



December 2017

Events 2017

3 Upcoming Social Justice Events

Faith & Racial Justice

November 17, 7-9 pm, Friends Center. Rufus Jones Room

A Public Forum with Chris Crass and Jude-Laure Denis moderated by Lucy Duncan

Chris and Jude-Laure will help us to consider questions like: How do we practice the world we are trying to create as we work for justice in an increasingly repressive political context? How do we stoke the power of faith-based activism?

Details: www.pym.org/event/organizing-racial-justice

Organizing for Racial Justice Workshop

(follow up to Faith & Racial Justice held on Nov 17)

November 18, 12-4 pm, Arch Street Meeting House

"Organizing for Racial Justice: A Workshop for Quakers, Unitarians and others working to enact a vision for love in the world." Chris will lead us in a 4 hour workshop exploring faith-based racial justice movements, how to organize ourselves internally and externally to enact racial justice and how to do that while practicing the liberation we seek to create in the world.

To register & info: www.pym.org/event/organizing-racial-justice/?instance_id=1554

Atlantic Coast Quaker Activist Meeting

November 18, 9-11 am, Friends Center

This is a newly formed and growing Group of Quaker Activists grounded in The Spirit and moving toward peaceful resistance of the current socio-political circumstances in the United States.

Questions: Kenneth Brick, kenbrick@verizon.net

Details: www.pym.org/event/atlantic-coast-quaker-activist-meeting/?instance_id=1550

2017 JWMA Woolman lecture: Benjamin Lay Lecture & Book Signing

FREE! November 17, 7-9 pm, Arch Street Meeting House

Arch Street Meeting House invites you to enjoy an evening with author Marcus Rediker, who will be talking about his new book, *The Fearless Benjamin Lay*.

Details: www.eventbrite.com/e/lecture-and-book-signing-the-fearless-benjamin-lay-tickets-38161139997

Save these Dates in 2018

PYM gathering for the formation of

Resource Friends in Ministry Ministry & Care

Saturday, February 3, 2018, 9:30 am-2:30 pm, Friends Center

An initial gathering of Friends with gifts in teaching and learning facilitation in the areas of Ministry & Care as well as those interested in developing skills in this area.

Info & registration: George Schaefer, gschaefer@pym.org or 215-241-7068.

Details: www.pym.org/introducing-resource-friends

Spring Continuing Sessions & Annual Sessions 2018!

Volunteers are needed! Friends of every age from our local meetings gather together, guided by Spirit for worship, fellowship, to conduct our shared business, learn from one another, organize our work and witness, and have fun at Continuing and Annual Sessions.

Spring Continuing Sessions

FREE! A one day event March 24, location TBA.

Annual Sessions are from July 25-29, The College of New Jersey.

We'll be announcing more details as plans are discerned.

Contact: Tricia Coscia, Community Engagement Coordinator, sessions@pym.org or 215 241-7238

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Silent Retreat

December 2, Gwynedd Monthly Meeting

We will gather to share our prayers and hopes for the day, then see where the spirit will lead each of us through journaling, art work, labyrinth walking, meditation and sitting quietly by ourselves in silence. Cost: \$10

Contact: Connie Lezenby, lezenby@gmail.com for questions and registration.

Details: www.gwyneddmeeting.org/GatheringGarden.html

Extended Meeting for Worship

December 2, Green Street Friends Meeting

Need a spiritual boost? Feeling drained or weary? Try Extended Worship as way to feel spiritually renewed, and reconnected with the spirit of the Divine.

Details: www.pym.org/event/extended-meeting-worship-3/?instance_id=851 or Lola Georg, lorageorg@gmail.com

Along the Road - Music at Friends

December 3, 7 pm, Woodstown Friends Meeting

Along the Road is an acoustic folk/rock band comprised of members Paul Kranz, Pete DeBlasi, David

Keller, Andy Lefko, Fred Sparks, Ryan Huff, and Scott Johnston. Music at Friends is a diverse concert series hosted and sponsored by the Woodstown Friends Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

Details: www.pym.org/event/along-road-music-friends/?instance_id=1504

Messiah Sing-In with the Lansdowne Symphony Orchestra

December 5, 7:30-9 pm, Lansdowne Friends School & Lansdowne Friends Meeting
Sing-in of the Christmas Section (plus Hallelujah and Amen) from Handel's Messiah with the Lansdowne Symphony Orchestra. Bring your own score if you have one. Come to sing or just listen! Refreshments afterward.

Details: www.pym.org/event/messiah-sing-lansdowne-symphony-orchestra/?instance_id=1548 or John McKinstry, jmckinstry@lansdownefriendschool.org

Mid-Week Meeting for Worship

Monthly Meeting Room, Arch Street Meetinghouse

Every Wednesday at 6-6:45 pm

Dec 6, 13, 20, 27

Details: www.pym.org/event/mid-week-meeting-worship/?instance_id=990

Annual Nazareth to Bethlehem Christmas Peace Pilgrimage

The 58th Annual Nazareth to Bethlehem Christmas Peace Pilgrimage will be held Saturday December 9. The pilgrimage begins with busses being loaded at 10:45 am in the parking lot of El Shaddai Ministries at 529 E Broad St. in Bethlehem.

Details: www.pym.org/event/annual-nazareth-bethlehem-christmas-peace-pilgrimage-2/?instance_id=1525 or Rick Dow, rdow16@gmail.com

Faith in Times of Disaster: Local Solutions to Mitigate Extreme Weather Events

December 9, Sykes Student Union-West Chester University

How prepared are we to care for ourselves and our neighbors?

A Community Dialogue on Preparation - Recovery - Resilience

Sponsored by the Eco-Justice Collaborative and Concord, Western and Haverford Quarters

Our faith calls on us to care for those in need. With so many suffering from storms, extreme heat days and wildfires, is it time to consider how to best support our communities?

Details: www.pym.org/event/faith-times-disaster-local-solutions-mitigate-extreme-weather-events/?instance_id=1543 or Paula Kline, kline.paula@gmail.com

2nd Saturday Sing & Dinner

December 9 & 23, 6 pm, Mount Holly Meeting

Light meal at 6 o'clock followed by music and singing out of the Rise Up Singing Book. Instruments, voices, listeners - all welcome!

Monthly event -Every second Saturday

Details: www.pym.org/event/2nd-saturday-sing-dinner/?instance_id=965 or MtHollyFriends@gmail.com

January 2018

Mid-Week Meeting for Worship

Monthly Meeting Room, Arch Street Meetinghouse

Every Wednesday at 6-6:45 pm

Jan 3, 10, 17, 27, 24

Details: www.pym.org/event/mid-week-meeting-worship/?instance_id=994

Winter Family Overnight 2018

January 13-14, Camp Onas

We'll gather Saturday Afternoon, with plenty of time for families to settle in to their rooms, explore the beautiful camp and do some welcome activities. We prepare and eat dinner together as a big community. In the evening we will play a bit with our theme, get cozy with hot chocolate and stories in front of the fire. After kids go to bed there will be space for parents to spend time with each other. On Sunday we will gather for breakfast, have some first day school and worship, and finish up with plenty of time for families to get home and prepare for the coming week!

Details: www.pym.org/event/winter-family-overnight-2018 or

Meg Rose, mrose@pym.org

Bucks Quarter Pot Luck & Sing

January 27, Middletown Quaker Meetinghouse

Join Friends a Quarter-wide family social event of feasting, fun and singing. We will begin at 5:30 pm with a pot luck meal followed by singing from 7 to 8 pm. Friends of all ages are welcome. Bring your own instrument (or not), recorder, mouth harp, guitar, fiddle, harmonica...your voice is a beautiful instrument too. There are no rules or hefty structure. Just fun. Bring your friends, neighbors and a dish to share. The more of everything the merrier we will be!

Questions: Holly Olson, hollybac@verizon.net

Employment

Assistant to the Associate General Secretary, US Programs

American Friends Service Committee

Provides US Programs Unit Staff in the Central Office (AGS US Programs, Director US Programs, US Program Officers and HMM Director) with logistical support in work with staff and governance committees, and convenings.

Application Deadline: November 19, 2017

Details: <https://recruiting.ultipro.com/AME1068/JobBoard/34b788f5-e07e-3fb3-8e73-08c36602a07b/OpportunityDetail?opportunityId=3a4c5dfe-afdc-4094-97a3-1062ab9f417d>

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Quaker Pilgrimage to Fox & Fell Country 2018

Sponsored by Friends Council on Education & Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

The next Pilgrimage will run from July 16 to 22, 2018. About 30 Friends and Quaker educators from Monthly Meetings and Friends schools gather as a multigenerational group to explore Quakerism's past as it relates to the present. The group will explore the roots of the Religious Society of Friends in England's "1652 Country" with the help of guides from Britain Yearly Meeting. Quaker Pilgrims said of the last journey... "*I have a new awareness of the Quaker faith and Quakers living in the world today.*"

Registration opens on Wednesday, September 30, 2017, at which time participants will reserve a space by mailing in a paper registration form with a non-refundable deposit of \$500.

Details: www.friendscouncil.org/default.aspx?RelId=632752 or

Deborra Sines Pancoe, deborra@friendscouncil.org

Grants Application Deadlines

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting makes over 500 grants every year to individuals, Meetings, and non-profit organizations. Grants are made from income from restricted bequests and Trusts given to our Yearly Meeting by generous donors since 1795. All granting deadlines are listed by month at www.pym.org/grants/grants-resources/grants-application-deadlines

Information: Carol Walz, cwalz@pym.org, or 215-241-7201.

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