

# Western Work

March, 2022



*I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.* John 15:5

Often, the 40 Days of prayer lead up to Palm Sunday or Easter and are a part of the Lent season of the church. Traditionally this season is set aside as a time to refrain from certain desires or habits, a

time to intensify seeking God, a time to repent and reflect on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and how it can be applied to one's life personally.

Our 40 Days of prayer will begin on Tuesday evening **March 15 at 7:00 p.m. in a ZOOM gathering** and conclude with an **in-person gathering in the Plainfield Meeting room on Saturday, April 23.**

The purpose of our prayer gatherings will be to pray for our new WYM staff, our Meetings, and one another.

We will be posting on the Western Yearly Meeting web site the rotation/dates of Meetings that we will be praying for. We will be in touch with each Meeting to collect the specific ways that we can pray for you/your Meeting. (You are more that welcome to email those specific prayer requests as well to the YM email address.)

[40 Days of PRAYER continued on page 2](#)



Shawn McConaughey



Chris Harris

## Two new staff members, Two different “start” days!

**Shawn McConaughey**, the new General Superintendent will begin his ministry with Western Yearly Meeting on April 1, 2020. Since that is a Friday, and the office is closed on Friday, his first day in the office will be on Monday, April 4th.

**Chris Harris**, Associate Superintendent, began his ministry with Western Yearly Meeting on Tuesday, March 1st.

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**BOARD MEETINGS AND ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL SATURDAY MARCH 19 BEGINNING AT 9:00 A.M. WITH WORSHIP**

**This in-person meeting will be from  
10 a.m.—12 noon on Saturday April 23**



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*John 15:5*

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| 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. | Informal gathering in the Kendall Room |
| 10:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.   | Guided Prayer Gathering                |
| 11:30 a.m.—12 noon      | Informal Visiting                      |

**To keep things simple and the focus on prayer and visiting, no food or beverages will be provided at this gathering.**

Praying over these 40 days is a way to boost confidence in prayer, unite us as WYM, teach us to pray beyond the private matters of our lives, and prepare our hearts for the future.

**If you cannot pray every day, please pray on the days you remember or feel especially burdened to pray!** It is our hope that most of our us will join in on some level, and we will get to experience answered prayer together.

**SATURDAY MARCH 19**

**THESE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON ZOOM AND IN PERSON AT PLAINFIELD**

**9:00 a.m. WORSHIP**

**9:30 a.m. BOARD MEETINGS**

**Christian Education ~ Peace & Social Concerns**

**Christian Ministries & Evangelism ~ Outreach**

**ON ZOOM or IN PERSON AT PLAINFIELD**

**WYM Program Board Meetings**

**Mar 19, 2022 09:00 AM EST Meeting ID: 812 5656 7798 Passcode: 330394**

Zoom link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81256567798?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81256567798?pwd=WWFIWkNLMDITWjlaTHhGTk1hWmcxQT09)

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**12:00 noon—1:30 p.m. ~ LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**

**1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL**

**ON ZOOM or IN PERSON AT PLAINFIELD**

**WYM Administrative Council**

**Mar 19, 2022 01:30 PM EST Meeting ID: 816 1065 8722 Passcode: 492740**

Zoom link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81610658722?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81610658722?pwd=UUU1a0pvMllxMG9wOGLadThyK041UT09)

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**WYM 40 Days of  
Prayer Gathering**

Mar 15, 2022 07:00 PM EST

Meeting ID: 843 3178 5915

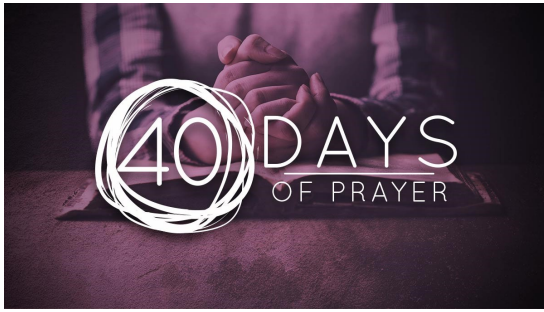
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## March 15— April 23

### MARCH

- 15 Zoom Prayer Power begins at 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Plainfield Friends
- 17 Fairfield Friends
- 18 Valley Mills Friends
- 19 WYM Board Meetings/Administrative Council
- 20 Hadley Friends
- 21 Mooresville Friends
- 22 West Newton Friends
- 23 Friends Apartment Homes
- 24 West Union Friends
- 25 Shawn & Katrina leaving Portland area
- 26 Beech Grove Friends
- 27 Carmel Friends
- 28 Blue River Friends & Newberry Friends
- 29 57 Street Friends
- 30 Bloomingdale Friends
- 31 Gray Friends

### APRIL

- 1 Coloma Friends
- 2 Indianapolis Friends
- 3 Kokomo Friends
- 4 Shawn's first day in the office
- 5 Coloma Friends
- 6 Downers Grove Friends
- 7 QHC Planning Team Meeting/Summer Camp
- 8 Evansville Friends
- 9 Farmers Institute Friends
- 10 Hazel Dell Friends
- 11 Hopewell Friends & Newport Friends
- 12 WYM Sessions Program Committee Meeting
- 13 Lick Creek Friends
- 14 Marshall Federated
- 15 New London Friends
- 16 New Salem Friends
- 17 Shiloh Friends
- 18 Tangier Friends
- 19 Noblesville Friends
- 20 Paoli Friends
- 21 Russiaville Friends
- 22 Sandcreek Azalia Friends
- 23 In-Person Prayer Gathering @ Plainfield  
Youth Invasion at Wabash Friends

## JOIN US Tuesday March 15th 7:00 p.m. ZOOM PRAYER

As we launch our 40 days of prayer.

### WEEK ONE: March 15—19

Read 1 Corinthians 1:4; Ephesians 1:16  
Express thanks to God for a specific person in your life, someone who has been there for you.

- \* Write a note to someone that you appreciate, thanking them for their service to God.

### WEEK TWO: March 20-26

Read Ephesians 1:17; Colossians 1:9  
Identify those persons in your life that have been willing to "speak wisdom" into your life.

- \* Pray for them that they would continue to be willing to share their wisdom and knowledge.

### WEEK THREE: March 27-April 2

Read Ephesians 1:18; Romans 15:13  
Spend time thinking about the word "hope" and what that means to you personally.

- \* Pray for yourself in a way that allows God to fill you with hope.

### WEEK FOUR: April 3-April 9

Read Romans 15:5-6; 2 Thessalonians 3:16  
Thinking about the word "peace" and "unity" and reflect on what that means to you.

- \* Pray for our country; pray for your Meeting; pray for other Meetings.

### WEEK FIVE: April 10—April 16

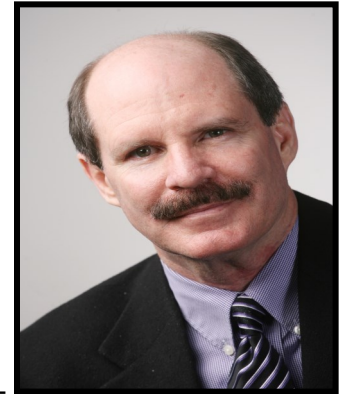
Read: Ephesians 3:16; Ephesians 1:18-19  
\* Pray for another Meeting in Western Yearly Meeting, that they would be strengthened with spiritual power.  
\* Pray for Western Yearly Meeting in the same way.

### WEEK SIX April 17—April 23

Read: Ephesians 3:17a; Ephesians 3:18-19  
\* Pray that we would learn to abide in Christ.

- Read: Philippians 1:9a
- \* Pray that we would grow in our love for others.

**BETTERTOGETHER**  
**IN CHRIST**  
**Ephesians 4:11-13**  
**Western Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions – July 21-24, 2022**



**Dr. Paul Anderson**

**9:00 a.m.**  
**Speaker for Morning Devotions**  
**&**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**Sunday Morning Worship**

**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 (M.Div.), 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.

**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

**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.



**Cherice Bock**  
**Quaker Lecture**

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

# We Want YOU to be a Counselor at QHC



Are you interested in a week of nonstop fun?

A week of little to no sleep?

Do you want to relive your glory days as a QHC camper?

Or maybe experience camp for the first time or the first time in a long time?

Do you want to positively impact the lives of Quaker youth?

## Be a Counselor!

We are calling all adults interested in becoming a Quaker Haven camp counselor. Veteran counselors and first-time counselors are all encouraged to apply. We believe in maximizing every counselor's unique set of gifts.

As a counselor you will:

- ◆ Lead campers toward their next step with Christ
- ◆ Worship, sing, lead small group devotions
- ◆ Serve as a role model for campers
- ◆ Engage in meaningful conversations and develop deep relationships with campers
- ◆ Have an awesome time!

Please contact Chris Harris at [chrishwym@att.net](mailto:chrishwym@att.net) for more information. Alternatively, you can contact Chris at the WYM Office at 317-839-2789 between 9am and 2pm, Monday through Thursday. He is happy to chat over the phone or in person about camp and answer any questions you may have. His door is always open.

## Be a CIT!

Come be a Counselor in Training (CIT) at Quaker Haven this summer. Slots are open for CITs at Little Friends, Adventure, and Pioneer camps. As a CIT you will support the senior counselor of a cabin. CIT-ing is a great way to learn the responsibilities of a camp counselor while having tons of fun.

CITs are typically high school-aged students wanting to learn the ropes of being a counselor and positively impact the lives of younger kids. You will assist in the spiritual development of young campers. There will be chances to mentor and be mentored.



If you or someone you know might be interested in becoming a CIT, please contact Chris Harris at [chrishwym@att.net](mailto:chrishwym@att.net).

2022 Theme: **More Than You Know** coming from 2 Corinthians 12:9 - *But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.*



SUMMER CAMP DATES			
June 3-5	Young Adult Camp	\$120	20s-30s
June 5-10	Senior High 1 Camp	\$320	9th-HS Grads
June 12-17	Junior High Camp	\$320	7th-8th
June 17-19	Beginners Camp	\$180	K-2nd w/Adult
June 19-24	Adventure Camp	\$320	5th-6th
June 26-July 1	Senior High 2 Camp	\$320	9th—HS Grads
July 10-13	Little Friends Camp	\$220	2nd—4th
July 17-21	Pioneer Camp	\$280	3rd—5th

To Register and Scholarship Information  
[WWW.QHCYOUTHPROGRAMMING.com](http://WWW.QHCYOUTHPROGRAMMING.com)  
 574-834-4193  
 111 EMS D16C Ln. Syracuse, IN 46567

**LEVEL UP—March 25-27, 2022**  
 For college students to mid 30's at Quaker Haven Camp  
[TUTTLE.ANDREW97@GMAIL.COM](mailto:TUTTLE.ANDREW97@GMAIL.COM)  
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**YOUTH INVASION—April 23, 2022**  
 Hosted at Wabash Friends  
 Junior High & Senior High Students  
[chrishwym@att.net](mailto:chrishwym@att.net)

## WYM SUMMER INTERNS

**EMILY ZEPP:** Emily is a second year summer intern at Quaker Haven Camp. She has ties to Carmel Friends, her grandparents are Dick and Janet McDivitt. Emily is a Junior at Western Governors University pursuing a degree in Special Education.

**ALIDA JACKSON:** Alida is a third year summer intern at Quaker Haven Camp. She has ties to Hadley Friends. Alida is a Junior at Purdue University pursuing a degree in Agriculture Communications.

**BENJAMIN VORE:** Ben is a first year summer intern at Quaker Haven Camp. He has ties to Western Yearly Meeting through his dad, Jesse Vore. Ben is a freshman at Manchester University pursuing a degree in Digital Media.

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## SUMMER INTERN RESPONSIBILITIES

Our summer interns live with and provide leadership to a small group (up to 9) of campers guiding them through daily living skills, camp programs, and group activities. They supervise campers and encourage the campers to participate in structured and unstructured activities and interact appropriately with campers in a variety of situations. Interns model a commitment to the Christian faith and demonstrate patience, enthusiasm, self-control and a sense of humor with campers.

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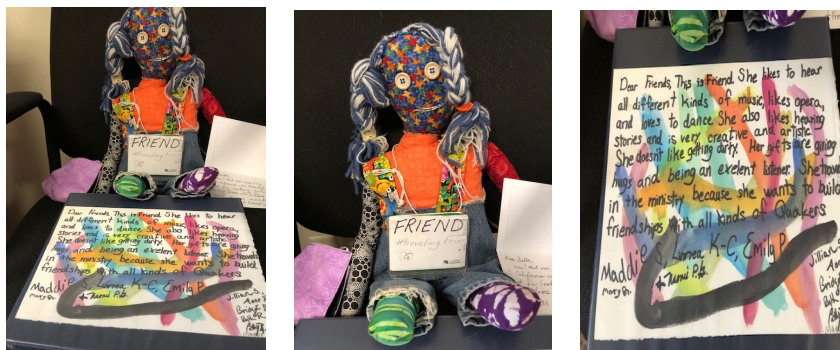
## CAMP SCHOLARSHIP MONEY

Through the **Olive Charles Camp Scholarship Fund**, Western Yearly Meeting offers additional support for WYM-affiliated children, youth and adults to attend camp programs at Quaker Haven. While our goal is to make sure that everyone who wishes has the opportunity to attend camp at Quaker Haven, we encourage each applicant to consider what they, their family, and their Meeting/church can put toward the expenses of camp before applying to Western Yearly Meeting. This allows WYM to stretch the dollars available and make sure we achieve this

**Here is the link for the CE Scholarship Form:**

<https://www.westernyearlymeeting.org/wym-christian-education-scholarship-form>

## A TRAVELING FRIEND STORY



*Friend* is visiting with us in Western Yearly Meeting over the next few months. **She travels in the ministry** and is visiting us, specifically **to welcome our new staff members.**

As Emily Provance, who is *Friend*'s logistics coordinator says: "Friend was created with the specific intention that she would be a traveling minister. She is the only traveling minister I know who was able to continue her work with no restrictions through the pandemic."

*Friend* was created during a lovely pre-pandemic gathering at Powell House in New York Yearly Meeting. She has her own traveling minute signed by all those who created her. Emily shares, "They helped in different ways. For example, some cut her out, some helped tie her hair, one donated the paper and watercolors for the travel minute itself, others put in stuffing, a few more cheered her on or offered advice. One person donated the blue jeans that got the leg cut off and sewn into Friend-sized pants. It's always a wonderful thing for NYYM Friends to see Naomi's signature in particular. It was very shortly after this that Naomi died, and Naomi was a beloved NYYM Friend, remembered very fondly. We were gathered at Powell House retreat center for Creativity and Spirituality, which (pre-pandemic) was an annual weekend in which we celebrate artistic creation as a God-given and God-led act, and various people quilt, sew, draw, paint, sculpt, weave, play music, and do Origami in between sessions of worship and conversation. "

*Friend* has already been in North Carolina, Ohio and California. Actually, she has been to Indiana before for an FUM Board Meeting just a few years ago.

Be sure to find out where in WYM, our traveling minister, *Friend* is visiting. We will have her news in the Western Weekly Update !

## GREAT NEWS!

### 2021 WYM Outreach Special Project Exceeds Goal

Friends of WYM! Thank you for your generosity. Benevolence Treasurer, Greg Whicker, reports that **we raised \$19,929.75 for the 2021 WYM Special Project** which is providing technology for global ministry for FUM. This is 30% more than our original goal. In the 3/2/2022 FUM e-News in the "Around FUM, in February" you will see Kelly Kellum, Friends United Meeting (FUM) General Secretary receiving a computer that will be heading to Belize.

Thank you!

## WESTERN YEARLY MEETING

# 2022 Special Outreach Project

Good Used Vehicle for  
FRIENDS THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

## GOAL: \$15,000

### CURRENT VEHICLE



### 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

## Western Work

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203 S. East Street  
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Plainfield, IN 46168

Phone: 317-839-2789  
Toll Free: 1-800-909-3452

### Address Correction Requested

#### OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday

**Check the WYM Website  
For the current office hours**

**Friday—Office is closed**

Friends are welcome to contact staff via email or phone with the understanding that we will get back to you as soon as we can.

#### STAFF

**GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**  
Shawn McConaughey

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**Shawn McConaughey** comes to serve in the General Superintendent position beginning April 1. Not only does Shawn have deep Quaker roots, but he has 20 years of Friends pastoral experience in two local meetings, and 9 years serving as the Associate Superintendent for Global Outreach and Pastoral Care with the Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends. Shawn and Katrina have been married for 33 years and have two children.

**Chris Harris** is excited to be joining the WYM team beginning March 1. Chris grew up in WYM attending Indianapolis First Friends. His experience in ministry includes acting as the interim youth pastor at Spiceland Friends, serving on the Friends United Meeting General Board as a Young Adult Representative, serving for several years as a Quaker Haven camp counselor, and interning for WYM. One of Chris's passions in ministry is community. Chris also brings experience from his time in the Washington Metropolitan Area supporting policy makers. Chris resides in Plainfield with his wife, Sayuri, and their two boys, Hiro and Taiga. He enjoys grilling, playing with his two boys, and world travel. He is a member of Spiceland Friends.