

A landscape photograph featuring a vibrant rainbow arching across a dark, overcast sky. The foreground shows a green field with several trees, and the overall mood is serene and hopeful.

*In the Spirit  
of Gratitude*

2016  
Spiritual Retreats

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# Worship Schedule Throughout the Year

## Meeting for Worship in the Manner of Friends, also known as Quakers

1st, 1st Days (Sundays) of the month  
9:00 am Bible Study  
10:00 am Unprogrammed Meeting for Worship

### 5th month through 10th month (May - Oct.)

Meeting for Worship is held in the Light of Christ Peace Chapel

Bible Study and Meeting for Worship is open to visitors.  
Light refreshments and fellowship follow Meeting for Worship on 1st Days.

**1-1-16 to 4-17-16 Community Winter Retreat** - Due to unpredictable winter weather, the Monastery is closed to the public unless specific retreat dates are scheduled otherwise.

### Candlelight Peace Vigil, 5th month through 10th month (May - Oct)

1st, 6th Days of the month (Saturdays)  
8:00 pm following intercessory prayers.

### Prayer Group 5th month through 10th month (May - Oct)

Centering Prayer / Silent Worship in Expectant Waiting  
1st Wednesday evening of the month - 7 pm - 8 pm

## Worship at Christ the Light Monastery

*In silence, without rite or symbol, we have known the Spirit of Christ so convincingly present in our quiet meetings that his grace dispels our faithlessness, our unwillingness, our fears, and sets our hearts aflame with the joy of adoration. We have thus felt the power of the Spirit renewing and recreating our love and friendship for all our fellows. This is our Eucharist and our Communion.* -London Yearly Meeting, 1928

## 2016 Retreat Schedule

Registration is required for all retreats. Peace pilgrims of all faiths welcome.

### **2-20-16 (Saturday) Learning to Be Still with Gratitude** *Lenten Quiet Day for Associates and Friends*

This Quiet Day Retreat will explore ways in which we can achieve personal balance in our lives by cultivating stillness and gratitude in our hearts and minds. Suggestions will be offered on how to use the day. Contemplation/journaling time, round table sharing, group prayer.

Begins at 9:30 am with coffee, tea, and prayer; ends at 3:30 with the Peace Blessing.

Freewill offering is gratefully accepted. Simple soup lunch provided. Registration required.

### **3-19-16 (Saturday) Praying with Poetry**

An Evening of Lent and Easter Poems Explore poetry as prayer through inspirational shared readings.

Begins at 6:30 pm with light refreshments, and prayer; ends at 8:30 with the Peace Blessing.

Freewill offering is gratefully accepted. Registration required.

### **4-23-16 (Saturday) The Way of PEACE and GRATITUDE**

Guided Day Retreat. Explore how to make the PEACE of Christ Jesus a part of your life, with a heart full of gratitude. Contemplation time, round table sharing, group prayer.

Begins at 9:30 am with coffee, tea, suggestions on how to use the day, and prayer; ends at 3:30 with the Peace Blessing.

Freewill offering is gratefully accepted. Simple lunch provided. Registration required.

### **5-14-16 (Saturday) The Spiritual Power of Silence**

Day Retreat. Scripture readings and historical Quaker reflections. Contemplation time, round table sharing, group prayer.

Begins at 9:30 am with coffee, tea, suggestions on how to use the day, and prayer; ends at 3:30 with the Peace Blessing.

Freewill offering gratefully accepted. Simple soup lunch provided. Registration required.

### **6-11-16 (Saturday) Simple Gifts, Creative Works Study in Nature**

Quiet day retreat exploring the simple beauty of nature. Field nature walk, contemplation time, round table sharing, group prayer.

Begins at 9:30 am with coffee, tea, suggestions on how to use the day, and prayer; ends at 3:30 with the Peace Blessing.

Freewill offering is gratefully accepted. Simple lunch provided. Registration required.

### **7-11-16 Annual Peace Pilgrimage**

**7-14-16 to 8-29-16 Community Summer Retreat** - Monastery closed

### **8-3-16 (Saturday) Monastery Open House 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

- Tours, exhibits and light refreshments.
- Peace Chapel Open
- Monastery Historical Display
- Cooking holistic dog food demonstration. Puppy imprinting demonstration.

The city of Harrisville, Michigan will be hosting their annual Harmony Weekend arts and crafts show this same weekend.

### **10- 8-16 Inward Journey to the Light of Christ**

Explore the Quaker concept of there being "that of God in every man..." (Fox), and how we can apply the teachings of Christ Jesus to live in the spirit of joy. Christ showed us the way in His earthly ministry, and He shepherds willing hearts today to live in the Light of His Way. This quiet retreat will give focus to living in that Light and thereby deepening our relationship with our heavenly Father. We will journey inward to realize obstacles that block our path. Contemplation/journaling time, round table sharing, group prayer.

Begins 9:30 am with gathering for coffee, tea, and prayer; ends at 3:30 pm with the Peace Blessing.

Freewill offering is gratefully accepted. Simple lunch provided.



### **10-22-16 Baking and Breaking Bread Together**

Day Retreat. Working with food as a spiritual occupation. We will bake simple loaves together and then share the breaking bread with one another in peace.

Begins at 9:30 am with coffee, tea, suggestions on how to use the day, and prayer; ends at 3:30 with the Peace Blessing.

Freewill offering is gratefully accepted. Simple soup lunch provided.

### **11-12-16 Interfaith Peace Gathering - 7 pm to 9 pm**

### **11-24-16 Thanksgiving at the Monastery**

Enjoy the fellowship of a simple gratitude gathering. Silent worship and common prayer at the Peace Chapel, home-cooked Thanksgiving dinner, and candle light peace vigil.

10 person limit. Free will offering. Registration required.

### **12-12-16 Advent Quiet Retreat.**

Contemplation time, round table sharing, group prayer.

Begins at 9:30 am with coffee, tea; suggestions on how to use the day, and prayer. Ends at 3:30 with the Peace Blessing.

Freewill offering is gratefully accepted. Simple soup lunch provided. Registration required.

### **12-19-16 Christmas at the Monastery**

Advent readings, carols and Christmas poetry. An evening of fellowship, praise and gratitude.

Begins at 7:30 pm with light refreshments, and prayer; ends at 9:30 with the Peace Blessing. Freewill offering.

**1-1-16 to 4-15-16 Community Winter Retreat - Monastery Closed**  
(unless scheduled dates otherwise)

## **Registration Information**

Please e-mail Light of Christ Monastery to register for a retreat.

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*Dear Pilgrim of Faith,  
May the Lord bless and keep thee; may peace be with thee.*

**Prayer requests can be sent to us at any time of the year through  
our web site at:**

[www.QuakerMonastery.org/Peace\\_Chapel.html#prayer\\_request](http://www.QuakerMonastery.org/Peace_Chapel.html#prayer_request)

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