



Our worship services are at 10:30 AM on Sunday mornings. We are busy also in the community and the world at large, helping with Habitat for Humanity, Hope House and SHALOM Ministries in Middletown, and Preble County, and the Food Pantry in Camden We also work in the world at large, helping women in Sierra Leon and students in Kenya. Our children are active in Heifer Project and in sponsoring animals at the Zoo.



From Wrightsborough in 1803 to present day situations in the world, we hope to minister and to set the world, closer to being spiritual beings who listen to and have a relationship with God and with others.

West Elkton Friends is a semi-programmed, Christ-centered, progressive, diverse meeting of both Quakers and others. We come from varying practices and beliefs, but worship and conduct business in a Quaker manner while learning and upholding foundations of the Society of Friends testimonies of simplicity, equality, peace and integrity. We hold the belief that everyone is a part of God's plan and is able to listen to and be guided by the Holy Spirit. We worship in both a planned (programmed) and unprogrammed (waiting worship as we wait on the voice of God to lead us and speak to us). We are uniquely loving place, well worth the drive.



Located at 147 Main Street (near the corner of 725 on Ohio 503) in West Elkton, Ohio 45070, we have been here for 210 years, and we would like you to join in our legacy in this community. Our Sunday services begin at 10:30 AM.

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West Elkton Friends Meeting (A Quaker Church)



- **Are you searching** for a closer walk with God?
- **Do you long** for a community in which to do this and who will walk with you?
- **Are you seeking** a place that is intergenerational and has a family feeling?
- **Are you looking** for a grounded community that is more progressive and peaceful in their interactions with each other and the world?
- **Are you in need** of a worship experience that is deeply spiritual and calls you to question yourself and the world?
- **Maybe we are such a place for you.** While we might be an older faith system, we are now what many people are seeking: intergenerational, a feeling of family, full of community and integrity, a place of love and care while you develop your walk with God.

West Elkton Friends is over 210 years old as an organized meeting, but began in 1803 when Quakers opposed to slavery left Wrightsboro, Georgia and settled the Elk Valley in the Northwest Territory. The meeting has historically stood for equality of all and was one of the first open and affirming congregations in the Midwest.



While not all people in the meeting are in agreement on social issues (including sexual orientation and service in the military) we seek peace even when opinions differ, and seek to serve that of God in each person. We search for unity, many times putting aside personal convictions that may be coming from society rather than from God. We try to focus on the spiritual aspects of unity with one another. We are supportive of all people in trying to help the light of Christ burn more brightly through encouragement and prayer.



Love, faith and hope are guides for our lives. We seek to remove any obstacles to hearing and feeling guidance from God. We believe all people have an Inward Light and that all can be led by it.

We are Bible users, but we are not literalists. The scriptures inform us and help to guide us spiritually, but we depend on education for history and scientific analysis and use the Bible for spiritual discernment.

Rather than preaching to others about our faith, we endeavor to live lives which show our beliefs and our faith in God. This is called "letting your life preach."



As Quakers we seek ways to work with and beside others in order to demonstrate love and joy to all. We believe, without any doubt that all people are equal regardless of other factors.



We seek simplicity in the way we live our lives, try to demonstrate integrity in all that we say and do, and attempt to live peacefully with ourselves and each other. We welcome you to join us for worship and fellowship.

