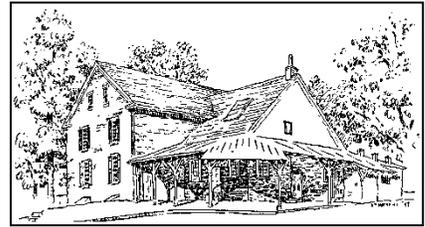


West Chester Monthly Meeting of Friends

425 N. High Street
West Chester, PA 19380
610-696-0491, Email: WCFMeeting@gmail.com
www.WestChesterFriends.org



Welcome to Meeting for Worship. If you are a visitor, please sign the guestbook on the table near the High Street entrance, and help yourself to literature there. Please join us after Meeting for refreshments.

Audio devices are available from the Greeter.

Calendar

Sunday, 9/23: Peace & Social Concerns meets at 9 am; **Worship & Ministry** Committee meets at 9 am (School basement).

Tuesday, 9/25: WCFS Back to School Night begins at 7 pm.

Wednesday, 9/26: Meeting office closed.

Sunday, 9/30: Poetry sharing at 10:30 am.

Monday, 10/1: West Chester Bird Club meets at 7 pm.

Friday, 10/5, Building in use at 5:30 pm.

Sunday, 10/7: Breakfast and worship at Hibernia Park – see the announcements for details.

Monday, 10/8: WCFS closed for Columbus Day.

Saturday, 10/13: WCFS Fall Fair and Alumni Day at 11 am.

Sunday, 10/14: Query reading at 10:30 am; **meeting for worship** with attention to **business** at noon.

Monday, 10/15: West Chester Bird Club meets at 7 pm.

Announcements

9/23/18

West Chester Meeting visits **Hibernia Park** (Pavilion 1) on **October 7 for a shared breakfast and worship**. Breakfast starts at **9:30 am**. We will provide pancakes, coffee and juice; bring another breakfast dish to share if you're able (but come anyway if you're not.) Worship follows breakfast at 10:30 am. Stay in the pavilion or enjoy a nature walk for your worship experience. Parents, there is a playground next to Pavilion 1 so bring your kids! We hope you'll join us for good food, fellowship, fun and worship in a lovely natural setting. For details about Hibernia Park and directions to Pavilion 1, visit the Events tab of our website.

Willistown Friends Meeting presents ***Mental Health & the Criminal Justice System: Correctional and Community based Responses*** on Saturday, **September 29** from **10:30 am to 1:15 pm**. Presenter Michele Bratina, PhD, will address challenges with the management and care of justice-involved people with mental illness. Michael Antonio, PhD, will discuss mental health issues among inmates in a correctional setting. Mike Huggins will describe transformational yoga. The second hour of the event will include interactive one-on-one exercises related to mental and well-being as we welcome demonstrations by varied community partners. The workshop is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served at 10:30 am; the workshop begins at 11. If you'd like to attend, let Tanya know or RSVP to willistownfriendsmeeting@gmail.com.

The annual Concord and Western Quarters' **Hayride and Campfire Potluck** is **Sunday, September 23 from 5 to 8 pm** at the Stratton's Wynnoor Farm (Route 926 just east of its intersection with PA Route 352.) Bring yourselves and a campfire dish to share. Hot Dogs, burgers, veggie burgers, and drinks will be provided. Sign up at our website: <http://concordquarter.org/hayride-2018/>. For more information, see the posted flyer, email concordquarter@pym.org or call 610-256-3572.

Twilight Meditation is in its **9th season** and all are warmly invited to attend. We hold our meetings one evening a month from June through October. We next meet on **September 30 at Hildacy Farms** off Palmers Mill Rd, below Springton Reservoir. Meet the group at Newtown Friends Meeting at 6 pm or go directly to the preserve at 6:10 pm.

Let us honor and be attentive to the Spirit by not entering or leaving Worship during spoken messages.

You're invited to join a **virtual Quaker Parenting Discussion Group**, sponsored by the *Quaker Parenting Initiative*, with support from New England, New York, and Philadelphia Yearly meetings.. Parents and household caregivers of children 0-18 can sit at home in the evening and, online, explore with others Quakerism and its meaning in their lives with their children. The next full session runs from **October 23 through November 20**. Groups meet at 7:30 pm. The discussions are Contact Harriet Heath for questions and to enroll at harriet.e.heath@gmail.com or (413) 238-6568. Visit www.quakerparenting.org for more information about the *Quaker Parenting Initiative*.

Do you have any suitcases, men's shoes, or men's belts you no longer use? You can donate them to a good cause! Larry Wheeler is collecting them for the VA Hospital. You can drop items off at the meeting-house or contact Larry to make other arrangements.



Meeting for worship is the primary setting for the fundamental experience of the Divine Presence. Early Friends took literally the recorded words of Jesus: "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). They understood that the Light Within could be experienced without the help of trained clergy and liturgy by all who seek it. God spoke to them and through them in the silence. Any— and all— of them were ministers of the Word of God, spoken and unspoken. They chose a form of worship that nurtures the direct encounter with the Divine. Such worship centered in stillness has endured for over 350 years.

From Experience and Faith: The Light Within, Faith & Practice, PYM, 2018

Let us honor and be attentive to the Spirit by not entering or leaving Worship during spoken messages.