



# Quakerphernalia

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

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## AUGUST 2018

Aug 1, 15, 29 Gun Violence Prevention Committee Meeting - All are Welcome -Yardley Meetinghouse

Aug 4 9:15am - 3:15pm PYM Extended Worship - Kendal Meetinghouse - All are Welcome

Aug 4 6pm Games Night - Makefield Meetinghouse

Aug 5:30 to 6:30PM Hiroshima Day Vigil - Doylestown, PA

Aug 9 7pm Bucks Quarter Oversight Committee Meeting - Buckingham Meetinghouse

**Aug 19 Quarterly Meeting - Wrightstown Meetinghouse**

Aug 20 6pm Bucks Food For Friends - Fallsington Meetinghouse

Aug 25 7pm Feast Fun and Song - Makefield Meetinghouse

### Looking Ahead

Sept 8 Yardley Meeting Autumn Market

**Sept 22 Peace Fair!!!**

Sept 23 Peace Pole Dedication - Makefield Meetinghouse

Sept 29 Quaker College Fair at Friends Center - 1515 Cherry Street, Phila

Oct 28 12:30pm Bucks Quarter Presents The Gospel of Thomas - Buckingham Meetinghouse

Nov 3 PYM Annual Sessions - Arch Street Meetinghouse

**Nov 18 Quarterly Meeting - Yardley Meetinghouse**

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

**August ~ Middletown September ~ Newtown October ~ Solebury**

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

**Quarterly Meeting for Worship, Fellowship, and Business ~ Sunday, August 19, 9:00AM - 3:00 PM**

**Join Friends and Share Your Light**

**Wrightstown Meeting - 535 Durham Rd, Wrightstown, PA 18940**

**Don't forget your hand crafted items to donate to Friendly Crafters (and your money).**

**9:00: Registration**

**9:30: Worship**

**9:45 to Noon: Children's Program** - The first half of the morning will follow the theme of the adult program and then the children will go over to the Middletown Grange Fair.

**10:45: Adult Program - Unaccompanied Refugee Minors Foster Care Program: "A Journey from Harm to Home"** Madap Sharma will speak on the issue of immigration and unaccompanied minors and his experience as a refugee. He is a former refugee from the Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan who fled his home country in 1992 to escape the brutal policy of cultural and religious homogenization. Madam works with Bethany Christian Services as a Community Resource Developer for Unaccompanied Refugee Minor Foster Care Program.

**Noon:** Lunch provided by our Wrightstown Friends

**1-3PM: Business Session:** We will hear from our Middletown, Solebury, Southampton, Wrightstown and Yardley Friends also our Treasurer, Coordinator, Bucks Food For Friends and United Friends School.

### **YARDLEY MEETING GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING PLEASE JOIN US!**

Yardley Friends Meeting Gun Violence Prevention Subcommittee has been meeting since December. The committee was formed as a result of serious concerns regarding the mass shooting in Nevada in October 2017 and the accelerating level of gun violence in the US in general. Friends from other meetings are welcome to participate.

**August meeting dates are the 1st, 15th and 29th, 7PM  
65 N. Main Street - Yardley**



### BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS

#### THE PEACE FAIR NEEDS YOUR BOOKS

Wow, it's that time again already!!! The Peace Fair is next month on September 22nd. If you have books you no longer want to hold onto, the Peace Fair will be thrilled for you to donate them to the book sale. They can be left on the Buckingham meetinghouse porch or contact Holly Olson. The fair will once again be a **Young Friends Gathering**. For more info on the go to <http://www.pym.org/event/young-friends-peace-fair-2018/>

The fair is fun, interesting and uplifting (and we could always use a bit of that) 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.**

**Lots of opportunities for you to lend a hand before, during or after the fair.**

To volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084baca722abfc1-2018>

For general info: [www.peacefair.org](http://www.peacefair.org)

For other questions or info, contact the fair coordinator:

Peter Ray at [peter.ray@comcast.net](mailto:peter.ray@comcast.net)

or Holly Olson at [hollybqc@verizon.net](mailto:hollybqc@verizon.net)

### BUCKS QUARTER FEAST, FUN AND SONG

Join us on **August 25th at the Makefield meetinghouse** for quarter-wide fun of eating and singing. We will begin at 5:30pm with a pot luck meal followed by singing from 7 to 8:00. Singing is pot luck also. Bring songs to share/teach if you wish. Have you been longing to sing some old camp songs or share new ones you learned this summer or those passed down through your family? Friends of all ages are welcome. 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 more fun we will have!

Questions? Contact Holly Olson [hollybqc@verizon.net](mailto:hollybqc@verizon.net) or 215-860-9747

**877 Dolington Rd, Newtown**

### YARDLEY FRIENDS MEETING AUTUMN MARKET

**Saturday Sept. 8th - 8AM to 3PM**

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

A great way to enjoy an early September Saturday.

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

### EXTENDED WORSHIP

Extended Worship will be held **August 4** at the Kendal Friends meetinghouse.

**225 Kendal Drive - Kennett Square, PA**

9:15 to 9:30 am - Gathering and Welcome

9:30 to 12:30 pm - Extended Meeting for Worship

12:30 to 1:30 pm - Lunch (bring your own)

1:30 to 3:00 pm - Worship Sharing

3:00 to 3:15 pm - Clean-up and Departure

For more info or questions, contact Lola Georg

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(484) 368-4637 [voice mail or text]

### HIROSHIMA PEACE VIGIL IN DOYLESTOWN

The Peace & Social Concerns committee of Doylestown Friends Meeting will hold their annual Hiroshima Day peace vigil on Monday, **August 6, 5:30 to 6:30PM** on the corner of State & Main Streets in Doylestown. All Friends are invited to participate.

### LIVES PASSING

Yardley Friends suffer the loss of **Howard Thurman.**

### YOUR MONTHLY MEETING'S SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE AT CAMP ONAS

- August 5 (between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> session) Makefield, Southampton & Wrightstown
- August 12 (4<sup>th</sup> session)- Lehigh Valley & Solebury

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](mailto: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.

**Arrive between 9:50 and 10:00 AM. Worship begins at 10:00, and we settle into meeting by 10:10.**

**609 Geigel Hill Rd, Ottsville, PA**

### THICH NHAT HANH MEDITATION GROUP SEEKS MEMBERS

Old Path Sangha, a mindfulness meditation group that practices in the tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh seeks new members. **OPS meets the second Wednesday of each month from 7-9pm at Solebury Friends Meeting education building located at 2680 Sungan Road in New Hope. The dates for 2018 are: August 8, September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12.** Everyone is welcome and each session includes silent meditation, inspirational reading, chanting, walking mindfully, and mindful discussion. For more information contact Valerie Brown at [ValerieBrown95@gmail.com](mailto:ValerieBrown95@gmail.com) or [www.leadsmartcoaching.com](http://www.leadsmartcoaching.com)

### MEMOIR WRITING GROUP

If you want to make a difference consider our Memoir writing group. The group meets the second and fourth Thursdays with a writing coach on the first Thursdays.

*The pen is mightier than the sword.*

For more info: Judith Solt [judtsolt2@gmail.com](mailto:judtsolt2@gmail.com) or 215-968-2897.

### Bucks Quarter's Worship Schedule for 2018-19 Chandler Hall 2018

August - Middletown

September - Newtown

October - Solebury

November - Wrightstown

December - Buckingham

2019

January - Doylestown

February - Fallsington

March - Middletown

April - Newtown

May - Solebury

June - Wrightstown

July - Buckingham

## A SMALL BUT MIGHTY MINISTRY

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A New Home for the Stamp Project

Right Sharing is excited to announce that the new home of the Quaker Missions Stamp Project will be at Indianapolis Friends Meeting!

Amy Perry is the current coordinator of the Stamp Project, and she has been hard at work sorting stamps, gathering a committee, and learning best practices from Earl.

Get Involved - Mail stamps to:

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*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 at Wrightstown for consideration. Unedited version can also be read on the quarter's web site [www.quakersbucks.org](http://www.quakersbucks.org)*

### Minutes - Bucks Quarterly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends May 20, 2018 Held at Camp Onas under the care of Solebury Meeting

**Clerk:** Rick How (Lehigh Valley)    **Acting Recording Clerk:** Beth Taylor (Plumstead)

**Friends gathered** at the appointed hour of 1:00 PM and settled into a period of worship.

**Welcome** was given by Clerk Rick Dow. He reflected on his experience worshipping in Dublin, Ireland.

**Agenda** was reviewed and accepted.

**Roll call of Meetings:** Bristol:0; Buckingham: 3; Doylestown:1; Fallsington: 4; Lehigh Valley: 3; Makefield: 3; Middletown: 4; Newtown: 4; Plumstead: 2; Quakertown: 1; Solebury 5; Southampton:3.

**Minutes** of February 2018 Quarterly Meeting were approved with one correction.

**Stories of Vitality and Growth:**

**Fallsington:** Tyler Kapish noted that Bensalem decided to not participate in Resolution 287G. Jonathan Snipes reported that they have consolidated and moved their funds into Friends Equity with a better return, enabling them to do long range maintenance projects as well as outreach.

**Southampton:** Carolyn Peters-Eckel reported that they have resumed meeting every First Day. Every Second day at 2:30, they have a workday.

**Middletown:** Holly Olson reported that they are planning for their 335<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the fall. They have established a marker acknowledging the burial of slaves. They have also donated old books to Swarthmore and Earlham's historical libraries.

**Makefield:** Boris Simkovich reported that they are dedicating their Peace Pole September 3 at 4:00.

**Coordinator's report:** Holly Olson (Middletown MM) reported on the bookclub, and the new data base. Volunteers are needed for the Peace Fair. She also reported on Quakerism in a Nutshell and the poetry reading. The Trenton Thunder baseball event is upcoming. Holly is negotiating with Arthur Larrabee for a Business 101 workshop; attendees were enthusiastic about this. Friend Chris Lucca from Yardley has been appointed Alternate Clerk of PYM.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ed Snyder (Yardley MM) presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report. We have approximately \$21,000 in the bank and \$44,000 in Friends Fiduciary. Revenue and expenses are as expected in each category. Friends are encouraged to report changes or updates as soon as possible.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

**Budget & Nominating:** Betsy Bayardi (Wrightstown MM) clerk of Budget and Nominating, reported that the Kirkbride Estate has been settled and BQM awaits their \$27,000 share to be used for Outreach.

**Clerk's Annual Report:** Rick Dow, Clerk (Lehigh Valley MM), shared that he was encouraged by all that Friends in the Quarter do, from singing to spiritual formation, from book clubs to poetry, as well as addressing social and political concerns. He addressed our process on the Minute on North Korea presented by Newtown Meeting, about which our Quarter was not in unity. Moving forward, an explicit process for approval by the Quarter remains unclear, except that the bulk of work needs to be done by Monthly Meetings.

**Oversight Committee:** The report was given by Boris Simkovich (Makefield MM). The group's task is to advise and support the Coordinator. The group will be developing a Coordinator Personnel Policy Manual.

**Lehigh Valley Report:** given by Christine Murray, Clerk. She reported that they have about 95 members, with 35-45 in worship each week. They have 12 active committees, to which Christine reported on her participation at Arthur Larrabee's workshop. They have a new Worship and Ministry brochure. A professional CPA will review their accounts every 5 years.

**Fallsington:** Jonathan Snipes reported that they have a tight community with 20-40 gathering each week. They hope to make deeper connections with the Hispanic Community. They are sometimes challenged by latecomers. They have taken Bristol Meeting under their care as a Preparative Meeting.

**Chandler Hall:** Betsy Bayardi, (Wrightstown MM and Board member) reported they are now under the management of Kendall. They have hired a new Executive Director. They are guardedly optimistic about future growth as the population appears to be declining.

**Bristol:** Holly Olson reported for Bristol Friends that their numbers are low. They are under the care of Fallsington Meeting. Members Jim Fine and Debbie Fine expect to return from the Middle East where they have been working with the Mennonite Central Committee.

**Buckingham:** Amy Connelly reported that they have 62 adult members and 23 minor members; they have been enriched by the participation of new members. They look forward to hosting the Peace Fair. They have singing before worship. They maintain a good relationship with Buckingham Friends School. They will be celebrating their 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary this fall!

**Closing:** Thanks were offered to Solebury Meeting and the Board of the Friends Camp Association and Camp Onas for their hospitality this weekend. We closed with a time of silent worship.

Respectfully submitted, Beth Taylor, Acting Recording Clerk.

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