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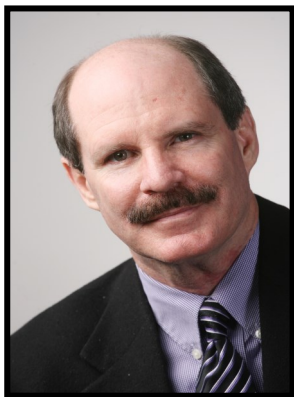
JULY, 2022

WESTERN YEARLY MEETING ANNUAL SESSIONS

July 21-24, 2022 ~ In Person & On Line



**DR. PAUL ANDERSON ~ MORNING DEVOTIONAL LEADER
CHERICE BOCK ~ QUAKER LECTURE PRESENTER**



Dr. Paul Anderson

**9:00 a.m.
Speaker for Morning
Devotions
July 22 & 23**

**10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship
July 24**



**Cherice Bock
Quaker Lecture**

**Friday Night, July 22
7:00 pm**

Paul N. Anderson serves as Professor of Biblical and Quaker Studies at George Fox University, and also as Extraordinary Professor of Religion at the North-West University of Potchefstroom, South Africa. A graduate of Malone University (BA), ESR (MDiv), and Glasgow University (PhD), Paul also served as pastor at West River Friends Meeting, Reedwood Friends Church, and Clackamas Park Friends Church. Author of five books and editor of thirty more, Paul's books include *Following Jesus*, *The Riddles of the Fourth Gospel*, and *From Crisis to Christ*. He edits three book series (including FAHE's Quakers and the Disciplines Series), and he edited *Evangelical Friend* and *Quaker Religious Thought*. He and his wife Carla have three grown daughters, and they live in Newberg, Oregon.

Cherice Bock lives in Oregon, on the lands of the Kalapuya (now part of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde). She is adjunct professor of ecotheology at Portland Seminary, and she leads Oregon Interfaith Power & Light at Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon. She began teaching in the theology department at University of Portland in the fall of 2020.

A recorded Quaker minister, Bock sees environmental concerns as one of this generation's most important social justice issues. Her academic work focuses on nonviolent theology, Quakerism, contextual theologies, feminism, environmental justice, and ecotheology. Bock has served as a scholar in residence and annual sessions speaker at a number of Friends meetings and yearly meetings on the topics of climate justice and ecotheology.

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DO YOU BELIEVE IT?



Shawn McConaughey
General Superintendent

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Shawn McConaughey
General Superintendent

Thursday evening
July 21, 2022
7:00 p.m.

The State of WYM
The First Three
Months

“Quakers have a compelling message for our world”

“Why are we not living into that message?”

These words were spoken to me by a person who is new to Friends and is fairly new to Western Yearly Meeting. She went on to list several testimonies as being of particular interest to those who fall into the Millennials (age 26-41) and Generation Z (10-25 yrs. old). I listened intently to her list which includes some of the following:

- “*Spaciousness*” to not only listen to God speak, but to take a break from the incessant noise of social media, mass media, and all the things that scream for our attention.
- She mentioned the attraction to what she called “*shared authority*.” We give one another authority because we believe that each of us can hear God speak and that even the little ones and the poor and the marginalized can lead us.
- The “*Capacity to Connect*” more broadly. Our Quaker understanding of all of life being sacramental -
 - * that God is speaking in the everyday, mundane acts as well as the times that we “plan” for sacred space,
 - * that sacredness expands to our experience in nature,
 - * the majesty of everything from a prairie to a lazy river, to the fascination of a hummingbird.

I have heard others list the so-called Quaker S.P.I.C.E.S. as a gift to a world that often struggles to find hope. Amid school shootings, a worsening climate, abusive church experiences, war, and a long list of hope-dashing moments, we are needed to embody the saltiness and light we testify to. Quakers embrace peace, equality, simplicity, etc. as a part of our testimony. **How can we demonstrate with our actions, the hope we have as loved Children of Light shining against darkness?**

What if we lived more fully into these treasures that grow out of our understanding of God and God’s deep love for us? Some of these testimonies will be met with suspicion, but I think that each person has a deep longing for these. Moments of real peace, justice, and integrity fan to flame God’s Goodness within our hearts. We are warmed and drawn to Christ.

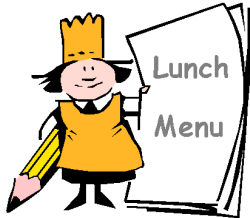
We are not called to be Methodists, Catholics, Evangelicals, or some other religious classification. As Quakers we are called to live into the calling and vision that God has called us to. **Can we do that as Western Yearly Meeting? I have hope that we can walk into the future together with the vision of God’s Peaceable Kingdom welling in our hearts.**

Do you believe that? Really?

DAILY SCHEDULE.....DAILY SCHEDULE.....DAILY SCHEDULE.....DAILY SCHEDULE....DAILY SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 21 st	Friday, July 22 nd	Saturday, July 23 rd	Sunday, July 24 th
	8:45—9:00 a.m. Registration Pre-service music	8:45-9:00 a.m. Registration Pre-service music	
	9:00—9:45 a.m. Worship: Paul Anderson	9:00—9:45 a.m. Worship: Paul Anderson	9:00—9:45 a.m. WYM Choir Rehearsal
	10:00—11:15 a.m. BUSINESS SESSION #1	10:00—11:15 a.m. BUSINESS SESSION #3	10:00 a.m. 12 noon Worship: Paul Anderson, Speaker
	11:15—12 noon Memorial Service		
	12 noon—1:30 p.m. Lunch	12:00 noon—1:30 p. m. Lunch	
	1:30—2:45 p.m. BUSINESS SESSION #2	1:30—2:30 Workshops	
	2:45-3:00 p.m. Break	2:30-2:40 Break	
	3:00 —4:00 p.m. Workshops	2:40-3:35 Workshops	
5:00—6:45 p.m. Ministers and Mates Dinner at the Plainfield Interurban Center.	4:00—4:15 p.m. Break	3:45—4:45 FUM Presentation	
	4:15-5:15 p.m. Workshops	4:45-5:45 Quaker Men USFW gatherings	
	5:30 —7:00 p.m. Dinner - On Your Own	WYM Family Night 5:30—7:00 p.m. Picnic Dinner by Quaker Haven	
7:00 — 8:30 "The State of WYM" The First Three Months Shawn McConaughey 8:30 — 9:30 Everyone is invited to stay for a reception for Shawn and Chris follow- ing the evening's presen- tation. Hosted by the Executive Committee.	7:00—8:30 p.m. John Woolman Dramatization by Dale Dorrell followed by the Quaker Lecture: by Cherice Bock	WYM Family Night, continued 7:00—8:30 p.m. A time for the whole WYM family: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To share a meal • Get to know one another better • Have some fun and laugh together • Share talents 	

M E N U



FRIDAY & SATURDAY LUNCH WILL BE FIXED BY THE QUAKER MEN

Friday: Chicken Casserole and Mac & Cheese, Rolls, Salad Bar and simple Dessert.

Saturday: Roast Beef Sandwiches & Vegetable Lasagna, Salad Bar, and simple Dessert.

Be sure to reserve your ticket on the REGISTRATION FORM.

Cost per person: \$10.00



QUAKER HAVEN PICNIC

Weather permitting, this will be hosted outside on the WYM grounds in the shelter house and on the grass

**Saturday evening from
5:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m.**

Grilled Chicken Quarters, (Choice of sauces)
Broccoli Salad, Italian Pasta Salad, Baked Beans, Watermelon,
Dinner Rolls, Chocolate Mousse, Ice Tea and Lemonade

Be sure to reserve your ticket on the REGISTRATION FORM.

Cost Per Person \$15.00

friends
& family

WYM FAMILY NIGHT

Saturday, July 23, 2022 5:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

A time for the WYM family to:

- ⇒ To share a meal-the PICNIC DINNER by Quaker Haven
- ⇒ Get to know one another better
- ⇒ Have some fun and laugh together
- ⇒ Share talents

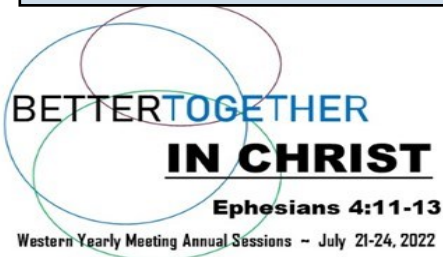
Be in touch with Shawn or Ben
if you are willing to share your talent.

Shawn McConaughy: shawn@westernyearlymeeting.org

Ben Snyder: benksnyder@gmail.com

WESTERN YEARLY MEETING 165th ANNUAL SESSIONS

July 21-24, 2022



ADULT REGISTRATION ONE PER ATTENDEE PLEASE

PRE-REGISTRATION DUE BY JULY 11, 2022

- Attending in Person Attending On-Line
- Attending in-person and on-line
- I am a first-time attendee at Yearly Meeting Sessions.

NAME _____

CONTACT ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER () _____ EMAIL _____

MEETING _____

REGISTRATION FEES	PRIOR TO JULY 11	AFTER JULY 11	AMOUNT DUE
ADULTS/YOUNG ADULTS	\$20.00	\$25.00	
PER DAY FEE	\$ 8.00	\$10.00	
CHILDREN/YOUTH	CHILDREN/YOUTH	REGISTRATION IS ON A SEPARATE PAGE	

MEALS ARE GUARANTEED FOR THOSE PRE-REGISTERED ONLY

MEALS	PRIOR TO JULY 11	AFTR JULY 11	AMOUNT DUE
Friday LUNCH	\$10.00	\$15.00	
Friday DINNER	ON YOUR OWN		
Saturday LUNCH	\$10.00	\$15.00	
Saturday PICNIC DINNER BY QUAKER HAVEN	\$15.00	\$20.00	

TOTAL DUE PRE-REGISTRATION AMOUNT JULY 11, 2022

REGISTRATION FEE	MEALS	TOTAL DUE

SEND REGISTRATION FORM/CHECKS TO WESTERN YEARLY MEETING ~ PO BOX 70 ~ PLAINFIELD ~ IN ~ 46168
 More information: 317-839-2789 ~ 1-800-909-3452 ~ office@westernyearlymeeting.org

You are invited to a

MINISTERS & MATES GATHERING

Thursday evening ~ July 21, 2022 ~ 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

At the PLAINFIELD INTERURBAN DEPOT

401 S. Vine Street, Plainfield, IN 46168 ~ Parking is on the street.

This is an opportunity to be in conversation with Shawn & Chris!

For Pastors, Recorded Ministers, Retired Ministers and those who are in the Training & Recording process.

5:00 p.m. Gathering & Conversation
 5:30 p.m. Buffet Dinner
 6:45 p.m. On your way to the Yearly Meeting to hear Shawn's message to us: *"The State of WYM" The First Three Months*

MENU
Pork Loin with Apples
Turkey Breast
Roasted Red Potatoes
Green Beans with Almonds
Tossed Salad
Dinner Rolls
Ice Tea and Lemonade

Cost: \$10.00 per person.

To reserve your spot, send your name(s) and \$10.00 per person to Western Yearly Meeting.

Registration Deadline is Monday JULY 11th.

Western Yearly Meeting ~ PO Box 70 ~ Plainfield IN 46168 ~ 317-839-2789 800-909-3452
 E-Mail: office@westernyearlymeeting.org ~ Website: www.westernyearlymeeting.org
 More information: Sue Whitesel ~ 317-840-5021

2022 PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Ben Snyder, Clerk

Sarah Lookabill
 Brenda Rodeheffer
 John Heshelman
 Peggy Hollingsworth
 Brent Bill
 Marilyn Tucker
 Norma Gaston
 Pat Wilson
 Clark & Diana Hadley
 Wayne Carter
 Cathy Harris

SUPERINTENDENT TEAM

Shawn McConaughy
 Chris Harris
 Della Stanley-Green
 Sue Whitesel



Do you sing? We would like to invite you to be a part of the **YEARLY MEETING CHOIR!**

Join us for rehearsal on Sunday Morning, July 25 at 9:00 a.m. for rehearsal.

The musical selection will then be presented in the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday morning. More information: Cathy Harris cathy.plainfieldfriends@yahoo.com

FRIENDS THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE in Kiamosi, Kenya

Needs a newer heavy duty vehicle ~ (Similar to what is shown below)
"The old 'White Rhino' is on its last legs"

Goal \$15,000 ~ WYM has raised to date: **\$9,698.67**

WESTERN YEARLY MEETING

2022 Special Outreach Project

Good Used Vehicle for
FRIENDS THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

GOAL: \$15,000

CURRENT VEHICLE **As of 6/9: \$9,698.67**



REPLACEMENT VEHICLE



FTC is seeking a good used, rugged 4 X4 to replace its current vehicle. There is a need for one that has capacity for dual use for FTC.

- transport students as they go out to preach and work in villages
- Haul food, supplies, equipment and other resources

The total cost of the needed vehicle will be \$45,000-\$49,000. WYM Board on Christian Outreach has committed to raise \$15,000 of this cost.

Please write your checks to **WYM Benevolence Fund**, write "2022 Special Project" in the memo line, and mail to Western Yearly Meeting, P.O. Box 70, Plainfield, IN 46168



YOUTH SCHEDULE

For July Yearly Meeting Sessions

Info for up to age 12 children and youth can be found on page 9.

SATURDAY JULY 23, 2022

AGES 13-18

PRE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND THIS EVENT
A SIGNED MEDICAL FORM IS ALSO REQUIRED TO ATTEND THIS EVENT

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JULY 11, 2022

- 1:00 p.m. Check in at registration desk/lobby of Plainfield Meeting
Eat lunch prior to coming
- 1:30 p.m. Meet in the lobby of Plainfield Meeting to leave for
Splash/departure
- 4:30 p.m. Gather at Splash Island to return to Yearly Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Picnic Dinner by Quaker Haven
- 7:00 p.m. WYM Family Night: sit together as a group
- 8:45 p.m. Campfire; Devotions
- 10:00 p.m. Games & Activities
- 12 midnight Lights out

SUNDAY JULY 24, 2022

Ages 13-18

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Clean-up area
- 10:00 a.m. Worship: sit together as a group
- 12 noon On Your Way Home

NOTE: The WYM Summer Interns, adult chaperones and the youth participants that are staying all night are expected to remain in the Yearly Meeting Building once the evening activities have been completed.



- TOWEL
- SWIM SUIT
- PERSONAL ITEMS
 - Shower items
 - Toothbrush/toothpaste
 - Another towel
- BEDDING
- FLASHLIGHT
- MEDICATIONS
- BIBLE



We are seeking **adult chaperones** for both Splash Island and the programs at WYM. Please contact Chris Harris at chris@westernyearlymeeting.org if you are interested. Or call 317-839-2789 with any questions.

YOUTH REGISTRATION

For July Yearly Meeting Sessions

For those age 12 and under

Saturday July 23, 1 p.m.—9 p.m.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JULY 11, 2022

- 1:00 p.m. Check in at registration desk/lobby of Plainfield Meeting. Eat lunch prior to coming.
- 1:30 p.m. Meet in the lobby of Plainfield Meeting to go to Splash Island as a group.
- 4:30 p.m. Gather at Splash Island to return to Yearly Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Picnic Dinner by Quaker Haven
- 7:00 p.m. WYM Family Night

Registration fee is \$20.00 for child and accompanying parent/guardian. This includes the afternoon at Splash Island and Quaker Haven Picnic for the CHILD and Splash Island for the parent/guardian. Adults need to register separately for the QH Picnic.

Mail

Registration Form,
Medical Consent and check to:
Western Yearly Meeting,
P.O. Box 70,
Plainfield, IN 46168.

For those age 13—18

Saturday July 23 1:00 p.m. —Sunday July 24, 2022 12 noon

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JULY 11, 2022

- 1:00 p.m. Check in at registration desk/lobby of Plainfield Meeting. Eat lunch prior to coming.
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SUNDAY JULY 24, 2022

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Clean-up area
- 10:00 a.m. Worship: sit together as a group
- 12 noon On Your Way Home

Registration fee is \$10.00 for youth. This includes Splash Island, Quaker Haven Picnic and Sunday Breakfast.

CHILDREN & YOUTH REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JULY 11, 2022

Youth Name _____
(Please print)

Parent Name for those accompanying youth age 12 and under _____

Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____

Phone: () _____ E-mail: _____

Meeting/Church _____

Parent Signature _____

**Medical form must be
completed and returned.**

AMOUNT ENCLOSED

Ages 12 & Under \$20.00 _____
(1 adult/1 child)

Ages 13—18 \$10.00 _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

MEDICAL RELEASE FOR YOUTH For July Yearly Meeting Sessions

WESTERN YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

P.O. Box 70 • Plainfield • IN • 46168 • 317-839-2789

Associate Superintendent: Chris Harris · cell phone: 317-498-9058 • e-mail: chris@westernyearly.org

This document serves as permission for your child/youth to be involved in the activities that the Western Yearly Meeting hosts and participates in. This form will be kept on file and is valid for one year.

DATE _____

MEDICAL RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

Name of youth _____

(Please print)

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Zip code _____ Phone number () _____ E-mail address _____

Church/Meeting _____ Age _____ Grade _____ Birthdate _____

Male _____ Female _____ Parent/Guardian Name _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION: (Required)

Allergies (including food) _____

Current medications: _____

Approximate date of last tetanus shot _____

Family Doctor _____ Phone () _____

Medical Insurance Provider _____

Policy Number _____

Phone number of Insurance Company _____

Emergency Contact:

Name

Phone Number

Relationship

MEDICAL RELEASE FORM (Required)

I give permission for my youth (or self, if 18 or older) _____

to participate in the ACTIVITIES that are being hosted by Western Yearly Meeting of Friends. In the event of an emergency, I authorize the adult staff to provide or seek medical treatment for him/her/me. (initial _____)

I agree to provide my youth's transportation home if his/her behavior becomes disruptive, violates the rules or endangers the safety of others. (initial _____)

PHOTOGRAPHY RELEASE FORM (Optional)

I grant permission to use photos taken during this event for the purpose of publication. (initial _____)

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY (Required)

We, the parents of _____, hereby fully and forever discharge and release Western Yearly Meeting and all its members, leaders, employees, and agents of Western Yearly Meeting from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever arising out of any damages both in law and in equity, in any way resulting from personal injuries, suffering, death, or property damage sustained in this event.

Signature of Custodial Parent _____ Date _____

Signature of Participant _____ Date _____

Youth Explosion – Wabash



Chris Harris
Associate Superintendent

Wabash Friends on April 23 hosted the Junior-Senior High Youth Explosion.

We spent the day volunteering at several different locations. The group I joined did extensive yard work for an elderly man needing to bring his house into compliance with his HOA's regulations.

Later, we played 9 Square, Jedi Dodgeball, ate pizza, and more. The Fairmount Friends Praise Band led music for worship. Brandon Eaton of Wabash Friends was the guest speaker.

Western Yearly Meeting would like to extend a special thank you to Kevin Lipsey, Ross Smedley, and all of the volunteers who made this event happen.

Chris is also seeking out youth volunteer projects that help Friends and communities in need.

If you are interested in attending or volunteering at a Youth Explosion event or if your Meeting may be interested in hosting a future event, please reach out to Chris Harris at

chris@westernyearlymeeting.org or by phone at 317-839-2789. Or you can reach him via cell phone at 317-498-9058.

IMPACT YOUTH RETREAT

Friday-Saturday-Sunday
November 4-5-6, 2022

For Junior & Senior High Youth

Games and Activities ~ Good food!
Time with Friends/friends
Worship

Hosted at Quaker Haven Camp

SPEAKER: Michael Carson ~ Pastor at Kokomo Friends
Cost & Registration information available soon.

CELEBRATING EASTER AT VALLEY MILLS

From Wanda Coffin Baker



Easter Sunday hosted several visitors at Valley Mills. Rachel Doll O'Mahoney, their new pastor, brought her children, and they were helpful in getting messages across. Norma Gaston led the children in a bell choir. Prior to worship, there was a continental breakfast—so a lot of eating! Following the breakfast there was a huge egg hunt with lots of eggs and nine children.



Any eggs not discovered will be found by Wayne Cooper when he mows the church lawn!

Many expressed their appreciation for the morning sermon.



SPIRITUAL DIRECTION OPPORTUNITIES

Since 1991 the Benedict Inn Retreat & Conference Center in Beech Grove has offered a two-year ecumenical program designed to assist individuals in developing skills in the art of spiritual direction. A new cohort is being gathered for the 2022/23 term, which will begin in September 2022. Interns will discern if one is being called to the ministry of spiritual direction, will develop skills necessary to be a spiritual director, and enrich one's own spiritual life. It is an inclusive program for both clergy and laity.

The spiritual direction internship includes four semesters with 9 sessions in each semester, held on

Mondays from 4 – 9:15 pm. A pre-requisite is that each applicant is currently engaged in personal spiritual direction. (If a spiritual director is needed, the Benedict Inn can offer suggestions from a list of over 200 trained directors.) Applications are now being taken through June for this formation which begins in the Fall. Participants also have the option of receiving credit through Christian Theological Seminary. For further information, please contact Bev Hansberry at

spiritualdirector@benedictinn.org
or 317-787-7581 ext.3.

Rachel Doll O'Mahoney
Pastor at Valley Mills Friends Meeting
610-585-8420

EXIT: Turning from Following Christ

As a pastor, (Keith Glasgow is former pastor of Carmel Friends), Keith's heart breaks when Christians share with him their grief over family members, especially younger ones, who have exited their faith. His book explores the reasons people turn from the Christian path. In addressing this huge issue facing the church today, Keith has included a number of stories of people he personally knows, who have turned away from Christ.

The book, EXIT, is a much-needed aid to help parents, church leaders and friends who want to both understand the issues, and help those who are turning away.

BOOK LAUNCH!

You are invited to the book launch
for Keith's new publication "EXIT"
at: Carmel Friends Church Parlor
3pm Sunday August 7

Keith and Marg will be visiting from
Australia. Keith will introduce
the book and sign copies

Carmel Friends Church
651 W. Main Street, Carmel
(317) 846 5090



IS YOUR MEETING TAKING ADVANTAGE OF C M & E GRANTS?

The WYM Christian Ministries and Evangelism Board, Subcommittee on Meeting Development and Nurture has grants available for Monthly Meetings and Individual Members in Western Yearly Meeting. Monthly Meeting grants are annual grants and can be applied for once each year. The maximum for Monthly Meeting grants is \$3,000. Individual member grants can be applied for once each year with a maximum amount of \$500. Our goal is to encourage the spiritual growth of both Meetings and individuals; but, many times the needs of Meetings to maintain their facilities comes to the forefront. Grant applications can be found on the Western Yearly Meeting website by following this link:

<https://www.westernyearlymeeting.org/resources>

There is information for both Monthly Meeting grants and Individual Member grants on this web page.

There are no specific dates or deadlines for submitting grant applications. If grant applications are received near the time of regularly scheduled board meetings in March and November, they will be reviewed by the board then. If applications are received at other times, applications will be circulated to the board members for review by email. It takes about 6 weeks after submission for a grant application to be reviewed and if approved, for the funds to be transferred.

Over the last three years these grants were approved by the Board on Meeting Development and Nurture:

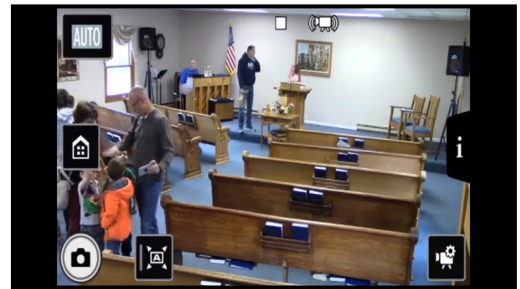
- ◆ Sandcreek Azalia-Upgrades for Heating & Cooling Equipment
- ◆ Kokomo First Friends-New Exterior Messaging Sign
- ◆ Tangier-Exterior Siding for Meeting House
- ◆ Hadley Friends-Video Streaming Equipment
- ◆ Russiaville Friends-Church Roofing
- ◆ Michelle and Aaron Thornburg-FWCC Section of the Americas, Kansas, USA
- ◆ Indianapolis First Friends-Two meeting retreats
- ◆ Bloomingdale Friends-Video presentation equipment to better utilize internet resources.
- ◆ Hopewell Friends- Improve Handicap Access.
- ◆ Plainfield Friends-Godly Play program materials.
- ◆ Mooresville Friends-Computers Upgrades
- ◆ Carmel Friends-Replace Heating and AC Equipment
- ◆ Fairfield Friends- Equipment for Remote Worship Sharing
- ◆ Mary Ellen Lohr-Spiritual Director Certification
- ◆ Carmel Friends-Foyer and Social Room Furnishings
- ◆ Plainfield Friends-Video Equipment
- ◆ Susann Estle-Board Chaplain Certification
- ◆ Hopewell Friends-Roof Replacement
- ◆ Russiaville Friends-Electronic Message Board added to exterior sign

The board has about \$11,500 remaining for grant applications in 2022. The grant cycle is an annual cycle which corresponds to the allocation of Board funds by the Financial Trustees which takes place in January.

—John Helselman, Clerk of M D & N, sub committee of C M & E



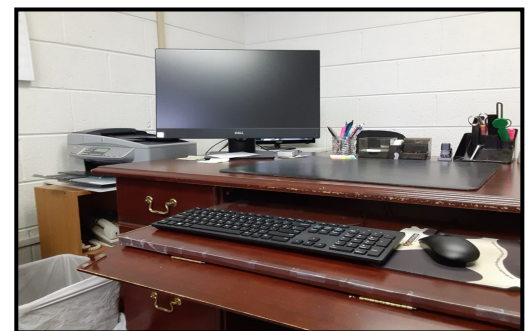
Indianapolis First Friends-Spiritual Retreat



Hadley Friends- Worship Live Streaming Equipment



Russiaville Friends-Electronic Messaging Board



Mooresville Friends-New Secretary Computer



Hopewell Friends-
New Handrails and
Ramp Repair

“A Little Church Can”

Newport Friends Church ~ May 4, 2022 ~ Pastor Ramona Trover



Ramona and Paul Trover are both Recorded Ministers and serve as pastors in two small Meetings: Hopewell and Newport. Both of these Meetings are in the Turkey Run State Park area.

Praise the Lord we have limited storage room. However God hadn't planned us storing it at all. He knew!

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hat happens when small meetings get smaller? Before the pandemic we experienced a shrinking congregation, due to various reasons. We actually ended up with four attending members, one non-participating member. We were blessed by a few non-attending financial supporters. Our **Hopewell Friends Meeting** has generously donated money and many items. Many hands and many prayers!

That said, life is full of changes. How do we respond? Zechariah said it best: *“Don't despise the day of small things.”* God was speaking to us. We wanted to keep our church open. In 2027 it will be a hundred years old. We wanted to be active in the community. What could a congregation of four accomplish? There was already another food pantry. What was that verse? Matthew 25:31-40. (36) *“I needed clothes and you clothed me.”*

Through research, prayer and word of mouth, we found a church in Ohio that had started a free give away, called **“The Blessing Closet.”** DUH! I love clothes. God opened my eyes to something that I did know something about. Good, clean, gently used clothes that could be a blessing to our community and surrounding communities.



Where would we get clothes? Making it known on face book and flyers in public places, we found people eager to donate and to be a part of a church *“thing,”* becoming a blessing to others. A Win-Win!



We have two rooms on each side of our sanctuary that were empty, sadly unused. Now they are packed with racks of clothes, empty pews are holding stacks of usable clothes, from infants, toddlers, teens, women, and men. More people have entered those rooms than clothes.

WE STRESSED CLOTHES - Space is an issue!

However, someone brought a giant comforter. We have limited storage and this takes space. One week later a young woman came in needing clothes who had just gotten out of prison who had nothing. She got a bag of clothes and then she spied that huge comforter propped up out of the way and asked *“does that belong to someone?”* Our reply, *“YES if you want it.”*

“A Little Church Can”

She was overjoyed. She didn't have one cover. Then she quietly said, *“if you get another one, I sure will take it.”* We explained to her that we usually only get clothes. Since it was cold, and she was walking that day our faithful Sally Hill took her home in her car. She was so joyful. Let it not be said that God doesn't know our needs. The first of the next week, what arrived, but a new queen size comforter! We promptly delivered it to her house! Excitement!



Of course, no matter what the sign says about what we will accept, a big black bulky baby stroller arrives that somebody left in a hallway while we were working. *“What in the world are we going to do with this? Where are we going to put it?”* Thirty minutes later two moms walk in looking at everything one says, *“Is this someone's stroller? I really need one.”* She had two babies under two. Our response: *“Yes ma'am, it belongs to you.”*

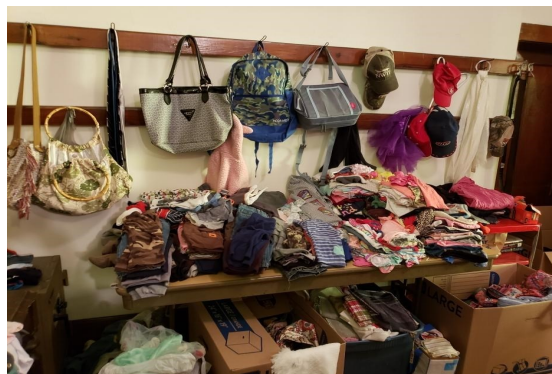
Praise the Lord we have a limited storage room. However, God hadn't planned us storing it at all. He knew!

God works in mysterious ways. We have been blessed with people giving and receiving. There is an involvement. **People are coming inside the church doors, maybe not for summer sermons, but for God's love and visiting, talking and conversing.** We have served emergency foster parents, head start children; and reached out into the community. We have met lovely souls that want to donate their time to help straighten and organize. We are open every Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and the last Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon.

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Right now, the smaller we are, the more active we have become! And more people come through the doors. We are

blessed, we are serving. People hear gospel music and visit, its okay. GOD IS GOOD!



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Stoking the Fire

Stoking the Fire brought 40 Friends from across the country to Friends United Meeting on June 3-5 for worship, learning, praying and renewal.

Twenty Friends participated in Richmond and twenty Friends joined online in digging deeply into Mark 4:21-23 about putting our lights on the lampstand.

WYM had 4 participants (10% of the total gathered): Ben Snyder (Carmel), Peggy Hollingsworth (Russiaville), Della Stanley-Green (Plainfield) were able to participate in-person and Kathy Luethje (Bloomington) participated online.



FRIEND (see March 2022 Western Work for her full story) traveled to Stoking the Fire at FUM in Richmond on June 3-5.

FRIEND is now serving in Colorado.