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Calendar of Events

October

- 3-Off. Advisory Brd, 2-4pm
- 5-Pastoral Ministry Excellence, 9am, Office.
- 6-Orange Co. Fellowship, Beech Grove, 6pm
- 7-Pastors Conf. ESR
- 9-12- FUM Brds, Quaker Hill
- 13-Journey of Hope, W. Newton, 7pm
- 15-Prop. Trustees, 9:30
- 15-Retired Ministers, 10 am
- 19-Executive Com., 9:30, Kelley Rm
- 20—Annual Homecoming, Paoli Friends Church
- 20-Northern Area Gathering, 6pm
- 24-Seasoned Friends, Richard's, 11:30am
- 29-Program Com, 3:30pm
- November
- 1-3-Impact Retreat, Quaker Haven
- 2-MCGM, Chicagoland Gathering, 57th St. Frds
- 2-Mooresville Frds Bazaar, 9am
- 2-Fairfield Friends Feast, 4 pm
- 3-Orange Co. Fellowship, Lick Creek, 6pm
- 3-West Central Area, Plainfield

What Can We Do For Our Field Staff?

By Ruth Hadley, Plainfield Friends Mtg, WYM Board on Outreach



Remember first of all, that we who are Christians are witnesses for Christ (good or bad), wherever we are. We do not need to go overseas – there is much need in our own communities (and even our homes). But others are called to leave this country. So, what are some of the ways we can help them?

Prayers They need our prayers for safety in the countries where there is so much political strife..

Prayers for communication skills to help in overcoming misunderstandings because of language and cultures.

Prayers for safe transportation means and safety as they travel.

Prayers for their health and means for proper medical help as needed.

Prayers for personal needs, especially for the children with them or left behind, as they attend school

elsewhere.

We can send **cards and emails for birthdays, thank yous, holidays.**

And one of the needs so easily forgotten is financial. Those of us who went to FUM mission fields before the 1970's had a church or churches sponsoring us financially. But now our field staff have to raise their own financial support before they can return to their field of work. We can help them.

Our WYM Outreach Board's special project for 2013 is to raise \$12,000. So far, we have collected a little over \$3000.

Please, remember in your prayers and give as you feel led to help our Field Staff – Ann Riggs and Lon Fendall (Friends Theological College in Kenya), Eden Grace in Kenya (now in Global Ministries), Sam and Becky Barber in Belize, and Joyce Ajlouny in Ramallah.

Thank you!

Executive Committee will convene Oct. 19, 9:30 am in the Kelley Room.

Administrative Council will meet November 16 at Noblesville Friends Meeting.

Representatives to 2014 FUM Triennial need to be sent to Administrative Council for approval.

Monthly Meeting News



It's Apple Time!

Nov. 2, Apple Butter/
Fall Bazaar at Mooresville Friends Meeting. The apple butter you all know and love to purchase the first Saturday of November every year at our Fall Bazaar has permit-

ted us to support missions locally as well as outside our borders. The handmade crafts—from quilted items to dishcloths, scrubbies, hand knitted items, home baked goods, to fresh turnips, unique gifts, and the fresh, hot lunch that so many en-

joy; it is the sales from all of these items that have given us the opportunity to support the missions selected by the United Society of Friends Women International.

We made 390 pints of Apple Butter this year .



Bloomington Friends begin their scrubbing and peeling on Oct. 10 for the Covered

Bridge Festival in Park Co. Oct. 11-20.

They cook their apple butter in an iron kettle

on an open fire.

They have a secret ingredient, which is listed on the label.

(Editor's note: I took the other meeting's apple butter to Mooresville and Bloomington. One year.



Each meeting declared theirs the tastiest.

I only want to say that they are each very good, and you would enjoy them.)

Anyone can count the seeds in an apple, but only God can count the number of apples in a seed.

[Robert H. Schuller](#)

MILE OF NICKELS , Mooresville Friends

The KIDS CLUB and YOUTH AS LEADERS have been challenged to participate and collect nickels. The nickels they collect will go into the general fund, which helps pay the day-to-day expenses of the church (which also includes the Kids Club/Youth as Leaders Ministry).

At the time of this writing, they have collected \$115.00. As a part of our teaching time with our kids, we want to be able to teach them about stewardship - tithing - as well as teaching them about God's love. The *Mile of Nickels* is one of the ways we have chosen to help in teaching the kids about giving.

1 foot of nickels 14 nickels \$.70

1 yard of nickels 42 nickels \$ 2.10

50 yards of nickels (150 feet) 2,100 nickels \$105.00

100 yards of nickels (300 feet) 4,200 nickels \$210.00

1 mile of nickels (1,760 yards) 73,920 nickels \$3,696.00

One mile of nickels will weigh approximately 925 pounds!



“Journey of Hope”

“Journey of Hope” will be at West Newton Friends Meeting Oct. 13, 7:00 pm. Join Therese Bartholomew-author of “Coffee Shop God” and director/producer of *The Final Gift*-as she discusses how she struggled to adjust to her brother’s

murder and overcame her debilitating grief as she learned to forgive the young man who killed him. Hear Bill Pelke-author of *Journey of Hope...From Violence to Healing*-as he shares his journey to champion a crusade to get Paula Cooper, his Grandmother’s

murderer, off Indiana’s death row and end the death penalty worldwide. Listen to others such as murder victims’ families, death row exonerees, and the families of those on death row.

Come at 6:15pm for a simple supper and discussion.

“Before his downfall a person’s heart is proud, but humility comes before honor.”

-Proverbs 18:12

The Meeting’s Role in Personal Spiritual Nurturing

While Meeting for Worship is at the core and foundation of the spiritual lives of those who attend, there is a wider function of those who gather as the Meeting in relation to mutual support of each other’s spiritual growth and nurturing. This Fall, the Adult Religious Education program will explore and discuss various roles and functions of the Meeting in relation to individual spiritual growth and nurturing. The Pendle Hill pamphlet *Members One of Another* will be used to help guide the exploration and discussion. The Adult Religious Education program is on Sundays, 9:15 a.m.

Oct 6: Meeting as a Place of Acceptance, pp. 12-14.

Oct 13: Meeting as a Place of Shared Values, pp. 14-16.

Oct 20: Meeting as a Place of Shared Values, pp. 16-18.

Oct 27: Meeting as a Place of Transformation, pp. 18-20.

Nov 3: Meeting as a Place of Transformation, pp. 21-23.

Nov 10: Meeting as a Place of Transformation, pp. 23-24.

Nov 17: Meeting as a Place of Transformation, pp. 24-26.

Nov 24: Meeting as a Place of Transformation, pp. 26ff



57th Street Meeting-house

4th Sunday Fellowship Activity

*As the fingers shoot out of the hand,
And the branches from the body of the tree,
So true religion, in all the parts and articles of it,
Springs from the Divine Principle that is in everyone.*
-William Penn

October 27 during fellowship time after Meeting for Worship will be a time to gather together and engage in an intergenerational activity. This month we will be creating a banner tracing our forearms and hand to serve as trees and then decorating them with autumn colored leaves.

-57th Street Friends Meeting



Chicago Area Friends are hosting David Zarembeka, on Oct. 19, 7pm, at 5710 Lomond Ave. in Downer's Grove. David will be speaking on "Peacemaking after

Deadly Conflict." David is the Coordinator of the African Great Lakes Initiative of Friends Peace Teams. For more information, go to Quakerfinder.com

Chicago Area Friends are advertising this on station WBEZ in Chicago. For more information about advertising, contact Co-Clerks of Downers Grove, Sue Styer or Pam Wolfe.

Lick Creek Friends, Bicentennial



Jim Walters, pastor of Lick Creek Friends Church

An abundant fellowship



George & Margaret Fox (actually, Chris and Michelle Lindley from Friends of Jesus Fellowship (Newberry)

The weather was cloudy and rainy outside, but inside it was warm and sunny.

Lick Creek Friends Meeting observed their 200th anniversary of continuous worship and service on Sept. 29.

Friends came from at least 9 different meetings, and many non-friends attended who grew up in the meeting. The newly remodeled meeting room was filled with more than 80 in attendance.

Jim Walters, pastor,



opened the worship with the reading of the deed of land from Jonathan and Martha Lindley to the trustees of Lick Creek Friends. He also read the minute in which West Branch, OH, Quarterly Meeting set Lick Creek apart as a Monthly Meeting.

After an abundant dinner, Chris Lindley from Friends of Jesus Fellowship (Newberry) gave an excellent history of the inception of Lick Creek as a Quaker community.

Nina Lewis, the oldest member present,



Nina Lewis and family

shared several comments from the life of the meeting. Nina is over 90 years old, so she has lived through almost half of the life of Lick Creek Monthly Mtg. Nina regularly plays the piano.

Members of Paoli Friends Mtg brought an engraved wooden plaque celebrating the occasion. Many people spoke. Jim Walters almost didn't have anything to add at the end.

It was a wonderful time of fellowship.

Give God Time to Move—Youth from Pat Byers, Christian Ed. Director

In the recent CE Board meeting, we decided that we want to allow you to have some time. Time for what...you might ask? Time to discern. Time to pray. Time to contemplate. We need help for

our programming. We need children’s workers. We need nursery workers. We need workers. So, we thought we would plant these thoughts in your minds early so you can give God time to move and

see where He might be leading you to help out. Please contact Julie Kappes or Pat Byers if you have any thoughts or questions.



Have you seen our youth workers?

It’s hard to catch them; they’re pretty busy.

According to Meeting Surveys, the following people are listed as youth workers:

- Matt Klausmeier, Carmel
- Nancy Davis, Downers Grove
- Matt Hamm, Fairfield
- Luke Stephenson & Dustin Hanlin, Hadley
- Beth Henricks, Indianapolis First Friends
- Olivia Kessinger, Marshall Federated

- Mimi Hawkins, Paoli
- John Gordon, Sandcreek/Azalia

Not listed are many pastors who have a heart for youth work and emphasize that in their ministry.

How many ways can we give them a hand?



Bridging Gaps



Sept. 20-22, a conference for leaders of YF (Young Friends) and YAF (Young Adult Friends) was held at Friends Central Offices in Richmond.

26-28 youth leaders attended from several yearly meetings from across the country—from New England to California.

It was a deep time of sharing information, resources, and experiences.

Four members of Western YM attended. Pat led devotions, did tech, and moved things along.



The event was organized by a Youth Task Force, appointed by North American Ministries, FUM.

Save the Date, New Email

Pastors' Christmas Party: Pastors, please mark your calendars for the annual Christmas party On the evening of Dec. 6. The theme will be "The Christmas Story from the Backside." Details tba.

Fall Impact 2013: Youth have you marked your calendar for Fall Impact , Nov. 1-3? Registration is requested by Oct. 25. For more info or arrangements, call Pat Byers.

New Address: wandacbwym@gmail.com . I'm not receiving messages on my att.net address, and I don't know if mine are getting out. Please change Wanda's office email to wandacbwym@gmail.com

Quaker Men



Quaker Men

2013 Special Project

The special project of Quaker Men International is to support the Friends Theological College in Kenya. All Quaker Men are members of Quaker Men International. Every men's group is an outreach of Quaker Men International. The project that we are undertaking is known as the tea project

The way this works is that the local farmer takes his tea to the tea factory. They give him a ticket for his tea, after they have tested the tea. The farmer then brings the ticket to Friends Theological College and gets paid immediately. (The factory will not pay for such small amounts of tea). Every 6 months the factory pays the college for the total amount of tea. The profit margin on this tea is 30 to 40%. If Friends Theologi-

cal College had approximately \$75,000, they could buy tea for 6 months and be self sustaining.

Our goal is to raise \$75,000 over the next 3 years to support this project. This will be raised 2 parts American and one part African. Therefore, the American goal is to raise \$50,000 in the next 3 years.

One way we have of raising this amount is to pay a supporting membership to QMI. It is not mandatory to be a paying member of QMI. Every man is automatically a member. The supporting amount is \$10.00 per year or \$100.00 for a lifetime amount. The international treasurer will withhold \$3,000 of this per year to go for triennial expenses of QMI. The rest will go toward the tea project.

Festival of Faiths: Sunday October 13, 12 noon-4:30pm, the Festival of Faiths will be held on Veterans Memorial Plaza. "In a world where religious differences too often separate people and communities, Hoosiers have learned to work together to understand and respect our growing multi-faith society. This festival will help us learn and share about our religious faith traditions.

For more information contact Charlie@centerforinterfaithcooperation.org or call 317-318-5304

2013 Outreach Board Special Project

The Outreach Board has chosen as its Special Project Workers Compensation for our field staff (see p. 1). The following excerpts are from the “Days in the Life” of some of the staff to give a feel for what they do.

Sam Barber, Belize: Sam Barber wrote to me about his typical week day as a school superintendent at the Belize Friends Boys School. It’s his responsibility at home to wake everyone at 6 am. At about 7 he drives them all to where they go to school. This takes him 50 minutes. At 8:35 he participates in giving the prayer, after the National Anthem of Belize is sung, to open school for the day. Sam then teaches a 30 minute class, some days Bible, some skills for adolescents, and some on Quaker topics. By 9:15 he is able to settle into his own work for the school.

He supervises lunch at 11:30, and the free time for the kids, often having to intervene in their ‘play’ together. After lunchtime, he goes to super-

Lon Fendall, Kenya. Lon’s work at Friends Theological College (FTC) is under the direction of Dr. Ann Riggs, Principal of FTC.

There are two reasons that my voluntary ministry have remained part-time for these three years. The first was that my wife Raelene, became guardians for 3 of our grandchildren after the death of our daughter. The other reason is that it’s important that the academic leadership at FTC be shared with the capable members of the faculty and staff, building their capacities to ultimately be fully responsible for directing the academic programs.

The tasks I’ve taken on include re-designing the web site, updating the catalog, arranging for faculty training, planning curricular improvements and coaching faculty members in their teaching, helping to build their experience and confidence.

vised Miss Candi’s teaching in the classroom for a while before he can prepare for his own teaching the next day.

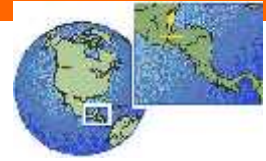
At 3:30 pm, he picks up some of his kids after school, but the trip home is quicker. He and Becky both supervise chores and homework for their kids at home. He gets about 45 minutes to watch the news and relax before starting the bedtime routine for kids and dogs. They have guard dogs that the children need to spend time with to keep them tame.

He says he reads for about 30 minutes before sleeping, but usually is too tired to wait up for when Becky comes to bed. Sometimes at night he has to go out to Principal’s meetings for the district. They never leave their minor children at home without an adult, but Becky is able to be with him during some of his daily routine. Thank you, Sam, for letting us in on a little window of your life! –Kathy Luethje

Dr. Riggs and I devised a three-stage process to further prepare staff and faculty to proceed with the first accreditation steps.

My working visits to FTC always allow for unstructured time that helps me develop relationships with faculty, staff, and students. This happens at chapel the first thing in the morning, tea in the late morning, walking across the campus, discussions with faculty about their plans for post-graduate studies, and random encounters on campus.

Thank you for the privilege of serving at FTC. Please continue to pray for the many challenges of preparing men and women for ministry in the friends church.



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Purpose Statement

Seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit,

Western Yearly Meeting equips Friends Meetings in the Gospel of Jesus Christ by exercising mutual care and extending cooperative ministries.

Through various expressions of our Christian faith, we strive to inspire ministry and the release of gifts of leadership.

Community Springs Forth (Mt. 18:20) is a Young Adult Friends (YAF) Retreat for YFs ages 18 (graduates of HS) - 35. It will be on Nov. 8-10 at the Plainfield/YM House.

Quaker Haven Camp hosts *Scrapbooking* Oct. 10-13, and *Lumberjack Weekend* Nov. 1-3.

Quaker Earthcare Witness Gathering
Quaker Earthcare Witness will hold its 2013 Steering Committee Annual Meeting & Gathering on October 24-October 27 at Cenacle Conference & Retreat Center in Chicago. An agenda and registration form will be posted on the [QEW website](#).

Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) The FWCC Section of the Americas will offer 4 open consultations to examine together some mutually shared issues as well as topics of interest to each region. They will be held: Feb.21-23 in San Ignacio, El Salvador; Mar 14-16 in Sacramento, CA, USA; Mar 28-30 in La Paz, Bolivia; and Apr 11-13 in High Point, NC, USA.



Andrea Anderson from Downers Grove Meeting shares the following prayer by Kaherine Jamison.

Giver of life, from whom we all come,
How beautiful is your creation!

Your wisdom guide us

Our mercy move us

Your spirit heal us

In our earth life, as in the universe beyond.

Give us this day the nourishment we need,
and forgive us for hurting others
as we forgive them for hurting us.

Leave us not lost in our illusions,

But deliver us from our ego

and into your love.

Amen

Downers Grove Mtg House

