



Quakerphernalia

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

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Deadline for Quakerphernalia : By the 10th day of the preceding months publication

AUGUST 2017

- Aug 5 6pm Games Night - Makefield Meetinghouse - All Welcome
Aug 10 7pm BQ Oversight Committee Meeting - Buckingham Meetinghouse
Aug 14 7pm BQ Peace Fair Committee Meets - Buckingham Meetinghouse
Aug 19 10am-1pm Open House - Friends Home - www.fhvpa.org
Aug 19 6pm Movie Night - Middletown Meetinghouse - All Welcome
**August 20 Quarterly Meeting Goes on the Road - Plumstead Friends to host us at United Friends School
1018 West Broad Street Quakertown, PA**
Aug 20-26 PYM Young Friends Gathering - Camp Onas - www.pym.org/young-friends/
Aug 21 6pm Bucks Food For Friends - Fallsington Meetinghouse
Aug 26 5:30pm BQ Pot Luck and Sing - Fallsington Meetinghouse
Aug 30 11:30 - 1:30 Open House - Friends Village - www.fhvpa.org

Looking Ahead

- Sept 9 Yardley Meeting Autumn Market <http://yardleyfriendsmeeting.org/flea-market/>
Sept 15 7pm Friends Home and Village Fundraiser "Lift Your Spirits" - Wine Tasting
Sept 23 The Peace Fair - www.peacefair.org
Sept 25 & 25 PYM Parent Meet-Up and Pot-Luck for Children and Middle School Families pym.org
Sept 29-Oct 1 Spiritual Formation Opening Retreat for Bucks Quarterly Meeting - Middletown Mtghse
Oct 1 World Quaker Day www.worldquakerday.org
Oct 6-8 PYM Young Adult Friends Retreat - Fallsington Meetinghouse -
<http://www.pym.org/young-adult-friends/>
Oct 22 7pm Paul Chappell - Pennswood Village - <http://paulKchappell.com>, www.wagingpeace.org
Nov 19 Quarterly Meeting - Newtown Meetinghouse

Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:

August ~ Solebury September ~ Wrightstown October ~ Buckingham

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

Sunday, August 20 ~ Quarterly Meeting for Worship, Fellowship, and Business

United Friends School - 1018 W. Broad Street, Quakertown, PA 18951

Join Friends and Share Your Light

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Don't forget your items for Friendly Crafters and your money!

9:00-9:30 Registration, coffee, tea, and breakfast treats

9:30-10:30 Meeting for worship (Children stay from 9:30-9:45)

9:45-12:00 Children's program will follow the same theme as the adult program with an age appropriate approach. The children will be with their parents at lunch, then the program resumes from 1:00 - 3:00.

10:30-11:00 Coffee hour with coffee, tea, juice, bagels, muffins, fruit.

11:00 - 12:00 Adult Program - Marlene Pray - Rising Up for Immigration Rights & Racial Justice in Bucks County: Marlene will be with us for Quarterly Meeting because there is suffering in the world. The centuries of brutal, visible, toxic racism in our country, coupled with the systemic injustices of white supremacy are what she has inherited and what she holds as a primary responsibility for a White person in the US.

Over 20 years of involvement in racial justice organizing in Bucks County and across the country, did not prepare her for the impact of the recent presidential election on the safety, dignity and well-being of our immigrant populations. Raids by ICE happen weekly in the Doylestown area. A group has formed the Immigration Rights Action Group Doylestown, to organize, strategize, provide support, resources and advocate for immigration rights.

They have learned a great deal about what is taking place in our counties and, what we can do to make a positive change for our immigrant neighbors, co-workers, friends and loved ones. There is still a lot we don't know, mistakes we are learning from and much more work ahead. We will explore some of these themes together at Quarterly Meeting.

Marlene Pray is a Social Justice Sexuality Education & Training Consultant and an Adjunct Professor with over 20 years of professional, community, non-profit management & board leadership in anti-racism, community organizing, sexuality education, youth empowerment, LGBT rights, environmental education, rites of passage, and social justice.

Marlene is also this year's recipient of the Peace Center's Humanitarian Peace Award!

12:00-1:00 BROWN BAG LUNCH. Desserts provided.

12:45 - 1:00 United Friends School tour and comments by Nancy Donnelly, Head of School

1:00-3:00 Meeting for Business: we will hear from our Middletown, Solebury, Southampton, Wrightstown and Yardley Friends as well as our treasurer, coordinator, Bucks Food For Friends and United Friends School.

AGENDA ITEMS NEED TO BE SENT TO THE CLERK BY MAY 14TH FOR CONSIDERATION rdow16@gmail.com



THE BUCKS QUARTER PEACE FAIR SEPTEMBER 23rd

The 2017 Peace Fair is just around the corner!! The fair is fun, interesting and uplifting for everyone of all ages. Come for the day or a just few hours. There will be music, peace and social justice exhibitors, kids games, crafters, food, animals and a super great vibe.

There are also a lot of opportunities for you to lend a hand before, during or after the fair. Greeters, cafe, book sale, and the Quaker information table are just a few areas during the fair where you can help.

To volunteer: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084baca722abfc1-signup>

For general info: www.peacefair.org

If you enjoy meeting people and are comfortable talking about Quakers and Quakerism, your skills are especially needed at the BQ tent and tile table and to serve as a greeter at the entrance to the fair.

For other questions or info, contact the fair coordinator:

Peter Ray at peter.ray@comcast.net

or Holly Olson at hollybqc@verizon.net

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO WRITE YOUR MEMOIR OR AUTOBIOGRAPHY?

When we get older a lot of us want to form a better understanding of the journey we have been on.

Writing a memoir or autobiography is a great way to pass on wisdom, insight, compassion, knowledge, etc. And at the same time you are trying to pass your story on to others, you are learning more about it yourself.

There is good precedent for doing this work. So much of the Bible is communicated in ancient stories. Let's follow that tradition and share stories of our own.

If you are interested in a monthly or bi-monthly gathering to form a memoir and autobiography writing group, and share your writing, in exchange for gentle, safe and supportive feedback, please email or call Judith Solt, 215 968 2897, judysolt2@gmail.com When we get enough interest we can decide where and when to meet.

Jerry Waxler, who is a Writing Coach will be on hand for the first few meetings to help folks get started.

WORLD QUAKER DAY

Friends World Committee for Consultation invites every Quaker meeting and church from around the world to celebrate World Quaker Day (WQD) on **October 1**. The theme, *Gathering in Worship Around the Globe*, focuses on uniting Friends in different parts of the world and from different traditions in one big virtual worshipping community. Whatever you do as a worshipping community, we hope you will share this with others through FWCC. It can be very simple — a description, a poem, a short video from a mobile phone, a few photos — we will post them on this web site so that you can see what other churches and meetings were doing on the same day. There are three ways to let us know about your activities: Email items to us, post them to the FWCC World Office Facebook page, or Twitter, hashtag #wqd for posting to the website.

YOGA CLASSES 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

LIVES PASSING

Southampton Friends suffer the loss of **Robert Maly** who died on June 25th.

BUCKS QUARTER POT-LUCK DINNER & SING

Join Friends on **August 26th** 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!

We will gather at the Fallsington meetinghouse.

9300 New Falls Rd, Fallsington

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

YARDLEY FRIENDS MEETING AUTUMN MARKET Saturday Sept. 9th - 8AM to 3PM

Crafts, Art, Antiques, Household Items & MORE!! Plus a Silent Auction, Live Music, and our Delicious Homemade luncheon, desserts & Vegetarian Fare.

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VENDORS WANTED. If you sell crafts, art, antiques, or specialty items, we are looking for vendors. For more information, please email autumnmarketyfm@gmail.com or visit our Autumn Market page at <http://yardleyfriendsmeeting.org/flea-market/>.

YOUR MEETING'S SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE AT CAMP ONAS

- August 6 (between 3rd and 4th session) Newtown and Southampton
- August 13 (4th session)- Buckingham and Plumstead

Please call the Camp Office (610) 847-5858 if you plan to join us for Meeting for Worship, or email us at:

friends@camponas.org, so we know to expect you. This is especially important if special arrangements are needed to help guests reach Meeting for Worship. Please wear sturdy shoes that are appropriate for walking over our rocky & hilly terrain. Guests should come to the Camp Office upon arrival at Camp Onas so camp staff can meet you and walk with you to Meeting for Worship.

Please arrive between 9:50 and 10:00 AM. Sunday Meeting for Worship at Camp Onas begins at 10:00 AM, and we settle into meeting by 10:10.

609 Geigel Hill Rd, Ottsville

SEEKING 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

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY - FRIENDS VILLAGE

Friends Village invites you to worship at 10am on 4th Sunday of each month.

331 Lower Dolington Rd – Newtown
215-968-3346

2017 Chandler Hall Worship Schedule

August - Solebury
September - Wrightstown
October - Buckingham
November - Doylestown
December - Fallsington
2018
January - Middletown
February - Newtown
March - Solebury
April - Wrightstown
May - Solebury
June - Buckingham
July - Doylestown

EXTENDED MEETING FOR WORSHIP

August 5th, 9:15 am - 3:15 pm,

Central Philadelphia Friends Meetinghouse

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.

Info: Lola Georg 484-368-4637 or lolageorg@gmail.com

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BY DECEMBER 2017.**

This version of the May Quarterly Meeting minutes contains the edited highlights. The minutes in full detail will be brought to Quarterly Meeting in August for consideration.

The unedited version can also be read on the quarter's web site www.quakersbucks.org

Bucks Quarterly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends Quarterly Meeting Minutes May 21, 2017 - Held at the Makefield Meetinghouse

Clerk: Rick Dow (Lehigh Valley) **Recording Clerk:** David Rose (Lehigh Valley)

Friends gathered near the appointed hour of 1:00 p.m. and settled into a period of worship.

Agenda reviewed, Annual Report of Bucks Quarter inserted and Lehigh Valley Annual report postponed, and approved.

Roll Call of Meeting: Bristol: 1, Buckingham:0, Doylestown: 1, Fallsington: 1, Lehigh Valley: 2, Makefield: 2, Middletown: 6, Newtown: 0, Plumstead: 0, Quakertown: 1, Solebury: 1, Southampton: 1, Wrightstown: 1, Yardley: 2

Minutes for February approved as presented.

Stories of Vitality and Growth

- **Solebury** celebrated three of their oldest members, Sue Tinsman, Irene Fisher and Malcom Crooks.
- **Wrightstown's** First day school students participated on a project to benefit the children of Rwanda.
- **Quakertown** First day school raised \$750 for the Camp Onas Camper Fund.
- **Southampton and Bryn Gweled** hosted the 100 mile EQAT walkers for dinner and lodging.
- **Doylestown** had a successful day at Camp Onas. First day school has started a garden. All are invited to the August 6th Hiroshima Day vigil in the center of Doylestown following Worship.
- **Lehigh Valley** held a Harambee diner created by attenders who are Kenyan Quakers to help raise money to send young woman to school in Kenya.

Coordinator's Report given by Holly Olson (Middletown MM). Inreach reports on planning for the Spiritual Formation Program, Memorial Service for Ed Twining, Clerks Meeting, Sam Nicholson's account of the Friends Civilian Public Service Camp, Outreach workshop, Potluck and Sing at Solebury, BQM night at Trenton Thunder July 20th, possible BQM Book Club, Pasta Fundraiser at Quakertown, and Quaker Women's Social Hour. Outreach reports on Quakerism in a Nutshell, Peace Fair, and talks by David Bucura of the AGLI. Other accounts of the Continuing Sessions and attending Upper Dublin MM in regards to the issue of the release of Avis Wanda from membership. In response to a comment regarding the divergent views expressed at Annual Sessions, the Clerk to advise Friends to be mentally, emotionally and spiritually prepared if they are planning to attend Annual Sessions.

Treasurer's Report presented by Ed Snyder (Yardley MM). Profit and Loss up to end of March explained. Current financial situation was described being much as expected.

BQM Budget for 2017-18 presented by Betsy Bayardi (Wrightstown MM) and Ed Snyder. Betsy explained that the budget of \$274,798 presented is showing a loss imbalance of \$4,428 is a conscious decision to use of some of the built up reserve. Ed explained the details, such as the cost savings to be realized from Quakerphernalia going digital. **Budget for 2017-18 approved as presented** with correction noted of incorrect entry of PYM contribution.

Bristol MM Annual Report given by Paul Shaffer. He expressed the appreciation of a small meeting when "backup" Friends from other meetings join them for worship. Meeting has been involved with assisting Syrian refugee family and responding to racism in Bristol.

Committee of Oversight for the Coordinator report presented by David Rose (Lehigh Valley MM). The report announced that the Meetings which will be visited this year as part of the annual Coordinator evaluation will be Plumstead, Quakertown, and Solebury Monthly Meetings.

Annual Report of the Quarter presented by Rick Dow (Lehigh Valley MM). He spoke of the impressions that he is getting about diversity of the work being done by the Quarter.

Fallsington Annual Report given by Jonathan Snipes. He noted that the meeting has returned to practice of reading Queries each month and giving to local worthy organizations. The Meeting is doing something each month to invite people to worship and has overcome shyness in asking people to join. The meeting plans to move toward being fossil free. First Day school has started up again. The Meeting is considering the hiring of a property manager.

Candler Hall Annual Report presented by Betsy Bayardi, Board Member. She highlighted the introduction of the Montessori Approach for Aging and Dementia and is helping adults start discussions about end-of-life health care choices. The Chandler Hall Auxiliary is still active and could use a representative from each Meeting in the Quarter.

The Quaker School at Horsham Annual Report given by Alex Brosowsky, Head of School. Alex talked about what makes a Quaker School special? He related the experience at yesterday's Open House. School is at capacity with 72 students coming from an increasingly wide area, with some families relocating.

Friends Peace Fair Committee Description presented by Holly Olson. This committee description will be included on the Bucks Quarter Handbook.

PYM Granting Committee presentation with handouts given by Ken Park. Friends were encouraged to consider asking to join one of the Granting Groups. The Granting Committee is a self-appointing group which does not go through Nomination Committee.

Buckingham MM Annual Report accepted as written since a representative from the meeting was not able to return to give it. (Full written report available)

Following announcements, **Meeting closed** with worship at 3:05 p.m.

Friendly Services Offered and Friendly Services Needed

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