



Quakerphernalia

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

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SEPTEMBER 2020

Sept 1	6:30 - 8:30 pm	EQAT General Meeting	RSVP here
Sept 3	Thursday 4-4:30 pm	Congress After Recess and Before Election - What Next?	FCNL - Thursdays with Friends
Sept 13	Sunday 2-4 pm	Say NO to Racism Series - Part 3	The Peace Center
Sept 17	Thursday 4-4:30 pm	The Resurrection of Landmines	FCNL - Thursdays with Friends
Sept 18-20	Fri-Sun	Divine Exploration: A Spiritual Journey for Woman	Pendle Hill - virtual
Sept 16	6:30 - 8:30 pm	Democracy Circle - The Rising Cost of Systemic Racism	Virtual - The Peace Center
Sept 24	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Transforming Criminal Justice in Our Lifetime: Michelle Alexander's The New Jim Crow 10 years Later	Register here
Looking Ahead to October & November			
Oct 9-11	Fri-Sun	Young Adult Friends Fall Retreat	Camp Onas
Oct 10	12:00 - 3:00 pm	Quaker College Fair	Friends Center
Oct 23-25		The Peace Center Virtual Auction Gala	Sponsorship opportunities available
Nov 7		Fall Continuing Sessions	TBD
Nov 14-17		FCNL Annual Meeting & Quaker Policy Institute	Held via Zoom

Bucks Quarter Worship Schedule

Bristol	4th Sunday 10 am	Outside meeting for worship	235 Market Street; Bristol
Buckingham	Sunday 10:00 am	Outside meeting for worship with Zoom option; bring your own chair and mask; please RSVP	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 meeting for 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	Outside meeting for worship	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	Virtual worship only	Email John Magee jmm9724@gmail.com
Wrightstown	Sunday 10:00 am	Outside and Virtual worship; wear a mask	Call Betsy Bayardi at 215-598-0248
Yardley	Sunday 10:00 am Thurs. 7:00 pm	Outside meeting for worship with Zoom option; bring your own chair and mask	Email info@yardleyfriendsmeeting.org Thursday worship Zoom only
Pendle Hill	8:30-9:10 am	Worship in the Barn	Daily virtual worship



August Quarterly Meeting

Bucks Quarter held Quarterly Meeting under the care of Newtown Meeting via Zoom on August 16. There were about 100 Friends in attendance throughout the day. It began with an inspiring program organized by the Newtown's Peace and Justice Committee. They asked the youth of the Quarter to submit short videos with their thoughts on racial and social justice. [That video is available here on YouTube](#). Please take the time to watch and share as you feel led. Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business included regular reports from the Coordinator and Treasurer, as well as annual reports from monthly meetings and Bucks Food for Friends. [The documents can be found here](#). The next Quarterly Meeting is scheduled for November 15 under the care of Quakertown Meeting.

Black Lives Matter Vigils

Three monthly meetings in Bucks Quarter have regularly scheduled vigils to demonstrate their support for racial equality and social justice:

Southampton Meeting holds a vigil on the grounds of their meetinghouse located at 710 Gravel Hill Road, Southampton. They gather on Sundays from 4 to 6 PM. Bring a sign, a chair, a mask and your enthusiasm.

Newtown Meeting has been holding silent Black Lives Matter vigils along State Street in Newtown every other Friday. The next three vigils are scheduled for August 28, September 11 and September 25. Friends are asked to gather at Newtown meetinghouse (parking available) at 4:30 pm. At 5 pm the group walks to State Street and spreads out socially distant. The vigil lasts one hour. Bring a sign, wear a mask.

Lehigh Valley Meeting holds their vigil at the meetinghouse, 4116 Bath Road, Bethlehem, every Friday during the lunch hour - noon to 1 pm. Join as you feel led.



Social Justice Signs Available

AFSC has posters you can download for free and print yourself <https://www.afsc.org/posters>

The Peace Center has been gifted a number of lawn signs that we are making available for purchase at \$10 each. Proceeds benefit the programs of The Peace Center. You can pick them up Monday – Friday, 10:00 am – noon or call 215-750-7220 x 16 for special arrangements.

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Make an end of fiscal year gift

PYM's fiscal year ends on September 30 and if you haven't made your annual gift yet it's not too late. Your support is needed so that they can continue to provide the services and programs you have come to expect, even during our current pandemic situation. At the very beginning of the lock down

Yearly Meeting helped Friends by providing up to date information concerning how to keep our meeting communities safe and Annual Sessions

moved seamlessly to a new and innovative online format. Please send your donation to PYM, 1515 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102, or go to pym.org/donate to donate online. You can also make a gift to your own monthly meeting at the same time. Better yet, set up a recurring gift. Questions? Contact Grace Sharples Cooke, Associate Secretary for Advancement and Relationship at gscooke@pym.org.



Quakers The Quiet Revolutionaries

Already worked your way through Netflix? How about some PBS! In recognition of World Quaker Day, the documentary *Quakers – The Quiet Revolutionaries* will be shown locally on WHYY on Sunday, October 6 at 6:00 pm.



Way Opens Wellness

Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction

Amy Ward Brimmer, Fallsington Meeting, is offering her classic 8-week MBSR Foundations course **virtually** beginning October 1. MBSR has been helping people free themselves of toxic stress and wake up to their innate potential for calm and personal power. It teaches you how to relate differently to the things that stress you out, helping you develop the ability to be non-judgmental, compassionate, patient, present, and aware. Give yourself the chance to learn how to radically change your experience of daily living. MBSR has been scientifically proven to reduce peoples' stress levels and their ability to build peace of mind and heart through the skills they learn in the program.

Find out if MBSR is right for you; attend one of two FREE information sessions, *What is MBSR and How Can it Help Me?* on **September 12 at 11:00 am** or **September 17 at 7:00 pm**. More information about MBSR and all offerings from Way Opens Wellness can be found at <https://wayopenswellness.com/schedule>

You already know what doesn't work now try something that does

Earth Quaker Action Team General Meeting



EQAT will be holding its General Meeting virtually via Zoom on September 1 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. EQAT is a grassroots, nonviolent

action group including Quakers and people of diverse beliefs, who join with millions of people around the world fighting for a just and sustainable economy.

With climate change causing deadly droughts, floods, and other extreme weather. EQAT's actions nonviolently confront the people who benefit from the current energy system, challenging them to turn away from fossil fuels. [Register here to attend the general meeting](#) and learn more about this important and influential organization.

Campaign to End the New Jim Crow Transforming Criminal Justice in our Lifetime

On Thursday, September 24, the Greater Trenton Chapter of The Campaign to End the New Jim Crow will present Transforming Criminal Justice in our Lifetime: Michelle Alexander's *The New Jim Crow: 10 Years Later*. The program is free and will be held virtually from 7 - 9 pm. The keynote speaker is Dr. Ruha Benjamin, an Associate Professor of African American Studies at Princeton University; is also includes a distinguished panel. Friendly sponsors for this event include AFSC, Trenton and Princeton Friends Meetings, Mercer Street Friends and The Peace Center. There will be time for questions and discussions from participants.

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

The Campaign to End the New Jim Crow is a grassroots coalition of organizations, activists, leaders and concerned individuals engaged with the Trenton and Princeton communities who have come together in an effort to end mass incarceration.



The Peace Center Democracy Circle

Please join The Peace Center for their next in their series of Democracy Circles on Wednesday, September 16 at 6:30 pm on Zoom. The topic is the Rising Cost of Systemic Racism. The session will be facilitated by Peace Center staff and there will be a chance to speak in small breakout groups to discuss the many ways systemic racisms can impact us. The session is free; [you can register here.](#)



Pendle Hill

Divine Exploration: A Spiritual Journey for Women

Take a sacred journey through the feminine aspects of the Divine. Learn how to use storytelling, play, art, and meditation as natural excavation tools. Examine sacred sources. Identify uniquely feminine aspects of nature. At the end of the exploration, participants can use their experiences and discoveries to cultivate an authentic spiritual practice that is in alignment with their personal beliefs and reflective of their personal being.



This virtual workshop is offered September 18-20 via Zoom. Cost is \$100; financial assistance is available. [Register for this event here.](#)

In Memoriam

In August, Solebury Friends suffered the loss of Marilyn Lanctot.

Please inform your Coordinator of losses suffered at your monthly meetings



Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Granting Groups

The current pandemic has had an impact on many Friends' current and future financial status. PYM has numerous grants available to Friends that may prove to be helpful during these times:

Ageing Assistance Granting Group: Elderly PYM members in financial need may apply for grants to assist with their basic needs or to make it possible to live in retirement facilities, or to remain in their own homes. There are no deadlines; applicants are encouraged to apply when assistance is needed. [Granting guidelines may be found here.](#) Contact PYM's Care and Aging Coordinator, George Schaefer, at gschaefer@pym.org.

Greenleaf Granting Group 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. There are usually two deadlines every year, on May 1 and October 31, and for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic, email applications are preferred; email grants@PYM.org. For details on eligibility, consult the [Greenleaf Granting Group Guidelines](#)

Anna T. Jeanes Cremation Fund was created by philanthropist Anna T. Jeanes and given to Green Street Meeting to encourage the practice of cremation. The fund reimburses cremation costs of members of all Monthly Meetings of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting up to \$800. [You can download an application form here.](#)

PYM Annual Sessions A Virtual Success

For the first time in our 340 year history, due to the continuing worldwide pandemic, instead of gathering our community together under one roof, we joined together virtually on Zoom. Instead of choosing a few workshops to attend over the five day period, Friends had six weeks to attend dozens of workshops.



The Yearly Meeting wisely made the decision early that it would not be safe for us to hold Annual Sessions as scheduled at The College of New Jersey. But between the Community Engagement Team and the Sessions Planning Committee, a new and innovative way was discerned for us to meet safely as a spiritual community.

Children and families, Middle School and Young Friends reported their time together included playing, singing, laughing, and being close to Spirit. [Epistles were written.](#)

We gathered together as a yearly meeting to worship and conduct business, but instead of being in a plenary space, we were in individual zoom windows. Again, [epistles were written](#) by the Young Adult Friends community, and our Friends community as a whole.

[A great big thank you](#) to the time and effort our yearly meeting staff put into this virtual event. I'm sure there were hiccups along the way, but they were handled with such professionalism and grace that they were not noticeable to those of us who had the privilege to attend.

Friendly Services Offered and Friendly Services Needed

“Simply Real” News is Growing!

Published monthly with Quaker Values

Times Publishing Newspapers, Inc. has rolled out with our ninth newspaper in Bucks County - the Fairless FOCUS. Covering the Fairless Hills area our new total mailed (via US Postal Service) circulation is 115,716 households and businesses. We cover “all the ‘good news’ that’s fit to print.” Over the past 18 years we’ve started and continue to publish these additional 8 monthly publications: Yardley VOICE, Morrisville TIMES, Newtown GAZETTE, Northampton HERALD, Lower Southampton SPIRIT, Langhorne LEDGER, New Hope NEWS, and the Doylestown OBSERVER.

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For more information contact Wendy Kane:
quakersbucks@gmail.com or 215-867-9557

Update Your Contact information!

Have you moved recently? Changed your email address? Started using you cell phone as your primary number? The yearly meeting wants to know! Go to www.pym.org/yourinfo and update your contact information. And while you're at it, send it to quakersbucks@gmail.com so the Coordinator will have the update as well.