

Quakerphernalia

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



August 2022

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AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jul 31	3:00–5:00 pm	Quaker Call to Action	<i>Register now!</i>
Aug 1	7:30–9:00 pm	Pendle Hill First Monday Lecture	<i>A Pendle Hill virtual event</i>
Aug 6	9:30 am–3:00 pm	PYM Extended Worship	<i>Virtual Only</i>
Aug 6	11:00 am–12:15 pm	Body, Breath & Being	<i>Way Opens Wellness</i>
Aug 9	7:00 am–8:30 pm	First Contact Reconciliation Gathering	<i>PYM's First Contact Reconciliation Collaborative</i>
Aug 9 & 11	7:30–9:00 pm	Land Acknowledgment: A First Step Towards Right Relationship with the Land and its Peoples	<i>A two-part webinar sponsored by Pendle Hill</i>
Aug 13	7:30–9:30 pm	Movies Under the Stars	<i>Yardley Friends Meeting</i>
Aug 14	2:00–3:30 pm	Tea with Carrie Chapman Catt	<i>Middletown Friends Meeting</i>
Aug 21	9:45 am–3:30 pm	Bucks Quarterly Meeting	<i>Fallsington Friends Meeting</i>

ONGOING EVENTS

Every Sunday	4:00–5:00 pm	Southampton Meeting Vigil for Justice	<i>Southampton Friends Meeting</i>
Jul 1, 15, 29	5:00–6:00 pm	Newtown Meeting Black Lives Matter Silent Vigil	<i>State Street, Newtown PA</i>

LOOKING AHEAD

Sept 10	8:00 am–2:00 pm	Yardley Friends Flea Market	<i>Yardley Friends Meeting</i>
Sept 13	7:00–8:00 pm	Bridges to Peace	<i>The Peace Center</i>
Sept 17	10:00 am–4:00 pm	Bucks Quarter Peace Fair	<i>Buckingham Friends Meeting</i>
Sept 18	2:30–5:00 pm	Walking While Black: L.O.V.E. is the Answer	<i>@ George School</i>

On July 21, 2022 the COVID-19 Community Level for Bucks County Pennsylvania was **MEDIUM**. Given this information the decision was made to hold the August Quarterly Meeting **VIRTUAL ONLY**.

Join Us for August Quarterly Meeting

VIRTUAL Quarterly Meeting for Worship, Fellowship & Business
Under the Care of Fallsington Friends Meeting
Sunday, August 21, 2022 • 9:45 AM – 3:30 PM

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88301310602?pwd=eEtlc1ZBVVBveDY2ak56YlhKbGd6QT09>
Meeting ID: 883 0131 0602
Passcode: 079897

9:45–10:00 am Coffee & Conversation

10:00–11:00 am **Program:** *The African American Museum of Bucks County at Boone Farm:* The Museum's Director, Linda Salley, will share the story of how the bricks-and-mortar museum is coming to fruition through vision, research, fundraising, work in the community and the support of county commissioners. The African American Museum of Bucks County pays tribute to the lives, culture, accomplishments, and contributions of African Americans in Bucks County from their origins in Africa through the 21st century, featuring a timeline of events in African American history in Pennsylvania, including a memorial list of African Americans who were registered as slaves in Bucks County in the 18th and 19th centuries.

11:00–12:00 pm Meeting for Worship

12:00–12:45 pm Lunch break

12:45–3:30 pm Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

Annual reports from Middletown, Solebury, Southampton, Wrightstown and Yardley meetings
Annual reports from Bucks Food for Friends
Advance documents will be available on the website at www.quakersbucks.org/members

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

Deadline for submissions is the 15th day of the preceding month's publication



Bucks Quakers are on YouTube!

Friends always ask “will that be recorded, because I can’t be there and I really want to see their presentation.”

Up until recently, the Quarter hasn’t had a place for those recordings to land.

Now we do: [Bucks Quarter YouTube](#) 

This is part of the Quarter’s outreach efforts - **and we need subscribers!** The more subscribers, the more people can find us and view our content - which we are in the process of developing. If you subscribe you will be notified when new content is available!

We plan to begin to offer more offerings over the summer. If you have any suggestions, please reach out to me at quakersbucks@gmail.com, and



Tea with Carrie Chapman Catt

Langhorne Council for the Arts invites you to Middletown Friends Meetinghouse on Sunday, August 14th at 2 pm to spend an afternoon with a champion of women's rights. Actress Pat Jordan will bring to life Carrie Chapman Catt. Catt founded the League of Women Voters in 1920 and helped lead the fight to ratify the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote.

Audiences will learn of Carrie’s sense of justice and her will to create change while they experience the sense of humor that contributed to her reputation as a public speaker and popular leader. Her leadership of the woman suffrage mainstream organization will inspire modern audiences just as she inspired its two million members in a steady fight that took 72 years to accomplish.

Tea and sweets will be served as you enjoy this theatrical performance. Proceeds benefit the LCA Women's Mural Project. Tickets are required; advance purchase is recommended. [Click here to order your \\$25 tickets online.](#)

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Bucks Quarter Meeting for Worship Schedule

Bristol	4th Sunday 11:00 am	Indoor worship; Email for information: pws@seas.upenn.edu
Buckingham	Sunday 10:30 am	Indoor hybrid; email for zoom link: buckinghamfriends@gmail.com
Doylestown	Sunday 10:00 am	Indoor hybrid; for zoom link go to doylestownquakers.org
Fallsington	Sunday 11:00 am	Indoor hybrid; go to fallsingtonmeeting.org
Lehigh Valley	Sunday 10:00 am Wed 8:00 pm	Indoor hybrid; zoom link at lehighvalleyquakers.org
Makefield	Sunday 10:00 am	Indoor worship
Middletown	Sunday 10:00 am Wed 7:00 pm	Indoor hybrid; email for zoom link: robin.hipple@gmail.com Wednesday worship in person only
Newtown	Sunday 10:00 am	Indoor hybrid; for zoom link go to newtownfriendsmeeting.org
Plumstead	Sunday 9:30 am	Indoor worship
Quakertown	Sunday 10:30 am	Indoor worship
Solebury	Sunday 10:00 am	Indoor worship
Southampton	Sunday 10:00 am Tuesday 7:30 pm	Indoor hybrid; email for zoom link: jmm9724@gmail.com
Wrightstown	Sunday 10:00 am	Indoor hybrid; email for zoom link daugen13@hotmail.com
Yardley	Sunday 10:00 am	Indoor hybrid; email for zoom link: info@yardleyfriendsmeeting.org

More information can be found at quakersbucks.org/local-meetings



Movies Under the Stars: August 13th 7:30–9:30 pm. Join Yardley Friends to watch the classic family movie *Shrek* under the stars in their back yard.

This event is free and open to the public.



Bring your own chairs, blankets, snacks and beverages. They kindly request you pack out what you bring with you. The yard opens at 7:30 pm; movie starts at dusk.

Hope to see you there!

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Mark your calendars for the 2022 Bucks Quarter Peace Fair which is scheduled for Saturday, September 17th from 10:30 am to 4:00 pm on the campus of Buckingham Friends Meeting and Buckingham Friends School.

Volunteer! We need volunteer help from Quakers and non-Quakers on the day of the Fair, on the day before for set-up, and in the weeks prior to the Fair for planning and organizing. On the day of the Fair, volunteers usually work two hour shifts and may run booths, help with food service, do recycling, or involve themselves with any of the countless other tasks needed to run the Fair. If you are available at any of these times, please go to the [SignUpGenius link here](#). No registration is required.



Vendors! Vendor spots are still available: [click here for information](#).

Book sale! One of the highlights of the Fair is the book sale; book donations are currently being accepted. Jeff Bishop, Yardley Meeting, has requested that book donations be placed on the bench at the entrance to Yardley Meeting and he will come collect them. If you have questions you may contact Jeff at jeffjb@comcast.net.

Friends Village

Garden Committee: Looking to start a backyard garden? The Friends Village Garden Committee has published a 45-page Native Planting Handbook for Pennsylvania Residents, and you can receive it as a gift when you donate \$5 or more to the garden fund. (Postage is an additional \$4.00, or you can arrange to come pick it up). This handy reference lists 48 recommended native plants for your garden as well as 44 non-native and invasive plants to avoid choosing when you shop for plants. It also includes 'plant this – not that' charts to help you choose alternatives to something you like but have learned is not beneficial.



To support the Garden Fund and receive the Planting Handbook [click here](#).

Writing Group: have you every wanted to write a book or start journalling but didn't know to get started? We can help you get clearness about what you would like to write about and help you get started. Contact Judith Solt at 215-968-2897 or email judysolt2@gmail.com.

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Way Opens Wellness

Body, Breath & Being: Saturday, Aug 6, 11:00 am–12:15 pm. Join Fallsington Friend Amy Ward Brimmer for an exploration of healthy breathing using simple Qigong moves and the power of embodied

awareness to clear your mind, hear and free your body. This workshop will be held at River Rock Healing Arts, located at 1 South Main Street, Yardley PA. \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. [Click here to register](#).



www.wayopenswellness.com

One Book One Bucks Quakers

Join the Bucks Quarter Book Discussion

Friends around the Quarter are invited to read *These Walls Between Us*. It's the story of a 60 year, bi-racial friendship between two women, Wendy Sanford and Mary Norman. As a poor black 15-year-old, Mary meets 12-year-old Wendy when Mary travels by herself to Wendy's family's summer home on Nantucket to be the "help." As their friendship unfolds Wendy awakens to her unconscious participation in white supremacy and white privilege. Published in 2021, the book is written w with candor and humility by a white person primatial for white people.

Book discussion is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 6th on Zoom; registration will be open closer to that date. Save the date and get reading!

What's New on the BQ Website

www.quakersbucks.org

Our website is a wealth of information! Click the links below to find out!

Stories of Vitality:

- [Plumstead Friends Pack Food Bags for Ukrainian Children](#)

[2022-23 Outreach Grant application](#)

[Calendar of Events](#)

[Quarterly Meeting Documents](#)

[What We Believe](#)

If you haven't visited in a while, please click the links above; let me know what you think. Drop me an email at quakersbucks@gmail.com.

Your Coordinator,
Wendy



Around the Yearly Meeting

PYM Extended Worship

August Extended Worship: August 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 Jim Strong at jmmstrong@gmail.com.

Quaker Life Council

The [Youth Program Advisory Committee](#) recently approved a minute of support for the LGBTQ+ youth, staff, families, and volunteers in our Youth Programs, which was accepted in June by the [Quaker Life Council](#).

The Youth Programs Advisory Committee expresses deep appreciation and acceptance for all LGBTQ+ youth, staff, families, and Friendly Presence volunteers in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, and for all of the work done in the past to bring our Youth Programs to the place of inclusion and allyship, where they are now. We welcome and value inclusion as an integral part of the program. We endorse the continued goal to pursue full inclusion and are open to continue the process of adapting and improving in the spirit of community and continuing revelation. We value building and educating a Yearly Meeting that is responsive to the needs of the LGBTQ+ community.

Pendle Hill

Friends and Sabbath in the Times of Climate Change: Monday, Aug 1, 7:30–9:00 pm - The root of the practice of Sabbath offers a rhythm of rest for everyone, a communal time in which to reflect, celebrate abundance, and experience gratitude. This First Monday Lecture, presented by Cherice Bock, a recorded minister and a member of North Valley Friends and Sierra-Cascades Yearly Meeting of Friends, will focus on ways that practicing the Sabbath might help face the spiritual and emotional experiences of our changing climate. Friends will consider what it might look like to engage in Sabbath practices, and to create a community in which all are able to practice this rhythm of rest and renewal. This presentation is free and open to the public, but registration is required. [Register here](#).



Land Acknowledgment: A First Step Towards Right Relationship with the Land and its Peoples: Tuesday Aug 11 and Thursday, Aug 13, 7:30–9:00 pm - This two-part webinar presented by tom kunesh, recognizes that preparing a land acknowledgment is a first step towards creating right relationship with the land and its native peoples. Topics to be covered include: sources for identifying accurate local native history, ways to correctly identify and contact culturally affiliated tribes; and current land-return movements in the United States. Cost is \$40 for both sessions, \$25 for one. [Click here to register](#).

This version of the May 2022 Quarterly Meeting minutes contains the edited highlights. The minutes in full detail will be available for consideration on our website and at our virtual Quarterly Meeting in August under the care of Fallsington Meeting.

Clerk: Bill Daly (Middletown)

Bucks Quarter Coordinator: Wendy Kane (Newtown)

Recording Clerk: Terry M. Christensen (Newtown)

Friends gathered at 12:48 pm and settled into a period of worship.

Welcome – Bill Daly

Review and Approval of Agenda – Approved as modified

Roll Call of Meetings: Bristol – 1; Buckingham – 1; Doylestown – 3; Fallsington – 3; Lehigh Valley – 1; Makefield – 1; Middletown – 3; Newtown – 4; Plumstead – 2; Quakertown – 1; Solebury – 0; Southampton – 2; Wrightstown – 2; Yardley – 2.

Review and Approval of Minutes from 20 February 2022 – Approved.

Stories of Vitality & Strength – Yardley Friend reports lots of physical activity – they have built three raised gardens for medicinal herbs; they have made a good bit of progress on their labyrinth; they have begun an outdoor, family friendly movie night on the second Saturday of the month weather permitting.

Southampton Friend reports that they are continuing social justice vigils on Sunday afternoons; Southampton Friend will lead a group to explore Middletown burial ground to survey Middletown graveyard and investigate identity of persons interred within.

Wrightstown Friend reports painting parking lot and driveway – a great improvement for visibility for those arriving after sundown; they will reopen the social hall soon.

Lehigh Valley reports a new member – they also have a family of foxes who have homesteaded on playground equipment.

Buckingham Friend reports that Buckingham will be celebrating its 300th birthday in June.

Fallsington Friend reports that they have discerned that 2022 will be a year of Outreach for their meeting.

Plumstead Friend reports outreach event “Songs of Ukraine” in support of the victims of the Russian war against Ukraine.

Proposal to adopt an in-person/hybrid meeting policy

Assessment of Health Risks – Bethann Morgan ... meetings should be clear about the risks that they are willing to assume and those risks they are choosing to avoid. Bill Daly, Clerk summarizes: The question we must answer is whether we are ready to meet in person or go to a hybrid meeting. And, if the answer to either of those questions is yes, what measures do we need to take to minimize risk.

Some questions arise. We transition to discussion of necessary equipment. Clerk tests sense of corporate body – are we comfortable deciding on whether to meet in person on a case-by-case basis, subject to prevailing infection rates (in all three counties that make up Bucks Quarter) remaining low. **Agreed.**

Treasurers Report – Ed Snyder (full report attached). Budget vs Actual for three quarters; we should expect 75% of expenses and revenues. We agreed to give PYM extra money so that amount will be higher; we gave more to Friends Village, Chandler Hall, and Camp Onas, so those amounts are higher than budgeted. We have had recent contributions and so our numbers are much better than one might think.

Budget for 2022-2023 Fiscal Year – Leo Fitzpatrick (full report attached). Originally, Bucks Quarter had planned to request an increase in monthly meeting contributions; Budget & Nominating decided to ease pressure on monthly meetings and not request that increase, resulting in a deficit budget this year. Also, we have a 5% (COLA) increase in Coordinator salary; we have also committed to make a 5% increase in donations to PYM. **Budget Approved.**

Break

Annual Report – Bristol Preparative Meeting – Paul Shaffer (full report attached).

Annual Report – Fallsington Monthly Meeting – Amy Duckett Wagner (full report attached).

Annual Report – Buckingham Monthly Meeting – Christine Godshall

Annual Report of Lehigh Valley Monthly Meeting – Louise Young

Quarter Coordinator Report – Wendy Kane (full report attached). It has been two years since Bucks Quarter has begun holding virtual meetings. Most of us were new to Zoom and at the first meeting it took a long time to sort out the mechanics of holding a meeting online. Today, as you saw, we required minimal technical review. Virtual meetings are now the norm. While we are tired of the pandemic, COVID-19 is not tired of us; new variants continue to emerge, and Friends are cautious about meeting in large groups.

Clerk's Annual Report – Bill Daly (full report attached). Clerk reports on meeting for worship and programs offered at the Quarter; Clerk stresses outreach programs including Outreach fund to make grants to Monthly Meetings; we have held the Peace Fair this past year with an attendance of 1,100 to 1,500 visitors; meetings are following their leadings (e.g., Newtown and Southampton hold social justice vigils), the Quarter is still working on minute to support tax on carbon dioxide (approved in 2020); Newtown and Southampton Friends traveled to Harrisburg to support equitable funding for schools. The Clerk notes that we have combined our Handbook and Calendar and Appointments, into a single document. We have updated the various committee and job descriptions. The Clerk reports that financial outlook is good (\$65K in cash and \$53K at Friends Fiduciary at end of fiscal year); attendance at Quarterly meeting has remained strong.

Oversight Committee – Gerry Kirwan (full report attached) Reviews role and composition of Oversight. Reports that Oversight is very pleased with Coordinator's work. Great work in the face of all the difficulties and complications caused by COVID-19 pandemic. As a result of Coordinator's work in establishing virtual workspaces, many Quarter committees have found that they can be very productive working in virtual meetings. Special notice to work on and improvement of *Quakerphenalia*; the Coordinator has combined the Bucks Quarter calendar and Handbook into one document. Oversight specifically sought the input of Lehigh Valley, Makefield, and Middletown monthly meetings for this report. Friends at these meetings were unanimous in their support and approval for Coordinator. Changes in personnel of Oversight; position of Scribe to be filled on rotating basis; Thanks to Lisa Collins for her work as Clerk of Oversight. Thanks also to current members of Oversight (named in full report).

Annual Report – Chandler Hall – Betsy Bayardi (full report attached). This has been a very difficult time for Chandler Hall. They have three new members of the leadership team. They believe that they are doing well on the quality front. Chandler Hall has been doing marketing in the virtual space. They are aware that the census and financial status needs to improve. They are aware that they need to improve the physical space. Chandler Hall is hopeful for the future. Betsy hopes that Friends will add Chandler Hall, Friends Village, and Camp Onas to their philanthropic causes.

Announcements – Fallsington Friend notes that the applications for Snipes Farm Camp scholarships are at an all-time high.

Buckingham Friend (Camp Onas Board member) thanks Betsy for mentioning Camp Onas.

Closing Worship – There being no further business, Friends settled into Silent Worship.

Adjournment – Clerk Bill Daly adjourned the meeting for Business at 3:45 pm.

Reminder: next Quarterly Meeting is 21st Day, 8th Month, 2022 at Fallsington Friends Meeting.

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Job Opportunity

[Bucks Learning Cooperative](#) is on a mission to make Self-Directed Education for teens a viable alternative to school and create a financially sustainable model that can be replicated by others throughout the world.

We are looking for a person to join our staff who has entrepreneurial zeal for the mission and views this work as more than just a job. BLC staff are responsible for making deep mentoring connections with teens and their families, leading classes, and taking charge of various administrative roles. We are particularly looking for someone with passions in **math, science, and technology** and who can lead classes in those domains.

A strong preference will be given to people who have demonstrated a desire and ability to make things happen.

No specific educational or professional credentials are required—we are most interested in what you have done and what you can do. Starting salary is \$30,000 and does not offer benefits.

To apply, complete our application found at learningcooperatives.org/employment

“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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