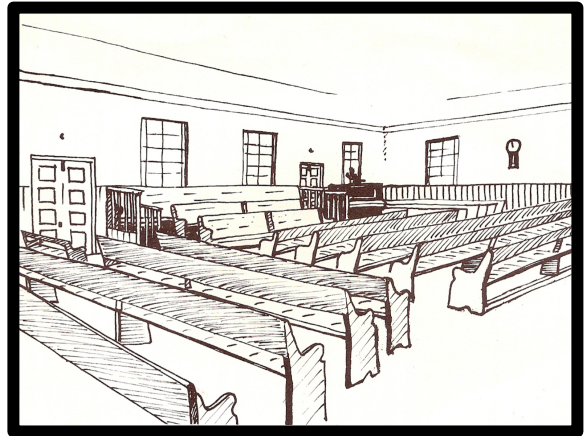


**DECEMBER 2021**

**Westfield Monthly Meeting  
of the  
Religious Society of Friends  
Meeting for Worship  
First Day (Sunday) 10:00 am in the  
Meetinghouse and on Zoom.  
Children are Welcome**



### **The Twelfth Query**

#### **Witnessing in the World: Witness and Civic Responsibility**

- a. What is our meeting doing:
  - 1) To become aware of systemic legal, economic, and political injustices in our local community?
  - 2) To build relationships with other faith communities around common concerns?
  - 3) To reduce polarization within the larger community?
  - 4) To work together with others to address injustice?
- b. How does our meeting assist in restoring public recognition that government fulfills legitimate functions?
- c. *Am I mindful of how my lifestyle, work-life and investments affect others?*
- d. *Am I open to seeking clearness on matters of conscience? Am I open to assisting others in doing so?*
- e. *Do I fulfill my civic responsibilities when they do not conflict with divine leading?*

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## ***Westfield Monthly Meeting News and Notes***

### **Friendly Circle**

Friendly Circle will meet on December 19 and December 26 at 11:00 am. Our topic is Friends Committee on National Legislation. What is FCNL? Why do we care? How can we take advantage of FCNL in our lives and in the life of our meeting? All are invited to attend.

### **Woolman Memorial Greens Sale**

The annual Greens Sale at the Woolman Memorial in Mount Holly will take place on December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for more details.

### **Young Friends Christmas Gathering! Saturday-Sunday, December 18-19, 2021**

How can the Light within us and around us illuminate our way? Young Friends will gather to celebrate the holiday season and look forward to the paths ahead for us as individuals and a community. This is an in-person event. Details: [www.pym.org/young-friends-xmas-dec](http://www.pym.org/young-friends-xmas-dec)

### **Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business December 12, 2021**

Meeting for Business will begin at 11:00 following Meeting for Worship.

*Witnessing in the World: Witness and Civic responsibility*

#### Agenda

- Silent Worship
- Reading of Query/Reflections
- Approval of November Minutes
- Westfield Friends School - Stephanie Judson
- Naming Committee for Nominating Committee Report  
Michael Robinson and Alvin Figueroa
- Worship and Religious Education  
COVID guidelines  
Meeting for Worship - Christmas Eve
- Outreach Committee
- Announcements
- Correspondence Received
- Silent Worship

It's a Winter - ful Life  
for  
Friends born in December  
Happy Birthday

Klersten McCooley · December 8

Nancy Robinson · December 8

Sharon Havers Colvin · December 12

Ryan Cross · December 22

Elizabeth Tatum · December 22

Joel Zickler · December 23

Henry Quinn · December 25

Nicole Young · December 25

John Andrew Cross · December 28



Snow much fun!

John Woolman  
Memorial Association

# Greens Sale

Saturday, Dec. 4th – 9 AM to 3 PM & Sunday, Dec. 5th – Noon to 3 PM



**Hand Decorated Wreaths**

**Variety of Fresh Clippings**

**Pine Rope and Wreaths**

**Christmas Crafts**

**WHERE: John Woolman Memorial, 99 Branch St., Mt. Holly**  
For questions or to pre-order pine roping, poinsettias,  
or plain wreaths, call 609-267-3226.  
Or email [woolmanmemorial@gmail.com](mailto:woolmanmemorial@gmail.com)

Help us decorate wreaths or create your own wreath using our materials on Nov. 30, Dec. 1 & 2. Contact us for details!

**Present on Zoom and in the room:** Bill and Connie Beetle, Joan Biddle, Charles Bruder, Suzanne Day, Gail Fountaine, Lorna Frizell, Margaret Haviland, Joan Spagnoletti, Nancy and Michael Robinson, Dean Kinsey, Rose Ketterer.

**Regrets:** Mike Lane

Meeting (at 11am) began in waiting worship within which our clerk read **queries on the ministry of outreach.**

**September's minutes** had been circulated in advance. Recording clerk had received suggested changes, which were made. The meeting accepted the corrected minutes.

**Westfield Friends School's Head-of School report** on the opening had been sent in advance; many had read it, and the meeting expressed appreciation.

New classroom spaces are being created in the School's basement and the boxes of Meeting's materials stored there need to be removed. Michael Robinson and Noah Frizell volunteered.

#### **Peace and Concerns Committee Annual Report**

Moon Bieferman-Haines reported that within the Covid-19 year there were three well-attended vigils with public expressing supportive awareness along Route 130. Also, the Meeting's financial support for the Bread-of-Life Food Pantry is now monthly. The Committee hopes to encourage witness from a broader number of our Meeting through calls or cards to decision-makers.

#### **Outreach Committee Annual Report**

Gail Fountaine noted how in-reach is as important as out-reach, and she reaches out with cards for birthdays and phone calls. She has completed a welcoming video, not yet clear about distribution. Flyers for Oct 3rd World Quaker Day outdoor worship and fellowship were posted at Tri-Boro libraries, Post Offices and WaWa. Last April Meeting volunteers helped with monthly food distribution at Bread of Life Food Pantry and masks were included printed with the Meeting's time, location and welcome.

Our meeting needs a Website ad hoc committee as our current visibility is out-of-date.

Appreciation was expressed for the energy and vision which Gail gives to drawing in newcomers AND bringing back some Friends who had disappeared.

The grant of \$1000 received we received from PYM covered costs of WQDay, and \$300 will be returned.

#### **Property Committee**

Bill Beetle reported:

- Re-roofing of meetinghouse is nearing completion.
- Unpleasant odor in social room is due to standing water in basement. Mike Lane has found how rainwater is flowing into there, and Property Committee is addressing it.
- Depressions in cemetery need to be identified and addressed. Volunteers invited to find and mark them following worship.
- The aluminum geodesic dome climbing equipment behind meetinghouse is dangerous and needs to be gone. If volunteers take it apart, the aluminum could be sold; whole or in pieces, the meeting approved our Caretaker's disposing of it.

Bill then laid before the meeting two projects that need leadership which he cannot provide:

1. Someone needs to pursue the Riverton Road rainwater-runoff which is penetrating WFS student areas; a professional engineering report is needed to document the problem and propose scope of work to resolve it. With that in hand, we could engage Burlington County political and professional offices. [Margaret observed that WFS parent engineers who engaged briefly with Property Com might bid on the job if asked.]
2. Groundskeeping contract, currently with Young's, needs someone to watch over it and to explore other contractors we might include for bids on our job in 2022. The current 3-year contract is in its final year.

The meeting received these requests, grateful for Bill's clarity and foresight.

#### **Worship and Religious Education**

Suzanne Day invited Friends to Friendly Circle following worship 3rd and 4th weeks 11am. Moon Bieferman-Haines will lead exploration of Beyond Consensus: Salvaging the Sense of the Meeting, Pendle Hill Pamphlet # 307.

**Finance** - Concern was expressed by several Friends about the infrequency of financial reports. Our clerk will request regular, updated treasurer's reports.

Suzanne Day, recording clerk

Joan Spagnoletti, presiding clerk

## DECEMBER 2021

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 <b>Meeting for Business 11:00 am</b>	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 <b>Friendly Circle 11:00 am</b>	20	21	22	23	24	25 <b>Christmas</b>
26 <b>Friendly Circle 11:00 am</b>	27	28	29	30	31 <b>New Years Eve</b>	

**Dates to Remember**

**December 9: Spiritual Oasis meets at 1:00. For zoom link Deb Mostly-Duffy**

**December 12: Meeting for Business at 11:00 am**

**December 19: Friendly Circle at 11:00 am**

**December 26: Friendly Circle at 11:00 am**

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