

Quakerphernalia

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

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Deadline for Quakerphernalia : By the 11th day of the preceding months publication

FEBRUARY 2017

- Feb 4 9am BQ Budget and Nominating Meets - Wrightstown Meeting Social Hall
Feb 4 6pm Games Night - Makefield Meetinghouse - All are Welcome
Feb 6 9am Information Session - Newtown Friends School
Feb 8 6-8pm Climate, Race, Social Justice - Videos, Worship Sharing and Discussion - Friends Center, Phila
Feb 9 7pm BQ Oversight Committee Meeting - Jane Jackson House
Feb 13 9-10:15am Open House - The Quaker School at Horsham
Feb 18 5:30pm Pot Luck and Movie Night - Middletown Meetinghouse - All are Welcome
Feb 19 9am-3pm Bucks Quarterly Meeting - Middletown Meetinghouse - Full details below
Feb 20 6pm Bucks Food For Friends - Fallsington Meetinghouse
Feb 24-26 Young Friends Winter Gathering - Haddonfield Meetinghouse
Feb 25 10am BQ MM Clerks Meeting - Doylestown Meetinghouse
Feb 28 9am Information Session - Newtown Friends School

Looking Ahead

- March 12 Dr. Dan Gottlieb at Yardley Meetinghouse - Reservations Required - See article
Mar 25 PYM Continuing Sessions - Arch Street Meetinghouse
Mar 25 William Penn Lecture - Arch Street Meetinghouse
July 2-8 FGC Gathering - Niagara Falls University <http://www.fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering>
July 26-30 PYM Annual Sessions - College of New Jersey - Ewing NJ

Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:
February - OPEN March - Buckingham April - Doylestown
Worship 11:00**Arrive 10:45**

Quarterly Meeting for Worship, Fellowship, and Business

February 19

Middletown Friends Meetinghouse - 453 W. Maple Ave, Langhorne

Please Bring Donations for the Local Food Pantry

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

9:30-10:45 Adult Program - Conversations on Race, Intolerance and Bias

Plan to share the day with Friends throughout Bucks Quarter. The Peace Center will provide a program 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 available to listen with a more open heart.

9:30-10:45 Children's Program - The children's program will follow along the same theme as the adult program.

Details will be on the flier that you will receive in early February.

10:45 - 11:15 All Together time with singing from 11-11:15

11:15 - Noon Meeting for worship

Noon- Lunch will be a Brown Bag affair (bring your own). Middletown Friends will supplement with chili, breads and dessert.

1:00-3:00 Business Session We will hear what's been going on with our Friends at Doylestown, Makefield and Quakertown meetings as well as our Budget and Nominating, and Outreach committees. Friends Home and Village will share their latest news and a preliminary budget will be presented for our consideration.

Note: All agenda items for Quarterly Meeting must be to the clerk, one week prior to Quarterly Meeting.

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FRIENDLY CRAFTERS

Cold winter days are great for stitching, card making, candle making, etc. Bring your hand crafted donations to Quarterly Meeting in February at Middletown for the Bucks Quarter Friendly Crafters sale table.

For more information, contact Holly Olson at hollybqc@verizon.net or 215-860-9747.

WORSHIP SERVICES AT CHANDLER HALL

We do not have a Meeting supporting the worship services for the month of February. If you are individually led to join the residents during this time, please contact Kathie Parry, she will assist you. Children are welcome and doubly appreciated by the residents.

JKParry1@comcast.net

DR. DAN GOTTLIEB TO SPEAK AT YARDLEY FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE

Please join Yardley Friends Meeting and Dr. Dan Gottlieb for a special event on **March 12, 11:30AM**. Cultivating Compassion in a World that Seems Inhumane. All most welcome to join us at 10:00 for Meeting for Worship preceding the talk. Lunch to follow at approximately 12:45. Reservations are required for this special event; please write to yfmdrdan@gmail.com to save your seat or for more information.

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Here is a program that enables participants to deepen their Spiritual lives, and Build a more intimate covenant community.

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 22,23,24, 2017 (Friday evening 5-9pm; 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)

The collaborative will be looking for several Meetings in the Quarter to consider hosting and for individuals who may be interested in participating. For more information contact Dale P. Myrtetus at dale122554@yahoo.com

2017 Chandler Hall Worship Schedule

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

LIVES PASSING

Yardley Friends suffer the loss of **Carol Cadwallader** who passed on January 1st. A Memorial Service will be held on **February 25**, 1pm Yardley Meetinghouse.

MOVIE NIGHT

MIDDLETOWN MEETINGHOUSE

Friends and friends are invited to share in a Pot-Luck meal followed by movie on **February 18**, beginning at **600pm**. Where Mickey and Stokowski partner up.

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YOUNG FRIENDS WINTER GATHERING HADDONFIELD MEETINGHOUSE February 24 7PM - February 26 Noon

Young Friends gatherings create a fun and vibrant community of high-school-aged Quakers and Quaker-friendly folks! Come join in the weekend of fun and community with Young Friends!

The gathering starts at 7PM on Friday evening. <http://www.pym.org/event/2615-2/> for more info.

Full and partial financial aid is available to all Young Friends for all gatherings.

ANNUAL GATHERING OF FRIENDS FOR LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER AND QUEER CONCERNS

Oregon (near Portland),

February 17- February 20

The keynote speakers this year are young adults, Jed Walsh and Laurie Torres. Both are social justice workers. They have planned not only speech, but interactive activities related to social justice. More will be posted about this once they have tied down the program schedule. What follows is the details, along with links to make your registration easy. Please register early even if you need to delay sending the money for a bit. Thanks!

Will you harbor me? Keynote speakers Jed Walsh and Laurie Torres.

We welcome ALL who wish to come.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Here is the link to the Event listing on our Quaker Cloud website:

<https://www.quakercloud.org/cloud/friends-lesbian-gay-bisexual-transgender-and-queer-concerns/events/flgbtqc-midwinter-2017-near>

More public information will be added at this site, including program details and other items of general interest. This is the link to our Registration website:

<http://www.midwinter.ptquaker.org/>

You will need to create a User Account to access this site. There is an online registration form and other details.

Everyone is welcome!

*This version of the November Quarterly Meeting minutes contains the edited highlights.
The minutes in full detail will be brought to Quarterly Meeting in February at
Middletown Meeting for consideration.
Unedited version can also be read on the quarter's web site www.quakersbucks.org*

Clerk: Boris Simkovich (Makefield) **Recording Clerk:** David Rose (Lehigh Valley)

Roll Call of Meeting: Bristol: 0, Buckingham: 1, Doylestown: 1, Fallsington: 4, Lehigh Valley: 16, Makefield: 2, Middletown: 1, Newtown: 4, Plumstead: 1, Quakertown: 1, Solebury: 1, Southampton: 0, Wrightstown: 1, Yardley: 0

Minutes for August 21, 2016 read and approved as presented.

Stories of Vitality and Growth. The Clerk spoke briefly of the effect of the recent election on many Friends and that the program on the work of FCNL this morning was the first time that there was the opportunity for us as a Quarter to address the concerns the many Friends have. A question that he felt would be in the background of any discussion today was how we as Quarter can support each other.

- **Doylestown** Has a newly installed Voice Amplification system.
- **Fallsington:** Tom Wells announced that the Citizens Climate Lobby has a film "Chasing Ice" Tom has a copy that he is hoping to share with other meetings to have a showing.
- **Newtown MM** children raised \$1800 at a simple supper for Shelter Box.
- **Lehigh Valley MM:** John Marquette, a member was able to give the invocation at the Pennsylvania State Senate on October 16th.
- **Solebury MM:** Three students went to FCNL in Washington and were able to arrange a meeting with NJ legislators and address the issue of sentencing reform.
- **Quakertown** has a new Clerk. Meeting Minder is a position just created to insure that there will always be someone present to open the meeting on first day.
- **Fallsington MM,** Jonathan Sprout gave a children's concert this month about American Heroes. He is recommended to any meeting wishing to do the same.
- **Buckingham** has a Facebook page. Considering paying for advertising to allow links to the Facebook page be shared within a certain area.

Coordinator's Report given by Holly Olson (Middletown MM). Inreach portion included notice of Quakerphernalia going electronic in 2018 with hard copies sent to those upon request. The Ice rink is not available for the New Year's Day Skating Party. Reduced participation has led to the recommendation that the event be "laid down". The Clerk closed the discussion commenting anyone within the Quarter could pick up this event, even if it was just to gather Friends at an ice skating rink without the need to reserve the entire rink. A program on racial justice, called "Say the Wrong Thing: Racial Justice and Authentic Community Using Strategies of the H.E.A.R.T." will be held on January 14th at the Buckingham meetinghouse. Other reports given on Quaker 800's, attendance at PYM Continuing Sessions, Peace Fair, attendance at various Community Days, and the Bucks County Interfaith Coalition for Refugee Resettlement work with a new Syrian refugee family.

Audit of Quarter Finances report read by Betsey Bayardi (Wrightstown MM). Records were found to be in good order

Treasurer's Report explained by Besty Bayardi. She explained that the report's cash flow snapshot which indicated a negative balance at the end of the first quarter was due to the scheduling of expenses and deposits. This issue will be resolved by the end of the second quarter.

Minute of Support for the Bucks Quarter Meeting Committee on Outreach presented. Outreach is requesting assistance from the PYM Membership Development Fund for testimonies banners and tent. Approved.

Newtown MM Annual Report given by Rich Richardson Clerk. The meeting has reorganized its Worship and Ministry Committee. The meeting also consolidated a number of positions into a new Communications Committee. Recorded 320 members.

Bucks Quarter Peace Fair report given by Tim Cunningham (Buckingham MM). Tim reported that the Peace Fair this year was better in almost every measurable way, especially the participation of Friends in helping out. Laying down the Grange Fair booth may have helped. One noticeable absence was any Young Friends from Bucks Quarter. A description of the committee is being written and will be included in the Quarter Handbook.

Plumstead MM Annual Report given by Sarai Nieves, Clerk. Meeting is involved with collecting items for Synergy Project (Social Service for children who are living in the woods or who are "couch nomads"), and also Mercer Street Friends. The Meeting has created a diversity statement.

Policy Regarding Public Statements by Quarter Representative. Topic introduced by Clerk. Three meetings, Doylestown, Middletown, and Makefield, have considered the issue and responded with statements. Statements expressing a position need to be connected to an action. A unified concern in BQ would also rise to a concern for the Yearly Meeting which has a much stronger identity as a religious group. Also noted, that at a time when many groups within the U.S. are fearful, any statement of support is helpful. Clerk closed the discussion with the observation that while this was a good discussion, unanimity could not be reached to create a policy.

Camp Onas Annual report given by Maike Haehle (Makefield MM). In 2016 total enrollment was 588 with 75 Quaker campers. 42 children were awarded financial aid to attend. Camp has a high retention rate with 85% of campers returning the following year.

Closing Comments from Clerk Boris Simkovich, this being his last meeting as Clerk. He spoke of the inspiration he received from his participation in the various gatherings he attended as Clerk and also of some things that he has not been able to achieve during his term that he would still like to see.

Meeting closed at 3:25 p.m.

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