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



June 2021

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| JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS | | | | | |
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| Jun 1–Jun 30 | | Runway to Annual Sessions | See article on page 2 for details | | |
| Jun 5 | 9:30 am-3:00 pm | Virtual Extended Worship | See article on page 3 for details | | |
| Jun 5 | 11:00 am-12:00 pm | Facilitating Group Learning: Strategies for Success with Adult Learners | Virtual event facilitated by George Lakey | | |
| Jun 9 | 6:30–8:00 pm | Pendle Hill Reading Group | God's Invitation to Creative Play (#468) | | |
| Jun 12 June 19 | 10:00–11:30 am | Conscientious Objector Training | Sponsored by Haverford Quarter | | |
| Jun 11 Jun 13 | 7:00–8:45 pm 7:00–8:00 pm | We are the Radical Monarchs: Multigenerational Film Viewing and Discussion | Youth Programs during Runway to Annual Sessions | | |
| Jun 12 | 1:00–3:00 pm | Penn Treaty Elm Dedication | Makefield Friends Meeting | | |
| Jun 17 | 5:00–7:00 pm | Mercer Street Friends 2021 Leadership Awards Ceremony | A virtual and in-person event | | |
| Jun 27–Jul 3 | | FGC 2021 Gathering | Way Will Open - A Virtual Gathering | | |
| Jun 27 | 8:00–8:30 pm | Youth Led Meeting for Worship | Hosted by PYM Youth Program Staff | | |
| LOOKING AHEAD | | | | | |
| Jul 27-Aug 1 | | PYM 341st VIRTUAL Annual Sessions | Uproot Justice and Root Justice | | |
| Aug 15 | 9:45 am-3:30 pm | Bucks Quarter August Quarterly Meeting | Under the care of Wrightstown Meeting | | |
| Sept 18 | 10:00 am-4:00 pm | Peace Fair of Bucks Quarterly Meeting | On the grounds of Buckingham Friends | | |

| Bucks Quarter Worship Schedule | | | | |
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| Bristol | 4th Sunday 10:00 am | Outdoor worship; masks required | Email pws@seas.upenn.edu for information | |
| Buckingham | Sunday 10:30 am | Virtual worship; outdoor weather permitting | Email buckinghamfriends@gmail.com | |
| Doylestown | Sunday 10:00 am | Virtual worship | Email doylestownfriends@gmail.com | |
| Fallsington | Sunday 11:00 am | Virtual worship | Go to fallsingtonmeeting.org | |
| Lehigh Valley | Sunday 9:30 am Wed 8:00 pm | Outdoor worship with Zoom option Wednesday virtual only | Go to lehighvalleyquakers.org | |
| Makefield | Sunday 10:00 am | Indoor worship with Zoom option | Email jerry.taylor35@verizon.net | |
| Middletown | Sunday 11:00 am | Virtual worship | Email robin.hipple@gmail.com | |
| Newtown | Sunday 10:00 am | Virtual worship | Go to newtownfriendsmeeting.org | |
| Plumstead | Sunday 9:30 am | Indoor worship | Worship outdoors (weather permitting) | |
| Quakertown | Sunday 10:30 am | Indoor worship | Mask required | |
| Solebury | Sunday 10:00 am | Limited indoor worship with Zoom option | Go to soleburyfriendsmeeting.org | |
| Southampton | Sunday 10:00 am Tuesday 7:30 pm | Indoor worship with Zoom option Tuesday virtual only | Email John Magee jmm9724@gmail.com Masks required | |
| Wrightstown | Sunday 10:00 am | Outdoor worship with Zoom option | Call Betsy Bayardi at 215-598-0248 | |
| Yardley | Sunday 10:00 am | Outdoor worship with Zoom option | Email info@yardleyfriendsmeeting.org | |
| Pendle Hill | 8:30-9:10 am | Worship in the Barn | Daily virtual worship | |

Didn't get a chance to attend May Quarterly Meeting? No worries! You can access all of the reports presented at Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business on our website! Click here.



Spotlight on

PYM Runway to Annual Sessions

Last year's Runway to Annual Sessions was a huge success, so this year's has been expanded! Workshops are scheduled for two months leading up to virtual Annual Sessions at the end of July, giving Friends a greater opportunity to gather and connect across the yearly meeting. Changes and updates may be made along the way, so bookmark this page https://www.pym.org/annual-sessions/ and visit it often. Better yet, sign up for the weekly News & Events newsletter and get the information sent directly to your inbox!

June Runway Schedule

Tuesday, June 1 6:00-8:00 pm

Building a Sustainable Future: How Friends Take Action: Facilitated by PYM Eco-Justice Collaborative, this workshop will help friends find their role in speaking truth to power about the climate crisis and structural racism. Participants will also learn advocacy skills that can be applied at all levels of government. Register here.

Thursday, June 3 6:00-8:00 pm

Community Safety Beyond Policing: Facilitated by Lucy Duncan, AFSC, this workshop explores how we can create safe, healthy communities without law enforcement. Register here.

Tuesday, June 8 6:00-8:00 pm

Faith, Hope, and the Witness Within: How can we find the inner strength and resources we need to respond to the calling of the prophet Micah to "act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God." Facilitated by Chris Stern and Middletown Friends Meeting. Register here.

Thursday, June 10 6:00-8:00 pm

Using Your Power: Changemaking and the Future of Quakerism: This is a workshop for changemakers and people who feel led to support the future of the Society of Friends. Discussion will focus on what has worked, and building a strategy to create change. Register here.

Tuesday, June 17 6:00-8:00 pm

Wrestling with Israel – Palestine: Equality, Rights, Justice, and the Future: facilitated by the Middle East Collaborative, this workshop will show a short film to focus on one aspect of the issue with discussion to follow. Register here.

Tuesday, June 24 6:00-8:00 pm

Uncovering What Covers Us: Our Clothing: this workshop will explore how the clothing industry puts profit above all and how consumers indulge in an abundance of cheap clothes while being oblivious to the tremendous cost to those who make them and the environment. As individuals and as a group, we will explore ways to replace it with what is just. Register here.



PYM Youth Programs We are the Radical Monarchs: Multigenerational Film Viewing and Discussion: an all-ages opportunity for joy and learning, hosted by Youth Staff.

The film chronicles the Oakland-based social justice scout troop which centers

and affirms the experiences of BIPOC girls. In a subsequent session, participants will explore the themes of the film. The film will be shown virtually on June 11th from 7–8:45 pm, and the discussion will take place on June 13th from 7–8 pm. Register for both events here.

FCNL News

Diane Randall Stepping Down as General Secretary

Diane Randall, the first woman to head Friends Committee on National Legislation, is leaving her position at the end of 2021. Diane has led the organization

for 10 years with the vision to "...be bold, strategic, and relentless in our advocacy." In the coming months, the Executive Committee will engage a consultant to help develop a profile of the position, and then a Search

Committee will be nominated to hopefully bring forward a candidate for approval during the 2021 Annual Meeting in November. Thank you, Diane, for your wisdom and guidance throughout the last 10 years.



In Memoriam

Newtown Friends suffered the loss of Elzada James Lukens.



Please hold family and Friends in the Light

Makefield Meeting

Penn Treaty Elm Dedication

On Saturday, June 12, Makefield Friends Meeting is celebrating the dedication of their Penn Treaty Elm tree from Haverford College's arboretum.

The hundred-year-old ash tree in the circle by the meetinghouse was in poor shape and was taken down last fall. Since 1915, Haverford College has had a descendant of the Treaty Elm, the tree under which William Penn made a pact of unity with the Lenni Lenape Nation in 1682. The 4-year-old sapling they donated to Makefield Meeting is a 4th generation scion of their tree, and they are delighted to give it pride of place on the historic property.

Please join them between 1:00 and 3:00 on June 12th for refreshments and tours of the meetinghouse and graveyard. The dedication will be at 2:00 pm.

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Mercer Street Friends On June 17th Mercer Street Friends will hold a unique hybrid 2021 Leadership Awards ceremony, which will take place both live at and live-streamed from the MSF Food Bank at 824 Sylvia Street in Ewing Township, NJ.

Those who wish to attend the event in person can register as a Benefactor. To attend virtually, you can register as a Patron and you will have unlimited access to the livestream broadcast with your name scrolled in the credits of the video production. As always,

contributions of any size are always welcome. More information about honorees can be found here.

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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, June 5th. To join the Zoom Meeting:

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

Meeting ID: 837 6133 9634. Passcode: 077432

COVID-19 Vaccine Update Bucks County is now offering the Pfizer vaccine to everyone age 12 and over. You can schedule an appointment at www.trackmyvaccine.com/register, and walk-ins are available at all locations.

If you have transportation issues, Bucks County Transport will provide round trip transportation for Bucks County residents to vaccination appointments Monday–Friday from 6 am to 6 pm. Call 888-795-0740 at least two days in advance of your appointment.



Riders aged 65 and over will be required to register for Bucks County Transport's Shared Ride Program to receive a free ride. Applications can be found on Bucks County Transports' website, or by calling 888-795-0470. Applications must be received within 30 days of your reservation.

If you are unable to leave your home, and would like an in home vaccination, please call the Bucks County Department of Health at 215-345-3318, and you can arrange to have a healthcare professional come directly to your home.

Pendle Hill News **Summer Sojourning Opportunities:** While
Pendle Hill's campus is
not yet fully open, they are
offering a limited number
of spaces for overnight



sojourns between June 14 and August 25, 2021. Amenities include private rooms and bath, delicious and healthy meals, and opportunities to walk their beautiful 24-acre grounds, which include a mile-long woodchip trail, ponds and an in-ground labyrinth. More information and registration information can be found here.

FGC 2021 Gathering There is still time to register for the 2021 FGC Gathering, which will be held virtually from June 27 to July 3. Choose how much of the Gathering you want to attend. While many Friends register for the whole Gathering,

some might be interested in only attending certain events, such as evening programs or workshops. The fees for each event package are on a Pay as Led sliding scale. Register here.

Bucks Quarter Outreach Grants At our May 16th Quarterly Meeting for Business, the Bucks Quarter Outreach Committee proposed offering each monthly meeting an annual grant of \$500 for the purpose of outreach. This proposal was approved, and these funds

will be available to all BQ meetings beginning at the start of our next fiscal year July 1.

This grant may be applied for any time during the 2021-22 fiscal year; applications should be submitted to the Coordinator either through our website (page is under construction) or by email to quakersbucks@gmail.com. Application forms will be sent to all monthly meeting clerks.

The application should be submitted either via the clerk of the meeting, or from a committee responsible for outreach who have discerned a project that they would like to institute with the grant money. Applications will be reviewed in a timely manner by the Outreach Committee.

If a meeting's outreach project is more ambitious than the \$500 offered by the Quarter, they might also consider applying for a grant through PYM's Membership Development Granting Group, which also supports monthly meetings in their outreach efforts. Maximum grant size is \$1000; more information about how to apply can be found on the granting groups webpage.

Workshops of Interest

Conscientious Objector Training

Haverford Quarter's Committee for Conscientious Objection Training is hosting training sessions for interested 18-26 year-olds. Participants will learn how to meet the important documentation

requirements associated with Conscientious Objector status. An independent agency of the United States government, the Selective Service System (SSS), maintains information on 18-26 year-olds males who could be subject to military conscription should our government opt to enact a draft. When a person documented as male turns 18, he must register with the SSS. For those who wish to be conscientious objectors the proof of non-violent beliefs starts much earlier.

The first training training session will be held on June 12th, with a second session on June 19th on how to advise and assist individuals wishing to become conscientious objectors. If you are interested, contact Winnie Shaw Hope at whope2@verizon.net.

Bucks Quarter Peace Fair

Mark Your Calendars!

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.

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"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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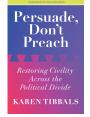
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Buckingham Friends Meeting

is looking for a volunteer or paid Wanted summer grounds care helper teenager, retiree, or anyone in between 6-10 hours per week flexible schedule, start anytime. Contact Peter Ray, 215-794-2708

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.

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