

Quakerphernalia

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



September 2021

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug 29	10–11:00 am	Music with Fallsington Friends	<i>A virtual event</i>
Sept 5	9:30 am–3:00 pm	Virtual Extended Worship	<i>Find zoom link on page 3</i>
Sept 8	6:30–8:00 pm	Pendle Hill Reading Group	Worship: The Gathered Meeting Revisited
Sept 10-12		Quaker Caregiving in Times of Crisis	<i>Pendle Hill sponsored virtual event</i>
Sept 10–12		BIPOC Young Adult Friends Retreat	<i>Details TBD</i>
Sept 11	8:00 am–3:00 pm	Yardley Friends Meeting Flea Market	<i>Yardley Friends Meeting</i>
Sept 13	7:30–9:00 pm	Stephen G. Cary Memorial Lecture	<i>Pendle Hill sponsored virtual event</i>
Sept 14	7:00–8:00 pm	Bridges to Peace Tour	<i>Zoom link emailed upon registration</i>
Sept 18	10:00 am–4:00 pm	Peace Fair of Bucks Quarterly Meeting	<i>On the grounds of Buckingham Friends School and Meeting</i>
Sept 25	10 am–12:00 pm	Meeting on Guidance for Reopening	<i>PYM sponsored virtual event</i>
Sep 26	9:00 am–9:45 am	Giant Children's Meeting	<i>PYM sponsored virtual event</i>
Oct 1–3		A Quaker Theological Ecosystem Workshop	<i>Pendle Hill sponsored virtual event</i>

LOOKING AHEAD

Oct 2	2:00–3:30 pm	Historic Marker Dedication–Nixon Cemetery	<i>Quakertown Friends Meeting</i>
Oct 2	TBD	Children & Families Community Playdate	<i>Apple picking @ Linvilla Orchard</i>
Oct 3	All day	World Quaker Day	<i>2021 Theme: Resilience & Hope</i>
Oct 9	10:00 am–4:30 pm	Historic Fallsington Day	<i>Fallsington, PA</i>
Oct 15-17		Spiritual Formation Annual Retreat	<i>In person at Pendle Hill</i>
Oct 21–24		The Peace Center's Virtual Silent Auction	
Nov 6	9:00 am–4:00 pm	Fall Continuing Sessions	
Nov 19–21		FCNL Annual Meeting	Register here

RECAP

PYM Annual Sessions 2021

Friends gathered virtually for the 341st Annual Sessions held from July 27 To August 1st. There was time for worship, youth programs, Bible study, affinity groups, keynote speakers and LOTS of business. If you were unable to attend, below are links that you might find interesting and informative.

Advance documents & videos [can be found here](#), including proposed minutes from the Membership and Belonging Sprint, DEI Sprint and the Climate Change Sprint.

Epistles: the 2021 PYM Epistle, as well as the Young Adult Friends and the Youth Epistle [may be found here](#).

Minutes: are you looking for minutes from all of the Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business sessions? Look no further! [The 170-page document can be found right here!](#)

Keynote Speakers: four of the five Keynote Speaker sessions [can be found here on YouTube](#).

Bucks Quarterly Meeting • August 2021

Bucks Quarter Friends once again gathered virtually on a picture-perfect summer's day for enlightening programming, fellowship and business.

The day began with Kate Whitman Kamara's presentation on Compassionate Listening, where she gave a brief overview of the process, and then had Friends go into breakout rooms to practice. For more information go to www.compassionatelistening.org. Kate's Powerpoint and a recording of her presentation should be available in the near future.

After a brief screen break, Friends re-gathered for Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. Annual reports were presented by five meetings; [those documents may be accessed here](#).

Friends began discussing the [recommendation of the Membership and Belonging Sprint concerning at-large membership](#). Unity was not achieved with regard to establishing a Quarter-level membership; discernment will continue at our Quarterly Meeting on November 21.

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



Yardley Flea Market

The Flea Market is back! After a one-year hiatus due to Covid-19, Yardley Friends Meeting looks forward to hosting their 65th Annual Flea Market this coming September 11, 2021 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This flea market is part of the rich history of the town of Yardley. Since 1955, Yardley Friends Meeting has hosted this event which kicks off a new season for the community. Many vendors have looked forward to being part of this event each year. Locals and those from a distance come especially for good finds and a fun time. We continue today with shopping the wares of many vendors, good food and good music in a beautiful outside setting.

After a very successful return to the Flea Market everyone loved in 2019, we were excited to continue another great flea market last year. Like most things, Covid changed our plans. This year things are coming back to normal and with caution and safe practices we are now able to host outside events. Everyone is excited to get out and enjoy! Many vendors will join us for what promises to be a great event with visitors coming from Yardley and the surrounding areas in Bucks County and Mercer County, NJ.



Vendor spaces are still available for the unbeatable price of \$25 per reserved space. To reserve a spot or find out more, go to yardleyfriendsmeeting.org flea market tab [Flea Market - Yardley Friends Meeting](#). If you have questions call Doreen at 267-793-0311 or email: yfmfleamarket@gmail.com. The rain date for the flea market is Saturday September 18, 2021.

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Virtual Extended Worship

September 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

Fallsington Friends

Music with Fallsington Friends

Friends are all invited to worship in sound with Fallsington Friends on Sunday, August 29th at 10 am on Zoom, as they play and sing their usual and unusual collection from their own expressions of

love for God, the planet and each other. If you have a copy of FGC *Worship in Song* you can help us make harmony or play along on your own instrument.

Fallsington Friends will provide words and song leaders. Please join them for an hour of Spirit-infused sound that may heal your own body, mind and spirit, just from being in its presence.



Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86289660940?pwd=VHVXKzEwNGJxK3BiSzIwUTNIK2dXZz09>

Meeting ID: 862 8966 0940

Passcode: 068555

Bucks Quarter Peace Fair

September is Peace Fair Time

The Fair will be held on Saturday, September 18th from 10:30 am to 4:00 pm, rain or shine, on the grounds of Buckingham Friends



Meetinghouse & School at 5684 York Road (Routes 202 & 263) in Lahaska. Plan on a fun-filled day of family activities, live music and yummy food.

Now in its 21st year, the Fair promotes harmony in the Home, Community, Environment and the World. There will be crafts for the kids, live animals, the Peace Train, and so much more!

The committee is still collecting books for the book sale; please look through your shelves and donate as you feel led.

Volunteers are always needed. You can sign up directly here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084baca722abfc1-2020>

Please contact your monthly meeting representative, or Peter Ray at peacefair.org@gmail.com. Stay up to date by visiting The Peace Fair's website www.peacefair.org, or [follow them on facebook](#).

Friends Home & Village

Volunteers Needed: to conduct activities for FHV residents. Every little bit helps and if you can just give an hour here or there, you can make a big difference. Please consider giving the gift of your time and talent so FHV can offer even more of these important activities that promote positive aging with their residents.

For more information and to discuss your area of special interest, email Ashley at aopitz@fhvpa.org.

Writing Group: have you every wanted to write a book or start journaling 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 judydolt2@gmail.com.

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.

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](#).

**Bucks
Food for
Friends**

Update: the last in person sit down meal served by BFFF was February, 2020. By March, the country had shut down because of the emerging pandemic and that month's meal was prepared, packed and served to the guests "to go." Since

then, the mission of serving those experiencing food insecurities has adapted to simpler "to go" meals and then delivery is coordinated through the Advocates for the Homeless to the camps they service.

This volunteer effort has largely continued through the dedication of the Richardson family: Carol, Rich and Spencer. Carol continues to serve as volunteer coordinator and Rich serves as treasurer for BFFF. They purchase the food, including pre-made sandwiches and cookies, assemble the meals in their kitchen, and make sure they get into the hands that will deliver them to the food insecure.

Unfortunately, the emergence of the more virulent delta variant has delayed the resumption of meals served in person at Fallsington Meeting until at least early 2022. BFFF is completely dependent on external donations to support the mission, and are grateful for the continued generosity of monetary donations from individuals and meetings from Bucks Quarter. Donations may be sent to Rich Richardson, BFFF Treasurer, 1 Atkinson Lane, Newtown, PA 18940. To volunteer, contact Carol at c.richardson@cbhearthside.com.

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 10:00 am	Go to fallsingtonmeeting.org
Lehigh Valley	Sunday 10:00 am Wed 8:00 pm	Go to lehighvalleyquakers.org
Makefield	Sunday 10:00 am	Email for zoom link: jerry.taylor35@verizon.net
Middletown	Sunday 10:00 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: obranagan@gmail.com
Yardley	Sunday 10:00 am	Email for zoom link: info@yardleyfriendsmeeting.org

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

**PYM
Children's
RE**

Returning to indoor programming: PYM is offering some health and safety suggestions for meetings who are considering indoor children's religious education programming this fall: [you can find the link here](#).

Resources: At a recent workshop focused on the [Religious Education resources on the PYM website](#), Friends also explored the possibilities for connecting the three areas of work and witness in our yearly meeting with the topics and experiential learning in children and youth programs (climate change, addressing racism, membership and belonging).

Book suggestion: *Rain Before Rainbows*, by Smriti Prasadam-Halls. This simple and beautiful story acknowledges there will be hard days and we have companions alongside us to reach the sun again.



Looking for held and ideas for your youth programs this fall? Contact Melinda Wenner Bradley, PYM's Youth Religious Life Coordinator, at mwennerbradley@pym.org.

**Pendle
Hill
Programs**

September Reading Group – Sept 8: September's selection is Tom Gates's *Worship: The Gathered Meeting Revisited*. [Register here](#).

Quaker Caregiving in Times of Crisis – Sept 10-12: this healing, playful, and grounding workshop will use Quaker theology and Friends' own experiences to empower participants in creating, as a cohort, strategies for pastoral care responses they can use right away and far into the future. [Register here](#).

Stephen G. Cary Memorial Lecture 2021: Radical Transformation – Long Overdue for the Religious Society of Friends – Sept 13: How have Friends collaborated with and sustained the global system of White Supremacy? What structures are preventing Friends from living into these beliefs and growing God's seed?

This virtual lecture will be presented by Vanessa Julye, co-author of *Fit for Freedom, Not for Friendship: Quakers, African Americans, and the Myth of Racial Justice*.

Vanessa is a Friend who is called to work on increasing awareness of racism in the Quaker and sectarian communities. She has been recognized among Quakers as having a calling to a ministry with a concern for helping the Religious Society of Friends become a whole blessed community. She travels throughout the country and abroad, with a travel minute from Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting, speaking on this topic and leading workshops about racism focusing on its eradication and the healing of racism's wounds.



The lecture is free and open to the public, but registration is required to receive the zoom link; [register here](#).

In Memoriam

Fallsington Meeting suffered the loss of Winnie Asch (she was 101!)



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