

Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM) Retreats (*grades 2-6) 2017-2018

Sept. 15 – 17, 2017

Woolman Hill in Deerfield, MA

Give Light and People Will Find a Way

Based on a song created by *Maggie*, from a quote by Ella Baker, this retreat will explore how each of us can make a difference, one friendship at a time. Have you been inspired to be kinder, more accepting, or more thoughtful because of the way someone you know and trust lives or talks? What is Hope, and how we find our way in the dark – whether to the cabins at Woolman Hill or in the big wide world? We'll draw strength from the life stories of people who faithfully walked one step at a time and consider when we may have been a channel of Spirit's grace for others. Join us for the first retreat of the year as we try to find our own spiritual flashlights. Registration begins August 14, 2017.

Nov. 17 - 19, 2017

Westport (MA) Monthly Meeting

Having Enough: A Bread Retreat

Toys, clothes, stuff, friends, food, money, safety, control, time, love.... When is "enough," well, *enough*? What do we *really* need? We'll share thoughts on inner peace, simplicity, right use of resources, and what we can do when we have 'plenty and then some.' As we do, we'll mindfully bake bread to share and to take home and consider how only a few ingredients and time are needed to create this most basic of foods. Bread Retreats only come around every few years – don't miss it! Registration begins Sept. 17, 2017.

Jan. 26 - 28, 2018

Wellesley (MA) Monthly

Meeting

My Soul Finds its Wings in Music

A wise young Quaker from Tennessee wrote this to me many years ago. We will share how we find that of the Divine in music – of all kinds -- and how music helps us to center, give voice, celebrate and open our hearts to experiences of communion together. We'll also leave room for talking about and exploring other ways that our hearts are lifted and opened to the Light. Register early – the January retreat always fills quickly. Registration begins Nov. 20, 2017.

May 18 – 20, 2018

Woolman Hill in Deerfield, MA

Dear God, I have so many questions!

The Inner Light, the still, small voice, the presence of God, why there is suffering – there is so much that we don't understand! If you could have 5 minutes with God, what would you ask? It can be a real challenge to be a seeker of anything that can't be measured or Googled, especially concerning the Spirit. And yet, like sitting at the edge of the Grand Canyon, or seeing a butterfly emerge from a chrysalis, there is so much power, beauty and awe in the Divine unknown. Come and share a weekend where we will let ourselves be in the questions instead of explaining them away. Registration begins Jan. 28.



JYM Retreats are sponsored by New England Yearly Meeting, under the care of the Youth Ministries Committee. For more information and to register, go to our website at www.neym.org/jym or contact Gretchen Baker-Smith, at hellogretchen@gmail.com or 508-287-6441 (cell phone).