

SEPTEMBER 2021

**Westfield Monthly Meeting
of the
Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for Worship
First Day (Sunday) 10:00 AM
Children are Welcome**



Grounding for Transformed Lives: Equality and Justice

- a. How does our meeting benefit from established patterns of prejudice, exploitation and economic convenience? What are we doing to change this?
- b. How and how often does our meeting engage in a self-examination of its attitudes and actions regarding race, ability, gender, and sexual orientation or class?
- c. What steps are we taking as a meeting to inform ourselves about social injustice and ecological violence embedding in our political and economic systems?
- d. What steps are we taking as a meeting to assure that our meeting and the committees and institutions under our care are respectful of the earth and its people?
- e. *Do I regularly examine myself for attitudes and behavior that indicate any hidden prejudice regarding race, gender, sexual orientation, disability or class?*
- f. *How do my lifestyle choices affect—positively or negatively—the causes of justice and peace in our nation, the community of nations and the whole of creation?*
- g. *How do I demonstrate in my way of living, and in what I teach my children, that love of God entails acknowledging “that of God in every person”?*

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Westfield Monthly Meeting News and Notes

Fall Directory Update

We are currently in the process of completing our update of the Fall 2021 Directory. The final date for entering new information is September 15, 2021. Please send any updates to Connie Beetle at conniebeetle@yahoo.com. Thank you for your help.

Ever Wonder What the Care Committee Does: Here is a brief description of the workings at Westfield.

We gather in a confidential group of seasoned Friends to consider requests for aid & clearness in one's life. Our overall goal is to care for one another in all aspects of life, be it Clearness for Marriage, membership, financial issues or spiritual support. The following, is my personal testimonial of the impact a Care Committee can have in one's life.

As a married woman with 2 young children, I counted on my spouse to provide the main amount of our income. On a family vacation in the Rockies, I had a deeply moving experience that shook me to my core...I became convinced. After a few months of searching, I found a Meeting for Worship that confirmed my experience. After being accepted into membership, I began to contribute to the Life of the Meeting.

The Treasurer of the Meeting invited me to join a small group after Worship. We went to a cafe for coffee...an informal way to begin to know each other. One day, as I was leaving, he said, " If at any time you are struggling, please, call me. We can help." I thanked him and went on my way. I did not think I would need assistance.

Then 5 years later, my life turned upside down. I recalled the offer of our Treasurer and called the Meeting. This helped get us through until I achieved my Nursing degree & obtained a position at a hospital. Finally, I could pay all my bill's and put food on the table.

I am so grateful for the generosity I was given. Now, Friends, I say in love and truth, we are here for you, if ever you need a loving heart & hand. Our Care Committee does care. Doren Day is clerk. If you need help, send an email. Strictly confidential.

In the Light and Love of all that is,

Moon Beiferman-Haines, Member

In Memory of Douglas and Joan Arnold

Douglas Arnold died in his home in Nishinomiya, Japan on May 3rd. Douglas lived in Japan most of his adult life, teaching English to elementary and junior high school students in the public school system. He loved swimming, literary discussions and traveling. His keen intellect and sharp sense of humor made him the life of any party. Douglas attended Westfield Friends School for part of his primary age schooling and attended high school at Sandy Springs Friends School.

Joan Arnold died on June 19th. While not a Quaker, she was active in many aspects of the Westfield community. For years, the summer opportunities program used the Arnold pool for lessons and free swim during camp. Joan was also active with the Pompeston Environmental Committee and gathered with many Quakers to protest the Vietnam war. Her sons Douglas and Eric attended Westfield Friends School for a short period and her daughter, Gail is a member (from afar) of Westfield Meeting. Her daughter Diane, who has the biggest heart around, cared

Stephen G. Cary Memorial Lecture 2021

On September 13, 2021, 7:30-9:00 pm, Pendle Hill will present the Stephen G. Cary Memorial Lecture 2021 titled ***Radical Transformation—Long Overdue for the Religious Society of Friends***, along with Vanessa Julye, co-author of “Fit for Freedom, Not for Friendship: Quakers, African Americans, and the Myth of Racial Justice.” The lecture is free and open to the public (registration required). Register online. Call 610-566-4507. ext. 137 for more information

Climate Change Call for Action

Climate Change is a PYM-wide witness following approvals by the body at 2021 Spring and Annual Sessions. Federal action is needed now to successfully address climate change. *All climate related elements of the proposed budget framework for reconciliation are important, but the 100% Clean Electricity climate related elements Standard and the Clean Energy and Sustainability Accelerator are especially important to reach net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.*

All Friends, now is the time to act: contact your federal senators and representatives. Ask them to insist that both the 100% Clean Electricity Standard (CES) and the Clean Energy Accelerator are included in the reconciliation bill to be voted on this fall. If you need help, FCNL.org makes action simple.

Pendle Hill Reading Group—Tom Gates on Worship: The Gathered Meeting Revisited

This workshop will take place on September 9th from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. The venue is Zoom (<https://pendlehill.org/venue/zoom/>) and there is no cost. Pendle Hill's newly formed Reading Group focuses on a mix of Pendle Hill pamphlets and other Quaker materials, gathering monthly to consider queries about the reading in a spirit of **worship sharing**.

September's selection is Tom Gates's **Worship: The Gathered Meeting Revisited**. While there is currently no e-book version of this publication available, a print copy can be purchased for \$7.00 plus shipping from QuakerBooks of FGC. Email jspickard-keeler@pendlehill.org for more information.

Tri –Quarter Gathering

Tri-Quarter Gathering will take place on the weekend of September 24th thru September 26th. The theme for the gathering is “*Renewal*” and there will be presentations by Melinda Warner Bradley (PYM), Gary Smith from Moorestown Meeting, and Pastor John Norwood, A wonderful description of the weekend follows:

“During the weekend, you might explore the night sky with a dedicated astronomer, join a guitar sing-a-long with some s'mores by the light of a roaring campfire, clamber onto a bumpy hayride through the woods, or paddle a canoe to the serene center of the cedar lake. You might stop by the Art Center to marvel at the beautiful works on display there, or use the space to create something of your own to take home. The kids might test their daring at the Challenge Course while their parents attend one of the workshops offered all throughout the weekend. On Sunday morning, the outdoor Meeting for Worship is always accompanied by a little symphony of birdsong that fills the spirit with joy. This annual event is truly beloved by all who participate. We hope to share in the Light with you at Tri-Quarter this year!”

For details on activities, speakers, accommodations, cost and registration, please go to:

<https://www.southjerseyquakers.org/2021-triquarter-gathering/>



Celebrating
September
Birthdays

Molly Hamlin Cope, 8th
Alvin Figueroa, 9th
Altha Biddle Levering, 12th
Christopher Pensiero, 12th
Ruth Tatum, 12th
Eleanor Lippincott Murry, 14th
Michael McCabe, 15th
Maria McCabe, 16th
Joan Biddle, 22nd
Bob Rosvold, 23rd
Jill Rosvold, 23rd
Markley (Mark) Roderick, 24th
Roger Buehl, 25th
Caroline Marris, 25th
Richard Langan, 26th
Emily Tatum, 28th
Georgeann Catanella, 30th



Aster is the birth month flower of September. It means "star" and symbolizes love and elegance.

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business on September 12, 2021
Grounding for Transformed Lives: Equality and Justice

Agenda

- **Silent Worship**
- **Reading of Query/Reflections**
- **Approval of June Minutes**
- **Approval of Budget**
- **All Clerk's Meeting**
- **World Quaker Day**
 - Sunday, October 3
 - Discussion of plans for the day's event
- **Meeting for Business**
 - Possible change of time and day
 - Survey results
- **Hybrid Meeting Discussion**
- **Approval Minute of Appreciation**
- **Consent Agenda Items:** The following requests will be put before the Meeting for approval at the September Meeting for Business. Please contact the Clerk (joanespagnoletti@gmail.com) prior to September 12 with any questions or concerns so that your inquiries may be addressed.
 - **Approval of WFS Use of Social Room for NJAIS Visit**
 - November 7 (afternoon) - November 10
 - The Head of School requests use of the Social Room for the representatives from NJAIS to have a private work area. The Welcoming Committee may host one or two dinners and serve lunch in the Social Room. The school's maintenance staff will attend to the space during this time
 - **Approval of Pre-K Use of Social Room**
 - The Head of School requests use of the Social Room for Pre-K activities. As the weather becomes cold, some Pre-K activities must be indoors.
 - When the Meeting requires use of the space, the school will find an alternative area. School supplies will not be stored in the Meeting House. Possibly, a carpet will be used which will be rolled up and stored at the Meeting House. At this time, the exact time and days of use cannot be fully determined. Therefore, approval is requested for when school is in session.
- **Committee Updates**
- **Announcements**

- **Silent Worship**

September 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5 Meeting for Worship	6	7	8 Spiritual Oasis 1 pm	9	10	11
12 Meeting for Worship Meeting for Business 8:45 am	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Meeting for Worship	20	21	22	23	24 Tri-Quarter Gathering	25 Tri-Quarter Gathering
26 Meeting for Worship Tri- Quarter Gathering	27	28	29	30		

Dates to Remember

Meeting for Worship during the month of September will be held in-person and on Zoom. The link for Zoom will be provided on Friday prior to the Meeting for Worship.

September 8 – Spiritual Oasis at 1 pm Check Deb-Mosley-Duffy’s email for Zoom Link

September 12—Meeting for Business at 8:45 am

September 24, 25 & 26—Tri-Quarter Gathering at YMCA Camp in the Pines

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