



Quakerphernalia

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JANUARY 2020

Jan 3-5		Young Adult Friends Winter Retreat	Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting
Jan 4	9:30 AM to 3:00 PM	Extended Meeting for Worship	Abington Friends Meeting
Jan 7	10 AM to 12 PM	BFS Open House	Buckingham Friends School
Jan 8	11:30 AM to 1 PM	Friends Home & Village Open House	Friends Village
Jan 9	7 PM	Bucks Quarter Oversight Committee Meeting	Jane Jackson House - BFS
Jan 11-12		Winter Family Overnight	Camp Onas
Jan 11	9 AM to 11 AM	NFS Open House	Newtown Friends School
Jan 12	2:00 to 4:00 PM	Camp Onas Info Day	Camp Onas
Jan 16		Registration Opens for 2020 Camp Onas	camponas.org
Jan 19	12:30 PM to 1:45 PM	Aging Well Series - Family Caregiving	Newtown Friends Meeting
Jan 19	2 PM	Camp Onas Board Meeting (snowdate Jan 26)	Wrightstown Meeting Social Hall
Jan 20	5:30 to 7:00 PM	Bucks Food For Friends	Fallsington Friends Meeting
Jan 22	9 AM to 11 AM	Full Day Kindergarten Open House	United Friends School
Jan 26	10 AM to 1 PM	PYM Threshing Session	Haddonfield Friends Meeting
Jan 31-Feb 2		Middle School Friends Winter Gathering	Lancaster Friends Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD to FEBRUARY

Feb 1	10 AM to 3 PM	Peace and Social Justice Thread Gathering: Diversity and Equity in Our Meetings	Central Philadelphia Friends Meeting
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
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

Quaker Self Portrait

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting wants to paint a portrait of our Quaker Community. This self-portrait will help ensure that events, resources, and opportunities for connection are designed to serve us well, are welcoming to new Quakers, and will help reach seekers. It will provide information about who is involved, so that events, resources and opportunities for connection are built to serve everyone. It will also help identify who is not involved, so changes may be made to reach out and be welcoming to those who may not be represented.



The portrait process is two-fold. First, take a picture of your meeting community and post it to the PYM [website](#) (many meetings already have). Second, take a moment to fill out the individual [demographics form](#) and let the yearly meeting know more about yourself and your interests. This information will help to support the yearly meeting's role of connecting Friends and ministries across our four-state, 100+ meeting community.

Add your silhouette to the mix!



New Year's Mini-Retreat Fallsington Meeting

Join Amy Ward Brimmer on December 31st at Fallsington Friends Meeting from 1 to 4 PM for a chance to slow down and take stock of 2019 before heading out to your evening celebrations. Participate in the movement, breath, and awareness of Qigong, investigate walking and sitting using the Alexander Technique, use insight meditation to listen deeply to yourself and set and share some intentions for 2020. [Reserve your place now](#). Cost is \$50 in advance/\$60 at the door (limited financial aid is available)

9300 New Falls Road Levittown PA

Aging Well Series Newtown Meeting

Newtown Friends Meeting will continue their monthly series on aging issues Sunday, January 19 at 12:30 PM. This month's topic is family caregiving. Do you provide rides, bookkeeping, housekeeping, companionship, or personal care to a family member or friend without compensation? You are a family caregiver? Many types of support are needed, whether the care recipient lives with you, on their own, or in a residential community. How do you balance caregiving with a job and a family? The discussion will include care for the caregiver, long-distance care, resources, and the joys and challenges of being a family caregiver. Facilitator: Susan Hoskins, LCSW, Newtown Meeting. Executive Director, Friends Foundation for the Aging, former ED of Princeton Senior Resource Center. Questions can be directed to Susan at shoskins@friendsfoundationaging.org, or 215-478-6663.

219 Court Street, Newtown PA

Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) Yardley Meeting



Give yourself a chance to train your heart and mind, unlock the power of your natural awareness, and learn to unhook from habitual stress reactivity. Join Amy Ward Brimmer of Way Opens Wellness

for the classic 8-Week Foundations Course developed by Jon Kabat-Zinn. She has been offering this program to Friends for several years at the FGC Gathering and locally in Bucks County. Classes will be on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 9 PM, from January 21 - March 10 (plus full day retreat, Saturday, February 29).

Tuition is on a sliding scale. For more information and registration click the link for [Way Opens Wellness](#).

65 N. Main Street Yardley PA

Happenings at Friends Home & Village

Memoir Writing Group: If you want to make a difference, consider the FHV Memoir Writing Group. The group meets at Friends Village the second and fourth Thursday with a writing coach on the first Thursdays. For more



information contact Judith Solt at 215-968-2897 or judtsolt2@gmail.com

Worship Opportunities: Friends Village now offers twice-weekly worship – Sunday at 10 AM and a mid-week worship on Thursday at 11 AM.

Open House: Explore what it would be like to live at Friends Village. Join them for an Open House on January 8 from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. There will be tours and a complimentary lunch. For more information or to register to attend contact Barb Heverly at 215-968-3346.

**Friends Village 331 Lower Dolington Rd Newtown
Friends Home 50 S. Congress St Newtown**

Events at The Peace Center

Teen Peace and Social Justice Summit: The 7th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Bucks and Montco Teen Peace and Social Justice Summit will be held on Sunday, January 19 (snow date January 26) from 4:00 to 7:30 PM at Bensalem High School, 4319 Hulmeville Rd, Bensalem. There will be meaningful and courageous conversations on race, prejudice and intolerance. The Bucks County District Attorney's Office will be showing the film *Walking While Black: L.O.V.E. is the Answer*, with discussion following. This summit is suggested for teen in grades 9-12, and mature seventh and eighth graders. A pizza dinner will be provided. For registration and information visit www.thepeacecenter.org, or call 215-750-7220.



One Book One Bucks: Join The Peace Center on February 6 at 6 PM as they continue the conversation to bring about more understanding, compassion and empathy by discussing *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander. The discussion will be facilitated by the Greater Trenton Chapter of the Campaign to End the New Jim Crow. For more information visit The Peace Center's [website](#).

102 W Maple Ave Langhorne PA

What's Happening at Camp Onas

Even in the dark of winter, Camp Onas does not hibernate! Here's what's happening there in January:

Winter Family Overnight 2020: Families with children age kindergarten to 5th grade from across the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting region are invited to an unforgettable overnight retreat! The Children and Families program will continue to explore the theme: "Using Your Voice!" during this year's Winter Family Overnight. We'll prepare our meals, do crafts and activities, and worship together. We'll gather Saturday afternoon, with plenty of time for families to settle in their cabins, explore the camp, and engage in play and activities around our theme. We prepare dinner together and eat together as a family community. In

the evening we get cozy with s'mores and stories in front of the fire. After kids go to bed there will be space for parents to spend time with each other. On Sunday we will gather for breakfast and all-ages worship, and finish up with plenty of time for families to get home and prepare for the coming week! Or you can stay for –

Camp Onas Information Day: On Sunday, January 12th from 2-4 Camp Onas staff will be sharing information about the summer camp. There will be a brief tour of camp, followed by a slideshow. Prospective campers will do activities with counselors while staff facilitate Q & A with parents. Refreshments will be available! Families might head out after the Family Overnight to get lunch, and then circle back to learn more about Camp Onas, “a home without walls.”

2020 Registration is Open! 2019 campers, their siblings, and campers who were waitlisted last season will have priority registration through January 15th. New campers can register for the New Camper Waiting List any time before January 15th. Beginning on January 16th, new campers will be placed in the order in which their registrations were received. Register [here](#).

609 Geigel Hill Rd Ottsville PA

**Extended Worship
Abington Friends Meeting**

Friends are invited to experience extended worship on Saturday, January 4 at Abington Friends Meeting. Friends gather from 9:15 to 9:30 AM, then worship for approximately 3 hours until around 12:30 PM. Following a brown bag lunch, the group will reconvene for worship sharing from about 1:30 to 3:00 PM. Come for the entire experience, or whatever your schedule allows. Seekers welcome!

520 Meetinghouse Road Jenkinton 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

**Middle School Friends Winter Gathering
Lancaster Friends Meeting**

Join Middle School Friends January 31 to February 2 at Lancaster Friends Meeting for the Annual Winter Gathering. The weekend will include small group worship sharing, lots of laughter, group games and new friendships.

The Winter Gathering workshop will be facilitated by Tara Rubinstein, who will build on earlier discussions at Annual Sessions and the Fall Gathering. She will revisit the model of the gender and sexuality spectrum through games, reflection, and crafts. Queries to be

explored together will include: What is sexual orientation? How do you figure this out for yourself? How do you support your Friends as they figure it out?

Tara Rubinstein is a former PYM MSF coordinator, as well as a writer, educator and mother. She has created and/or supervised programs for adolescents that support LGBTQ identity, drag performance, spirituality, anti-racism, mythology and magic, community building, sexual wellness and body positivity. Register [here](#); cost is \$75. Scholarships are available –don't let cost keep you away!

110 Tulane Terrace Lancaster PA

**Bucks Quarter Chandler Hall
2020 Worship Schedule**

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

**Arrive 10:45 AM
Worship 11:00 AM**



**PYM Threshing Session
Haddonfield Friends Meeting**

Friends from around the yearly meeting are encouraged to attend a Threshing Session on Sunday, January 26 at Haddonfield Meeting from 10 am to 2 pm. The goal of this threshing session is to explore issues related to membership as have been raised by our young adult Friends in [their recent Epistle](#). We will aim to probe the various layers of concerns and identify them for later discernment by our councils and our whole yearly meeting community.

The session will be co-facilitated by Walter Sullivan and Tenaja Henson. The day will begin with worship at 10 AM followed by a brown-bag lunch at 11 AM. Threshing will begin at 12 PM and conclude no later than 2 PM. Please [RSVP!](#) Questions? Contact Zachary Dutton, at zdutton@pym.org.

47 Friends Avenue Haddonfield NJ

Update Your Contact information!

Have you moved recently? Changed your email address? Started using your 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.

Friendly Services Offered and Friendly Services Needed

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