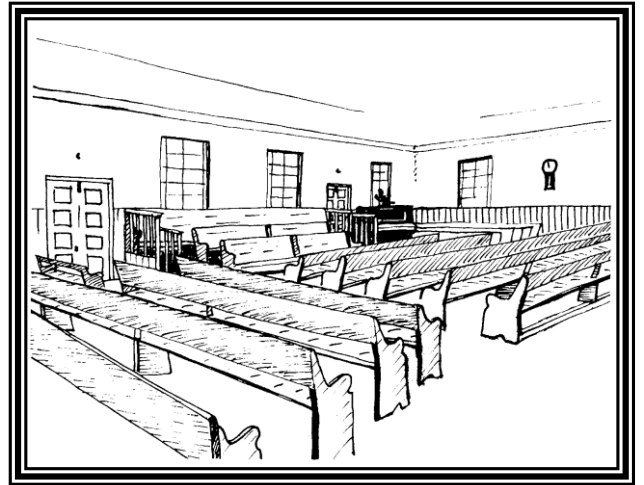


**OCTOBER 2023**

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

**Meeting for Worship  
First Day (Sunday) at 10:00 AM in  
Meetinghouse & on Zoom  
Children are Welcome**



### **The Tenth Query**

#### **Witnessing in the World: Ministry of Outreach**

- a. How does our meeting communicate Friends presence and principles to the wider community?
- b. How does our meeting join with other faith communities in worship, in spiritual dialogue and in social action?
- c. What are we doing to invite persons to attend our meetings for worship, to welcome them when they come, to listen sensitively to their needs and hesitations and to encourage their continued attendance?
  
- d. *How do I share my spiritual life and experience with others?*
  
- e. *Does my life as a Friend attract others to our religious society?*
  
- f. *What opportunities have I taken to worship with people from other religious and cultural backgrounds and work with them on common concerns?*

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## ***Westfield News and Notes***

### **Peace & Social Concerns**

Peace & Social Concerns meets Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

### **Spiritual Oasis**

Spiritual Oasis meets Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm on Zoom. For link: mosleyduffy@gmail.com.

### **Threshing Session on PYM's Advocacy Policy**

**Date: October 5, 2023 @ 7:00 - 8:30 pm on Zoom**

Presiding Clerk Melissa Rycroft has called a threshing session for PYM on the Advocacy Policy. The Advocacy Policy was approved by Administrative Council in 2022. The policy encourages Friends and meetings to advocate politically—to follow their leadings, be in relationship with elected officials and make known their expectations of our government. It also affirms that as a non-profit, PYM and groups within PYM are not to lobby by the IRS definition—to ask a lawmaker to vote in a specific way on specific legislation or ask others to ask their lawmakers to do the same.

A threshing session is a Quaker process that allows us to unfold a topic of concern without the pressure of coming to a decision. It also allows Friends to create space for all information and views to be shared so that everyone can see all the perspectives.

One concern of Friends is that they don't know who was consulted or how much research was given to this decision as Administrative Council discerned it. Staff and clerks put together a timeline of events, including minutes from the council and the yearly meeting. Following this event will be two training sessions, one on how individuals can engage in lobbying and another on how meetings can participate in advocacy. These events are an opportunity for those who care about advocacy policy to clarify this complex issue.

### **Pendle Hill's Reading Group (October)**

**October 18 @ 8:00 pm – 8:30 pm**

**Free and Open to the Public. Register to Receive Zoom Link**

Pendle Hill's Reading Group now includes recently published pamphlets! Our reading group focuses on Pendle Hill pamphlets and other Quaker readings, gathering to consider queries about the reading in a spirit of worship sharing.

(<https://www.fgcquaker.org/fgcresources/spiritual/spiritual-practices/worship-sharing-guidelines/>).

In October we will be reading our bestselling pamphlet, *Radical Hospitality*, #427, by Lloyd Lee Wilson. You can purchase a copy of this publication at the following link: (<https://pendlehill.org/product/radical-hospitality/>).

## **Outreach and Communications Thread Gathering**

**October 21, 2023 @ 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

**Location: Downingtown Meeting, 800 E. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, PA.**

This is an Outreach and Communications Thread gathering, with a focus on membership development. The afternoon program will include a panel: *Realities Today, Outreach for the Future*, where Friends will share aspects of outreach and communications, time for meetings to share materials and programs from their experiences, and a hands-on session for local meeting cohorts to develop 3-5 “to dos” to take back for seasoning in their meeting community.

**Meetings are encouraged to send a “team” of 2-3 people to this gathering and set a date for follow-up discussions as a meeting!**

## **Semi-Programed Worship Series: Saturdays and Wednesdays**

**Dates: Saturdays, 9:00 pm -10:00 pm: Oct. 21, 28; Nov. 4, 11.**

**Wednesdays, 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm: Oct. 18, 25; Nov. 1, 8**

Have you had the experience of readings and music in other worship spaces, and wondered what it would be like to include them in the grounded silence of waiting worship with Friends? Have you pondered how seekers might find connection in these liturgical elements, and a home in Quaker worship that includes them? How might a weaving of brief “programed” elements into the silence help us to go deep and remain there in our unprogrammed worship?

Gather with Friends for the experience of semi-programed worship. The format of the hour-long worship will begin and end with music, and include short, inspiring readings, interspersed with 15-minute periods of waiting worship in silence. Participants will share vocal ministry as moved by the Spirit. The series will be facilitated on Zoom. Check on the PYM calendar for registration details.

## **Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**

**October 8, 2023**

### **Agenda:**

#### **Silent Worship**

**Reading of Query/Reflections—Witnessing in the World: Ministry of Outreach**

**Approval of September Minutes**

#### **Committee Reports:**

Outreach

Property

**Old Business:** Bequest follow-up

**Announcements:** Quarterly Meeting at Medford Quaker Meeting on Sunday, October 15

**Silent Worship**



Westfield Friends School toddlers borrow the meetinghouse Social Room while new space in Rushmore House (previously Bayard Chocolates) nears completion.

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In celebration of Ubuntu: I am because we are!  
for

# World Quaker Day

Sunday, October 1, 2023 @ 10am



Join us for Worship @ 10 am • Children's Presentation @ 10:45 • Fellowship @ 11am  
Childcare & First Day School: 10am - 11am  
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### Complimentary Refreshments & Souvenirs

- Red's Rolling Restaurant Food Truck • Mr. Softee •
  - WaWa Soft Pretzels • Ubuntu Necklace • Friends World News Brochure •
- All are Welcome to Attend!



**WESTFIELD MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS**  
**June 11, 2023, at the Meeting**

**Present:** Bill and Connie Beetle, Christopher Pensiero, Dean Kinsey, Gail Fountaine, Georganne Catanella, Joan Biddle, Joan Spagnoletti, Karen Nulton, Michael and Nancy Robinson, Michael Lane, Mark and Moon Beiferman-Haines, Peggy Johns, Peter Taylor, Rose Ketterer, and Suzanne Day

The clerk settled the meeting at the appointed time and read aloud.

**Query 6: Nurturing our Community: Worship Sharing**

- A request was made for the queries to be weekly instead of on the first of the month. The request was referred to the Education and Religious Committee for review.
- A copy of the responsibilities of each committee should be given to anyone asked to be on the committee so they will know what is expected of them.

**Minutes:** Minutes of Monthly Meeting for Business held May 14, 2023-**Approved**

**Nominating Committee Report:** The Nominating Committee proposed roster of positions and committees was displayed on screen and explained by Karen Nulton. The roster was reviewed and the Meeting approved, with appreciation for the work Nominating has done.

**Finance Committee: Budget for July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024** – Bill Beetle presented the Budget that the Finance Committee proposes for the upcoming fiscal year. Bill reported that we are in a deficit, but the proposed budget does not cut back some from previous spending levels. Recommendations offered were saving our resources through fundraising and looking at income before committing to contributions to outside organizations a year in advance. Recommendations will be taken back to the Finance Committee. The proposed budget outlines where restricted funds will support work before the General Fund. Questions were answered, and the Meeting approved with appreciation for the work of the Finance Committee in preparing our budget.

Trust Bank has been chosen as our new bank. It is more in line with our core values. Mike Lane reported that our legal name is Westfield Monthly Meeting of Friends Incorporated. The Finance Committee will update the address.

**Property Committee:** Bill Beetle distributed in advance the annual report of the Property Committee. The Omega Security Systems quote was recommended by PC for the new fire alarm system. Westfield School is moving forward with Rushmore House. A walkway and fence are being built. How will this affect the school? Joan Spagnoletti will call a Lease

Committee Meeting, and Bill Beetle will inform the insurance company of the change. The Meeting accepted his report with gratitude.

**Collectors Committee Update:** Rose Ketterer distributed in advance the Collectors Letter. Rose “offered some mid-year reflections,” highlighting the number of new and pending members, the continuation of Meeting for Worship in person and virtual, the launch of our new and improved website, and highlighted the growth in practice and admission to Westfield Friends School.

**Care Committee:** Recommended Rose Ketterer for membership. **Approved.**

A Potluck will be scheduled in September to greet the new members.

**Outreach Committee Report:** Gail Fontaine reported that World Quaker Day is October 1, 2023. The theme is Ubuntu (I Am Because We Are).

**Announcements/Correspondence:** Georganne Catanella will be doing work in the Peace Garden. Joan Biddle is appointed as the contact person for questions involving the cemetery. Recycle buckets will be placed outside and in the kitchen of the meeting house. The Property Committee will pick up the cost of the recycle bins for the kitchen.

Generative Question: Looking forward to the next year, what are the priorities of the membership?

We closed in quiet after noon.

Peggy Johns, Recording Clerk,

Joan Spagnoletti, Clerk

OCTOBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p><b>World Quaker Day</b>  <b>MFW at 10:00 am</b>  <b>Light Refreshments</b></p>	2	3	4	<p>5</p> <p><i>Spiritual Oasis</i>  <i>2:00 pm on Zoom</i></p>	6	7
<p>8</p> <p><i>Meeting for Worship</i>  <i>10:00 am</i>  <i>Meeting for Business</i>  <i>11:00 am</i></p>	9	10	11	12	13	14
<p>15</p> <p><b>Haddonfield</b>  <b>Quarterly</b>  <b>Meeting at Medford</b>  <b>Quaker Meeting</b>  <b>10:00 am</b></p>	16	<p>17</p> <p><i>Peace &amp; Social</i>  <i>Concerns</i>  <i>7:00 PM</i>  <i>Zoom</i></p>	18	19	20	21
<p>22</p> <p><i>Meeting for Worship</i>  <i>10:00 am</i></p>	23	24	25	26	27	28
<p>29</p> <p><i>Meeting for Worship</i>  <i>10:00 am</i></p>	30	31				



## **Dates to Remember**

### **October 1 World Quaker Day**

October 5 Spiritual Oasis at 2:00 pm on Zoom

October 8 Meeting for Business at 11:00 am

### **October 15 Haddonfield Quarterly Meeting at Medford Quaker Meeting, 10:00 am**

October 17 Peace & Social Concerns at 7:00 pm on Zoom

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