

# Westport Monthly Meeting Newsletter

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**Ah! Well away!  
Seasons flower  
and fade.**

- Lord Alfred Tennyson

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## OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 3 Paul Cuffe Symposium (See details)
- 2-4 JHYM Retreat at Framingham Mtg
- 4 Property Committee, 8:30  
Ministry and Counsel, 11:45 AM
- 8 Religious Ed. Meeting, 6 PM at the Lee's Residence.
- 11 Coffee Hour to welcome Janice Reilly into membership at our Meeting! See details
- 16 Dine and Discuss Potluck. See details
- 16-18 Young Friends Retreat, Portland Mtg
- 18 Monthly Meeting for Business, 11:45
- 20 Market Ministries
- 24 Sandwich Quarterly Meeting at Nantucket
- 24-25 Book Sorting (times each day to be determined)
- 25 Finance Committee, 8:30 AM
- 26 Book Fair Steering Committee, 7:00 PM in Community House

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Oscar Martinez Cardenas
- 6 Frank Lepreau
- 11 David Sutton
- 15 Owen Thomas Vieira
- 16 Gorman Reilly
- 18 June Correia
- 21 Jeanne Robinson
- 24 Nancy Dubler
- 28 Laura Bilodeau
- 28 Joshua Vieira
- 30 Jackie Bullis



## MONTHLY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**Finance Committee** reported that our FY09 Finances are on schedule. A modest surplus at this time allows FinCom to increase the amount previously budgeted for capitol expenses.

FinCom will ask Business Meeting to decide on two minutes at the October Business Meeting.

1. Starting in 2009, to determine if Westport Monthly Meeting should contribute to New England Yearly Meeting's Racial, Social, Economic, and Justice Fund the yearly interest and 10% of the Olive Macomber Race Relations Fund.

2. Starting in 2009, to decide if only the Olive Macomber Race Relations Fund and Westport Monthly Meeting Restricted Funds would be allocated non-disbursed Pooled Funds interest.

At the October Business Meeting, Business Meeting will be asked to finalize Friends and Local Organizations 2009 contributions. Presently there is \$150 Friends contributions not yet determined and \$600 Local Organizations contributions not yet determined. The Finance Committee is recommending the \$150 Friends contribution be contributed to the AFSC SENE Office and the \$600 Local Organizations contribution be split between Market Ministries and the New Bedford Interchurch Council.

**Book Fair Steering Committee** (BFSC) met on September 21st. Highlights follow:



The BFSC will recommend at the October Business Meeting to lay down the Book Sorting Committee. The BFSC will take on the responsibility of book sorting and coordinating with Meeting members and community members who are interested in helping with book sorting.

The 2010 Book Fair Committee includes Greg Marsello, Clerk and Finance Committee representative, Betty Ann Lee, Religious Ed. rep, Buddy Baker-Smith, Property rep, Dave and Emily Sutton, Friends in Residence, Amy Lee-Viera, Food Committee rep, and Mark Bauer, Ministry & Council and ad-hoc rep. The BFSC will continue calling on Deana Chase as a resource to provide guidance as questions arise. The BFSC Committee representatives will also be involving others from their Committees on the BFSC.

The BFSC brainstormed a list of challenges to work on this fall in order to make the 2010 Book Fair an even bigger success. Actions include starting work on a Book Fair "How-To" Booklet. We will also be working hard to get all received books sorted and priced before November. Book sorting and pricing gathering times this month will be on October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Specific times during these two days to be announced.

**UUProperty Committee:** A small working group met early on September 27, and thoroughly cleaned the kitchen cabinets, fridge, drawers and everything related to preparing and serving food. Please label and date all food items placed in the fridge and write the date opened on dry goods placed in cabinets. Markers and tape will be available for this purpose.

#### Upcoming Dine and Discuss dates and themes:

##### Friday October 16:

M&C and Meeting for Business want to continue the discussion of whether or not to record ministers by including our wider worship community. What is your sense of what is most spiritually enriching for you personally and for our community?



**Friday November 13:** Continuation of discussion of recording ministers and recognizing gifts.

#### Exploring Paul Cuffe: The Man and his Legacy

A Public Symposium

Saturday, October 3, 2009, 8:30 AM – 5 PM

Location: New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford, MA

Details: In commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of Paul Cuffe (1759 – 1817), a symposium of local and national scholars will explore the many aspects of Captain Cuffe. Each session will include a panel discussion and time for questions and comments with a focus on; Paul Cuffe and relationships with the black and

white community; Cuffe's entrepreneurial and philanthropic ventures; Sierra Leone - Rise to be a people, and; Contemporary relevance of Cuffe and his legacy

Sponsors include New Bedford Historical Society; New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park; Westport Historical Society, Old Dartmouth Historical Society; Rotch-Jones Duff Museum and the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

This Public Symposium is FREE of charge and open to the public. Pre-registration is advised as space is limited. Register at the Westport Historical Society's site at <http://www.westporthistory.com>. (Source: Westport Historical Society.)



On Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, Deana Chase and Marion Athearn (above) shared some of their recent travel experiences. Marion, traveling with a group of Quaker educators connected with the China Global Service Project, visited the village of Zhongba in Sichuan Provence, China and assisted with cleanup efforts following an earthquake and flood there last May. (Photos and blog entries are available at <http://www.chinaglobalserviceproject.com/>)

Deana, traveling in her capacity as a member of the Friends United Meeting General Board, reflected on her visits to Baltimore, Western and Canadian Yearly Meetings in August.

Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one's lifetime.

- Mark Twain

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