



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 27	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Ministry & Care: Truth & Transformation in Community Thread Gathering	PYM Virtual event
Feb 28	9:00 -9:45 am	GIANT Children's Meeting	Theme: Giving Love Everywhere
Feb 28	8:00 - 8:30 pm	Youth Led Meeting for Worship	Hosted by PYM Youth Program Staff
Mar 1,3,5	6:00 - 7:30 pm	The Inner Guide vs the Inner Critic: The Journey from Judgement to Love	Pendle Hill Virtual Program
Mar 2 Mar 3	1:00 - 2:00 pm 7:00 - 8:00 pm	PYM Religious Eductions Conversations	Supporting Families at Home
Mar 6	9:00 am-12:00 pm	Engagement and Fundraising Thread Gathering on Building Community and Philanthropy	PYM Virtual event
Mar 7	4:00 - 5:30 pm	Stories of Service: QVS Alumni Panel	Sponsored by QVS
Mar 10	6:30 - 8:00 pm	Pendle Hill Reading Group	<i>A Testament of Devotion</i>
Mar 11 & 18	4:00 - 5:00 pm	Thursday's with Friends	Sponsored by FCNL
Mar 13	11:00 - 11:30 am	Lightning Kids	Sponsored by South Jersey Quakers
Mar 27	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Spring Continuing Sessions	PYM Virtual event
Mar 28	9:00 -9:45 am	GIANT Children's Meeting	Giving Love Everywhere
Mar 28	8:00 - 8:30 pm	Youth Led Meeting for Worship	Hosted by PYM Youth Program Staff
Apr 6	6:30 - 8:30 pm	Peace Center's One Book One Bucks	<i>Life in a Jar</i>
Apr 10	11 am - 2:00 pm	Pathways to Ending GunViolence: Legislative Solutions	Legislative Policy Collaborative
May 16	9:45 am - 3:30 pm	Bucks Quarter May Quarterly Meeting	Southampton Friends Meeting

Bucks Quarter Worship Schedule

Bristol		No worship services at this stime	
Buckingham	Sunday 10:30 am	Virtual worship	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	Virtual worship	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 11:00 am	Virtual worship	Go to newtownfriendsmeeting.org
Plumstead	Sunday 9:30 am	Indoor worship with masks, heat, ventilation & distance	Worship outside (weather permitting)
Quakertown	Sunday 10:30 am	Indoor worship	Mask required
Solebury	Sunday 10:00 am	Indoor worship with Zoom option	Go to soleburyfriendsmeeting.org
Southampton	Sunday 10:00 am Tuesday 7:30 pm	Indoor worship with Zoom option (dress warmly) Tuesday virtual only	Email John Magee jmm9724@gmail.com Masks required
Wrightstown	Sunday 10:00 am	Virtual worship	Call Betsy Bayardi at 215-598-0248
Yardley	Sunday 10:00 am	Virtual worship; outdoor around the fire pit weather permitting	Email info@yardleyfriendsmeeting.org
Pendle Hill	8:30-9:10 am	Worship in the Barn	Daily virtual worship



Friends Home & Village

Employment Opportunity

Friends Home & Village is looking to hire a Community Wellness & Engagement Coordinator. This is a full time position, whose primary responsibilities will be to develop a culture of engaged, purposeful and healthy living at FHV. The candidate will work together with the Executive Director and other colleagues to motivate residents, create and deliver programs and effectively communicate so that the FHV community thrives. A wide range of education, training and/or experience may be suitable; any professional experience that demonstrates a strong emotional IQ may be considered. To apply for the position, please submit a cover letter, resume and salary requirements to hr@fhvpa.org. A full description of the position and essential duties and responsibilities can be found here: <https://www.fhvpa.org/jobs>.

Makefield Meeting Adult Forum

Makefield Meeting would like to invite Friends from around the Quarter to join them for their Adult Forum discussions in March and April. Consider joining them for both meeting for worship (10:00 am) as well as the Adult Forum from 11:15 am - 12 noon. Meeting for Worship and Adult Forum are both hybrid, generally available at the meetinghouse and also on zoom.

In response to PYM's request to look at the spiritual state of our meetings, they have posed the following queries, which will be the focus of the Adult Forums.

March 21: *How have we sustained our commitment to be a covenant* spiritual community during this past year?*

March 28: *What have been the joys and the learnings of this past year and where have we encountered challenges?*

April queries (Adult Forum dates TBD): *How has our faith supported our social witness? How have our community members supported one another?*

Those who are interested in more information about covenant relationships may find Tom Gates offering "[Seeing Beyond Our Differences: Meeting as Covenant Community.](#)"

Zoom link and id are <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83815108363?pwd=dWpiY3NwN3l6Yi9kZ2RiRHU2ZmxoZz09>
_Meeting ID: 838 1510 8363 Passcode: quaker

Camp Onas Update

Register Now for Summer 2021

Camp Onas will be open this summer with some changes to their schedule, capacity and programs. Priority registration opens February 25th for families who were registered or who were on the waiting list for 2020. [Visit their website for dates, rates and info.](#)



Pendle Hill Event

The Inner Guide vs The Inner Critic: The Journey from Judgement to Love

This event, scheduled from 6-7:30 pm on March 1, 3 and 5, will be hosted on Zoom by Christine Wolff. Participants will learn to recognize and gain some leverage with the part of the personality known as the "inner critic." Learn how your own critic works, and how to distinguish it from the loving energy of the Guide. In these times, we need any tool we can find to help us gain clarity about the way forward!

Christine Wolff has been involved with Quakers for most of her adult life, and is a member of Framingham Friends Meeting in Massachusetts. She is a psychologist, currently in private practice, who has also worked at and led workshops at community agencies. Her Pendle Hill pamphlet [The Inner Guide versus the Inner Critic: The Journey from Judgment to Love](#) (PHP #448) is recommended reading. [Register here.](#)

2021 Calendar & Appointments

Are you always having to scramble to find out when and where the next Quarterly Meeting is? Need to contact a monthly meeting clerk and not sure who it is? Well you are in luck! The Quarter publishes this information in our Calendar & Appointments booklet, and the 2021 edition is now available on our website. [Click here to access](#); updates will be made throughout the year, so the information should always be current.

Quarterly Meeting Recap

Over 100 Friends from all over Bucks Quarter gathered on Zoom for business, fellowship and worship on February 21st. Held under the care of Solebury Meeting, a program was presented by Solebury member Cynthia Baum-Baicker entitled *Building Resilience As Best We Can*. Friends can access her PowerPoint by going to our website, quakersbucks.org and going to [Stories of Vitality](#).

Besides the scheduled annual reports from Makefield, Quakertown and Doylestown Meetings, Friends Home and Village and Friends Camp Association [[all can be accessed here](#)] Friends took time to discern about two other important topics:

Eldership: Bucks Quarter sponsored an Eldership Workshop on January 30th which was facilitated by George Schaefer, PYM Care & Aging Coordinator; the discussion built on his presentation. Eldering can be a way to improve and create safe spaces at both our monthly and quarterly meetings. Friends asked how the role of elder would be filled, and the sense was that there needs to be some discernment about how elders could be identified. While in the past the role of elder may have had negative connotations, moving forward we would like to see it as a positive and nurturing role, as a way of holding the Meeting in the Light. Friends feel continued exploration of this topic is in order, and a small group of interested Friends will continue to meet and will report back at future Quarterly meetings.

Outreach: our Bucks Quarter Outreach committee could use not only a clerk, but an infusion of enthusiasm and ideas! Most, but not all meetings, have representation on the committee, but there is nothing in the committee's description that indicates that there can't be more than one representative from a meeting. The committee currently meets on Zoom every other month; our next meeting is in March. Interested? Contact Wendy Kane, Coordinator, at quakersbucks@gmail.com.

In Memoriam

Middletown Meeting experienced the loss of Richard Townsend on January 22.

Fallsington Meeting experienced the loss of Ginny Huxley on December 28.



Quaker History: Wrightstown Meeting

At Quarterly Meeting last Sunday, Newtown Meeting member Susan Woodman Hoskins shared that she had been reading a family memoir entitled *The Story of My Parents*, written by Elizabeth Atkinson Woodman for her nieces, nephews and cousins. Elizabeth lived on the family farm on Smith Road in Mozart, Buckingham Township until moving to the Friends Home in her later years. She was one of the first students at George School and was a teacher and nature lover as well as family historian. Elizabeth attended the wedding of Susan Woodman to Scott Hoskins in 1977 when she was 97. This is an excerpt about her memories from Quarterly Meeting:

We went regularly to meeting and first day school, and to the quarterly meetings except Fallsington. This annual gathering was held in August during the busy summer harvest season and in addition required a long drive. Langhorne Quarterly Meeting in November was always on Thanksgiving Day. There would be a long business session during which I would get tired and hungry. But the Meeting house was filled in those days, there was a spiritual atmosphere and speaking on religious values, and so the experience was good for us children as I can realize now.

Buckingham Quarterly Meeting was held in late May when the locust trees were in bloom. On our way to the meeting we passed many pretty locust trees and enjoyed the fragrance of the long drooping clusters of white blossoms. Here in beautiful surroundings children could again spend a few hours in a religious atmosphere.

Wrightstown's time to entertain came in February when the weather was uncertain. But as the location was central and the building was on a turnpike, a good road in winter, the house was nearly always well filled. Mother (Louisa Herre Woodman) was one who had a part in the preparations. The Meetinghouse would be cleaned, and twice I was taken along to help wash the benches. The wood stoves were provided with plenty of fuel. After the close of the meeting the attendees went to the homes of members who lived in the neighborhood for dinner. We always went to mother's old home (Atkinson's) where a number of other people were also guests. It was not until several years later that the Quarterly Meeting guests could be invited to stay for dinner in what had been the school house, and mother had boiled hams to be sliced in the big farmer's boiler.



Mother also attended Yearly Meeting at Race Street and sometimes took us children along. Occasionally she entertained a visiting Friend from a distance over night, and a religious meeting would be held in the living room. Thus our religious life was nurtured when we were young by example.

*Elizabeth Atkinson Woodman 1880-1984
Wrightstown Meeting*

PYM Youth Programs

For Kids

PYM Youth at Spring Continuing

Sessions: Three days of fun, community and worship.

March 26 session: all-ages fellowship, sharing stories and songs from 6:00–7:30 pm.

March 27 session: All-ages worship from 9:00–10:00 am, with K-12 Youth Programs from 12:30–1:30 pm.

March 28 session: 9–9:45 am Giant Children's Meeting and Youth Led Meeting for Worship from 8–8:30 pm.

[Register for these youth programs here!](#)

For Parents & Educators

Religious Education Conversations: Spiritual

Nurture in the Home: on March 2 (1 pm) or March 3 (7 pm), come explore a presentation and discuss how we can encourage and support families with practices for spiritual nurture in the home. There will also be time to share resources for celebrating Easter this year.

Website story and video series: In the 6 weeks leading up to Easter, Melinda Wenner Bradley, PYM Youth Religious Life Coordinator, will be posting a video series of Godly Play and Faith & Play stories on the PYM website entitled [Stories of Faith on the Road to Easter](#). Watch for the weekly video postings added to the website story and on [PYM's Facebook page](#) each Monday.

Book and Curriculum: [Holy Troublemakers and Unconventional Saints](#) is a great new resource for meetings exploring faith and witness with children. Bayard Rustin and Alice Paul are two of the "holy troublemakers" featured in the book, along with other historical and contemporary figures.



PYM Continuing Sessions

Spring Continuing Sessions will be held virtually over three separate dates: March 23, 26 and 27th. You can [register for one, two or all three sessions by clicking here](#).

March 23 session will be a discussion on making climate change a yearly meeting witness. This program runs from 7:00 – 8:30 pm and will be facilitated by the Eo-Justice Collaborative. [Advance documents are available here](#).

March 26 session will be a time for fun and fellowship and connection with Friends across the yearly meeting. Feel free to bring your dinner to the virtual space, which runs from 6:00 – 7:30 pm.

March 27 session begins at 9 am and continues until 4 pm. Join for all or part of the day, which will begin with worship, followed by morning meeting for worship with attention to business, a lunch break, and then more business sessions in the afternoon. The business agenda will be available soon.

Quaker Voluntary Service

Stories of Service: QVS Alumni Panel

The Philadelphia Quaker Voluntary Service Local Support Committee invites you to a special QVS Alumni Panel on **March 7th from 4-5:30 pm**. The panel will feature four young adults who served in QVS and currently live and work in the Philadelphia area. Panelists will share about the transformational experience of QVS, and how they are engaged in spiritually-grounded service and community today. The event will be live on zoom; [register here in advance](#) to receive an email reminder on the day of the program. Questions? Contact QVS at 404-600-1182 or development@quakervoluntaryservice.org



Fun Facts: *Mental Floss* magazine published an article entitled [Richard Nixon and 12 Other Celebrity Quakers](#); read it and see if you know all of them!

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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 quakersbucks@gmail.com so the Coordinator will have the update as well.