



QUAKERPHERNALIA

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

OCTOBER 2023

Dear Friends,

This summer I had the opportunity to travel to Maine (like so many Bucks Quarter Friends)!

Using quakerfinder.org I found the closest Quaker Meeting, Vassalboro Friends Meeting.

My daughter Emily and I shared worship with 8 Friends in person and a few more on Zoom. What a blessing that there are Friends meetings wherever we go! Pay them a visit!



Your Coordinator,
Wendy

"All the great things are simple, and many can be expressed in a single word: freedom, justice, honor, duty, mercy, hope."

~ Winston Churchill



Monthly Meeting News

Bristol

Construction continues on the Bristol Meeting Labyrinth - a joint project between the meeting community and their tenant, Redemption Church.

Buckingham

Buckingham Friends is gearing up to host the 23rd Annual Bucks Quarter Peace Fair! Stop by the Quaker Tent to receive your "Genuine Quaker" pin!

Doylestown

This year, the meeting's children's First Day School classes will be focused on the Quaker Testimony of Integrity.

Fallsington

Friends are making sure that Bristol Meeting's monthly meeting for worship is well attended by Fallsington Friends; anyone from around the Quarter is welcome. Bristol meets the 4th Sunday of the month at 11:00 am.

Lehigh Valley

Friends have been rising to the challenge of attending to mold remediation throughout their meetinghouse. They also continue to investigate the best way to improve their HVAC system.

Makefield

Friends had a picnic to celebrate the birthday of one of their most elder Friends, Elsie Wright - Happy Birthday Elsie!

Middletown

Friends are planning to celebrate World Quaker Day on October 1st with a breakfast, followed by worship with Friends from Settle Meeting in Great Britain; this will be the second year they will Zoom together.

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 is getting a facelift this summer and is looking quite spiffy. They also have a new clerk - welcome Leslie May!

Quakertown

The meeting is already planning the program for the November Quarterly Meeting - see the article on page 3.

Solebury

Looks like Solebury Meeting may be featured in an upcoming magazine article due out in November! I'll provide the link when it is published.

Southampton

Friends have installed a Memorial to the Lost, honoring Bucks County victims of gun violence, that anyone can visit by driving by their meetinghouse located at the corner of Street and Gravel Hill Roads.

Wrightstown

Wrightstown Friends held an ice cream social to welcome new Nursery School families and to begin their 300th birthday celebrations!

Yardley

The 67th Annual Yardley Friends Flea Market went off without a hitch. The vendors were happy as were the treasure hunters who attended.

CALENDAR

Sept 28	7:30–9:00 pm	Quaker Call to Action	National Zoom call
Sept 30	10:30 am–4:00 pm	Peace Fair of Bucks Quarterly Meeting	Buckingham Friends Meeting
Oct 2–23	7:00–8:30 pm	Invitational Spirituality e-Retreat	Sponsored by FGC
Oct 2	7:30–9:00 pm	First Monday Lecture: Belonging in Unknown	Pendle Hill
Oct 3	2:00–3:00 pm	Yoga for Seniors	Friends Village Styer Campus
Oct 4	2:00–3:00 pm	Crafting Ethical Wills	Friends Village Styer Campus
Oct 4	4:00–6:00 pm	Youth Demand Action from Vanguard	Malvern, PA
Oct 5	7:00–8:00 pm	Threshing Session on PYM's Advocacy Policy	A PYM Virtual Event
Oct 5-9		Deepening at the Root	Pendle Hill
Oct 6		YAF Fall Retreat: Worship and Ministry	Sponsored by PYM
Oct 7	12:00-4:00 pm	Designer Bag Bingo	Chandler Hall
Oct 9	10:00–11:00 am	Coffee and Conversation	Pennswood Village
Oct 9	2:00–3:30 pm	Native Women & Allies Speak	Friends Village Styer Campus
Oct 10 & 25	3:30–4:45 pm	Energy Stewardship for Friends Institutions	Solar Schools & Nonprofit Toolkit
Oct 11 & 25	1:30–2:00 pm	Mid-week Meeting for Worship	Friends Village Styer Campus
Oct 11	2:00–3:30 pm	Personal Storytelling	Friends Village Styer Campus
Oct 12	6:00–9:00 pm	Peace Center Fall Fundraiser 2023	Kick Off at Rafters, Newtown PA
Oct 12	7:00–10:00 pm	Movie Night at ASMH	Ferris Bueller's Day Off
Oct 14	11:00 am–3:00 pm	Trip to Highland Orchards!	Middle School Friends
Oct 18	10:00 am–12:00 pm	Friends Village Open House	Friends Village Paxson Campus
Oct 18	2:00–3:30 pm	The Impact of Planned Gifts	Friends Village Styer Campus
Oct 18	7:00–8:30 pm	Monday Reading Group	Pendle Hill
Oct 18 & 25	8:00–9:00 pm	Semi-Programmed Worship Series	Virtual Worship
Oct 21	1:00–5:00 pm	Outreach & Communications Thread Gathering	Downington Friends Meeting
Oct 21		Overnight at Arch Street Meetinghouse	Middle School & Young Friends
Oct 22	11:00 am–2:00 pm	Autumn Open House	Solebury Friends Meeting
Oct 27-29		Many Hands Make Light Work	Sponsored by FGC
ONGOING EVENTS			
Oct 7	9:30 am–3:00 pm	PYM Extended Worship	Virtual Only
Every Sunday	4:00-5:00 pm	Southampton Meeting Vigil for Justice	Southampton Friends Meeting
LOOKING AHEAD			
Nov 3		Middletown Friends Annual Auction	A hybrid event
Nov 11		Fall Continuing Sessions 2023	Arch Street Meetinghouse
Nov 15–19		Annual Meeting & Quaker Public Policy Institute	Washington, D.C.
Nov 17-19		Friends' Decision-Making and Clerking	Pendle Hill

Southampton Friends Meeting

Memorial to the Lost

Now thru October 14th. Visit Southampton Meeting, located at 710 Gravel Hill Road, Southampton, PA to view their most recent project: the Memorial to the Lost, a T-shirt display of people who have died from gun violence in Bucks County over the past few years. It was installed on Thursday September 14 and will be on display through October 14th. An event is being planned; date and time TBD; stay tuned for more details!

Solebury Friends Meeting

Autumn Open House

Oct 22nd: Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the day at Solebury Friends Meeting. Come for meeting for worship at 10:00 am and stay for the afternoon. Friends are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch, and enjoy the beautiful grounds and meetinghouse - including the burial grounds! There will be pumpkin focused activities for the kids and music courtesy of John Beacher for everyone. The meetinghouse is located at 2680 Sugan Road in New Hope, PA. All are welcome!



Bucks Quarter Peace Fair

Sept 30th: The 2023 Bucks Quarter Peace Fair is scheduled for Saturday, September 30th from 10:30 am to 4:00 pm on the campus of Buckingham Friends Meeting and BFS. For more information, please e-mail peacefair.org@gmail.com or call Peter Ray, Peace Fair Coordinator, at 215-794-2708. Never been to the Peace Fair? [Click here to see a video of the fun you can have!](#)



Quaker Women's Social Hour

Oct 4th: 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 the Blue Point Grill in Newtown. Interested in joining the group? Email quakersbucks@gmail.com to get on the mailing list.

Michener Art Museum

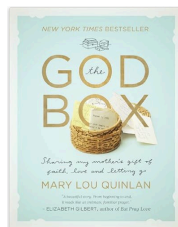
Never Broken: Visualizing Lenape Histories

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...](#)

Bucks Quarter Meeting for Worship Schedule

Bristol	4th Sunday 11:00 am	In-person. Email for information: pws@seas.upenn.edu
Buckingham	Sunday 10:30 am	Hybrid; email for zoom link: buckinghamfriends@gmail.com
Doylestown	Sunday 10:00 am	Hybrid; for zoom link go to doylestownquakers.org
Fallsington	Sunday 11:00 am	Hybrid; for zoom link go to fallsingtonmeeting.org
Lehigh Valley	Sunday 9:30 am	Hybrid; for zoom link go to lehighvalleyquakers.org
Makefield	Sunday 10:00 am	In person
Middletown	Sunday 11:00 am Wed 7:00 pm	Hybrid; for zoom link email: robin.hipple@gmail.com Wednesday worship in person only
Newtown	Sunday 11:00 am	Hybrid; for zoom link go to newtownfriendsmeeting.org
Plumstead	Sunday 9:30 am	In person
Quakertown	Sunday 10:30 am	In person
Solebury	Sunday 10:00 am	In person
Southampton	Sunday 10:00 am Tuesday 7:30 pm	Hybrid; for zoom link email: jmm9724@gmail.com
Wrightstown	Sunday 10:00 am	Hybrid; for zoom link email: wrightstown.mm.clerk@gmail.com
Yardley	Sunday 10:00 am	Hybrid; for zoom link email: info@yardleyfriendsmeeting.org

The next Bucks Quarterly Meeting program will feature author Mary Lou Quinlan, speaking about her book *The God Box*, a story about how, following her mother's death, she finds her mother's "God Box," her private cache of notes to God on behalf of family, friends and strangers. Note by note, Mary Lou unearths a treasure of her mother's wishes and worries and insight. You may purchase the book [here](#), or from your favorite local bookseller or borrow from your local library.



Chandler Hall



Designer Bag Bingo

Oct 7th: Gather your family and friends and come for a fun filled afternoon for the annual Designer Bag Bingo. Tickets are \$35 per ticket ([click here to purchase](#)), \$40 at the door and include 10 bingo games, with your chance to win designer bags and a variety of raffle baskets. All proceeds benefit the Chandler Hall Resident Activity Fund. If you have any questions, please contact jriegel@chandlerhall.org.

Pennswood Village



Coffee & Conversations

Oct 9th: Learn more about Pennswood Village at one of their casual get-togethers. There is no pressure, just plenty of great coffee, delicious snacks, and a fun experience that is informal yet informative. [Click here to register](#).

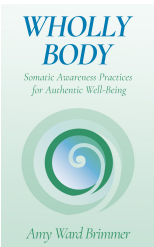


Fallsington Friends Meeting



Newly Published Friend

Friend Amy Ward Brimmer has written a new book: *Wholly Body: Somatic Awareness Practices for Authentic Well-Being*.



What is your relationship to your body? Most people spend their days on autopilot, literally senseless. *Wholly Body* provides the antidote to autopilot, with dozens of simple, effective ways to become more embodied and consequently, more alive and empowered. Interested? [You can order your own copy here](#).

Middletown Friends Meeting



Annual Auction

Nov 3rd: Mark your calendars! 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. The first catalogue will be sent out in the weeks preceding the auction. 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.

Friends Village



Wednesday Midweek Meeting for Worship

NEW!

Oct 11 & Oct 25th: 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.

October Events

Things are really hopping at Friends Village this month; click on any of the events listed below to read more about them and to register:

- [Preventing Senior Scams](#)
- [Yoga for Seniors](#)
- [Crafting Ethical Wills](#)
- [Native Women and Allies Speak: What We Weren't Taught in School](#)
- [Personal Storytelling](#)
- [Paxson Campus Open House](#)
- [The Impact of Planned Gifts](#)

Bucks Quarter Stories of Vitality



Find out what's happening with Bucks Quarter Friends:

- [Southampton Friends at Southampton Days](#)

The Peace Center



Fall Fundraiser

Oct 12th: Tickets to the Thursday kickoff event at Rafters (101 Friends Lane, Newtown, PA) are now on sale. RSVPs are requested by **Thursday, September 28**.

Following the kickoff event, The Peace Center's online silent auction will open on Friday, October 13 and run through the weekend, closing on October 15. Sign up is free, and all bidding can be done from participants' smartphones or computers. The silent auction will feature something for everyone, with restaurant gift certificates, experiences, tickets to sporting events and plays, and so much more.

If you have any questions, please email Lisa Litovsky at llitovsky@thepeacecenter.org or call her at 215-750-7220 ext 1104. Hope to see you there! [Purchase tickets here](#).

In Memoriam

Fallsington

Dave DeLuca
Christine Salomone

Quakertown

Jim Livezey

Solebury

Pat Knight



Welcome New Members

Lehigh Valley

Abbie Trexler
Olivia and Will Trexler

Buckingham

Jamie Wood



PYM Sponsored Events



Threshing Session on PYM's Advocacy Policy

Oct 5th: Approved by Administrative Council in 2022, the advocacy policy encourages Friends and meetings to advocate politically – to follow their leadings, be in relationship with elected officials and make known their expectations of our government. It also affirms that as a non-profit PYM and groups within PYM are not to lobby by the IRS definition – to ask a lawmaker to vote in a specific way on specific legislation or ask others to ask their lawmakers to do the same. You can read the Policy on Advocacy [here](#). To register to attend and receive the Zoom link, [click here](#).

Young Adult Fall Retreat

Oct 6-8th: Calling all Young Adult Quakers and Seekers ages 18-35 in the Philadelphia area and beyond. All are welcome to join us for our fall retreat where we will gather at [Lehigh Valley Friends Meeting](#) centering the theme “worship & ministry.” The cost is \$40 per person. If you are unable to pay the full cost and still want to attend, please reach out to your local Friends meeting for assistance. [Register here](#).

Extended Worship

Oct 7th: 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.

Middle School Friends Trip to Highland Orchards

Oct 14th: Middle School Friends (grades 6 to 8) will gather at [Highland Orchards](#) in West Chester, PA for a fun fall farm day! The day starts with a scenic ride out to the *corn maze* for a friendly Quaker race. After the corn maze, we will have a picnic lunch – please plan to bring lunch, a water bottle, and \$20 – PYM will provide treats from the farm store! Following our picnic, we will take a ride



over to the pumpkin patch to find the perfect pumpkin to take home. For scholarship and carpool information, contact Kristin Simmons, *Youth Engagement Coordinator*: ksimmons@pym.org. [Click here to register](#).

Semi-Programmed Worship

Oct 18th: Gather with Friends for the experience of semi-programmed worship. The format of the hour-long worship will begin and end with music, and include short, inspiring

readings interspersed with 15-minute periods of waiting worship in silence. Participants will share vocal ministry as moved by the Spirit. The series will be facilitated on Zoom, and participants are encouraged to meet in person in small groups, perhaps from a meetinghouse, to join in together. [Click here for more information and registration](#).

Outreach and Communications Thread Gathering

Oct 21st: A gathering with a focus on membership development. The afternoon workshop will include a panel discussion, a time to share materials and programs that Friends have found successful, and time for worship sharing. This is an onsite event, with thanks to [Downingtown Meeting](#) for hosting. Childcare and pick-up from local train station will be available — please indicate your need on the [registration form](#).

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Overnight at Arch Street Meetinghouse

Oct 21st: Calling all Middle School Friends (grades 6 to 8) and Young Friends (grades 9 to 12) to join us for a spooky, late October gathering and overnight at Arch Street Meetinghouse! Friends will explore the history of Arch Street Meetinghouse, participate in Halloween-themed activities and crafts, share meals, and have fellowship together. We'll sleep at the meetinghouse and then attend Meeting for Worship with Arch Street Friends in the morning! Cost for the event is \$30 and scholarship funds are available. [Register here](#).

Employment Opportunities at PYM

- [Director of Grantmaking](#)
- [Assistant Controller](#)
- [Youth Program Co-Facilitator: Young Friends](#)
- [Mental Health Professionals - Friends Counseling](#)

Children & Youth Resources



Anti-Racism Learning & Action

As we enter the fall, November is not far off and the focus on Native American Heritage Month and observation of the Thanksgiving holiday. One of the resources in the PYM Religious Education collection is "[Choosing Excellent Children's Books By & About American Indians](#)" created by the The Indian Affairs Committee of Salem Quarter. More resources for how to approach these topics can be found in the [Native Justice section](#) of the Racial Justice resources on the PYM website.

Book recommendations:

- [We Are Water Protectors](#) written by Carole Lindstrom and illustrated by Michaela Goade, is a beautiful book

that honors the particular relationship between indigenous Americans and the local environment.

- [The First Blade of Sweetgrass: A Native American Story](#) by Suzanne Greenlaw and Gabriel Frey and illustrated by Nancy Baker, is an Own Voices Native American picture book story. A modern Wabanaki girl is excited to accompany her grandmother for the first time to harvest sweetgrass for basket making, as her ancestors have done for centuries, leaving the first blade she sees to grow for future generations.

Abington Friends Meeting



Lighthouse Coffeehouse Concert

Sept 30th: Join Abington Friends at their meetinghouse located at 520 Meetinghouse Rd., Jenkintown, PA for a fabulous evening of musical entertainment. There will be performances by Abington Friends School faculty members Keisha Hirlinger, Justin Solonyka, and Raja Malik. Recommended contribution is \$20 per adult, with proceeds benefiting the Handicapped Accessibility project at Abington Meeting. For more information, go to abingtonquakers.org.

Arch Street Meeting House



Movie Night: Ferris Bueller's Day Off

Oct 12th: Join Friends for an outdoor screening of Ferris Bueller's Day Off (1986). Tickets are a suggested donation of \$10 per attendee and include admission to the museum. Feel free to bring snacks, BYOB, and have fun!

Doors will be opening at 6:30 pm, and we will begin the movie at 7:00 pm to give attendees the opportunity to get settled and explore our exhibits. Chairs will be provided, but picnic blankets are welcome. [Click here for tickets.](#)

Mount Holly Meeting



Alternatives to Violence (AVP) Advanced Training

Oct 20-22nd: Mt. Holly Friends Meeting has space in their second level AVP workshop, which is intended for people who have completed a Basic workshop.

What is AVP? It is a national and international volunteer program that enables participants to deal with potentially violent situations in new and creative ways. Their experiential workshops use the shared experience of participants, games and role plays to examine how people respond to situations where injustice, prejudice, frustration and anger can lead to aggressive behavior and violence.

In this 3-day workshop they will explore the underlying causes of violence and learn deeper ways to resolve conflict. By completing this workshop you will qualify for the next level of training where you can learn how to join an AVP facilitator team and bring these valuable skills to your community.

This program will be held at Mt. Holly Friends Meeting at 81 High Street, Mt. Holly, NJ; registration is required by Oct 18th. There is a suggested donation of \$50-\$100 per person, but pay what you are able, as no one will be turned away if they can't pay the full donation amount. [Click here to register.](#)

Questions? Call Mimi Scalia at 609-760-1090 or email her at mimiscalia@icloud.com.



The ABCs of PYM

This month, let's focus on Administrative Council. Who are they and what do they do?

Administrative Council maintains the health and integrity of the finances, property, personnel, and long-term vision of PYM and ensures that resources are well managed in a sustainable manner. Its authority and responsibility shall include, but is not limited to: property, finance, budget preparation, audit, investments, development, grants, personnel and periodic strategic planning.

[Click here](#) to read the full scope of the authority and responsibilities of the Admin Council.

The Council's minutes are posted on the PYM website; [click here to view.](#)

There are committees under the care of Admin Council and they are always looking for members:

- Development Committee
- Finance Committee
- General Secretary Oversight and Evaluation Committee
- Governance Advisory Committee
- Granting Committee
- Personnel Committee
- Property Committee

Bucks Quarter Friends serve on many of these committees. Jim Waddington is the current clerk of Admin Council. If you are interested in serving on the Council, or one of the committees, you can contact him at jwaddington@pym.org.

All this information is available on the PYM website at pym.org and is nicely described in [this video.](#)



Pendle Hill



First Monday Lecture

Oct 2nd: *Belonging in the Unknown:* Matthew Armstead, director of Culture Work Studios, will address the questions How do we welcome ourselves fully when we don't know? How might we open to live during climate chaos, love as empires crumble, and learn from the darkness as well as the light? [Click here to register.](#)

Deepening at the Root

Oct 5-9th: An on-campus workshop with Christopher Sammond, exploring opening to the divine Source in worship, vocal ministry, and leadings for action. Cost ranges from \$495 for commuter to \$795 for a private room. For more information and registration, [click here.](#)

October Reading Group

Oct 18th: 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 the selection is their bestselling pamphlet *Radical Hospitality* (PHP #427) by Lloyd Lee Wilson. You can purchase a copy of this publication by clicking the link above. [Register here.](#)

Pendle Hill Chorus

Sept 27th: The Pendle Hill Chorus is a non-audition community chorus that draws singers from across the tri-state area. Singing since 1993, their repertoire of sacred and secular music from around the world is challenging yet accessible. All are welcome regardless of musical or choral experience. While the ability to read music is useful, it is not a requirement. The only requirement is a commitment to learning the music and supporting each other through attendance at weekly rehearsals. [Continue reading...](#)



Quaker Call to Action

National Zoom Call

Sept 28th: Guest speaker Parker J. Palmer will speak on *The Better Angels of Our Nature: Love, Truth, Justice & the Work of We the People.* In addition to Parker's message, there will be time for worship, small group worship sharing and questions and reflections. To register for this National Zoom call and to read the original Urgent Call, as well as the July 2023 Update, [click here.](#)



Thee Quaker Podcast

[Episode 14:](#) Weird Quaker Names Go Viral on Twitter. New episodes every Wednesday. Don't miss an episode, [click here to subscribe!](#)

Earth Quaker Action Team



Money Moving Webinar

Sept 26th: 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Considering moving your money out of Vanguard, but need some support in navigating the choices? Join on Zoom for community and resource sharing. Although EQAT is not able to give specific financial advice, we will share the sources we've learned about and make space for participants to share their feelings, questions, and own answers about what to do with the funds you are taking out of the world's #1 investor in fossil fuels.

[Register here.](#)

Youth Demand Action from Vanguard

Oct 4th: Young people are inheriting a climate crisis, a crisis Vanguard is fueling by remaining the world's #1 investor in fossil fuels. Come join students and young people as they voice their refusal to work or invest with Vanguard and their commitment to challenge a business model that is jeopardizing their future. This action will take place at Target parking lot, 455 Carnegie Blvd, Malvern, PA 19355. [Click here to RSVP.](#)



Friends General Conference

Workshop Proposals

The 2024 FGC Gathering will be held at Haverford College in Haverford, PA, from June 30 – July 6, 2024. Workshops offer Gathering participants the opportunity to be immersed in a topic with other interested Friends. Friends stay in the same workshop throughout the week. All workshops will be held in person, and the deadline for proposals is **September 30th.** [Click here for more information.](#)

Invitational Spirituality Retreat

Oct 2-23rd: facilitated by Rachel Ernst Stahlhut, the coordinator of the Spiritual Deepening Program of Friends General Conference, this retreat will explore Quaker community-building and spiritual deepening through the theme of invitational spirituality. [Continue reading...](#)



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