



# QUAKERPHERNALIA

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

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## Dear Friends,

Happy Spring!

It's a time of rebirth and renewed energy - the trees are blossoming, the grass is greening and the early snowdrops and daffodils are pushing their way out of the earth.

It's also apparently a time of great energy among Quakers – there are so many events and activities scheduled that it was difficult to discern which ones to include in this newsletter!

Whether you attend an interesting event, or decide that you'd rather get out in the warmth and sunshine, just be happy that you - and all of nature - is alive!



Seize the day!

Your Coordinator,  
Wendy

*“And if we cannot end now our differences, at least we can help make the world safe for diversity.”*

*~ John F. Kennedy, Jr.*



## Monthly Meeting News

### Bristol

Bristol Friends have lots of fun and interesting spring events - go to their website for more information:  
[bristolfriendsmeeting.org/events](http://bristolfriendsmeeting.org/events).

### Buckingham

Friends have renewed their ongoing relationship with Plumstead Friends. Buckingham Friends own the building and have oversight of their burial grounds.

### Doylestown

Doylestown Friends report that their newly hired First Day School teacher is working out really well for their youngest Friends.

### Fallsington

Fallsington Friends will be having a special Easter meeting for worship, complete with hymn singing, a potluck lunch and an Easter Egg Hunt!

### Lehigh Valley

Friends have formed a ['Warm & Cozy' Mini Campaign](#) to raise funds for an air quality improvement project incorporating heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and dehumidification for their 1961 meetinghouse.

### Makefield

Makefield Friends have established an ongoing semi-regular relationship with a local Girl Scout troop who uses their meetinghouse as needed.

### Middletown

Middletown Friends continue to hold a mid-week in person meeting for worship on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm at their meetinghouse on Maple Avenue in Langhorne.

### Newtown

George Lakey, Quaker activist, recently spoke at their Adult First Day School on the topic “How to Move Forward in Polarized Times.”

### Plumstead

Plumstead Friends will be holding a brunch on Easter Sunday, March 31st, following their regular meeting for worship which begins at 9:30 am.

### Quakertown

Quakertown Friends have started a Thursday knitting circle where Friends gather for fellowship and knitting for Christmas gifts for the children who attend the Mercer Street Friends preschool.

### Solebury

Friends recently held a successful Pancake Breakfast & Fundraiser that benefited both Mercer Street Friends and Camp Onas.

### Southampton

Friend Carolyn Michener recently spoke to the residents of Pennswood Village about her recent trip to Ghana.

### Wrightstown

In March, the Meeting's Spiritual Exploration Group discussed what it means to “hold someone in the Light.” What exactly does it mean? They are also deep into planning their 300th birthday celebration scheduled for Saturday, May 4th.

### Yardley

Friends pondered the question “Quakers: a religious society or just a bunch of nice people?” Or perhaps better, “How are Quakers different from non-Quakers?”

# CALENDAR

Mar 28	6:00 pm–8:00 pm	<a href="#">Abolition Women: The Sisters Who Turned the World Upside Down</a>	Arch Street Meetinghouse
Apr 1	7:30 pm–9:00 pm	<a href="#">Pursuing a Just Peace in Israel/Palestine: What Can Quakers Bring to the Table?</a>	Pendle Hill First Monday Lecture
Apr 2 thru 23	7:00–8:30 pm	<a href="#">Election Violence Prevention Series</a>	Facilitated by Emily Provance
Apr 4	8:00–9:30 pm	<a href="#">Quaker Call to Action National Zoom Call</a>	Virtual Only
Apr 6	10:00 am–2:00 pm	<a href="#">PYM Young Friends – New Program!</a>	In person event
Apr 6	11:00am–1:00 pm	<a href="#">Tree Celebration</a>	Bristol Friends Meeting
Apr 6	3:00–6:00 pm	<a href="#">Spring Family Meet Up</a>	Old Haverford Friends Meeting
Apr 6	3:00–5:00 pm	<a href="#">Spring Celebration Concert</a>	Makefield Friends Meeting
Apr 6 & 21	3:00–5:00 pm	<a href="#">PYM Young Friends – New Program!</a>	Sign up now!
Apr 7	11:30 am–12:30 pm	<a href="#">Music at the Meetinghouse: Songs of Love &amp; Protest</a>	Doylestown Friends Meeting
Apr 7	7:00–9:00 pm	<a href="#">Sundays at 7: Quakerism Series for Newcomers</a>	Abington Friends Meeting
Apr 8	7:00–8:00 pm	<a href="#">Virtual Worship for Newcomers</a>	An FGC Virtual Event
Apr 9 thru 30	3:00–4:00 pm	<a href="#">Writing it Out</a>	Friends Village Styer Campus
Apr 11	7:00–8:30 pm	<a href="#">Threshing Session on Meeting Structures &amp; Needs</a>	A PYM virtual event
Apr 12-14		<a href="#">Young Adult Friends Spring Retreat</a>	Camp Onas
Apr 12-14		<a href="#">Encountering Spirit Online Retreat</a>	An FGC Virtual Event
Apr 13	1:00–6:00 pm	<a href="#">Active Peace: Breathing and Living the Peace Testimony in Times of Unrest</a>	An in person Pendle Hill workshop
Apr 13	11:00 am–3:00 pm	<a href="#">Afternoon in the Garden Annual Fundraiser</a>	Friends Village Styer Campus
Apr 13	3:00–5:00 pm	<a href="#">Americana Concert with John Flynn</a>	Fallsington Friends Meeting
Apr 14	12:30–1:30 pm	A Taste of Spiritual Formation: An Informational Session	Newtown Friends Meeting
Apr 16	7:00–8:30 pm	<a href="#">Carol Ann Gray at Plumstead Historical Society</a>	Danboro, PA
Apr 17	7:00–8:30 pm	<a href="#">Pendle Hill Reading Group</a>	A Pendle Hill virtual event
Apr 22-May 13	7:30 pm–9:00 pm	<a href="#">Building a Meaningful and Connected Life</a>	An FGC eRetreat
Apr 26	6:30–8:00 pm	Game Night	Newtown Friends Meeting
Apr 28	12:15-2:00 pm	<a href="#">Spiritual Life Program</a>	Lehigh Valley Friends Meeting
Apr 29	11:00 am–12:15 pm	<a href="#">Senior Planet: Computer Essentials</a>	Friends Village Styer Campus
<b>ONGOING EVENTS</b>			
Apr 6	9:30 am–3:00 pm	PYM Extended Worship	Virtual Only
Apr 10 & 24	1:30–2:00 pm	<a href="#">Midweek Meeting for Worship</a>	Friends Village Styer Campus
Every Sunday	4:00–5:00 pm	<a href="#">Southampton Meeting Vigil for Justice</a>	Southampton Friends Meeting
<b>LOOKING AHEAD</b>			
May 4	11:00 am–4:00 pm	<a href="#">Wrightstown Friends 300th Birthday Celebration</a>	Wrightstown Friends Meeting
May 19	9:30 am–3:00 pm	<a href="#">Bucks Quarterly May Meeting</a>	Southampton Friends Meeting

## Bucks Quarter

**Stories of Vitality**

Read the latest stories from around the Quarter:

- [Plumstead Friends Acquire 19th Century Memoir](#)
- [Newtown Friends Dig Into the Past](#)
- [Perfect Attendance at Bucks Quarter's February Meeting](#)
- [Remembering Newtown Friend Nancy Strong](#)

**Quaker Women's Social Hour**

**Apr 5th:** Join other Quaker women from around Bucks Quarter for a fun "Quappy Hour" from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. This month will be at The Langhorne Hotel 100 W. Maple Ave. Langhorne. Interested in joining the group? Email [quakersbucks@gmail.com](mailto:quakersbucks@gmail.com) to get on the mailing list.

## Bristol Friends Meeting

**Tree Celebration**

**Apr 6th:** Join Bristol Friends for this free family event as they celebrate their Penn Sycamore Tree who is over 300 years old. Special guest Lynne Cherry, environmentalist, author, illustrator and author of *The Great Kapok Tree* will be there. There will be music, crafts, cool tree facts, and a birthday card competition for students grades K-12 (digital entries will be accepted until March 31 - [use this form.](#)) Participants will get a tree to take home and learn how to care for it from Bristol Tree Tenders. Plus, birthday cake!

235 Market Street • Bristol, PA 19007

## Doylestown Friends Meeting

**Music at the Meetinghouse**

**Apr 7th:** Our Music At The Meetinghouse series continues on with Songs Of Love & Protest. Four different local musicians will be playing two songs each – one love song and one protest song. Covers or originals! Join us for this fun, free event at 11:30 a.m. at our meetinghouse.

95 East Oakland Ave • Doylestown, PA

## Fallsington Friends Meeting

**Americana Concert with John Flynn**

**Apr 13th:** Enjoy an afternoon with John Flynn, a singer-songwriter and self-described "folkslinger" whose social justice commitment is likened to Pete Seeger and Woody Guthrie. John is known for smart, heart-centered lyrics and stirring songs of social justice. The former Nashville staff-writer has released thirteen albums in a career spanning four decades, and also runs New Beginnings-Next Step, a 501(c)3 dedicated to fighting recidivism and counseling folks completing prison terms. This concert is part of Fallsington Friends Quaker Meeting social justice singer/songwriter series. The cost for the concert is \$15.

## Lehigh Valley Friends Meeting

**Spiritual Life Program**

**Apr 28th:** Joyce Hinnefeld will introduce the work of Shining Light ([www.shining-light.com](http://www.shining-light.com)), a Pennsylvania-based organization that works with incarcerated individuals in multiple states, "providing innovative, evidence-based reentry programming that transforms the lives of participants and prison environments, resulting in lower recidivism, better neighbors, and stronger communities." Joyce works as a facilitator with the Shining Light Academy program, which features class sessions addressing character strengths, creative writing, playwriting, and more, and culminates in the creation of "Wellness Recovery Action Plans," or WRAPS. She also helps with creative writing pages for Shining Light's bimonthly magazine, *The Loop*. We will view some of Shining Light's powerful videos (in which professional actors and dancers present the work of incarcerated individuals) and perhaps listen to excerpts from recent episodes of the podcast *Chainz 2 Changed*, produced at the North Dakota State Penitentiary, featuring several members of the Shining Light staff. Founder Jeff Bohn and other staff members may join us as well, if schedules allow. [Click here for the zoom link.](#)

## Makefield Friends Meeting

**Spring Celebration Concert**

**Apr 6th:** Makefield Friends invites its friends and neighbors to a Spring Celebration Concert featuring the music of Paige Melton. Folk, spiritual, and popular selections will feature themes of the natural world, peace, and renewal. Titles include: Over the Rainbow, No Rain, Here Comes the Sun, Morning Has Broken, and Have You Seen The Rain. For a preview of Paige's music visit [www.paigemeltonmusic.com](http://www.paigemeltonmusic.com). Free will offering for those so inclined.

877 Dolington Rd • Newtown, PA 18940

## Newtown Friends Meeting

**A Taste of Spiritual Formation**

**Apr 14th:** Newtown Meeting is bringing the Spiritual Formation Program to Newtown Meeting and Bucks Quarter, beginning on Friday, September 27. This 9 month program is an opportunity to learn and practice a spiritual discipline, share your spiritual journey, and get to know yourself and others in Newtown Meeting and in Bucks Quarter on a deeper spiritual level. Come find out what it's all about at an informational session on Sunday, April 14 at 12:30 pm in the small gathering room; everyone is welcome. Please RSVP to Lauren Phelps at [laurenphelps1@gmail.com](mailto:laurenphelps1@gmail.com) or Susan Thompson at [srthom1031@gmail.com](mailto:srthom1031@gmail.com) if you're interested in attending this informational session.

## Game Night

**Apr 26th:** Bucks Quarter families are invited to come together at Newtown for a fun evening of games. Bring your favorite or be surprised by someone else's favorite. If you email Nancy Martin at [nancymartin.science@gmail.com](mailto:nancymartin.science@gmail.com) and let her know you will be there, there will be pizza! Hope to see lots of Friends there.

219 Court Street • Newtown, PA

## Plumstead Friends Meeting



### Carol Ann Gray at Plumstead Historical Society

**Apr 16th:** Plumstead Friends Meeting member and author of the book *Bucks County Quakers During the American Revolution* will be the featured speaker at the April meeting of the [Plumstead Historical Society](#). Carol Ann's presentation will focus on how Quaker beliefs and values have influenced Quaker meetinghouse architecture and burial practices, with a focus on the history of Plumstead Friends Meeting in particular. There is no charge for this event and you do not need to be a member to attend; everyone is welcome!

4808 Old Easton Road • Danboro, PA

## Wrightstown Friends Meeting



### Wrightstown Friends Nursery School Annual Auction

**Apr 27th:** enjoy an online and in-person auction to benefit WFNS, which is under the care of Wrightstown Friends Meeting. The online auction opens April 19th and the in person auction is from 5-7 pm on April 27th.

### 300th Birthday Celebration

**May 4th:** Save the date for Wrightstown Friends' 300th birthday celebration! Come and see their historic meetinghouse, listen to music from local group [Fools & Prophets](#) and be entertained by the [Give and Take Jugglers](#). This is a rain or shine family friends event.

## Yardley Friends Meeting



### Looking for Flea Market Volunteers

Yardley Meeting is looking for some extra helpers for our Flea Market on Saturday, September 7. The flea market is a great community event where a lot of people appreciate an event hosted by Quakers. Our numbers are a bit smaller now and we can use help mainly with parking, working in the food area, setting up and breaking down. If interested, contact Linda Jacobs Snyder at [linda6stn@gmail.com](mailto:linda6stn@gmail.com).

## In Memoriam

Wrightstown

Alfie Paulovic



## Bucks Quarter Meeting for Worship Schedule

Bristol	4th Sunday 11:00 am	In-person. Email for information: <a href="mailto:clerk@bristolfriendsmeeting.org">clerk@bristolfriendsmeeting.org</a>
Buckingham	Sunday 10:30 am	Hybrid; email for zoom link: <a href="mailto:buckinghamfriends@gmail.com">buckinghamfriends@gmail.com</a>
Doylestown	Sunday 10:00 am	In person
Fallsington	Sunday 11:00 am	Hybrid; for zoom link go to <a href="http://fallsingtonmeeting.org">fallsingtonmeeting.org</a>
Lehigh Valley	Sunday 10:00 am	Hybrid; for zoom link go to <a href="http://lehighvalleyquakers.org">lehighvalleyquakers.org</a>
Makefield	Sunday 10:00 am	In person
Middletown	Sunday 11:00 am Wed 7:00 pm	Hybrid; for zoom link email: <a href="mailto:robin.hipple@gmail.com">robin.hipple@gmail.com</a> Wednesday worship in person only
Newtown	Sunday 11:00 am	Hybrid; for zoom link go to <a href="http://newtownfriendsmeeting.org">newtownfriendsmeeting.org</a>
Plumstead	Sunday 9:30 am	In person
Quakertown	Sunday 10:30 am	In person
Solebury	Sunday 10:00 am	In person
Southampton	Sunday 10:00 am Tuesday 7:30 pm	Hybrid; for zoom link email: <a href="mailto:jmm9724@gmail.com">jmm9724@gmail.com</a>
Wrightstown	Sunday 10:00 am	Hybrid; for zoom link email: <a href="mailto:wrightstown.mm.clerk@gmail.com">wrightstown.mm.clerk@gmail.com</a>
Yardley	Sunday 10:00 am	Hybrid; for zoom link email: <a href="mailto:info@yardleyfriendsmeeting.org">info@yardleyfriendsmeeting.org</a>

## The Peace Center

The Peace Center (TPC) has a new logo and a new website! The new logo emphasizes their work with people and the colors represent PTC's specialized areas of expertise: Blue for Community; Green for School; and Orange for Bullying Prevention. Same mission, new look; [click here to check out the new website!](#)



## Pennsbury Manor



Historic Pennsbury Manor has a multitude of events throughout the month; [click here to read more...](#)

400 Pennsbury Memorial Rd • Morrisville, PA 19067



## Writing it Out

**Apr 9th thru 30th:** This four-week workshop will explore various modes of writing—including journaling, fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. During individual sessions participants will share their own work, give feedback, and explore possibilities. The workshop will be facilitated by author and teacher, Terry Culleton, who has taught writing and literature for more than forty years. [Register here.](#)

## Senior Plant: Computer Essentials

**Apr 29th:** This 5-week course covers the essentials of how to use the basic functions of a personal computer, how to navigate the internet, and how to send and receive email. By the end of the course, you'll have a foundation for using a computer and the internet to enrich your life. Prerequisites: A Gmail address. Though this course is best suited for people who have had some experience using the internet on any device, help can be provided for those with less experience. If you need help setting up a Gmail address, please call the Senior Planet hotline: 888-713-3495.

## Afternoon in the Garden Annual Fundraiser

**Apr 13th:** Purchase your tickets now for the Friends Village Annual Fundraiser featuring esteemed guest speaker and New York Times bestselling author, Doug Tallamy who will be speaking about his book *Nature's Best Hope*. Enjoy refreshments by Piccolo Trattoria, wonderful vendors and more!

Advance ticket purchase is required; walk in entry will not be available on the day of the event. General admission is \$100, which includes refreshments and presentation. For an additional \$25 you can enhance your experience and have your book signed by the author!

In addition, join the online auction for a chance to win an opportunity to attend an exclusive limited seating Q&A session with Dr. Tallamy. Only 12 seats available!

[Click here for more information.](#)

Tickets on  
sale now!  
[Click here](#)



## AROUND PYM

### PYM Sponsored Events



#### Election Violence Prevention Series

**Apr 2nd thru 28th:** Start, Learn, Speak, and Connect are a series designed to combine a Quaker spiritual grounding with best practices for election violence prevention and skill building in working together for peace across cultural and political differences. The series dates are Tuesday evenings: 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, and 4/23. You only need to register once to attend the series, which is facilitated by Emily Provance, a member of Fifteenth Street Meeting in New York Yearly Meeting. She travels in the ministry, leading programs and writing extensively on topics related to faith and community. [Click here to register.](#)

#### Extended Worship

**Apr 6th:** This month the group will have a virtual meeting on Zoom. The day will follow the usual format of worship from roughly 9:30 to 12:30, and worship sharing from 1:00 until around 2:30 to 3:00, with a lunch break in between. The best way to stay informed is to be placed on an e-mail list to receive Zoom links for this and future Extended Worship meetings; contact Andy Hoover at [dandydoover@gmail.com](mailto:dandydoover@gmail.com).



#### PYM Young Friends - New Program

**Apr 4th & 21st:** Youth in grades 8 through 12 are invited to participate in a new PYM Young Friends pilot program where we are seeking to create a program that will focus on

getting to know other teens, building community, and having fun together! Gatherings will take place twice a month throughout the spring, with some in-person and some on Zoom. Please share this flyer with your community!

Workshops will focus on topics such as Environmental Advocacy, Conscientious Objection, Queer Theology, and other topics of interest to Young Friends as they seek to live out their Quaker faith in the world. As they will be providing ministry – sharing their time and energy in the development of this program – a stipend will be offered. In return, we ask them to commit to a sustained and thoughtful involvement throughout the spring. Locations of in-person gatherings are TBD and will take travel for participants into account.

#### Program Schedule

Saturday, 4/6, 10 AM to 2 PM (in-person)  
 Sunday, 4/21, 3 to 4:30 PM (online)  
 May 3 to 5 – [Camp Swatara Weekend!](#)  
 Sunday, 5/19, 3 to 4:30 PM (online)  
 Saturday, 6/1, 10 AM to 2 PM (in-person)  
 Sunday, 6/9, 3 to 4:30 PM (online)

[Click to  
register!](#)

#### Spring Family Meet Up

**Apr 6th:** Come to Old Haverford Friends Meeting, 235 East Eagle Road, Havertown, PA for a family gathering. There will be an intergenerational activity, time for parent/guardian worship sharing, children's activities, play time outside, and dinner as a community. Pizza and beverages

will be provided. Families are invited to bring a snack/side dish/dessert to share. All ages are welcome! For more information, contact Kristin Simmons, Youth Engagement Coordinator at [ksimmons@pym.org](mailto:ksimmons@pym.org). [Register here](#).

### Threshing Session on Meeting Structure & Needs

**Apr 11th:** PYM presiding clerk Melissa Rycroft invites all Friends to join her for this threshing session. It is her intention to schedule time near each yearly meeting session for Friends to explore an issue of importance to our community. The topic of this threshing session will be exploring how our meeting structures meet Friends' and seekers' needs for their Quaker home. Melissa says this is about inclusion, and it's about our future. There will be queries to ponder. This is a virtual event and registration is required; [click here to register](#).

### Young Adult Friends Spring Retreat

**Apr 12-14th:** The theme for this retreat is *Welcoming Your Inner Child*, and we will do activities that allow us to deepen our relationship to our inner child. Young Adult Friends will participate in activities, conduct our Business Meeting, and connect with each other through fellowship and worship sharing. This is an overnight event. We will be staying at Camp Onas on Friday and Saturday night. **Registration closes on Friday, April 5, 2024.** In order to make this retreat financially accessible, the cost to participate is available at a sliding scale of \$0-\$60. [Register here](#).

### Creating a Playbook for Climate Action

The updated Playbook for Climate Action was shared at Spring Continuing Sessions. [Click here to access a digital copy](#). Individuals, households, meetings and groups in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting are invited to use this tool filled with a stock of ideas, tactics and plans to create their own game plan for addressing climate change.

### Arch Street Meetinghouse



### Abolition Women: The Sisters Who Turned the World Upside Down

**Mar 28th:** Arch Street Meeting House (ASMH) and the Betsy Ross House (BRH) have collaborated on this exciting new first-person interpretive program! Together, ASMH and BRH staff have created the costumes and conducted extensive historical research to accurately portray the Grimke sisters and share their experiences with a

new audience. Sarah & Angelina Grimke are sisters, Quakers, and above all else, abolitionists. Join them in 1836 as they prepare for their landmark tour to speak out against slavery and discrimination. There is a suggested \$5 per attendee donation; [register here](#).



### Abington Friends Meeting



### Sundays at 7: Quakerism Series for Newcomers

**Apr 7th thru May 19th:** Abington Monthly Meeting is holding informal discussion groups addressing Quaker topics, including:

- Introduction to Quaker Faith and Practice
- Meeting for Worship
- Meeting for Business
- Faith into Action: Integrity Testimony
- Faith into Action: Peace Testimony
- Faith into Action: Simplicity Testimony
- Community and Membership

Discussions will be held in the John Barnes Room at Abington Friends Meetinghouse, located at 520 Meetinghouse Road, Jenkintown, PA 19046.

### Moorestown Friends Meeting



**LOVING OUR EARTH FAIR!**  
SUNDAY, APRIL 21 FROM 1-3 PM

Moorestown Monthly Meeting's Witness in the World Support Committee is hosting an environmental information event to celebrate our wonderful planet!

**JOIN US TO LEARN AND EXPLORE ECO-FRIENDLY IDEAS**

Seed Sharing	Composting	Recycling
Wildlife Gardening Tips	Pollinator-Friendly Landscaping	
Rancocas Nature Center	Green Amendment	

...And So Much MORE!

Weather permitting, we will hold the fair outside the Meeting along Main Street. In case of rain, we will host event inside our large social room.

**Moorestown Monthly Meeting**  
118 E. Main St - Moorestown, NJ 08057  
[www.MoorestownFriendsMeeting.org](http://www.MoorestownFriendsMeeting.org)

\*It is not too late to volunteer and share your knowledge!  
*Are you a birder, organic gardener, tree lover, nature enthusiast?*  
Please join us to share your environmental know-how with Friends.  
Contact Maria Esche with interest: [mbsches1@gmail.com](mailto:mbsches1@gmail.com) or 856-234-0911

### DID YOU KNOW...

... the [PYM website has a Resources page](#) with all kinds of useful information for your meeting community. Check out the whole page; here are some of the offerings:

- [Resources Shared at Governance and Stewardship Thread Gathering](#)
- [Religious Education for Adults \(Quakerism 101\)](#)
- [Resources Shared at Outreach Thread Gathering](#)
- [Racial Justice Curricula and Resources for Children](#)
- [How Do Quakers Approach Sustainability Work?](#)
- [Faithful Always](#): a book about the process of endings for Quaker meetings and churches.



### Community Evenings in the Pendle Hill Art Studio

**now thru May 9th:** No registration required! Join us for Thursday Community Evenings in the Art Studio this spring!

### First Monday Lecture

**Apr 1st:** *Pursuing a Just Peace in Israel/Palestine: What Can Quakers Bring to the Table?* A fundamental question remains, however, for individuals, local congregations, and regional bodies: what can we do to work for peace and justice in Israel/Palestine in this moment? In this talk, Steve Chase will share his reflections on how we can more effectively engage in individual and congregational self-education and dialogue about the root causes of the current crisis, as well as take personal and small group leadership for mobilizing more Friends to show up faithfully and speak truth to power in this challenging moment. Steve Chase is a long-time Quaker activist, educator, and writer living in Washington, DC. This event is free and open to the public! [Registration required.](#)

### Active Peace: Breathing and Living the Peace Testimony in Times of Unrest

**Apr 13th:** In this workshop, we will explore the ways that Quakerism has influenced parts of society to embody and champion peace and how individuals, communities, and movements can influence Quakers to continue to evolve our way of thinking and acting to make the journey towards the beloved community a tangible reality. This is an on campus event and costs range from \$75 to \$100. [Register here.](#)

### April Reading Group

**Apr 17th:** this group focuses on Pendle Hill pamphlets and other Quaker readings. This month we will be reading Tom Gates's pamphlet [Reclaiming the Transcendent: God in Process](#) (PHP #422). Tom Gates, a beloved pamphlet author, is this year's Kenneth Carroll Scholar for Biblical and Quaker Studies at Pendle Hill. [Register here.](#)

## Friends General Conference



### Encountering Spirit Online Retreat

**Apr 12-14th:** join Quakers and newcomers as we explore the theme of encountering God as a key experience of our Quaker faith. What can Early Friends teach us about finding Truth? How do we open ourselves to the gift of direct relationship? This retreat will be a deepening event, a long weekend for sharing together the experience of being in community with God. Registration is on a sliding scale from \$75-125 and work grants are available. Registration closes 4/10; [register here.](#)

### Building a Meaningful and Connected Life eRetreat

**Apr 22nd-May 13th:** Every Monday, this eRetreat delves into the profound spirituality of meaning-making, resilience,

renewal, and life transitions. Through contemplative practices and insightful discussions, we navigate the rich tapestry of growing older at any age, embracing its spiritual gifts across the lifespan. Join us as we explore the depths of personal growth, connection, and purpose, fostering a deeper understanding of what it means to lead a truly meaningful and connected life. There is a \$45 pay-as-led participation fee and people of all ages are invited to participate; [register here.](#)

### The 2024 Gathering

**Jun 30th-Jul 6th:** Mark your calendars! The FGC Gathering is being held on the campus of Haverford College, allowing local Friends to commute to this year's event! While cost has not yet been finalized, early registration is scheduled to open on April 6th, and closes on April 23rd. [Click here to sign up for the Gathering email list.](#)

## Quaker Call to Action



### National Zoom Call

**Apr 4th:** It has been almost two years since we began our spiritual journey with the Urgent Call to the Religious Society of Friends. During this call we will present a brief summary of where we have been with the Urgent Call, share some comments on the current political climate, and offer you an opportunity to take stock of where you are and what short-term actions you will be taking in the run-up to the November elections. There will again be small worship-sharing groups. In preparation for this call, we invite everyone to click [here](#) for an online poll and select your TOP TWO pre-election actions from the list of short-term actions. [Click here to register for the call.](#)

## Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO)



### Annual Review Available

QUNO is proud to announce that the latest version of their annual review is now available online! This is a great opportunity to read and learn more about the work of our New York and Geneva offices during this past year, and to learn about the work ahead. [Click here for the PDF.](#)

Not familiar with the work of QUNO? QUNO staff work with people in the UN, multilateral organizations, government delegations, and non-governmental organizations, to achieve changes in international standards and practice. Quakers are known for speaking out against injustice and war - issues that are incompatible with our vision of a world in which peace and justice prevail. Their work is rooted in the Quaker testimonies of peace, truth, justice, equality, and simplicity. They understand peace as more than the absence of war and violence, recognizing the need to look for what seeds of war there may be in all our social, political, and economic relationships.

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