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AND
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TO ALL

Quakerphernalia

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

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Our Monthly Meetings Welcome Everyone to Christmas events Listed Below

December 2016

- Dec 2 7pm Candle Light Worship at Buckingham Meeting - Dessert Pot Luck to Follow
Dec 3 9:15am-3:15pm Extended Worship at Middletown Friends Meetinghouse
Dec 10 11am - 5pm Social Justice and Spirituality Thread Gathering - Swarthmore Meetinghouse
Dec 10 10:45am 57th Annual Peace Pilgrimage from Nazareth to Bethlehem (see page 2 for details)
Dec 11 6pm Fallsington Tree Lighting, and Carol Sing on the Square in Fallsington.
Dec 14 9am Information Session - Newtown Friends School
Dec 18 10am Solebury Meeting Mitten Tree Program and Holiday Luncheon Following Worship
Dec 18 11am Harpist During Worship at Middletown Meetinghouse
Dec 18 7pm Candle Light Carol Sing at Wrightstown Meetinghouse
Dec 19 6pm Bucks Food For Friends - Fallsington Meetinghouse
Dec 19 6:30pm Young Adult Friends Holiday Potluck - Philadelphia www.pym.org/young-adult-friends/events/
Dec 20 7:30pm Candle Light Christmas Program at Southampton Meetinghouse
Dec 24 5:30pm Caroling and Worship at Doylestown Meetinghouse
Dec 24 7pm Candle Light Worship at Middletown Meetinghouse
Dec 24 7pm Candle Light worship at Newtown Meeting - Food and Fellowship to Follow
Dec 24 7:30pm Candle Light Carol Sing at Plumstead Meetinghouse - Bring a Flashlight
Dec 27 -30 Young Friends Christmas Gathering - Woodstown Meetinghouse
www.pym.org/young-friends/events/
Dec 27-30 Middle School Friends Holiday Break Gathering - Abington Meetinghouse
www.pym.org/middle-school-friends/events/

Looking Ahead

- Jan 14-15 Family Overnight - Camp Onas <http://www.pym.org/event/spring-family-overnight-2016/>
Feb 21 Quarterly Meeting - Middletown Meetinghouse

**Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:
December - Solebury January - Wrightstown February - Yardley**

WRONG THING: Racial Justice and Authentic Community Using the Strategies of the H.E.A.R.T.

Bucks Quarterly Meeting is pleased to sponsor this very important workshop lead by Dr. Amanda Kemp. We will gather on Saturday Jan 14, from 10AM to 3:30PM. The workshop is being held at the Buckingham Friends meetinghouse. Child care will be available. You must register your child/children by January 5th. Contact Holly Olson hollybqc@verizon.net or 215-860-9747.

Amanda has recommended that Friends read her short book (also available as an e-book), *Say The Wrong Thing: Stories and Strategies for Racial Justice and Authentic Community* available at <http://dramandakemp.com/say-wrong-thing/>

The goals for the day are many; to provide a space for Friends to process the feelings, ideas and openings that have emerged since the PYM Summer Sessions, to build up capacity to stay curious and open and grounded during conversations that promote authentic connection and disagreement, to introduce the 5 strategies as spiritual principles that we get better at with conscious practice, to identify strategies and concrete next steps that each person will take to promote racial justice and authentic community in some area of their lives. ***This could include the Pendle Hill Weekend workshop on the Five Strategies on Feb. 24-26, 2017*** and to deepen the connection between Friends in a space that STRETCHES and SUPPORTS us.

Say the Wrong Thing

In our increasingly polarized and violent national context, this workshop is a sacred space to practice leaning into self-compassion and stretching beyond our comfort zone. Recognizing that we are all in this together, Amanda offers five spiritual practices that emerged in the course of her work as an artist, mother, educator and racial justice advocate.

The Five Strategies of the H.E.A.R.T. are:

- Hold space for transformation
- Express yourself
- Act with Intention
- Reflect on yourself
- Trust the Process

ICE SKATING PARTY REVISITED

Due to the decreasing popularity of the traditional Bucks Quarter Ice Skating Party, its future and how that might look is being considered. It has become cost prohibitive to rent a rink for 25 Friends. One consideration is to lay it down and let it rest until enough Friends want to participate...another consideration is to gather during an Open Skate at a rink...do we meet on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon? On Super Bowl Sunday afternoon the rink is very quiet or perhaps a refreshing summertime skate. These are some of the ideas that the quarter's Oversight committee is considering. The rinks we might use are now closed on New Year's Day for Open Skate or they don't have what we need for our youngest Friends. Please email Holly Olson with your ideas. hollybqc@verizon.net

THERE WILL NOT BE A SKATING PARTY ON NEW YEARS DAY.

EXTENDED METING FOR WORSHIP

Dec 3, 9:15 am - 3:15 pm,

Middletown Friends Meeting at Langhorne

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, lolageorg@gmail.com or

http://www.pym.org/event/2016-extended-meeting-for-worship-middletown/?instance_id=311

57th ANNUAL NAZARETH TO BETHLEHEM PEACE PILGRIMAGE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10th

Walk the Road of Peace

This pilgrimage, symbolic of the journey of Mary and Joseph, provides those who walk, those who pass by on the highway and those who just read about it in the Sunday paper, with an opportunity to think about what Christmas really means. If you are concerned about your ability to complete the walk, there are frequent rest stops and relief transportation.

More than a Walk If you cannot walk a portion of the pilgrimage, consider participating in the related events; Traditional hymn singing Christmas Carols at the Central Moravian Church steps, simple supper and guest speaker at the Christ United Church of Christ at Market & Center Streets.

This year's speaker will be, Maryann Cusimano Love who is an Assoc. Prof. of Politics at Catholic Univ. and an expert on international security and peacebuilding. **Her presentation is entitled: Building a Better Peace.**

Among many things, Maryann is on the Advisory Board of the Catholic Peacebuilding Network, serves on the Core Group for the Dept. of State's working group on Religion and Foreign Policy, member of the Intl. Policy Committee of the US Catholic Conf. of Bishops, was a fellow at the Commission on International Religious Freedom, taught at the Pentagon, consulted for the National Intelligence Council and UN working group on Human Trafficking. **10:45** Buses begin leaving 520 E. Broad Street (Bechtel Building, Bethlehem for Nazareth.). **Noon:** Pilgrimage begins at Moravian Church, Nazareth. **1:30** Rest stop, Trinity Lutheran Church, on Rt. #191 just north of Steuben Rd. **2:45** Rest stop, First Baptist Church, on Rt. #191 between Oakland Rd. and Johnson Drive. **3:45** Light candles, First Church of the Nazarene, 1500 Linden St, Bethlehem **4:45** Singing Christmas Carols at the Central Moravian Church steps. **5:30** Supper and rally, Christ United Church of Christ, Market & Center Streets. Register at www.Peacewalk.org/Registration and include the names of all people coming with you. You are welcome to come even if you have not preregistered. You may join at any point along the way, times listed above are approximate. Dress appropriately for the weather; the walk takes place in sun, wind, rain or snow.

For more information: www.peacewalk.org or call Rick Dow at 610-865-5204.

LIVES PASSING

Newtown Friends suffer the loss of **Don Grubbs** who passed on October 12 and **Elizabeth Hendricks** who passed on October 30. The Memorial Service for Elizabeth will be on Dec 3, 10AM at Pennswood Village.

HARPIST TO PLAY

AT MIDDLETOWN MEETINGHOUSE

You are invited to join Middletown Friends for their traditional Christmas worship on Sunday **December 18th at 11am** with harpist, Leslie Stickley. Join Friends for fellowship and refreshments following worship.

453 W. Maple Ave - Langhorne PA 19047

CHRISTMAS EVE CAROLING AT PLUMSTEAD MEETINGHOUSE

Plumstead Friends invite F/friends for Worship and caroling on Christmas Eve: Meeting begins at 7:30pm. Reminder: Dress warmly and in layers. No conventional heating system at Plumstead Meeting, even better they have a wonderful warm crackling wood stove.

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*Nineteenth Century Quaker Benediction
Traditionally Spoken at Christmas ~*

When the song of the angel is stilled,

When the star in the sky is gone,

When the Kings and Princes are home,

*When the shepherds are back with their
flocks,*

The real work of Christmas begins.

To find the lost

To heal the broken

To feed the hungry

To release the prisoners

To rebuild the nations

To bring peace among brothers

To make music in the heart.

QUARTERLY MEETING - FEBRUARY MIDDLETOWN MEETINGHOUSE

The adult program for Quarterly Meeting in February is based on the language surrounding the term "racism". Rather than Friends leaving with feelings of guilt and sadness, Friends will hopefully leave with information/tools that can be used in our daily lives, therefore leaving with a plan for a creating a better way forward. By changing our perceptions and language we can serve as better models and we can be open and available to listen with a more open heart.

PLEASE REMEMBER...

Please remember the less fortunate this Christmas season and help out in any way that you are able.

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Meal Programs

Food Pantries

Blanket Drives

Coat Drives

Animal Shelters

YOGA CLASSES

AT 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

**SOCIAL JUSTICE AND SPIRITUALITY
THREAD GATHERING**

Dec 10, 11 am - 5 pm,

Swarthmore Friends Meetinghouse

The Thread Gathering will focus on ways we can ground our work in spiritual discernment, partner with other groups to be effective, and network with other Quakers to broaden our engagement.

More more info contact Zachary Dutton,

zdutton@pym.org or go to

http://www.pym.org/event/social-spirituality-2016/?instance_id=432

**CHANDLER HALL AUXILIARY
HOLIDAY SALE**

The Chandler Hall Auxiliary will be holding a holiday sale once again this year to raise funds to use for the benefit of Chandler Hall residents.

The Sale Day is Wednesday, December 7th 10:30am

- 4:00pm in the Main Building Entrance Hallway.

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**2017 Chandler Hall
Worship Schedule**

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

**MIDDLE SCHOOL FRIENDS
HOLIDAY BREAK GATHERING**

A super-special three nighter for MSF! Plans so far include a clerking workshop for MSFers who are interested in growing their leadership roles, karaoke, and a winter weather adventure!

Dates: TUESDAY, December 27th – FRIDAY, December 30th

Location: Abington Monthly Meeting

Participants: Middle School Friends!

Cost: \$95 (*Financial aid always available!*)

Contact: MiddleschoolFriends@pym.org

**YOUNG FRIENDS CHRISTMAS GATHERING
December 27- 30,**

Woodstown Meetinghouse

Join high-school-aged Quaker-friendly and -affiliated friends for the 3-day-long Christmas gathering! Get ready for some creative fun, games, and exploration, and get excited to really dig into this wonderful community

For more info, contact, Hannah Mayer,

HMayer@pym.org or go to

http://www.pym.org/event/young-friends-christmas-gathering-2016/?instance_id=384

YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS HOLIDAY POTLUCK

December 19, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm,

Philadelphia (location *tbd*)

All Young Adult Friends (*age 18-35-ish*) are welcome to join us - bring a dish, snack, dessert or beverage to share! We'll have some crafty holiday activities. Feel free to also bring a musical instrument and songbook in the event that joyful noise spontaneously erupts!

For more info, contact Elizabeth Piersol Schmidt,

epiersolschmidt@pym.org

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