



Quakerphernalia

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

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NOVEMBER 2020

Oct 27	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Worship Sharing: With Malice Towards None	Newtown Friends Meeting
Nov 2	7:00 - 9:00 pm	First Monday Lecture: What Happens Wednesday?	Pendle Hill - virtual
Nov 5,12,19	2:00 - 3:00 pm	PYM Mindfulness Series	Sponsored by Friends Counseling Service
Nov 5	4:00 - 4:30 pm	Thursday with Friends: Talk with an Election Expert	Sponsored by FCNL
Nov 6	6:00 - 8:10 pm	Dinner & A Movie: 13th	Yardley Friends Meeting
Nov 7	10:00 am - 4:00pm	Fall Continuing Sessions	Held via Zoom
Nov 12	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Friends in Fellowship: Navigating the LGBTQ+ Journey	Sponsored by PYM
Nov 11	6:30 - 8:00 pm	Pendle Hill November Reading Group	Race, Systemic Violence, and Retrospective Justice
Nov 12	4:00 - 4:30 pm	Thursdays with Friends: Living as an Undocumented Migrant	Sponsored by FCNL
Nov 14-17		FCNL Annual Meeting & Quaker Policy Institute	Held via Zoom
Nov 22	9:00 - 9:45 am	GIANT Children's Meeting	Theme: Gratitude and Gathering
Nov 26	9:30 -10:30 am	Thanksgiving Day Worship	Plumstead Friends Meeting

Looking Ahead to DECEMBER

Dec 8	6:30 - 8:30 pm	PYM Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business	Held via Zoom
Dec 12	1:00 - 3:00 pm	Middle School Friends Holiday Hang Out	Held via Zoom
Dec 12	3:00 - 4:00 pm	PYM Family Community Play Date	Held via Zoom
Dec 27-30		Young Friends Christmas Gathering	More info to come

Bucks Quarter Worship Schedule

Bristol	4th Sunday 10 am	Worship outside (weather permitting)	Mask required
Buckingham	Sunday 10:00 am	Outside worship (weather permitting) with Zoom option	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	Outside worship (weather permitting) with Zoom option. Wednesday zoom 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	Worship outside (weather permitting)	Bring your own chair and mask
Quakertown	Sunday 10:30 am	Indoor worship with Zoom option	Mask required
Solebury	Sunday 10:00 am	Outside worship (weather permitting) 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	Outside worship (weather permitting) with Zoom option	Call Betsy Bayardi at 215-598-0248
Yardley	Sunday 10:00 am	Outside worship with Zoom option	Email info@yardleyfriendsmeeting.org
Pendle Hill	8:30-9:10 am	Worship in the Barn	Daily virtual worship

VIRTUAL Quarterly Meeting for Worship, Fellowship & Business
Under the Care of Quakertown Friends Meeting
Sunday, November 15, 2020 • 9:45 AM – 3:00 PM

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83615804646?pwd=d1pSN2hIWtJ5VU1iY2o5NWtrY0VPUT09>

10:00-11:00 am

Program: Karen Tibbals, author and founder of Ethical Frames LLC, will speak about her latest book, *Persuade, Don't Preach: Restoring Civility Across the Political Divide*. If Quakers can agree on anything, it is that there is that of God in all people, but how do we see it in the people we dislike? What happens when we encounter people who take positions we disagree with strongly? Karen suggests that we need to look underneath what people say, to see what we share with them, and when we do that, we can learn to talk to each other in a new way. Karen Tibbals is an attendee at Quakertown Meeting and a member of Rahway-Plainfield Monthly Meeting in New York Yearly Meeting and a graduate of Earlham School of Religion with a degree in Quaker history.

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 Newtown and Plumstead Meetings

Regular Quarterly Reports from the Treasurer and Coordinator

Annual Report from Peace Fair Committee



Fall Continuing Sessions
Philadelphia Yearly Meeting



Join with Friends virtually for a day in worshipful community together! The day will include an extended, multigenerational worship in the morning, the first ever Community Lunch around our virtual table, Youth Programs in the afternoon, followed by multigenerational worship sharing in small groups. The schedule is designed for Friends to come and go, to participate flexibly as your schedules, energy, and attention allows:

- 10:00 – 10:15 am Introductions and Tech Review
- 10:15 am – 12:00 pm Land Acknowledgement, Contemplative Story and Multigenerational Extended Worship
- 12:00 – 12:30 pm Break
- 12:30 – 1:15 pm Virtual Community Lunch
- 1:30 – 2:30 pm Youth Programs
- 2:30 – 4:00 pm Multigenerational Worship Sharing in small groups

[Register here to received zoom call information](#)

First Monday Lecture
Pendle Hill

Join the Pendle Hill Community at 7 PM on Monday, November 2 for a First Monday Lecture given by Eileen Flanagan of Chestnut Hill meeting entitled: *What Happens Wednesday? Preparing Ourselves for the Work Ahead*. The lecture will explore the different possibilities and ground ourselves in what we do know – about what it will take to create a more just, sustainable, and loving world, as well as Quaker practices that keep us grounded and listening to Spirit for the times ahead. The lecture is virtual and free to the public, but registration required.

[Register for the workshop here.](#)



Mindfulness Series
Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

Come explore the theory and practice of mindfulness meditation and ways in which the practice can enrich and deepen our experience of Meeting for Worship. Sponsored by the Friends Counseling Service this 7-week series offers a brief talk, a time of meditation, and time for questions or comments. The class is open to all; no prior experience necessary. Join for one session or all seven, whatever your schedule permits. Facilitated by Deborah Cooper, M.Ed., a licensed professional counselor in private practice and a member of the PYM Friends Counseling Service.

[You can register for the series here.](#)

Worship Sharing: With Malice Towards None
Newtown Meeting

The Worship & Ministry committee invites Friends to a Zoom worship sharing at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, October 27. We will hold the upcoming election in the Light and will also reflect upon how we can hold true, despite the divisiveness and anger surrounding this election, to our Quaker peace testimony and our own Edward Hicks's vision of a Peaceable Kingdom. We will also ponder the call of Abraham Lincoln at the end of the Civil War to speak and act with malice toward none. The sharing will last 50-60 minutes and be led by Bob Anderson on behalf of the committee. Questions? Contact Marybeth Snyder, msnydersuperior@gmail.com.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82620911659>

Election Day Meeting for Worship
Southampton Meeting

Please join us on Tuesday evening November 3, 2020, 7:30-8:30 pm as we will hold a Meeting for Worship for Peace, Calm and Prayer.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86541893360>

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Virtual Dinner & a Movie
Yardley Meeting

Join Friends on November 6 at 6 pm for a virtual dinner followed by the film *13th*, a 2016 American documentary film by director Ava DuVernay. The film explores the "intersection of race, justice, and mass incarceration in the United States and is titled after the Thirteenth Amendment to the US Constitution which abolished slavery. There will be a discussion to follow.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8202805694?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8202805694?pwd=OXNiaWJ2VDRYWmlDWjhQWTNWZzJzd09)

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Thanksgiving Meeting for Worship
Plumstead Friends Meeting

Plumstead Friends Meeting will hold their annual Thanksgiving Meeting for Worship on Thursday, November 26 from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Due to continuing COVID-19 restrictions, worship will occur in a socially distanced fashion (masks required) with no brunch following. All are welcome!



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This version of the August 2020 Quarterly Meeting minutes contains the edited highlights. The minutes in full detail will be available for consideration at our virtual Quarterly Meeting in November under the care of Quakertown Meeting.

Clerk: Leo Fitzpatrick (Wrightstown)

Recording Clerk: Betsy Bayardi (Wrightstown)

Friends gathered at 1:05 p.m. and settled into a period of worship.

Welcome given by Wendy Kane.

Agenda: Accepted as presented

Roll Call of Meetings Bristol: 1 Buckingham: 4, Doylestown:2, Fallsington: 4, Lehigh Valley: 2, Makefield: 1, Middletown: 2, Newtown: 12, Plumstead: 0, Quakertown: 1, Solebury: 3, Southampton: 5, Wrightstown:5, Yardley: 7.

Minutes of the May 2020 Quarterly Meeting were approved with one addition. "The budget that was presented was approved."

Stories of Vitality and Growth:

- **Newtown MM** has been worshipping via Zoom. Worship is vibrant, satisfying and well attended.
- **Southampton MM** holds Sunday morning worship as well as Tuesday evening. A once a month vigil in support of anti-racism has been well attended
- **Fallsington MM** is also worshipping via Zoom. Several participants have joined from a distance – Alaska and Turks and Caicos. Worship is vibrant. Falls Friends also held their first Meeting for Healing.
- Attendance at **Bristol PM** has been consistent but low with four Friends regularly at worship. On Historic Bristol Day the meetinghouse hosted an archeological dig and unearthed a piece of fossilized coral, which was probably used as ship ballast.
- **Middletown MM** is doing well with Zoom. Many members at a distance have participated. Forty Friends were present via Zoom on Easter Sunday.
- **Doylestown MM** has been actively using Zoom for worship. Several Friends joined from a distance including Gretchen Castle from London.

Coordinator's Report: (complete report available): As of August we had lost about 170,000 American lives due to the pandemic. What we had hoped would be a short but manageable nuisance has now become an unwelcome new normal. Our Quaker community has been firm with its support of our scientific experts and has been willing to make the appropriate accommodations in order to keep our communities safe and healthy. I want to assure Friends that this pandemic has not kept your coordinator from her scheduled duties. I have been staying busy – but now it is mostly in front of a computer screen rather than in a meetinghouse.

Inreach activities and Quarter wide observations:

- All meetings in the Quarter observed the governor's mandated shut down orders. Many meetings began to offer Zoom meetings and the virtual format was acceptable to many. An unexpected benefit of meeting virtually has been the ability of Friends at a distance and homebound Friends to attend.
- Several tech savvy Friends and I have been researching ways to blend on site and virtual worship
- Our Quarter clerks continue to meet periodically and find the exchanges valuable.

Outreach:

- Many of our Quarter meetings gathering in front of their meetinghouses on June 19th to celebrate Juneteenth. Eight of our meetings held vigils with over 200 Friends participating. Three of our Quarter meetings continue to hold vigils on a weekly or bi weekly basis.

Middletown Meeting Annual Report given by Lance Mervine (see report attached): Our Meeting continues its relationship with the African American Community in Langhorne and we agreed to allow the use of our campus for a Juneteenth Celebration. Due to Covid, this event was cancelled, but we still held a vigil on the evening of June 19th. We are working hard to safely reopen our campus to groups who count on occupying our space. At our August Business Meeting, we discussed guidelines to allow the Bucks Learning Cooperative to reopen this fall. Middletown also hosted the community Thanksgiving service in the fall of 2019. This event is sponsored by the Langhorne Ministerium

Bucks Food for Friends - Reported by Carol Richardson (see report attached). Carol reported that the group moved from a sit down meal to a "To Go" format. Carol showed vibrant photos of the volunteers at work. Currently, we serve approximately 135 people per meal. We are grateful for our volunteers, for the monetary donations from meetings and individuals and the food donations from vendors like Zooks and Roots to River.

Solebury Meeting Annual Report given by Marian Hepburn (see report attached.)

Southampton Meeting Annual Report and Minute given by Carolyn Peters Michener (see report attached).

Treasurer's Report – Ed Snyder reviewed the financial statements for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Annual Report – Chandler Hall/Kendal (see report attached) Chandler Hall initiated a number of resident centered programs and physical plant improvements to enhance our patients' quality of life. Recognitions and awards included receiving a five-star rating.

Break at 1:55

Discussion of the Peace Fair – Tim Cunningham reported that planning for the Fair is underway in full recognition that Bucks County may not be in the green phase by September and the event may have to be cancelled.

Annual Report – Oversight Committee - The committee provided support to our Coordinator through her illness. The committee developed a recruitment process to identify a new coordinator. The committee was happy with the process (described as an "act of Quaker conscription") and its result.

Annual Report – Fallsington Meeting (see report attached) David Brimmer described a year of working for social justice and protecting our planet and deepening the meeting's spiritual life. The meeting approved the ministry of Lisa Collins. The meeting also mourned the loss of its long time member and mentor Sam Snipes.

Annual Report – Lehigh Valley Meeting (see report attached). A major focus this year was an exploration of our worship practices, including a multi-generational program titled "Why Do We Gather for Worship?" The meeting was also involved in a number of social justice causes including addiction recovery, food insecurity, immigrant support and mass incarceration and post incarceration re entry.

Annual Report – Bucks Quarter Clerk (see report attached) Leo Fitzpatrick expressed thanks to Wendy Kane for her facilitating his orientation into the Clerk role. The Quarter has been active both before and after the pandemic restrictions were imposed. At the February Quarterly Meeting hosted by Middletown, Vanessa Juley, co-author of *Fit for Freedom, not for Friendship: Quakers, African Americans and the Myth of Racial Justice* urged our members to take a more active role in eliminating racism. The information packet contained a book titled *Never Caught*, the story of Ona Judge who ran away from George and Martha Washington during their stay in Philadelphia. The Quarter spent the last two Quarterly Meetings trying to develop a response to the Meta Theater Company's concerns regarding inappropriate remarks and actions that followed their February 2019 performance. We received a generous bequest from the Kirkbride estate which will be used to fund outreach activities.

Meeting closed with silent worship at 3:15 pm.

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