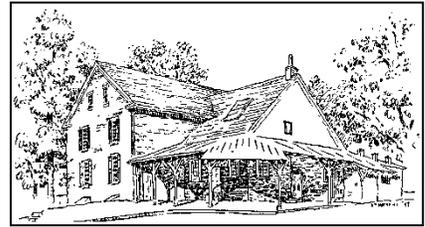


West Chester Monthly Meeting of Friends

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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

10/21/18

Calendar

Sunday, 10/21: Adult Religious Education session 2 at 9:15 am; **Shared lunch** with **Boy Scout Troop 6** representatives after worship; please bring a dish to share and an item for the West Chester Food Cupboard.

Monday, 10/22: WCFS evening **board meeting** in the Social Room.

Sunday, 10/28: Concord Quarterly Meeting at Middletown; **Peace & Social Concerns** Committee meets at 9 am.

Monday, 10/29: WCBC Board meeting at 7 pm.

Saturday, 11/3: Building in use from 3 – 10 pm.

Sunday, 11/4: Daylight Saving Time ends; **Care of Meeting Community** Committee meets at 9 am.

Monday, 11/5: West Chester Bird Club meets at 7 pm.

Sunday, 11/11: Query reading at 10:30 am; **Meeting for worship** with attention to **business** at 12 noon.

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 next session is **October 21** with other sessions held on **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.

You're invited to **shared lunch on October 21** when **representatives of Boy Scout Troop 6** will join us. Boy Scouts of America has decided to let young women participate in their program and Troop 6 would like to assist with organizing a new female troop. We will discuss whether **Meeting is interested in being a Charter Organization** for the new troop.

You're invited to **Birmingham Friends Meeting's Harvest Buffet** on Saturday, **October 27**, from **4:30-7 pm**. The meal features fresh & local food, pasture-raised turkey, organic vegetables and vegetarian, vegan, & gluten free options. *Proceeds benefit local and Quaker charities.* Email birminghamfriendsmtg@gmail.com or, visit the events tab of Birmingham's website at www.birminghamfriends.org for more information.

The next **Concord Quarterly Meeting** is Sunday, **October 28** at Middletown Friends Meeting. The program, *What Stops Our Meeting Listening to God's Call?*, will explore, through skit, song and discussion, if we can still be led as a corporate body to do God's work. Sign-in begins at 8:15 am and the program at 10 am. A light lunch will be served at 12:30 pm. For more information, see the posted flyer or visit <http://concordquarter.org/>.

Better Angels Skills Workshop: How to Talk Across the Political Divide at Willistown Friends Meeting. on **Saturday, October 27** from **10:30 am to 1:30 pm**. There's a lot of stress these days among family members and friends who are divided politically, and the current polarized public conversation doesn't help. Please join us for this workshop to learn skills for having respectful conversations that clarify differences, search for common ground, and affirm the importance of the relationship. Email willistownfriendsmeeting@gmail.com for more information.

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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*.



As Robert Barclay observed:

And as many candles lighted, and put in one place, do greatly augment the light and make it more to shine forth; so when many are gathered into the same life, there is more to the glory of God, and his power appears, to the refreshment of each individual, for that he partakes not only of the light and life raised in himself, but in all the rest.

There is no guarantee, however, that the movement of the Spirit during worship will proceed smoothly and without difficulty. Each Friends meeting is encouraged to examine its spiritual condition periodically in order to reveal any obstructions to which the meeting is prone. (See Section VII. General Queries and Guidelines for a Spiritual Self-assessment of the Meeting.)

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