

JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 3	7:30–9:00 pm	Pendle Hill First Monday Lecture	<i>A Pendle Hill virtual event</i>
Jan 8	9:30 am–3:00 pm	Virtual Extended Worship	<i>Find zoom link on page 3</i>
Jan 8 & 9		Virtual Retreat for Youth of Color	<i>Sponsored by FGC</i>
Jan 11	10:00 am	BFS Admissions Open House	Register here
Jan 12	6:30–8:00 pm	Pendle Hill's Reading Group	<i>Four Doors to Meeting for Worship</i>
Jan 15-16	2 pm – 12 pm	Winter Family Overnight 2022	<i>A PYM sponsored event</i>
Jan 15		NFS 2022-23 application deadline	More information here
thru Jan 17		Camp Onas New Camper Registration	www.camponas.org
Jan 17	11:00 am–12:15 pm	Free Technology Courses	<i>Friends Village Styer Campus</i>
Jan 28–30		The Work that Reconnects: Discovering Strategies for Going forth	<i>A Pendle Hill workshop</i>

ONGOING EVENTS

Every Sunday	3:00–4:00 pm	Southampton Meeting Vigil for Justice	<i>Southampton Friends Meeting</i>
Jan 1, 15, 29	11:00 am–12:00 pm	Newtown Meeting Black Lives Matter Silent Vigil	<i>State Street, Newtown PA</i>

LOOKING AHEAD

Feb 5	9:00 am–3:00 pm	PYM Thread Gathering: Healing the Wounds that Bind Us	<i>Sponsored by the PYM Anti-Racism Collaborative</i>
Feb 20	9:45 am–3:30 pm	Bucks Quarterly Meeting	<i>Buckingham Friends Meeting</i>
Feb 28		Application deadline for QVS	<i>Read more on page 3</i>



Bucks Quarter Website

The new and improved Bucks Quarter website has been live for just over one year. If you have not paid a visit, maybe it's time you should. It's full of useful and interesting information about Quarter-wide events, stories about our fourteen meetings, and much more. Click on some of the links below to take a tour of the site:

To get to the homepage click on www.quakersbucks.org

To find out what's happening around the Quarter you can [access the calendar](#) or [search the events page](#).

Have a question? Go to the [Quaker FAQ page](#) and find the answer! You'll also find links to Quaker Speak videos there.

Need to find out the address of a meetinghouse? Or want to know when meeting for worship is? Go to the [Find a Quaker Meeting page](#) and get information about all of our 14 meetings in Bucks Quarter.

Looking for advance documents for Quarterly Meeting? You can a full year's worth [here on the Members page](#). This is also the page where meetings can apply for an outreach grant.

Did you know that there is an annual Calendar & Appointments booklet that is chock full of useful information, like when and where Quarterly Meeting is in 2022, and the names of all meeting clerks and contacts? You didn't? [Click here to access](#).

Read stories from around the Quarter, like:

- Plumstead Meeting: [Uncovering Treasures at the Mercer Museum](#)
- Doylestown Meeting: [Doylestown Friends Hiroshima Bombing Observance Vigil](#)
- Solebury Meeting: [Remembering Irene Fisher](#)
- Bristol Meeting: [Bristol Friends Meeting Helps Resettle Afghan Refugees](#)

Let me know if you have any comments, questions, or would like to write a Story of Vitality about your meeting. Email your Coordinator, Wendy Kane, at quakersbucks@gmail.com. Have fun exploring the website!

Meeting Snippets

Bristol – Friends are taking a lead role with helping to resettle Afghan refugee families by partnering with Bucks County Interfaith Coalition for Refugee Resettlement to use their meetinghouse to store household items.

Buckingham – Friends held their traditional candlelight service in December and are looking forward to hosting Quarterly Meeting in February.

Doylestown – Friends have closed their meetinghouse for the winter, but are hosting a labyrinth walk at the Michener Museum at 10 am Sunday mornings.

Fallsington – Friends hosted a Climate Change Action program featuring a screening of the award winning Force For Good short music films *Ice* and *Solar* and a video talk by distinguished atmospheric scientist Katharine Hayhoe.

Lehigh Valley – is getting a new sign for their meetinghouse grounds.

Makefield – Friends have resumed indoor meeting for worship with a virtual option for their Adult Forum.

Middletown – Friends held another successful virtual auction as well as a toy drive and drive by fundraiser for a local food bank.

Newtown – In November, Friends held their second virtual Simple Supper, raising money for Afghan Refugee Resettlement and 911 First Responders.

Plumstead – Dafydd Jones has assumed the role of clerk, taking over for long time clerk Beth Taylor.

Quakertown – Friends donated personalized gifts and 50 matching hand-made hat and scarf sets to children at the Mercer Street Friends preschool.

Solebury – Friends held their Mitten Tree Program, collecting hats and gloves and monetary donations for Mercer Street Friends.

Southampton – Friends continue their Sunday vigils at 3:00 pm in support of racial justice.

Wrightstown – held their annual carol sing outdoors this year. It was cold, but well attended.

Yardley – Starting in January Friends will have a new clerk (Marna Mathews) and assistant clerk (Tyler Hoff). Welcome!



Bucks Quarter Meeting for Worship Schedule

Bristol	4th Sunday 10:00 am	Outdoor worship; Email for information: pws@seas.upenn.edu
Buckingham	Sunday 10:30 am	Indoor hybrid; email for zoom link: buckinghamfriends@gmail.com
Doylestown	Sunday 10:00 am	Virtual or labyrinth walk; email: doylestownfriends@gmail.com
Fallsington	Sunday 11:00 am	Indoor hybrid; go to fallsingtonmeeting.org
Lehigh Valley	Sunday 9:30 am Wed 8:00 pm	Indoor hybrid; go to lehighvalleyquakers.org
Makefield	Sunday 10:00 am	Indoor worship only
Middletown	Sunday 11:00 am Wed 7:00 pm	Indoor hybrid; email for zoom link: robin.hipple@gmail.com Wednesday worship in person only
Newtown	Sunday 11:00 am	Indoor hybrid; go to newtownfriendsmeeting.org
Plumstead	Sunday 9:30 am	Indoor worship only
Quakertown	Sunday 10:30 am	Indoor worship only
Solebury	Sunday 10:00 am	Indoor worship only
Southampton	Sunday 10:00 am Tuesday 7:30 pm	Indoor hybrid; email for zoom link: jmm9724@gmail.com
Wrightstown	Sunday 10:00 am	Indoor hybrid; email for zoom link: obransan@gmail.com
Yardley	Sunday 10:00 am	Indoor hybrid; email for link: info@yardleyfriendsmeeting.org

More information can be found at quakersbucks.org/local-meetings

Friends Home & Village **FREE Technology Classes:** Friends Village is partnering with Senior Planet from AARP to help older adults use technology to learn new skills, save money, get in shape, and make new friends. Classes are hosted at the Styer Campus, located at 331 Lower Dolington Road in Newtown, PA, and are intended for adults 60 and over. Sessions will be held on Mondays and Thursdays from 11 am to 12:15 pm.

A 5-week Computer Essentials course runs January 17 through February 17. The course covers the essentials of how to use the basic functions of a personal computer, how to navigate the internet, and how to send and receive email. By the end of the course, you'll have a foundation for using a computer and the internet to enrich your life.

Prerequisites: A Gmail address. This course is best suited for people who have had some experience using the internet on any device. If you need help setting up a Gmail address, please call the Senior Planet hotline: 888-713-3495. [Click here to register.](#)



Writing Group: have you every wanted to write a book or start journalling but didn't know to get started? We can help you get clearness about what you would like to write about and help you get started. Contact Judith Solt at 215-968-2897 or email judysolt2@gmail.com.

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Welcome New Members !!

- Newtown Meeting**
John Donato and Twain Gonzales
- Doylestown Meeting**
Al de Richmond
- Middletown Meeting**
Patricia Mervine

Virtual Extended Worship

January Extended Worship: PYM's informal Extended Worship group meets via Zoom on the first Saturday of the month (except this month!). The group convenes at 9:30 am, worships for about 3 hours, takes a 30 minute lunch break, then reconvenes for worship sharing, generally concluding around 3 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 8th. To join the Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83761339634?pwd=aEpQZGgwaVhhZ3hOd2IyN0dDWU51Zz09>

Meeting ID: 837 6133 9634 Passcode: 077432

PYM Youth Programs

Winter Family Overnight–Camp Onas

Ring in the New Year with Friends! Join Children's and Family Staff on Saturday afternoon January 15th when families will have time to settle into rooms of their own in winterized buildings with beds at Camp Onas. There will be time to gather and connect, as well as explore the camp through a scavenger hunt. After dinner prepared together, the evening will include a campfire and then we'll settle in with yoga and stories. After the kids go to bed there will be space for parents to spend time with each other. On Sunday we gather for breakfast, have "Giant Children's Meeting" and finish up with plenty of time for families to get home and prepare for the coming week.

Family Overnights are designed for children in K-5th Grade, and family members who are younger than 5 and older than 5th Grade are also welcome to attend! If you have if you have any questions or concerns reach out to the Youth Religious Life Coordinator, Melinda Wenner Bradley, at mwennerbradley@pym.org. [Click here to register.](#)

Pendle Hill Programs

Pendle Hill's January Reading Group - January 12, 6:30–8:00 pm: Pendle Hill's Reading Group focuses on a mix of Pendle Hill pamphlets and other Quaker materials, gathering monthly to consider queries about the reading in a spirit of worship sharing. This month they will be revisiting Bill Taber's best-selling *Four Doors to Meeting for Worship*. You can purchase a copy by [clicking this link](#). [Register here.](#)

First Monday Lecture – *Into the Night: Evolutionary Creativity: Bridging Creativity, Spirituality, and Social Action* – January 3, 7:30–9:00 pm. This First Monday Lecture begins with the premise that we are authors of our lives and co-creators of the world we live in. Evolutionary creators are those who produce work with the intention of advancing consciousness. This session offers an opportunity to rethink creativity and to examine the ways we are creating our lives and co-creating our culture. This lecture is presented by Jan Phillips, the founder and Executive Director of the [Livingkindness Foundation](#), currently engaged in anti-racism work throughout the U.S. [Register here.](#)

The Work That Reconnects: Discovering Strategies for Going Forth – January 28 thru 30th. This experiential workshop is designed to transform our despair and overwhelm into inspired collaborative action. This weekend workshop is led by Lynne Iser and Rabbi Mordechai Liebling, facilitating a transformational group process based on the work of Joanna Macy. [Register here.](#)



Quaker Parenting Initiative

What is the Quaker Parenting Initiative? QPI is a resource for Yearly Meetings, local meetings, and Friends schools. They are dedicated to helping parents find directions and spiritual meaning in their journey with their children, as they love and live with them while seeking how to nurture and guide them. They offer online and in-person programs to gather parents and Friends seeking to support Quaker family life.

January Workshops:

January 18: *Is it reasonable to expect peace in my family?*

January 26: *What does it mean to treat everyone equally when we are including the toddler, the teenager and grandparents?*

January 31: *How can we live simply when we need cell phones for our kids want Legos for Christmas?*

Facilitated by Emma Richter and Harriet Heath, you can contact Harriet Heath, Coordinator of the Quaker Parenting Initiative at convenor@quakerparenting.com or visit www.quakerparenting.org.

Quaker Voluntary Service

Quaker Voluntary Service (QVS) is a year-long Fellowship program where young adults (age 21-30) build intentional community, work full time at social service and social change agencies, and explore themes of spiritual and personal growth with local Quakers. The program is grounded in the Quaker faith tradition and open to people of all backgrounds.

QVS addresses racial, economic, and gender justice by helping partner organizations increase capacity to fulfill their missions and provide young adults with invaluable experience and training that equips them for a lifetime of social change work. QVS currently has houses in Atlanta, Boston, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, and Portland OR



Applications are open for the 2022-2023 Fellowship year, which runs from late August 2022 through July 2023, and are due February 28, 2022. [Click here to apply.](#)

Friends General Conference

Virtual Retreats for Youth of Color: The first retreat of 2022 will be held virtually, Saturday, January 8 through Sunday, January 9. This retreat is for Friends of Color under 18 years of age, and the deadline for retreat registration is January 1st. [Register here.](#)

Camp Onas

Camp Onas is a caring community where individuals are nurtured and encouraged spiritually and group unity is fostered through recreation and education in a peaceful and simple environment. There's still time to register for the 2022 season. [Click here for more information and registration.](#)

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PYM Tuition Aid

Who can apply? At least one parent or legal guardian needs to have been a member of a monthly meeting within PYM for at least one year prior to the start of the school year in which the funds will be applied to tuition.

What is the deadline for applying? The tuition aid form is due to the clerk of the meeting by December or January; The tuition aid form is due to the school by February 15.

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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