



Quakerphernalia

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

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MARCH 2020

Feb 29	7 to 9:30 pm	Songs of Hope & Courage: an EQAT Benefit Concert	Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting
Feb 29	7:30 pm	Film: An Endless War? Getting out of Afghanistan	Abington Friends Meeting
Mar 1	11:30 am	Film Screening: We Begin to Sing	Solebury Friends Meeting
Mar 7	9 am to 3 pm	Extended Meeting for Worship	Swarthmore Friends Meeting
Mar 7	9 am to 3:30 pm	PYM Thread Gathering: Trauma and Healing	Lancaster Friends Meeting
Mar 10	3 to 4 pm	Downsizing Seminar	Friends Village
Mar 10	9:30 to 11 am	Open House	The Quaker School at Horsham
Mar 11	11:30 am to 1:30 pm	Open House	Friends Village
Mar 12	7 to 9 pm	<i>Truth in our Times</i> book discussion and signing	Yardley Friends Meeting
Mar 13	7 to 8:30 pm	**NEW** Games Night	Friends Village
Mar 14	10:30 am to 1 pm	Dementia Speaker Series: Dementia Action Plan	Chandler Hall
Mar 15	12:45 to 2 pm	Aging Well Series	Newtown Friends Meeting
Mar 15, 22, 29	2 to 4:30 pm	Women's Centennial Committee Sunday Film Festival	Middletown Friends Meeting
Mar 19	6:30 to 9 PM	Transforming Criminal Justice in Our Lifetime	Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Trenton
Mar 21	10 am to 3 pm	Pathways to Ending Gun Violence: Legislative Solutions	Gwynedd Friends Meeting
Mar 27	7 to 11 pm	BFS Annual Auction	Buckingham Friends School
Mar 28	8:30 am to 4 pm	PYM Spring Continuing Sessions	Westtown School
LOOKING AHEAD to APRIL and beyond			
Apr 18	3 to 5:30 pm	Quaker Family Meet Up	Abington Friends Meeting
May 2-3		Spring Family Overnight	Camp Dark Waters
May 17	9 am to 3 pm	Quarterly Meeting	Plumstead Friends Meeting
Jun 28-Jul 4		FGC Gathering - Way Will Open	Radford University, Radford, VA
Jul 29-Aug 2		PYM Annual Sessions	The College of New Jersey

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Needs You

The Nominating Council of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting is charged with identifying Friends willing to serve the yearly meeting in a variety of ways. There are currently volunteer opportunities to serve in Leadership positions, on Councils, and at External Organizations.

Leadership: there is a need to fill the roles of Presiding Clerk, Alternate Clerks, Recording Clerks, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, and Elders. Descriptions of these leadership positions may be found [here](#).

Councils: The [Quaker Life Council](#) (QLC) maintains the community and the spiritual depth within Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. QLC stewards yearly meeting programs and relationships with other organizations. The [Administrative Council](#) maintains the health and integrity of the finances, property, personnel, and long-term vision of PYM. It ensures that resources are well managed in a sustainable manner. There are numerous positions available on both Councils.

External Organizations: [AFSC](#), [FGC](#), [FCNL](#), [Friends Center Corporation](#), Friends Pension Plan Board and [FWCC](#). Serving at one of these organizations helps them maintain strong ties to the Friends community and strengthens the Quaker voice in the wider world.

Please consider serving in one of these roles. If any of these opportunities resonates with you, or if you know of someone who might fit any of these roles, please contact David Smith, Solebury Meeting, at davidasmithpe@gmail.com or Betsy Bayardi, Wrightstown Meeting, at betsybay@aol.com, Bucks Quarter representatives to Nominating Council.



Songs of Hope & Courage - A Benefit for EQAT Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting

Join Friends at Chestnut Hill Meeting on February 29 at 7 pm for an evening of music and singing to benefit Earth Quaker Action Team (EQAT). Annie Patterson will be performing in a singalong concert along with Wendi Bourne of Girls from Mars. Ticket prices vary depending upon your ability to pay; copies of Annie's songbook *Rise Again* will be available for purchase.

20 E Mermaid Lane Philadelphia PA 19118

We Begin to Sing Solebury Friends Meeting

Join Solebury Friends on March 1 at 11:30 am when they will be showing Polly Wells's documentary *We Begin to Sing*. This film tells the story behind the popular songbooks *Rise Up Singing* and *Rise Again*. Peter Blood and Annie Patterson, the songbook creators, are musicians and activists who have made it their life's mission to encourage communal singing as a common good, and as a tool for social change. The film describes what motivates them in their work, and highlights Pete Seeger's mentorship and role as an activist, song-leader, and friend for thirty years. Come early for 10 am worship followed by singing and coffee before the film.

2680 Sугan Rd New Hope PA 18938

An Endless War? Getting out of Afghanistan Abington Friends Meeting

On February 29, Abington Advocacy Team along with The Peace Center, presents a free screening of the documentary film *An Endless War? Getting out of Afghanistan*. The hour-long film begins at 7:30 pm and is followed by a discussion and an appearance by former Marine and Peace Activist Matthew Hoh.



520 Meetinghouse Rd Jenkintown PA 19046

Dementia Speaker Series Chandler Hall

Caregivers, friends, and family of those with dementia often experience a broad range of emotions and questions. This series is intended to assist you in learning you are not alone, and will provide valuable information to help you navigate the dementia care journey. Each speaker has over 20 years experience helping those affected by dementia and is passionate about sharing their expertise. You may attend one or all of these presentations, which begin at 10:30 am. A light lunch will be provided.

March 14 Dementia Action Plan
April 18 Dealing with Caregiving
May 9 Dealing with Difficult Behaviors

The series is free but [registration](#) is requested. For more information, please contact Jeanene at 267-291-2302.

99 Barclay Street Newtown PA 18940

Lives Passing

Newtown Meeting lost **Bob Appelbaum** on January 29. Middletown Meeting suffered the loss of **Matilda "Pete" Styer**
Kris Gallup, Lehigh Valley Meeting, passed away on Jan 28.

Events at Friends Home & Village

Open House at the Village

Time to downsize? Consider [Friends Village](#) in Newtown. Attend their Open House on Wednesday, March 11 from 11:30 to 1:30 to see if Village living is right for you. Complimentary lunch served at 12:30.

Speaking of downsizing...

Court Ebeling of Carter's Home Downsizing will be presenting a seminar at Friends Village on Tuesday March 10 at 3 pm. Come and learn practical tips to determine what to keep, donate, discard, recycle and sell. Refreshments will be served

RSVP to either at 215-968-3346 or info@fhvpa.org.

**NEW* Games Night at the Village

Friends are invited to join residents on the second Friday of each month for Games Night from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the dining room. There will be snacks, board games, cards, Pass the Pig (you'll have to come to find out what it is!) and others. Or bring your own favorite game. Children over 12 or with adult supervision are welcome.

Memoir Writing Group

If you want to make a difference, consider the FHV Memoir Writing Group. The group meets at Friends Village the second and fourth Thursday with a writing coach on the first Thursdays. For more information contact Judith Solt at 215-968-2897 or judtsolt2@gmail.com.

331 Lower Dolington Rd Newtown PA 18940

Bucks Quarter Chandler Hall 2020-21 Worship Schedule

Mar	Doylestown	Sept	Buckingham
Apr	Fallsington	Oct	Doylestown
May	Middletown	Nov	Fallsington
June	Newtown	Dec	Middletown
July	Solebury	Jan 21	Newtown
Aug	Wrightstown	Feb 21	Solebury

Arrive 10:45 am • Worship 11:00 am

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Events

Thread Gathering: Trauma and Healing

Friends are invited to this Ministry & Care Thread Gathering at 9 am on Saturday, March 7 at Lancaster Friends meeting to explore the ways that our meetings can support the Quaker tradition of eldership as it relates to the mental health and wellness of individuals and community. Workshops are under the care of Friends Counseling Service.

110 Tulane Terrace Lancaster PA 17603

Spring Continuing Sessions: Westtown School

On March 28 come and be in community with Friends from around the yearly meeting at Continuing Sessions at Westtown School! Registration opens at 8:30 am. The morning program will begin with worship, followed by a Collaborative Open House, highlighting the work and witness of the many PYM Collaboratives. Bring a brown bag lunch (salad and beverages provided). Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business will follow. Youth Programs will run throughout the day. Registration opens soon!

975 Westtown Rd West Chester PA 19382

Ageing Well Series Newtown Meeting

Newtown Friends Meeting will continue their monthly series on aging issues Sunday, March 15 at 12:45 pm. This month's topic is Housing Options. Where will you live? We'll discuss issues to consider and hear from a panel of people who have chosen different options. The program will also explain levels of care and some tips for aging in place, such as home modifications and home care.

Facilitator: Susan Hoskins. Questions can be directed to Susan Hoskins, LCSW, Newtown Meeting, Executive Director, Friends Foundation for the Aging, former ED of Princeton Senior Resource Center at 215-478-6663 or shoskins@friendsfoundationaging.org.

219 Court Street Newtown PA 18940

Sunday Film Festival Middletown Meeting

The Women's Centennial Committee of Langhorne invites you to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment and the Quakers who fought for Women's Rights at a free screening of the "moving picture films" *One Woman, One Vote* (3/15), *Iron Jawed Angels* (3/22) and *Equal Means Equal* (3/29) at 2 pm at Middletown Meeting. Each of these films tells the true story of young activists, some putting their lives at risk, to help American women win the right to vote. More celebratory events are scheduled later in May. Light refreshments will be served. For more information contact Pat Mervine at mervinep@mac.com or call 215-752-0854.

453 W Maple Ave Langhorne PA 19047

Friends Junior Conference (JFC) Middle School Friends Conference (MSFC) George School

Abington Quarter will be hosting the Junior Friends Conference (grades 1-6) and Middle School Friends Conference (grades 7-8), one week residential conferences for young Friends, June 21-26 at George School. The week features arts, ecology, games, worship, swimming, talent sharing, team building, volunteer activities (for the middle school) and campfires. The programs are designed for children of members and attenders of local Quaker Meetings as an opportunity to live in a community of Friends. The program costs \$800 per child and a \$50 deposit is due with the application. Your monthly meeting may provide financial support. For registration information contact Abington Youth Programs at aqyouthprograms@gmail.com.

1690 Newtown Langhorne Rd Newtown PA 18940

Pathways to Ending Gun Violence Gwynedd Meeting

Join the annual workshop of the Legislative Policy Collaborative of PYM on March 21 at 10 am. The seminar will feature a keynote address by Peter Murchison, a member of Wilton Friends Meeting (Connecticut), whose nephew was one of the first graders killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School seven years ago. Peter's February 2020 article in *Friends Journal*, "[A Quaker Response to Gun Violence](#)," shares the impact of gun violence on his family and our society and how Quaker voices can help provide a pathway to ending gun violence. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by March 18 to sylviabronner13@gmail.com.

1101 DeKalb Pike Gwynedd PA 19454

Truth in Our Times Book Discussion & Signing Yardley Friends Meeting

David McCraw, Deputy General Counsel of *The New York Times*, will be at Yardley Meeting on Thursday, March 12 at 7 pm to discuss his new book *Truth in Our Times*, a first-person account of the legal battles that helped shape The Times's coverage of national events, foreign policy, and the rise of political partisanship in America. His book looks at the changing landscape of press freedom in America today. There is no charge for this event but please [RSVP](#) to reserve your space. Questions? Call 215-208-5389 or email info@yardleyfriendsmeeting.org.

65 N Main Street Yardley PA 19067

March Programs at Pendle Hill

March 2	The Search for Common Ground in the Midst of Division
March 14	Prayer Weaving An Arts & Spirituality Workshop
March 18	Pendle Hill Chorus First Rehearsal
March 20-22	Facing Transitions Together A Couple Enrichment Retreat
March 22-29	The Perfection of the Present Moment
March 27-29	The Sankofa Path Healing from the Traumas of Racism
March 29	Pendle Hill Peace Quilt Unveiling Ceremony

338 Plush Mill Road Wallingford PA

At Quarterly Meeting Friends were asked to consider making a donation to a Leonard Education Organization (LE•O) student, Diala Diab, to allow her to shadow doctors in the US this summer. Diala is half Palestinian, half Lebanese and raised in Lebanon. LE•O needs to raise \$3000 to cover the costs for her to come to the US. Friends who feel moved to contribute to Diala's expenses can go to the Leonard Education [website](#).

Campaign to End the New Jim Crow Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

"Mass incarceration is a profound spiritual and moral crisis," states Michelle Alexander, author of *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*. Come to the Campaign to End the New Jim Crow's conference "Transforming Criminal Justice in our Lifetime: Michelle Alexander's *The New Jim Crow* Ten Years Later," on Thursday, March 19 from 6:30 to 9 pm. The conference includes keynote speaker Dr. Ruha Benjamin, Associate Professor of African American Studies at Princeton University and author of *Race After Technology*, and three distinguished panelists: Kira Shepherd (NJ Institute for Social Justice), Rev. Charles Boyer (Salvation & Social Justice), and Udi Ofer (ACLU). Go to www.endnewjimcrownj.org to sign up on Eventbrite.

801 W State Street Trenton NJ

Midweek Meeting for Worship

Tuesday	7:30 PM	Southampton
Wednesday	7:00 AM	Makefield
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Lehigh Valley
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Middletown
Thursday	11:15 AM	Friends Village

Friendly Services Offered and Friendly Services Needed

“Simply Real” News is Growing!

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Lisa Wildman, a member of Doylestown Meeting, is a licensed Social Worker with **Brookdale Hospice**. The Gift of Hospice benefits the patient, and loved ones by providing symptom management, emotional support, and spiritual support. The Brookdale Hospice team includes the loving service of Nurses, Social Workers, Chaplain, Aides, Music Therapist, Massage Therapist and Volunteers. If you or a friend wants to learn more about hospice care, call **Brookdale Hospice at 610-337-1101**.

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