



Quakerphernalia

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OCTOBER 2020

Sept 26	10:30 am	Chandler Hall Fall 2020 Caring for People with Dementia	Part 2 - How to Cope with Caregiving
Sept 26-27		Young Friends Peace Fair Gathering	Going VIRTUAL
Sept 27	9 - 9:45 am	GIANT Children's Meeting	Theme: Celebrating New Beginnings
Oct 1	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Chandler Hall Culinary Gala	Virtual event
Oct 3 - 4		Middle School Friends Fall Retreat	PYM virtual event
Oct 4		World Quaker Day	Click the link for a flyer to share
Oct 5	7:00 - 9:00 pm	First Monday Lecture with George Lakey	Pendle Hill - virtual
Oct 9-11	Fri-Sun	Young Adult Friends Fall Retreat	Camp Onas
Oct 10	10:30 am	Chandler Hall Fall 2020 Caring for People with Dementia	Part 3 - Dealing with Difficult Behaviors
Oct 13 & 14	2:30 or 7:30 pm	Religious Education Conversation Circles	Teaching About Indigenous People
Oct 17	11 am - 1:30 pm	Quaker College Panel	Virtual event
Oct 23-25		The Peace Center Virtual Auction Gala	Sponsorship opportunities available
Oct 24	10 am - 1 pm	Child Safety and Mandated Reporter Training	PYM virtual event
Oct 25	9 - 9:45 am	GIANT Children's Meeting	Theme: Friends & Neighbors
Looking Ahead to November			
Nov 7		Fall Continuing Sessions	TBD
Nov 14-17		FCNL Annual Meeting & Quaker Policy Institute	Held via Zoom
Nov 26	9:30 am	Thanksgiving Day Worship	Plumstead Friends Meeting

Bucks Quarter Worship Schedule

Bristol	4th Sunday 10 am	Worship outside (weather permitting)	235 Market Street; Bristol
Buckingham	Sunday 10:00 am	Outside worship with Zoom option	Email buckinghamfriends@gmail.com
Doylestown	Sunday 10:00 am	Virtual worship only	Email doylestownfriends@gmail.com
Fallsington	Sunday 11:00 am	Virtual worship only	Go to fallsingtonmeeting.org
Lehigh Valley	Sunday 10:00 am Wed 8:00 pm	Outside worship with Zoom option; bring your own chair and mask	Go to lehighvalleyquakers.org
Makefield	Sunday 10:00 am	In-person meeting for worship with Zoom option available	Inside meetinghouse, mask required Email jerry.taylor35@verizon.net
Middletown	Sunday 11:00 am	Virtual worship only	Email robin.hipple@gmail.com
Newtown	Sunday 10:00 am	Virtual worship only	Go to newtownfriendsmeeting.org
Plumstead	Sunday 9:30 am Wed 8:30 am	Worship outside (weather permitting)	Bring your own chair and mask
Quakertown	Sunday 10:30 am	In-person meeting for worship	Inside meetinghouse, mask required
Solebury	Sunday 10:00 am	Outside worship combined with Zoom option	Go to soleburyfriendsmeeting.org
Southampton	Sunday 10:00 am Tuesday 7:30 pm	Sunday in-person with virtual option Tuesday virtual only	Email John Magee jmm9724@gmail.com Masks required for in-person
Wrightstown	Sunday 10:00 am	Outside and Virtual worship; wear a mask	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

World Quaker Day Friends World Committee for Consultation

FWCC invites you to join Quakers for online worship in each of the four FWCC sections for the 7th annual World Quaker Day. The theme for this year's World Quaker Day is "What Does it Mean to be a Quaker Today? Living into a Faithful Life in a Changing World." Check out the FWCC Resource page at <http://www.worldquakerday.org/resources/> for opportunities to worship with Friends around the world and to find other resources for how Friends can celebrate.



2020 Virtual Culinary Gala Chandler Hall

Please join Chandler Hall's for their First Ever Virtual Culinary Gala on Thursday, October 1 at 7 pm. The virtual event will feature culinary demonstrations, experiences at Chandler Hall, a silent auction, this year's Special Appeal and more.



There is no cost to participate – simply register at <https://chandler.givesmart.com>. The Auction opens September 25, and the video starts at 7 pm on October 1. You can log on any

time before 7 pm on October 1 to browse the auction items and sit back and enjoy the fun. Here's the link: <https://chandler.givesmart.com>.

First Monday Lecture with George Lakey Pendle Hill

On Monday, October 5, Pendle Hill will be hosting George Lakey speaking on the topic "Can Quakers and Others Help Prevent an American Slide into Dictatorship?" This virtual lecture runs from 7 - 9 pm and is free to the public; [registration is required](#).

As the November Presidential election nears, thoughtful leaders are worrying about the possibility of a power grab should the vote be close with procedures challenged. How in today's situation can Quakers join others in creating a Plan B should the worst happen? George brings a lifetime of nonviolent research and action to this question, drawing on the experience of other countries that have faced authoritarian power grabs.

Race, Systemic Violence and Retrospective Justice **NEW** Pendle Hill Pamphlet

A new Pendle Hill pamphlet entitled "Race, Systemic Violence, and Retrospective Justice," in which an African American Quaker scholar-activist challenges traditional narratives, is now available for pre-order through the Pendle Hill Bookstore before its October 6 release date! In the pamphlet BlackQuaker Project Director Dr. Harold D. Weaver, Jr., asks Friends and others to look at societal problems through new lenses and to take new actions. You may pre-order the pamphlet through this link: <https://pendlehill.org/product/race-systemic-violence-and-retrospective-justice/>.



Aging Well Series Newtown Friends Meeting

The Newtown Meeting Aging Well series continues with two programs on housing: Where Will You Live in Your Later Years? and Aging in Place. They are presented in video format by Susan W. Hoskins, LCSW. Susan is a clinical social worker certified in gerontology. She is the Executive Director of the Friends Foundation for the Aging, and was director of the Princeton Senior Resource Center for nearly 20 years.

The first program describes housing options and levels of care. It also provides a set of questions to ask yourself in preparing for the future and questions to ask when visiting communities. The second program focuses on aging in place, which means remaining in your home or community. It explains options, considerations, and additional services you may need.

Both programs include queries for consideration and resources. Other programs in the series can be found on the Newtown Meeting website (newtownfriendsmeeting.org) under Aging Series.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pIO98cmGT_0&feature=youtu.be

Caring for People with Dementia Series Chandler Hall

How to Cope With Caregiving will be held on Saturday September 26th at 10:30 am. The program will be presented by Maggie Sullivan, Caregiver Support Facilitator, Alzheimer's Association. Maggie Sullivan also understands caring for those with Alzheimer's and other dementias after caring for her mother for eight years. Maggie has helped facilitate caregiver support groups for the past 27 years for the Alzheimer's Association, and has written essays that have appeared in the *New York Times* and elsewhere. Maggie's presentation will help you better understand those with dementia, how to care for them, and how to care for yourself during this period.

Dealing with Difficult Behaviors will be held on Saturday, October 10th at 10:30 am. The program will be presented by Danielle Micale, Department of Aging Director, East Brunswick Township, NJ. Danielle Micale has spent much of her professional career helping older adults and their families with needs, education, and referral services. Danielle's presentation will help families better understand and cope with difficult behaviors experienced by those with dementia and cognitive impairments, whether its mood changes, "sundowning," wandering or other common issues that can make caretaking challenging.

[You can sign up for the lectures here](#)

Quaker College Panel 2020

The Quaker College Fair is going virtual this year! This free event, designed for students engaged in the college search process, will be held 11:00 am – 1:30 pm on Saturday, October 17th over Zoom. After the panel discussion, representatives from several college admissions will be available to speak with interested attendees via breakout groups. [Register for the online event here](#). This event is appropriate for all high school aged students, and particularly relevant to Juniors, Seniors and their families.



Thursday's With Friends Friends Council on National Legislation



Thursday with Friends is an online conversation series brought to you during this period of great difficulty when we are isolated from our loved ones. It is a brief 30-minute community chat on issues that Quakers and people of faith are compelled to continue to work on, whatever the circumstances we find ourselves in.

[Register here and get the link for the day's community conversation.](#)

Mercer Street Friends Summer 2020 Update

On September 4, 2020, the final summer Community Food Bag was distributed, closing out Mercer Street Friends' summer Community Food Bag program. Since March 20, 2020, thanks to the incredible generosity of time and financial support, Mercer Street Friends has distributed over 32,000 Community Food Bags to their neighbors throughout Trenton and Mercer County. Families received over 512,000 meals, offering relief from food insecurity for the weekends. They will continue to provide Community Food Bags through the rest of this calendar year and beyond, as necessary. Stay informed about their work this fall at www.mercerstreetfriends.org.

Spotlight on

Youth and Religious Education Resources

Giant Children's Meeting

Join Friends and Families from across the Yearly Meeting for a monthly religious education program. Beginning on September 27, and then October 25, November 22, and December 27 PYM will host a Giant Children's Meeting for Worship from 9-9:45 am. It's "children's meeting" because they're making a space to nurture the spiritual lives and Quaker identity of young people, and it's "giant" because everyone is invited! The 9:00 start is intended to allow folks to attend worship in their own meeting later that morning. Each 30-45 minute program will feature a theme and seasoned facilitators leading us through grounding, exploring, wondering, and creating. [Get the Zoom link here.](#)

Young Friends Fall Gathering & Virtual Peace Fair

In the spirit of Peace Fair Young Friends will gather virtually Saturday and Sunday, September 26-27 for service and fellowship! They will be partnering with local racial justice and environmental justice organizations for letter writing and phone banking workshops. There will also be plenty of time for worship sharing, games, affinity time, and late night! [Register here.](#)



Middle School Friends Fall Gathering

The Fall gathering will be held virtually October 2-3. Friends will gather in community for games, racial & environmental justice activities, Zoom pumpkin carving! [You can register here.](#)



Child Safety & Mandated Reporter Training

In Pennsylvania, volunteers and paid staff who work directly with children are considered mandated reporters under state law. On Saturday, October 24, PYM is offering an online mandated reporter training with the PA Family Support Alliance. Questions about child safety policies and practices are frequently raised by Friends, and this program is offered to support volunteers and paid staff with care of children and youth in our meetings. [Pre-registration is required.](#)



Workshop: Story Circles in Online Spaces

This 90-minute workshop will give youth religious educators the chance to explore sharing Faith & Play and Godly Play stories with Zoom and YouTube. It will explore both what grounds Faith & Play/Godly Play

stories in this format and tips for facilitating online. There are two opportunities to take part: Tuesday, October 6 at 7 pm or Thursday, October 8 at 1 pm. The workshop is led by Godly Play trainers Melinda Wenner Bradley and Arlene Decina who have both been using online spaces to share stories. [Registration is required to receive the Zoom link.](#)

Religious Conversation Circles

Conversation Circles are an opportunity to bring together the wisdom of our PYM RE community. Join in listening and discussion with others carrying a concern for children and youth programs in meetings. The October Conversation Circle will be a presentation from Sandra Boone Murphy on "Teaching about Indigenous People and Native Justice." This will be followed by a check-in with our community of practice — how is the fall going?

There are two opportunities to join the discussion — Tuesday, October 13 at 2 pm or Wednesday October 14 at 7:30 pm. [Pre-registration is required for both.](#)

Did you miss the August Conversation Circle on Fall Planning: Connections and New Directions? No problem! [Here is a link to the powerpoint presentation.](#)

Valiant Together: RE Support During COVID-19

This Facebook group is associated with the Quaker Religious Education Collaborative, a grassroots network of Friends holding a sense of stewardship for life-long Quaker faith formation through religious education. QREC includes Friends from all branches of our international Quaker family, and welcomes all Friends involved in religious education. During the COVID-19 pandemic crisis, our community of practice has an opportunity to share resources, skills, gifts, questions and insights, and to support each other in the ministry of Quaker faith formation. Many Friends are creating and offering online, virtual resources. [You can join the group by clicking here.](#)

The yearly meeting is a great resource for your meeting's religious education planning. [Here is a link to an article entitled Connection & New Directions.](#) They also have a large collection of religious education curricula that can be accessed online. Go to <https://www.pym.org/religious-education/> to view. And if you haven't yet, sign up to receive [The Tote Bag](#), an e-newsletter published by Melinda Wenner Bradley, Youth Religious Life Coordinator, whom you can contact at mwennerbradley@pym.org.



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