

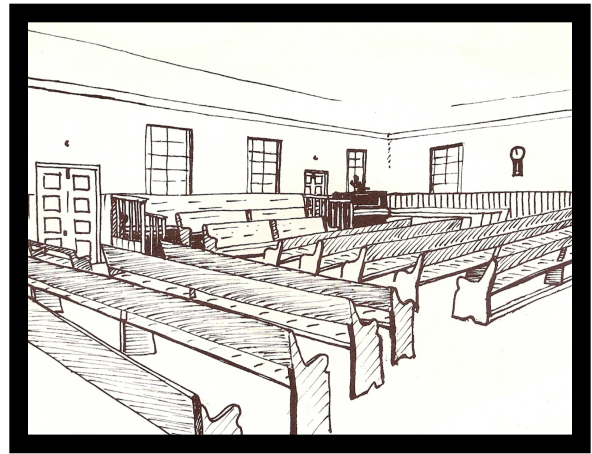
MARCH 2022

**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 near future.**



**The Third Query
Deepening our Faith: Spiritual Nurture**

- a. How does the meeting encourage the use of spiritual practices that deepen our faith, enhance the excitement of shared religious discovery, and increase the possibility of spiritual transformation?
- b. What is the nature of our shared experience of the Divine and how do we nurture our collective spiritual growth and transformation?
- c. In what ways do we support each other in our spiritual journeys, in our search for God's will and in our efforts to increase understanding of humanity's relationship to life on earth?
- d. How do we recognize, develop and nurture the spiritual gifts of all in our meeting?

- e. *How do I incorporate into my personal and family life those daily practices that focus on continued spiritual growth, including worship, reflection and engagement with writings that nurture the soul?*
- f. *How does my spiritual life integrate an understanding of a well-ordered relationship with the earth and deepen my reverence for the interconnectedness of all life?*

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Westfield Meeting News and Notes

Directory Update

The correct email for Joan Spagnoletti is joanespagnoletti@gmail.com.

Peace & Social Concerns

Peace & Social Concerns will meet Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

Want to donate to a worthy cause?

Contact the Bread of Life Food Pantry at the Epworth Methodist Church, 5th & Morgan Avenue, Palmyra, NJ 08065.

Discernment of FCNL Priorities

On Sunday, March 20, Michael Robinson will lead us in discerning FCNL priorities at Friendly Circle gathering following Meeting for Worship.

Continuing Sessions - Philadelphia Yearly Meeting March 25, 26, & 27 2022

March 25 Musical Fellowship to begin Spring Sessions Weekend

Friday Molly Hicks, Old Haverford Meeting, will lead Friends in song.

7 pm This event is for all ages and will be held in-person and livestreamed from Arch Street Meeting.

March 26 Spring Continuing Sessions Program & Business

Saturday 9:30 – 11:30 am, “The Theological Roots of Social Justice”

Noon – 4 pm, Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

The business session will include focus on our Yearly Meeting-wide witness.

March 27 Local Gatherings for All Generations

Sunday This will be an intergeneration gathering with your meeting or Quarter to include sharing among Friends before or after worship.

Spiritual Oasis

Spiritual Oasis will meet on Thursday, March 10 at 1:00 pm on Zoom. Anyone interested can email Mose at mosleyduffy@gmail.com.

Friendly Circle - Sunday, March 27, 2022: Department of Peacebuilding Bill HR 1111

Anne Creter will lead a discussion of the current bill in Congress to establish a Department of Peacebuilding. *This legislation calls for cultivating peace and nonviolence as a strategic national policy objective.* The idea of a federal Department of Peace was not new back in 2001 when it was first introduced in its current iteration to Congress. It was originally conceived by Quaker Declaration of Independence signer, Dr. Benjamin Rush, at the founding of our nation when he called for an Office of Peace to balance the Office of War. Considered aspirational, as the bill has evolved, more people are giving it serious attention in these unprecedented times of escalating violence at all levels of existence. You can read the bill at <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1111/text?r=3&s=1>.

News from WMM Antiracism Ad-Hoc Committee

As a committee our goal is to encourage thoughtful discussion and action around equity, inclusion and antiracism. We aim to embed this work as a continual, intentional and deliberate practice within the Meeting. To this end, we are compiling a list of vendors and business owners who are either women from traditionally under-represented minority groups, or members of the LGBTQIA communities. We are inviting members of WMM to send us names of business owners/vendors who are members of these communities with the goal of including these vendors in our selection process when conducting business. Please send the names to lornafrizell@icloud.com.

“Let’s Talk” Series

In Memory of Anne (Betty) Parry

Anne (Betty) Wilson Parry, age 92, of Albemarle, NC and most recently Salt Lake City, Utah, passed away on June 23, 2018, at St. Marks Hospital in Murray Utah.

Anne was a birthright member of the Religious Society of Friends and a graduate of George School where she and her husband, Thomas Morrell Parry, Jr. met as teenagers. Following the example of her mother, Anne was committed to being active in whatever community she lived in, spending countless hours as a volunteer working tirelessly with the local Hospice agency for two decades. Just prior to her passing at age 92, she volunteered at her local senior center, manned the Information Desk at the local medical center, and delivered Meals on Wheels to those whom she called “the elderly”.

Anne’s body has been donated to science, following which her ashes are to be

Moorestown Monthly Meeting’s Anti-Racism Committee schedules a series of discussions, readings and screenings titled “*Let’s Talk Series*” on the 1st and 3rd

Thursdays each month at 7:30 pm. To get Zoom invitation, call Moorestown Meeting at 856-235-1561.

Opening to the Heart of Worship - A Weekend Workshop with Christopher Sammond -- March 11-March 13 at Pendle Hill, Wallingford, PA

This workshop will focus on practical skills that will enhance our ability to enter into deep, transformative worship. Attenders will explore how we prepare for worship, how we center down, how to listen to each other with our whole being—body, mind, and spirit—and how to better open to each other and the Divine during worship. We will create a deep sense of community from which to access our individual and collective wellsprings of the Source. Our work will be experiential and immediate and draw us into a deeper experience of our rich practice as Friends.

For more information, to register or to apply for financial aid, please visit: <https://pendlehill.org/events/opening-to-heart-of-worship-2/>.

A Road of Our Own Making: Community Conversations on the Police, the Pandemic, and the People -- March 19 @ 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

A Road Our Own Making: Community Conversations on the Police, the Pandemic, and the People will bring together community members from all across Philadelphia including activists, educators, artists, students, city council members, police accountability commissions members, and police officers. Together they will meaningfully discuss the current challenges facing the city, document needs, and envision ways of working together toward empowering communities and achieving peace.

These virtual conversations will be hosted as webinars so that audiences can pose questions and considerations facilitated by poets, educators, and activists Ewuare Osayande and Rachel O’Hanlon-Rodriguez.

A “Road of Our Own Making” will span 6 months. The first three conversations are on Zoom and the second three are in-person at Arch Street Meeting. For more information, go to <https://www.pym.org/event/a-road-of-our-ownmaking-community-conversations-on-the-police-the-pandemic-and-the-people/2022-03-19/>

Westfield Monthly Meeting Minutes of 1-9-2022 on ZOOM

Present: Joan Biddle, Gail Fountaine, Mike Lane, Bill and Connie Beetle, Suzanne Day, Shirley Hunn, Karen Nulton, Joan Spagnoletti, Rose Ketterer, Nancy and Michael Robinson

Settling into worship, our clerk read aloud 1st month Query on Deepening our Faith: Meeting for Worship. Responses poured forth at a pace that Friends were interrupting each other. The clerk began to call on members to speak. A Friend asked, "Are we in worship-sharing?" Friends were encouraged to allow time between responses.

A Friend expressed appreciation for Meeting's support in nurturing his vocal ministry. Some yearn for more vocal sharing of Friends' spiritual discoveries or questions.

What about preparing ahead? "Coming with hearts and minds prepared" contributes to settling spiritually into expectant waiting.

Coming prepared to settle to "increase capacity for attentive, non-judgmental listening to others" is significant. One might be led to share a message aloud or maybe not.

Preparation to share an experience or lesson sometimes occurs before coming into meeting for worship but settling into spiritual community leads to whether or when that message becomes vocal ministry.

Minutes of our Business 12-12-2021 were approved. They had been circulated twice, most recently with suggested changes made and with items appended.

Recorder of Membership's Annual Report: Nancy Robinson has submitted to Philadelphia yearly Meeting the membership changes during 2021. We currently have 146 recorded members. Full report, appended below, was gratefully accepted.

Naming Committee for Nominating Committee Michael Robinson and Alvin Figueroa recommended Michael Lane and Karen Nulton last month, and these were accepted. Concern about the decline in participating membership was raised; our clerk recommended that we give attention to this at our February Meeting for Business.

Outreach Committee: Gail Fountaine thanked those who had attended the presentation by the minority-female-owned website developer who would design and launch our website with search-optimization feature for \$2500, then attend to it @ \$70/hour when needed. Gail noted that Cambridge MA and Washington DC meetings' websites are attractive and provide good information. Photos Friends might send are welcome ASAP as are suggestions. Our budget having designated website funds means Outreach Committee can move forward to revive our web presence.

Guidelines for in-person attendance that were circulated with the 12/12/2021 minutes were accepted today:

- At glass entry doors a sign will state both our welcome and our expectation that all who enter be up to date with vaccinations and willing to follow our safety protocols. These GUIDELINES demonstrate our caring for one another's well-being.
- Masks will be worn by everyone in the Worship room and in entry hall.
- Those who choose to use the kitchen, social room and library are asked to observe safe distancing precautions.

Nancy Robinson tracks the Burlington County COVID case count.

Friends affirmed it is clearly the clerk's prerogative to have returned the Meeting to virtual-only this week. Moving forward, the clerk will consult with Nancy Robinson weekly to determine if Meeting will be held hybrid or virtual only.

Our business concluded, we adjourned after announcements and silent worship .

Suzanne Day, Recording clerk
Joan Spagnoletti, Clerk

Westfield Monthly Meeting 2021 Annual Recorder's Report

On December 31, 2020 Westfield Monthly Meeting had 148 members.

We lost through death Louise M. Alger Coe Hager 5/13/21 and Anne Patton Kinsey Cross 5/25/21

Two young members became adults on their 21st birthdays: Carly Rosvold on 4/4/2021 and Patrick Culcasi on 4/10/2021.

As of December 31, 2021, having lost 2, we now have 146 members, including 141 adults and 5 minors.

There are 8 couples where both spouses are members of Westfield Monthly Meeting and 2 other couples whose spouses belong to another monthly meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy S Robinson, Recorder for Westfield Monthly Meeting

Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business March 13, 2022

- Silent Worship
- Reading of Query/Worship Sharing

- Approval of February Minutes
- Finance Report
- Property Committee Update
- Worship and Religious Education Committee
- WMM-WFS Annual Report –Statement from Meeting (see below)
- Announcements
- Correspondence Received
- Silent Worship

WMM-WFS Annual Report

Many Friends of Westfield Monthly Meeting have experienced the transformative power of a Quaker education. As a Friends Meeting (Quakers) we support the mission of Westfield Friends School as it recognizes and encourages the Divine in each person. Unity of Spirit and cooperative endeavors of School and Meeting strengthen the commitment of both communities to simplicity, peace, integrity, community, equality and sustainability.

MARCH 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Spiritual Oasis 1 pm on Zoom	11	12
13 Meeting for Business at 11:00 am	14	15 Peace & Social Concerns 7 :00 pm on Zoom	16	17	18	19
20 Friendly Circle 11:00 am	21	22	23	24	25	26 Continuing Sessions 9:00-4:00
27 Friendly Circle 11:00 am	28	29	30	31		

Dates to Remember

March 10 Spiritual Oasis at 1:00 pm on Zoom

March 13 Meeting for Business at 11:00 am

March 15 Peace & Social Concerns at 7 pm on Zoom

March 20 Friendly Circle at 11 am

March 26 Continuing Sessions —Check Newsletter for Details

March 27 Friendly Circle at 11 am

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