



Quakerphernalia

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

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AUGUST 2020

Jul 28-29		Spiritual Formation Retreat	A Virtual Gathering
Jul 29-Aug 2		PYM Annual Sessions: Letting Ourselves be Known	A Virtual Gathering
Aug 2, 23 & Sept 13	Sunday 2-4 pm	Say NO to Racism Series	Virtual thru The Peace Center
Aug 6	Thursday 4-4:30 pm	Thursdays with Friends: 65 years after Hiroshima	Through FCNL
Aug 14-16		The Gathered Meeting	Pendle Hill - virtual
Aug 19-22		Young Friends Late Summer Gathering	Save the Date!

Bucks Quarter Worship Schedule

Bristol		No worship services at this time	
Buckingham	Sunday 10:00 am	Outside meeting for worship with Zoom option; bring your own chair and mask; please RSVP	Email buckinghamfriends@gmail.com
Doylestown	Sunday 10:00 am	Virtual worship only	Email doylestownfriends@gmail.com
Fallsington	Sunday 11:00 am	Virtual worship only	Go to fallsingtonmeeting.org
Lehigh Valley	Sunday 10:00 am Wed 8:00 pm	Virtual worship only	Go to lehighvalleyquakers.org
Makefield	Sunday 10:00 am	In-person meeting for worship with Zoom option available	Inside meetinghouse, mask required Email jerry.taylor35@verizon.net
Middletown	Sunday 11:00 am	Virtual worship only	Email robin.hipple@gmail.com
Newtown	Sunday 10:00 am	Virtual worship only	Go to newtownfriendsmeeting.org
Plumstead	Sunday 9:30 am Wed 8:30 am	Resuming in-person meeting for worship	Outside worship; bring your own chair and mask
Quakertown	Sunday 10:30 am	Resuming in-person meeting for worship	Inside meetinghouse, mask required
Solebury	Sunday 10:00 am	Outside worship combined with Zoom option	Go to soleburyfriendsmeeting.org
Southampton	Sunday 10:00 am Tuesday 7:30 pm	Virtual worship only	Email John Magee jmm9724@gmail.com
Wrightstown	Sunday 10:00 am	Virtual worship only	Call Betsy Bayardi at 215-598-0248
Yardley	Sunday 10:00 am Thurs. 7:00 pm	Outside meeting for worship with Zoom option; bring your own chair and mask	Email info@yardleyfriendsmeeting.org Thursday worship Zoom only
Pendle Hill	8:30-9:10 am	Worship in the Barn	Daily virtual worship

VIRTUAL Quarterly Meeting for Worship, Fellowship & Business Under the Care of Newtown Friends Meeting Sunday, August 16, 2020 • 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Zoom link:	To be sent at a later date
10:00-11:00 am	Newtown's Peace & Social Justice Committee will present: <i>Youth Speak Out on Racial Justice</i> , a collection of video submissions by youth from around the Quarter giving voice to the issue of racial justice and ways to address discrimination and racism. An open spirit-led dialog will follow.
11:00-12:00 pm	Meeting for Worship
12:00 -12:30 pm	Lunch break - with optional breakout rooms
12:30 pm	Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Annual Reports from Middletown, Solebury, Southampton, Wrightstown and Yardley Meetings Regular Quarterly Reports from the Treasurer and Coordinator Annual reports from Bucks Food for Friends and United Friends School

This version of the May 2020 Quarterly Meeting minutes contains the edited highlights. The minutes in full detail will be available for consideration at our virtual Quarterly Meeting in August under the care of Newtown Meeting.

Clerk: Leo Fitzpatrick (Wrightstown)

Recording Clerk: Betsy Bayardi (Wrightstown)

Friends gathered at 12:50 p.m. and settled into a period of worship.

Welcome given by Wendy Kane.

Agenda: Leo Fitzpatrick made two changes to the agenda. The modified agenda was approved.

Roll Call of Meeting: Bristol: 1, Buckingham: 4, Doylestown:5, Fallsington:7, Lehigh Valley: 2, Makefield:0, Middletown:2, Newtown: 9, Plumstead:2, Quakertown:0, Solebury: 3, Southampton: 4, Wrightstown:7, Yardley: 9.

Minutes of February 2020 Quarterly Meeting were approved with the addition of two roll call items - Bristol Meeting 0 and Yardley 5.

Stories of Vitality and Growth:

- Newtown MM has been worshipping via Zoom. Worship is vibrant and satisfying and well attended.
- Southampton MM holds Sunday morning worship as well as Tuesday evening.
- Fallsington MM is also worshipping via Zoom and held their first Meeting for Healing.
- Attendance at Bristol has been consistent but low with four Friends regularly at worship.
- Middletown MM is doing well with Zoom. Many members at a distance have participated.
- Doylestown MM has been actively using Zoom for worship. Several Friends joined from a distance.

Coordinator's Report: (Complete report available) **Inreach:** Our Quarter Community largely transitioned to virtual worship after the governor issued a stay at home order which commenced the third week in March. Bristol, Plumstead and Quakertown have suspended worship services for the foreseeable future. Our other eleven meetings have at least one virtual service per week. Friends report that virtual worship is meaningful and spirit filled. Wendy has attended several virtual meetings and will continue to make the rounds.

Issues in Progress:

1. Chandler Hall Worship Services - Meetings have been taking one-month turns providing worship services for many years. One meeting left the rotation several years ago because it was difficult to recruit volunteers. Recently another meeting's participants have found the commute too long (30-45 minutes each way). For some, Chandler Hall's worship format is not "Quaker" enough. Currently the majority of worship attendees are not Quaker. The issue will be discerned at the Bucks Quarter Clerks meeting in the near future. Wendy has spoken at length to Kathy Parry who coordinates the Chandler services.
2. Wendy is updating the Quarter database using meeting directories.
3. Wendy is using Facebook to help Friends stay connected to the wider Quaker world. Wendy is researching Quaker websites and posting what mate of interest to Bucks Quarter Friends.
4. Wendy has begun to use Mail Chimp as a more more efficient way to distribute information.

Outreach: 1. Wendy served as a greeter and a donor at Yardley's blood drive.

2. Wendy engaged DiGiovine Design to design and launch a website for the Quarter.

3. Quakerism in a Nutshell has been canceled and will be rescheduled once the stay at home order has been lifted.

Bristol Meeting Annual Report given by Clerk Paul Shaffer. (See report attached.) Attendance continues to be low but loyal – three or four people each Sunday. Meeting for Worship is held once a month on the fourth Sunday. We repaired three porticos on our building. Historic Bristol Day provides an opportunity to showcase our meetinghouse, our faith principles and our history. We invited an archeologist to do a dig on our property and anticipate doing it again this fall. We have suspended in person worship because of the pandemic and look forward to being able to work together again soon.

Buckingham Meeting Annual Report – Reported by Tim Cunningham (See report attached.) Buckingham had a good year. We have 69 adult members and 24 minors, for a total of 93. We mourn the passing of Sandy Langhart, former Bucks Quarter Coordinator. Attendance has been steady. Several new attenders have stayed on. First Day School attendance reaches ten or twelve on many First Days. We now have two FDS groups and rotate teaching duties. BFS, the school under our care continues to grow and thrive. 2020 represents an important milestone for us – the 300th anniversary of our incorporation as a meeting.

Financial Review and Budget Presentation – Ed Snyder (Treasurer) reviewed the financial statements for the period July 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020. The numbers reflect the \$26,015 refunded to our monthly meetings, disbursements to PYM, contributions from monthly meetings and operating expenses. Ed Snyder reported that the Quarter is where it should be for nine months into the fiscal year. Ed presented the Quarter budget for the fiscal year 2020-2021. This is a break-even budget which reflects very slightly lower pledges from the monthly meetings. Our contribution to PYM will increase by just under \$7000.

Annual Report – Chandler Hall/Kendal (See report attached) Chandler Hall initiated a number of resident centered programs and physical plant improvements to enhance our patients' quality of life. Recognitions and awards included receiving a five star rating (the highest designation available) from Medicare.

Break at 1:55

Discussion of the Peace Fair – Tim Cunningham reported that planning for the fair is underway in full recognition that Bucks County may not be in the green phase by September and the event may have to be cancelled.

Annual Report – Oversight Committee - Lisa Collins described the year as "tough." The committee provided support to our Coordinator through her illness. The committee developed a recruitment process to identify a new coordinator.

Annual Report – Fallsington Meeting (See report attached) David Brimmer described a year of working for social justice and protecting our planet and deepening the meeting's spiritual life. The meeting approved the ministry of Lisa Collins. The meeting also mourned the loss of its long time member and mentor Sam Snipes.

Annual Report – Lehigh Valley Meeting (See report attached) A major focus this year was an exploration of our worship practices, including a multi-generational program titled "Why Do We Gather for Worship?" The meeting was also involved in a number of social justice causes including addiction recovery, food insecurity, immigrant support and mass incarceration and post incarceration re entry.

Annual Report – Bucks Quarter Clerk (See report attached): Leo Fitzpatrick expressed thanks to Wendy Kane for her facilitating his orientation into the Clerk role. The Quarter has been active both before and after the pandemic restrictions were imposed. At the February Quarterly Meeting hosted by Middletown, Vanessa Juley, co-author of *Fit for Freedom, not for Friendship: Quakers, African Americans and the Myth of Racial Justice*, urged our members to take a more active role in eliminating racism. The information packet contained a book titled *Never Caught* – the story of Ona Judge who ran away from George and Martha Washington during their stay in Philadelphia. The Quarter spent the last two Quarterly Meetings trying to develop a response to the Meta Theater Company's concerns regarding inappropriate remarks and actions that followed their February 2019 performance. We received a generous bequest from the Kirkbride estate which will be used to fund outreach activities.

Meeting closed with silent worship at 3:15 pm.

Bucks Quarter Juneteenth Celebrations



Lehigh Valley



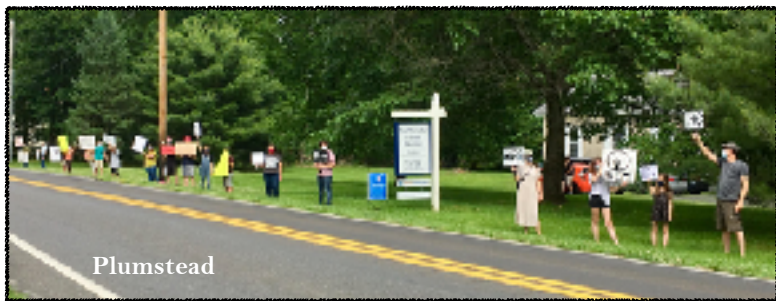
Wrightstown



Doylestown



Yardley



Plumstead



Middletown

PYM Virtual Annual Sessions July 29 thru Aug 3

Evening Programming 7:00 pm

Wednesday – Marcelle Martin, speaking on the topic *In the Fountain of Life and Love*

Thursday – Zenadia Peterson, a Boston-based spoken word poet

Friday – Naomi Madaras, whose topic is *The Fire of the Light: Abolition, Conflict, and Being Known in Quaker Community*

Saturday – City Love, a West Philly social justice music and education group

Children's Sessions (K-5th)

Will combine a camp experience and spiritual community in age-appropriate length sessions during the reserved blocks of time each day. We'll explore the theme "Using Your Voice!" in ways that celebrate the power of our voices, kindness, and knowing each other in community.

Middle School (6-8th)

Will begin to explore the themes of racial and environmental justice through conversations, interactive activities, and creative projects.

Young Friends (9-12th)

Will be rounding out their yearly theme of change through workshops on both change within ourselves, and creating social change in the world beyond our community!

[Register for Annual Sessions here](#)

FCNL

75 Years After Hiroshima

The United States is planning to spend over a trillion dollars to maintain and enhance its nuclear weapons arsenal for decades to come, while the Trump administration is abandoning hard-won agreements aiming to reduce chances of nuclear war. Seventy-five years later, what must be done to make sure the horrors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki are never repeated? [You can register here.](#)

Joys & Sorrows

The Quarter suffered the loss of the following Friends:

- ❖ Newtown Steven Winthrop
- ❖ Quakertown JT Trader
- ❖ Yardley Rose Koch

Congratulations to Jim Michener and Carolyn Peters-Eckel who were married under the care of **Southampton Meeting** on June 26. The wedding was held where the couple reside – Pennswood Village – and Friends joined the ceremony via Zoom and YouTube.

Young Adult Friend Grants Consultant Program

PYM is seeking Young Adult Friends (YAFs) in the region for a pilot program to increase the involvement of more young adults in the yearly meeting's grantmaking.

- During the **11-month** program, up to **8 participants** will provide consultation to PYM's Granting Committee based on their active participation in one of PYM's 9 [Granting Groups](#).
- As consultants, participants will be present for all Granting Group meetings, and will stand outside of consensus for final decisions. Several times during the year, participants will gather with PYM staff for fellowship and support. Participants of the program will be provided with a **modest stipend**. At the end of the program, the consultants will share their experience, feedback, and recommendations with the Granting Committee and the wider PYM community.
- **Questions and support?** Contact Meg (mrose@pym.org), PYM Young Adult Engagement Coordinator and Lucas (Lrichie@pym.org), PYM Grants Associate.
- **Apply by August 13** to be considered for this year's cohort.

Pendle Hill

The Gathered Meeting

In this workshop participants will explore topics such as

- What is a gathered meeting?
- How do you know whether a meeting has been gathered?
- Why is a gathered meeting important?
- What role does vocal ministry play in nurturing a gathered meeting?

This workshop is facilitated by Steven Davison who has been a Friend for 30 years and is currently a member of Central Philadelphia Meeting. He is the author of Pendle Hill pamphlet #444, *The Gathered Meeting*, which is suggested reading for the course.

Peace Center

Say NO to Racism Series

Learn how history helps us dismantle our personal unconscious biases, embrace conflicting emotions and do better by BIPOC (Black Indigenous People of Color). This series is being held in partnership with Congregation Kol Emet, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Zubaida Foundation and others. The series is co-facilitated by Gayle Evans and Tanya Longino.

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