# Quakerphernalia

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



June 2022

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JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
May 25	7:00–8:00 pm	A Virtual Conversation with Sheila Sorkin	PYM Aging Support Coordinator
May 27-29		Young Adult Friends Spring Retreat	A PYM sponsored hybrid event
Jun 1	6:30–8:00 pm	One Book - One Bucks	Sponsored by the Peace Center
Jun 1		Travel and Witness Grant application deadline	email mmeulman@pym.org for info
Jun 1		Claiming our Collective Power: Social Witness Among Friends	An online collaboration between Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre & Pendle Hill
Jun 2	9:00 am-6:00 pm	Virtual PA Climate Action Lobby Day	Sponsored by Penn Environment
Jun 4	9:30 am-3:00 pm	Hybrid Extended Worship	Chester Friends Meeting
Jun 5	5:00–7:00 pm	Fair Hill Spring Renewal Celebration	Arch Street Meetinghouse
Jun 6	7:30 –9:00 pm	Pendle Hill First Monday Lecture	Illuminating our Paths to Abolition
Jun 11	Begins at dusk	Yardley Friends Movie Nights	Showing Encanto
Jun 14	5:00–7:00 pm	Mercer Street Friends Leadership Event	MSF Food Bank; Ewing, NJ
Jun 14	7:00 am-8:30 pm	First Contact Reconciliation Gathering	Sponsored by PYM First Contact Reconciliation Collaborative
Jun 15		FV LeadingAge PA Internship application deadline	See story on page 3
Jun 20	2:00–4:00 pm	Rising Up for Reparations: A Multi-Faith Juneteenth Revival	Friends Center, Philadelphia PA
Jun 22	6:30–8:00 pm	Pendle Hill Reading Group	Navigating the Living Waters of the Gospel of John
Jun 25	11:30 am-3:00 pm	Buckingham Friends 300th Birthday	Buckingham Friends Meeting
Jun 25	10:00 am-4:00 pm	PYM Workshop Saturday	Part of PYM Annual Sessions
ONGOING EVENTS			
Every Sunday	4:00–5:00 pm	Southampton Meeting Vigil for Justice	Southampton Friends Meeting
6/3 & 6/17	5:00–6:00 pm	Newtown Meeting Black Lives Matter Silent Vigil	State Street, Newtown PA
LOOKING AHEAD			
July 3–9		FGC Gathering 2022	A virtual event
Jul 26-31		PYM Annual Sessions	Mark your Calendar!
Aug 21	9:45 am-3:30 pm	Bucks Quarterly Meeting	Fallsington Friends Meeting

#### Help Buckingham Friends Celebrate 300 years!

Walk the grounds

Pick up a picnic

Proceeds from lunch donations benefit The Bucks Opportunity Council, and the Meetinghouse Major Repair Fund

You may also consider supporting the meeting through a direct donation. Mail checks to BFM PO Box 767 Lahaska PA 18920 or make on on-line donation at <a href="www.pym.org">www.pym.org</a>.

This event is rain or shine; CDC Guidelines will be followed.

#### Friends for 300 Years

Join the Celebration on June 25, 2022 11:30AM - 3:00PM

Buckingham Friends Meeting 5684 York Rd. Lahaska, PA 18931





#### **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!

Our current offering is Carol Ann Gray's presentation Bucks County Quakers During the American Revolution, but we are planning more. If you have any suggestions, please reach out to me at <a href="mailto:quakersbucks@gmail.com">quakersbucks@gmail.com</a>, and

Subscribe!

**Bucks Quarter Meeting for Worship Schedule** Bristol 4th Sunday Indoor worship; Email for 10:00 am information: <a href="mailto:pws@seas.upenn.edu">pws@seas.upenn.edu</a> Buckingham Sunday Indoor hybrid; email for zoom link: 10:30 am buckinghamfriends@gmail.com Doylestown Sunday Indoor hybrid; for zoom link go to 10:00 am doylestownquakers.org Fallsington Sunday Indoor hybrid; go to 11:00 am fallsingtonmeeting.org Lehigh Sunday Indoor hybrid; zoom link at Valley 9:30 am lehighvalleyquakers.org Wed 8:00 pm Makefield Sunday Indoor worship 10:00 am Middletown Indoor hybrid; email for zoom link: Sunday 11:00 am robin.hipple@gmail.com Wed Wednesday worship in person only 7:00 pm Indoor hybrid; for zoom link go to Newtown Sunday 11:00 am newtownfriendsmeeting.org Plumstead Sunday Indoor worship 9:30 am Quakertown Sunday Indoor worship 10:30 am Solebury Sunday Indoor worship 10:00 am Sunday Indoor hybrid; email for zoom link: Southampton 10:00 am jmm9724@gmail.com Tuesday 7:30 pm Wrightstown Sunday Indoor hybrid; email for zoom link 10:00 am daugen13@hotmail.com Indoor hybrid; email for zoom link: Yardley Sunday 10:00 am info@yardleyfriendsmeeting.org

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

Plumstead Meeting Friends who were unable to attend Carol

Ann Gray's presentation of Bucks County Quakers During the American Revolution

will be happy to know that it is available on YouTube: <u>click here to view</u>.

Also, her book, *Finding Our Foundation:* A History of Plumstead Meeting, is due to be released on June 10, but it can be preordered through Amazon books: <u>click here to preorder</u>.



Yardley Meeting



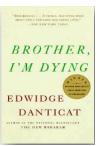
The Peace Center

#### One Book - One Bucks

- Jun 1st 6:30-8:00 pm: Join The Peace Center as they continue to build bridges to peace

throughout Bucks County by discussing *Brother*, *I'm Dying*, by

Edwidge Danticat. The book is an autobiographical narrative that begins in the country of Haiti and eventually ends in the United States; the author will be their special guest. Registration is required: click here to register.



#### **Meeting Milestones**

**Solebury Friends** suffered the loss of Mark Wisse, son of members Stu and Pat Wisse

Lehigh Valley Friends welcomed Lynn Van Dyke into membership on May 8th!



LeadingAge PA Internship: This is an internship that offers an undergraduate student the opportunity to gain knowledge, experience, and an introduction to careers working with older adults.

Students must be enrolled in an academic institution in an undergraduate degree program relating to older adult wellness and care. They are required to complete a full 1year internship and will be provided with a \$3000 stipend at the completion of the fall & spring semesters.

#### Click here for a full description.

Applications are due no later than June 15th. Please direct questions and email your application to: Laura Hornyak, Community Wellness & Engagement Coordinator at lhornyak@fhvpa.org.

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.

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.

New Website! The Friends Village website has a new address and has been upgraded - come browse at www.friends-village.org.

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#### What's New on the BQ Website www.quakersbucks.org

Have you visited your Bucks Quarter website? If not, you definitely should. You can find:

Stories of Vitality:

- Arla Patch and the Art of Healing
- Yardley Friends Step Outside for Spiritual Growth and Gardening
- Remembering Ingeborg Snipes
- <u>Ukraine/Quaker Op-Ed: War is not the Answer</u>

**Quarterly Meeting documents** 

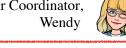
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If you haven't visited in a while, please click the links above; let me know what you think. Drop me an email at quakersbucks@gmail.com.

Your Coordinator,



Bucks **Ouarter 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.



#### Around the Yearly Meeting

PYM Extended Worship

**June Extended Worship: June 4th –** This month the group will have a hybrid meeting on Zoom and in person at Chester Friends Meeting. 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 bring-your-own 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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Young Adult Friends

YAF Spring Retreat – May 27th to May 29th. Young Adult Friend (YAF) retreats are open to Quakers and Seekers ages 18-35ish and provide opportunities to connect with peers and explore shared

interests. YAF gatherings include worship sharing, workshops, games, and fellowship.

The Friday bowling event is filled, so begin the weekend on Saturday at 11 am at Green Street Meeting for business meeting and a BBQ cookout, fellowship, and games. On Sunday there will be meeting for worship with Green Street Meeting. Join in person or via Zoom. Click here to register.

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**PYM Events**  Meet Sheila Sorkin: Join Friends on Wednesday May 25th at 7 pm for a virtual visit with Sheila Sorkin, PYM's new Aging Support Coordinator.

Sheila has begun to reach out to Quarterly Meetings and Quaker communities to identify the needs of the aged throughout PYM. Through gathering this information and hearing from Friends, programs will be created over time while providing support to Meetings' Aging initiatives. Individuals and organizations submitting applications to AAGG (Aging Assistance Granting Group) and Greenleaf Granting Group will be offered support throughout their application process. Hearing from Friends what their ideas and priorities are will be very welcome. Click here to register.

Looking Ahead to 342nd PYM Annual Sessions: will include both in person and virtual events, including:

- Quaker Fun Day
- Affinity Groups
- Workshop Saturday
- Spiritual Formation Retreat
- Keynote Speakers
- Meeting for Business



More information and registration information to follow soon!

Anti-Racism Collaborative

The Antiracism Collaborative (ARC) continues to live into its possibilities. A part of each meeting we hold monthly is devoted to visioning, during which members throw out ideas of where to

head next on our journey to helping meetings walk the antiracism path. Some admittedly are a little wild and crazy and get put on the shelf for future discernment, but sometimes a vision resonates with others, and we work on it to birth it into existence.

That's what happened with a vision last month. We were looking at two of our goals: #3) Visit meetings to invite others to join us in learning and doing anti-racism work; and #4) Provide or assist meetings with classes, programs, and workshops on anti-racism. We figured monthly meetings weren't all back to in-person meetings and weren't feeling the whole visiting idea yet. But we all have a Quarterly Meeting assigned to us that we go to and let them know what we're up to from another one of our goals.

The ARC has confidence in what monthly meetings are doing and would like to be of support. Green Street Meeting gave a presentation about reparations not only of money but also about relationships. Many meetings are holding regular vigils. We plan to train people in Deep Listening to teach and lead Trust, Truth, and Transformation circles at various levels in Monthly and Quarterly Meetings as well as Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. We welcome input.

The collaborative regularly collects ideas and resources – and we have seen in the survey that meetings are doing important things. As part of offering resources to get people thinking (one on reparations is being worked on), why not also gather stories – what Meetings are doing – and share on the website for others to take that they want or need?

So, as we announced at Quarterly Meetings, send us your stories about your Monthly Meeting's antiracism path so other Meetings can learn from you. We're on this path together and sharing is caring. Send your story to Wanda at <a href="https://www.wwyffels@gmail.com">wwyffels@gmail.com</a> or call her at 267-918-3671 to tell her about your experience and she can interview you and write it up.

PYM Youth Programs

Schedule a Visit with Youth Program
Staff: In 2022, Youth Programs staff will
focus on outreach and visitation with local
and Quarterly meetings. They'll be
traveling to you to attend worship, share
fellowship, and spread the word about the

Yearly Meeting's programs for children, youth, and families, and the spaces they create to connect with other young Friends.

Youth Programs staff have planned and facilitated the children/youth programs at local meeting and Quarterly meeting retreats and hope to do more to support Friends in community and re-gather our wider PYM youth community. Click here to request a visit or program.

Mercer Street Friends **2022 Leadership Awards Celebration:** join the MSF Team on June 14th from 5-7 pm at the MSF Food Bank, to honor a group of leaders that have helped them honor their mission of "nourishing minds and bodies;

empowering families and communities." Tickets are \$100; click here to purchase. Among the honorees are Barbara and David Fraser who will accept the Robert Appelbaum Service Award.

Friends General Conference Virtual Worship for White Friends Confronting Racism: FGC's Ministry on Racism is offering an additional worship sharing opportunity for white Friends confronting racism. Beginning June 2nd, they will be adding a Thursday evening

opportunity for worship sharing in addition to their weekly Friday afternoon worship sharing, which they have held since 2020.

The Friday afternoon session is held via Zoom at noon; the new Thursday evening session is at 8 pm.

They are in the care of a rotating team of cofacilitators. All attendees agree to treat each other with respect.

Registration is required; to sign up to attend <u>please click this link</u>.

Friends are also invited to gather worship around queries based on Tema
Okun's <u>Characteristics of White Supremacy Culture</u>. For more information contact
<u>ministryonracismassistant@fgcquaker.org</u>.

**2022 FGC Gathering:** The 2022 FGC Gathering will be held online! The Gathering offers a wide variety of programs and events throughout the week, including online Workshops, Evening Programs, Bible Half Hour and more! View the Virtual Gathering schedule here.

YAY, an in-person Young Adult and Youth event for families, children, teens, and young adults (ages 0 – 37) will take place in Radford, VA from July 6-10, 2022. <u>Learn more about YAY here</u>. Registration will open in late May.

Pendle Hill Programs **First Monday Lecture – Illuminating Our Paths to Abolition;** Jun 6, 7:30-9:30 pm. Presented by Lewis Webb, Jr. who serves as Healing Justice Program Director in AFSC's New York Office and National Coordinator of AFSC Healing Justice

Network. The Thirteenth Amendment's abolition of slavery included an exception for those convicted of a crime. Informed by the impacts of this exception clause, we will examine the morphing of slavery into the carceral state; identify abolition entry points along the punishment paradigm; consider abolition strategies and, as led, take our next steps towards a society that honors the light in all and is committed to true community wellbeing. Register here.

Pendle Hill's June Reading Group – Jun 22nd, 6:30–8:00 pm: Navigating the Living Waters of the Gospel of John: On Wading with Children and Swimming with Elephants (PHP #352). Click here to register; to purchase a copy of the pamphlet click here.

<u>Click here</u> to see the many wonderful offerings at Pendle Hill this month.

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Historic Fair Hill **Spring Renewal Celebration** – Sunday, June 5th, 5-7 pm: The Historic Fair Hill Board of Trustees invites you to join them for hors d'oeuvres, drinks and good company at their Spring Renewal

Celebration at Arch Street Meetinghouse. Tickets are \$50 per person and proceeds will go to benefit the HFH Schools and Garden Program. Keynote speaker will be Nichole Juday Rhoads and Jean Warrington is this year's honoree. Click here to purchase tickets.

### PYM Workshop Saturday - June 25th

### What is Workshop Saturday?

"Workshop Saturday" promises to be a day of connection, learning, and meaningful conversations. Five workshops are offered that live into our Sessions theme. These are opportunities to gather and listen deeply together while living into our witness as Friends. Below is a short description of the workshops available; for more complete descriptions go to <a href="https://www.pym.org/event/workshop-saturday/">https://www.pym.org/event/workshop-saturday/</a>.

## Co-Regulating and Building Relationships Toward Equity and Justice

Time: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm (with break for lunch)

Presenter: .O, Central Philadelphia Meeting

Dana Reinhold, Central Philadelphia Meeting

This workshop will examine some of the impacts of centuries of trauma and oppression. The ability to listen deeply and receive feedback with a grounded heart and a receptive mind in the face of emotional overwhelm are skills we all need. Embodying our faith tradition, we will practice deep listening to the spirit that dwells within each of us, between us and around us.

### Growing Our Meetings: Two Models and The Resources We Need

Time: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm (with break for lunch)

Presenters: Linda Lotz, South Jersey Quakers

Irene Oleksiw, Downingtown Meeting

AM Program: Over the past two years, Barnegat and Cropwell revitalized their Meetings through strategic outreach and membership development activities, with the help of staff with the SouthJerseyQuakers (SJQ) project sponsored by Burlington, Haddonfield and Salem Quarters. Members of Barnegat and Cropwell Meetings and the SJQ team will describe activities that can be adapted by other Meetings and Quarters. Friends from other meetings will be invited to share their experiences as well

PM Program: How can we grow? What do meetings need to do a better job at outreach and new attender integration? What existing PYM resources could be leveraged? What new resources and staffing support is needed? We'll use this time to collectively frame out what would make a difference for your meeting, organizing the conversation around these topics: Why church; Becoming a better Quaker; Public presence; Greeting and integrating; and Investments.

#### **Experiment With Light: A Gift from Early Quakers**

Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Presenters: Amy Duckett Wagner, Fallsington Meeting

Paulette Meier, Community Friends Meeting

Early Friends practiced letting the Light of God work in their lives for decision-making, healing, listening to spiritual leadings and guidance about their service. British historian and theologian Rex Ambler did extensive research and developed Experiment With Light scripts that groups of Friends have used around the world since 1996. A few versions of these creative visualizations will be shared. Join us and experience this powerful yet simple contemplative practice that is as relevant today as it was when early Quakers learned it in the 17th century.

#### **Climate Change: Hope Through Action**

Time: 11:00 am - 2:30 pm (with break for lunch)

Presenters: Eco Justice Collaborative

Many Friends in the Yearly Meeting feel led to address climate change as a faith issue and the moral crisis of our time. Some feel overwhelmed or anxious, wondering what they could possibly do to make a difference. Some seek to build connections with other Friends to make their climate change work more effective. This workshop will allow Friends to find out what other individuals and Monthly Meetings are already doing to explore possible climate change projects for their Meetings.

#### The Power of Enough: Kinship with All Life

Time: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm (with break for lunch)

Presenter: Jacqueline Stillwell, Right Sharing of World Resources, Monadnock MM (NEYM)

How are my relationships and my use of time, energy, and "things" in right balance to contribute to right order in our world, and to free me to do God's work? We will explore queries to discover our power of enough. <a href="https://www.rswr.org">www.rswr.org</a>.

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**Swarthmore Friends Nursery School: School Director** 

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**Moorestown Friends Meeting: Office Manager** Haddonfield Quarter: Quarter Coordinator

Western Quarter: Youth Activities and Education

Coordinator

#### **Update Your Contact information!**

Have you moved recently? Changed your email address? Started using you cell phone as your primary number? The yearly meeting wants to know! Go to www.pym.org/yourinfo and update your contact information. And while you're at it, send it to <u>quakersbucks@gmail.com</u> so the Coordinator will have the update as well.

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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

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