



Quakerphernalia

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

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MAY 2017

May 5 9am	Information Session - Newtown Friends School www.newtownfriends.org
May 5-7	PYM REsources and REnewal Retreat - West Chester Meetinghouse
May 6 9am	BQ Budget and Nominating Committee Meeting - Wrightstown Meeting Social Hall
May 6 10-noon	Open House - Buckingham Friends School www.bfs.org
May 6 2:30-5pm	Mad Hatters Tea - Fundraiser -Friends Village - Wear your Maddest Hat!! 215-968-3346 for Tickets
May 6 6pm	Games Night - Makefield Meetinghouse
May 7 12pm	Imam to Speak at Buckingham Meetinghouse
May 7 6pm	Camp Onas Board Meeting - Camp Onas
May 10 7pm	David Bucura to Speak - Penn Hall, Pennswood Village
May 11 6:30pm	David Bucura to Speak - Wrightstown Meetinghouse
May 11 7pm	BQ Oversight Committee Meeting - Buckingham Meetinghouse
My 13 10am to 1pm	Revitalizing Meetings - Outreach Workshop - Wrightstown Meeting Social Hall
May 15 2-4	Open House - Camp Onas www.camponas.org
May 15 6pm	Bucks Food For Friends - Fallsington Meetinghouse
May 17 1pm	Chandler Hal Auxiliary Ice Cream Social
May 18 7pm	Lenape Lifeways - Fallsington Meetinghouse
May 19 9am	Information Session - Newtown Friends School www.newtownfriends.org
May 20 8am-2pm	Spring Fair and Yard Sale - Wrightstown Meetinghouse - Vendor Tables Available \$20
May 20 10am-1pm	Open House - Friends Village - 215-968-3346
May 20 8:30am-3pm	Peaceable Kingdom (animal/environment welfare) Conference - Buckingham Meetinghouse
May 20 10am-2pm	Spring Fling & Giant Book Sale - Yardley Meetinghouse
May 21 2-4pm	Open House - Camp Onas
May 21 1-4pm	The Peace Center's 2nd Annual Human Peace Sign - Bucks County Community College
May 27-29	Family Camp - Camp Onas
May 31 11:30-1:30	Open House (includes lunch) - Fiends Village - 215-968-3346

Looking Ahead

July 20 7pm	Bucks Quarter Goes to the Ball Game - Trenton Thunder vs New Hampshire Fisher Cats
July 29-Aug 2	PYM Annual Sessions - The College of New Jersey
Aug 20	Quarterly Meeting - Plumstead Meetinghouse
Sept 23	Bucks Quarter Peace Fair - www.peacefair.org
Sept 29-Oct 1	Spiritual Formation Opening Retreat for Bucks Quarterly Meeting

**Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:
May - Fallsington June - Middletown July - Newtown**

Sunday, May 21 ~ Quarterly Meeting for Worship, Fellowship, and Business Join Friends and Share Your Light

**Makefield Monthly Meeting 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM
877 Dolington Rd, Newtown, PA 18940**

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

9:30-10:00 Registration, coffee, tea, and breakfast treats

10:00-10:45 Meeting for worship

10:00-12:00 Children's program - The children's program will have the same theme as the adult program (see below). Details will be in the quarterly meeting flier that you will receive in early May

10:45-11:00 Coffee / tea break

11:00-12:00 Adult Program - A Power Greater Than Ourselves: *Life & Light* - Thomas Swain

From the very beginning and throughout all of our faith's 350 plus years, Friends have held to the importance of *Life* and *Light*.

Life can be understood as that which animates us. It comes from outside of us as a power greater than ourselves. *Light* has always been the *Guidance* in our conscience to know right from wrong and the *Good Order* among us.

During the adult program at this May's quarterly meeting, Thomas Swain will join with Bucks Quarter Friends for an in-depth exploration of *Life* and *Light*. Together, we will consider important questions such as: How have Friends traditionally understood the nature of *Life* and *Light*? How can these powerful forces help us grow and transform ourselves? Can they guide us in our encounters with others?

Thomas Swain is a member of Middletown Meeting in Concord Quarter and former clerk of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. He often travels in ministry among Friends in Britain.

12:00-1:00 Lunch provided by Makefield Friends

1:00-3:00 Meeting for Business: we will hear from our Buckingham, Bristol, Lehigh Valley and Fallsington Friends, Budget and Nominating, Treasurer, Coordinator, Clerk for his annual report, Chandler Hall and The Quaker School at Horsham.

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

YARDLEY MEETING SPRING FLING AND GIANT BOOK SALE May 20th 10:00AM to 2:00PM

With more than 1,000 since fiction books (and others), a car wash, ice cream from The Bent Spoon in Princeton and free milkweed seedlings (while supplies last), this event is a great way to spend some of your Saturday.

65 North Main Street, Yardley No Charge for entry or parking

LIVES PASSING

Makefield Friends suffer the loss of **Ruth Breece** who died in March.

IMAM NUMAAN CHEEMA TO SPEAK AT BUCKINGHAM FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE

On May 7th at 12:00pm, Buckingham Friends Meeting Speaker Series will feature Imam Numaan Cheema, who is the Imam for the Zubaida Foundation in Yardley Pa. He will give a speech titled, "Islam: Religion of Peace". At a young age, he ventured to Buffalo, New York and Chatham, Ontario to gain an understanding of the fundamentals of Islam. Upon graduation from a rigorous 7 year course, he was licensed to teach major books of Prophetic Tradition. Along with that, he was also granted a traditional license to teach Islamic Studies, Quranic Interpretation, Creed, and several other traditional Islamic sciences. As a new graduate, He took up a position as the Head imam and Resident Scholar in Boston, MA. after which he made his way back to Canada to further his understanding under a mentorship of specialization whilst teaching there.

5684 Old York Rd, Lahaska, PA

PEACE FAIR INVITES VENDORS AND EXHIBITORS

The Peace Fair is seeking craft vendors and non-profit exhibitors to participate in this year's fair on **September 23**.

The Peace Fair is our big opportunity as Quakers to let our Light shine!! It also showcases the important work being done by local organizations such as the Peace Center, Bucks Learning Cooperative, A Woman's Place, NOVA, LEPOCO, Camp Onas, HSUS and more. The fair features crafts, artwork, live music, standard and vegetarian food, kids' games, a petting zoo, and activities for young and old.

The fair runs from 10:30am to 4:00pm. It is an outdoor event but has indoor facilities if they are needed. For further information, visit the Peace Fair Facebook page or website (www.peacefair.org), email info@peacefair.org, or call Peter Ray at 215-794-5816.

WRIGHTSTOWN MEETING FLEA MARKET SATURDAY MAY 20th, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Come to the Wrightstown Friends meetinghouse for the best spring Flea Market!!
Kitchenware, Small Appliances, Glassware, Lamps, Books, Children's Toys, Garden Tools - to name a few.
Vendors' tables available \$15
Food, pretzels, coffee. Bake table with legendary pies for sale! Great bargains galore!!!
Vendor tables available - \$20
For More Information, contact **Betsy at 215-598-0248**
535 Durham Road, Newtown PA

DAVID BUCURA RETURNS TO THE BUCKS QUARTERLY MEETING AREA May 11th 6:30 to 8PM (Pot Luck Meal 5:30) Wrightstown Meetinghouse

David Bucura, born in Rwanda, and living in Central Africa is a peacemaker and a pastor of the Friends Church in Rwanda. He is an AVP facilitator, mediation facilitator and the former Clerk of the FWCC-Africa Section. He has been the Central Africa Coordinator for the African Great Lakes Initiative. The current African Great Lakes Initiative coordinator David Zarembka is retiring and Bucura has agreed to lead the Africa program work that AGLI supports. David is in the New Jersey/Philadelphia area for April and May giving talks on Peace work in Africa (Burundi, Rwanda, Kenya and Uganda)

535 Durham Rd, Newtown

NOTE: David Bucura will also speak at Pennswood Village on May 10th, 7pm in Penn Hall.

DO YOU WANT YOUR MEETING COMMUNITY TO BE BETTER KNOWN ???

If so, come to this workshop and learn how to help revitalize your meeting and get the word out!!

This workshop is for anyone interested in the service work of outreach/marketing for your meeting. On **May 13 from 10am to 1:00**, Norval Reece of Newtown Meeting will share his expertise in marketing and outreach. If you are interested in revitalizing your meeting, including bringing in newcomers and creating a welcoming environment, you won't want to miss this. Norval will also cover the practical application of getting your good news out to the public, aka press releases.

We will also be joined by John Marquette of Lehigh Valley Meeting and member of the PYM Membership Development Support Fund to speak about applying for financial support for your meeting's Outreach projects.

This is at the link to an article by Norval that appeared in Friends Journal, <https://www.friendsjournal.org/learning-from-quakers-in-corporate-america/>

Register with Holly Olson hollybqc@verizon.net

Wrightstown Meeting Social Hall
535 Durham Rd, Newtown

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

July 20th, 7PM

ORDER YOUR TICKETS NOW!!

Arm & Hammer Park, Trenton, NJ

Join Bucks Quarter for a summer evening of fun with the Thunder as they play against New Hampshire Fisher Cats.

For more information or to reserve (pay) for your tickets contact Sarah Crofts at sarah.crofts@gmail.com **by June 1st or 10th**. Group tickets are only \$8/each when we buy a minimum of 20 tickets.

PEACEABLE KINGDOM CONFERENCE

May 20th 8:30AM to 3:00PM

Buckingham Friends Meetinghouse

5684 Old York Rd, Lahaska, PA

The Conference goals are to respect animals' emotions and intelligence; increase our reliance on plant-based foods; be kind to the Earth its inhabitants, and ourselves; and strengthen the human-animal bond.

Indra Lahiri is the Keynote Speaker. Her talk is entitled; *Re-Wilding Our Hearts: a Path to Peace*.

The following Conference workshops are offered.

Barbara Simmons: How Language Impacts Our Actions.

Kate Watts: Increasing Reliance on Plant-Based Foods.

Dara Lovitz: Being Kind to Earth and its Inhabitants.

Victoria Schade: Exploring the Bond Between People and Animals.

Ligia Monzoni: Why Compassion for all Beings Should be Fundamental for our Spiritual Growth.

Vendors: ASK A VEGAN, ASK A MASTER GARDNER (Bucks County Cooperative Extension, 215-345-3283), Indra Lahiri, Humane League of Philadelphia (Rachel Black), Peace Advocacy Network (Dara Lovitz), American Anti-Vivisection Society, (Crystal Schaeffer).

Questions?: Email karenwinkler612@hotmail.com

To Register: Mail check for \$20 payable to Buckingham Friends Meeting and mail to, Peaceable Kingdom c/o Karen Winkler, 261 Old New Rd, Doylestown, PA 18901

On Friday, May 19 at 7:30PM, people are invited to watch a FREE viewing of the Peaceable Kingdom movie.

INFORMATION SESSIONS NEWTOWN FRIENDS SCHOOL

May 5 and May 19 at 9:00AM

Information sessions are small group visits, when guests will meet with the Director of Admissions and tour the school while students are working in classrooms. Similar to the classrooms, these small sessions provide ample opportunity to ask your specific questions and learn firsthand the value of an NFS education.

For more info: 215-968-2225 or www.newtownfriends.org

**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.

**DO YOU SEEK
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 opening weekend retreat will be at the Middletown meetinghouse: Sept. 29-Oct 1 (Friday 5-9 pm; Saturday 8:30am-5pm; and Sunday 8:30am - closing worship with Middletown Friends)

Mid year - Wrightstown meetinghouse: January 20, 2018 9am-5pm

Closing weekend retreat - Makefield meetinghouse: June 15,16,17, 2018.

For more info: Dale Myrtetus dale122554@yahoo.com

**2017 Chandler Hall
Worship Schedule
May – Fallsington
June – Middletown
July - Newtown
August - Solebury
September - Wrightstown
October - Yardley
November - Buckingham
December - Doylestown
2018
January - Fallsington
February - Middletown
March - Middletown
April - Newtown**

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BY DECEMBER 2017.**

**PEACE CAMP
LEARNING THE CHARACTER OF
THE WIZARD OF OZ
FOR CHILDREN IN 1st – 6th GRADE**

June 19-23, 9am to 3pm (drop off at 8:30)
Newtown Friends Meetinghouse, 219 Court Street.
Cost \$250 per child before June 1st
Scholarship assistance is available

Register online at www.thepeacecenter.org
Info: Marjorie at mmott@thepeacecenter.org

LENAPE LIFEWAYS

May 18, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Susan McLellan Plaisted, Proprietress of Heart to Hearth Cookery will bring a Lenape Village to life with her presentation on Lenape Lifeways.

**Fallsington Friends Meetinghouse,
9300 New Falls Rd Fallsington, PA.
Free; call to reserve 215-295-6567.**

**REsources and REnewal Retreat
May 5-7, 2017**

West Chester Friends Meetinghouse

To honor, uplift and support the ministry of religious educators and spiritual nurturers, PYM's Children's Religious Life Program is collaborating with Melinda Wenner Bradley (NYYM) and Beth Collea (NEYM) to bring a retreat called REsources and REnewal to PYM. This weekend will give you a chance to bask in your community of practice for some rest and renewal, to celebrate cutting-edge work emerging in PYM and beyond, and to sharpen some skills.

Please fill out the brief survey indicating topics of greatest need and interest:

www.pm.org/children/workshop-survey

Details: Zachary Dutton, zdutton@pym.org
or Meg Rose, mrose@pym.org

NEW PYM COLLABORATIVES

There are several new collaboratives approved by the PYM Quaker Life Council. There is a SURJ (Showing Up for Racial Justice) Collaborative pending, and a Sprint pending around helping meetings organize for collective witness.

Here are the three newest, approved collaboratives:

First Contact Reconciliation Collaborative: To support relationship building among east coast colonial era original peoples and east coast Quakers within the Religious Society of Friends, extending through Lenapehoking and "sister Nations," (Nations def. "interrelated descendants of historical tribes, who have maintained a continuous community within a contiguous geographical area for numerous generations; " ref. Montoya v. United States, 1901.) \

Sandra Boone Murphy, Micketom Meeting
aliibiondi@gmail.com (609) 221-7247

FWCC and Other World Relations Collaborative: A new PYM Collaborative within the new PYM structure to continue our long-term relationship with FWCC. PYM needs to (re)appoint our representatives to FWCC/Section of the Americas, and we need to continue to meet (usually bi-monthly) to both represent PYM to FWCC and to represent FWCC to PYM.

(Toby) Winston (Riley) Riley III. Mt Holly Meeting
TobyRiley@Quaker.org (609) 654-3661

Decarceration Collaborative: Connecting Meetings and individual Friends with communities and organizations who are most affected by the prison industrial complex, engaging Quakers in the work of learning about and fighting against mass incarceration. Organizing an event for May 20, 2017 to invite community organizations and give Quakers the opportunity to connect with them around issues of mass incarceration.

Chris Lucca, Yardley Meeting chrislucca1492@gmail.com
(215) 736-2572

[Full List of Collaboratives](#)

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