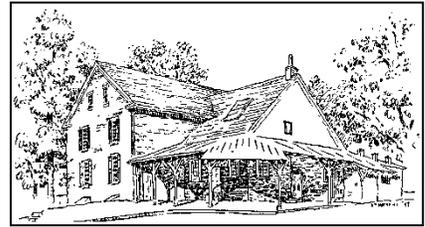


West Chester Monthly Meeting of Friends

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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.

Announcements

9/30/18

Calendar

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

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

Wednesday, 10/3: Meeting office closed.

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: Adult Religious Education at 9:15 am; Query reading at 10:30 am; meeting for worship with attention to business at noon.

Monday, 10/15: Meeting office closed; West Chester Bird Club meets at 7 pm.

Friday, 10/19, Building in use at 5:30 pm.

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.

Fall 2018 Adult Religious Education: Worship & Ministry will be conducting a series of discussions about the Pendle Hill pamphlet, *Four Doors to Meeting for Worship* by William Tabor. Meeting is providing a copy of this intriguing pamphlet to members and attenders. Our first session will be on **October 14** with other sessions held on **October 21, November 4** and **November 11**. We'll have coffee and cookies at 9:15 with the sessions beginning at 9:30. We will discuss a chapter each week and encourage all to read along even if you are unable to attend the sessions. Please contact Marina Pavluk if child care is needed.

The *Concord Quarter Working Group on Aging Concerns* sponsors **Aging & Finances**, a workshop with Lisa Pettinati & Nego Pile of Intervention Associates, on **Saturday, October 13** from **10 am to 12 pm** at Goshen Friends Meeting. A light lunch will follow. With retirement and aging comes our responsibility to meet the financial challenges that are unique to this experience. We will explore these challenges with the help of two professionals who are staff at Intervention Associates, a subsidiary of Friends Life Care. Lisa Pettinati is the Executive Director of the organization and E. Nego Pile is its Elderlaw Attorney specializing in Guardianship Management. For more information contact concordquarter@pym.org. If you will be staying for lunch, RSVP by October 10 to <http://concordquarter.org/special-events/>.

The Unitarian Congregation of West Chester, 501 S High Street, presents, as part of its *Black Lives Matter Film Series*, **The Great Debaters**, **Sunday, September 30 at 7 pm**. Based on a true story, the plot revolves around the efforts of debate coach Melvin B. Tolson, played by Denzel Washington, at Wiley College, a historically black college, to place his debate team on equal footing with whites in the American South during the 1930s, when Jim Crow laws were common and lynch mobs were a fear for blacks. A discussion follows the film. Admission is free.

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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.

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. Contact Harriet Heath at harriet.e.heath@gmail.com or (413) 238-6568 for questions and to enroll. 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.



Each experience of worship is unique, and each worshipper approaches worship in a personal way. Friends understand that worship is continuous and each person who enters the meeting room joins in quietly, settling into the silence. In the deepening stillness, worshippers let go of thoughts and distractions, open their hearts to the Light Within and listen for what truth God might give them. Sitting together in silence has been called "expectant waiting" by Friends. Even in times of spiritual emptiness when unity and fulfillment seem distant, Friends find it necessary to be present with others in worship. Vital worship depends on a deeply felt longing for God.

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