

MAY 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 Fifth Query

Nurturing our Community: Religious Education in the Home and Meeting

- a. How does our meeting prepare its members, attenders and children for worship, for the conduct of its business and for a way of life consistent with the principles of the Religious Society of Friends?
- b. What opportunities do we provide for all in the meeting to learn about Friends history, practices and testimonies, the Judeo-Christian tradition, the life and teachings of Jesus, and other religious traditions?
- c. How does our meeting's religious education program provide experiential learning that enhances the sense of belonging to our worshipping community?
- d. *How do I help create a home where all members of the family receive affection and understanding and where visitors are welcome?*
- e. *How does my manner of living enrich body, mind and spirit; enable all to learn what it means to live a life of Spirit-led commitment; and demonstrate a high regard for family, community and integrity of creation?*
- f. *How do I engage with my family and others who are dear to me regarding such sensitive topics as death, faith, money, sex and drugs?*

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Westfield Meeting News and Note

Peace & Social Concerns Committee

Peace & Social Concerns Committee will meet on May 17th at 7 pm on Zoom.

Spiritual Oasis

Spiritual Oasis will meet on Thursday, May 12th at 1:00 pm on Zoom.

Deadline for Scholarship Applications

The deadline to submit applications for scholarships for children in Friends schools is May 22, 2023.

Late applications will not be accepted.

Quaker Cloud is Ending

We have received a Bulletin from Johanna Jackson (at johannaj@fgcquaker.org), of Friends General Conference, indicating that Westfield Monthly Meeting currently participates in Quaker Cloud and announcing that **Quaker Cloud will be ending December 1, 2023**. If you have been involved in using Quaker Cloud, Ms. Jackson may be able to answer any questions you may have.

John Woolman: Disciple of God

May 28, 2023 following Meeting for Worship

Charles Bruder, Director of the John Woolman Memorial Association and member of Westfield Meeting, will speak about the life of John Woolman as a disciple of God.

We hope you will join us to hear about the remarkable life of John Woolman. No registration or fee is required. Coffee, tea, and refreshments will be provided following Charles' presentation.

Alternatives to Violence

June 9-11, 2023

Mt Holly Meetinghouse

Mt Holly Meeting will offer an *Alternatives to Violence* workshop the weekend of June 9-11 this year. For more information, call or text Mimi Scalia at 609/760-1090. There is a cost to cover materials, food, etc, but there is some grant money available if needed. Spaces are limited so please register asap,

"The Golden Rule and Resistance to Atomic Bomb testing"

May 7, 2023 @ 11:20 am

Haddonfield Friends Meeting

Following Meeting for Worship, the subject for the Religious Education Program at Haddonfield Friends Meeting will be "The Golden Rule and Resistance to Atomic Bomb Testing." Sallie Willoughby, daughter of the late George and Lillian Willoughby, will speak about her father's participation as a member of the Golden Rule crew as it attempted to prevent the US from testing an atomic bomb in the Marshall Islands, as well as her parent's participation in protests and civil disobedience against war. Helen Jaccard, with Veterans for Peace and project manager for the Golden Rule, will also talk about ongoing efforts to ban nuclear weapons and other peace issues. Everyone is welcome!

The 34-foot wooden boat (ketch) is visiting the Delaware Valley as part of a 15 -month voyage around the “Great Loop” of the central, southern, and eastern United States, making 100 ports-of-call. The Golden Rule is a national project of Veterans for Peace, which owns the boat. Information on when and where to visit the boat will be provided during the May 7th presentation.

Friends Historical Association Tour of Museum of the American Revolution

May 7, 2023 @ 10:30 am – 5:00 pm

Cost: \$26

The Museum of the American Revolution special exhibition, **Black Founders: The Forten Family of Philadelphia**, introduces visitors to Forten and his descendants as they navigated the American Revolution and cross-racial relationships in Philadelphia to become leaders in the abolition movement in the lead-up to the Civil War and the women’s suffrage movement.

The Forten family has deep ties to the Quaker community, from James Forten’s attendance at Anthony Benezet’s school, his wife and daughter’s roles in co-founding the Philadelphia Female Anti-Slavery Society with Lucretia Mott and other Quakers, and more.

This event will take place at Arch Street Meeting House. You may join the program for any or all of the day, For more information, email fha@quakerhistory.org

The Vegetarian Legacy of Benjamin Lay

May 12 @ 5:30 pm -- 7:00 pm

Arch Street Meeting House

Cost: \$5

Benjamin Lay was scorned and laughed at during his life for his stubborn, relentless advocacy for the abolition of slavery from as early as 1732, and he spent nearly two centuries as a nearly forgotten footnote to history. Thanks to Marcus Rediker’s 2017 biography *The Fearless Benjamin Lay*, more Americans are starting to learn and appreciate how his anti-slavery activism reverberated through U.S. history, up to and beyond the US Civil War. But his vegetarianism, which for Lay was cut from the same cloth as his abolitionism, also impacted American history.

This event will focus on how his legacy was borne out in the lives of US vegetarians such as Anthony Benezet, John Woolman, Joshua Evans and Dr. William Alcott, the first president of the American Vegetarian Society,

Please register in advance at (<https://www.eeventbrite.com/e/the-vegetarian-legacy-of-benjamin-lay-with-the-american-vegan-center-regiatration-520764379277>)

Quaker Parent Postlude

May 21 @ 9:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Zoom Venue

Free

We’ll gather on the third Sunday of May for approximately 30 minutes. Quaker Parent Postlude is a place 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.

Zoom registration for Quaker Parent Postlude:

(https://uso2web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYtdOGsqjwH9H8_-EGtEXjoQTg-QA5QU-f)

Did You Know?

Westfield
has a new
website.

www.westfieldmonthlynj.com

Scan QR Code here



Peace and Climate Justice in the West Pacific

May 7, 2023 @ 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Free

This event features an on-the-ground report with Friends Peace Teams activists from the Philippines and Indonesia. Kim Aparece from the Philippines will share her work on climate justice, disaster response and building community resilience. Petrus and Nanik from Indonesia will add perspective from their experience with environmental justice advocacy and building peace and climate justice into preschool and parenting education. Each will speak on how injustice and violence lead to climate change that threaten people and our common home. We will then share how this knowledge makes us feel, what it moves us to do, and how we can do it---together. This is a hybrid meeting—in person in the Rufus Jones Room at Friends Central or on Zoom (<https://www.pym.org/venie/friends-center-rufus-jones-room-and-hybrid/>). For more Information email obrangan@pym.org

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

May 14, 2023

Nurturing our Community: Religious Education in the Home and Meeting

- Silent Worship

- Reading of Query/ Worship Sharing

- Approval of April Minutes

- Nominating Committee

- Finance Committee

- Property Committee

- Care Committee

- Announcements

- Silent Worship

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A Talk by: **Charles Bruder**

Director of the John Woolman Memorial Association
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We hope you will join us.

No RSVP needed – Refreshments served



Sunday, May 28, 2023

at 11:15, following Meeting for Worship

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WESTFIELD MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS

March 12, 2023, at the Meeting House and via Zoom – DRAFT-3rd

Present: Bill and Connie Beetle, Christopher Pensiero, Dean Kinsey, Deborah Mosley-Duffy, Gail Fountaine, Joan Biddle, Joan Spagnoletti, Michael and Nancy Robinson, Michael Lane, Michael Ketterer, Moon Beifermann-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: Spiritual Nurture. Friends who shared aloud observed –

- As we move forward in our spiritual journey, it is hoped that we focus on the queries because it is our spiritual life.
- Spirituality, we give out more than is expected at any given moment. It is the quiet moments that we let more in. If only we could hold on to those moments.
- Getting to know one another is the key to recognizing, developing, and nurturing the spiritual gifts of all in our meeting.
- We are beginning to receive ministry from our younger members.
- We get to know one another much better in our social hour after meeting.

Minutes: Minutes of Monthly Meeting for Business held February 12, 2023, approved as circulated

Peace and Social Concern Annual Report: The report was circulated in advance and further explained by Moon Beiferman-Haines, Clerk of Committee. Meeting accepted the Peace and Social Concerns Committee report with thanks and gratitude. (Copy on file).

Worship and Religion Education-Spiritual State of the Meeting: Suzanne Day will present the report at the next meeting and will send out the report on April 16, 2023.

Nominating Committee – School Board New Member - Michael Lane reported that the Nominating Committee approved John Bond to the School Board. John is a Quaker and has worked on many Quaker Committees.

Naming Committee Report – Connie Beetle reported that there is one open slot.

Announcements - Rose Ketterer explained FCNL decades ago determined that it would not declare a position on reproductive health. Since the recent changes concerning Roe vs. Wade, FCNL has requested responses to this concern by May 1, 2023. Peace and Social Concerns, Care Committee, and Worship and Religious Education will plan a listening session and try to respond.

Westfield Friends School – Quaker Self Study for Friends Council on Education: Since a listening session date has not been set yet, Joan Spagnoletti pointed out, having been a member for many years, this is a wonderful opportunity to get to know the school. Even though the school has changed in many ways, the spiritual nature of the school still holds true.

Our agenda completed. We closed in worship.

Joan Spagnoletti, Clerk

Peggy Johns, Recording Clerk

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> <i>Spiritual Oasis</i> <i>1:00 pm</i> <i>Zoom</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i> <i>Meeting for Business</i> <i>11:00 am</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> <i>Peace & Social</i> <i>Concerns</i> <i>7:00 pm Zoom</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i> <i>John Woolman</i> <i>Disciple of God</i> <i>11:00 am</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>			

Dates to Remember

- Spiritual Oasis on Thursday, May 4th at 1:00 pm on Zoom
- Meeting for Business—May 14 at 11:00 am in Meetinghouse & on Zoom
- Peace & Social Concerns on Tuesday, May 16th at 7:00 pm on Zoom

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