

Quakerphernalia

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



May 2021

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MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 3	7:30–9:00 pm	Healing the Disconnect: An Evening with Marcelle Martin	<i>Virtual event sponsored by Pendle Hill</i>
May 4–Jul 24		Runway to Annual Sessions	<i>See article on page 3 for details</i>
May 5	2:00–3:00 pm	Friends Village Open House	<i>In person!</i>
May 7–May 22		Alternatives to Violence Basic Workshop	<i>Sponsored by Lancaster Friends</i>
May 11	2:00–4:00 pm	Financial Wellness for Seniors	<i>Sponsored by Friends Home & Village</i>
May 12	6:30–8:00 pm	Pendle Hill Reading Group	<i>Holding One Another in the Light</i>
May 13-16		Kairos: A Spiritual Journey	<i>Virtual event sponsored by Pendle Hill</i>
May 14-15		YAF Spring Retreat 2021	<i>Virtual event sponsored by PYM</i>
May 16	9:45 am–3:30 pm	Bucks Quarter May Quarterly Meeting	<i>Southampton Friends Meeting</i>
May 13 & 27	4:00–4:30 pm	Thursday's with Friends	<i>Sponsored by FCNL</i>
May 19	7:00–8:40 pm	Talking with Kids about Identity Series	<i>Talking with kids about family structure</i>
May 21-23		Going Deeper Together	<i>Virtual event sponsored by Pendle Hill</i>
May 22	11 am–1:00 pm	Gardening at Historic Arch Street Meetinghouse	<i>Registration opening soon!</i>
May 23	9:00–9:45 am	GIANT Children's Meeting	<i>Caring for Our World</i>
May 30	8:00–8:30 pm	Youth Led Meeting for Worship	<i>Hosted by PYM Youth Program Staff</i>

LOOKING AHEAD

Jun 27–Jul 3		FGC 2021 Gathering	<i>Way Will Open - A Virtual Gathering</i>
Jul 27–Aug 1		PYM 341st VIRTUAL Annual Sessions	<i>Uproot Justice and Root Justice</i>
Aug 15	9:45 am–3:30 pm	Bucks Quarter August Quarterly Meeting	<i>Under the care of Wrightstown Meeting</i>

VIRTUAL Quarterly Meeting for Worship, Fellowship & Business Under the Care of Southampton Friends Meeting Sunday, May 16, 2021 • 9:45 AM – 3:00 PM

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81755005914?pwd=TWdBWkR0a3JGMWMrUjIOWDFVUT09>
Meeting ID: 817 5500 5914
Passcode: 797587

9:45–10:00 am Coffee & Conversation

10:00–11:00 am Program: Attorney and community activist Helen Higginbotham, Esq., MBA, will speak on the topic, *The Power of Conversation: Conversation is Action*. When we share ourselves with each other in honest conversation it can lead to empowerment and accomplishments. Helen offers, “The little stuff gets us to big stuff. We need to move beyond our comfort zone. Be genuine, not just say what others want to hear. Respect is expected, comfort is not.”

Helen is the founder of *When Black Women Gather*, a group “committed to uplifting the community through conversation, volunteerism, mentoring, educating, advocating and promoting development via political and self-empowerment.” She is a graduate of Rowan University, Howard University and Rutgers University, and teaches Ethics and Humanity courses as an Adjunct Professor at a state college in New Jersey.

11:00–12:00 pm Meeting for Worship

12:00–12:45 pm Lunch break - with optional breakout rooms

12:45–3:00 pm Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

Annual Reports from Bristol, Fallsington, Buckingham and Lehigh Valley Meetings
Regular Quarterly Reports from the Treasurer and Coordinator
Annual Reports from BQ Clerk, Chandler Hall and BQ Oversight Committee
Presentation and request for approval for 2021-22 Budget

Questions? Email Wendy Kane, Coordinator at quakersbucks@gmail.com or call (215) 867-9557.

Deadline for submissions is the 10th day of the preceding month's publication



This version of the February 2021 Quarterly Meeting minutes contains the edited highlights. The minutes in full detail will be available for consideration on our website at at our virtual Quarterly Meeting in May under the care of Southampton Meeting.

Clerk: Leo Fitzpatrick (Wrightstown)

Recording Clerk: Betsy Bayardi (Wrightstown) / Terry M. Christensen (Newtown)

Friends gathered at 12:52 pm and settled into a period of worship.

Welcome, Review and Approval of Agenda – Leo Fitzpatrick – Agenda Approved

Roll Call of Meetings: Bristol – 0; Buckingham – 2; Doylestown – 4; Fallsington – 8; Lehigh Valley – 2; Makefield – 2; Middletown – 4; Newtown – 10; Plumstead – 0; Quakertown – 4; Solebury – 3; Southampton – 5; Wrightstown – 6; Yardley – 2

Review and Approval of Minutes from First Day, November 15, 2020 – Approved

Nomination of Terry M. Christensen as Recording Clerk – Betsy Bayardi – Approved

Stories of Vitality & Strength – Buckingham MM reports that they are holding meeting for worship-sharing on Wednesday evening oftentimes using Quakerspeak videos as focus point; a **Solebury** Friend reports that one of their members will soon be celebrating 100 years of age; **Wrightstown** reports that during COVID, fellowship after the rise of meeting has become especially important to members; **Quakertown** friend reports on efforts to preserve a cemetery for non-members owned by QMM led to the rediscovery of a nearby cemetery for enslaved people and they hope to gather some historical records; **Fallsington** Friend reports that most weeks they are having themed gatherings prior to meeting for worship; **Lehigh Valley** Friend reports that this past Saturday night (February 20th) they held a virtual scavenger hunt as fellowship activity that was very well received.

Quarter Coordinator Report – Wendy Kane – (report attached) Wendy reports that in response to COVID Friends continue to find new and innovative ways to gather for worship; Wendy reports that the Eldering Workshop held on January 30th by BQM was well attended; WK reports that the 2021 edition of Calendar & Appointments (including the Quarter Calendar) has been mailed; WK has attended various PYM thread-gatherings and workshops.

Annual Report – Friends Home & Village – Chiyo Moriuchi – CM reports that FH&V has been very successful in dealing with COVID – to date, no FH&V residents have contracted COVID; all FH&V personal care residents have been vaccinated; FH&V now has non-Quaker members on the board; in sum FH&V is working to create new model for senior communities – FH&V is requesting support from quarter (volunteer as well as financial).

Special Report – Discussion on Eldership – Bethann Morgan – Friends reflect on the role that elders have in our quarter; one Friend remarks that elders play an important role in monthly meetings and PYM; another Friend hopes that eldering be seen in a constructive framework; a Middletown Friend suggests that we can facilitate Eldering by having the host of Quarterly Meeting provide Elders; **Bethann Morgan REFLECTION** – eldering has both positive and negative aspects and we need to exercise careful discernment; Friends within BQM will continue to study this issue.

Annual Report – Doylestown Meeting – Joe Simek – Doylestown has had to be creative in dealing with COVID – technology has enabled them to continue first day school – they have found that using Quakerspeak videos promotes discussion; they had a successful [virtual] Christmas eve program; looking forward, they are investigating using a hybrid meeting arrangement to accommodate distant and-or non-driving members; Doylestown Friends are active as a corporate body in Black Lives Matter activities; one Friend is curious about the proposed Post-COVID Hybrid Meeting model.

Treasurer's Report and Preliminary Budget FY21-22 – Ed Snyder (report attached) - Shares balance sheet – we are on sound financial footing.

PYM Nominating and Call for Nominations – Betsy Bayardi / David Smith – PYM Nominating Council is seeking members – in particular, they are looking for a volunteer to serve as assistant treasurer – they are also seeking volunteers to serve as recording clerks for PYM.

BREAK – 2:33PM – 2:40 PM

Annual Report – Friends Camp Association (FCA – Camp Onas) – Scott Hoskins – Camp Onas will be open this summer; with COVID safety protocols Camp Onas will run at 80% capacity; additionally, Camp Onas will need to replace the bathhouses; Friends Camp Association is seeking support from within and outside the Quaker community.

Committee Report – Bucks Quarter Outreach – Doug Meaker – Outreach is requesting feedback from BQM; BQ Outreach is seeking more participation from MM; BQ Outreach does not currently have a clerk; **QUESTION:** What should BQ Outreach focus on? BQ Treasurer reports there is ample money available for this committee and that this is important work; another Friend remarks that Outreach is one of the most important committees we have; another Friend expresses concern that we are missing people who are seeking; another Friend suggests that MM are not always responsive to inquiries; WK will advise MM clerks of next Outreach meeting.

Annual Report – Makefield Meeting – Jerry Taylor – Makefield is in the process of renovating their meetinghouse; they have lost two trees, one of which was particularly significant to members – in searching for a replacement tree they found that Haverford College was propagating the legendary Penn Treaty Elm. Haverford donated a 4-foot-tall fourth generation scion that was planted in November. members of Makefield MM who reside at the Styer campus of FH&V are working to improve garden on that campus.

Annual Report – Quakertown Meeting – Pat Stover – Attendance has been a challenge – able to meet in person with social distancing and masking – Quakertown has been able to recover some minutes of meeting and these have been submitted to Swarthmore; nearly all QMM members are working to support local food pantry – several members began supporting Black Lives Matter in Flemington – many of these members have gone on to support ongoing Black Lives Matter vigils in Milford; report notes that (QMM member) Karen Tibbal's book *Persuade – Don't Preach*, served as the basis for the program at our last BQM (Nov 2020); Quakertown members continue to knit scarves and hats for donation to Mercer Street Friends preschool.

Announcements – Southampton Friend introduces Louis LeFevre of Trenton Monthly Meeting who announces collaboration with PYM monthly meetings on Anti-Racism Project; Friend Olivia Brangan calls attention to upcoming PYM Events (see PYM Calendar < Philadelphia Yearly Meeting · Quakers (pym.org) >); these include “The Practice of Worship” (Wed. February 24th); the Ministry and Care Thread Gathering (Sat. February 27th); PYM Continuing Sessions – Q & A About Climate Change as a Yearly Meeting Witness (Tue. March 23rd); PYM Spring Continuing Sessions Multigenerational Fellowship (Fri. March 26th); PYM Continuing Sessions (Sat. March 27th); Friend announces that PYM has an upcoming survey on restructuring of PYM with emphasis on how PYM connects with monthly meetings; Southampton Friend announces that Southampton continues racial justice vigil each Sunday at 3PM.

Closing Worship – After a period of closing worship, Friends departed the Quarterly Meeting at 3:52 PM.



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!

May Runway Schedule

Tuesday, May 4 6:30–8:30 pm

Gathering on Re-Opening and Hybrid Meetings: All Friends are invited to share concerns and hopes regarding the possibility that our society may begin a process of re-opening to in-person gatherings by the end of 2021. [Register here.](#)

Thursday, May 6 6:00–8:30 pm

Workshop: The Roots and Branches of Quaker Advocacy: How and why are advocacy and Quakerism intertwined? Explore the roots of Quaker advocacy and share your own experiences of inspired action. [Register here.](#)

Thursday, May 13 6:00–8:30 pm

Workshop: The Middle East Conflict as a Global Issue of Injustice: As the Middle East suffers much injustice leading to chaos, our concern as Quakers is to work for a just solution. [Register here.](#)

Thursday, May 13 6:00–8:30 pm

Workshop: A Rightly Ordered Life: The Simplicity Testimony Then and Now: The workshop's focus is on the Simplicity testimony – how Early Friends understood it as a Rightly Ordered Prioritization and how the testimony is understood today. [Register here.](#)

Thursday, May 20 6:00–8:30 pm

Workshop: Humble Walk Bears Fruit: Facilitated by PYM First-Contact Reconciliation Collaborative. [Register here.](#)

Tuesday, May 25 6:00–8:30 pm

Workshop: When Spirit Calls: Engaging the Challenges of Ministry: God calls each of us to something; the challenge often is recognizing the call. This workshop will consider this topic and is intended to help any Quaker to recognize this inner stirring and restlessness. [Register here.](#)

Thursday, May 27 6:00–8:30 pm

Workshop: F/friends in Unlikely Places: Engaging with Those Who Don't Agree with You: In this workshop, we'll make the case for engaging legislators with differing views and discuss how to have those conversations faithfully and effectively. [Register here.](#)



PYM Youth Programs

Children's Books: *When the Shadbush Blooms.* For Friends living on the traditional lands of the Lenape People, this book is a treasure and teaching tool. Told in the voices of "Traditional Sister" and "Contemporary Sister," the story takes us through the seasons on the land with their families in the past and present. A story about tradition and change, celebrating Lenape culture. [Purchase the book here.](#)

Children's Religious Education Resources: *God's Invitation to Creative Play.* Pendle Hill Pamphlet #468 by Jesse White. Friends supporting children's programs in meetings – and parents – will appreciate her insights about her childhood in a meeting and the importance of play for all ages. [Learn more about Pendle Hill Pamphlets here.](#)

To share with families: from Sesame Street: [Coming Together: Talking to Children About Race and Identity.](#) Developmentally appropriate resources for exploring racial justice and celebrating identity with young children. There are songs, stories, activities, and familiar furry friends to help.

Family Fun: Join Friends of all ages and Youth Programs staff members Saturday, May 22, 11am-1pm at Historic Arch Street Meeting House to build garden boxes, get your hands in the dirt, and plant seeds for a community garden that will benefit Philadelphians. Bring a picnic lunch and take a meeting house tour! (Friends who register will receive information about safety practices for this in-person event.) Registration information soon on either the [PYM](#) and [Arch Street Meeting House](#) websites!

Have questions? Reach out to Melinda Wenner Bradley, PYM Youth Religious Life Coordinator at MWennerBradley@pym.org.

Self Care Opportunities

Way Opens Wellness Walking with Freedom and Ease: An Alexander Clinic

On May 1st, from 1:30–3:00 pm Fallsington Friend Amy Ward Brimmer is offering an in person event at the Delaware Canal in Yardley. Join an exploration of what we do when we walk. The Alexander Technique can help you learn how to walk with balance and ease, eliminate strain and prevent injury and solve foot, knee and lower back problems. The cost is \$25 and pandemic protocols will be observed. [Learn more and register here.](#)

Workshops of Interest

Alternatives to Violence Basic Workshop

Organized by Lancaster Monthly Meeting, South Central Penn AVP facilitators are holding their first virtual workshop! Instead of the usual two consecutive days-long workshop, this workshop will be held in six 3-hour sessions on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings (to accommodate work schedules) over 3 consecutive weeks. Participation is limited to 20, with a suggested donation of \$50. Find out more about AVP at avpusa.org. The workshops will run from May 7 through May 22; [registration information may be found here.](#)



In Memoriam

Middletown Friends suffered the loss of Tom Corley on April 15th.



Please hold family and Friends in the Light

Pendle Hill Workshops

**Healing the Disconnect
May 3 7:30–9:00 pm**

The root of all of our social and planetary problems lies in our disconnection from our true nature, from the Earth, and from our



divine source. In this talk, using stories and short experiential practices, Marcelle Martin will share from her experiences about how we can help each other heal the disconnect that lies at the root of all our challenges.

[Register here.](#)

Pendle Hill Reading Group

May 12 6:30–8:00 pm

The Pendle Hill reading group focuses on a mix of Pendle Hill pamphlets and other Quaker materials, gathering monthly to consider queries about reading in a spirit of worship sharing. May's selection is *Holding One Another in the Light* (PHP #382) by Marcelle Martin. The group is facilitated by Janaki Spickard Keeler, a life-long Quaker, writer and family therapist and a member of Chestnut Hill Meeting. [Registration and purchase links can be found here.](#)

Kairos: A Spiritual Journey

May 13 – 16

A spiritual retreat (via Zoom) with Francisco Burgos based on the exploration of some Christian spiritual practices including worship, studying, and contemplation while experiencing the dynamic of solitude and community sharing. The cost is \$100 and financial assistance is available. [Register here.](#)

Going Deeper Together

May 21 – 23

The goal of this virtual weekend workshop with Marcelle Martin is to help enter more deeply the truth in our hearts and connect more profoundly with the divine Presence in ourselves and in all of life. Cost is \$100 and financial assistance is available. [Register here.](#)



Friends Home & Village

In Person Open House: Friends Home & Village will be hosting an Open House on the Veranda at 2 pm on May 5th. Join them at their Friends Village campus at 331 Lower Dolington Road, Newtown for tours, treats, and

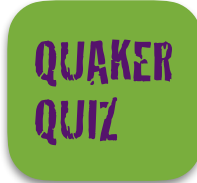
a chance to meet their residents and staff. Call Barbara Heverly at (215) 968-3346 to register, or register online at www.fhvpa.org/openhouse.



Financial Wellness for Seniors:

FHV will be hosting financial planning firm Anthony Petsis & Associates for a virtual presentation on May 11 from 2–4 pm on planning for financial needs during retirement. Register online at www.fhvpa.org/special-events.

Employment Opportunity: FHV is looking for a part time night security guard. [Full details about the position can be found here.](#)



The Fun Trivia website has lots of quizzes on lots of topics; here's their Quaker Quiz. The average score for this quiz is 7/10 – can you beat the average? [Click here to give it a try!](#)

Early registration begins April 15th!

**FGC Gathering 2021:
Way Will Open**
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Bucks Quarter Worship Schedule

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 11:00 am	Virtual worship	Go to newtownfriendsmeeting.org
Plumstead	Sunday 9:30 am	Indoor worship with masks, heat, ventilation & distance	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	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

Friendly Services Offered and Friendly Services Needed

"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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For more information contact Wendy Kane:
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