

APRIL 2023

**Westfield Monthly Meeting
of the**

Religious Society of Friends

Meeting for Worship

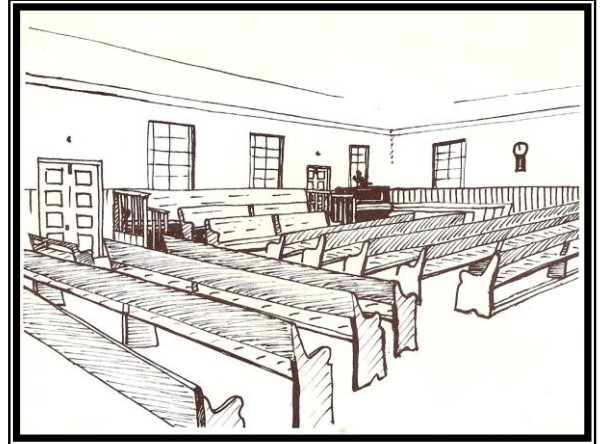
First Day (Sunday) 10:00 AM

Children are Welcome

Religious Education

Childcare & Children's First Day School

Every Sunday 10:00-11:00 am



**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

Spiritual Oasis

Spiritual Oasis will meet on Thursday afternoon, April 6, at 1:00 pm on Zoom. Everyone is welcome.

Peace & Social Concerns

Peace & Social Concerns will meet Tuesday evening, April 18, at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

A Fond Farewell to Mildred “Tyke” Lippincott

A memorial service for Mildred Lippincott will be held on April 23rd at 2:30 pm in Westfield Meeting House, 2201 Riverton Road, Cinnaminson, NJ. The service will take place in the worship room followed by a reception in the social room.

Westfield Friend School, both present and past faculty, and students have fond memories of Mildred and wish to extend their condolences to her family.

World War II Veteran: From Prisoner of War to Pacifist

April 2, 2023, from 10:00 am -- 12:00 pm, Cropwell Quaker Meeting

Quaker pacifist and WWII prisoner of war George Rubin will talk about creating a world without war. George Rubin is a member of Medford Meeting, a retired podiatrist, and has served as clerk for New York Yearly Meeting, and American Friends Service Committee's New York regional office. He writes for the Medford Leas literary publication, is active with many Quaker organizations, and enjoys working with youth. The program begins with worship at 10:00 am followed by a discussion of War and Pacifism led by George Rubin, and concluding with Community Potluck. For more information, email cropwellquakermeeting@gmail.com or call (856) 446-4432.

Religious Education and Outreach Thread Gathering

April 12, 2023, from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Hand in Hand: Religious Education and Outreach as Partners

This Thread Gathering brings together two areas of focus to explore the connection between religious education programs and how a meeting welcomes and includes newcomers. Families are often seeking a religious formation for their children, and adult seekers of all ages come to us hoping to learn about Quakerism and deepen their spiritual lives. How do meetings prepare to receive newcomers and speak to those needs? In our outreach, what do we share about what is available? Are we open to new ways to offer religious education that might speak to the needs of seekers? If RE and Outreach work hand in hand, what might grow?



Haddonfield Spring **QUARTERLY MEETING**

Saturday April 29th

Join us to discuss an introduction to native
planting in New Jersey and learn how to Greenify
our sacred spaces

Haddonfield
Friends Meeting
47 Friends Ave

Haddonfield, New
Jersey 08033



Register in advance for Outreach & RE Thread Zoom meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEufuisrTwoGteB84ezCfOAruj_wTXiGduC

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Thread Gathering: Addressing Racism

April 29, 2023 @ 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Learn ways to continue to address racism, hear from Epphez of Greene Street Monthly Meeting on Noticing, and learn how to make a meaningful difference in your meeting.

Register in advance for this Zoom meeting. Register at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIkdeqhqj8oEtCRBP7RoW8U3KJc_E7bE7oP

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Quaker Parent Postlude

April 16 @ 9:00 pm – 9:30 pm

We'll gather on the third Sunday of the month from January through July 2023 at 9:00 pm for approximately 30 minutes. Quaker Parent Postlude is a space for people who are currently engaged in bringing up children, to come together for worship, reflection and connection.

The focus of this 30 minute program is to have some quiet time together at the end of Sunday before a new week begins; it will be held in Quaker waiting worship. Each time will open with a reading and end with a short piece of music. In between, we will hold space for each other in the container of silence with the invitation to share as led. Join from a comfortable space and feel free to bring a mug of tea!

We will mute ourselves when not speaking to help ensure that everyone can hear ministry and to minimize background noise.

Zoom registration for Quaker Parent Postlude:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYtdOGsqjwH9H8_-EGtEXjoQTg-QA5QU-f

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WE WELCOME YOU

to the annual spring restaurant event

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22nd
6:30-9:30pm**

**ADULTS-ONLY EVENING
SAMPLE FOOD AND DRINK FROM
LOCAL RESTAURANTS
BID ON OUR POPULAR AUCTION ITEMS
MINGLE WITH YOUR
WESTFIELD COMMUNITY
SUPPORT WESTFIELD FRIENDS SCHOOL**

**TICKETS \$75 per person
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WESTFIELD MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS
February 12, 2023, at the Meeting House and via Zoom

Present: Bill and Connie Beetle, Deborah Mosley-Duffy, Georgeann Catanella, Joan Biddle, Gail Fountaine, Joan Spagnoletti, Michael and Nancy Robinson, Michael Lane, Michael Zickler, Moon Beiferman-Haines, Peggy Johns, Rose Ketterer, and Suzanne Day

Meeting (on Zoom and in-person) – The clerk settled the meeting at the appointed time and read aloud.

Query 2: Deepening our Faith: Meeting for Business. Friends who shared aloud observed –

- Queries are much of the aspiration of what we need to be doing in our Business Meetings. Maybe they should be read more than once a year. I enjoy hearing them.
- When hearing of aspirations, I am reminded of Solomon's coming home. As Quakers, we are reminded that we are trying to get there.
- Quakers have a reputation for not confronting conflict. When there is a disagreement, we Quakers don't work it through. In reality, we should name and work through the disagreement, not just feel uncomfortable while tolerating it.

Minutes: Minutes of Monthly Meeting for Business held January 8, 2023, approved as circulated

Trustees Annual Report: The report was circulated in advance and further explained by Michael Zickler, a member of the Board of Trustees. Meeting accepted the Trustees' report with gratitude.

Worship and Religion Education-Spiritual State of the Meeting: Ministry and Care of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting request each Monthly Meeting to prepare its Spiritual State of the Meeting annual report and submit it by April 15. Questions will be in the March newsletter.

School Committee - Recommendation for School Board Appointment: The recommendation was passed on to the Nominating Committee. Recommended: John Bond

Naming Committee for Nominating Committee: Connie Beetle was appointed.

Google Drive Documents: Connie Beetle was asked to change hard-copy files to digital; all files have been moved to Google Drive. Connie suggests that committees submit a written and electronic annual report for filing.

WMM documents re: Swarthmore Friends Historical Library: WMM minutes will be submitted. Swarthmore is not requesting committee reports.

Quarterly Meeting at Westfield- update: Georgeann reported everything is moving along but will need assistance with the tables.

Announcements:

- Mike Lane reported that the Ozone test was done today. There is no concern for the ozone, and there isn't anything detectable in the atmosphere.

- Peace and Social Concerns Committee: Moon Beiferman-Haines will present a Resolution in opposition to Liquefied Natural Gas ("LGN") transport through New Jersey and export from Gibbstown for approval during March 12th Meeting for Business.

Our agenda completed. We closed in worship.

Joan Spagnoletti, Clerk
Peggy Johns, Recording Clerk,

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

April 16, 2023

Nurturing our Community: Care of the Meeting

- Silent Worship

- Reading of Query/ Worship Sharing

- Approval of March Minutes

- Nominating Committee

- Trustees Annual Report

- Worship and Religious Education: Spiritual State of Our Meeting for PYM

- Announcements /Correspondence

- Silent Worship

APRIL 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6 <i>Spiritual Oasis</i> 1:00 pm Zoom	7	8
9 EASTER	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Meeting for Business 11:00 am	17	18 <i>Peace & Social Concerns</i> 7:00 pm	19	20	21	22
23 Memorial Service <i>Mildred Lippincott</i> 2:30 pm	24	25	26	27	28	29 Quarterly Meeting <i>Haddonfield</i>
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Dates to Remember

April 6 Spiritual Oasis on Zoom

April 9 Easter

April 16 Meeting for Business

April 18 Peace & Social Concerns

April 29 Haddonfield Quarterly Meeting

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