

Quakerphernalia

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



July 2022

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JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jul 1	8:00–11:00 pm	Movie Night at Arch Street Meetinghouse	<i>Showing Independence Day</i>
Jul 2	9:30 am–3:00 pm	PYM Extended Worship	<i>Virtual Only</i>
July 3–9		FGC Gathering 2022	<i>A virtual event</i>
Jul 6–10		YAY–Young Adults and Youth Gathering	<i>Friends General Conference</i>
Jul 9	7:30–9:30 pm	Movies Under the Stars	<i>Yardley Friends Meeting</i>
Jul 12	7:00–8:30 pm	First Contact Reconciliation Gathering	<i>PYM's First Contact Reconciliation Collaborative</i>
Jul 13	7:00–8:00 pm	Bridges to Peace	<i>The Peace Center</i>
Jul 13	2:00–4:00 pm	Friends Village Open House	<i>Styer Campus</i>
Jul 16	2:00–3:00 pm	Memorial Service for Sam Nicholson	<i>Wrightstown Friends Meeting</i>
Jul 22	12:00–5:00 pm	Quaker Fun Day	<i>Arch Street Meetinghouse</i>
Jul 23	10:00 am–4:00 pm	Affinity Group Saturday	<i>Part of PYM Annual Sessions</i>
Jul 23	4:00–5:30 pm	Disaster Preparedness Series	<i>Sponsored by Concord Quarter</i>
Jul 25	7:00–9:00 pm	Quaker Call to Action	<i>See information below</i>
Jul 26-27		Spiritual Formation Retreat	<i>Pre-Annual Session Retreat</i>
Jul 26–31		PYM Annual Sessions	<i>A PYM Virtual Event</i>
Jul 27	6:30–8:00 pm	Summer Seminar on Children's Mental Health	<i>Southampton Friends Meeting</i>
Jul 28–31		Kairos: A Spiritual Journey	<i>A Pendle Hill Workshop</i>
Jul 31	3:00–5:00 pm	Quaker Call to Action	<i>See information below</i>

ONGOING EVENTS

Every Sunday	4:00–5:00 pm	Southampton Meeting Vigil for Justice	<i>Southampton Friends Meeting</i>
Jul 1, 15, 29	5:00–6:00 pm	Newtown Meeting Black Lives Matter Silent Vigil	<i>State Street, Newtown PA</i>

LOOKING AHEAD

Aug 21	9:45 am–3:30 pm	Bucks Quarterly Meeting	<i>Fallsington Friends Meeting</i>
Sept 10	8:00 am–2:00 pm	Yardley Friends Flea Market	<i>Yardley Friends Meeting</i>
Sept 17	10:00 am–4:00 pm	Bucks Quarter Peace Fair	<i>Buckingham Friends Meeting</i>



What is it? It is an invitation to a national dialogue on the urgent threats to our democracy and what's at stake.

Who are they? A group of 19 Friends from around the country who are gravely concerned about the deliberate falsehoods and coordinated efforts currently underway to subvert our democracy. They feel that if this politically motivated takeover movement succeeds, any hope of progress on the urgent issues of our time will be lost. They invite Friends and friends of Friends to enter into a national

dialogue to discern how best to respond to this urgent challenge. PYM Friends include: Bruce Birchard (CPMM), Laura Boyce and Sam Caldwell (Providence), Martha Bryans (Downingtown), Gretchen Castle (Doylestown), Bob Dockhorn (Green Street), Eileen Flanagan and Phil Lord (Chestnut Hill), Ayesha Imani (Ujima) and Mary Ellen McNish (Byberry).

Read the invitation: You can read the full "An Urgent Call to the Religious Society of Friends" by [clicking this link](#).

Register for a call: you can register to join the zoom conversation hosted by the Earlham School of Religion on Wednesday, July 25 from 7-9 or Sunday, July 31 from 3-5 pm [by clicking here](#). You can find more details and register at quakercall.net.

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

Deadline for submissions is the 15th day of the preceding month's publication



Bucks Quakers are on YouTube!

Friends always ask “will that be recorded, because I can’t be there and I really want to see their presentation.”

Up until recently, the Quarter hasn’t had a place for those recordings to land.

Now we do: [Bucks Quarter YouTube](#) 

This is part of the Quarter’s outreach efforts - **and we need subscribers!** The more subscribers, the more people can find us and view our content - which we are in the process of developing. If you subscribe you will be notified when new content is available!

We plan to begin to offer more offerings over the summer. If you have any suggestions, please reach out to me at quakersbucks@gmail.com, and



Southampton Meeting

With the COVID isolation and the recent school shootings, Southampton Friends recognize that many children may feel traumatized. The meeting has scheduled a Summer Seminar on Children’s Mental Health, which will take place in person at their meetinghouse on Wednesday July 27, 2022 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

Parents are welcome to bring their children; childcare will be provided along with pizza for the youngsters.

Scheduled to speak are mental health counselor, Monica Stefanik, who has a practice in Pennel, PA, and Melissa Groden, a human service professional with 26 years of experience in the field.

They will speak about ways parents can help their children through these difficult times.

This event is free to the public; parking is available. Contact Stephen Moyer, clerk, with questions: 570-234-7762 or 610-828-1895.

*710 Gravel Hill Road • Southampton, PA
(corner of Street Rd and Gravel Hill Roads)*

Wrightstown Meeting

Memorial Service for Sam Nicholson: Wrightstown Friends suffered the loss of Friend Sam Nicholson, who passed away in his apartment at Friends Village in Newtown on February 21st. He was 97 years old.

Sam was born in Karuizawa Japan in 1924. He spent much of his childhood and young adult life as a missionary in Japan. He was a lifelong Quaker and a resident of Bryn Gweled homesteads for over 25 years. His wife, Peg, was born near Wrightstown Meeting and came from the Atkinson family which had been meeting members for generations. He is survived by his sons Peter and Christopher, and grandchildren Thomas and Joanna Nicholson.

There will be a memorial service and a celebration of his life in the Friends tradition at Wrightstown Friends Meeting on Saturday, July 16th at 2:00 pm. Anyone and everyone who knew Sam is invited. If you have any questions please contact Pete Nicholson by email at pete.nicholson1@gmail.com or call 360-545-3419.

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Bucks Quarter Meeting for Worship Schedule

Bristol	4th Sunday 10:00 am	Indoor 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	Indoor hybrid; for zoom link go to doylestownquakers.org
Fallsington	Sunday 11:00 am	Indoor hybrid; go to fallsingtonmeeting.org
Lehigh Valley	Sunday 10:00 am Wed 8:00 pm	Indoor hybrid; zoom link at lehighvalleyquakers.org
Makefield	Sunday 10:00 am	Indoor worship
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 10:00 am	Indoor hybrid; for zoom link go to newtownfriendsmeeting.org
Plumstead	Sunday 9:30 am	Indoor worship
Quakertown	Sunday 10:30 am	Indoor worship
Solebury	Sunday 10:00 am	Indoor worship
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 daugen13@hotmail.com
Yardley	Sunday 10:00 am	Indoor hybrid; email for zoom link: info@yardleyfriendsmeeting.org

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

What’s New on the BQ Website
www.quakersbucks.org

Our website is a wealth of information! Click the links below to find out!

Stories of Vitality:

- [Springtime Meeting for Bucks Quarter Quakers](#)
- [Faith Crawl with the Bethlehem Interfaith Group](#)
- [Calendar of Events](#)
- [BQ 2022 Handbook](#)
- [Quaker FAQs](#)

If you haven’t visited in a while, please click the links above; let me know what you think. Drop me an email at quakersbucks@gmail.com.

Your Coordinator,
Wendy



Friends Village

Volunteer Opportunity: Friends Village is looking for Senior Planet Instructors! No need to be a computer expert – just reasonably comfortable with email, internet searches and accessing on-line stuff like shopping, etc. They will train and provide the curriculum. Retired teachers are a really good fit. Interested? Email either Courtney at CSlensky@fhvpa.org or Karen at khaney@friends-village.org.



Open House: Wednesday, July 13th, 2:00–4:00 pm at the Styer Campus on Lower Dolington Road. RSVP [here](#), or call Barb Heverly at 215-968-3346.

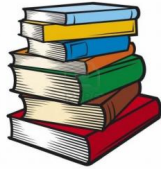
Writing Group: have you every wanted to write a book or start journaling but didn't know to get started? We can help you get clearness about what you would like to write about and help you get started. Contact Judith Solt at 215-968-2897 or email judyholt2@gmail.com.

331 Lower Dolington Rd • Newtown PA

Bucks Quarter Peace Fair

Mark your calendars for the 2022 Bucks Quarter Peace Fair which is scheduled for Saturday, September 17th from 10:30 am to 4:00 pm on the campus of Buckingham Friends Meeting and BFS.

One of the highlights of the Fair is the book sale; book donations are currently being accepted. Jeff Bishop, Yardley Meeting, has requested that book donations be placed on the bench at the entrance to Yardley Meeting and he will come collect them. If you have questions you may contact Jeff at jeffjb@comcast.net.



Social Media

BQ Meetings on Facebook

Of the 14 meetings in Bucks Quarter, 12 have a Facebook page. Visiting and following their pages not only keeps you current with what is happening in their Friends community, but it also increases their outreach. Below is a list of the meetings; click on the name to access their Facebook pages. Then follow and “like” their posts:



[Buckingham](#)
[Doylestown](#)
[Fallsington](#)
[Lehigh Valley](#)
[Makefield](#)
[Middletown](#)

[Plumstead](#)
[Quakertown](#)
[Solebury](#)
[Southampton](#)
[Wrightstown](#)
[Yardley](#)

Yardley Meeting

Movies Under the Stars: July 9th 7:30–9:30 pm. Join Yardley Friends to watch the classic family movie *Air Bud* under the stars in their back yard.

This event is free and open to the public.



Bring your own chairs, blankets, snacks and beverages. They kindly request you pack out what you bring with you. The yard opens at 7:30 pm; movie starts at dusk.

Hope to see you there!

65 N Main Street • Yardley, PA 19067

Fallsington Meeting

Check out what's happening with some fabulous Fallsington Friends:

Force For Good: On June 1, Jonathan Sprout's [Force for Good](#) premiered a new video: *Oceans: Lifeblood of the Planet*.

This short film evokes wonder for the blue planet, inspiring stewardship to protect Earth's unique gift.

[Click here to watch it on YouTube.](#)

You may also be interested in the video, *Safe*, which is about sensible gun legislation.

[Click here to watch it on YouTube](#)

Way Opens Wellness: Amy Ward Brimmer has in-person and online classes, webinars and workshops to learn about The Alexander Technique, Mindfulness, and Qigong.

[Check out her class schedule here](#)

River Rock Healing Arts: Lisa Bellet Collins and Jim Collins's center is dedicated to helping people uncover their soul's purpose. Explore what they have to offer at <https://www.riverrockhealingarts.com/>.

Snipes Farm and Education Center: a seventh-generation owned and operated family farm, Jonathan Snipes and Melanie Douty-Snipes offer Community Supported Agriculture, Little Sprouts Summer Farm Camp, Egg Shares and other events and activities. Check them out at <https://www.snipesfarm.org/>.

Lehigh Valley Meeting

New Resource Friend

Do you know what a Resource Friend is? It is a service offered by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting to help our community thrive by providing support in specific areas of concern in our monthly and quarterly meetings. These are Friends who offer a diversity of gifts and extensive “how-to” knowledge.

Lehigh Valley Friend **John Marquette** is a new Resource Friend for Hybrid Meetings. John is available for email, phone, Zoom, and in-person consultation throughout the four-state area. Contact him at johnmarquette@gmail.com. Visit <https://www.pym.org/working-together/resource-friends/> to find out more about Resource Friends.

Peace Center



Bridges to Peace: Join The Peace Center for their virtual Bridges to Peace presentation on Wednesday, July 13, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. This is a chance for you to join their leadership and staff as they share the impact of their programming through personal stories. These include: Courage after Bullying, Bridge Building after Bias and Strength after Adversity. A Zoom link will be sent after registration; [register here](#).

Chandler Hall

John Whitman, CEO of [Chandler Hall](#), announced that, effective September 30, 2022, Chandler Hall will no longer be an affiliate of the Kendal System. Chandler Hall became affiliated with the Kendal System in 2014 and provided an array of services to support Chandler Hall's mission. After coming on board in August 2021 he realized that the value the Kendal affiliation once provided was no longer useful. Chandler Hall will now have more control and reduce unnecessary expenses by providing those services internally that were previously provided by Kendal. If you have questions or concerns you can contact John Whitman (after June 30th) at jwhitman@chandlerhall.org.

Around the Yearly Meeting

Arch Street Meetinghouse

Movie Night: For First Friday (July 1st), Arch Street Meeting House will be offering an outdoor screening of the 1996 classic film *Independence Day* (rated PG-13) from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm! For a suggested donation of \$5, grab a picnic blanket, snacks, and BYOB for a special 4th of July weekend movie night in Old City. Registration is required and includes admission to the museum prior to the screening. Lawn seating is first-come, first-served. [Click here to register.](#)

Arch Street
MEETING HOUSE

320 Arch Street • Philadelphia, PA 19106

Ujima Friends Peace Center

Freedom Summer 2022

Last summer, [Ujima Friends Peace Center](#) launched a 100% outdoor freedom school that was designed to allow the neighborhood children to explore “friendly spaces” while engaging in activities that would be good for the mind, body, and spirit. The children participated in environmental projects, literacy activities, and self-care/conflict resolution sessions. The summer was a resounding success!

They are planning for Freedom Summer 2022 and would love for the children to once again experience some of the green spaces in Quaker meeting houses and schools that so many of us take for granted but serve as a balm for the souls of many of our children.

If you are interested in helping them this summer here are things you can do:

1. Sign up to host the children in your meeting house or school grounds.
2. Assist them in locating a place for the children to swim.
3. Donate to assist them in paying for transportation and trips.

The Ujima Friends Peace Center is a worship community consisting primarily of Friends of African Descent. It is located at 17th Street and Lehigh Avenue in the heart of the African-American community in North Philadelphia. It grew out of the commitment made by the Fellowship of Friends of African Descent in 2016 to address the causes and consequences of state sanctioned violence on a local level.

Contact them at friendsofad@protomail.com or by calling 267-761-4944.

Friends General Conference

2022 Virtual Gathering

The 2022 FGC Virtual Gathering will be held **online** July 3–9, 2022. The Gathering offers a wide variety of programs and events throughout the week, including online workshops, evening programs, Bible half hour and more! Attenders may [sign up for week-long workshops here](#).

In the evenings, the Friends can gather to hear a speaker or performer: [check out the line up here](#).

For the online Gathering, fees are “pay as led.” To find out more about event packages and to register, [click here](#).



Pendle Hill

Kairos: A Spiritual Journey: July 28-31st.

This retreat is designed for nurturing and embracing daily life with simplicity, gratitude, hope, and a deep sense of connection as we explore some practices and queries that will support you in your spiritual journey.



Participants will create a unique space for spiritual growth by combining key practices from Quaker and other faith traditions. This *kairos* is rooted in meeting for worship and worship sharing, *lectio divina* (divine reading), silence, community, work, study, and celebration.

Cost is \$450; financial aid is available. [Click here to register](#).

338 Plush Mill Road • Wallingford, PA 19086

PYM Extended Worship

July Extended Worship: July 2nd – This month the group will have a virtual meeting on Zoom. The day will follow the usual format of worship from roughly 9:30 to 12:30, and worship sharing from 1:00 until around 2:30 to 3:00, with a lunch break in between.

The best way to stay informed is to be placed on an e-mail list to receive Zoom links for this and future Extended Worship meetings; contact Jim Strong at jmmstrong@gmail.com.

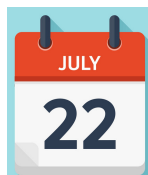
QUAKER FUN DAY

Arch Street Meetinghouse ~ 12:00–5:00 pm

There will be games, concessions, and time for fellowship with friends at our “Quaker carnival.” In the afternoon, there will be a guided walking tour of Old City with stops at various Quaker-specific sites guided by staff. Bring a picnic lunch or come later in the afternoon for picnic dinner on the lawn before our

EPPCHEZ YES PERFORMANCE
5:00–7:00 pm

Annual Sessions Keynote Speaker will give an interactive performance about reparations.

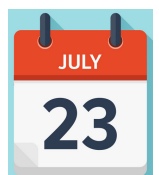


RSVP

AFFINITY GROUP SATURDAY

A unique opportunity for fellowship with Friends who share specific identities! Each affinity group will meet for one hour, and times will be spread out across the day to allow inclusive participation for those who identify in more than one group. Affinity groups include:

- Young Adult Friends
- LGBTQIA+
- survivors of sexual assault
- trans & gender non-conforming
- BIPOC
- White Friends working on our racism



Register

342ND ANNUAL SESSIONS

Across The Generations, As We Repair Broken Foundations, Unified In Our Beloved Quaker Community

JULY 26TH - 31ST, 2022

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SPIRITUAL FORMATION RETREAT

[Register](#)

The Spiritual Formation Retreat will begin to ground and center participants in a deeper communion with Spirit while preparing individuals to participate, listen, and learn for the upcoming Annual Sessions week together. The Sessions Retreat's theme is ***Getting There from Here***. The facilitator is Clinton Pettus, a member of [Baltimore Monthly Meeting of Friends, Stony Run](#). He holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in psychology from Virginia State University and a Ph.D. in personality psychology from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

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WEDNESDAY OPEN & WELCOME

7:00 pm Join presiding Co-Clerks, Jean-Marie Prestwidge-Barch and Frank Barch as we open the 342nd Annual Sessions.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

7:15–8:30 pm Join performance artist Eppchez Yes for ***Preparing Broken Foundations for Repair***, a dynamic virtual ritual which includes music, an invitation to movement, and an opportunity for a collective release of energetic “stuckness” around repair.



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THURSDAY SCHEDULE

9:00–9:30 am	<i>Intergenerational Bible Study</i>
9:45–10:15 am	<i>Morning Worship</i>
10:30 am–12:00 pm	<i>Meeting for Business</i>
12:00–1:00 pm	<i>Fellowship</i>
3:00–4:30 pm	<i>Meeting for Business</i>
6:45–7:15 pm	<i>Evening Worship</i>
7:30–9:00 pm	<i>Meeting for Business</i>
9:00–9:30 pm	<i>Evening Fellowship</i>

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FRIDAY SCHEDULE

9:00–9:30 am	<i>Intergenerational Bible Study</i>
9:00–9:30 am	<i>Worship Sharing for Parents</i>
9:45–10:15 am	<i>Morning Worship</i>
10:30 am–12:00 pm	<i>Meeting for Business</i>
12:00–1:00 pm	<i>Fellowship</i>
3:00–4:30 pm	<i>Meeting for Business</i>
6:45–7:15 pm	<i>Evening Worship</i>
7:30–9:00 pm	<i>Meeting for Business</i>
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[Register](#)

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12:00–1:00 pm	<i>Fellowship</i>
3:00–4:30 pm	<i>Meeting for Business</i>
4:45–5:30 pm	<i>Worship Sharing</i>
7:00–8:30 pm	<i>Keynote: Building a More Inclusive Community: Accessibility and Tech in the Yearly Meeting</i>



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:45–10:30 am *All Together Worship*

Our PYM community of all ages will gather for worship across our meetinghouses and homes, in person or online, in a Giant Meeting for Worship! Coming together across ages, miles, and internet connections, we hope to be a community gathered in the spirit. Watch for materials send to your meeting in the coming weeks, anchoring our Sessions theme in this time of worship together.

10:45–12:00 pm *Meeting for Business with Epistle Reading*

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