



## London Grove Monthly Meeting

~ Begun 1714 ~  
~ Established 1792 ~

**April Bulletin**

### **4th Month Queries Nurturing Our Community: Care for the Meeting**

- Do we help each other to live with integrity and contribute that integrity to the life of our meeting?
- How does our meeting learn of members' needs and offer its assistance?
- How does our meeting nurture members in all stages of life?
- How does our meeting welcome those new to Friends and integrate them into our community?
- When a member's conduct or manner of living gives cause for concern, how does the meeting respond?
  
- *Am I ready both to offer and to accept meeting assistance when needed?*
- *Do I treat adults and children alike with respect and without condescension?*
- *What opportunities have I taken to know, work and worship with Friends in the larger spiritual communities we share?*

"QuakerSpeak", a project of Friends Journal, puts engaging 5 minute videos about Quaker topics online. To visit QuakerSpeak, go to [www.quakerspeak.com](http://www.quakerspeak.com)

## April 2024 Calendar

3/31	9:30 AM	<b>Easter First Day!</b> We will gather for worship followed by our Easter Celebration! (Please see page 3 for more info)
	10:40 AM	<b>Intergenerational Easter Program</b> (Please see page 3 for more info)
4/4	7:30 PM	Property Committee meeting
4/7	9:30 AM	Family Meeting for Worship—Hybrid
	9:45 AM	Young children move into their First Day Program of play and learning
	10:45 AM	Meeting for Worship for Business—Hybrid
4/8	4 PM	Book Discussion via Zoom: J. Brent Bill's <i>Imagination &amp; Spirit</i> :—Elfrida Vipoint Foulds' "A Ridiculous Idea" from <i>The Lark on the Wing</i> . All are welcome.
4/9	4 PM	Care & Membership Committee
4/10	7 PM	Interfaith Potluck Dessert and Action Planning at West Grove United Methodist Church, 300 Guernsey Road. (Follow up to Martin Luther King, Jr. Bible Study)
4/14	9 AM	Pre-Worship Fellowship with Coffee and Snacks sponsored by Property Committee
	9:30 AM	Family Meeting for Worship—Hybrid
	9:45 AM	Young children move into their First Day Program of play and learning
	10:45 AM	Adult Religious Education: Donald LaBranche "Does the Spirit Speak in Poetry?"
	7:30 AM	Peace & Social Justice Committee via Zoom
4/18	10 AM	Library Committee meets in the Library
	6:30 PM	Committee of Clerks meets via Zoom
4/21	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship — Hybrid
	10 AM	Western Quarterly Meeting hosted by West Grove Meeting : Dr. Faith Mitchell, who will present on the African American community in the New Garden area in the 19th and early 20th century. They had strong connections with New Garden Meeting and she will share her new book, <i>Emma's Postcard Album</i> . (See flyer on page 3)
4/22	7 PM	Nominating Committee meets via Zoom
4/28	9:30 AM	Family Meeting for Worship — Hybrid
	9:45 AM	Young Children move into their First Day Program of play and learning
	10:45 AM	Quaker Forum: Atala Toy facilitates discussion of Quakerism, continuing series about Friends' Testimonies
<b>SAVE THE DATE! 5/5</b>	1:30 PM	<b>K-C RINGERS</b> , a group of residents from Kendal, Crosslands and Cartmel will play a variety of music, using chimes and mallets and other ringing techniques at London Grove. Bring a sandwich for after Meeting for Worship for Business and stay for their performance on "4 octaves of bells on semi-permanent loan from Westtown School." Light refreshments will follow.

## Easter First Day

London Grove Friends will gather joyfully for worship as usual, followed by our special Easter Celebration! After worship, everyone will reconvene by 10:40 am for an intergenerational Easter Program including hymns sung by our choir, a spiritual reading, a children's story and a children's song. Friends in the meetinghouse will sing the last hymn together, followed by a **Children's Easter Egg Hunt** and delicious refreshments. Friends are invited to take home a pansy, provided by the Hospitality Committee.

**Children who wish to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt** should bring a dozen decorated eggs in a carton, which will be hidden during Meeting for Worship and the Easter Program. (Additional eggs will be provided for children who don't bring them.) During the hunt, each child may fill one carton, and will then be encouraged to help other children fill theirs. Please RSVP to participate in the egg hunt by Thursday, March 28th to [ida.weygandt@gmail.com](mailto:ida.weygandt@gmail.com).

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## West Grove Monthly Meeting

155 EAST HARMONY ROAD  
WEST GROVE, PA

hosts

### WESTERN QUARTERLY MEETING

**21 APRIL, 2024**

**\*10:00-10:45am Meeting for worship, intgenerational  
with story and quiet activities**

**11:00 Meeting for worship with attention to business**

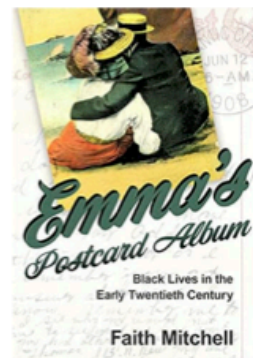
**11:00 outdoor play**

**Noon - lunch**

**1:00pm -Dr. Faith Mitchell, author and speaker  
Learning from Photos and Postcards: Black Women's  
Experiences Working for Chester County Quaker  
Families**



Faith Mitchell is an Institute fellow at the Urban Institute working with the Center on Nonprofits and Philanthropy and the Health Policy Center.



## **Third Month Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business–Summary**

On Third Month, 3, 2024, following the responses to the query Deepening Our Faith: Spiritual Nurture, the Meeting resumed worship with attention to the business of the month. The minutes of Second Month were read and approved with agreement by the Recording Clerk to continue not to name individuals in response to the queries.

Treasurer Doug Myers reviewed February's Treasury Report noting that we are 16.7% through the year and have received 1.8% of our budgeted contributions. Although our Net Income for the month was negative (- \$11,264.13), the closing balance as of 2/29/2024 is \$155,175,61.

There was no Record's Report. The Keeper of the Calendar reported on a Memorial Luncheon held in the Social Room on February 24th.

London Grove's Spiritual State of the Meeting Report for PYM has been completed using the Queries offered by PYM to gather responses from the Worship and Ministry Committee, the Care and Membership Committee, the In-Reach Committee and the Outreach Committee as well as through an evening Zoom gathering of Friends. Three Friends assumed the work of collating the responses into one document which was presented as a First Reading. As the clerk read the responses, Meeting paused at the conclusion of each Query for clarification and comments. Meeting approved the report with the suggestion that the opening section about our Penn Oak include a statement regarding the use of a feminine pronoun for the tree.

Bob Frye, Clerk of trustees, presented the Trustees Annual Report noting the fiduciary responsibilities of trustees, the review of the year's work, and addressed a recent agreement of trustees to become the central repository of London Grove written policies. Two policies requiring consideration and revision are the Policy on Meetinghouse Use and Memorial Policies regarding graveyard services and a 21 Gun Salute. Tom Brosius, serving as treasurer of trustees, provided the 2023 Financial Report reviewing all assets and the reconciliation of funds comparing each fund's 2022 value with its 2023 value.

The Support Committee gave its first Annual Report to the meeting detailing the process and outcome of 2023 London Grove donations to the local community.

A brief report on Western Quarter was given with a reminder of an upcoming meeting concerning Colora Meetinghouse.

Karen-Lee Brofee, Assistant Clerk (1)

## Care and Membership

The Care and Membership Committee reminds the London Grove community that we are available for help as needed. We provide confidential care and resources for needs in our Quaker community. Please reach out for help if you need assistance or know of another member who is in need.

Our members are:

### Clerks

Jill Benjamin  
Becky Matos  
Denis Newbold

### Members

Bill Moore  
Peggy Jones  
Betsy Walker  
Sandy Reber  
Laura Reilly  
Meeting Clerks  
Karen-Lee Brofee  
Terry Anderson

## SOUP LUNCH



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Answers to a Wondering Question:  
“What Can One Person Do?”

Start with what I’m grateful for....

I like that we have lots of good books and a good life

What can I do to help other people (or the world?)

I’m grateful for what I have that other people don’t have...

I tell my Mom so we can share food with hungry people

We donate food to Kennett Food Cupboard

Even small things count—smiling, saying kind words

If you get mad you can find ways to become calm

Make more friends so other people will notice and become friendly

Passing along doing something good

Be there for other people, listening so they feel heard

Bake and share cookies or brownies

From the children who attended the First Day Program for Play and Learning on March 17.

## **Kennett Food Cupboard Donations**

Please remember to drop off food donation items in the gray bin on the Meeting House porch! We have a small team who will take donations to the food bank in Kennett once a month.

**The following items are always in need:**

**Jelly (strawberry and grape)**

**2lb. bags of rice**

**2lb. bags of dried beans (pinto, black)**

**Canned Fruit**

**Cereal**

**Cooking Oil**

**Broth/Stock**

**Canned Tuna/Chicken/ Deviled Ham**

**Peanut Butter**

**Canned Vegetables (corn, mixed vegetables, tomatoes) (low sodium) Nescafe (instant coffee)/**

**Coffee and Tea**

**Flour/Maseca**

**Mayo/Ketchup/Mustard/Valentina Sauce**

**Tortillas**

**Sugar**

**Salt**

Kennett Food Cupboard 136 W Cedar Street, Kennett Square, PA 19348

Open for donations on Mondays between 9am & 4pm. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Thank you for your donation! Contact Sandy Reber with questions or to volunteer to deliver donations.

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