



# QUAKERPHERNALIA

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

NOVEMBER 2023

## Dear Friends,

A non-Friend recently said to me “October seems to be a busy month for Quakers.” They weren’t kidding!

As your Coordinator I have been hopping from Meeting to Meeting and event to event!

At Historic Bristol Day on October 21st stop by at say hi at both the Quaker Tent and the Bristol Meetinghouse. And the Quaker Tent will also be on Maple Avenue for Olde Langhorne Harvest Day on October 28th.

If you haven’t played our game “Pick the Quaker,” this is your chance! I hope to see many of you out and about during this busy Quaker October!



Your Coordinator,  
Wendy

*“We must adjust to changing times and still hold to unchanging principles.”*

~ Jimmy Carter



## Monthly Meeting News

### Bristol

Bristol Friends and their tenant Redemption Church will welcome visitors during Historic Bristol Day. There will be tours of the meetinghouse, a labyrinth to walk, and an archeological dig and refreshments for all.

### Buckingham

Many thanks to Buckingham Friends for hosting the 23rd Annual Peace Fair. The weather cooperated and a record amount of money was raised! Many thanks to all the helping hands that were needed to make this event a success.

### Doylestown

Friends often share inspirational messages on their Google Group; recently someone posted “May all that has been reduced to noise in you become music again.” 🎵

### Fallsington

Fallsington Friends gathered in “Friendly 8” groups for good food, great conversation and community. It was so welcome after not being able to do this for the past three years!

### Lehigh Valley

Lehigh Valley Friends have changed their meeting for worship time from 9:30 am to 10:00 am for the rest of 2023.

### Makefield

Friends continue to meet in person for 45 minutes each First Day, and then both in person and on Zoom for their Adult Forum, which follows at 11:15 am.

### Middletown

Middletown Friends have provided volunteer peacekeepers at the weekly Rainbow Room gatherings through the month of October.

### Newtown

After many years of research, planning and discernment, Newtown Friends are in the midst of upgrading their parking lot; stay tuned for updates! They have also started their new session of Adult First Day classes - all Friends are welcome.

### Plumstead

The meeting has applied for and received a \$500 outreach grant from the Quarter to design and mail postcards to the community to advertise their Christmas Eve Carol Sing.

### Quakertown

It looks like we are on for a hybrid Quarterly Meeting in Quakertown - NEW JERSEY! Find a Friend and carpool to this lovely little gem of a meeting! Look for our [Carpool Queries!](#)

### Solebury

There are some wonderful updates to Solebury’s meetinghouse coming, including a new parking lot sign and WiFi for the building.

### Southampton

Many thanks to Southampton Friends for their time, energy and enthusiasm with the take down/clean up detail at this year’s Peace Fair.

### Wrightstown

Starting in October, Friends will resume their monthly Potluck Meet and Eat on the First Sunday of the month in their Social Room. More post-pandemic good news!

### Yardley

Friends have resumed their monthly game nights, which are held the second Saturday of the month at 7:00 pm. Friends from around the Quarter are always welcome!

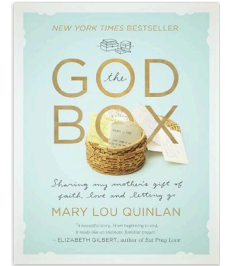
# CALENDAR

Oct 27	11:00 am–12:00 pm	<a href="#">Meeting for Worship for Peace in Palestine and Israel</a>	<i>Sponsored by AFSC</i>
Oct 27 & Nov 10	12:00–1:00 pm	<a href="#">AFSC Action Hour for a Ceasefire Now</a>	<i>Sponsored by AFSC</i>
Oct 28		<a href="#">Newtown Friends School Open House</a>	<i>PreK-2</i>
Oct 30	7:00–8:00 pm	<a href="#">How to Lobby: A Workshop from FCNL</a>	<i>On Zoom</i>
Nov 2	2:00–3:30 pm	<a href="#">Quakers and COP 28</a>	<i>Sponsored by QEW</i>
Nov 2	7:00–8:30 pm	<a href="#">Forgotten Heroes: Women and Their Fight for the Right to Vote</a>	<i>Friends Village Styer Campus</i>
Nov 4	7:00–9:00 pm	<a href="#">An Evening of Music with Crys Matthews</a>	<i>Fallsington Friends Meeting</i>
Nov 6	7:30–9:00 pm	<a href="#">Convincement and Belonging in Quaker Community</a>	<i>A Pendle Hill First Monday Lecture</i>
Nov 8	8:00–9:30 pm	<a href="#">Cultivating Generosity in Your Meeting</a>	<i>Sponsored by FGC</i>
Nov 8 & 22	1:30–2:00 pm	<a href="#">Mid-week Meeting for Worship</a>	<i>Friends Village Styer Campus</i>
Nov 9	7:00–8:30 pm	<a href="#">Building Communities of Hope in the Face of Climate Grief</a>	<i>Sponsored by PYM Climate Witness Stewards</i>
Nov 9	8:00–9:30 pm	<a href="#">Book Discussion: The Color Purple</a>	<i>Sponsored by FGC</i>
Nov 10	6:00–9:00 pm	<a href="#">Middletown Friends Annual Auction</a>	<i>A hybrid event</i>
Nov 11	8:30 am–5:00 pm	<a href="#">Fall Continuing Sessions 2023</a>	<i>Arch Street Meetinghouse &amp; Zoom</i>
Nov 11	2:00–3:00 pm	<a href="#">Pendle Hill Spring Term Info Session</a>	<i>On Zoom</i>
Nov 11	7:00–11:00 pm	<a href="#">Casino Night</a>	<i>Chandler Hall</i>
Nov 12	10:00–11:00 am	<a href="#">All Together Worship</a>	<i>Online with PYM</i>
Nov 13	11:00 am–12:15 pm	<a href="#">Smartphones At A Glance Lecture</a>	<i>Senior Planet - Styer Campus</i>
Nov 15	11:00 am–12:15 pm	<a href="#">Getting To Know Your Smartphone Workshop</a>	<i>Senior Planet - Styer Campus</i>
Nov 15	11:00 am–1:00 pm	<a href="#">Climate Stewardship Action in Malvern</a>	<i>Sponsored by EQAT</i>
Nov 15	7:00–8:30 pm	<a href="#">Monday Reading Group</a>	<i>Pendle Hill</i>
Nov 15–19		<a href="#">Annual Meeting &amp; Quaker Public Policy Institute</a>	<i>Washington, D.C.</i>
Nov 18		<a href="#">Newtown Friends School Open House</a>	<i>Grades 6-8</i>
Nov 19	9:30 am–3:00 pm	<a href="#">November Quarterly Meeting</a>	<i>Hybrid at Quakertown NJ</i>
Nov 23	9:30–10:30 am	<a href="#">Thanksgiving Meeting for Worship</a>	<i>Plumstead Friends Meeting</i>
Nov 30	7:00–8:00 pm	<a href="#">A Quaker Approach to AI as Part of Earthcare</a>	<i>Sponsored by QEW</i>
<b>ONGOING EVENTS</b>			
Nov 4	9:30 am–3:00 pm	PYM Extended Worship	<i>Virtual Only</i>
Every Sunday	3:00–4:00 pm	<a href="#">Southampton Meeting Vigil for Justice</a>	<i>Southampton Friends Meeting</i>
<b>LOOKING AHEAD</b>			
Dec 1	5:00–7:00 pm	<a href="#">Meetinghouse by Candlelight</a>	<i>Arch Street Meetinghouse</i>
Dec 1 & 2	10:00 am–4:00 pm	<a href="#">Annual Holiday Gift &amp; Bake Sale</a>	<i>Sponsored by Chandler Hall Auxiliary</i>
Dec 2		<a href="#">Newtown Friends School Open House</a>	<i>Grades 3-5</i>
Dec 3	2:00–3:30 pm	<a href="#">Native Women and Allies Speak</a>	<i>Doylestown Friends Meeting</i>

# QUARTERLY MEETING @ QUAKERTOWN

Hybrid!

Quarterly Meeting for Worship, Fellowship & Business  
Under the Care of Quakertown NJ Friends Meeting  
290 White Bridge Road - Quakertown, NJ 08868  
Sunday, November 19, 2023 • 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM



**9:30 am** Arrival & sign in; coffee & donuts

**9:45 am** Zoom Room Opens

[Join the Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 846 1141 3011

Passcode: 626381

**10:00 am** Program: Mary Lou Quinlan: “The God Box, Sharing my mother’s gift of faith, love and letting go.”

The book is a memoir of her mother Mary Finlayson who kept a decades long practice of writing out her prayers and petitions on little scraps of paper which she tucked in her “God box.” After her mother’s death, Mary Lou discovered 20 years of these scribbled notes, written with compassion, humor and hope for the everyday needs of family, friends, even strangers. This is a story of the universal human challenge of learning to let go.

**10:00 am** Children’s Program: The children will make their own God Boxes

**11:00 am** Meeting for Worship

**12:00 pm** Lunch break: bring a brown bag lunch; drinks and desserts supplied by Quakertown Friends

**1:00 pm** Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

Annual reports from Solebury, Plumstead, and Newtown Meetings, an update from Bucks Food for Friends, reports from the Audit and Peace Fair Committees as well as regular quarterly reports from the treasurer and Coordinator. Advance documents will be available soon on the website at [www.quakersbucks.org/members](http://www.quakersbucks.org/members).

*This version of the August 2023 Quarterly Meeting minutes contains the edited highlights.  
The minutes in full detail will be available for consideration on our website.*

**Clerk:** Bill Daly (Middletown)

**Bucks Quarter Coordinator:** Wendy Kane (Newtown)

**Recording Clerk:** Terry M. Christensen (Newtown)

Friends gathered at 1:03 PM and settled into a period of worship.

**Welcome** – Bill Daly

**Review and Approval of Agenda** – Bill Daly - APPROVED

**Roll Call of Meetings:** Bristol–3; Buckingham–1; Doylestown–0; Fallsington–6; Lehigh Valley–4; Makefield–1; Middletown–3; Newtown–10; Plumstead–11; Quakertown–1; Solebury–2; Southampton–4; Wrightstown–2; Yardley–3.

**Review and Approval of Minutes from May 2023 Quarterly Meeting** – APPROVED

**Stories of Vitality & Strength** –

**Lehigh Valley Friend** reports that Lehigh Valley Meeting has a presence at Lehigh Valley Pride Day, which is taking place today; they are making use of the “Quaker Table in a Box” supplied by the Quarter.

**Middletown Meeting Friend** reports that this year they will again celebrate World Quaker Day (October 1<sup>st</sup>) with shared worship with Friends from Settle Meeting in the UK beginning at 9AM with Fellowship at 10AM (via hybrid).

Bristol Friend reports that their labyrinth is progressing nicely and that they are confident that it will be ready for the Historic Bristol celebration.

**Southampton Friend** reports that Southampton Meeting recently participated in “Southampton Days” carnival (with the assistance of Friends from other meetings); this event seemed to be an effective outreach effort and, in any case, generated a sense of community.

**Yardley Friend** reports that they will be holding their 67<sup>th</sup>(!) annual Flea Market on Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be 96 vendors, a Quaker tent, delicious food, and music. Also, they note that their labyrinth is always available.

Fallsington Friend reports that they will be building on the success of their recent presentation of a “Quakerism in a Nutshell” class and offer a “Quakerism 102” class in September. They are considering offering both courses next year as well.

**The Future of Bristol Meeting** – Melanie Douty-Snipes, Jim Fine, and Paul Shaffer

Friend Fine reports that Bristol Meeting (currently a preparatory meeting under the care of Fallsington Meeting) is about to lose their member who serves as Treasurer. Moreover, their long-term Clerk, Paul Shaffer, is facing a professional relocation.

This circumstance would leave Bristol (which currently meets for worship once per month) with no members or attenders. Friend Fine noted that Bristol is very, very secure financially and there are ample protections to secure guaranteed income for the foreseeable future. On the positive side, two members of Newtown Meeting are transferring to Bristol (via Fallsington meeting since Bristol is a preparatory meeting). Also, Redemption Church (who rents the meetinghouse) has agreed to be responsible for maintaining the Bristol meetinghouse and grounds. Redemption Church is committed to the spiritual health of the Bristol community. Friend Fine reports that Wendy Kane has been instrumental in this discernment. {Discussion} Newtown Friend points out that Quarter had similar concerns about Southampton Meeting in 2006.

Yardley Friend reports that early in 2000s, Friends Sid Cadwallader and Sam Snipes used to regularly attend Princeton Meeting when its future was uncertain; Princeton Meeting is now thriving. Yardley Friend further notes that Friends from Yardley Meeting will be happy to offer periodic attendance and support.

Wendy Kane wonders if Bristol can meet more often; Bristol Friend replies that more frequent meetings are possible.

Clerk Bill Daly consults *Faith and Practice* (F&P) and notes the leadership requirements for a meeting.

Fallsington Friend believes that it would be useful to have a visioning session focused on the future of Bristol meeting. Clerk

Daly questions can we form a committee to discuss custodial issues of very small meetings? **APPROVED**

Committee Report – The Ad Hoc Technology Group – Richmond Shreve (equipment list attached).

Friend Richmond Shreve opens his report by noting that technology opens our doors to those who cannot attend and enhances our inclusivity. Friend Shreve presented a list of equipment that will be necessary to stage a hybrid quarterly meeting. This list includes, among other components, microphones, a camera, a camera tripod, a projector, speakers, a projection screen, a USB mixer, a wireless hotspot, a laptop computer, a power source, and various cables. The total cost for this package is estimated to be \$4,631.

Discussion ensues. Buckingham Friend wonders what is the critical number of people to hold a hybrid meeting?

– Ans: there need be only one person on-site; the Zoom host can be anywhere.

Friend wonders if an Ad Hoc Tech Group representative can be present to help a meeting set up? Ans: yes.

Clerk Daly asks if we want to commit to purchasing the requisite equipment.

Wendy Kane notes that we also need volunteers to operate the equipment.

Southampton Friend notes that Quarter will require several such volunteers.

Newtown Friend notes that if meetings wanted to commit to hybrid, they would have done so by now.

Plumstead Friend wonders how many meetings require extra equipment? Ans: Eight meetings (of 14 total).

Makefield Friend notes that individual meetings should have the choice of whether or not to offer hybrid option for Quarterly meetings.

Yardley Friend wonders if we have an obligation to carry the meeting to seekers from afar.

Buckingham Friend suggests that we can organize carpools for Friends who cannot drive.

Wrightstown Friend notes that they have members that regularly participate from afar.

Bristol Friend notes that we lean very heavily on volunteers; we should consider compensating a tech crew; this is also an opportunity to engage with younger Friends.

Fallsington Friend notes that technology has uses beyond Quarterly meeting.

Newtown Friend suggests an audio only approach.

Clerk Daly notes that high quality microphones are a necessity.

Wendy Kane notes that we have suffered poor audio quality in the past.

Quakertown Friend reports that they have no WIFI.

Fallsington Friend suggests that we move forward with purchasing request equipment.

Clerk Daly suggests that Ad Hoc Tech Committee examine what is required if we do audio only.

Newtown Friend notes that soon, Newtown Meeting's old equipment will be available and that with an appropriate WIFI hotspot, the old Newtown Meeting equipment could be used at next the next Quarterly Meeting. **APPROVED**

**Quarter Coordinator Report** – Wendy Kane (report attached)

**BREAK**

**Annual Report – Middletown – Lance Mervine** (Clerk Daly substitutes for Friend Mervine; see attached report)

**Special Report – FY 22-23 Outreach Grants** – Wendy Kane (see attached report)

**Treasurer's report** – Lisa Parry Becker (see attached report)

**Annual Report – Southampton** – Stephen Moyer (Friend Carolyn Michener substitutes for Friend Moyer; see attached report)

**Annual Report – Wrightstown** – Irv Thompson (report attached)

**Budget and Nominating** – Wendy Kane

Budget and Nominating has brought forward the name of Terry Christensen to serve as the Bucks Quarter representative to the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Nominating Council. **APPROVED**

**Annual Report – Yardley** – Marna Matthews (see attached report)

**Announcements** –

Recording Clerk Christensen requests that future annual reports of monthly meetings include a Recorders report. More specifically, and from a historical context, it would be helpful for monthly meetings to report gains and/or losses in membership, the number of adult and young Friends, and the average attendance at meeting for worship.

Southampton Friend asks if it would be useful to amend their report via email; yes.

**Closing Worship** – After a period of silent worship, the Clerk adjourned the meeting at 3:38 PM.



## Fallsington Friends Meeting

**An Evening of Music with Crys Matthews**

**Nov 4th:** Join us for an evening with a bright star of new folk music whose songs are being compared to Woody Guthrie. An engaging performer, Crys wraps honest emotions around her socially conscious messages and dynamically delivers them with a warm heart and a strong voice, and she lifts spirits. With the release of her new, hope-fueled, love-filled social justice album *Changemakers*, Matthews stands with heroes in the world of social-justice music. Read more about her music and mission at [www.crysmatthews.com](http://www.crysmatthews.com). Part of Fallsington Friends Quaker Meeting social justice singer/songwriter series. Cost: \$15.

9300 New Falls Rd • Fallsington, PA 19054

## Middletown Friends Meeting

**Annual Auction**

**Nov 10th:** It's auction time at Middletown Meeting! The auction itself will be hybrid, with people able to place bids in person in the meetinghouse or live on Zoom. [Click here for the catalog](#). And they are going to have a potluck dessert out on the porch like they did last year. Robin Hipple will be the contact person for placing early bids; you can email her at [robin.hipple@gmail.com](mailto:robin.hipple@gmail.com).

453 W. Maple Avenue • Langhorne, PA 19054

## Plumstead Friends Meeting

**Thanksgiving Meeting for Worship**

**Nov 23rd:** Plumstead Friends Meeting invites everyone to join them around the wood burning stove at 9:30 am for a Thanksgiving Meeting for Worship. Come dressed for the weather and start your holiday with Friends before you gather with family for feasting. Get filled with the Spirit before you get filled with food!

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## Doylestown Friends Meeting

**Native Women and Allies Speak**

**Dec 3rd:** What does "redskin" actually mean? What really happened at boarding schools like the Carlisle Indian Industrial School? What can we do today to help the healing from our painful history with Indigenous peoples? Join the [Coalition of Natives and Allies](#), a cross cultural collaborative of women at the Doylestown Friends Meeting, for a moving and informative film entitled *Native Women and Allies Speak: What you Weren't Taught in School*. A 30-minute Q&A with CNA members follows the 50-minute film. Admission: free-will donation to CNA. For more information, contact Arla Patch at [arlapatch@gmail.com](mailto:arlapatch@gmail.com).

95 E. Oakland Avenue • Doylestown PA

## Friends Village

**Forgotten Heroes: Women and Their Fight for the Right to Vote**

**Nov 2nd:** Presented by the Bucks County League of Women Voters. An informative and entertaining look at the 72-year-long fight for women's suffrage inspired by the centennial anniversaries of the ratification of the 19th Amendment and the founding of the League of Women Voters. [Click here to register](#).

**Wednesday Midweek Meeting for Worship**

**Nov 8th & 22nd:** Friends Village will be holding a thirty minute mid-week Meeting for Worship from 1:30 to 2:00 pm on the Sun Porch at Styer Hall, located at 331 Lower Dolington Road in Newtown. Friends from around the Quarter are encourage to join them. No registration required - just drop in!

**Senior Planet**

**Nov 13th: Smartphones at a Glance Lecture** - Learn about popular smartphones on the market and some of their pros and cons. We'll also compare and contrast two of the most popular operating systems: Android and Apple's iOS.

**Nov 15th: Getting to Know Your Smartphone Workshop** - During this hands-on workshop, you'll learn ways to interact with the touch screen, how to access important controls, and how to search for specific settings and learn best practices for securing and maintaining your device. Pre-requisites: participants should bring their smartphone to class. Both events will be at Friends Village Styer Campus, located at 331 Lower Dolington Rd in Newtown. [Register here](#).

## Newtown Friends School

**Fall Open Houses**

Newtown Friends School will be holding three Open Houses this fall for parents interested in a Quaker education for their children:

October 28	Pre-K to Grade 2
November 18	Grades 6-8
December 2	Grades 3-5

Go to [www.newtownfriends.org](http://www.newtownfriends.org) to register.

## In Memoriam

Lehigh Valley Fran Dreisbach



## Quaker Women's Social Hour



**Nov 8th:** Join other Quaker women from around Bucks Quarter for a fun "Quappy Hour" from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. This month will be at JB Dawson's in Langhorne. Interested in joining the group? Email [quakersbucks@gmail.com](mailto:quakersbucks@gmail.com) to get on the mailing list.

## Bucks Quakers YouTube Channel



**What's New:** If you missed Jim and Deb Fine's presentation at Fallsington Meeting entitled Israel-Palestine After the Atrocities: Issues, Responses and Prospects, [you can click here](#) to view their timely and informative presentation.

## Michener Art Museum



### Never Broken: Visualizing Lenape Histories

**Now thru Jan 14th:** This exhibit considers the power of art to construct and dismantle inaccurate Indigenous histories through a dynamic display of contemporary art by Lenape (also called Delaware) artists in dialogue with historic Lenape ceramics, beadwork, and other cultural objects and representations of Penn's Treaty by European



American artists. The exhibition features recent and newly commissioned work by [continue reading...](#)

## Chandler Hall



### Casino Night

**Nov 11th:** Enjoy a fun-filled evening of Casino fun, along with live entertainment, plenty of butlered hors d'oeuvres, scrumptious desserts, and cocktails. You can play the night away while raising money for a great cause. Tickets are \$100 per person. All proceeds benefit Chandler Hall's Hospice at Home and Memory Care Services. [Click here to purchase tickets.](#)

### Annual Holiday Gift and Bake Sale

**Dec 1st & 2nd:** Join Chandler Hall Auxiliary for their annual Holiday Gift and Bake Sale. The sale will be held from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Wright Meeting Hall at Chandler Hall. All funds raised go towards the Benevolent Care of residents at Chandler Hall. Questions? Call Kathie Parry at 215-620-6645.

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## AROUND PYM

## PYM Sponsored Events



### How to Lobby: A Workshop from FCNL

**Oct 30th:** Join Alicia McBride of the FCNL for a workshop about lobbying. Friends will learn about the IRS definition of lobbying, what sorts of actions the definition applies to, and how to lobby local, state, and national representatives in the most effective ways possible. [Click here to register.](#)

### Extended Worship

**Nov 4th:** This month the group will have a virtual meeting on Zoom. The day will follow the usual format of worship from roughly 9:30 to 12:30, and worship sharing from 1:00 until around 2:30 to 3:00, with a lunch break in between. The best way to stay informed is to be placed on an e-mail list to receive Zoom links for this and future Extended Worship meetings; contact Andy Hoover at [dandydoover@gmail.com](mailto:dandydoover@gmail.com).

### Building Communities of Hope in the Face of Climate Grief

**Nov 9th:** The PYM Climate Witness Stewards invite you to join an online workshop explore the roots of climate grief and hope and the healing power of the arts. In small group sharing sessions we will learn how to honor one another's stories as a vital way for juggling big feelings and taking action at the same time. [Register here.](#)

## Continuing Sessions

The theme is *Living with our neighbors,  
Growing into beloved community*

**Friday Nov 10th 7:00-8:00 pm:** there will be an online time of waiting worship to ground our Sessions weekend in community and Spirit.

### Saturday Nov 11th 8:30 am -5:00 pm

- 8:30-9:00 registration, refreshments
- 9:00-9:30 Intergenerational Worship
- 9:30-12:30 Meeting for Business
- 9:30-12:30 Youth Program
- 12:30-1:30 Lunch provided at Arch Street Meeting House — please consider bringing a potluck dessert to share!
- 1:30-3:30 Intergenerational Program: Gifts in Community and Shared with Neighbors
- 3:30-5:00 Worship and Fellowship



Youth programs and our intergenerational community program on living into our spiritual gifts is onsite-only after lunch on Saturday.

**Sunday Nov 12th 10:00-11:00 am** Friends have the opportunity to join together from their meetinghouses and homes for All Together Worship as part of Sessions weekend. The intergenerational waiting worship will be held in care by the elders and Presiding Clerk.

Register here

## Pendle Hill



### First Monday Lecture

**Nov 6th:** *Awakening the Witness: Convincement and Belonging in Quaker Community:* Drawing on descriptions of convincement experiences from early and contemporary Quakers, as well as Matt's own experience as a convinced Friend, this lecture will explore what makes us Friends, the significance of membership, and the diversity of ways to belong in Quaker communities. [Register here.](#)

### November Reading Group

**Nov 15th:** The Pendle Hill Reading Group focuses on Pendle Hill pamphlets and other Quaker readings, gathering to consider queries about the reading in a spirit of worship sharing. This month's selection is their recent pamphlet [Plain Talk about Dying: The Spiritual Effects of Taking My Father off Life Support](#) (PHP #479) by Shulamith Clearbridge. You can purchase a copy of this publication by clicking the link above. [Register here.](#)

## American Friends Service Committee



### AFSC Meeting for Worship with Attention to Peace in Palestine and Israel

**Oct 27th:** The Quaker Engagement Office of AFSC invites you to join him in a Meeting for Worship with attention to peace in Palestine and Israel. This is a time for Friends to come together in worship and solidarity as we grapple with the tragic events and lives lost as a result of ongoing conflict. [Click here for the Zoom link.](#)

### AFSC Action Hour for a Ceasefire Now

**Oct 27th & Nov 10th:** Take action and write to Congress during this heightened period of crisis in Gaza, the West Bank and Israel. AFSC will share an update from their staff on the ground, then help you engage with them in making calls to the White House and your member of Congress, calling for an immediate ceasefire. They will also show a tutorial on effective letter writing and spend time writing letters together. They will share resources and other action items that can increase our collective voices at this critical time. [Register here.](#)

## Quaker Earthcare Witness



### Quakers and COP 28

**Nov 2nd:** Join us for our workshop on Quakers and the UN Climate Change Conference, or COP 28. In this pre-COP event, QEW will be joined by Frank Granshaw and Lindsey Fielder Cook, who will cover everything from what the COP is and its effects on global climate change to how Quakers can get involved. [Click here to register.](#)

## A Quaker Approach to Artificial Intelligence as Part of Earthcare

**Nov 30th:** In this workshop, Gray Cox will expand on the message of his recently published book *Smarter Planet or Wiser Earth?:* how Quakers must deal with the kinds of social change we need to address the challenges presented by the Sixth Great Extinction, Climate Change, and the threats of nuclear war and runaway technology with AI. [Register here.](#)

## Earth Quaker Action Team



### Meeting for Worship with Attention to True Climate Stewardship

**Nov 15th:** Vanguard continues to be the world's number one investor in fossil fuels. Quakers, other people of faith, and those committed to true climate stewardship are coming together – both virtually and in person at Vanguard's headquarters in Pennsylvania – for a worshipful action. Join us! To participate in person at Vanguard headquarters in Malvern, PA [register here.](#)

## Friends General Conference



### Cultivating Generosity in Your Meeting

**Nov 8th:** This virtual workshop is led by Everence, in collaboration with FGC. [Register here.](#)

### God is Within Her: Quakers Experience The Color Purple

**Nov 9th:** Start reading and stay tuned! More details coming soon. [www.fgcquaker.org](http://www.fgcquaker.org).

### Employment Opportunity

FGC is looking for a **Spiritual Deepening Program Assistant** who will work closely with the Spiritual Deepening Program Coordinator and other FGC staff and volunteers to support the development of Spiritual Deepening program content for adults and children. Applications are due by November 10th; [click here to apply.](#)

## Friends Committee on National Legislation



### Annual Meeting/Quaker Public Policy Institute

**Nov 15-19th:** Each year hundreds of Quakers and friends gather to advocate for a more just and peaceful world. At FCNL's Annual Meeting, Friends from across the country join in fellowship and worship as we seek unity on important matters that affect us all. FCNL's General Committee makes decisions about organizational priorities, bylaws, and budget for the coming year. Through the Quaker Public Policy Institute hundreds of advocates lobby their federal officials to advance just public policies. [Register here.](#)

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