

APRIL 2022

**Westfield Monthly Meeting
of the
Religious Society of Friends**

Meeting for Worship

First Day (Sunday) 10:00 AM on Zoom

Children are Welcome

**Religious Education and Child Care
will resume in the near future**



**The Fourth Query
Nurturing our Community: Care for the Meeting**

- a. Do we help each other to live with integrity and contribute that integrity to the life of our meeting?
- b. How does our meeting learn of members' needs and offer its assistance?
- c. How does our meeting nurture members in all stages of life?
- d. How does our meeting welcome those new to Friends and integrate them into our community?
- e. When a member's conduct or manner of living gives cause for concern, how does the meeting respond?

- f. Am I ready both to offer and to accept meeting assistance when needed?*
- g. Do I treat adults and children alike with respect and without condescension?*
- h. What opportunities have I taken to know, work and worship with Friends in the larger spiritual communities we share?*

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Westfield Monthly Meeting News and Notes

Peace & Social Concerns

Peace & Social Concerns will meet on Tuesday evening, April 19 at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

Spiritual Oasis

Spiritual Oasis will meet on April 14 at 1:00 pm on Zoom. If you'd like to attend, email Mose at mosleyduffy@gmail.com.

Climate Change Video at Rise of Meeting on April 3

A 20-minute video about Climate Change followed by discussion will take place at Rise of Meeting on April 3 in meetinghouse. This is being shown throughout Phila. Yearly Meeting.

One Way to Help with the Relief Effort in Ukraine?

How about a simple meal which can help with the relief effort? St. Michael's Ukrainian Church in Cherry Hill is selling potato/onion/cheese (all in one) pierogis for \$10 a dozen. All proceeds will go to the church's relief effort in Ukraine. You can order by phone and pick them up at the church on Saturdays from 11-1 pm. Just a heads up—these pierogis are so popular that the parish is now taking orders for May! Call 856-889-7702 for more information or to reserve your pierogis! Address: 675 Cooper Landing Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002.

Westfield Scholarship Fund Open to Receive Applications

The Westfield Education Fund is open to applications for the children of members of Westfield Meeting. The Fund can be used to apply for tuition assistance for any K-12 school, technical or professional training, or college. The Fund cannot be used for child-care fees prior to Kindergarten. To apply, please send an explanation of need along with any financial information you have disclosed or will disclose to the school; this will likely be FAFSA. Send the information to Joan Spagnoletti at joanespagnoletti@gmail.com by June 1, 2022. Awards will be made in late June by the meeting's Susanna & Beulah Parry Fund Committee.

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Meeting for Worship for Healing at Haddonfield Meeting

Meeting for Worship for Healing is held on Zoom at 7 pm the following Mondays: Monday, May 16th; Monday, July 18th; Monday, September 19th; and Monday, November 15th. During 2022 there will be particular emphasis on what needs healing from our past, a look at stress in our present and a concentration on visioning a loving future.

The Quaker History of Eastern State Penitentiary

April 1st @ 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Arch Street Meetinghouse will be hosting Matt Murphy from Eastern State Penitentiary for an evening program. Matt's presentation will discuss the many connections between Quakers, prisons, and Eastern State Penitentiary. Matt Murphy has served as the Tour Programs Supervisor at Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site since 2015 and is a seasoned expert in facilitative dialogue methodology. He has appeared on the Washington Post media outlet and the Travel Channel. There is a suggested donation to participate in the program. For more information, go to <https://www.pym.org/event/the-quaker-history-of-eastern-state-penitentiary>.

Café Darkness In-Person Writing Workshop for People of Color – Pendle Hill

April 18th – April 22nd

Writing in fields dominated by white writers, editors, and publishers can be an exhausting experience. Cafe Darkness brings together people of color to share our works-in-progress, celebrate our diverse voices, confront our common barriers, and build a community of support for the challenges ahead. This workshop aims for a well-rounded exploration of the legacies, dedications, texts, sounds, bodily manifestations of writing by people of color.

Venue: Pendle Hill, email info@pendlehill.org.

The Light Within and the Rebirth of Conscience – Pendle Hill

May 1 – May 6

Cynthia Bourgeault, along with Marcelle Martin and Paulette Meier, invite you to join them at the Quaker Wisdom School at Pendle Hill, open to Quakers and Wisdom Seekers of all faiths. The workshop will explore how the Light of God within not only illuminates divine reality but shows the ways that individuals and society are living contrary to God's Way. The Light in our conscience reveals truth to us, then sends us forth to witness to that truth with integrity and inner force. The venue is Pendle Hill. For more information, to register, or to apply for financial aid, visit : <https://pendlehill.org/events/the-light-within-and-the-rebirth-of-conscience/>



Westfield Friends School's

A TASTE OF OUR TOWNS

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, May 14th - 6:30-9:30 pm

We'd like to invite you to an in-person Spring Event this year

As always, we will be holding our week-long online auction before event night, and this year we will be bringing the restaurant experience back to Westfield Friends School for an in-person event!

You are invited to an adults-only evening where you can stimulate your senses with small bites, wine flights, and various brews - a night of culinary delights. Join us to savor a tapestry of tastes from local restaurants, and enjoy some entertainment and fun activities

We continue to be committed to serving our Westfield families and their children by providing these youngest members of the community with an education of conscience and consequence. Proceeds from this event help make our [Responsive Tuition](#) program possible, making our school affordable and accessible to our families.

Spread the word with family, friends, and neighbors!

With appreciation,

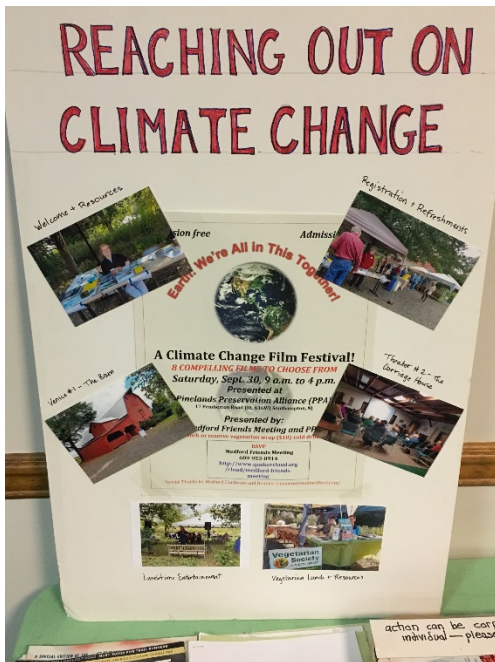
Westfield Friends School Event Organizers

PURCHASE TICKETS & SPONSORSHIPS AT:

<https://events.readysetauction.com/westfieldfriendsschool/springevent2022>

Haddonfield Quarterly Meeting

Climate Change: Developing work plans and finding space for collaboration



Our program will include:

- PYM's Corporate Witness on Climate Change and Implications for Us.
- Video: "Moving Forward Together in the Face of Climate Change"
- Reports from monthly meetings:
what's happened so far, what are your plans?
- Small group discussions about:

Education, Advocacy, Finances, Carbon Footprint, and Mourning Loss and Instilling Hope

Sunday, April 24, 2022

Worship – 10 AM

Program – 11 AM

Lunch 12:15 PM

Moorestown Meetinghouse, 118 East Main Street, Moorestown NJ
Pre-registration requested. Please be prepared to indicate which of the five small groups you would like to attend.

Pre-registration Link: <https://www.southjerseyquakers.org/climate-change-work-plans/>

Westfield Monthly Meeting for Business held 2 - 13 - 2022 on Zoom

Present: Gail Fountaine, Mike Lane, Bill and Connie Beetle, Moon Beiferman-Haines, Suzanne Day, Lorna Frizell, Dean Kinsey, Karen Nulton, Mike Lane, Joan Spagnoletti, Deb Mosley-Duffy, Rose Ketterer, Nancy and Michael Robinson, Chris Pensiero, Margaret Haviland

Queries on how Meeting for Business deepens our faith were read aloud by clerk into worship-sharing

- We've had difficulty, specifically around WMM's financial support for WFS -- We've left some Friends feeling unheard and need to work on this.
- A recent article by Kathleen Bell in *Friends Journal* speaks to behavior in light of professed principles.
- Nurture isn't easy to accept, or to hear, or to offer in today's culture.
- We would benefit from knowing one another better. Perhaps some guided sharing.
- Today's society is so different from the days when Advices and Queries were written! We need to find ways to stay acquainted in today's world.
- If we take the time to be better acquainted, we will become more loving. When we are more loving, we will be better at making decisions with one another.

Property Committee - Bill Beetle and Margaret Haviland

Fencing of playground area behind the School is 3/4 complete. The 4th side, parallel to Hillside Road, is along the property line. WFS has had a surveyor confirm the property line. Along with bringing this to the Meeting, Margaret is reaching out to the four Hilltop Road property owners whose lots connect with ours. WFS is using a State grant to improve the safety and appearance of the play field, and one of the conditions of the grant is that construction must be completed by June. Unsightly brush near the trash receptacles and trees along the property line need to be removed for the 4th side of fencing to be installed. After questions, the Meeting approved the project's completion.

Advising the Meeting of efforts toward reduced burning of fossil fuels, Margaret also informed the Meeting that WFS is exploring solar roof panels and removal of obsolete underground oil tank. We won't know how expensive the oil tank project will be until it is removed, but all recognized the necessity of the project.

Westfield Friends School - Margaret Haviland

Westfield Friends School's Accreditation by the New Jersey Association of Independent Schools (NJ AIS) has become official; their letter acknowledging that WFS met all 68 standards will be attached to these minutes as the visiting committee made special note of the relationship of Meeting and School.

Improved Hybrid Experience (remote and at-the-meetinghouse)- Michael Robinson

Mike Lane, Bill Beetle, Taylor Parry, and Michael Robinson met at the meetinghouse to envision improved sight and sound for those in the meeting room when others are attending on-line. Their recommendation is that with two "Owl" microphone/cameras mounted

overhead, the audio-visual experience would be improved. They recommend a video screen mounted on the wall of the meeting room which has the thermostat.

Currently, WFS has loaned the Meeting one "Owl" for this academic year. We could apply for a PYM grant to purchase our own, try the two, and purchase a second in the coming fiscal year; they cost \$1000 each. Without settling the body of the meeting into reflection, our clerk asked whether this plan was accepted, and the Meeting approved.

A Friend noted that a year ago we created a Finance Committee, which has not met so far this fiscal year. Before Meeting is asked for approval of an expenditure which is not in our approved budget, we would expect that the Finance Committee would have met and brought a recommendation. The body recognized Finance Committee's convening should not be the responsibility of the Treasurer.

Minutes of January's Meeting for Business were circulated to those who attended in advance. Minutes were accepted.

Transfer of Membership - Clerk read the letter of release from Newton Meeting of **Deborah Mosely-Duffy**. She was accepted and welcomed into membership in Westfield Meeting, where her active spiritual nourishment has been felt for a decade.

Outreach - Gail Fountaine reported on two PYM grants which might help us with our website - and maybe other outreach - expenses: Membership Development Fund and Shoemaker Fund. [Specifics were not brought for approval at this time.]

Clerk asked how we get a minute from Meeting in timely way for supporting grant applications. Finance Committee could bring a recommendation and Karen Nulton offered to convene it.

Worship and Religious Education - Suzanne Day

Ministry and Care of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting requests each Monthly Meeting to prepare its Spiritual State of the Meeting annual report and submit it by April 15.

Nancy Robinson read aloud the 4 questions. Friends are asked to reply when questions are emailed; the W&RE Committee will draft our WMM response which will be brought for further attention to March Meeting for Business.

Membership - Joan Spagnoletti

Our clerk asked, "How do we define "non-active members"?"

Many replies: the disappeared, those who are never seen, some people won't Zoom, those who take no part in Meeting's life.

Some envisioned reaching out as "personal on-ramp" to the missing and unseen. Others expressed respect for those who distance themselves from Meeting.

Next, our clerk asked, What keeps those of us who are active participating?

It's my community- those here and those who've passed on.

It's my peer group. Nice, up-lifting people; good people!

F/friends. Where one can feel safe; people who share my values.

It's my spiritual home. Meeting continually challenges me to deepen, to stretch.

Following announcements, we concluded near 12:30

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

April 10, 2022

Nurturing our Community: Care of the Meeting

Tentative Agenda

- Silent Worship
- Reading of Query/ Worship Sharing
- Approval of March Minutes
- Care Committee
- Westfield Friends School: Stephanie Judson
- Nominating Committee: Treasurer
- Trustees Annual Report
- Worship and Religious Education: Spiritual State of Our Meeting for PYM
- Committee Updates
- Announcements /Correspondence
- Silent Worship

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Meeting to Review Climate Change Video & Action at Rise of Meeting	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Meeting for Business at 11:00	11	12	13	14 Spiritual Oasis 1:00 pm on Zoom	15	16
17 EASTER	18	19 Peace & Social Concerns 7:00 pm on Zoom	20	21	22	23
24 Haddonfield Quarterly Meeting 10:00 am	25	26	27	28	29	30

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 3 Meeting to Review Climate Change Video followed by Discussion at Rise of Meeting

April 10 Meeting for Business at 8:45 am

April 14 Spiritual Oasis at 1:00 pm on Zoom

April 17 Easter Meeting for Worship

April 19 Peace & Social Concerns at 7:00 pm on Zoom

April 24 Haddonfield Quarterly Meeting at 10:00 am

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