



Quakerphernalia

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

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DECEMBER 2019

Dec 4	9 AM to 4 PM	Chandler Hall Auxiliary Bake Sale	Chandler Hall - Wright Hall
Dec 5-6	6:00 to 9:00 PM	Holly Nights	Pennsbury Manor
Dec 6	7:00 PM	Carol Sing & Potluck Dessert	Buckingham Friends Meeting
Dec 7	10 AM to 4 PM	Religious Education and Youth Work Thread Gathering	Wilmington Friends Meeting
Dec 7	10 AM to 12 PM	Om for the Holidays	Fallsington Friends Meeting
Dec 7	4 PM to 7:30 PM	Winter Coffeehouse Unplugged	Wrightstown Friends Meeting
Dec 13	7:00 PM	Candlelight Worship & Potluck Dessert	Buckingham Friends Meeting
Dec 14	10:45 AM	60th Annual Christmas Peace Pilgrimage	Buses begin loading at The Center
Dec 14	3:00 to 5:30 PM	Winter Quaker Family MeetUp	Birmingham Friends Meeting
Dec 15	12:30 to 1:45 PM	Aging Series- End of Life Planning	Newtown Friends Meeting
Dec 16	5:30 to 7:00 PM	Bucks Food for Friends	Fallsington Friends Meeting
Dec 20	7:00 to 8:00 PM	Candlelight Worship	Yardley Friends Meeting
Dec 22	11 AM to 12 PM	Harp Music during Meeting for Worship	Middletown Friends Meeting
Dec 22	11 AM	Christmas Program	Solebury Friends Meeting
Dec 22	11:30 AM	Children's Christmas Program & Waffle Brunch	Buckingham Friends Meeting
Dec 22	6:30 PM	Candlelight Carol Sing	Wrightstown Friends Meeting
Dec 23	7:30 PM	Candlelight Worship	Southampton Friends Meeting
Dec 24	4:30 PM	Candlelight Worship & Potluck	Lehigh Valley Friends Meeting
Dec 24	7:00 PM	Candlelight Worship	Middletown Friends Meeting
Dec 24	7:00 PM	Candlelight Worship	Newtown Friends Meeting
Dec 24	5:30 PM	Worship & Carol Sing	Doylestown Friends Meeting
Dec 24	7:30 PM	Carol Sing	Plumstead Friends Meeting
Dec 26	12:00 to 5:00 PM	Red Cross Blood Drive	Yardley Friends Meeting
Dec 27-30		Young Friends Christmas Gathering	Woodstown Friends Meeting
Dec 31	1:00 to 4:00 PM	New Year's Mini Retreat	Fallsington Friends Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD to 2020

Jan 3		Young Adult Friends Winter Retreat	Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting
Jan 26	10 AM to 1 PM	PYM Threshing Session	Haddonfield Friends Meeting
Feb 16	9 AM to 3 PM	Quarterly Meeting	Middletown Friends Meeting
May 17	9 AM to 3 PM	Quarterly Meeting	Plumstead Friends Meeting
Jun 28-Jul 4		FGC Gathering - Way Will Open	Radford University, Radford, VA

Quarterly Meeting Update

At November's Quarterly Meeting a dialog began concerning what the Quarter would like to do with the approximately \$27,000 bequest received from the Kirkbride Estate. Ideas discussed included doing a Quakerism program that would be made available to the general public, offering Quarter meetings support for outreach activities and providing extra support to the Peace Fair. Unity was not reached and Friends are urged to have discussions within their meeting communities to help the Quarter discern how this bequest could be used. Please forward any ideas to Betsy Bayardi, Budget and Nominating Committee at BetsyBay@aol.com.

Allow me to introduce myself...

Hello Friends! My name is Wendy Kane and I have the privilege of serving Bucks Quarter as your new Coordinator. I have been an active member at Newtown Meeting for over 25 years, and have served my meeting in numerous capacities including Clerk of the Meeting, and Clerk of Children's Religious Education and Inreach/Outreach.



Previously I held the position of Transitional Meeting Engagement and Data Coordinator at PYM. As Coordinator, I will be visiting each of the meetings in the Quarter, providing resources to assist as needed, assembling and disseminating information through various media platforms, and engaging Friends on a personal level. Please don't hesitate to contact me at either quakersbucks@gmail.com or 215-867-9557.

Annual Auxiliary Bake Sale Chandler Hall

Chandler Hall Auxiliary is holding its Annual Holiday/Bake Sale fundraiser for the benefit of the residents on Wednesday, December 4 from 9 AM to 4 PM and Thursday, December 5 from 9 AM to 1 PM in Wright Meeting Hall, Chandler Hall. Contact Kathleen Parry at 215-620-6645 for more information.

99 Barclay Street, Newtown, PA

Winter Coffeehouse Unplugged Wrightstown Meeting

Wrightstown Meeting will host their winter coffeehouse on Saturday, December 7th in the Library, upstairs in the Meeting House. Doors open at 4:00 PM; the program runs from 4:30 to 7:30. All interested musicians or poets can sign up to perform by emailing wfm.coffeehouse@gmail.com by December 1.

New Midweek Meeting for Worship Friends Village

Friends Village add another chance for a mid-week Meeting for Worship in the Quarter. Beginning Thursday, December 5 and continuing every Thursday, a meeting for worship will be held in the Library at 11:15 AM. Afterward, join Friends for lunch at 12:30. Cost is \$10 (cash preferred). Contact Maia Simon at 215-742-3070 or maiasimon@me.com with any questions or if you plan to stay for lunch.

331 Lower Dolington Road, Newtown

Blood Drive Yardley Friends Meeting

What a better way to celebrate the season of Light and Love than to give something deeply personal to those in need...and it won't cost you a penny! Yardley Friends is holding a blood drive on Thursday, December 26 from noon to 5 PM at the meeting house, Sign up to be a donor at <http://redcrossblood.org/>



65 N. Main Street, Yardley PA

60th Annual Nazareth to Bethlehem Peace Pilgrimage Nazareth to Bethlehem

The annual trek from Nazareth to Bethlehem, symbolic of the journey of Mary and Joseph, will take place on Saturday December 14th. For 60 years the Peace Pilgrimage has given people a chance to witness for the message of peace taught by Jesus of Nazareth. With the stores having a hard time finding spaces for all the new merchandise being shipped in for Black Friday, this is a wonderful way to counter the messages of consumerism and also the divisiveness of our current political scene.

The 10-mile walk from Nazareth to Bethlehem along Route 191 (Bath Pike) starts with bus loading at 10:45 AM at The Center (529 E. Broad St. Bethlehem), where they bring the walkers to Nazareth Moravian Church where the walking will begin just after noon. If you are concerned about your ability to complete the walk there will be stops along the way and Friends are welcome to join or leave at any point. For more details go to peacewalk.org, including a to sign up for the bus.

November Quarterly Meeting Follow-Up

Friends who were present at the Bucks Quarterly Meeting held at LVMM listened to a panel highlighting the activities that members of their meeting have been engaged with. Friends in attendance were interested in how the community could support their work.

Drug Court: each week volunteers from LVMM bring coffee and provide a connection to the community through talk and encouragement. They are working to develop a Quaker fund that will support individuals whose Drug Court and/or probationary status requires up to three or four weekly drug tests, at \$20 a shot.

Storybook Project: Friends meet with incarcerated parents, offering them a selection of books from which they can choose one or two to read aloud for their kid(s); this reading is recorded and sent, along with the book and a holiday card, to the children. The goal is to lessen the family separation caused by parental incarceration. Particularly informative is the website of the [Women's Storybook Project of Texas](http://www.womensstorybookprojectofTexas.com).

Tutoring: One individual described tutoring incarcerated women and men in the local Northampton County Prison. Tutoring programs can often be organized, or joined, through local colleges.

Prison Visitation: Information about the Prisoner Visitation Support society (PVS) can be found at www.prisonervisitation.org or at 215-241-7117.

[Bucks County Drug Court](http://www.buckscountdrugcourt.org) in Doylestown is administered by Probation and Parole. Its director, Warren Grant, can be reached at 215-348-6691, and more information about this national movement is available on the web.

If we can help the efforts any of you would like to make in regard to incarceration issues, or if you'd like to become involved in the establishment of a Quaker fund to provide support for individuals requiring drug testing, feel free to contact Jim Hauser at jhauser227@verizon.net.

Series on Aging Newtown Meeting

Newtown Friends Meeting will continue the monthly series on aging issues December 15 at 12:30 pm. This month's discussion will center on End of Life Planning and Care. Discussion will include navigating this stage of life and "goals of care" - what values we want to hold to as we age and face difficult healthcare decisions. It will include information about healthcare directives, palliative and hospice care. Ted Taylor, member of Yardley Friends Meeting and Director of the Department of Pastoral Care and Training at RWJ Barnabas Health, Hamilton will facilitate. Newtown Meeting is located at 219 Court Street, Newtown PA. Questions can be directed to Susan Hoskins at 215-478-6663 or shoskins@friendsfoundationaging.org

Om for the Holidays Fallsington Meeting

Join Amy Ward Brimmer on December 7 to nurture and restore your body, mind, and spirit. Learn ways to be at ease during this traditionally stressful season. The group will explore:



- Gentle movement and breathing with Qigong
- Body-mind awareness with Alexander Technique
- Ease and calm through guided meditations
- Self-care strategies that you design for yourself

You'll leave feeling better and take home a personalized action plan for when holiday fun turns to frenzy. Fallsington Friends Meeting, 10 AM to 12 PM. \$30 in advance/\$40 at the door. Full info and registration at: <https://wayopenswellness.com/schedule>

Holly Nights Pennsbury Manor



Experience the enchantment of William Penn's Pennsbury Manor by candlelight! Holly Nights have been a tradition for over 35 years offering crackling fires, hot-mulled cider, dancing shadows, and the merry sounds of carolers strolling the grounds. Come toss a green sprig on the Yule log bonfire and make your wish for the coming new year. Step back into the glow of torches, candles, and luminaries, the bustle of colonial craftspeople, the good cheer of noëls and wassailing songs and perhaps the crunch of frosty pathways underfoot. Tickets available [online](#). Admission prices range from \$8 to \$14.

400 Pennsbury Memorial Road Morrisville, PA

Midweek Meeting for Worship

Tuesday	7:30 PM	Southampton
Wednesday	7:00 AM	Makefield
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Lehigh Valley
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Middletown
Thursday	11:15 AM	Friends Village

Annual Celebration of Syrian Refugee Families

Support the work of Bucks County Interfaith Coalition for Refugee Resettlement and their work with the Syrian families and the refugee minors as they continue to make their way in the U.S. BCICRR was founded in 2016 to express welcome to families fleeing violence in Syria and more recently to unaccompanied refugee minors who have been resettled in Bucks County.

The Annual Celebration will be held from 1:00 to 4:30 PM on December 7 at the Zubaida Foundation, 855 Big Oak Road, Lower Makefield, PA. Enjoy tours of the new mosque and refreshments from 1:00-2:00, along with an opportunity to visit with the Syrian families, the unaccompanied minors, and the generous community who have supported them in their time in the U.S. A program follows featuring guest speaker Dr. Ahmet Selim Tekelioglu, Outreach and Education Director at the Philadelphia Chapter of Council on American Islamic Relations, who will give a presentation on the experience and contributions of Muslims in America. [Reserve your seat here](#). Admission is free, but contributions are most welcome.

Bucks Quarter Chandler Hall Worship Schedule

2019

December Solebury

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January Doylestown

February Fallsington

March Middletown

April Newtown

May Solebury

June Wrightstown

July Buckingham

August Doylestown

September Fallsington

October Middletown

November Newtown

Arrive 10:45 AM

Worship 11:00 AM

PYM Quaker Self Portrait Project

PYM is asking meetings and Friends to share information that will help to build a picture of us: our Quaker Self Portrait. Knowing who we are, getting to see our many characteristics and interests, helps us as Quakers to be in relationship and live our faith in community. PYM is asking for two things: for each monthly meeting to take a picture of their community, and for individual Friends to go to the [website](#) and complete the individual demographics form, so the yearly meeting can get a better idea of who we are.

The self-portrait will ensure that events, resources, and opportunities for connection are built to serve us well, to welcome new Quakers, and to better reach seekers. It will give us information about who is involved so we can ensure our events, resources and opportunities for connection are built to serve us.

Lives Passing

Wrightstown Meeting suffered the loss of **Frank Arrison** on October 12

Yardley Meeting lost **Carol Hansen** on October 31

Newtown Meeting suffered the loss of **George Fisk**

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