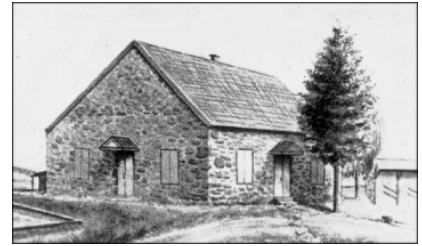


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Office Hours

Monday & Thursday
10 am – 2pm

Sunday Zoom Host

12/29 Cris deRitis

01/05 Laurie Lewis

01/12 Pat Bierl

Sunday Facing Bench Friend

12/29 Marina Pavluk

01/05 Chris McKenny

01/12 David Leonard

Sunday Meeting House Greeter

12/29 Laurie Lewis

01/05 Lisa Sweeney

01/12 Serita Spadoni

Sunday Tech Assistant

12/29 Cris deRitis

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Zoom Meeting Link

Sunday Meeting for Worship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87404288806?pwd=WkpqYk0vMjFkbjJkYk0vROZwTitNdz09>

Meeting ID: 874 0428 8806

Passcode: 156446

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We are not for Names, nor Men, nor Titles of Government, nor are we for this Party, nor against the other, because of its Name and Pretense; but we are for Justice and Mercy, and Truth and Peace, and true Freedom, that these may be exalted in our Nation.

*~ Edward Burrough
1634-1663*

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

Calendar



Sunday, December 29, 10am: Inter-generational Meeting for Worship with Poetry Reading. See Announcements and Events at right for details.

Thursday, January 2, 4pm: Mid-week Meeting for Worship via Zoom.

Sunday, January 5, 8:30am – 9:45am: Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, hybrid.

10:00am: blended Meeting for Worship. Children & Youth.

Wednesday, January 8, 4pm: Mid-week Meeting for Worship via Zoom.

Sunday, January 12, 10:00am: blended Meeting for Worship. Youth Committee. Children & Youth.

Wednesday, January 15, 4pm: Mid-week Meeting for Worship via Zoom.

Sunday, January 19, 10:00am: blended Meeting for Worship. Children & Youth.

1:30pm – 3:00pm: Friendly Bible Study, via Zoom.

We need food, personal items and monetary donations for the West Chester Food Cupboard and Act in Faith! Please place items in the boxes in the Social Room. Thank you!

Announcements and Events

Sunday, December 29, 10:00am – 11am: Intergenerational Worship with Poetry Sharing.

During Intergenerational Worship the children remain in the meeting room with the adults for the entire hour of worship. Silent worship begins at 10:00am and continues until 10:15am at which time Friends, including children and youth, are invited to share a poem or inspirational reading, leaving time for reflection between readings. Please share why you chose the poem/reading. Worship will end at 11:00am.

Please note that Mid-week Meeting for Worship will be held on Thursday, January 2 instead of Wednesday because of the holiday.

Sunday, January 12, 11:30-12:45: The Working Group for Committees and Assignments was asked to identify the work that is essential for our continually evolving Meeting and to re-vision a structure of committees and assignments that is flexible, combining some functions and reducing the number of people needed to do the work.

Following Meeting for Worship on this Sunday, all members and attenders are invited to share their ideas and insights on this topic. The Working Group will listen to you as we move forward, so that **how** the work of the meeting gets done is a reflection of who we are and what Friends believe is essential for our faith community to thrive.

January 19, 11:20am – 12:15pm: Please save the date for an interesting and moving Second Hour/Spiritual Enrichment program: Understanding Christian Nationalism and its Problems. Christian Nationalism uses fear of “the other.” Chris and Laura Densmore will speak about Christian Nationalism in the past and in current times. Specific first-person experiences will be shared. The presentation will begin at 11:20 and conclude by 12:15.

December Birthdays					
1	Sheila Wagner	5	Maggie Mitchell	21	Kara Kaniefski
1	Joshua Young	8	Lucia Jones	24	Maryetta Glancey
3	Amy McKenney	12	Mason Rump	25	Stephen Woodward
3	Dick Schramm	13	Bea Frens Ives	26	Andi Bolesta
4	Andrew Jones	15	Ian Mitchell	27	Tanya Pertzoff-Wells
4	Eric Rufe	21	Val Suter	31	Laura Izzo
December Anniversaries					
20	Ann & Robert Upton	30	Dale & Susan Frens		
26	Valentina and Cristian deRitis		31	Charles & Terry Spadoni	

More Zoom Links

Mid-week Meeting for Worship (Host – Connie Eash)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83870047629?pwd=cXJqQXRtNUw4VzZjR1dudm9YS1BIZz09>

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