

Quakerphernalia

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



October 2021

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OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept 30	11:00 am	Luke 10 Webinar on Christian Muslim Friendship	<i>Iran COVID Relief Project</i>
Sept 30		Deadline: FGC 2022 Workshop Proposal	<i>The 2022 theme is "...and follow me."</i>
Oct 1-3		A Quaker Theological Ecosystem Workshop	<i>Pendle Hill sponsored virtual event</i>
Oct 2	9:30 am-3:00 pm	Virtual Extended Worship	<i>Find zoom link on page 3</i>
Oct 2	2:00-3:30 pm	Historic Marker Dedication-Nixon Cemetery	<i>Quakertown Friends Meeting</i>
Oct 2	1:30-4:30 pm	Children & Families Community Playdate	<i>PYM Sponsored event</i>
Oct 3	All day	World Quaker Day	<i>2021 Theme: Resilience & Hope</i>
Oct 3	3:00-4:00 pm	FHV Series: Growth and Change in Later Life	<i>Friends Village Styer Campus</i>
Oct 4	7:30-9:00 pm	Myths of Gender	<i>A Pendle Hill First Monday lecture</i>
Oct 8-10		BIPOC Young Adult Friends Retreat	<i>Sponsored by PYM</i>
Oct 9	10:00 am-4:30 pm	Historic Fallsington Day	<i>Fallsington, PA</i>
Oct 10-Nov 14	6:00-7:30 pm	Weaving a Wider Welcome	<i>FGC Spiritual Deepening e-Retreat</i>
Oct 13	6:30-8:00 pm	Pendle Hill Reading Group	<i>Marking the Quaker Path (PHP #439)</i>
Oct 15-17		Spiritual Formation Annual Retreat	<i>In person at Pendle Hill</i>
Oct 16	10:00 am-4:30 pm	Historic Bristol Day	<i>On the Bristol Borough waterfront</i>
Oct 16	10:00 am-12 pm	Training for Conscientious Objection	Click here for more information
Oct 16	TBD	Middle School Friends Hangout with Alix	<i>Save the Date!</i>
Oct 17	10:30 -11:30 am	Buckingham Friends Community Meeting for Worship	<i>Buckingham Friends Meeting</i>
Oct 17	9:00 am-9:45 am	Giant Children's Meeting	<i>Creating Peace Together</i>
Oct 17	8:00-8:30 pm	Youth Led Meeting for Worship	<i>Grades 6th - 12th</i>
Oct 21-24		The Peace Center's Virtual Silent Auction	<i>3 Days, 2 Nights, 1 Cause</i>
Oct 25-Nov 18	4:00-5:30 pm	A Quaker Way of Living with Dying	<i>FGC Spiritual Deepening e-Retreat</i>
Oct 25-Dec 9	11:00 am-12:15 pm	Free Technology Courses	<i>Friends Village Styer Campus</i>
Oct 30	10:00 am-4:30 pm	Olde Langhorne Harvest Day	<i>Maple Avenue in Langhorne PA</i>
Oct 31		Deadline for Greenleaf Grants	<i>Through PYM</i>
ONGOING EVENTS			
Every Sunday	4:00-5:00 pm	Southampton Meeting Vigil for Justice	<i>Southampton Friends Meeting</i>
Oct 8 & 22	5:00-6:00 pm	Newtown Meeting Black Lives Matter Silent Vigil	<i>State Street, Newtown PA</i>
LOOKING AHEAD			
Nov 6	9:00 am-4:00 pm	Fall Continuing Sessions	<i>Save the Date!</i>
Nov 7	TBD	PYM Family Gathering	<i>At Arch Street Meetinghouse</i>
Nov 7	3:00-4:00 pm	Finding Joy and Hope While Dealing with Life's Struggles	<i>Friends Village Styer Campus</i>
Nov 19-21		FCNL Annual Meeting	Register here
Nov 19-21		Friends Decision Making and Clerking	<i>Pendle Hill sponsored virtual event</i>

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

Deadline for submissions is the 15th day of the preceding month's publication





Around Bucks Quarter

Buckingham Meeting

Buckingham Friends Meeting and School invites you to join us on Sunday, October 17th at our normal time of 10:30 for the Buckingham Friends Community Meeting for Worship that

will take place on Zoom. Annually we invite [Buckingham Friends School](#) students, alumni, families, staff, and board members past and present to share worship with us and welcome them back for a new school year. Please email us at buckinghamfriends@gmail.com for the zoom credentials.

Bucks Quarter Outreach Grants

Outreach Grants of up to \$500 are now available! Bucks Quarter Meetings may apply for these grants any time during the 2021-22 fiscal year; go to www.quakersbucks.org/members to access the online application form.

Applications will be reviewed in a timely manner by the Outreach Committee.

Bucks Quarter Meeting for Worship Schedule

Bristol	4th Sunday 10:00 am	Email for information: pws@seas.upenn.edu
Buckingham	Sunday 10:30 am	Email for zoom link: buckinghamfriends@gmail.com
Doylestown	Sunday 10:00 am	Email for zoom link: doylestownfriends@gmail.com
Fallsington	Sunday 11:00 am	Go to fallsingtonmeeting.org
Lehigh Valley	Sunday 9:30 am Wed 8:00 pm	Go to lehighvalleyquakers.org
Makefield	Sunday 10:00 am	Email for zoom link: jerry.taylor35@verizon.net
Middletown	Sunday 11:00 am	Email for zoom link: robin.hipple@gmail.com
Newtown	Sunday 11:00 am	Go to newtownfriendsmeeting.org
Plumstead	Sunday 9:30 am	www.plumsteadfriendsmeeting.org
Quakertown	Sunday 10:30 am	Mask required if unvaccinated
Solebury	Sunday 10:00 am	Go to soleburyfriendsmeeting.org
Southampton	Sunday 10:00 am Tuesday 7:30 pm	Email for zoom link: jmm9724@gmail.com
Wrightstown	Sunday 10:00 am	Email for zoom link: obransan@gmail.com
Yardley	Sunday 10:00 am	Email for zoom link: info@yardleyfriendsmeeting.org

More information can be found at quakersbucks.org/local-meetings

Quakertown Meeting

Historic Marker Dedication at Nixon Cemetery

On October 2nd at 2 pm, Quakertown Friends Meeting will hold a dedication ceremony for an historic marker that honors the Nixon Cemetery, a burial site for non-Quakers that the Meeting offered to the community in the mid-1700s. The sign also acknowledges the now forgotten site, across the road, of a former cemetery for enslaved Africans, also founded in the mid-1700s, but destroyed before the 1880s.

The dedication ceremony will include several speakers, and refreshments will be available afterwards at Quakertown Meeting, a half mile away from the cemetery. Parking available at both locations.

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Friends Home & Village

Growth & Change in Later Life Series:

Join us for a 3-part discussion series that examines the many changes we encounter in later life and how we continue to grow emotionally as we age.

Learn about what to expect as we cope with transitions and experiencing joy even after facing loss and grief. Seating is limited. [Reserve your space by completing the registration form.](#) For everyone's safety, COVID-19 vaccination and masks will be required. Inside air quality will be continuously monitored to provide safe levels of ventilation.

Our Brains and Change: the Hopeful Message of Neuroplasticity – October 3rd at 3:00 pm.

Imagine watching a sculpture sculpting itself. In essence, this is what is happening to our brains as we actively engage in thinking, feeling, and behaving in new and different ways. This presentation and discussion will focus on the neuroscience of growth and change throughout the lifespan. Through active participation in life, we all can strengthen the neural pathways for sustaining health and for increasing our ability to adapt to changes in our lives. This discussion will be presented by Mark Woodford, licensed counselor and chairperson of the counseling department at TCNJ.



FREE Technology Classes: Friends Village is partnering with Senior Planet from AARP to help older adults use technology to learn new skills, save money, get in shape, and make new friends. Classes are intended for adults 60 and over. Attend lectures on Mondays. Practice skills in hands-on workshops on Thursdays. Classes begin October 25; [click here for more information and to register.](#)

Writing Group: have you every wanted to write a book or start journalling but didn't know to get started? We can help you get clearness about what you would like to write about and help you get started. Contact Judith Solt at 215-968-2897 or email judysolt2@gmail.com.

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In Memoriam

Fallsington Meeting suffered the loss of Antoinette Molner
Solebury Meeting lost 100-year-old Irene Fisher on September 5th
Newtown Meeting experienced the sudden loss of Caroline Wilson
Buckingham Meeting lost Pat Grupe on May 29th of this year.



Please hold family and Friends in the Light



Around the Yearly Meeting

Spiritual Formation Collaborative

Spiritual Refreshment: Reaching for the Divine

The Spiritual Formation Collaborative is holding its annual weekend retreat at Pendle Hill—in person—on Friday October 15 through Sunday October 17, 2021.

Nurture your spirit with a weekend retreat designed to create sanctuary for our souls, to renew and deepen our lives in spiritual community. We will meet at Pendle Hill in Wallingford, Pennsylvania, a beautiful Quaker Retreat Center on 24 acres. Enjoy comfortable accommodations and delicious homemade meals, made with local organic ingredients. We will have the opportunity for loving conversations and activities with fellow travelers on the Spiritual Journey. There is a fee for this program. [Click here for more information.](#)

PYM Youth Programs

Children & Families Community Play Date—Apple Picking at Linvilla Orchards:

Join Children & Families staff Mars Hohenstein and Crystal Hershey who will guide the group through an afternoon of fellowship, play, and apple picking! This is an adult/child event for children in 5th grade and younger. Families should arrive by 1:30 to gather our group and share introductions and games. Cost is \$7 per person over the age of 1. [Register here.](#)

Middle School Friends Hangouts & Cooking with Alix: Saturday, October 16th, time TBD. This online, 90-minute program will include a cooking project with our MSF chef (we'll send you the ingredients list and directions to cook in your home kitchen, while Alix demonstrates from hers) and worship sharing/discussion focused on "Building the Quaker Community We Want to Be." Watch the PYM website calendar for the event registration at www.pym.org.

Quaker Parent Mutual Support Groups: The purpose of these groups is to provide Friends who are currently parenting children with a space for mutual conversation and support. Groups will meet for six months, starting roughly in mid-November, for one hour every two weeks.

This year, the project is co-sponsored by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, New York Yearly Meeting, and Friends United Meeting, but ALL Quaker parents are welcome to participate, regardless of location or affiliation. Participating parents need access to Zoom. [Parents can register here through October 31.](#)

Virtual Extended Worship

October Extended Worship: PYM's informal Extended Worship group meets via Zoom on the first Saturday of the month. The group convenes at 9:30 am, worships for about 3 hours, takes a 30 minute lunch break, then reconvenes for worship sharing, generally concluding around 3 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 5th. To join the Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83761339634?pwd=aEpQZGgwaVhhZ3hOd2IyN0dDWU51Zz09>

Meeting ID: 837 6133 9634 Passcode: 077432

PYM Grants

Greenleaf Grants: The deadline to apply for a Greenleaf Grant through PYM is October 31st.

What is a Greenleaf Grant? The Greenleaf Fund provides grants and loans to elderly Quakers, and those in sympathy with Quakers, who are of modest means and in need of assistance to meet their housing needs and other costs of living. Individuals who are 62 years of age or older can apply; grants are not available for organizations. There are two deadlines every year, on May 1 and November 1.

The Greenleaf Fund was established from the funds of the former Greenleaf Boarding Home to maintain the values that guided that organization: caring, compassion, confidentiality, and respect for all residents of the home.

Applications are being accepted via email to grants@pym.org. Paper copies are accepted but their receipt may take longer to acknowledge as many staff people are working from home during the pandemic.

[More information and application forms may be found here.](#)

[PYM Emergency Grants](#) can help support PYM's Monthly Meeting's by granting up to \$2,000 in one-time emergency assistance to members of monthly meetings. These funds may also be used to supplement each Meeting's own emergency assistance fund in helping members meet basic needs (including but not limited to housing, food, employment, and medical difficulties) during times of personal financial crisis. Applications must come from the Clerks of PYM Meetings or Clerks of Care, Counsel, and Overseers committees.

Clerks requesting funds should write to the Director of Grant Making at ngutowski@pym.org, and follow up with a brief and concise letter of request describing the need and individuals involved. Individuals cannot apply and beneficiaries must be PYM members. There are no deadlines — applications are processed as they are received.

Afghan Refugee information

Many Friends in Bucks Quarter have asked how they themselves or their meeting communities can help with the increase in the number of refugees that will need resettlement. PYM held a conference call on September 9th to address this issue. If you were unable to attend, information from that call as well as a video recording [can be accessed here.](#)

Young Adult Friends

BIPOC Retreat: All Black Indigenous People of Color between the ages of 18 and 35(ish) in the greater Philadelphia area and beyond are welcome to join us for our first BIPOC YAF retreat!

The retreat will kick off on Friday evening with a casual in-person gathering with dessert at Awbury Arboretum.

Saturday workshops will include a virtual Reparations Workshop led by Afroza Hussain, and a virtual Communal Advocacy Workshop led by Liana Irvine. A virtual Keynote address by Zenaida Peterson on identity, white supremacy in Quakerism, and belonging will round out the day.

The weekend will finish on Sunday morning with Worship and Hospitality in-person at Greene Street Meeting.

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



Around the greater Quaker World

Friends General Conference

Spiritual Deepening e-Retreats

Weaving a Wider Welcome: We have heard that many meetings wonder why their newcomers stop coming after a few visits—especially LGBTQ folks, families with young children and People of Color. In this eRetreat, we will explore how newcomers experience welcome, mistakes meetings make with newcomers, and what approaches to welcoming have worked in FGC meetings. More information and registration can be found here.

A Quaker Way of Living with Dying: This eRetreat invites you to explore and practice the spirituality of death. Growing old, even when that means facing physical or other changes, can help us focus on what is essential. The retreat will be facilitated by Kate Jaramillo a member of Bridge City Friends Meeting in Portland, Oregon and Board-Certified chaplain who has served in this ministry for over 20 years in hospitals and hospice/palliative care. Register here.

Spiritual Deepening Library: The Spiritual Deepening Library invites newcomers, individuals, and meetings to explore the questions that transform lives and take them deeper in the life of the Spirit. It offers resources, readings, queries, and activities that support spiritual exploration for individuals and small groups and has materials for adults and children. Access the Library here.



2022 Gathering "...and follow me."

Workshop proposals are now being accepted for the 2022 FGC Gathering in Radford, Virginia! The workshop proposal deadline is September 30, 2021.

The 2022 Workshop Committee is looking to offer a mix of workshops that reflect the wide range of needs and interests of our faith community. Workshops should support the Gathering's efforts to be inclusive, build community, and help us deepen spiritually. We seek diverse leaders and workshops that help FGC transform into an actively anti-racist faith community. The Gathering will be held July 3-9, 2022 in Radford, VA. Learn More on the Gathering Workshop Proposal page.

Earth Quaker Action Team

EQAT's September newsletter reviewed how for the past six years they have been pushing PECO to invest in our communities through local solar and green jobs. This pressure has resulted in PECO taking significant steps that have boosted the local solar economy and put some investment in job creation for black and brown community members.

EQAT is handing off the baton for continued changes with PECO to other partner organizations who they feel can take this cause to the next level. Going forward, EQAT plans to join an international campaign targeting Vanguard, the world's largest investor in coal and #2 funder of major climate-harming projects across the globe.

EQAT has an upcoming County Meeting to discuss the next steps in their new campaign (October 17). More information may be found on their website www.eqat.org.



Pendle Hill Programs

A Quaker Theological Ecosystem Workshop – Oct 1-3: explore Quaker theology through the framework of an ecosystem, seeing how the seemingly chaotic and disorganized nature of Quaker theology actually becomes a beautiful symphony. We'll explore this complex approach to theology in our lives, hopefully leaving with a clearer picture of the roots of our own theological beliefs and the ways that these beliefs have borne fruit in our spiritual lives. This workshop will be led by Christy Randazzo, a member of Haddonfield Friends meeting. Register for the workshop here.

Myths of Gender; a First Monday lecture with Cai Quirk: Cai will explore notions of gender, particularly identities beyond the binary, through the lens of storytelling. Included will be mythic stories and photographs from their upcoming book Transcendence and time to reflect and play with our understandings of gender together. Register here.

October Reading Group – October 13: October's selection is Marking the Quaker Path: Seven Key Worlds Plus One (PHP #439) by Robert Griswold. Register here.

Christianity and Islam: Friendship and Contemporary Challenges: Luke 10, an ecumenical organization working to provide COVID-19 relief to Iran, will host its third webinar with Iranian and U.S. scholars and clerics on September 30th at 11:00 am. Panelists will discuss the challenges to Christian-Muslim friendship in today's world.

Luke 10 Webiner

Jim Fine, a member of Bristol Meeting, is a member of the board of Luke 10 and believes that improved relations between Iran and the U.S. are essential to build peace and stability in the Middle East and Central Asia, from Lebanon and Syria, to Israel-Palestine, to Afghanistan. Register for the webinar here. For more information, visit the Luke 10 website at https://www.luke10.faith/.

The Peace Center

2021 Virtual Silent Auction

The Peace Center's Annual Silent Auction will be a 3 Day, 2 Night, 1 Cause Event!

The "Meet Us at the Michener Kick Off" begins on Thursday, October 21st at 5:30 pm. Tickets for this in person event are \$150, which includes food, drinks and docent-led tours of Michener Art Museum. Tickets can be purchased here through October 14th.

The Silent Auction opens on Friday, October 22nd at 9 am and runs through Sunday, October 24th at 8 pm. Registration for the auction is free, and you can bid right from your smart phone or computer. Register to become a bidder here.

The Peace Center has been working to prevent violence, promote peaceful resolution of conflict and foster inclusive, equitable and safe communities locally, nationally and worldwide since 1982. The money raised by the silent auction will help our community in a variety of ways, such as bringing Peace Education into elementary, middle and high schools.



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Ad Space Available!

Do you have a Friendly business you want Friends to know about? Are you in need of a Friendly service? Let Friends know by advertising in this newsletter. You do not need to be a member of Bucks Quarter, but you do need to be a member or attender of a meeting. The rate is \$260 for 12 months or \$40 monthly.

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