



# Quakerphernalia

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

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## JANUARY 2021

Dec 27	9:00 -9:45 am	<a href="#">GIANT Children's Meeting</a>	Theme: The Light in Winter
Dec 31	2:00 - 4:30 pm	<a href="#">New Year's Mini Retreat</a>	Way Opens Wellness virtual event
Dec 31	11:00 pm - 12:00 am	<a href="#">Candlelight Meeting for Worship with Care to the New Year</a>	Pendle Hill virtual event
Jan 7	4:00 - 4:30 pm	<a href="#">FCNL'S Thursday with Friends</a>	Public Health & Healthcare
Jan 8 - 10		<a href="#">Young Adult Friends Winter Retreat</a>	PYM Virtual event
Jan 13	6:30 - 8:00 pm	<a href="#">Pendle Hill Reading Group</a>	Pendle Hill virtual event
Jan 21	6:30 - 8:30 pm	<a href="#">One Book One Bucks: L.O.V.E. is the Answer</a>	The Peace Center virtual event
Jan 21	4:00 - 4:30 pm	<a href="#">FCNL'S Thursday with Friends</a>	The Administration's First 100 Days
Jan 23	9:00 am - 2:30 pm	<a href="#">Addressing Anti-Blackness Thread Gathering</a>	Virtual event co-sponsored by PYM and Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting
Jan 24	9:00 -9:45 am	<a href="#">GIANT Children's Meeting</a>	Theme: TBD

## Looking Ahead to FEBRUARY & MARCH

Feb 6	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	<a href="#">The Seasons in the Life of a Meeting Thread Gathering</a>	PYM Virtual event
Feb 27	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	<a href="#">Ministry &amp; Care: Truth &amp; Transformation in Community Thread Gathering</a>	PYM Virtual event
Mar 6	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	<a href="#">Engagement and Fundraising Thread Gathering on Building Community and Philanthropy</a>	PYM Virtual event

## Bucks Quarter Worship Schedule

Bristol		No worship services at this stime	
Buckingham	Sunday 10:00 am	Virtual worship; outdoor weather permitting	Email <a href="mailto:buckinghamfriends@gmail.com">buckinghamfriends@gmail.com</a>
Doylestown	Sunday 10:00 am	Virtual worship	Email <a href="mailto:doylestownfriends@gmail.com">doylestownfriends@gmail.com</a>
Fallsington	Sunday 11:00 am	Virtual worship	Go to <a href="http://fallsingtonmeeting.org">fallsingtonmeeting.org</a>
Lehigh Valley	Sunday 9:30 am Wed 8:00 pm	Virtual worship	Go to <a href="http://lehighvalleyquakers.org">lehighvalleyquakers.org</a>
Makefield	Sunday 10:00 am	Indoor worship with Zoom option	Email <a href="mailto:jerry.taylor35@verizon.net">jerry.taylor35@verizon.net</a>
Middletown	Sunday 11:00 am	Virtual worship	Email <a href="mailto:robin.hipple@gmail.com">robin.hipple@gmail.com</a>
Newtown	Sunday 11:00 am	Virtual worship	Go to <a href="http://newtownfriendsmeeting.org">newtownfriendsmeeting.org</a>
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 <a href="http://soleburyfriendsmeeting.org">soleburyfriendsmeeting.org</a>
Southampton	Sunday 10:00 am Tuesday 7:30 pm	Indoor worship with Zoom option (dress warmly) Tuesday virtual only	Email John Magee <a href="mailto:jmm9724@gmail.com">jmm9724@gmail.com</a> 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 <a href="mailto:info@yardleyfriendsmeeting.org">info@yardleyfriendsmeeting.org</a>
Pendle Hill	8:30-9:10 am	<a href="#">Worship in the Barn</a>	Daily virtual worship





# Spotlight on Friends Home & Village

## Time to Listen

By Chiyo Moriuchi, Executive Director, FHV

The pandemic made us listen.

As the Executive Director of a retirement community last March, I was busier than ever. There was no information or guidance, but incredible urgency to act. Lives were at stake. And yet, during the lockdown, the roads were so quiet, the sky was SO blue, the air so clean. It felt as if the universe was speaking to us. "Remember how beautiful the earth is. Remember how sweet the air is. Remember how much you love each other."

It was a paradox. At work, it was a frenzy, scrambling to adjust and put new procedures in place. But the world had seemingly stopped. In being forced to be secluded, the need to connect loomed larger. Faced with the possibility of death and illness, we were grateful for our health.

The pandemic reinforced the truth of our testimonies:

- Strip away the superfluous, focus on what is important.
- Quiet helps us focus, allows us to absorb and understand
- Calls us to act to keep ourselves whole and true
- Reminds us of how we need each other - how important our ties to each other are.
- Made us so aware of the inequities. How we have fallen short historically
- Reminded us of the beauty of the earth; how our lives and how we live have diminished it.

Friends Home & Village is a small and caring community. The size means that managers know the employees. Our staff is working longer, taking on different roles, paying attention to new rules and ways of working. Residents have adjusted to new patterns and restrictions to movement and services. We have all cooperated to keep everyone safe.

The pandemic is not over. We aren't out of the woods yet. Can we hold onto the teachings of those early days? Or will the pandemic FORCE us to listen again?

Uncertainty reminded us of our humanity, our fragility and that we only are as strong and healthy as our neighbor. By taking care of each other, we take care of ourselves.

During the pandemic, residents at FHV have had the safety of individual apartments, the support of staff helping with groceries and errands and have still been able to see each other outdoors and in safe conditions. Our residents have been both safer and less isolated than folks in single family homes.

There are horror stories about facilities devastated by COVID, but all communities are not the same. Friends Home & Village has had no cases of the virus among residents. Humans are hard-wired to be together. Being in community is good for your health. Consider Friends Home & Village for yourself or for a loved one.



### Way Opens Wellness Amy Ward Brimmer

#### New Year's Mini-Retreat

New Year's Eve is a good time to slow down and take stock. After the frenzy of the holiday season (which has its own special set of 2020 stressors), the last day of the year beckons with the promise of quiet contemplation and release. This popular mini-retreat will be held online this year, and offers the possibility of stillness within movement, and movement within stillness. Using meditation, movement, and spoken word, we will honor and release the year that is passing away, then embrace the year ahead. Sliding scale: \$20/\$30/\$40 – you choose what you can pay. [Register here.](#)

**Thursday, December 31, 2:00 – 4:30 pm**

#### Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR)

This is the popular 8-week Foundations course offered worldwide for people who want to learn to free themselves of toxic stress and wake up to their innate potential for calm and personal power. Give yourself two months of daily practice—with support from weekly classes with a highly trained, experienced guide and the shared insights of your peers—to learn how to radically change the way you experience yourself and your daily life. Many Friends in Bucks Quarter and beyond have benefitted from taking this course with Amy—is it your turn?

Thursdays 9:30 am - 12:00 pm      Jan 21 – Mar 11, 2021  
OR

Sundays 2:00 – 4:30 pm              Jan 24 – Mar 14, 2021  
Plus a one-day mindfulness retreat on  
Saturday, February 27, 2021

[Click here for more information](#)

**Online via Zoom**

### Camp Onas Summer 2021 Information

We have a lot to consider as we adapt the Camp Onas program to run safely and responsibly this year, and it is taking longer than usual to determine the 2021 session dates/length and registration information.

The goal for the coming summer is to offer an overnight camp program that can proceed during the continued pandemic, while preserving the most essential elements of Camp Onas.

When the plans for 2021 are finalized, they will be shared with everyone on the mailing list, posted to the website, and on social media. Not on the mailing list? [Click here to sign up.](#)



We know people are feeling pressure to plan for the summer and we are feeling it too! But at the same time, we want to be sure we direct as much time, research, and thought as we can into creating safe, fun, and successful summer plans. Thank you for your patience as we shore up plans for an outstanding 2021 summer!

### In Memoriam

**Lehigh Valley Meeting** experienced the loss of Howard Gallup on December 18.

*Please hold his family  
and community in the Light.*



## Bucks County Postcard Book

The updated edition of the Arnold brothers postcard book is available for purchase. This 290-page book is a complement to Betty Davis's 1980 *Postcards of Bucks County* book, and features all 248 cards (except the card that has never been found) in color, with images of both the postcard sites in 1980, and the sites today.

Most of the Bucks Quarter meetinghouses are included.

Also accompanying each card are GPS coordinates, street addresses, and an interactive online map. To purchase directly from the author for \$27, which includes shipping and sales tax, go to <https://tinyurl.com/y292mkyx>.

Signed copies will soon be available for purchase at the Mercer Museum gift shop in Doylestown.

## January Programs Pendle Hill

### Pendle Hill's Reading Group

Wednesday, January 13 6:30-8:00 pm

In the new year, our chosen text will be *On Vocal Ministry: Nurturing the Community through Listening and Faithfulness* (#460) by Barry Crossno and J. Brent Bill.

[Register here.](#)



### Candlelight Meeting for Worship with Care to the New Year

Thursday, December 31 11:00 pm - midnight

Join Pendle Hill staff and community members virtually for their traditional candle light meeting for worship with care to welcoming in the New Year. Take time to reflect, pray, and listen to the messages that Spirit may have for us at the close of 2020. [Register here.](#)

## Conscientious Objection Discerning & Documenting a Claim Workshop

This workshop, hosted by Friends in North Carolina, is an opportunity for youth (both young men and young women) to consider their beliefs and to learn the process for documenting a CO claim if they feel led to do so. This workshop is also an opportunity for other people of faith (parents, grandparents, and community mentors) to learn how they can support youth to consider these important questions.

Workshop sessions include watching a film on one's own time before Dec 27 and then participating in four Sunday evening Zoom sessions from 7-8:30 pm on Dec 27, Jan 3, Jan 10 and Jan 24.

This workshop is free, but a \$5 donation to cover costs would be appreciated. [Register for the workshop here.](#)

## Tuition Aid Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

The due date for applications for tuition aid to Friends schools is approaching. At least one parent or legal guardian needs to have been a member of a monthly meeting within Philadelphia Yearly Meeting for at least one year prior to the start of the school year in which the funds will be applied to tuition. Families must complete the Friends school's financial aid process by submitting all required financial information to the school. The Tuition Aid form should be submitted to the clerk of their monthly meeting in December or January. February 15 is the deadline for submitting the approved Tuition Aid form to the school. For more information, contact the clerk of your meeting, or Zachary Dutton, Associate Secretary for Programs and Religious Life, at 215-241-7008, or [ZDutton@pym.org](mailto:ZDutton@pym.org)

## Membership Development Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

During this pandemic staying connected has remained the main challenge of most monthly meetings as we are prohibited from meeting in large groups in our beloved meeting houses. The Membership Development Granting Group supports monthly and quarterly meetings in projects that:

- Enhance the visibility and outreach of monthly meetings in their communities
- Attract new people to attend meeting for worship
- Increase engagement of members and attendees in the meeting community
- Strengthen and increase membership in monthly meetings.

The Membership Development Granting Group will consider applications for this type of project during COVID, if the primary purpose would be inreach or outreach (the guidelines & application forms are available on their site [www.pym.org/grants/membership-development](http://www.pym.org/grants/membership-development)). The committee meets 10 times a year to consider small grant applications of \$1,000 or less and are generally considered within a month of applications, with deadlines of the first of the month; larger grants are considered quarterly.

You should plan to apply at least 2 months before the start of a project. Consult the [Membership Development Application Form and Guidelines](#) for details about the application process.

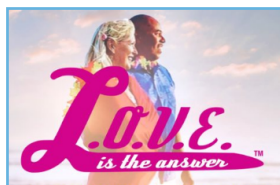
Questions? Contact Nicholas Gutowski, Director of Grant Making at [NGutowski@pym.org](mailto:NGutowski@pym.org).

## Parking Permits Available Arch Street Meeting House

Are you looking for a reliable, affordable place to park in Philadelphia? Consider participating in the parking permit program at Arch Street Meeting House. There will be 50 annual permits at \$475 each available in 2021 and are distributed on a first come, first served basis to Quakers and Friends who work at Quaker organizations. To learn more, visit [www.historicismh.org/parking-at-arch-street](http://www.historicismh.org/parking-at-arch-street).



## One Book – One Bucks Discussion Group The Peace Center



The Peace Center is happy to announce the return of the One Book, One Bucks book discussion group. Join author A.J. Ali for on January 21 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm for a virtual discussion of the book *L.O.V.E Is*

*the Answer: How You Can Put Principles of Love Into Action to Build a Stronger Police-Community Marriage.* [Click here to register for the event and buy the book.](#)

## Employment Opportunities

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**For more information contact Wendy Kane: [quakersbucks@gmail.com](mailto:quakersbucks@gmail.com) or 215-867-9557**