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## WESTERN WORK



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Church Since 1858**

***A Christian Quaker Community where Faith Encounters Life***

### • JULY

- 6-10 Pastoral Min. Excellence with Henry Freeman, 6:30pm, office
- 11 Financial Trustees, Kelley Room, 9:15am
- 17-20 *Western Yearly Meeting of Friends*
- 20-23 Little Friends Camp, Quaker Haven

### August

- 14-15 Quaker College Leadership, Earlham School of Religion (ESR)
- 15-17 Leadership Conference, ESR

### September

- 7 Festival of Faiths, Veteran's Memorial Plaza, 1-5pm
- 8-9 WYM?IYM USFW Retreat, Quaker Haven
- 13 WYM Boards
- 19-20 Quakers in Pastoral Care and Counseling, ESR
- 20 Quaker Days, Plainfield Meeting
- 21 Pastoral Ministry Excellence Sunday
- 27 WYM USFW Fall Conference, at Kokomo First Friends

### **As Way Opens**—Indianapolis First Friends, *Friend to Friend*

Have you ever left Meeting for Worship, turned your car around, and returned to attend Monthly Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business? Someone did this past Sunday... and she was a visitor who had never come to First Friends before.

Because of a warm invitation given in worship, and at God's leading... well, I'll let her tell you the story:

*"I'm so glad that God nudged me to turn around and come back; that's the first business meeting at a church I've ever attended, but I loved being able to witness how the process works and being able to meet more people."*

Unlike many faith communities, Quakers make decisions as one body... there is no appointed board or commission that decides things for the Meeting. We make choices for ourselves by consensus, based on committee recommendations and leadings that arise out of the gathered meeting.

Wonderful things happen under the guidance of the Spirit in Monthly Meeting. This Sunday, a family was approved for membership. Plans were announced to prepare to celebrate our 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Meeting in 2015. Nominating Committee brought a docket full of names, approved by all for ministry and service to the Meeting. Giving has increased this past month, for which we give God great thanks. Vacation Bible School is being readied, and we look forward to ministry with many families beyond our own.

We laughed, we prayed, we made decisions, we enjoyed being intentional. And we all participated... even if we'd just turned our car around to come. Each person matters. Each person, whether an observer or a participant, matters.

When is the last time you worshipped at Monthly Meeting?

'Are your meetings for church affairs held in loving dependence upon the Spirit of God, and are they vigilant in the discharge of their duties? Do you individually take your right share in the attendance and service of these meetings so that the burden [and joy!] may not rest upon a few?' (from Friends Queries)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wanda Baker'.

Monthly Meeting News

Valley Mills

Quaker Conversations resume on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm. We are reading The Essence of George Fox's Journal. Dates are July 8 & 22, at the Parsonage.

It's time to start thinking about Valley Mills Friends Chicken BBQ! It will be on Sept. 12.

There will also be a Market Table with home-made goods, jams, jellies, and crafts.



New Salem Friends carry on without their pastor, Will Carter. As they have done in the past, they continue with study and worship as usual. This morning Louise Lamb led the Sunday School lesson and spoke. Other people in the meeting also take their turn speaking when the pastor is not there.



There will be a Quaker Fair September 13, at Farmer's Friends Institute historical Meetinghouse, 4626 W CR 660 S, Lafayette, IN.

Come Join us 11am-4pm for an outdoor bean supper, antique tractor show, quilt and broom making

demonstrations. Shop at the household tent for hand-made items and country baked goods. Learn about the history of Farmer's Institute Friends Academy, hear about the Quaker's role in the underground railroad, and join in the sing along.



With Our Deepest Sympathy we mourn the loss of two of our members who died unexpectedly this month:

Bill Kinsey, on June 25

Nathan Pedigo, on July 4

We hold the families of these two people in our fervent prayers.

There are a lot of cool things coming up at West Newton Friends – just perfect for autumn. We hope you and Friends from your Meeting will come and be a part of them as you can!

**9/29—Worship at Historic Sugar Grove Friends Meeting-house, southwest corner of Hadley Road and Sugar Grove Rd, Plainfield**

9:30 am Join us and other Friends at this meetinghouse built in 1851. The worship time will begin with a period of traditional Quaker Bible study led by Chris Wynn (the pastor of Hadley Friends Meeting). Then we'll settle into a time of waiting,

expectant worship and listening for God's spirit to speak to and through those who gather

**10/3 – Quaker Quest at West Newton Friends Meeting**

6:30 pm. We're getting ready for our second round of Quaker Quest. Quaker Quest is a series of information sessions about Quaker life and faith at West Newton today.

**10/13—"Journey of Hope" at West Newton Friends Meeting**

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 like Bill Babbitt, from the Journey of Hope whose lives have been directly impacted by the death penalty such as murder victims' families, death row exonerees, and the families of those on death row.

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



Outreach Items for Western Work:

Due to the changes occurring in the Friends United Meeting program in Belize we are changing the focus for our 2014 Special Project from raising \$10,000 for a van to raising the same amount for expansion of the Belize program in general. The enrollment for the school has outgrown the present building and it is hoped that a larger building can be found to accommodate the students. There is also a desire to become more visible and active in the south side of Belize City where the school is located and where the poorest of the poor live. The formation of a Friends worship group is another possibility. Dale Graves would be glad to speak to your Meeting about his

role in this new venture. The new theme for our revised 2014 project is "Movin' on Down the Road in Belize". New flyers have been sent out to all meetings regarding this. If you have not received yours please notify Sarah Lookabill, [slookabill@att.net](mailto:slookabill@att.net)

The Outreach Board will again sponsor the ACFIA Table at Yearly Meeting. Please consider donating craft items, baked goods, jams, jellies, etc. etc. to sell at the table. Everything should have prices clearly marked when they are dropped off.

All proceeds will go to the Indian Centers.

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Lucretia Mott, 1793-1880



Young Friends News



—Brandon Eaton from Wabash Friends teaching the Sr Hi Students at chapel

Intern Taylor Carpenter hard at work during Jr Hi Camp.



Jr Hi Students picking out books that were provided by the Peace and Christian Social Concerns Committee.



Beginner's Camp opening worship session. Just getting ready to sing songs!

Parents and kids enjoy the giant slip and slide at Beginner's Camp



Quaker 101 Class—Sr Hi Students learn about Quakerism in one of the teaching Sessions.



Sr Hi Students decorated rocks to represent the burdens they were prepared to give over to God.

**Erin Polley** is Program Coordinator of the Indiana Peacebuilding Program and the "If I Had A Trillion Dollars" Youth Film Festival, which was viewed during last year's workshops. This year she will be a special guest of the Young Friends at Yearly Meeting.



Erin started out as a volunteer with the Chicago office of American Friends Service Committee in 2003. Since on staff, she has worked on such projects as the widely acclaimed "Eyes Wide Open" exhibit, "Windows and Mirrors: Reflections on the War in Afghanistan" and has done local organizing work in Chicago and Indianapolis.

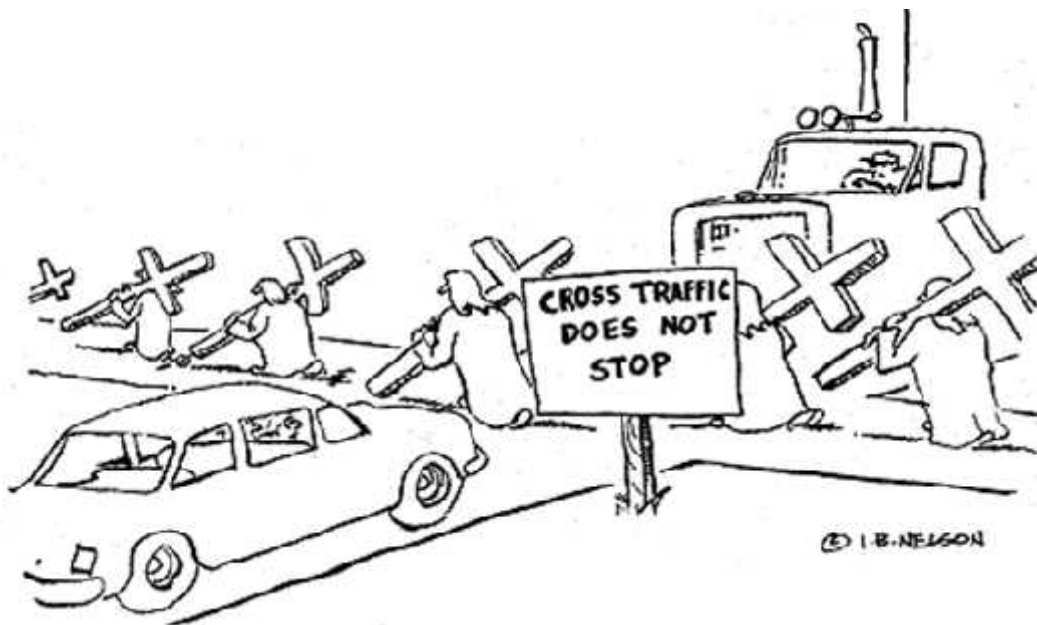
Please feel free to stop her as you see her walking around, greet her, ask questions, and show your support.



Young Friends have you sent in your reservation for Yearly Meeting?

Pat Byers and Matt Klausmeier have once again designed an impressive program full of new experiences, knowledge, insight, fun and food.

Sign up today!



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Western Yearly Meeting Sessions, July 17-20 in Plainfield  
'Stewardship'

"Who then is the faithful manager...?" - Luke 12:42

"To turn all we possess into the channel of universal love becomes  
the business of our lives." -John Woolman

Highlights...

Thursday, July 17:

- Unprogrammed worship, 8:15am
- Business Meeting, 9am
- Devotions with Eden Grace, FUM Global Ministries Director, 10:45am
- Memorial Service, 1pm
- Business Meeting, 2pm
- Quaker Lecture with Norval Reece, 7:30 pm



Friday, July 20:

- Unprogrammed worship, 8:15am
- Business Meeting, 9am
- Devotions with Eden Grace, 10:45am
- Business Meeting, 1pm
- Multi-generational Meeting, 7:30, with S'mores at the fireplace after



Saturday, July 19:

- Unprogrammed worship, 8:15am
- Devotions with Eden Grace, 8:45am
- Affiliate organization workshops, 10am and 11am
- WYM Board sponsored workshops, 1pm and 2:35pm
- USFW Tea/Quaker Men Banquet, 5pm
- Mission Service with Deneen Aheumada, 7:30



Sunday, July 20:

- Unprogrammed worship, 8:15am
- Concert of Gifts and Talents, 9:30 am
- Meeting for worship with Eden Grace, 11am

**On Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, we encourage everyone to attend Meeting for Worship at the Yearly Meetinghouse in Plainfield at 10:30am.** For information and to register for events, please visit [www.westernym.net](http://www.westernym.net). Thank you to *Friend to Friend*, 1st Frds Indy

Don't miss these excellent speakers, along with all the other important events happening during Yearly Meeting this year.

Eden Grace has just joined the FUM staff as Global Ministries Director after serving in Kenya with FUM for nine years. Eden is a member of New England Yearly Meeting.

WILL YOU DO A LITTLE EXTRA CANNING?

If you enjoy canning produce or making jam, salsa, apple butter, etc., would you consider canning some extra to be sold at the WYM Pastoral Ministry Excellence booth at Quaker Day (September 20 on the Yearly Meeting grounds)? Please contact Wayne Carter for more information at [cwayne@aol.com](mailto:cwayne@aol.com) or 317-839-8019,



DO YOU ENJOY QUILTING, DRAWING, PHOTOGRAPHY or OTHER CREATIVE ENDEAVORS? Would you be willing to share your creativity by donating items for sale at the WYM Pastoral Ministry Excellence booth at Quaker Day (September 20 on the Yearly Meeting grounds)? Please contact Kathy Luethje for more information at [katalist2@gmail.com](mailto:katalist2@gmail.com) or 765-498-1310.



Resting at the **Baymont?** You must make reservations directly with them. Third party providers over the internet will not give you as good a price. Be sure to drop the name of **Western Yearly Meeting** so you get the special price of \$62.

Phone: 317-837-9000

Or 1-877-BAYMONT

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**NO MORE PILL BOTTLES!** The organization that we were collecting pill bottles for received different funding. Pill Bottles are NO LONGER NEEDED!

**Offerings for Yearly Meeting:**

- Thurs: Yearly Meeting Expenses
- Fri: Young Friends
- Sat: Missions
- Sun: Retired Ministers
- Jars will be placed at the registration table and at the back table for PME



**Button Day!** Recently I have had the dubious honor of being called “Empress”, “Bishop,” the “Big Kahuna,” the “Big Cheese,” etc. So I hereby take this opportunity to unilaterally declare July 20 “Button Day.” All of those who have collected Quaker buttons are encouraged to wear every single one of them on Saturday, July 20, of Western Yearly Meeting. This includes buttons from Quaker celebrations, organizations, and Sunday School pins. If you have extra buttons, you may share some with those less.

*Wanda Coffin Baker*



Speak properly, and in as few words as you can, but always plainly; for the end of speech is not ostentation, but to be understood. –Wm Penn



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***Purpose Statement***  
***Seeking the guidance of the***  
***Holy Spirit,***  
***Western Yearly Meeting equips***  
***Friends Meetings in the Gospel of Je-***  
***sus 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***



### GARDEN UPDATE!

Feel free to come and pull weeds, mow the grass around the garden, or check-in with David and Michelle Lee to see if they have anything that you can do to help!

First, there is a garden growing on the back of our property. I have never seen our land used for this purpose but there it is growing neatly and for a specific purpose. You see one couple thought this would be a good idea for many to be involved with by working the land, donating the plants and harvesting what we hope will be a bountiful crop all so that we can purchase the bounty and donate the proceeds to our church! This is time, talent and money at work in a unique and visible way.

