



# Yardley Friends Meeting Newsletter

September  
2011

65 North Main Street, Yardley PA 19067  
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Ed Snyder, Clerk

Meeting for Worship 10:00–11:00  
First Day School 10:15–11:00

## *Coming Events*

- Sep 10 Yardley Meeting Flea Market
- Sep 11 Yardley Meeting for Worship with a concern for nonviolence
- Sep 11 Forum at Doylestown Meeting: Nonviolent Responses to Terrorism
- Sep 11 Forum at Fallsington Meeting: Nonviolence and 9/11
- Sep 11 Middletown Meeting holding worship at The Garden of Reflection, Lower Makefield
- Sep 14 Buckingham Meeting Film Series: The 800 Mile Wall
- Sep 17 MM Pastoral Care Committees gather at Wrightstown Meeting
- Sep 19 Bucks Food for Friends, Fallsington Meeting
- Sep 22 BQ Outreach Committee meets at Pennswood Village
- Sep 24 12th Annual Peace Fair – Buckingham Meeting & Friends School
- Sep 24 BQ Singing Group, Makefield Meeting
- Sep 24 Run for Peace, Buckingham Friends School
- Sep 30 Tri-Quarter Gathering
- Oct 15 Lehigh Valley Meeting Annual Craft Fair
- Oct 15 Meetinghouse Bike Tour
- Oct 21 Pot Luck Dinner with Speaker
- Oct 23 Peace Center Annual Auction – Solebury School

## EVENTS FOCUSED ON 9/11

### Meeting for Worship September 11

On Sunday, September 11, the Meeting will dedicate the meeting for worship to the theme of nonviolence in response to terrorism. A short statement will be made near the beginning of the meeting to introduce the theme.

### Pot Luck Dinner with Speaker Friday, October 21

On Friday, October 21, the Meeting will sponsor a potluck dinner with a speaker: Zak Ibrahim, whose father was a terrorist, will speak on renouncing violence. Zak Ibrahim has spoken previously at Fallsington and Doylestown Meetings.

## The Tri-Quarter Gathering



The Challenge Course at Camp Ockanickon

## *Around the Quarter . . .*

### **Midweek Worship in the Quarter**

Makefield Meeting	7:00 am
Plumstead Meeting	8:30 am
Middletown Meeting	7:00 pm
Lehigh Valley Meeting	5:00 pm

### **Bike Tour of Lower Bucks Quarter Meetinghouses**

**October 15**

This 20 mile ride will visit Yardley, Makefield, Newtown and Wrightstown Meetinghouses, with long stops (and possible snacks) at each meetinghouse. Terrain is hilly at times. Bicycles without breaks or gears not permitted; helmets required. Children must stay with their parents or guardians. Express your interest with Holly Olson and someone will contact you with further details.

### **Tri-Quarter Gathering of Friends**

**September 30 – Oct 2      Camp Ockanickon**

Bucks Quarter Friends are specifically invited this year to this gathering of the three South Jersey Quarters—Salem, Haddonfield, and Burlington, to be held at the YMCA's Camp Ockanickon in Medford, New Jersey. This is a weekend of rest and renewal, of stimulation and contemplation, of community and solitude, of playfulness and prayer. This year's theme, "Gathered Among Friends: the 2011 Tri-Quarter Experience," focuses on the special meaning of "gathered" in Quaker parlance. There will be activities for Friends of all ages, including Saturday morning worship, intergenerational games, a challenge course for Young Adult Friends, boating and canoeing, hayrides, bonfire, stargazing through the camp's large telescope, free time, six meals and an outdoor lakeside meeting for worship. Accommodations range from screened-in cabins to heated lodges. For information about activities, accommodations, fees and registration, contact Marsha Gaspar, clerk of Tri-Quarter Meeting, at Mstar8000@yahoo.com or (856) 869-3431.

## **Quaker Resources on Peace**

*Answering Terror: Responses to War and Peace after 9/11/01*, Sharon Hoover, editor; \$24.95.

*Quaker Peace Testimony in Times of Terrorism*, Robert Griswold; \$4.00.

*Sources of the Quaker Peace Testimony*, Howard H. Brinton.

*Peace Begins With You* (children's book), Katharine Scholes & Sierra Club Books, authors; Robert Ingpen, illustrator; \$4.00.

*Peace be with you: A study of the spiritual basis of the Friends peace testimony*, Sandra Cronk; \$1.00.

*The Quaker Peace Testimony, 1660–1914*, Peter Brock.

*Practicing Peace: A Devotional Walk Through the Quaker Tradition*, Catherine Whitmire; \$16.95.

*The Quaker Peace Testimony: Conscientious objection and alternative means of service*, Andrew Kimball

*Sustaining Peace Witness in the 21st Century: Papers from the 1997 Quaker Peace Roundtable*, Chuck Fager, editor; \$11.05.

*The Road to Peace: Writings on Peace and Justice*, Henri J.M. Nouwen and John Dear.

*Friends Peace Witness in A Time of Crisis*, Nancy Irving, Vicki Hain Foorman, Margaret Fraser, eds; \$18.

*The Roots and Fruits of a Powerful Peace Testimony: Speaking Truth With Power*, Bruce Birchard, FGC; \$7.00.

*Transforming Power for Peace*, Lawrence Apsey, James Bristol, Karen Eppler.

*Peace is the Way: Writings on Nonviolence from the Fellowship of Reconciliation*, Walter Wink.

*Walking in the Way of Peace: Quaker Pacifism in the Seventeenth Century*, Meredith Baldwin Weddle; \$20.

*Faithful Deeds: A Rough Guide to the Quaker Peace Testimony*, David Gee, Britain YM; \$9.

*Historical Writings of Quakers Against War*, Licia Kuenning, ed; \$10.

*Living in Virtue, Declaring Against War: The Spiritual Roots of the Peace Testimony*, Steve Smith, Pendle Hill Pamphlet, \$6.50.

*Quakers and the Search for Peace*, Sharon Hoover, ed., *Friends Journal*; \$16.00

## *From the Yearly Meeting*

### **Young Friends Gathering at the Peace Fair!**

**Sept. 23-25**

**Buckingham Meeting & Friends School**

**Fri., 4:30 pm – Sun., 12:00 pm**

Young Friends are returning to Buckingham Meeting and Friends School for the Peace Fair. We will be “Stage Hands” for the Peace Fair. Beginning Friday night we will set up the tent and build the stage for the musical performances, set up tables and booths. Saturday we will help staff the booths and games, help set up for the performances, direct parking, do face painting and serve food. Then Saturday night we will disassemble the Fair, put it all away, and stuff ourselves with Pizza! The Peace Fair embraces a theme of peace, social service, and the environment, including exhibits by The Bucks County Peace Center, Habitat for Humanity, NOVA (Network of Victim Assistance), the Audubon Society, and other nonprofit organizations. There will be an art show featuring well-known Bucks County and Quaker Artists and poetry readings that include an open mike and Bucks County Poet Laureate. There will also be live music. If you want to check out the Peace Fair WebPages go to <http://www.peacefair.org/>.

### **PYM on Facebook**

Search “Families of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting” to find the Yearly Meeting on Facebook. This is a great way to connect with others in PYM, to find out who is attending a PYM event, or to share thoughts and ideas. If you have ideas about how to make the Facebook page more interesting, contact Greta Reich at [gretar@pym.org](mailto:gretar@pym.org) or Ben Camp at [BenC@pym.org](mailto:BenC@pym.org).

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## ***9/11 Events***

### **Confronting Terrorism Nonviolently**

**2:00 pm, September 11, 2011**

**Doylestown Meeting**

A growing body of research shows that terrorism is a political problem and that responding with military force only helps terrorists recruit more terrorists. Right after the attacks of September 11, 2001, we heard over and over that everything has changed. However, we went to war immediately, the conventional reaction to a threat, and we have been at war ever since.

On September 11, 2011 we will outline protective and preventive measures to fight international terrorism. The presentation is based on the writings of David Cortright and George A. Lopez, professors at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at The University of Notre Dame. There is a role for the military to protect us from the threat of international terrorism, but it can be minimized. To prevent terrorism now and in the future, we need to turn to nonviolent measures that do not perpetuate the problem. Such measures exist and they are viable.

### **Nonviolence and 9/11: Setting a New Course of Action for Change**

**9:30 – 11 am, September 11, 2011**

**Fallsington Meeting**

On September 11th, Fallsington Friends Meeting and The Peace Center will take on this question through the wisdom and experiences of Brian and Dawn Conklin of USAID, who will speak about their time in Iraq, which was focused on building peace through economic and agriculture projects. Brian served as executive director of The Peace Center from 1998-2000, while Dawn worked as a peace educator in several schools in Bucks County. Since leaving Bucks County, they have served in the Ukraine, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Iraq, Uganda and soon, Senegal, West Africa. Coffee and light refreshments at 9 a.m.

## EIGHTH QUERY: Peace

How does our Meeting act to advance peace, to oppose violence, and to support the constructive use of authority in our community, our nation, and the world?

What are we doing as a Meeting:

- to free our nation from militarization, so evident in our society and in its economy?
- to understand the causes of war and violence and to work for the development of the attitudes and institutions of peace?
- to recognize and correct the causes of violence within our communities, and to work toward overcoming separations and restoring wholeness?
- to increase the understanding and use of nonviolent approaches for the resolution of conflicts?

Do I live in the power of that Life and Spirit that takes away the occasion of all wars?

How do I maintain Friends' testimony that military training and all participation in war and its preparation are inconsistent with the teaching and the spirit of Christ?

Do I work for the establishment of alternative ways of settling disputes? Am I aware that to build a world community requires that we all face our differences honestly, openly, and in trust?

Do I treat conflict as an opportunity for growth, and address it with careful attention? Do I seek to recognize and respect the Divine in those with whom I have a basic disagreement? Do I look for ways to reaffirm in action and attitude my love for the one with whom I am in conflict?

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