



# Quakerphernalia

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

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## JANUARY 2019

- Jan 5 6pm Games Night - Makefield Meetinghouse
- Jan 5 7pm Annual Square & Contra Dance - Fallsington Meetinghouse
- Jan 4-6 PYM Young Adult Friends Winter Retreat
- Jan 5-6 Winter Family Overnight - Camp Onas - [www.pm.org/children](http://www.pm.org/children)
- Jan 6 2pm Camp Onas Info Day (no registration required) [www.camponas.org](http://www.camponas.org)
- Jan 8 10am Open House - Buckingham Friends School - [www.bfs.org](http://www.bfs.org)
- Jan 10 7pm BQ Oversight Committee Meeting - Jane Jackson House, BFS
- Jan 19-20 Try Out Onas Overnight
- Jan 20 1pm-4:30pm Friendly Decision Making; A Curious Thing with Arthur Larrabee - Buckingham Meetinghouse
- Jan 20 6pm Camp Onas Board Meeting - Wrightstown Meeting Social Hall (Snow date January 27)
- Jan 21 6pm Bucks Food For Friends - Fallsington Meetinghouse
- Jan 22 7pm BQ Outreach Committee Meeting - Pennswood Village
- Jan 23 8:30am Open House - Kindergarten - United Friends School [www.unitedfriendsschool.org](http://www.unitedfriendsschool.org)
- Jan 25-27 Middle School Friends Gathering - [www.pym.org/middle-school-friends](http://www.pym.org/middle-school-friends)
- Jan 26 5:30pm BQ Feast, Fun and Song - Fallsington Meetinghouse

### Looking Ahead

- Feb 17 **Quarterly Meeting - Buckingham Meetinghouse - Meta Theater Company**
- Mar 23 **PYM Continuing Sessions**
- Mar 31st Bucks Quarter Presents the film and producer of I'm Not Racist, Am I?
- May 19 Quarterly Meeting - Doylestown Meetinghouse
- August 18 Quarterly Meeting - Fallsington Meetinghouse
- November 17 Quarterly Meeting - Lehigh Valley Meetinghouse

**Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:  
January ~ Doylestown February ~ Fallsington March ~ Middletown  
Worship 11:00\*\*\*\*Arrive 10:45**

### QUAKER DECISION MAKING ~ IT'S A CURIOUSLY SPIRITUAL THING

with Arthur Larrabee

**January 20th, Buckingham Meetinghouse**

**1:00PM to 4:30PM**

Are you a meeting attender or member? Does our decision making process confound or sometimes frustrate you? Do you wonder how spirit fits into new bench cushions, a graveyard wall repair or the rental of one of our buildings? Why can't we just vote? What's the difference between sense of the meeting and consensus...we **do not** make decisions by consensus by the way.

If you answered, "yes" to any of those questions then this workshop is for you. Bucks Quarterly Meeting is pleased to present a workshop led by Arthur Larrabee. This workshop is specifically designed for those in the body in order to understand our process.

Some of the things we will explore are the theoretical and practical aspects of Friends decision-making, advantages of the process, sense-of-the-meeting, standing aside, unity, what happens when unity is elusive, the role of those present, the role of the clerk and dysfunctions found in the use of the process.

Arthur Larrabee is member and former Clerk of Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting, former General Secretary and former Clerk for Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. Ask anyone who has been to one of his workshops at Pendle Hill and they will tell you that you should not miss this opportunity.

The timing for the workshop is conveniently scheduled so that you may worship at your home meeting and make it to Buckingham in time. It's fine if you are a *little* late.

You are welcome to join Buckingham Friends in worship at 10:30/singing begins at 10:15. There is always a pot luck lunch at the rise of meeting. Bring a dish to share if you will be joining Friends for lunch.

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### SQUARE & CONTRA DANCE AT FALLSINGTON MEETINGHOUSE

Join Fallsington Friends on **Saturday, January 5 at 7:00 pm** for a fun evening of dancing that is open to everyone. The evening will feature simple squares, waltzes, line and contra dances expertly called by Laura and Charlie Thomford. No experience needed; our expert callers will guide you through the steps. Fun for all ages! Desserts and light refreshments will be served.

**9300 New Falls Rd, Fallsington**

### INFO DAY AT CAMP ONAS

**January 6, 2pm**

Join us at Camp Onas for an info session. We will have some counselors present to talk about our program, give a slideshow, give you a tour, and there will be a Q&A with the Directors while the campers play. Please wear warm clothing and shoes you can get a little muddy. Learn more about our program and find out how to register for the 2019 or 2020 summer. The program starts at 2, and will be wrapped up by 4:00.

[www.camponas.org](http://www.camponas.org)

**609 Geigel Hill Rd - Ottsville, PA**

### LIVES PASING

Newtown Friends suffer the loss of **JoAnn Woodman** who died on December 3rd.

Solebury Meeting suffers the loss of **Margery McNaught**.

Wrightstown Friends suffer the loss of **Jack Seitner** who died on November 5th.

### PYM SESSIONS COORDINATING COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

#### A Note From The Clerk

The PYM Sessions Coordinating Committee needs your help. We are looking for folks young and old, in school, working and retired, representing all of our diversity to be a part of our committee. We need folks who care for the future of our Yearly Meeting.

We have a good, if small committee at the moment that meets mostly via Zoom conference call Monthly to do our work. We need help. Our scheduled meetings are Dec. 9, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, Mar. 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, and July 14, usually from 7 pm- 8:30 pm. Often we have staff and clerk participation and have rich time with our work.

Some of us choose to join task subgroups to augment the work. We sometimes have physical meetings, such as site visits at our Annual and Continuing Sessions locations, but that is by choice of the committee member.

I intend to serve as clerk for at least two more years, and would invite others to join me for that period of time or longer. We hope to have several Middle School, Young and Young Adult Friends join us, so please remember to speak to every part of your Quarter with this invitation.

Thanks,

Wade Wright

Clerk, Sessions Coordinating Committee

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### MEMOIR WRITING GROUP

If you want to make a difference consider our Memoir writing group. The group meets at Friends Village the second and fourth Thursdays with a writing coach on the first Thursdays.

*The pen is mightier than the sword.*

For more info: Judith Solt [judtsolt2@gmail.com](mailto:judtsolt2@gmail.com) or 215-968-2897.

**331 Lower Dolington Rd - Newtown**

### KEEP ON CRAFTING

Cold winter days are great for stitching, card making, candle molding, etc. Bring your hand crafted donations to Quarterly Meeting in February at Buckingham for the Bucks Quarter Friendly Crafters sale table.

For more information, contact Holly Olson at [hollybqc@verizon.net](mailto:hollybqc@verizon.net) or 215-860-9747.

### BUCKS QUARTER FEAST, FUN AND SONG

Join us on **January 26th at the Fallsington meetinghouse** for quarter-wide fun of eating and singing. We will begin at 5:30pm with a pot luck meal followed by singing from 7 to 8:00. Singing is pot luck also. Bring songs to share/teach if you wish. Have you been longing to sing some old camp songs or share new ones you learned this summer or those passed down through your family? Friends of all ages are welcome.

You are welcome to share in some or all of the fun. Bring your friends, neighbors and a dish to share.

The more of everything the more fun we will have! Questions? Contact Holly Olson

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### GAMES NIGHT - MAKEFIELD MEETINGHOUSE

Are you looking for something fun to do on a Saturday night? Do you enjoy playing board games with Friends of all ages?

If so, then join Friends at Makefield Meeting on the first Saturday of each month; the next get together is scheduled for **January 5th**. The fun starts at 6 pm and goes until 9 pm, but you can come and go any time you wish. Soft pretzels, homemade popcorn, and beverages will be provided.

Bring your Friends and, if you wish, your favorite board game or puzzle and join the fun. If you live in the Newtown/Yardley area and don't like to drive at night, please contact us. We'd be happy to pick you up and drive you home.

For more information, please call (215) 493-1147 or email us at [info@makefieldfriendsmeeting.org](mailto:info@makefieldfriendsmeeting.org).

### TRY OUT ONAS OVERNIGHT

**January 19-20, 2-3pm 1/19 through 1pm on 1/20.**

This event is for camp-age children (7-13) who would like to try out Onas by spending the night with us. We will do winter versions of Onas activities, eat together, have a fire, and get to know one another. \$40.00 per camper, financial aid is available. This is an ideal event for children who are thinking about joining us for a session, as well as children who would like to practice being away from home for a night. Registration and more info on [www.camponas.org](http://www.camponas.org). You are also welcome to call the Camp Office and talk to us about any questions you may have. (610) 847-5858.

## BUCKINGHAM FRIENDS SCHOOL PRESENTS

### The St. Thomas Gospel Choir

The choir is performing a free concert for the community on Friday, January 18 at 7:30pm in meetinghouse.

There will be a potluck supper before the concert at 6:30pm in the BFS Gymnasium. Attendees are invited to bring salad, an entree, or a dessert, but this is not required.

The St. Thomas Gospel Choir is an award winning choral group based in Philadelphia. More information about them can be found online at <https://www.stthomasgc.org/>. BFS has hosted the St. Thomas Gospel Choir for many years and we are so excited to have them back! Please join us!

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### Bucks Quarter's Worship Schedule for 2019 Chandler Hall

2019

January - Doylestown  
February - Fallsington  
March - Middletown  
April - Newtown  
May - Solebury  
June - Wrightstown  
July - Buckingham  
August - Doylestown  
September - Fallsington  
October - Middletown  
November - Newtown  
December - Solebury

This letter below is shared with us by Beth Taylor (Plumstead MM) and was written by her daughter. Those present at Quarterly Meeting in November felt it was important to share this with the quarter.

#### **Background of the letter:**

**At our Meeting, a mother confided that her eleven year old daughter was having a hard time dealing with the Pittsburgh killings and was feeling as she weren't really safe, at school, at Meeting . . . And so I reached out to my daughter, Mia Pisano, who teaches in Portland, Oregon, and dealt with a similar situation with one of her students (Sunny) and her Mother ( Joy), after two men were stabbed on a MAX train as they tried to defend a teenager in a hijab.**

**Mia's words still apply to children and families everywhere who feel vulnerable and scared, sometimes, especially in this climate. I gave the letter to our Friend at meeting and she asked Mia if she could she it on and of course, she said yes.**

**Mia grew up In Doylestown Meeting, was a member at Albuquerque Meeting and now attends Multnomah meeting in Portland. She is also a graduate of Camp Onas and George School.**

Dear Joy,

I have been reflecting on your concern about Sunny learning of the murders on the MAX train. You are right to be deeply concerned, but not about how this knowledge will affect Sunny. Your true and valid concern is about what life will be like for our children as they grow up and come of age in a political climate that many of us thought had been consigned to history.

Young children do not understand the permanence of death, and so they do not feel the gravity of the deaths in the same way that we will. What they do feel, more than anyone's words, is how you carry yourself through this, and beyond. Children have the capacity to witness their adults feeling grief, fear, anger, pain, sorrow. What children need to see is their adults living through those feelings, and choosing actions that move them forward.

We want to shield them from the enormity of the horrors of the world, but we do so less by filtering what they hear, and more by being living shields in how we live our lives. When we respond with our genuine, empathetic selves, always reaching toward goodness, even when it seems unattainable, we give them the strength to do the same.

In response to violence, children may have specific fears: Is it safe to ride the train? Do bullies always have big knives? Is it safe to go to church? Your actions will show them the answers more powerfully than any words. Own your fears, and stay in the world. Stand up to bullying when you see it. Ask for help when you need help. Give help when others need help.

There is very little information that children cannot safely absorb from the carefully chosen words of a loving adult. Other forms of experience have different impacts: watching traumatic events on video makes a much deeper and more difficult impression, and of course, children experience terrible trauma every day, in war, and poverty, and injustice.

All over the world, every minute, parents find ways to do everything they can to keep their children safe, even – especially - in the most impossible circumstances. Sometimes it is enough. Sometimes, those children grow up so secure in the heart of goodness that they do not hesitate to step into danger.

I hope that these thoughts are able to put your mind at ease somewhat, at least about how your children will be affected by hearing about things that they really don't need to know. I wish I could offer much greater re-assurances. I do believe that striving toward goodness, justice, and love, while it may not fix the world, is the only way to find peace in ourselves.

Love,  
Mia



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