

Quakerphernalia

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



July 2021

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JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jun 26	10:00 am–3:00 pm	Begin Again: A Retreat for Renewal and Reconnection	<i>Way Opens Wellness @ Fallsington Friends Meeting</i>
Jun 27–Jul 3		FGC 2021 Gathering	<i>Way Will Open - A Virtual Gathering</i>
Jun 29–Aug 17	Tuesdays, 6:00–8:00 pm	Transformation Stories: Altering Books and Ourselves	<i>A Pendle Hill Arts & Spirituality Program</i>
Jul 3	9:30 am–3:00 pm	Virtual Extended Worship	<i>See article on page 4 for details</i>
Jul 6	6:00–8:30 pm	Social Justice Workshop for Youth and Adult Presences	<i>Sponsored by PYM and facilitated by Mai Spann-Wilson</i>
Jul 14	6:30–8:00 pm	Pendle Hill Reading Group	<i>Spirit Led Eldering (PHP #392)</i>
Jul 15	6:30–8:30 pm	One Book One Bucks	<i>Bucks County Peace Center</i>
Jul 24	10:00 am–1:00pm	PYM Collaborative Fair	<i>PYM Runway to Annual Sessions</i>
Jul 24	1:30–3:00 pm	PYM Reps to Other Quaker Orgs	<i>PYM Runway to Annual Sessions</i>
Jul 27–Aug 1		PYM 341st VIRTUAL Annual Sessions	<i>Uproot Justice and Root Justice</i>

LOOKING AHEAD

Aug 5	5:00–6:30 pm	Annual Hiroshima Vigil	<i>Doylestown Friends Meeting</i>
Aug 15	9:45 am–3:30 pm	Bucks Quarter August Quarterly Meeting	<i>Under the care of Wrightstown Meeting</i>
Sept 18	10:00 am–4:00 pm	Peace Fair of Bucks Quarterly Meeting	<i>On the grounds of Buckingham Friends</i>

Bucks Quarter Worship Schedule

Bristol	4th Sunday 10:00 am	Indoor worship; outdoor weather permitting	Email pws@seas.upenn.edu for information
Buckingham	Sunday 10:30 am	Outdoor worship; indoor worship if weather does not permit; virtual option available	Bring a chair; for zoom link email buckinghamfriends@gmail.com
Doylestown	Sunday 10:00 am	Virtual worship only	Email doylestownfriends@gmail.com
Fallsington	Sunday 10:00 am	Virtual worship only	Go to fallsingtonmeeting.org
Lehigh Valley	Sunday 10.00 am Wed 8:00 pm	Indoor worship beginning 7/4. Virtual option. Wednesday virtual only	Go to lehighvalleyquakers.org
Makefield	Sunday 10:00 am	Indoor worship with virtual option	Email jerry.taylor35@verizon.net
Middletown	Sunday 10:00 am	Outdoor worship beginning 7/11 with virtual option.	Email robin.hipple@gmail.com
Newtown	Sunday 10:00 am	Outdoor worship weather permitting 9:00–9:45 am Virtual worship at 10:00 am	Go to newtownfriendsmeeting.org
Plumstead	Sunday 9:30 am	Outdoor worship; indoor worship if weather does not permit; bring a chair.	www.plumsteadfriendsmeeting.org
Quakertown	Sunday 10:30 am	Indoor worship	Mask required if unvaccinated
Solebury	Sunday 10:00 am	Indoor worship with virtual option	Go to soleburyfriendsmeeting.org
Southampton	Sunday 10:00 am Tuesday 7:30 pm	Indoor worship with virtual option Tuesday virtual only	Email John Magee jmm9724@gmail.com Masks required
Wrightstown	Sunday 10:00 am	Indoor worship with virtual option; mask required if unvaccinated	Email Olivia Brangan @ obranagan@gmail.com
Yardley	Sunday 10:00 am	Indoor worship beginning 7/4. Virtual option.	Email info@yardleyfriendsmeeting.org
Pendle Hill	8:30-9:10 am	Worship in the Barn	Daily virtual worship

Questions? Email Wendy Kane, Coordinator at quakersbucks@gmail.com or call (215) 867-9557.

Deadline for submissions is the 10th day of the preceding month's publication



Your Guide to 2021 PYM Annual Sessions



[Register for PYM's 341st Annual Sessions](#) being held virtually this year from July 27 through Aug 1. Choose to join in for the whole week, or just engage in the parts that speak the most to you. The week together in community will begin with the Spiritual Formation Retreat, in fellowship, with All-Ages worship, business, youth programs, affinity groups, worship sharing, bible study, and meaningful and compelling keynote speakers.

Spiritual Formation Pre-Sessions Retreat

The Spiritual Formation Collaborative will hold their 4th Annual Sessions retreat to ground the spiritual multi-generational space for our week together as a yearly meeting community. This year's pre-session retreat will be virtual and take place on Tuesday, July 27 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and Wednesday morning, July 28 from 9:00 am to 10:00 am.

Pre-session retreat is the tilling to prepare the soil of our Soul so that we are able to move forward with the work of Uprooting Injustice, Rooting Justice. As we hold and behold the seed that we bring with us to Meeting, together we will experience the power of Breathing, Stillness and Deep Listening.

.O will invite us to a deep place where our sacredness can be empowered.

Keynote Speakers

Wednesday, July 28 7–8:30 PM

Nikki Mosgrove on Micah 6:8 and Sessions theme "Uproot Injustice, Root Justice."

Thursday, July 29 7–8:30 PM

Pam/Tommy Greenler on Drag Performance & Quakerism

Friday, July 30 7–8:30 PM

Mai Spann-Wilson on All-Ages Anti-Racism Work

Saturday, July 31 4:30–6:00 PM

Cherice Bock on Environmental Activism

Saturday, July 31 7–8:30 PM

Sa'ed Atshan on Quakerism and Constructive Conflict

[You can read more about the speakers here](#)

Worship Opportunities

Bible Study

Thursday, July 29, 8:00–9:00 am

Friday, July 30, 8:00–9:00 am

Saturday, July 31, 8:00–9:00 am

Worship Sharing Groups

Wednesday, July 28, 4:30–6:00 pm

Thursday, July 29, 4:30–6:00 pm

Friday, July 30, 4:30–6:00 pm

Saturday, July 31, 9:00–10:00 pm Parent Worship Sharing

All-Ages Worship

Wednesday, July 28, 7:00–8:30 pm Opening All-Ages Worship

Thursday, July 29, 9:00–10:00 am All-Ages Memorial Worship

Friday, July 30, 9:00–10:00 am

Saturday, July 31, 9:00–10:00 am

Sunday, Aug 1, 11:30 am–12:00 pm Closing All-Ages Worship

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

Thursday, July 29, 1:00–4:00 pm

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Administrative Council Report

Treasurer's Report & Budget Approval

Friday, July 30, 1:00–4:00 pm

Membership & Belonging

Quaker Life Council Report

Saturday, July 31, 1:00–4:00 pm

Anti-Racism Discussion

Nominating Report

Epistle - first reading

Sunday, August 1, 9:00–11:30 am

Climate Change Discussion

Eco-Justice Discussion

General Secretary's Report

Epistle - final reading and approval

Youth Programs

All Youth Programs will be running concurrently on the following schedule:

Wednesday, July 28, 4–5 pm Opening Program

Thursday, July 29, 10:00 am–1 pm Morning Program

Thursday, July 29, 4:00–5 pm Afternoon Program

Friday, July 30, 10:00 am–1 pm Morning Program

Friday, July 30, 4:00–5 pm Afternoon Program

Saturday, July 31, 10:00 am–1 pm Morning Program

[Register for Youth Programs 2021 here](#)

Registration is for the group your child will be in for the 2021-2022 school year: Children (K–5th Grade); Middle School Friends (6-8th Grade); Young Friends (9-12th Grade). Youth are welcome to join the community in worship.

Affinity Groups

Affinity groups are meant only for those who share certain identities and/or experiences. Affinity groups will be held on Wednesday, July 28th, Thursday, July 29th, and Friday, July 30th, from 4:30-6:30 pm.

Black and African American

Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color (BIPOC)

Mixed and Multiracial People

LGBTQ+

Trans and non-binary people

Survivors of sexual violence

White Anti-Racists

Young Adult Friends Program

Wednesday, July 28, 9:00–10:00 pm

Thursday, July 29, 9:00–10:00 pm

Friday, July 30, 9:00–10:00 pm

Saturday, July 31, 9:00–10:00 pm

Collaborative Fair

Are you interested in learning more about the work and witness of PYM's eight dynamic Collaboratives? Come hear from the clerks in a large group sharing before we break into small groups and at which time you may choose to visit with just one or as many as all eight collaboratives. Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's current Collaboratives:

- * AntiRacism Collaborative; Wanda Wyffels, clerk
- * Eco-Justice Collaborative; Pat Finley and Ruth Darlington, co-clerks
- * First Contact Reconciliation Collaborative; sandra boone murphy, clerk
- * Indian Friends Collaborative; Jack Walz, clerk
- * Legislative Policy Collaborative; Deb Hejl and Sylvia Bronner, co-clerks
- * Middle East Collaborative; Dr. Sandy Rea, clerk
- * Nuclear Disarmament Collaborative; Bill Cozzens, clerk
- * Spiritual Formation Collaborative; Susan Thompson, clerk

[Register here](#)

PYM Reps to Other Quaker Orgs

Please join the appointed Philadelphia Yearly Meeting representatives to other Quaker Organizations as they share their reports about their work with these organizations:

- * Quaker Peace Teams
- * Friends General Conference (FGC)
- * Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)
- * Friends World Committee on Consultation (FWCC)
- * Arch Street Meeting House (ASMH)
- * Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW)

[Register here](#)

PYM Workshop

Social Justice Workshop for Adult Mentors

During the week of Annual Sessions (July 27–Aug 1), the Young Friends program community will have a special workshop opportunity with activist, artist, social work educator, and Sessions keynote speaker Mai Spann-Wilson, M.S.W. The workshop with youth will culminate in a multigenerational session with Young Friends and adult mentors.

The work together will begin with this program time for Adult Participants during the Runway to Annual Sessions. This workshop is for **adults** who are in mentoring or familial relationships with high-school age youth who plan to register for the Young Friends program at Annual Sessions. [Register here](#).

Friends Village

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.

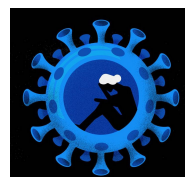
Chandler Hall

COVID Long Haul Syndrome Services Offered

COVID-19 has taken over 600,000 American lives, and recent studies suggest approximately 10% of people who get COVID are affected by long-haul syndrome. According to the CDC, the most common lasting symptoms are fatigue, shortness of breath, cough, joint pain and chest pain. Other issues include cognitive problems, difficulty concentrating, depression, muscle pain, headache, rapid heartbeat and intermittent fever.

At this point in time, there is no way of knowing who will suffer from long-haul complications or what those complications might be. We do know that long-haul symptoms have been reported in virtually every age group – including children.

If you feel that you might be suffering from the after-effects of Covid-19, consult with your physician and ask them to refer you to a good Community-Based Palliative Care program such as the one offered at Chandler Hall. They have been helping folks manage symptoms of long-term respiratory, cardiac and neurological disorders since 1973. Contact Maureen Salvucci at 267-291-2270 for more information.



Way Opens Wellness

Begin Again

Join Fallsington Friend Amy Ward Brimmer of [Way Opens Wellness](#) for a day of silent meditation and gentle mindful movement – *in person!* Safe social distance will

be maintained, along with a quiet environment with a commitment to a simple schedule that will provide an opportunity to cultivate and embody awareness and compassion.



This retreat is appropriate for beginners or experienced meditators. All are welcome to participate with proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test. This event is donation based; [learn more and sign up here](#).

*Fallsington Friends Meeting • 9300 New Falls Road
Fallsington, PA*

Pendle Hill News

Campus Re-Opening S L O W L Y:

Pendle Hill is offering a limited number of spaces for overnight sojourns and small groups. Staff are working diligently towards a more comprehensive reopening in September. If you would like to book an overnight room, please [complete and submit this form](#) to explore availability. In-person Meeting for Worship and meals are available to overnight guests.

Transformation Stories: Altering Books and Ourselves:

In this program you will alter a book, from its physical structures to its narrative. The course offers opportunities to draw, paint and be creative in community. The course is especially relevant to those who wish to process a life change or honor an important memory. The program will be held virtually on consecutive Tuesday evenings from 6-8 pm June 29 through August 17th. Basic fee is \$185 with financial aid available. [Register for the course here](#).

July Reading Group: This month the discussion will be on Margery Larrabee's Pendle Hill pamphlet *Spirit Led Eldering: Integral to our Faith and Practice*. Friends who attended the Quarter-sponsored Eldership Workshop in January may be interested in continuing to explore eldering and eldership in our meetings. [Register here for the event](#).

Virtual Extended Worship

PYM's informal Extended Worship group has continued to hold meeting virtually throughout the pandemic on the first Saturday of the month. While they will be discussing how and when the group might transition back to in person meetings, they are currently remaining strictly virtual; the advantage of this has been that they have regular worshippers logging on from distant locations including Vermont, Ecuador, and the UK.

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, July 3rd. To join the Zoom Meeting:

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

Meeting ID: 837 6133 9634. Passcode: 077432

Eco Justice News

Interfaith Power & Light Lobby Day in Philadelphia. Join IP&L to engage your local officials and ask them questions related to climate and environmental justice.



Advocacy days will focus on (1) no new fossil fuel infrastructure, (2) renewables and the future economy, and (3) improving human health: frontline communities and an equitable climate justice future. [Learn more and sign up](#) for a lobby day near you.

Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI): In October of 2019, Governor Wolf issued an executive order to begin the process of joining the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). Through this program, Pennsylvania will cooperate with other states in the northeast to cap the emissions of carbon pollution from fossil fuel electric generation. PennFuture Senior Director for Energy and Climate, Rob Altenburg, provides an update on Pennsylvania's effort to join RGGI in his [article](#).

[Subscribe to PYM Peace and Social Justice news](#), and visit the [Eco Justice Collaborative's webpage](#) for more news and updates.

Bucks Quarter Outreach Grants

Outreach Grants of up to \$500 are now available! Bucks Quarter Meetings may apply for these grants any time during the 2021-22 fiscal year; go to www.quakersbucks.org/members to access the online application form.

Applications will be reviewed in a timely manner by the Outreach Committee.

Grants are also available through PYM's Membership Development Granting Group, with a maximum grant size is \$1000; more information about [how to apply can be found on the granting groups webpage](#).

In Memoriam

Buckingham Friends suffered the loss of Pat Grupe.

Fallsington Friends experienced the loss of Sue Jasiewicz.

Yardley Friends suffered the loss of Fred Fleischman.

*Please hold family and Friends
in the Light*



Doylestown Meeting Hiroshima Vigil

On Friday, August 6th, at 5 pm, Bucks Quarter Quakers will be gathering at **Doylestown Friends Meeting** to prepare for their annual Hiroshima Vigil. After a moment of worship those assembled will proceed to Doylestown

Square where there will be an hour long Vigil from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

The Vigil commemorates the 1945 August 6th nuclear bombing of Hiroshima, sending a message of peace and sustaining the hope that we abolish the use of such weapons that now have the potential to annihilate all human life if used again in warfare.



Origami Peace Cranes made by Friends will be handed out to passersby.

If you haven't heard it before, go to this link for the compelling story of how the Peace Crane became a symbol around which the Vigil has been shaped. <https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=tcsKcgEtlNc>

Some Peace Cranes will be provided by the meeting, however, they encourage you to make some and bring them with you; [instructions can be found here](#). You can order online precut Peace Crane Origami Paper or purchase it at your local art supply store.

Peace Center

One Book – One Bucks: Join the Peace Center on Thursday, July 15 at 6:30 pm for a multigenerational discussion of the young adult science fiction novel *The Grief Keeper*, by Alexandra Villasante.

The Grief Keeper is a tender tale of heartbreak and healing in a frighteningly possible world where both love and human beings are branded illegal. [Register for the event here](#). A zoom link will be sent upon registration.



Mark Your Calendars!

Bucks Quarter Peace Fair

The 2021 Peace Fair is on! Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 18th for a fun-filled day of family activities, live music and yummy food.

The Fair will be held from 10:30 am to 4:00 pm, rain or shine, on the grounds of Buckingham Friends Meetinghouse & School at 5684 York Road (Routes 202 & 263) in Lahaska.



Now in its 21st year, the Fair promotes harmony in the Home, Community, Environment and the World. There will be crafts for the kids, live animals, the Peace Train, and so much more! Volunteers are always needed. Please contact your monthly meeting representative, or Peter Ray at peacefair.org@gmail.com. Stay up to date by visiting The Peace Fair's website www.peacefair.org, or [follow them on facebook](#).

Quaker Fun

QuakerSpeak has a video with a complete list of fourteen movies that reference Quakers—all in three minutes; [watch it here](#).



Did you know that Jessamyn West, the author of the book *Friendly Persuasion*, was second cousin to Richard Nixon, and as a child she attended Sunday school classes taught by Nixon's father, Frank? [Check out these fun facts about the movie version of Friendly Persuasion](#).

Friendly Services Offered and Friendly Services Needed

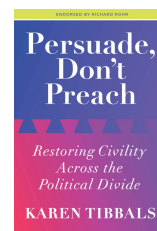
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How can I see that of God in everyone, especially people I dislike? Go deeper with the free discussion guide for the book, *Persuade, Don't Preach: Restoring Civility Across the Political Divide*.



As discussed at the Bucks Quarterly meeting in November 2020 and the basis of the FCNL workshop in the Runway to Annual Sessions.

For your free copy of the discussion guide, email karen@ethicalframes.com.

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