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

JULY 2023

Dear Friends,

Summer is the perfect time to catch up on your reading.
Under a tree, by the pool or on the beach, a good book can transport you to a different time and place.

On the recommendation of Nancy Pickering, Middletown Meeting, I am reading Fellowship Point, a novel by Alice Elliott Dark.

Set in Philadelphia and Maine, it's a story about two, 80 year old Quaker F(friends) that mentions such familiar places as George School and Haverford!

If anyone else is moved to read this book, contact me when you finish and we can put a book review in a subsequent issue of *Quakerphernalia*!

Happy Reading!



Your Coordinator, Wendy

"We are here to awaken from our illusion of separateness."

~ Thich Nhat Hanh



Monthly Meeting News

Bristol

Funding is in place for the Market Street Corridor Project, where work has already begun on a park situated diagonally across from Bristol Friends Meeting. Stay tuned for what that means for the historic meetinghouse!

Buckingham

For the first time since the pandemic, Buckingham Friends School held their eighth grade graduation ceremony in their historic meetinghouse!

Doylestown

The FDS Garden is fully planted with sugar snap peas, green beans, cucumbers, peppers, cherry tomatoes, arugula, kale, and Swiss Chard. They have already made deliveries to their local food pantry.

Fallsington

Friends held a very successful concert featuring Annie Patterson of Rise Up Singing fame. Fallsington member Amy Duckett Wagner was the opening act.

Lehigh Valley

Summer potluck picnics have begun with different Friends hosting at their homes throughout the summer.

Makefield

After making extensive repairs and upgrades, Makefield Friends have found a new tenant to occupy their caretaker's house.

Middletown

Bucks Quarter Friends continue to support Middletown Friends' leading by making sure Rainbow Room attendees can gather at their new location at St. James Church Episcopal safely.

Newtown

Newtown Friends have added an early, 45-minute outdoor worship service at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome to join them on their front lawn during July and August.

Plumstead

As Friends continue to plan for their inperson August Quarterly Meeting, they will be also be hosting a talk on The Lenape People of Pennsylvania. Click here for information.

Quakertown

Friends have been having discussions to discern how to increase their outreach efforts so they can attract new members and families to their meeting.

Solebury

The meeting community has rallied around a needy Friend, helping her to clean out and sell her home as she moves into a retirement community. It takes a village!

Southampton

Southampton Friends will be staffing a table at this year's Southampton Days, Wednesday and Thursday, July 5th and 6th in the evening. Friends are encouraged to either stop by and say hi, or volunteer to help staff the tables.

Wrightstown

Wrightstown Friends are in the early stages of planning events to commemorate their 300th anniversary - stay tuned for more info!

Yardley

Yardley Friends are continuing to have a weekly book exchange; donate a book, take a book.

CALENDAR

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Jun 24	4:00–8:00 pm	Brews and Bites	Pennsbury Manor	
Jun 25	12:00–8:00 pm	Young Adult Beach Day	Atlantic City, NJ	
Jun 29	8:00–10:00 pm	Movie Night at Arch Street Meeting House	Back to the Future	
Jul 1	10:00 am-4:00 pm	Wawa Welcome America Festival	Free day at Arch Street Meetinghouse	
Jul 2-8		2023 FGC Gathering	Listen So That We May Live	
Jul 8	10:30 am-12:00 pm	A Walking Tour of Old City	Arch Street Meeting House	
Jul 8	7:30–9:30 pm	Movies Under The Stars	Yardley Friends Meeting	
Jul 12	10:00 am-12:00 pm	Friends Village Open House	Paxson Campus	
Jul 12-16	<u>Transformation Stories: Altering Books and Awakening the New You</u> Pendle Hill		Pendle Hill	
Jul 19	6:30–8:00 pm	One Book One Bucks: Disability Visibility	Sponsored by The Peace Center	
Jul 23	1:30-3:30 pm	The Lenape People in Pennsylvania	Plumstead Friends Meeting	
Jul 25	7:00–8:00 pm	Worship Sharing with Quaker Earthcare Witness	A virtual event	
Jul 26 & 27		Spiritual Formation Retreat	Pre-Annual Sessions	
Jul 26-30		PYM Annual Sessions	Virtual and in person at TCNJ	
Jul 28-Aug 4		Quaker Pilgrimage to England 2023	Friends Council on Education	
Jul 29	1:00–1:45 pm	Semi-Programmed Worship Series	Starts at Annual Sessions	
Jul 31	11:00 am–12:15 pm	Senior Planet Computer Essentials	Friends Village Styer Campus	
		ONGOING EVENTS		
July 1	9:30 am-3:00 pm	PYM Extended Worship	Virtual Only	
Every Sunday	4:00-5:00 pm	Southampton Meeting Vigil for Justice	Southampton Friends Meeting	
		LOOKING AHEAD		
Aug 7-11		Aiming for Freedom: Race, Reparations, and Right Paths	Pendle Hill	
Aug 12	7:30–9:30 pm	Movies Under the Stars	Yardley Friends Meeting	
Aug 20	9:30 am-3:30 pm	August Quarterly Meeting	Plumstead Friends Meeting	
Sep 9	Yardley Friends Flea Market Yardley Friends Meeting		Yardley Friends Meeting	
Sept 30	10:30 am-4:00 pm	Peace Fair of Bucks Quarterly Meeting	Buckingham Friends Meeting	
Oct 1		World Quaker Day	Sponsored by FWCC	



The Clothing Drive for Mercer Street Friends Community Schools was a smashing success! Eleven of the fourteen meetings in our Quarter participated, donating dozens and dozens of bags of clothing ranging from socks and underwear, to shirts, pants, jackets and even belts and shoes. Look for a Story of Vitality and my interview with Bernadette Trapp, Director of Community Schools, later this summer.

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Lehigh Valley Friends Meeting



Gardening as Spiritual Practice

June 25th: Join Lehigh Valley Friends for their monthly Adult Religious Education program via Zoom. This month's program features two presenters on "Gardening As Spiritual Practice."

Anton Shannon, Assistant Manager/Farmer with The Monocacy Farm Project, will speak about the mission and work of The Monocacy Farm Project, as well as reflect on the spiritual aspects of food production and land stewardship. The Monocacy Farm Project is a non-profit educational initiative of the School Sisters of Francis in Bethlehem PA, who are committed to feeding the hungry, caring for the earth, and growing healthy communities.

Pamela Boyce Simms, Buddhist-Quaker, focuses on food sovereignty and water access that extends from village grassroots work with local partners throughout the African Diaspora and with the Quaker-led Earthcare Coalition. She will speak about the medicinal herbs gardening project in which several Friends' meetings participate.

Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89624576256? pwd=VnZYbDVoU1QrOUQ5VkJGcHd5ckRmUT09.

Middletown Friends Meeting



Juneteenth Celebration

June 24th: Come celebrate Juneteenth on the grounds of Middletown Friends Meeting at 453 W Maple Avenue in Langhorne from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. There will be vendors and performances. Vendor space is still available; contact Ms. Brenda Cowan at 215-359-8616.

Yardley Friends Meeting



Movies Under the Stars

July 8th: Join Yardley Friends to watch the classic family movie *Finding Nemo* under the stars in their back yard. This event is free and open to the public. Bring your own chairs, blankets, snacks and beverages. We kindly request you pack out what you bring with you. The yard opens at 7:30 pm; movie starts at dusk. Come early and walk the new labyrinth. Questions? Contact Linda Jacobs Snyder at linda6stn@gmail.com.

Plumstead Friends Meeting



The Lenape People in Pennsylvania

July 23rd: Chief Adam Waterbear DePaul, will speak about the past and present of the Lenape people in Pennsylvania. Adam is Tribal Storykeeper and Director of Education for the

Bucks Quarter Meeting for Worship Schedule				
Bristol	4th Sunday 11:00 am	Indoor worship; no virtual. 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 9:30 am Wed 8:00 pm	Indoor hybrid; zoom link at lehighvalleyquakers.org		
Makefield	Sunday 10:00 am	Indoor worship		
Middletown	Sunday 10:00 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; no virtual		
Quakertown	Sunday 10:30 am	Indoor worship; no virtual		
Solebury	Sunday 10:00 am	Indoor worship; no virtual		
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: wrightstown.mm.clerk@gmail.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



Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania and is also a doctoral candidate at Temple University with research areas in Cultural and Mythological Studies. His talk will include precolonial life, relationships with William Penn, the era of Penn's sons and the Walking Purchase, the Lenape diaspora and where they are today, the Lenape who remained in their homeland and how they remained, and what the Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania is doing today to revitalize Lenape culture and continue their role as caretakers of the environment. Discussion and questions from the audience are invited. The event is free and open to the public and will be held at the Plumstead Meetinghouse at 4914A Point Pleasant Pike in Pipersville and is in-person only.

Fallsington Friends Meeting



Sharing Safety Concerns

On two Wednesday evenings in May, Friends at Fallsington Meeting were invited by Amy Duckett Wagner to join called Meetings for Worship over the Concern for Safety. Friends spoke out of the silence concerning their individual concerns for personal safety that opened into a discussion on steps other churches or meetings have taken to reinforce the safety of their members during these times of extreme violence. The meetings were deep and moving. Fallsington members encourage other meetings in Bucks Quarter to also set aside time to pray together for steps towards improving safety at the personal and community levels in hope that together we can find a way to reduce the violence and to show compassion and empathy to those experiencing fear for their safety and provide haven.

Pennsbury Manor



Brews & Bites

June 24th: Come tap into history and enjoy beer tastings, live music, and food while relaxing along the banks of the scenic Delaware River. This summertime celebration features local breweries from Bucks County and beyond, along with live music, food trucks, 17th century brewing demonstrations, and more. Cost ranges from \$20 for designated drivers to \$40 for attendees. Must be 18+ to attend this event; purchase tickets here.

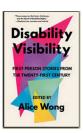
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The Peace Center



One Book One Bucks: Disability Visibility

July 19th: The Peace Center continues to build bridges to peace throughout Bucks County as they discuss the book *Disability Visibility: First Person Stories from the Twenty-First Century.*Special guest will be Reverend Jonathan Campbell and Rabbi Judith Targan Abrahamson. The zoom link will be sent upon registration; register here.



Friends Village



Open House

July 12th: Friends Village is holding an open house on the Styer campus, 331 Lower Dolington Road in Newtown, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Click here to RSVP.

Senior Planet

Beginning July 31st: Monday & Wednesdays - This 5-week 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. Though this course is best suited for people who have had some experience using the internet on any device, help can be provided for those with less experience. If you need help setting up a Gmail address, please call the Senior Planet hotline: 888-713-3495.

Pennswood Village



Art Gallery: Philip J. Carroll

Thru July 9th: The Pennwood Art Gallery presents an exhibition entitled *Still Life in Oils* featuring the paintings of artist Philip J. Carroll, who was a professional artist and is the former Curator of Exhibitions for the Perkins Center for the Arts in Moorestown and Collingswood, NJ from 2005 to 2020. He is a 1984 graduate of the Pennsylvania Academy of The Fine Arts in Philadelphia, PA and studied Art History at The University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. Carroll's exhibition features realistic still lifes. There is fun in the tension he creates in some, where he renders objects precariously balanced. Click here to visit his website.

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Bucks Quarter Peace Fair



Sept 30th: Mark your calendars for the 2023 Bucks Quarter Peace Fair which is scheduled for Saturday, September 30th from 10:30 am to 4:00 pm on the campus of Buckingham Friends Meeting and BFS. Volunteers are needed before, during and after the Peace Fair and it's not too early to sign up: click here. For more information, please e-mail peacefair.org@gmail.com or call Peter Ray, Peace Fair coordinator, at 215-794-2708. Never been to the Peace Fair? Click here to see a video of the fun you can have!

Bucks Quarter Stories of Vitality



Visit our website at www.quakersbucks.org and read the latest Stories of Vitality posted:

- Worshiping with Solebury Friends
- Newtown Meeting and the American Legion Morell Smith Post 440

PYM Sponsored Events



Arch Street Meeting House



Young Adult Beach Day

June 25th: Calling all young adults between the ages of 18 and 35. With the temperature steadily getting warmer and



the sun shining for longer each day, it's time we gathered for "meeting for business with attention to sunshine, sandcastles, and ocean water." At the rise of meeting on Sunday June 25th, young adults will head over to Atlantic City for a day at the beach! Grab your towels, umbrellas, sunscreen, and fill

your coolers with ice and food. <u>We'll meet at Caspian</u>
<u>Avenue Beach</u>, which is easily accessible via public transit.
Carpools will meet at Friends Center at noon. <u>Register here</u>.

Extended Worship

July 1st: 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.

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Spiritual Formation Retreat Wednesday & Thursday

The Spiritual Formation Collaborative (SFC) will host a grounding Annual Session online retreat. We will approach the Annual Sessions theme by exploring the parable of the Good Samaritan. Friend Tom Gates of Lancaster Meeting, will lead our discussion. Click the circle above to register.

Click here to find out more about the SFC.

Wednesday & Thursday - Virtual Only

Sessions open virtually on Wednesday evening with a Keynote by Tucker & Sameer Manchanda entitled "Loving Your Neighbor." There's an early start on Thursday with 7:30 am worship, followed by Bible study and lunch. In the afternoon there is worship sharing, and Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. In the evening there is a Quaker Jeopardy Game followed by evening worship.

Movie Night: Back to the Future

June 29th: Arch Street Meeting House will be hosting an outdoor screening of *Back to the Future* (1985) from 8 pm to 10 pm. Tickets are a suggested donation of \$10 per attendee and include admission to the museum. Feel free to bring snacks, BYOB, and have fun! Register here.

Wawa Welcome America Festival

July 1st: Arch Street Meeting house, along with Philadelphia's most notable museums, cultural institutions, and attractions will open their doors free of charge, or, for an optional pay-what-you-wish donation, throughout the entire Wawa Welcome America Festival.

A Walking Tour of Old City

July 8th: The tour begins with a brief exploration of the historic burial grounds at ASMH before continuing on a walking tour of important Quaker sites throughout the neighborhood. The tour continues to the Betsy Ross House and on to Welcome Park, the site of William Penn's first residence in Philadelphia. After snaking their way through Independence National Historical Park, the group will stop at various other sites with a Quaker twist. Register here.

Youth Programs - Friday to Sunday at TCNJ

Bring the whole family! Programs for young people entering K-12 in Fall 2023, and child care for the littlest Friends, are available onsite so that families with children and youth can attend together. Our dorm spaces become a "Family Neighborhood" for parents, caregivers, and younger

Friends to support each other in community.

PYM Youth Programs staff will facilitate structured programs for the Children K-5, Middle School, and High School groups, and there will also be time to play and rest.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday - Hybrid

Friday morning begins with virtual worship and Bible study. Those who register to stay at TCNJ can begin arriving at 9 am and join Friends for lunch at noon. Business will follow in the afternoon, with keynote speaker Jeanne Elberfeld in the evening, followed by Movie Night. Saturday schedule is similar, with a Quaker Witness Mixer in the afternoon before dinner. There will be a barbecue and line dancing! Sunday there is All Together Worship at 8:30 am, one final meeting for business, and a closing program before Friends return to their homes.

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Pendle Hill



Transformation Stories: Altering Books and Awakening the New You

July 12–16th: A retreat in the Pendle Hill Art Studio with Jesse White. In this program, as we alter a book's physical structure and narrative, we will contemplatively and creatively consider our life journeys, our next steps, and our spiritual leadings. Transformation Stories offers opportunities to draw, paint, collage, craft pop-ups and other architectural techniques, journal, and explore creativity in community. Cost is \$525 to \$895 and financial assistance is available. Register here.

Quaker Earthcare Witness



July Worship Sharing

July 25th: Quaker Earthcare Witness hosts monthly online worship sharing groups. In worship sharing, we gather in small groups to focus on a particular query to explore our own experience and share with each other more deeply than we would in normal conversation. It seeks to draw us into sacred space, where we can take down our usual defenses, and encounter each other in "that which is eternal." We welcome all to join us! Together we are creating more opportunities for Friends who care deeply about the Earth and each other to be in spiritual community with one another. We hope you can join us. Register here.

Friends Journal



The June/July issue of <u>Friends Journal</u> focuses on Leadership. Articles on the topic include:

- Three Common Fallacies of Quaker Leadership
- Learning to Follow
- Circle Thinking

You can also enjoy their new podcast, <u>Quakers Today.</u> This podcast features writers, musicians, and thinkers who are seeking wisdom and understanding in a rapidly changing

world. They do not pretend to have all the answers. Instead this is a place where you can hear people speak from the heart, grapple with faith, and share the insights they have found along the way. It is also a place where you will have the opportunity to share your own insights, reflections, and questions. Hosted by Peterson Toscano. Season One of *Quakers Today* is

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Summer Reading

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- Religious Education
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Resources for Quaker Meetings

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Emily Provance - Turning, Turning

Emily has compiled downloadable resources for local meetings or other faith groups to use together:

Being the Church is a set of articles on the future of faith communities post-pandemic. It includes in-person, hybrid, and online communities in considering a wide variety of aspects of faith community life.

<u>The Six Steps of the Seeker</u> looks at the various aspects of outreach from the perspective of the seeker rather than the meeting.

<u>Multiage Inclusion</u> offers cultural shifts for meetings that are working to become more accessible to people from all generations.

Quaker Pilgrimage to England 2023



Friends Council on Education

The next Quaker Pilgrimage to England will take place July 28 - August 4, 2023. Quaker Pilgrims and trip leaders, Irene McHenry (Chestnut Hill Meeting, PA) and Deborra Sines Pancoe (Abington Meeting, PA), will explore the roots of the Religious Society of Friends in England's "1652 Country" with the help of guides from Britain Yearly Meeting.

There are still a few slots open. The cost for the Pilgrimage is \$2,000 per person not including airfare. If interested, contact Deborra Sines Pancoe at deborra@friendscouncil.org.

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