



Quakerphernalia

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

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DECEMBER 2020

Nov 26	9:30 -10:30 am	Thanksgiving Day Worship	Plumstead Friends Meeting
Dec 5 Dec 6	10:00 am - 4:00 pm Noon - 3:00 pm	John Woolman Memorial Association Greens Sale	John Woolman Memorial Mt Holly NJ
Dec 6	3:30 - 4:30 pm	Share a Virtual Cup of Tea with Bucks County Syrian Families	Bucks County Interfaith Coalition for Refugee Resettlement
Dec 8	6:30 - 8:30 pm	PYM Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business	Held via Zoom
Dec 12	1:00 - 4:00 pm	Middle School Friends Holiday Hang Out	Held via Zoom
Dec 12	10:00 - 11:00 am	PYM Family Community Play Date	Held via Zoom
Dec 27	9:00 -9:45 am	GIANT Children's Meeting	Theme: The Light in Winter
Dec 12	12:00 pm - 3:00pm	Nazareth to Bethlehem Peace Pilgrimage	Going virtual and personal

Looking Ahead to JANUARY & FEBRUARY

Jan 8 - 10		Young Adult Friends Winter Retreat	PYM Virtual event
Jan 23	9:00 am - 2:30 pm	Addressing Anti-Blackness Thread Gathering	Co-sponsored by PYM and Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting
Feb 6	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	The Seasons in the Life of a Meeting Thread Gathering	Governance, Ministry, Outreach, RE
Feb 27		Ministry & Care Thread Gathering	Save the Date!

Bucks Quarter Worship Schedule

Bristol		No worship services at this stime	
Buckingham	Sunday 10:00 am	Virtual worship; outdoor weather permitting	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 Tuesday virtual only	Email John Magee jmm9724@gmail.com Masks required
Wrightstown	Sunday 10:00 am	Virtual worship; outdoor weather permitting	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



Due to the continuing pandemic all in-person holiday gatherings around the Quarter will not take place. Please check with individual meetings for virtual holiday celebrations.





Spotlight on A Call for Nominations

The Bucks Quarter Budget and Nominating committee is responsible for filling positions within the Quarter, while the PYM Nominating Committee fills positions at the yearly meeting. There are numerous positions to be filled and opportunities to serve:

Bucks Quarter

Alternate Clerk: this is a two-year position. Functions of the position include: conducting Quarterly Meeting for Worship for Business in the absence of the clerk, assisting the clerk in conducting the daily business of the Quarter, serving as primary ex officio member of Budget and Nominating Committee and the Oversight Committee. If you are interested in offering your service, please contact Betsy Bayardi, clerk of the committee at betsybay@aol.com.

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

PYM is looking for volunteers to join both the Quaker Life Council and the Administrative Council. Below is a short description of the duties and commitment requested:

Administrative Council

Administrative Council maintains the health and integrity of the finances, property, personnel, and long-term vision of PYM. It ensures that resources are well managed in a sustainable manner. It consists of not more than fifteen appointed members and they may serve two consecutive three-year terms. The committee meets regularly throughout the year, with zoom options always available.

Members should be an active Friend who is experienced with Friends meetings, active in a PYM meeting or local

community of Friends, and be a member of a Monthly Meeting. They should be familiar with Quaker principles and practice. It's helpful to have experience and expertise in one of the the following areas: the law and legal processes, accounting and finance, personnel, or property.

Quaker Life Council

Quaker Life Council maintains the health and integrity of the community, supports spiritual depth, and cultivates relationships within PYM. The council watches over yearly meeting activities, nurtures meetings, supports corporate work for peace and justice, and brings together members across meetings to collaborate on projects of common interest. It consists of not more than fifteen appointed members, and they may serve two consecutive three-year terms. The committee meets regularly throughout the year, with zoom options always available.

Qualifications include knowledge of Quaker principles and practice and being active in a PYM meeting or local community of Friends and a member of a Monthly Meeting. An understanding of the the potential of collaborations between monthly, quarterly, and yearly meetings is recommended. Members should be able to deal with healthy conflict, collaborate with others, and be able to make hard decisions, to say "no" when necessary. It's helpful to have experience or expertise in one of the following areas: nurturing individual and corporate ministry, developing or providing effective programs, youth development and community, or pastoral care.

If you feel moved to service on either of these councils, please contact the Bucks Quarter representative to PYM Nominating Council, Betsy Bayardi at betsybay@aol.com or David Smith at davidasmithpe@gmail.com

Around Bucks Quarter

Holiday Food and Gift Drive Middletown Friends Meeting

Please stop by the front porch of Middletown Friends Meeting on Saturday, December 5, 2020 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm where the youth of the meeting will be hosting a double donation drive-through collection for the Pennel Food Pantry and new holiday gift items.



Masked and gloved hosts will be ready to accept your donations with no need to exit your car. Before December 5, donations will be accepted in the locker located on the meetinghouse porch, or call Nancy Pickering at 215-968-3635 or e-mail her at nancypic@verizon.net to arrange for a pick-up of your donation.

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Bucks Quarter Website is Live quakersbucks.org

Bucks Quarter has launched a new and improved website. Take a few moments to visit www.quakersbucks.org and navigate around the site. Under the "Get Involved" tab you can read about events happening around the quarter and see them all on a single calendar. On the "News" tab you can read Stories of Vitality that have been submitted by month meetings, and also find current and past issues of Quakerphernalia. You can find information about all 14 meetings by clicking on the "Visit A Quaker Meeting" button. Visit soon, visit often!

Invitation to Share a Virtual Cup of Tea

On Sunday, December 6, 2020 from 3:30 - 4:30 pm, Bucks County Interfaith Coalition for Refugee Resettlement warmly invites you to make yourself a pot of tea, gather some snacks, and join us for an



hour to see how our Syrian families are managing, growing, and thriving in a time of pandemic. Celebrate how open hearts have created a pocket of peace. Renew your faith that we can create loving community in the midst of troubled times. We can't meet in person this year, but we can still celebrate the Beloved Community that embraces the Syrian Families. [You can register for the event here](#). Registration is free and all are welcome.

Via Zoom

61st Annual Nazareth to Bethlehem Peace Pilgrimage

Because of the COVID pandemic, this year, in lieu of the traditional 10 mile large group walk from Nazareth to Bethlehem, pilgrims are invited to go for a walk, individually or in small safe groups, between 12:00 and 3:00 pm on Saturday, December 12.



Then, you are invited to join an online gathering at 4:00 pm that day, where participants will congregate virtually to share their thoughts, reflections, and experiences of peace.

During our time together, we could share, for example: a message of peace, a short reading or poem, a personal symbol of peace, a personal story of reconciliation, or a favorite peacemaker and the work they are doing.

Please use the website peacewalk.org to register your email to receive the Zoom link and to help us plan how many to expect. For more information call Rick Dow, Lehigh Valley Meeting, at 610-865-5204.

In Memoriam

Newtown Meeting experienced the loss of Weldon Storey on November 1st.

Wrightstown Meeting suffered the loss of Nils Pearson on November 6th.

Please hold their families and communities in the Light.



At the Yearly Meeting

PYM Fall Continuing Sessions Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

Registration is now open and for PYM Fall Continuing Sessions Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, which will take place virtually on Tuesday, December 8, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Business will include nominations, a report from the General Secretary, and a clerks report on progress from queries shared with monthly meetings for discernment/feedback on membership and belonging, addressing racism, and climate change.

[You can register to receive the zoom link here.](#)

Events for Families and Children

Join families from around the yearly meeting from 10 to 11 am on December 12 for a Welcoming Winter Community Playdate activity! There will be a story, a craft, and lots of fun! Please bring a few simple supplies for our craft together:



1. THREE of any of the following items: 3 white paper plates, 3 coffee filters, cotton balls, or white construction paper
2. markers, colored pencils, or crayons
3. Three sticks from outside
4. glue or tape

[You can register for the Community Playdate here.](#)

Middle School Friends Holiday Hangout

Join MSF Staff Kristin, Alex and Elizabeth on December 12th from 1:00 - 4:00pm for a Holiday Hangout. There will be an end-of-year reflection worship sharing, ornament making craft, and cooking up holiday popcorn from scratch!

[Register for the event here.](#)

Young Friends Christmas Gathering

Also on the horizon are a Christmas Gathering Secret Santa care package exchange and possible in-person activities! We're looking forward to getting back together safely. **Details and registration soon!**

And the Greater Quaker Community

December Programs Pendle Hill

Opening to the Heart of Worship

December 4-6: an online workshop that will focus on practical skills that will enhance our ability to enter into deep, transformative worship.

First Monday Lecture: Healing Ancestral Trauma: What is Epigenetics and Why Does it Matter?:

December 7, 7:30 - 9:00 pm: Join Erva Baden in exploring epigenetics, or how the effects of trauma get passed down through the generations.

Pendle Hill's Reading Group

December 9, 6:30 - 8:00 pm via Zoom. This online group, which is reading a mix of Pendle Hill pamphlets and other Quaker materials, continues in December. This month the group will consider Richard Taylor's 2013 pamphlet *Nonviolent Direct Action as a Spiritual Path*.



What Love Requires: Heart-Opening Practices for Mindful Awareness, Peace, and Compassionate Action

December 28-30. This is an online retreat designed to reset your body, mind, and spirit with practices that you can apply in your daily life. Activities include mindfulness meditation, small and large group discussion, periods of rest and renewal designed to open your heart, build resilience, and foster compassionate action with clarity of purpose.

[Registration information can be found here.](#)

John Woolman Memorial Association 2020 Annual Greens Sale

The Annual Greens Sale will take place at the John Woolman Memorial on December 5 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, and on December 6 from noon to 3:00 pm. Pine roping, plain wreaths, unique hand-decorated wreaths, and crafts will be available. Social distancing and masks required. For more information call (609) 267-3226 or email woolmanmemorial@gmail.com.

99 Branch Street Mt. Holly, NJ 08060

Thursday with Friends Friends Council on National Legislation

These online conversations are conducted via Zoom and are live streamed on YouTube and Facebook. It airs every other Thursday from 4:00 to 4:30 pm. [Register here for the zoom link](#): December offerings are:

Faith-based Advocacy Matters	December 3
A Season of Peace:	December 17

'Tis the Season for Giving

During this holiday season, open your hands and hearts and wallets to those who are less fortunate. There are many organizations – Quaker and otherwise – that are worthy of your donations. Be as generous as you feel led.

“Since you get more joy out of giving to others you should put a good deal of thought into the happiness that you are able to give.”

~ Eleanor Roosevelt

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For more information contact Wendy Kane:
quakersbucks@gmail.com or 215-867-9557

Update Your Contact information!

Have you moved recently? Changed your email address? Started using you cell phone as your primary number? The yearly meeting wants to know! Go to www.pym.org/yourinfo and update your contact information. And while you're at it, send it to quakersbucks@gmail.com so the Coordinator will have the update as well.