



Quakerphernalia

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

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FEBRUARY 2020

Jan 31-Feb 2		Middle School Friends Winter Gathering	Lancaster Friends Meeting
Feb 1	10 am to 3 pm	Thread Gathering: Diversity and Equity in our Meetings	Central Philadelphia Friends Meeting
Feb 1	9 am to 3 pm	Extended Meeting for Worship	Abington Friends Meeting
Feb 1	10 am to 12 pm	Mighty Metta Workshop	Fallsington Friends Meeting
Feb 5	11:30 am to 1 pm	Friends Home & Village Open House	Friends Village
Feb 6	7 pm	One Book One Bucks: The New Jim Crow	The Peace Center
Feb 14-16		Young Friends Service Trip to YSOP in NYC	New York City
Feb 16	9 am to 3 pm	Quarterly Meeting	Middletown Friends Meeting
Feb 22	10 am to 4 pm	Thread Gathering - Deepening Our Practice in Friends Decision Making	Providence Friends Meeting
Feb 28-29	9:30 am to 2:30 pm	Racial Equity Training Workshop	The Peace Center
Feb 28-Mar 1		Mindfulness & White Privilege Workshop	Pendle Hill
Feb 29	10 am to 4 pm	Awake & Aligned: A Day of Mindfulness	Fallsington Friends Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD to MARCH

Mar 7	9 am to 3 pm	Extended Meeting for Worship	Swarthmore Friends Meeting
Mar 7	10 am to 4 pm	PYM Thread Gathering: Mental Health & Wellness in Community	Lancaster Friends Meeting
Mar 28		PYM Spring Continuing Sessions	Westtown School
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
Jul 29-Aug 2		PYM Annual Sessions	The College of New Jersey

Chandler Hall Worship Schedule

February – Buckingham. • March – Doylestown • April – Fallsington

Arrive 10:45 am • Worship 11:00 am



Quarterly Meeting for Worship, Fellowship & Business
 Middletown Friends Meeting • 453 W. Maple Ave • Langhorne, PA
 Sunday, February 16, 2020 • 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
 Join Friends and Share your Light



9:00 AM

Registration & Refreshments

9:30 –10:45 am

Adult Program: Vanessa Julye, co-author of *Fit for Freedom, Not for Friendship: Quakers, African Americans and the Myth of Racial Justice* will share about her work on increasing awareness of racism in the Quaker and sectarian communities

Children's Program: Young Friends will learn about Quakers from Bucks County and their role in the Underground Railroad

10:45 - 11:15 am

Break followed by all-together time with singing



11:15 am

Meeting for Worship

12:00 pm

Lunch - bring a brown bag lunch; additional chili, bread and dessert provided by Middletown Friends

1:00 pm

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

Monthly Meeting Annual Reports from Doylestown, Makefield and Quakertown Meetings

Regular Quarterly Reports from the Treasurer and Coordinator

Budget & Nominating will present the preliminary budget for next fiscal year

Annual reports from Bucks Quarter Outreach Committee and Friends Home & Village

In Memoriam
Sandra Katherine (Jones) Langhart

Sandra Langhart, 80, of New Hope, PA, passed away at Majestic Oaks, Warminster, on January 7, 2020 after a long struggle with dementia. She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Christopher D. Langhart; daughter Katherine Elizabeth (Langhart) and husband Rolando Sa, and grandchildren Liliana and Jacob of Lebanon, NJ. She is also survived by her sister, Muriel and husband Robert Bell of Adrian, MI, their children Michael and Eileen and three grand-nieces and a nephew.

Sandy was the daughter of the late Thomas and Ruby (Shendrick) Jones of Toledo, OH. She graduated from Denison University with a double major in Spanish and Theater Arts with honors. She then undertook master's studies in Theatre Arts and managed the costume shop at Yale University Drama School. Sandy built costumes for the North Shore Music Theater in Beverly, MA and other New England summer stock theaters.

After moving to New York City, Sandy worked as assistant to David Toser and Robert DeMora, Broadway show costume designers at the Brooks-Van Horn Costume Shop and with Jean Vaughn, built dresses for Saks Fifth Avenue. She was then chosen as the first head of the New York University Professional Theatre Costume Department, a position she held from the school's opening until leaving for England.

Sandy accompanied Chris to London in 1970 where he established the Rainbow Theater, a music venue patterned after the Fillmore East in New York. There, Sandy worked at *Kids in Gear*, an upscale children's clothing shop on Carnaby Street. They married in London in 1972.

Sandy and Chris returned to Lambertville, NJ, to work for Jim Hamilton's Design Associates Scenic Studios. Sandy was involved in several major projects including props for Ringling Brothers Circus and the main curtain for Ballet Folklorico of Mexico City. She did residential and commercial interior design work for Jim Hamilton and Paul Evans. In Lambertville, with her innate design skills, Sandy and Chris restored an 1840 row house to elegance. When Design Associates closed, they moved to Wayside Farm outside of New Hope, PA, their home for the last 37 years. There, Sandy worked as personal assistant to JP Miller of *Days of Wine and Roses* fame.

She earned a certificate in elementary teaching from Rider University and taught for one year. Sandy became the Quarterly Coordinator for the Bucks County Religious Society of Friends, a position she held until retiring in 2004. She edited their monthly newsletter "Quakerphernalia" as well as the annual Calendar & Appointments.

Sandy loved learning and teaching and informally tutored many young people. Her artistic sense and ability to create beautiful things was a gift. Her sumptuous dinners, lush gardens and sharp wit will long be remembered.

The family extends deep appreciation to Sandy's three private duty nurses, Regina Attobrah, Christiana Amonoo and Bandu Kamara, who provided 11 years of dedicated loving care.

A memorial service for Sandy will be held at the Quaker Meetinghouse in Buckingham, PA, on Sunday, January 26th at 2:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Planned Parenthood or to a charity of one's own choosing.



Way Opens Workshops
Fallsington Friends Meeting

Join Amy Ward Brimmer for two workshops being held at Fallsington Friends Meeting in February. On February 1st from 10 am to 12 pm is Mighty Metta: A Loving-Kindness Workshop, which will explore the practice of metta, or loving-kindness meditation. Cost is \$30. On February 29 from 10 am to 4 pm Amy will facilitate *Awake & Aligned: A Day of Mindfulness*, a day of silent meditation and mindful movement, including yoga and qigong. This event is free of charge but donations are gratefully accepted. More information and registration can be found at www.wayopenswellness.com.



9300 New Falls Road Levittown PA

Agging Well Series
Newtown Meeting

Newtown Friends Meeting will continue their monthly series on aging issues Sunday, February 23 at 12:30 pm. This month's topic is Legal and Financial Planning. We will review the documents you should have in place as part of your estate plan (of any size), including advance directives, wills, and document files. How do Medicare, Long Term Care Insurance and Medicaid fit in? Facilitator: Lisa Collins, Attorney, Fallsington Meeting. Questions can be directed to Susan Hoskins, LCSW, Newtown Meeting, Executive Director, Friends Foundation for the Aging, former ED of Princeton Senior Resource Center at shoskins@friendsfoundationaging.org, or 215-478-6663.

219 Court Street Newtown PA

February Thread Gatherings
Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

Diversity and Equity in our Meetings and the World
A day-long workshop on February 1 at Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting for the purpose of supporting individuals and Meetings in moving forward with racial healing and wholeness. Facilitators from CPMM – O, Dana Reinhold, and Francis Elling – will lead the group through experiential exercises, deep listening and sharing. [Register here](#).

1515 Cherry Street Philadelphia PA

Deepening Our Practice in Friends Decision-Making
Join Friends on February 22 at Providence Monthly Meeting from 10 am to 4 pm to gain skills and practice in the art of sense of the meeting process, clerking virtual meetings for business, recording the minutes of our business, and the important function of nominating committees in meetings and communities. [Register here](#).

105 N Providence Rd. Media, PA 19063

Young Friends Winter Gathering
Service Trip with YSOP in NYC

Join Young Friends Feb 14-16 for this experimental program which speaks to the interest in service and witness expressed by Young Friends last spring at Continuing Sessions. Buses leave Friday at 1 pm from Philly Greyhound Station and return by Sunday at 4 pm. Learn about YSOP at www.ysop.org; [Register here](#). Questions? Contact Melinda Wenner Bradley, Youth Religious Life Coordinator at mwennerbradley@pym.org.



Mindfulness and White Privilege Pendle Hill

Join facilitators Pamela Freeman and Deborah Cooper on February 28 for a weekend-long seminar that blends mindfulness practices with an engaged exploration of racial conditioning that help white people practice anti-racism with intention and self-understanding. [Register here](#).

338 Plush Mill Rd Wallingford PA

Racial Equity Training The Peace Center

The Peace Center is offering a two-day workshop, February 28 & 29 to explore how our personal biases, along with systemic racism, have created a divide in our society that make many conversations difficult. Facilitated by Barbara Simmons and Gayle Evans. Cost is \$120; [register here](#) by February 25.

102 W Maple Ave Langhorne PA

This version of the November Quarterly Meeting minutes contains the edited highlights. The minutes in full detail will be brought to Quarterly Meeting in February at Middletown Meeting for consideration. Unedited version can also be read on the Quarter's website www.quakersbucks.org

Clerk: Boris Simkovich (Makefield) **Recording Clerk:** David Rose (Lehigh Valley)

Friends gathered near the appointed hour of 1:00 p.m. and settled into a period of worship. Welcome given by Boris who announced that he was asked to serve as Clerk till the end of the year despite saying his farewell at the last Quarterly Meeting.

Review of Agenda: With the inclusion of two items, agenda approved.

Roll Call: Buckingham:2, Doylestown: 0, Fallsington (Bristol): 6, Lehigh Valley: 11, Makefield: 2, Middletown: 9, Newtown: 3, Plumstead: 0, Quakertown: 0, Solebury 1, Southampton: 2, Wrightstown: 3, Yardly: 5

August Business Meeting Minutes read and following corrections to spelling, approved.

Stories of Vitality and Growth

- **Middletown MM** is struggling with regular attendance for First Day School. Met with families and asked for a twice a month commitment on some time that does not conflict with Sunday team sports. Youth went to Pennsbury Manor, Indian restaurant and will be volunteering at Food for Friends.

- **Newtown MM** group meets weekly on Wednesday to discuss spiritual matters. Joining is always open with a six-week commitment requested.

- **Fallsington MM:** Tom Wells spoke as chair of PYM Quaker Building Fund Granting Group and said that the group is accepting requests from Meetings. Tom attended a Climate Change lobbying effort in Washington.

- **Lehigh Valley MM** organized a dinner for Young Adult Friends and their families which was very successful in addressing some of the concerns of new families.

- **Bill Daley of Middletown** expressed concern that the Quarter's Worship and Ministry Committee had been laid down as such a group could have helped address the issue that Middletown will be presenting later.

- **Southampton MM** had some new regular attenders with young children. They are considering starting a First Day School again. Members joined in the Gun Violence Awareness Parade in Newtown.

- **Makefield MM** completed a major window replacement with funding assistance from the PYM Building Granting Group.

Coordinator's Report: (Complete report available) Wendy Kane presented her first report as Coordinator. The report included Meeting visits, Outreach Events attended, and PYM Session participation. The Clerk noted that Carol Richardson of the Outreach Committee attends and helps at all the events mentioned.

Treasurer's Report given by Ed Snyder (Complete report available). He noted that although the percentage of budgeted contributions received is less than the portion of the fiscal year reported, this is not an exception to past first quarter reports.

Budget and Nominations Clerk Betsy Bayard presented the following issues:

- 1) Disposition of the Kirkbride Estate Bequest: Boris gave some background to the bequest and why it had been tied up for more than ten years. Amount is around \$27,400. Rick Dow, Quarter Clerk at the time, had suggested that half be used for an event that would promote Quakerism in the Quarter and half held as reserve. Will take suggestions for getting ideas from Friends speaking here, writing suggestions to her, or by bringing it to their respective meetings for discernment. Some suggestions were given which would meet the intention of the bequest to promote the preservation of Quakerism in Bucks County.

- 2) Use of current financial surplus: Due to the period of time when the Quarter was not paying for a Coordinator, the Quarter has more money in reserve than was budgeted. The issue that Budget and Nominations will be dealing with is whether this should be returned to meetings or whether it should be invested.

Break

Oversight Committee Report on connection with Meta Theater Group given by David Rose. He reported that following the directive from last Quarterly Meeting, the Oversight Committee has created a group that will try and establish communication with the Meta Group and hear if there is any desire on their part to work toward establishing a relationship with the Quarter.

Annual Report for Newtown Monthly Meeting given by Susan Thompson (Complete report available). Current membership is 341. Report highlighted activity in the following areas: Children's RE, Worship and Ministry, Adult Religious Education, Building and Ground, Inreach/Outreach, and the Communications Committee. A Grounds Subcommittee on the Burial Ground contacted persons who are no longer in the area and have "rights" to plots which resulted in 45 plots being returned to the Meeting.

Peace Fair Report given by Tim Cunningham (Complete report available). The 2019 Peace Fair was a great success in both attendance and in contributions received. Due to the profit made there will not be a request for the usual subsidies.

Plumstead Monthly Meeting Annual Report was not presented (Complete report available).

Discussion: Middletown Minute on August Quarterly Meeting for Business read by Recording Secretary. Quarter Clerk Boris Simkovich asked that Betsy Bayardi clerk this portion of the meeting as the minute was critical of events which occurred while he was Clerking the Business Meeting. A point made during the discussion was that some of those who were present knew much more than others present of the background work that had been done when a person made a presentation that many felt was inappropriate and that some felt was hurtful. Responses to the incident were well intentioned, but contributed to the hurt that others felt. The suggestion was supported that a possible use of the budget surplus would be to provide training to address the issue raised by the Minute which said: This minute seeks BQM to address directly how it will handle situations in the future so Meeting for Business is an inclusive place where all will feel safe and welcome.

Camp Onas Annual Report given by Paul McAndrew (Complete report available). This past summer was successful despite a rather gross caterpillar infestation. Financial aid requests have increased as camp looks to increase its diversity and inclusion. Board of Directors has a number of openings for Meeting representatives.

Minutes of Appreciation presented by Bethann Morgan for the service of Boris Simkovich as Quarter Clerk and David Rose as Clerk of the Oversight Committee. Approved. Meeting closed with a period of silent worship at 4:05pm.

Friendly Services Offered and Friendly Services Needed

"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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