

Quakerphernalia

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



April 2021

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APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr 1,8,15,22	4:00–5:00 pm	Spring Mindfulness Series	Virtual event sponsored by PYM
Apr 6	6:30–8:30 pm	Peace Center's One Book One Bucks	Life in a Jar
Apr 7	7:00–8:00 pm	Wednesdays on the Practice of Worship	Facilitated by Marcelle Martin
Apr 7	2:00 pm	Friends Home & Village Virtual Open House	Zoom event
Apr 8 & 22	4:00–5:00 pm	Thursday's with Friends	Sponsored by FCNL
Apr 10	11 am–2:00 pm	Pathways to Ending Gun Violence: Legislative Solutions	Presented by the Legislative Policy Collaborative
Apr 14	6:30–8:00 pm	Pendle Hill Reading Group	On Hallowing One's Diminishments
Apr 14	7:00–8:00 pm	Wednesdays on the Practice of Worship	Facilitated by Ayesha Imani
Apr 16-18		Young Friends Weekend at Pendle Hill	Living Authentically
Apr 17	12:00–4:30 pm	Quakers in Pastoral Care Annual Conference	Healing Ritual: Quaker Perspectives
Apr 17	10:30–5:00 pm	FGC Consultation: Spirit & Community Online	Virtual event sponsored by FGC
Apr 18	11:15–12:15 pm	FCNL Workshop at Solebury Meeting	Roots & Branches of Quaker Advocacy
Apr 25	9:00–9:45 am	GIANT Children's Meeting	Caring for Our World
Apr 25	8:00–8:30 pm	Youth Led Meeting for Worship	Hosted by PYM Youth Program Staff
Apr 30–May 2		Camp Weekend for Youth and Families	PYM Virtual event

Looking Ahead to May

May 14-15		YAF Spring Retreat 2021	Virtual event sponsored by PYM
May 16	9:45 am–3:30 pm	Bucks Quarter May Quarterly Meeting	Southampton Friends Meeting

Bucks Quarter Worship Schedule

Bristol		No worship services at this stime	
Buckingham	Sunday 10:30 am	Virtual worship	Email buckinghamfriends@gmail.com
Doylestown	Sunday 10:00 am	Virtual worship	Email doylestownfriends@gmail.com
Fallsington	Sunday 11:00 am	Virtual worship	Go to fallsingtonmeeting.org
Lehigh Valley	Sunday 9:30 am Wed 8:00 pm	Virtual worship	Go to lehighvalleyquakers.org
Makefield	Sunday 10:00 am	Indoor worship with Zoom option	Email jerry.taylor35@verizon.net
Middletown	Sunday 11:00 am	Virtual worship	Email robin.hipple@gmail.com
Newtown	Sunday 11:00 am	Virtual worship	Go to newtownfriendsmeeting.org
Plumstead	Sunday 9:30 am	Indoor worship with masks, heat, ventilation & distance	Worship outside (weather permitting)
Quakertown	Sunday 10:30 am	Indoor worship	Mask required
Solebury	Sunday 10:00 am	Indoor worship with Zoom option	Go to soleburyfriendsmeeting.org
Southampton	Sunday 10:00 am Tuesday 7:30 pm	Indoor worship with Zoom option (dress warmly) Tuesday virtual only	Email John Magee jmm9724@gmail.com Masks required
Wrightstown	Sunday 10:00 am	Virtual worship	Call Betsy Bayardi at 215-598-0248
Yardley	Sunday 10:00 am	Virtual worship; outdoor around the fire pit weather permitting	Email info@yardleyfriendsmeeting.org
Pendle Hill	8:30-9:10 am	Worship in the Barn	Daily virtual worship

Questions? Email Wendy Kane, Coordinator at quakersbucks@gmail.com or call (215) 867-9557.

Deadline for submissions is the 10th day of the preceding month's publication



Quaker Earthcare Witness

Mini-Grants Available to Quaker Meetings

Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW), a spiritually-centered movement of Quakers and like-minded people seeking ways to integrate their concern for the environment with Friends' long-standing testimonies for simplicity, integrity, peace, and equality, has grants available for Quaker projects that have the primary purpose of benefiting the environment and/or promoting environmental awareness and education among Friends and the larger spirit-led world.

All ideas that support QEW values are considered, but they especially encourage projects that directly address climate change and those that will involve young people. Friends' organizations in any country—whether a school, meeting or other group—are eligible to apply for these annual awards, up to a maximum of \$500. Partnerships with non-Quaker groups in the community are encouraged.



Applicants should submit an application which includes activities, budget, timeline, and benefits. Applicants are expected to match the mini-grant with an equal amount from their own funds; however, groups with limited financial means can also apply, adding an explanation of their financial limitations.

Past grant recipients have used QEW Mini-Grant funds in the following ways:

- Creating an edible garden for their meeting
- Adding a composter for a Friends school
- Completing a meeting solar energy project.

[Click here to download the PDF pamphlet about Mini-Grants that you can share in with your community.](#)

[Click here for the application.](#)

Rolling Harvest Egg Initiative

Last summer, Newtown Meeting members Mike Daley and MaryBeth Snyder donated 2940 dozen eggs monthly to [Mercer Street Friends](#), to be distributed with community food bags to those experiencing food insecurity in the greater Mercer County area.

Unfortunately, that program was discontinued at the end of the summer and will not be available in 2021. However, Mike and MaryBeth have found another EGGciting program in Bucks County through Rolling Harvest that they would like Friends to know about.

[Rolling Harvest Food Rescue](#) focuses on partnering with local farmers to share their fresh, healthy produce with needy local communities in their area. Like the summer egg distribution through MSF, Rolling Harvest is partnering with a local egg farmer to help families in nutritional need by providing nutritious, organic eggs and at the same time support local, sustainable farming. If you feel led, [donation can be made on their website.](#)

Fun Facts

[HowStuffWorks.com](#) is a fun and fascinating website about, well, how stuff works. In August 2020 they published an article: [Beyond the Quaker Oats Box: 9 Facts about Quakers](#), and it's a pretty accurate description about how Quakers work. There's even a mention of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. It's a short read; enjoy!

Self Care Opportunities

The COVID-19 outbreak was declared a pandemic a year ago on March 11, 2020. Economic, family, work and school challenges have led to an increase in the stressors in our life. Here are some options to include some radical self-care in your life:

Way Opens Wellness: Fallsington Friends member Amy Ward Brimmer offers a wide variety of opportunities, including Mindful Meetup Monday and Qigong Saturdays. Her newest offering is a 6-week Mindful Strategies for Living course, designed to help you deal with life's current challenges. Classes begin March 22; cost is \$250 and financial aid may be available. [Find out more and register here.](#)

Saturday Morning Yoga: Newtown Meeting member Jim Whitmoyer offers zoom yoga at 9 am every Saturday.
Zoom Meeting ID: 841 8875 2689
Passcode: 577889

PYM Mindfulness Series: Led by Deborah Cooper, M.Ed. and sponsored by Friends Counseling Service, A \$10 contribution per session is suggested. [Register here.](#)

Camp Onas

Registration is open for the 2021 season at Camp Onas. They will be operating at 80% capacity this year, and will offer fewer sessions. Registration is open until April 10 for families who were not registered or on their waiting list in 2020. [Registration information can be found here.](#)



FGC: Friends General Conference

Friends General Conference is a volunteer-led association of local and regional Quaker communities who nurtures the spiritual vitality of the Religious Society of Friends by providing programs and services for Friends, meetings and seekers.

One way they do that is by sending out a monthly eNewsletter called *Vital Friends*. It is filled with useful and interesting stories and information that you can share with your meeting communities. The March issue, entitled "[The Clerking Issue](#)" has a variety of clerking resources. [You can sign up to receive the newsletter here.](#)



Pennswood Village

Pennswood Village is expanding with two new residence buildings in the planning stages. All of the current residence buildings are named for famous Friends, such as Margaret Fell and Lucretia Mott.

They are looking to name the new residences for famous Quakers whose names begin with "O" and "P." Can you think of any Friends that fit the bill? ([I can](#)). Contact Carolyn Peters Michener at caeckel@gmail.com if you would like to make a suggestion, and she will get it to the appropriate person.

In Memoriam

Newtown Meeting experienced the loss of Stephen Kester on January 9.

Wrightstown Meeting experienced the loss of Paul Barsky on March 2.



PYM Youth Programs

For Kids:

Young Friends at Pendle Hill: Join Young Friends from April 16-18 for a virtual retreat at Pendle Hill called *Living Authentically: Finding Your Space in the World by Exploring Your Values*. The

program begins at 7:30 pm Friday and runs until noon on Sunday.

This weekend is intended to give young friends the space to reflect together and take time to ground and vision the world they want and their place in bringing that vision forward. Cost is \$50; [you can register for the event here](#).

Youth & Families Camp Weekend: All PYM youth and families are invited to join the Youth Programs staff for a weekend of activities that will center fellowship, fun, and a “camp vibe.”

MSF and Young Friends cannot be together at Camp Swatara with our Caln Quarter Friends this year, and our Spring Family Overnight won't be at Camp Dark Waters this spring, but we can be ALL together in spirit and on Zoom!

The schedule for the weekend includes programs for all ages; [register for the weekend here](#). The program is free and open to all PYM families.

For Parents & Educators:

Stories on the Road to Easter: In the weeks before Easter, PYM is sharing stories of Jesus' life and teaching. Each Monday the PYM website will be updated with a new story linked. Show the videos over Zoom or share the link for viewing at home. [Click here for the link](#).



Sharing Ideas for First Day Programs: Friends are invited to share your great ideas and make available lesson plans, handouts, calendars, etc. The place for easy access and sharing among our Community of Practice is [a folder in the Google Drive](#) where you can contribute and find fresh ideas.

Legislative Policy Collaborative

Pathways to Ending Gun Violence Legislative Solutions

The annual workshop of the Legislative Policy Collaborative will be held virtually on Saturday, April 10 from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm. It will

feature a keynote address by Peter Murchison, a member of Wilton Friends Meeting (CT), whose nephew was one of the first graders killed at Sandy Hood Elementary School eight years ago. Peter wrote an article for the February 2020 issue of *Friends Journal* entitled, “[A Quaker Response to Gun Violence](#),” where he shared the impact of gun violence on his family and our society and how Quaker voices can help provide a pathway to ending gun violence.

There will also be a panel discussion of local activists on gun control, breakout rooms to share ideas and lobby training by a staff member of the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL).

All Friends are invited to attend. To receive advance documents a zoom information [please click here to register](#).

PYM Emergency Grants

Many Friends are experiencing economic hardships because of the ongoing pandemic. The Emergency Fund provides quick help to PYM members in acute financial need, funded by grants from the John Martin Trust. It supports one-time grants of up to \$2,000 to assist members of PYM Meetings in meeting basic needs (including but not limited to housing, food, employment, and medical difficulties) during times of personal financial crisis. The Fund cannot support ongoing grants or non-crisis assistance.

For more information contact Nicholas Gutowski, Grants Manager, at ngutowski@pym.org or go to www.pym.org/grants/emergency-grants/.



Solebury Friends Meeting

FCNL Workshop: The Roots & Branches of Quaker Advocacy

The Worship and Ministry Committee of Solebury Friends invites you to join them for Zoom worship at 10:00 am on April 18th followed by a special workshop from FCNL at the rise of meeting at 11:15 am.

Quakers have worked to influence the government almost as long as there have been Friends. Why has Quakerism and advocacy been so intertwined? What do the experiences of past Friends have to offer Quakers today concerned about our government's decisions and actions? The Quaker writer and speaker Margery Post Abbott offers some thoughts in [A Theological Perspective on Quaker Lobbying](#), published by FCNL and newly revised in 2020. Using this resource as a lens to approach these questions, we will explore the roots of Quaker advocacy, share our own experiences of inspired action, and reflect on how Spirit is leading us to witness today. **OPTIONAL:** For reflection and thinking in advance, Friends can download or request free physical copies of *A Theological Perspective on Quaker Lobbying* here: <https://fcnl.org/quakerlobbying>.

The workshop will be facilitated by Alicia McBride, who leads FCNL's work to nurture, expand, and deepen relationships with Friends across the United States.

Join the Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6936905761>
Meeting ID: 693 690 5761



Makefield Friends Meeting

Makefield Friends Meeting would like to invite Friends from around the Quarter to join them on Easter Sunday, April 4th, at 11:15 am for their Adult Forum. During that time they will be playing YouTube videos of Easter music and hymns. If you have a favorite you would like to include, please contact Maia Simon at maiasimon@me.com, and she will try to include it.

Meeting for Worship and adult forum are both hybrid, generally available at the meetinghouse and also on zoom. The zoom link and ID are [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83815108363?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83815108363?pwd=dWpiY3NwN3l6Yi9kZ2RiRHU2ZmxoZz09)
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Meeting ID: 838 1510 8363 Passcode: quaker.



Friendly Services Offered and Friendly Services Needed

"Simply Real" News is Growing!

Published monthly with Quaker Values Times Publishing Newspapers, Inc. has rolled out with our ninth newspaper in Bucks County - the Fairless FOCUS. Covering the Fairless Hills area our new total mailed (via US Postal Service) circulation is 115,716 households and businesses. We cover "all the 'good news' that's fit to print." Over the past 18 years we've started and continue to publish these additional 8 monthly publications: Yardley VOICE, Morrisville TIMES, Newtown GAZETTE, Northampton HERALD, Lower Southampton SPIRIT, Langhorne LEDGER, New Hope NEWS, and the Doylestown OBSERVER.

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For more information contact Wendy Kane:
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Update Your Contact information!

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