



# Quakerphernalia

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

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## MAY 2020

May 17	11 am to 2 pm	Bucks Quarterly Meeting	Going Virtual - details below
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### LOOKING AHEAD to JUNE and beyond

Jun 28-Jul 4		FGC Gathering - Way Will Open	Going Virtual - details TBD
Jul 29-Aug 2		PYM Annual Sessions: Letting Ourselves be Known	Going Virtual - details TBD

### VIRTUAL WORSHIP - Bucks Quarter Meetings

Bristol		None available at this time	
Buckingham		None available at this time	
Doylestown	Sunday 10-11 am	Email <a href="mailto:doylestownfriends@gmail.com">doylestownfriends@gmail.com</a>	Zoom link sent out Saturday evening
Fallsington	Sunday 11 am - 12 pm	Go to <a href="http://fallsingtonfriendsmeeting.org">fallsingtonfriendsmeeting.org</a>	Zoom link available
Lehigh Valley	Sunday 9:30-10:30 am	Go to <a href="http://lehighvalleyquakers.org">lehighvalleyquakers.org</a>	Zoom link available
Makefield		None available at this time	
Middletown	Sunday 11am-12 pm	Email Robin Hipple at <a href="mailto:robin.hipple@gmail.com">robin.hipple@gmail.com</a>	Zoom link available
Newtown	Sunday 11am-12 pm	Go to <a href="http://newtownfriendsmeeting.org">newtownfriendsmeeting.org</a>	Zoom link available
Plumstead		None available at this time	
Quakertown		None available at this time	
Solebury	Sunday 10-11 am	Go to <a href="http://soleburyfriendsmeeting.org">soleburyfriendsmeeting.org</a>	Zoom link available
Southampton	Sunday 10-11 am Tuesday 7:30 pm	Email John Magee <a href="mailto:jmm9724@gmail.com">jmm9724@gmail.com</a>	Zoom link available
Wrightstown	Sunday, 10-11 am	Call Betsy Bayardi at 215-598-0248 for Zoom link	
Yardley	Sunday 10-11 am Wed. 7 am Thurs. 7 pm	Email <a href="mailto:info@yardleyfriendsmeeting.org">info@yardleyfriendsmeeting.org</a>	Zoom link available

### OTHER VIRTUAL Opportunities

Daily	8:30-9:10 am	<a href="#">Worship in the Barn</a>	Pendle Hill
April 29	7:30-8:30 pm	<a href="#">Children's Worship Group</a>	Every Wednesday
April 30	7:00-8:00 pm	<a href="#">YAF Community Worship</a>	Virtual event sponsored by PYM
May 1	4:00-5:00 pm	<a href="#">Young Friends Friday Check in</a>	Every Friday
May 7	4:00 - 4:30 pm	<a href="#">Thursday with Friends</a>	FCNL bi-weekly conversations

### VIRTUAL Quarterly Meeting for Worship, Fellowship & Business

Under the Care of Plumstead Friends Meeting  
Sunday, May 17, 2020 • 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Zoom link:**  
11:00-11:45 am  
11:45-12 pm  
12:00 pm  
12:30 pm

To be sent at a later date  
Meeting for Worship  
Announcements and check-in  
**Lunch break** - stay online with Friends and catch up  
**Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**  
Monthly Meeting Annual Reports from Bristol, Buckingham, Fallsington and Lehigh Valley Meetings  
Regular Quarterly Reports from the Treasurer and Coordinator  
Budget & Nominating will present the 2020-2021 Budget  
Annual reports from Bucks Quarter Clerk, Oversight Committee and Chandler Hall/Kendal Corp.



**From Lehigh Valley Friends:**

“Since March 29, we have been holding virtual meetings for worship via Zoom, starting at our regular worship time of 9:30, with 40-45 taking part each week. Our April meeting for business, also conducted via Zoom, had around 30 participants. Because we were unable to enjoy our usual fifth-First Day Frugal Feast of soups, breads, salads at rise of meeting on March 29, the member who coordinates that program suggested that we prepare our own simple meals at home and contribute the proceeds to the Meeting as usual. Funds raised through this ‘Faux, Fun, Frugal Feast’ were donated to the Pennsylvania Avenue Interfaith Food Pantry, the regular beneficiary, to help them address the growing needs of our neighbors during this challenging time. Although our First Day School has not been meeting, several of the children have also connected via Zoom; on the afternoon of April 12 they took advantage of this opportunity to socialize and begin working on a service project—sending notes to cheer up some of our members who are in isolation.”

**Middletown Friends** offered these “Questions for a Time of Quarantine” (from the Peace Center):

- What am I grateful for today?
- What expectations of “normal” am I letting go of today?
- Who am I checking in on or connecting with today?
- How am I getting outside today?
- How am I moving my body today?
- What beauty am I either creating, cultivating, or inviting in today?

**From Chiyo Moriuchi, Clerk, Newtown Friends:**

“I think the success of Newtown’s virtual meetings has been uplifting for all who have participated. We’ve had well over 50 participants and very gathered worship even as we socially distance. With some slight adjustments in the speaker schedule, we’ve also continued our Adult Religious Ed classes, also with terrific attendance and participation.

We have engaged the children for the break between ARE and MFW with the children sharing about their pets. They will bring us virtual flowers on Easter Sunday as has been NMM custom since we are now all shut-ins. We’ve gained ‘insight’ into each others’ lives as we’ve peered through our screens into each others’ living rooms. These virtual connections have been evidence of the strength of our community and simultaneously allowed our community to support us as individuals.”

**Quakertown Friends** receive a weekly update from Friend Gerry Kirwin; here is an excerpt from April 9: “QMM continues to be closed for Meetings, Worship, Art, Mindfulness, Cleaning, and Maintenance, but last Sunday we had a visitor to FDS. Benny and I visited the Meeting to check on things and discovered a bird frantically trying to flee the premises by banging her head on the window. We opened the adjacent window, and she gratefully flew away—unharmd as far as I could tell. With all the talk of viruses, pandemics etc. Benny decided that we should name the bird ‘Enza’ as ‘In Flew Enza’. What a smart dog!”

**Southampton Friends** had a virtual Easter Sunday celebration, as others in the Quarter did. From Clerk Carolyn Peters-Eckel: “Easter Sunday we will hold a semi-programmed Meeting for Worship. Please think about a poem or writing that is meaningful to you at this time of year, about Easter, spring, God, nature, etc. We will share as the spirit moves us. Since many will be on video, wear something of a color that lifts your spirits.”

**From Betsy Bayardi, Clerk, Wrightstown Friends:** “The weekly [Zoom] calls are going well. We get about twenty people per week. It is mainly the same twenty. Some people are more comfortable with virtual settings than others. We also have personal sharing time after the rise of Meeting. People like that very much.”

**Advanced Care Planning & the Conversation During Covid-19**

Ted Taylor and Susan Hoskins have created [this video](#) about having a discussion concerning how you would like your care to be handled in a way that is consistent with your choices and Quaker values. They encourage all adults age 18+ to have family conversations about their wishes in this challenging time when people can get very sick very quickly and families may not be able to visit if they are hospitalized. Ted Taylor, MDiv, is the Director of Pastoral Care & Training at RWJ Barnabas Hospital in Hamilton NJ (Yardley Meeting), and Susan W Hoskins LCSW is the Executive Director, Friends Foundation for the Aging (Newtown Meeting).

**Quaker Pen Pals**

PYM is going old school! To encourage community engagement during this time of physical distancing the are starting a pen pal program. If you’re interested in being a pen pal for an elder in a Quaker retirement community, sign up using [this form](#) and they will get you connected! Contact Kimani Keaton, Children and Families Program Facilitator, at [ChildrenAndFamilies@pym.org](mailto:ChildrenAndFamilies@pym.org) with any questions.



**Wrightstown Friends Nursery School Virtual Auction**

When you can’t go to the auction, the auction will come to you! Bidding begins for WFNS’s [The Sweetest Years Online Auction](#) at 7 pm Saturday April 25 and continues through 8 pm Sunday May 3. The catalog is online and ready for preview, as well as a video to learn how to become a registered bidder. Help support this wonderful preschool!



**Mercer Street Friends**

Mercer Street Friends continues to provide services to residents in need in the greater Mercer County area. For example:

- When NJ schools closed, Bernadette Trapp, principal of the Rivera Community Middle School, hand delivered Chrome books to some of her students in Trenton.
- On Friday, April 17, Mercer Street Friends distributed 1,120 emergency weekend food bags to families at 6 Trenton schools. As in weeks past, the lines of individuals and families was blocks long, no matter which location. For some, this was their fourth week in line. For others, this was their first time. No one is turned away. Go to [www.mercerstreetfriends.org](http://www.mercerstreetfriends.org) to make a monetary donation, or you can contact Sherries Anderson at [sanderson@mercercstreetfriends.org](mailto:sanderson@mercercstreetfriends.org) to scheduled a 3-hour volunteer session to help at the Food Bank.

*This version of the February 2020 Quarterly Meeting minutes contains the edited highlights. The minutes in full detail will be available for consideration at our virtual Quarterly Meeting in May under the care of Plumstead Meeting.*

**Clerk:** Leo Fitzpatrick (Wrightstown)

**Recording Clerk:** David Rose (Lehigh Valley)

**Friends gathered** at the appointed hour of 1:00 pm and settled into a period of worship.

**Welcome** given by Clerk Leo Fitzpatrick. A book, *Never Caught* is included in the packet for Meetings. The book is about the effort of George Washington to reclaim an escaped slave. Leo said that reading the book caused him to revise his view of our first president.

**Agenda** reviewed and approved.

**Roll Call of Meetings:** Buckingham: 2, Doylestown: 1, Fallsington: 2, Lehigh Valley: 4, Makefield: 1, Middletown: 5, Newtown: 7, Plumstead: 0, Quakertown: 3, Solebury: 3, Southampton: 2, Wrightstown: 4.

Minutes of November 2019 Quarterly Meeting read and approved.

Stories of Vitality and Growth:

- Newtown MM has a series on Aging Well.
- Lehigh Valley MM First Day students hosted a muffin breakfast as a fundraiser.
- Fallsington MM has initiated a program on “Undoing Racism” for Sunday Adult program. Still working on format and presenter. Details will be provided in Quakerphernalia.
- Yardley MM will be hosting a program on “Truth In Our Time” given by the NYT legal counsel.
- Solebury MM will be supporting Mercer Street Friends with a pancake breakfast with their own maple syrup.
- Quakertown MM will be having two programs on Vocal Ministry given by a sojourning member of NYYM.
- Southampton MM will be accepting two new members at the next Business Meeting.

**Coordinator’s Report:** (Complete report available) Wendy Kane presented her report on Intervisitation, Inreach and Outreach activity. Inreach activity included completion of Calendar and Appointment booklet, archiving and purging of Quarter Records, and getting meeting records archived at Friends Historical Library. Outreach included establishing contact with local Quaker institutions, participation in various social actions and PYM gatherings, work on establishing social media presence, and progress on future Quarter programs.

**Friend Home and Village Annual Report** given by Executive Director N. Chiyo Moriuchi (complete report available). She provided an overview of the history of Quaker Boarding Homes and the transition of some of them into the present and spoke of the demographic changes that make FHV more relevant than ever. The current situation for FHV is good with an occupancy rate of over 90%. Invitation extended to come and join in worship, volunteer, donate or recommend candidates for the Board.

**Minute on War with Iran from Lehigh Valley MM** which called for our government to work toward a lasting peace with Iran without resorting to war read by Joyce Hinnefeld (complete minute available). The Clerk encouraged individual meetings to review and consider approving this minute. A number of Friends spoke of the work that is already being done in their meetings regarding the issue.

**Break** at 1:55.

**Quakertown NJ MM Annual Report** read by Pat Stover (complete report available). The Meeting has participated in the PYM Quaker Self Portrait and One Quilt/One Yearly Meeting. Meeting, though small, is contributing to twelve non-profit organizations.

**Treasurer’s Report** prefaced with comments by Betsy Bayardi, Clerk of Budget and Nominating, on the work of the Audit Committee which completed its audit and will be submitting their report. Treasurer Ed Snyder presented the “Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual through December 2019” report and explained the “Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2019” (complete reports available). A Friend asked that the Budget and Nominating Committee look into investing a portion of the assets at Friends Fiduciary in the Friends Fiduciary Green Fund. Request accepted.

**Draft Budget for 2020-2021** presented by Treasurer Ed Snyder. He noted that this is not a balanced budget as the draft showed income in excess of expenses and explained that this is due to some cost reductions.

Approval Requested on the following:

- Due to the period of time that the Quarter was not paying for a Coordinator there is a budget surplus of around \$27,000. Budget and Nominating proposes that the money be refunded to Monthly Meetings based on their proportional contribution.  
**Recommendation approved.**
- The cost to redesign the BQM Website is expected to cost approximately \$2,500. Budget and Nominating requests that this cost be paid for from Kirkbride Estate Bequest. **Recommendation approved.**

**Nomination Report:** Betsy Bayardi reported that the Quarter will be recruiting for a new Recording Clerk with the resignation of David Rose as Recording Clerk. The Clerk expressed appreciation for the years of service as Recording Clerk given by David.

**Doylestown MM Annual Report** given by Connie Keener. The activities during the past year included First Day School theme of Social Justice, increasing Peace and Social Concerns awareness, a variety of community building social events, and a digitized newsletter. A Friend commented that an essential part of an annual report should answer the question: “How does the Truth prosper in your area?” which should be an account of attendance at Meeting for Worship and a statement about the quality of worship, which the last two Monthly Meeting reports did not mention.

**Annual Report Bucks Quarter Outreach** given by Sarah Crofts (complete report available). She summarized the report and strongly requested that meetings ensure that they have a representative to Outreach as it is doing an important job for the Quarter. In response to a question raised by Lehigh Valley MM it was stated that call-in participation would be welcome from meetings at a distance. Much of the work of Outreach during the past year was to be a presence at various events prior to the hiring of Wendy Kane and to work with her as she becomes familiar with the various Outreach activities.

**Makefield MM Annual Report** given by Jerry Taylor for Boris Simkovich (complete report available).

**Announcements**

- Peg Smedly from Yardley MM presented a request from Leonard Education Organization given by Deya’ Leonard Dresner.
- Anna Fox, Horsham MM announced Junior Friends Conference for children aged first through 6<sup>th</sup> grade is scheduled at George School June 21 through 27. Pick up a brochure to take back to your Monthly Meeting and encourage young friends to attend. Very reinforcing for your people’s Quaker identity.
- David Smith, PYM Nominating Council, has a vast number of positions that need to be filled. Please consider. Need to fill almost all leadership positions in the near future.
- Jerry Taylor from Makefield MM reported that FCNL sent objectives. Peace Fair could use an interfaith council tent.

**Meeting closed** with a period of silence at 3:15 pm.

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