

January 2014

Calendar

January

1-Beinging of the FUM Chain of Prayer

1 WYM Office Closed

3 Ex. Com. Retreat Planning, 9:30am

6-8 YAF retreat

7 Program Com., 3:30pm

9 Church Leaders mtg, 8am

18 WYM Board Meetings, 9am

18-25 Church Federation Week of Prayers for Christian Unity

20 WYM Office closed

23 Peace Makers Collaboration Lunch, ICC, 12-2pm

23 Finance Board, 6:30pm

31-Feb. 1 Ground Hog Retreat at Quaker Haven

June 11-15 FUM Triennial

July 17-20 WYM Ses-

Western Work



Western Work

Beatrice Kimball is a well-known name to many in Western YM. Her husband, Herb, served as pastor in Western Yearly Meeting, NC YM, NYYM, NEYM, and InYM, finishing his ministry at Hopewell Friends Meeting in WYM. Beatrice was very active as pastor's wife and in the USFW and USFWI. Herb and Beatrice were missionaries with Friends in Kenya for a while.

The following is a Christmas letter which she sent this year.

1. O Little Town of Bethlehem
2. For Christ is Born of Mary
3. O Holy Child of Bethlehem (Phillips Brooks, 1868)

Jesus grew up and became the teacher of the will of God. Many followed him as disciples spreading the Good News.

On New Year's Day, 1923, Teacher Mildred White from Indiana left Ramallah Friends Schools on a 10 mile ride to Jerusalem to catch the northbound train. She was on her way to language school at Suk-EI-Garh in Syria to study Arabic. Various countries in the area lived in harmony.

Now many years later coming after many years of violence among the mostly unchristian people of various denominations, religions, or no religion we see hope as the meetings for NEGOTIATIONS overcome violence.

Love from,
Beatrice Kimball

In CPT (Christian Peacemakers Teams) newsletter, *Signs of the Times*, Oct-Dec. 2013, relates current activities and mistreatment in Palestine. They seek to be a peaceful presence in a violent situation. I was interested in the article, "New Directions for CPT Palestine," p. 12. CPT can be reached at PO Box 6508, Chicago, IL 60680; ph: 773-376-0550; email: peacemakers@cpt.org; or www.cpt.org.

Friends have been promoting peaceful ways through Ramallah Friends Schools for decades. Google, "Ramallah Friends Schools", email: admin@palfriends.org; or visit their web at www.palfriends.org.

Monthly Meeting News



Members take turns leading the service, and doing other parts of the service. A food collection was taken during the month of December.

At **Mooreville Friends**, the first in the series *The Star of ...* was the star of creation. Referring to Genesis, John, Corinthians, the star of creation was recognized as a baby, Jesus, who came to create a new life in us.



First Friends Noblesville held an evening Christmas Celebration to prepare for hearing the message of the angels, the trip to Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus Christ.

Nancy Childs was song leader and soloist. Other artists were invited, including Sabrina Falls on harp.

The entire Bible account of the birth of Jesus was read by different people, and the evening closed with a candlelight singing of "Silent Night."





First Friends Indianapolis' Vespers Service included their choir and groups from the choir, First Friends children, handbell choir, soloists, congregational hymns, a cellist, readings, and a devotion.

Pastor, Ruthie Tippin, and CE Director, Beth Henricks, light candles for the last hymn.



Jamie Lyon, pastor, spoke to **Russiaville Friends** using *The Christmas Carol* by Dickens.



The story was interspersed with scriptures illuminating the story. This was the end of this series, so Christmas Future was the ghost. "Spirit, must things turn out this way?" asked Scrooge. The answer was "No," and Scrooge became a new creature; a new creation.

I felt as if I had traveled through the Yearly Meeting, and found myself in the same place with the hope of new life through Jesus Christ, the star of creation (Mooresville).



WYM in Kenya

Western Yearly Meeting is having quite a presence in Kenya in Dec. and Jan.

Wil Brant from 57th St. Meeting taught Quaker Ethics at Friends Theological Seminary in Kaimosi, Western Province.

Wil's first blog said, "In developing a course that was sought to engage something like Quaker ethics, one thing became apparent. While there are plenty of books about the good ethical work and perspectives of Quakers in relation to such things as peacemaking, justice, equality, integrity, and fairness, there were no books that took up exploring what exactly a Quaker ethics might be. Assembling chapters in books on wider Quaker thought and faith became the source of exploring Quaker ethics in the course



(www.57thstreetmeeting.org/TS322). In the process of reading and discussing these texts, it has become clear that Quaker ethics, as expressed in an Orthodox context, can be summed up in the phrase "follow the will of God." What is it that God wills of us?"

Photograph of FTC students (from left to right) Luke Juma, Maurice Simiyu, and Dominic Museve.

Wil's blog: www.57thstreetmeeting.org/blog/8

"Fuata mapenzi ya Mungu" is Swahili for "follow the will of God."

Chris Lindley from Friends of Jesus Fellowship (Newberry) Meeting is in Kenya right now with Steve Pedigo, speaking at a Pastors Conference in El Doret, Kenya.

When Chris heard of Steve's invitation to

other meetings and projects that the Friends of Jesus and he and Michelle have supported.

Let us keep Chris and Steve in our prayers for traveling mercies and for following God's leadings.

When Chris heard of Steve's invitation to speak, he felt the leading of God to go with Steve. He opened his travels up to other Friends in Southern Area and found an openness and interest in supporting his travels.

Chris hopes to visit

Allison and Joe Toren from Courtland Avenue Friends will be traveling to Kenya January 14th.

Allison is considering the position of FUM Field Officer in Kenya.

It is the same position that Eden Grace had.

This is a trip of visitation and discernment.

Let us surround them with prayers for safe travels and for hearing God's will for them.



Around the Yearly Meeting

January Board Meetings, January 18, Western Yearly Meetinghouse, 9am.
Please come with ideas for YM Sessions Workshops for this year.

Words from Pat Byers

Friends,

Many of you are probably aware of my work at camp, with the Interns, and with the Youth Cabinet. But, one thing you may not be aware of is my ability and potential to consult with churches and meetings in their

Christian Education needs. Having been a youth pastor for 13 years and on the pastoral staff of two different churches, I have a bit of experience with young people and how a congregation can come along side them to help them reach their Kingdom poten-

tial. I also have a passion to see young people have their lives changed and flourish as a part of a local Body of Christ. If this is something your church or meeting would have interest in, please give me a call at the Yearly Meeting office, or send me an email at patrick.byers.wym@gmail.com.



Do I have an offer for you!

Hey, all Young Adult/college age/almost college age Friends! Come to the Gathering, Jan. 6-8, at WYM. It's totally Free! All food, lodging, fun stuff is paid for. Flexible schedule, come and go as you can.

The Outreach Board really appreciates all the donations you make to our ongoing projects. Different people are responsible for sending on the various items and you can give things directly to them if it is easier for you. If they are not available, you can give any collectible to Sarah Lookabill. Pop

tabs (Ronald McDonald House) Pam and Lane Sims; Cancelled stamps (Right Sharing of World Resources)—Dinah Geiger; Soup labels and box tops for education (Choctaw)—Sarah Lookabill; Medicine bottles* (Free clinic in Terre Haute)—Jan McVay, Sarabeth Marcinko, Brenda

Irelan or anyone else from Western Area. *Please make sure labels with personal information are removed and that you are donating regular prescription containers. Bottles which come directly from the manufacturer are not acceptable.



Have you been in the WYM office lately? Inside the front door is a table of Friends literature from all over the world—YM newsletters, Friends magazine, project newsletters, etc.

Please come in and browse the table, say “hi” to the office staff, and take something to read. The material is there for your interest and edification.





Quaker Haven Camp is looking for a few good young adults with a servant heart to be a part of our staff for the Summer of 2014.

They are hiring for positions in Kitchen, Facility, Grounds Keeping, and Life Guard Duties.

If you are interested or know someone who is, please visit info@quakerhaven.com.

Coming Events

The Ground Hog Retreat is Jan. 31-Feb. 1.

Randy Quate will be the guest speaker.

The youth Winter Sneak is Feb. 7-9.

Contact Quaker Haven for more info and for registration.



March Administrative Council

WYM has been invited to Bloomingdale Friends Meetinghouse for Spring Administrative Council, March 15. We will be hosted by the Parke County Friends. The Ides of March bode well for us.



Western Yearly Meeting received an award for our peace-making activities by the Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis at a recognition dinner.

Jan. 18-25, the Church Federation has organized the "Global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Watch for the Yearly Meeting Updates for a flyer with all the activities or go to www.Indyfaith.org.

Save the Date! Dr. Derek King - January 12th in Meeting for Worship, First Friends Indianapolis, at 10:15 am.

Dr. King is presently the Assistant to the Pastor of Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church in Indianapolis, and serves as a full-time instructor of religious studies at Martin University.

He will be with us to celebrate the birthday of his uncle, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Friends Around the World



Chain of Prayer

Prayer is an essential component to our faith, linking us together with each other and with God. This year the FUM community is anticipating with gratitude the many incidents of God's presence and blessings emerging through our ministers and ministries. Let us join together with grateful expectations as we affirm all that God is doing through us and with us.

- note from FUM

The Alternative Gift Catalog is not only for Christmas!

FUM sent out the 2013 Alternative Gift Catalog for in December.

"Our global family is gifted in so many ways. Together we teach, we train, we

build and together, we make an impact upon the whole world.

Consider one of the Gifts to give as a group or as an individual for any occasion.

For more info, contact fum.org/donate/ or contact the Richmond office.

The following job positions are available:

FCNL Annual Fund Director, Washington, DC. To Apply, go to jobs@fcnl.org.

FCNL Major Gifts Officer, Washington, DC. To apply go to jobs@fcnl.org.

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting General Secretary, Philadelphia, PA. gssearch@pym.org.

Evangelical Friends Church Mid-America Yearly Meeting General Superintendent. Email to Mark McDonald, markmc3@suddenlink.net.

The Chain of Prayer does not have to be a 24-hour commitment for a meeting. It can be:

- A commitment that people who have signed up will pray for FUM sometime during that day.
- Prayer cards, or postcards, from FUM fields can be handed out, and one particular field can be held in prayer by one or more persons.
- Your meeting can commit to hold a prayer service for FUM on a certain day.

For more info or prayer cards contact FUM at info@fum.org or call 765-962-7573.



Friends Peace Teams will hold their 20th Anniversary Celebration, June 20-22, 2014, Baltimore, Maryland. Stony Run Frds Mtg, 51165 N. Charles St. 443-703-2591



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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.*

Our Shepherd, Wm. T. Flanigan

The Lord gave us a shepherd,
We're no longer in want.

He helps us find God's green pastures,
He leads us along still waters,
And he is used by God to restore our souls

He guides us by straight pathways,
Bringing honor to God's name.

When we walk through the valley of the shadow of
death,

We are not afraid because he walks
with us.

His teaching and leadership comfort and
strengthen us.

He helps us stand strong in the face of evil.

He is the oil of healing and health in our souls,
Through him God has overflowed our lives with
blessing.

Goodness and mercy are sure to follow us all our
days,

And we are secure in eternal life

Because the Lord gave us a shepherd.



Our appreciation to Rev. Wm. T. Flanigan for 38 years
of leadership and devotion to Coloma Friends Meet-
ing...we love you, Bill! - from Parke Co. newspaper