

Quakerphernalía

The Newsletter of Bucks Quarterly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
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FEBRUARY 2021				
Jan 24	9:00 -9:45 am	GIANT Children's Meeting	Theme: Sharing Winter with Friends	
Jan 29 Feb 2	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Racial Equity – Cultural Humility	The Peace Center	
Jan 30	10 am - 12:00 pm	Eldership Workshop	Sponsored by Bucks Quarterly Meeting	
Jan 31	8:00 - 8:30 pm	Youth Led Meeting for Worship	Hosted by PYM Youth Program Staff	
Feb 6	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	The Seasons in the Life of a Meeting Thread Gathering	PYM Virtual event	
Feb 10	6:30 - 8:00 pm	Pendle Hill Reading Group	PHP #297: Gospel Order	
Feb 10	7:30 pm	Combating BiasCreating Allyship	Sponsored by Bucks County Kehillah	
Feb 20	10:00 - 11:30 am	Facebook for Friends: Focused Outreach	Membership Development Series	
Feb 23	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Why the Crises We Face Make Financial Reform Essential	PYM Eco Justice Collaborative	
Feb 26-28	All day	Young Adult Friends Winter Retreat	PYM Virtual event	
Feb 27	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Ministry & Care: Truth & Transformation in Community Thread Gathering	PYM Virtual event	
Feb 28	8:00 - 8:30 pm	Youth Led Meeting for Worship	Hosted by PYM Youth Program Staff	
Feb 28	9:00 -9:45 am	GIANT Children's Meeting	Theme: Giving Love Everywhere	
Looking Ahead to MARCH				
Mar 6	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Engagement and Fundraising Thread Gathering on Building Community and Philanthropy	PYM Virtual event	
March 27	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Spring Continuing Sessions	PYM Virtual event	



9:45 - 10:00 am

VIRTUAL Quarterly Meeting for Worship, Fellowship & Business Under the Care of Solebury Friends Meeting Sunday, February 21, 2021 • 9:45 AM – 3:00 PM



Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82516979745?pwd=VjFtZUtHc3c2NDV6UVFmc3Facjg2dz09

Meeting ID: 825 1697 9745

Passcode: 474861 **Coffee & Conversation**

10:00-11:00 am Program: Cynthia Baum Baicker, Ph.D., clinical psychologist and member of Solebury Meeting will be speaking on the topic: *How Does Your Spirituality Support and Guide You During Stressful Times?* Discussion points will include:

- What coping skills do you turn to when you are overwhelmed or struggling to maintain balance in your life?
- How does the expression and practice of gratitude help us stay grounded?
- What types of activities and or thoughts exacerbate feelings of stress and or anger?
- What are some coping skills that others have used to ease these feelings of stress and anger?
- •. How does Quakerism and the leadings of the Spirit comfort and guide you?

Cynthia is the former Board Chair of The Scattergood Foundation for Behavioral Health, Past-President of the Section on Couples and Family Therapy for American Psychological Association (APA) Division 39, and sits on the Advisory Board of the Scattergood Program for the Applied Ethics of Behavioral Health at The University of Pennsylvania. Founder of the APA Division of Psychoanalysis Wisdom Project, Cindy has published and given a number of papers and continuing education workshops on the topic of clinical wisdom and is a contributing writer for *Psychology Today*.

11:00-12:00 pm Meeting for Worship

12:00 -12:45 pm Lunch break - with optional breakout rooms 12:45 - 3:00 pm Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

Annual Reports from Doylestown, Makefield and Quakertown Meetings

Regular Quarterly Reports from the Treasurer and Coordinator

Annual Report from Friends Home & Village, Friends Camp Association & Outreach Committee Budget & Nominating: presentation of preliminary budget and nomination for Recording Clerk

Bucks Quarter Worship Schedule					
Bristol		No worship services at this stime			
Buckingham	Sunday 10:30 am	Virtual worship	Email <u>buckinghamfriends@gmail.com</u>		
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 (dress warmly) Tuesday virtual only	Email John Magee jmm9724@gmail.com Masks required		
Wrightstown	Sunday 10:00 am	Virtual worship	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		

In Memoriam Ann Shorey Bishop - Yardley Friends Meeting

Long time member of Yardley Friends Meeting, Ann Shorey Bishop, died on January 13, 2021 at Chandler Hall Hospice, Newtown, PA.

Ann was born on January 4, 1946 in New York City to the late George and Clara Garrison. She grew up in an old historic house on the corner of Big Oak Road and Stony Hill Road in Lower Makefield Township PA. Her father worked for the railroad, which may be why Ann loved to travel by train! A few years ago she and her husband Jeff took a train journey through the Canadian Rockies to the West Coast and had a wonderful time.

According to Ann's husband, Jeff, they met at a burger shop in Morrisville PA. He was an ambulance driver and she was a "very cute" nurse at Mercer Hospital. They later married; Jeff said that Ann's father gave them the gemstone for her engagement ring, and Jeff made Ann's gold interlocking Gimmel wedding ring in metal shop at college.

Ann was a graduate of the RN Program at Montgomery Hospital and later received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the

University of Pennsylvania. She loved nursing and worked at several hospitals. She retired from Wood Services after many years of service. She also enjoyed traveling, watching the birds and tending her gardens.

Ann was raised as an Episcopalian. From 1970 into the 1980s, when Jeff was a part of Makefield Friends Meeting, he met Sid Cadwallader from Yardley Friends Meeting while delivering Christmas trees at Jug Hill Tree Farm. Ann and Jeff became members of Yardley Friends Meeting in 1983.

Perhaps her biggest joy was the birth of son George. She was so proud of his accomplishments and when George and his wife Aditi announced that Aditi was pregnant, Ann was thrilled and wanted to make sure she was here for the birth of her grand baby. Ayden Shah Bishop was due on

January 28 but was born early on December 19 – a healthy baby boy. Ann got her wish and was able to visit with her grandson via FaceTime!

Recently a few members of Yardley Friends Meeting had this to say about Ann's generosity of spirit and kindness: Doreen Gage said, "Ann ran the Bake Sale table at the annual Yardley Friends Flea Market and always brought delicious baked goods even though it was always on the heels of the Middletown Grange Fair and right before the Buckingham Peace Fair for which she gave so much time and energy to all those endeavors."

Mercy Ingraham reminisced, "When I was getting ready to move from my old house, having lived there for 25 years, Ann and Jeff offered to help me move. They pulled up to the front door and proceeded to take dozens of huge boxes to storage. It was such a help to me and seemed truly a labor of love by Ann and Jeff."

Betsy Cadwallader remembered, "Besides so many other activities, Ann was so generous and baked loaves of her famous banana bread

for the Flea Market every year. It was delicious!"

And so dear Ann, we all will miss your pixie smile, your wry sense of humor, your open heart and your beautiful soul.

Ann is survived by her husband Jeffrey J. Bishop, son George J. Bishop, daughter in law Aditi Shah Bishop and grandson Ayden Shah Bishop.

Ann was a member of Yardley Friends Meeting, Middletown Grange Fair Committee, Upper Makefield Fire Company Auxiliary and Chandler Hall Auxiliary. Memorial Services will be held at a later date when family and friends can gather to honor and celebrate Ann's life. Memorial contributions can be made in Ann's name to the Middletown Grange Fair Building Fund, 576 Pennsylvania Park Road, Newtown, PA 18940.

Bucks Quarter Eldership Workshop The gifts and concerns of Quaker ministry are fairly well known among Liberal Friends. But what about the gifts of Eldership, of deep listening, accompaniment, discernment and careful attention to Quaker process?

Join us on Saturday January 30th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm for an exploration of the role of Eldership among Friends, its spiritual formation and function in promoting the testimony of harmony among Friends.

This workshop will be facilitated by George Schaefer, who has served PYM as Care & Aging Coordinator, supporting meetings with their pastoral care and assisting aging Friends since 2009. He is a member of Abington Friends Meeting and served as clerk of the meeting from 2016 to 2020.

Registration is required; <u>click this link to register</u>. A link to the Zoom meeting will be sent Thursday before the event.

Meeting Updates: Makefield Meeting Makefield Meeting was dismayed when we realized that our 100 year old ash tree in the circle by the meetinghouse needed to be removed. Inspiration hit as we were discussing what to do to replace it when someone suggested getting a scion of the

Penn Treaty Elm. Finding that there were none available to buy, we learned that Haverford College was propagating them and giving them away to suitable locations. They were happy to provide us with a fourth generation seedling – 4 feet tall – which we planted in November. We will have a dedication ceremony when COVID restrictions are no longer needed.

"Scions of the legendary Penn Treaty Elm serve as a way to extend the lineage of the Ulmus americanus tree under which the alleged treaty of friendship between William Penn and Lenape Chief Tamanend took place in 1682 ("Penn Treaty Elm," Haverford College)."

Membership Development Series: Caln Quarter How can a Facebook page attract new seekers to your meeting and draw them into the community? Caln Quarter is offering a Facebook training session on this intriguing topic. Friends will learn how Facebook can augment a meeting's

outreach strategy, how to optimize the tool, certain pitfalls and the resource considerations. Facilitated by **Emily Provance**, a traveling minister from Fifteenth Street Meeting, and **Roma Narkhede**, Advancement & Communications Coordinator, PYM.

This free presentation will include time for questions and is open to all Friends. The Zoom link will be emailed to registrants the Friday evening before the session.

This program is part of the 2020-2021 Membership Development Series organized by the Caln Quarter. If you'd like information on the May 2020 kick-off or Parts 1-4, contact Irene Oleksiw, <u>irene5951@gmail.com</u>.

Saturday, February 20, 10-11:30 am Click here to pre-register.

PYM Youth Programs This winter and spring, PYM Youth Programs staff are working on plans for gatherings and activities that will engage our youth communities up to the 2021 Annual Sessions, July 27-August 1st. They're trying to be responsive to the

needs of everyone, while staying safe and conducting all programs online - and free of cost! Considering joining in:

Youth Led Meeting for Worship: Quaker youth in grades 6–12 are invited to worship together in a youth-centered space from 8:00-8:30 pm the last Sunday of each month, starting on January 31st. The 30 minute online worship will be hosted by two Youth Programs staff members and youth members will have care of meeting.

Lightning Kids: An invitation from South Jersey Quakers to come and play! See how silliness goes a long way to warm the heart! Virtual gatherings are scheduled from 11-11:30 am on January 30, February 20, March 13. Register here and join in the fun!

PYM Giant Children's Meeting: the monthly First Day program on 4th Sundays for PYM meetings and families will continue online through May.

For parents: PYM Youth Religious Life Coordinator, Melinda Wenner Bradley, offers a monthly "Tote Bag" of ideas for parents to help them nurture their children's spirituality:

- A blog post on the PYM website: <u>Pastoral Care for our Children in These Times</u>
- New book: Parenting for Social Justice
- Talking with kids about disability
- February Conversation Circles hosted by Quaker Religious Education Collaborative: Beyond Quakerism 101: How do Friends prepare to be a Light in the world?" Register for either <u>Feb 16 1:00 pm</u> or <u>Feb 18</u> 8:00 pm.

Questions? Contact Melinda at mwennerbradley@pym.org

Friends Home & Village The Friends Village campus on Lower Dolington Road in Newtown has long had an organic vegetable garden run by residents. It helps supply the kitchen with the freshest produce available. The size and scope of the garden has waxed and

waned with the availability of gardeners in the pool of residents, but it has been a fixture since the community opened in 1980.

The current garden is adjacent to a tree which has grown big enough to provide shade – but does not make for a good environment for a vegetable garden. We want to move the garden to a sunnier spot, install a real deer fence with a gate, and build raised beds, which allow more of us the pleasure of gardening and for more years. At minimum, we hope to install the fence and remove the sod for Spring 2021. One or more raised beds can be installed now or in the future.

This is a project of the Garden Committee of the Friends Village Residents' Association. Any contributions to help us achieve our goal will be greatly appreciated. The fence will be \$675 and the raised beds will be approximately \$4200 (\$825 each). Donations should be noted for the garden and may be sent to Friends Home and Village, 50 Congress Street, Newtown, PA 18940.

The Peace Center

The Peace Center is offering an online workshop entitled *Racial Equity – Cultural Humility*. This two-day workshop will explore how our biases, along with systemic racism, has created a divide in our society that makes ending racism, anti-Semitism, homophobia, and all the other "isms" difficult. This workshop offers a deeper understanding of how and why the concept of race has served to divide, oppress, and even promote many of us. Participants will leave with tools to recognize and confront behaviors and systems which serve to disadvantage and dehumanize marginalized populations. This all-day workshop will be held on Friday, January 29 and Tuesday, February 2. Registration fee is \$150; space is limited; click here to register.

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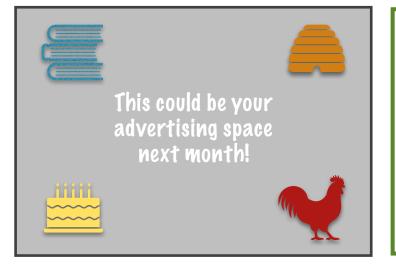
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For more information contact Wendy Kane: quakersbucks@gmail.com or 215-867-9557

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.