring will create areas of responsibility called "pods".

Annual Report Chandler Hall: Jackie Bowers, CH Board member and member of Fallsington Meeting presented the report and highlighted the Quaker Members of the Board of Chandler Hall. She also described the unique aspects of the programs and the intergenerational benefit provided to residents.

Announcements:

Chris Lucca spoke of need for mosquito nets in Haiti and how Friends can help.

Quaker Farm Camp August 16 through the 20th. For \$35. At Snipes Farm.

Annual Report Buckingham MM: Presented by Beth Ann Morgan, (co-clerk BMM). She highlighted the Peace and Justice Film series, 11th Annual Bucks Quarter Peace Fair and the project to provide Graveyard Markers for Peace Workers.

Oversight Committee Annual Report MM: Given by David Rose (Lehigh Valley Meeting). The committee has been working on a more objective evaluation process for the coordinator that invites input from a variety of sources.

Lehigh Valley Monthly Meeting Annual Report: Given by David Rose, clerk LVMM. Lehigh Valley MM currently covers a large area with a significant population and has committed to begin the process of implementing Quaker Quest. It anticipates a significant response to it.

Bucks Quarter Annual Report read by Chris Lucca Quarter clerk, (Yardley Meeting). The report spoke of the work done in the Quarter of "Service to Others", "Connecting with Others", and "Connecting with Each Other". Approved.

Annual Report Fallsington MM: The complete report is available Due to the lateness of the hour; Lisa Collins did not read it. It was pointed out that the Meeting is emerging out of the program "Deepening and Strengthening" and that there has been a reinvigoration of the Worship Committee and a new and better way of doing the budget.

Budget and Nominating Committee: Betsy Bayardi (Wrightstown Meeting) gave the report. She described the work of the committee and the work of creating succession for the Clerk of the Quarter. The committee proposes Chris Lucca (Yardley MM) to serve as Clerk through the calendar year 2011 and that when Amy Ward Brimmer (Fallsington MM) is relieved from her responsibility with the PYM Annual Session Planning Committee she be appointed as Assistant Clerk. Both recommendations were approved.

Closing Worship: The meetings settled into closing silence at 3:30 PM.

Upcoming dates and locations for Quarterly Meeting:

November 21- Middletown

February 20, 2011 - Newtown

May 15 - Plumstead



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