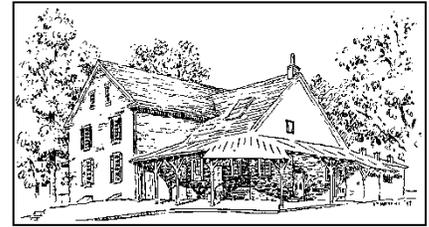


West Chester Monthly Meeting of Friends

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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.

Calendar

Sunday, 11/15: 9am Quakerism 101 class; Community Day Online and Together 10:30am; no Youth RE

Sunday, 11/22: Children's Meeting encouraged to attend 9:00am "Giant Children's Meeting with friends from across PYM; YPG will have their Downtown Issues at 10:00am; Online and Together 10:30am

11/25-11/30: WCFS closed

Sunday, 11/29: no Youth RE program; Online and Together 10:30am

Sunday, 12/6: 10am WCMM Youth RE program; Online and Together 10:30am

Sunday, 12/13: 10am WCMM Youth RE program; 10:30 Query Reading; Online and Together 10:30am

Announcements

11/15/20

West Chester Meeting: Online and Together

This Sunday is a special Community Sunday!

For both parts of the morning, use the Zoom link: <https://uso4web.zoom.us/j/582447487> with the password: Friends

9:00-10:00AM: Community Discussion — *Nurturing the Seed: relevant issues for Quakerism in the future*

Building on earlier sessions of Quakerism 101 this fall, we'll explore in small groups and all together the queries: "What were the seeds of your spiritual journey that led you to WCM?" and "What issues need the attention of Friends as we look forward?" Attenders and members are all encouraged to come share what is in our hearts and our vision for Quakerism in the days ahead. (Attending previous Q101 sessions is not required.) Hope to see you there!

10:30AM: Community Worship for All Ages* All ages are invited to waiting worship, which will begin with the Faith & Play story, "Gifts" about the many gifts that fit together to make our meeting community.

Families can support children to settle in with you for waiting worship, and you can have books, coloring sheets and crayons, and snacks ready. Attached to this email is an image you'll see in the story to print and use during worship for coloring and wondering. Remember the pipe cleaners and PlayDough in your care packages? Bring those, too! Because we use "mute" online unless sharing vocal ministry, you can do what works best for your family and be with the community at the same time.

*there are no 10am Youth RE programs -- our program is worship together.

In keeping with the PA Stay at Home Phased Reopening plan we are limiting gathering at the Meetinghouse to the number appropriate with Chester County's current reopening phase and asking all who gather to wear a mask or fabric face covering unless medically exempt and to practice social distancing.

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

Youth Religious Education programs continue online in November, with the theme of "Sharing Our Light." This will include an all-ages Community Worship on November 15 and a celebration of gratitude with a "Meeting Gratitude Tree."

We are pleased to announce that in light of the current racial justice movement, West Chester Monthly Meeting will be donating \$1,000 to the Ujima Friends Peace Center in North Philly. Please consider them in your own personal giving this holiday season. Ujima Friends Peace Center: <http://www.ujimafriends.org/> If you'd like to support the black community in Chester County, **The Anti-Racism Action Group put together the below list of local nonprofits that would appreciate donations:**

- Merge with Mercy: Foundation gives scholarships to Jacksonville University, Rustin High School, and an adopt a highway program. This is the high school Bianca Roberson attended and college she planned to attend as a Freshman before she was murdered. The foundation was started by her mother. www.mergewith-mercy.org
- West Chester Dance Works: They outreach to communities through dance <https://www.westchesterdance-works.org/>
- It Takes a Village Community Development Network (Dyneco Gibson) <http://www.avillagecdn.org/>
- AAYLF-Helping Girls Escape Child Marriages (has a Coatesville component) <https://www.facebook.com/aaylf2010/>
- Chester County OIC serves young adults and adults who are formerly incarcerated <https://ccoic.org/>
- CYWA: Community Youth and Women's Alliance of Coatesville <http://www.cywa.org/>
- Charles A. Melton Center <https://meltoncenter.org/>
- Black Women of Chester County In Action <https://www.bwcca.org/>
- Pearls Academy: Coatesville
- YWCA - Tri-county local center's goals are to eliminate racism and empower women <https://www.ywcatri-countyarea.org/>

Our annual end of year food and gift card donation campaign to the West Chester Food Cupboard (WCFC) must change due to COVID-19 and Social Room activity. The Witness and Outreach Committee wants to remind each of us that food insecurity is even more critical now, than before, as families struggle. WCMM needs to continue to do our part to help our community. The WCFC is serving their clients experiencing food insecurity three days a week with a "drive-up" model.

You have three options to support the WCFC!

1- Checks and gift cards for Giant or ShopRite, can be mailed to the West Chester Food Cupboard (431 S. Bolmar St. West Chester, PA 19382).

2- On-line donations are easy to make either for a one-time gift or a monthly pledge by clicking this link <https://westchesterfoodcupboard.org/donate-2/>

3- Drop off **ONLY** these items to WCFC on Monday – Saturday 8:30am – 11:30am. A great family COVID volunteer project! **Unexpired, Non-Perishable Food Items:** canned meat, canned fruit, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce (cans or plastic jars), hearty soups, canned fruit. **Personal Care Items:** soaps, toothpaste, toilet paper, diapers (size 5 & 6), baby wipes, feminine products

Save the Date! December 5, 2020 for the Friends Association Charity Ball online at 7pm! For more info go to: www.friendsassoc.org/charity-ball



The place of prayer is a precious habitation... I saw this habitation to be safe, to be inwardly quiet, when there was great stirrings and commotions in the world.

- John Woolman, 1770

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