



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

NOVEMBER 2017

- Nov 2-5 Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) Annual Meeting - Washington DC
Nov 3 6pm Pot-Luck Supper and Auction - Middletown Meetinghouse
Nov 4 10am BQ Budget and Nominating Meets - Wrightstown Meeting Social Hall
Nov 4 7pm Games Night - Makefield Meetinghouse
Nov 4 PYM Continuing Sessions - Arch Street Meetinghouse
Nov 4&5 PYM Middle School Friends Gathering - Frankford Meetinghouse
Nov 4 PYM Young Friends Gathering - PYM Sessions - Arch Street Meetinghouse
Nov 9 7pm Bucks Quarter Oversight Committee Meets - BFS - Jane Jackson House
Nov 11 5:30pm Bucks Quarter Pot Luck and Sing - Wrightstown Meeting Social Hall
Nov 11 6pm Games Night - Buckingham Meetinghouse
Nov 12 2:30 Syrian Refugee One Year Anniversary Fundraiser - Kol Emet Synagogue, Morrisville
Nov 12 6pm Camp Onas Board Meeting - Wrightstown Meeting Social Hall
Nov 18 10am-1pm Open House - Friends Village - 215-968-3346
Nov 19 Quarterly Meeting - Newtown Meetinghouse
Nov 20 6pm Bucks Food For Friends - Fallsington Meetinghouse
Nov 23 9:30am Thanksgiving Meeting for Worship - Plumstead Meeting
Nov 28 7pm Bucks Quarter Outreach Committee Meets - Pennswood Village

Looking Ahead

- Dec 6 9am-4pm Chandler Hall Auxiliary Fund Raiser
Dec 9 Peace Pilgrimage - Nazareth to Bethlehem (PA)
Feb 18 Quarterly Meeting - Quakertown
May 19 & 20 Quarterly Meeting Weekend at Camp Onas!! Stay Overnight on Saturday - So much fun!!!!
July 16-22 Quaker Pilgrimage to England ~ Registration is now open - deborra@friendscouncil.org

Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:

November ~ Doylestown December ~ Fallsington January ~ Doylestown

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

Sunday, November ~ Quarterly Meeting for Worship, Fellowship, and Business

Newtown Friends Meetinghouse 219 Court Street - Newtown

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 to 9:45 - Registration, coffee, tea, breakfast finger foods

9:45 - 10:45 - Adult and Children's Programs

10:45 - 11:00 - Stretch Break

11:00 - 12:00 - Meeting for Worship - Children remain with the adults until 11:20

Adult Program: Sacred Activism at Work: Resettlement of Two Syrian Refugee Families by The Bucks County Interfaith Coalition (BCICRR)

Join us to discover what Sacred Activism is, and how it can be differentiated from other types of community service. Newtown Meeting will have a panel discussion highlighting the work of The Bucks County Interfaith Coalition which has been working tirelessly to help two Syrian families establish new homes here in Bucks County. All phases of resettlement will be described including the search to find affordable housing, jobs, Arabic speakers to translate, ESL (English as a second language), transportation, health and dental care, child care, pre-school, fund-raising and recruiting volunteers. We will also learn about the obstacles they have encountered, proposed solutions to these challenges, and speculate on what the future may hold. Panel members will include Norma Kaplis, Pat McBee, Marguerite Chandler, Bob Anderson and Mercy Ingraham. You will also hear the observations of two volunteers, Diana Collinelli, Julie Snarski. A 15 minutes question and answer period will conclude the presentation.

Children's Program: The children's program was not been firmed up at the time of this printing, however it will follow along with the adult program

10:45 - 11:00 - Stretch break

12:00-1:00 - Brown Bag Lunch supplemented by soups and desserts by Newtown Friends.

1:00-3:00 - Meeting for Business: we will hear from our Newtown and Plumstead Friends as well as our treasurer, coordinator, Friends Camp Assoc. (Camp Onas), Budget and Nominating and The Peace Fair.

AGENDA ITEMS NEED TO BE SENT TO THE CLERK BY NOVEMBER 12th FOR CONSIDERATION

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BUCKS QUARTER BOOK CLUB

"Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome" by Joy DeGruy Leary, Ph.D is moving, disturbing, eye opening and it came highly recommended as a book for a Bucks Quarter book club. Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome explains how the centuries of slavery followed by systemic and structural racism and oppression have resulted in generations of maladaptive behaviors that began as survival strategies in the African American community.

I am looking at wintertime to get together as a quarter to have a book discussion. A study guide is also available.

<https://joydegruy.com/resources-2/post-traumatic-slave-syndrome/>

If you are interested in participating in the book club, please contact Holly Olson.

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BCICRR CELEBRATES FIRST ANNIVERSARY SUPPORTING SYRIAN REFUGEES

The Bucks County Interfaith Coalition for Refugee Resettlement has co-sponsored two Syrian families, who are living in Morrisville. BCICRR consists of volunteers from a wide array of faith communities. Money has been raised, and helped the families with every aspect of life (jobs, schooling, summer camp, learning English, child care, health care, etc.) It will take another year, before the families are close to being able to fully support themselves. Their stories are compelling, and their courage and gratitude is inspiring. You are invited to a Fundraising-Celebration-Concert event on **Nov. 12th at Kol Emet Synagogue from 2:30 to 5:30 pm.**

An Afternoon of Music, Art and Stories

Lively interactive show featuring noted keyboard soloist Jeff Dershin plus Jack Kessler, Stan Slotter, and Joe Tayoun, of the unique ensemble Atzilut
Silent auction of handcrafted stained glass, jewelry, quilts, woodwork, ceramics, and paintings, donated by Bucks County artists

The Syrian families talk about memorable moments of the past year and share their hopes for the year ahead.

1360 Oxford Valley Road Morrisville PA

For tickets and further information:

bcicrr@gmail.com or visit <https://afternoon-of-music-art-and-stories.eventbrite.com>

BUCKS QUARTER POT-LUCK DINNER & SING

Join Friends on **November 11th** 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 Wrightstown meetinghouse.

535 Durham Rd, Newtown

*Our next gathering will be held on **January 27th** at the Middletown meetinghouse - 453 W. Maple Ave, Langhorne*

BUCKS QUARTER YOUNGER FRIENDS RAISE MONEY AND AWARENESS AT THE PEACE FAIR

Vivianna Helbick-Eyre and Julia Blackmon raised \$200 for Tabby's Place which is a cat sanctuary in Flemington, NJ. The first day school Friends from Middletown Meeting raised \$316 for a local charity.

FROM AN OLD BUCKS COUNTY COOKBOOK

(Read to the end of the directions)

The gathering of Friends for Quarterly Meeting was a very important highlight for Friends. A time to gather and share in one another's Light and to hear how the past months have been for them. This remains to be true. Unfortunately, Friends have lost touch with the importance of being of the larger Quaker community.

Perhaps you can help change this by connecting or reconnecting with us on November 19th when we come together at the Newtown meetinghouse.

Potato Custard Pie

1 medium sized potato
2 tbsp. butter
¾ cup sugar
2 eggs
juice and grated rind of
½ lemon
½ cup milk
unbaked pie shell

Boil potato & mash fine. Add the butter and sugar and stir to a creamy consistency. Let this mixture cool and then add the beaten egg yolks, milk, lemon juice and rind. Mix together well & then fold in the stiffly beaten egg whites. Pour into pie shell and bake in a moderately hot oven 400° about 25 minutes.

"At quarterly meeting time when Friends came up from Fallsington to Buckingham to hold their meeting they were all entertained by the families here. One special dish was this Potato Pie."

Sarah Popson Nichols

MIDDLETOWN MEETING ANNUAL SUPPER AND AUCTION AND YOU ARE INVITED!

Join Middletown Friends for their annual supper and auction on **November 3rd beginning at 6PM.**

There will be craft items, homemade delicacies, certificates for restaurants and a Smokey Mountain get-away.

There will also be items for children to bid on.

For more info contact Robin Hipple

robin.hipple@gmail.com

453 W. Maple Ave, Langhorne, PA 19047

PYM EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Office Administrator

The Office Administrator has responsibility for keeping administrative processes and the mechanics of the PYM office running smoothly, developing and managing routines and responding to admin needs as they arise.

On-Call Childcare Assistants

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) seeks On-Call Childcare Assistants to provide childcare during Meetings and PYM events for our youngest friends.

Opportunities for Mental Health Professionals

The Friends Counseling Service of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting is currently seeking qualified mental health practitioners to join our staff.

Youth Engagement Coordinator

The Youth Engagement Coordinator plays a leadership role in framing, articulating and championing a vision for families, children, and youth in our yearly meeting community that inspires, connects and strengthens

Youth Program Facilitator – Children and Families

The Children and Families Program Facilitator is responsible for creating space for experiencing the movement of Spirit within and among the community of k-5th graders. The Facilitator stewards the sense of community and meaningful relationships among Quaker children, their parents and their families.

Youth Program Facilitator – Middle School Friends

The Middle School Friends Program Facilitator is responsible for creating space for experiencing the movement of Spirit within and among the community of 6-8th graders. The Facilitator stewards the sense of community and meaningful relationships among middle school age Quakers, their parents and their families.

2017 Chandler Hall

Worship Schedule

November - Doylestown

December - Fallsington

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January - Middletown

February - Newtown

March - Solebury

April - Wrightstown

May - Buckingham

June - Doylestown

July- Fallsington

August - Middletown

September - Newtown

October - Solebury

November - Wrightstown

META THEATRE COMPANY

The Meta Theater Company performed at the Buckingham meetinghouse on October 1st. MTC volunteers at the Edna Mahan Women's Correctional Facility in Clinton NJ. Their performances are the result of their collaboration with the women of EMCR to stop mass incarceration.

www.themetatheatrecompany.org



QUAKERPHERNALIA WILL GO PAPERLESS BEGINNING JANUARY 2018, QUAKERPHERNALIA WILL BE SENT ELECTRONICALLY.

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This version of the August 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 be read on the quarter's web site www.quakersbucks.org

Bucks Quarterly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Quarterly Meeting Minutes August 20, 2017 - Held at United Friends School

Clerk: Rick Dow (Lehigh Valley)

Recording Clerk: Beth Taylor (Plumstead)

Agenda was reviewed and approved.

Roll Call of Meetings: Bristol: 0; Buckingham: 2; Doylestown: 0; Fallsington: 0; Lehigh Valley: 6; Makefield: 0; Middletown: 3; Newtown: 2; Plumstead: 2; Quakertown: 0; Solebury: 1; Southampton: 0; Wrightstown: 1; Yardley: 2.

Minutes of May 2017 were read and approved.

Stories of Vitality and Growth: Beth Taylor from Plumstead shared coins and objects found by Historic Recovery.

Coordinators Report was given by Holly Olson of Middletown MM. Holly summarized her experience at PYM Annual Sessions. Holly also reported on Intervisitation Sundays, at Southampton on July 25, and coming up at Makefield on October 22. She spoke of The Trenton Thunder ballgame, the Bucks Quarter Book Club, Spiritual Formation, and the Peace Fair. She included in her report some of her thoughts about the quality of worship, and asked that we make discussions and conversations about this a part of what we do.

Lehigh Valley: Christine Murphy reported. The Meeting has developed its own set of queries based on their own needs. 68 members and attenders participated in a weekend retreat at Spruce Lake. They have held three workshops on "Constructive Conversations in Difficult Situations." They have initiated an annual event of Hamarabe with Kenyan food. One of their members, John Marquette gave the invocation to open a session of the State Senate. They continue to offer tutoring to a Syrian refugee family.

Budget and Nominating: Betsy Bayardi (Wrightstown MM). Friends approved Ed Snyder, (Yardley MM) as Treasurer for another term, with thanks for his faithful stewardship of your funds. While pledged contributions have been lower, additional contributions have been higher. Also, operating expenses have been lower and we received a grant for Outreach. Budget and Nominating will be discussing moving our investments in Friends Fiduciary from the Income Fund to the Green Fund. In addition, nominations are being accepted for Clerk of PYM and Assistant/Rising Clerk of PYM.

Treasurer's Report: presented by Ed Snyder. **Treasurer's Annual report:** presented by Ed Snyder

Middletown: Jess Walcott reported. Their Ministry and Nurture Committee has been very active, with a variety of ways to reach out. The proceeds from their Annual Auction helped the Syrian refugee family, Camp Onas, Friends Home and Village and others. Their First Day School has four families, and has been studying various aspects of the Bible. Their Speakers Series and monthly Movie Nights are well attended.

Solebury: presented by David Smith. Their membership has declined a little. A group of Young Friends lobbied in Washington with FCNL. Their Pancake Breakfast was very successful, as was the party held for their nonagenarians: Malcolm Crooks, Irene Fisher and Sue Tinsman. **United Friends School:** Nancy Donnelly reported that their focus last year was on social justice; this year, they will focus on immigration. They have an annual Ally week with activities and speakers. Arla Patch (Doylestown) spoke to the school about the taking of Native lands and subsequent relocations. There are 110 students attending preschool through 8th grade. There are a few available openings.

Southampton: with no members available, their report was accepted as submitted.

Bucks Food for Friends: Carol Richardson (Newtown MM) reported. Once a month, at the Fallsington meetinghouse, about 50-55 people join in this shared meal. Special thanks are given to Zook's BBQ Barn who regularly donate poultry. More volunteers are welcome.

Wrightstown: Betsy Bayardi reported that they focus each year on themes. Last year, it was on 'Filling Voids,' and this coming year, it will be on 'food and security.' They have an active Spiritual Exploration group, and have monthly potlucks with speakers. Their Nursery School is 'exploding!' Their Peace and Concerns Committee contributes to many concerns, including 'Wine into Water', a group that distributes water filters in Third World countries.

Yardley: Linda Jacobs reported on making their meeting a place of compassion. Dan Gottlieb spoke to a large group about Cultivating Compassion. They have potlucks, game nights and other activities. Their membership continues to grow.

Other Business: The topic of membership was raised, and will be a focus of future Quarterly Meeting discussions. Also, Betsy Bayardi and David Smith, who are on PYM's Budget and Nominating Committee needs suggestions for PYM Clerk, Rising Clerk and assistant Clerk (three separate positions) as well as active recruitment for the AdHoc Institutional/Cultural Audit committee. Members are needed for the other PYM committees. Additionally, Rick Dow sat with other clerks at Annual Sessions: from this experience, he strongly endorses intervisitation and mid-week worship.

The Meeting was closed with a period of silence.

Friendly Services Offered and Friendly Services Needed

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