

October 2014

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## Calendar

- 2 Office Advisory Com., at office, 5:30pm
- 3-4 Investment and Developing a Personal Plan, ESR
- 5 Blue River Homecoming, 11am, meal, worship at the Conservative Meeting, 2pm
- 5 Orange Co. Fellowship, Beechgrove, 6pm
- 7 Frds Apart. Home Board, 7:30pm
- 8 Past. Min. Excel. Mtg, at office, 5:30
- 8-11 FUM General Brds, Richmond, Quaker Hill
- 10-12 Fall Impact, Spring Arbor, MI
- 14 Prop. Trustees, 9:30am
- 15 Long-range planning Com, Carmel, 5:30, brown bag
- 18 Ex. Com, 9:30am, Kelley Rm
- 19 PME Collection at mtgs
- 23 Seasoned Friends, 11:30am
- Winter/Pastor Retreat planning, 9:30, Sue Whitesel's
- 28 Prog. Com, 3:30, Kelley Rm
- 31-Nov 1 ESR Writing Colloquium
- 31-1 Nov. Fundraising from the Heart, Quaker Hill

# WESTERN WORK

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



## The Kingdom of God

Recently on Mondays we have been gathering for unprogrammed worship, lunch and conversation. We were talking about the Kingdom of God this past Monday and it got me thinking about the great legacy of Quaker historical figures that were change agents in this world and who acted out of a belief that the Kingdom of God was at hand.

George Fox opened up our direct experience of the Inner Teacher, John Woolman spent 30 years encouraging Quakers to live out the equality testimony by denouncing slavery, Elizabeth Fry challenged the prison system and changed it forever, William Penn established a new type of society and welcomed all including Native Americans. Many Quakers did not condemn Indian religious practices but saw

"that of God in them". The equality of women and the very early acceptance of female leadership within the Quaker denomination are all amazing examples of being on the leading edge of social change.

*But this all came about because certain Quakers believed deeply in the proclamation from Jesus about the good news of God; 'the time is fulfilled and the Kingdom of God is at hand, repent and believe in the good news.'* (Mark 1:14-15)

What might we do today if we really believed that the Kingdom of Heaven were at hand?

Excerpted From Indianapolis First Friends, *Friend to Friend*, by Beth Henricks. Beth is one of two people in the recording process in WYM.



**Executive Committee**, October 18, 9:30 am. Kelley Room.

**Administrative Council**, Nov. 15 at Hadley Friends. 9am registration.

### Monthly Meeting News

On October 19, Carmel Friends Meeting will be hosting a Pastor's Commissioning for Keith & Marg Glasgow during the morning worship service. Please join us in welcoming them to Carmel Friends Church & supporting their leadership. From "The Carmel Friend - Oct. 2014"

### Carmel Friends Youth Retreat

The youth are having their annual Fall retreat 10/24-10/26 at Quaker Haven Camp. It will be part work & part fun. Matt Klausmeier is the youth leader.

### *Time to Eat!*

New London Annual Fish Fry will be held Nov. 8, from 4-7pm. The menu includes fish & tenderloins, baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, drink and dessert.



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### *Mooresville USFW Fall Bazaar*

Saturday, Nov. 1, 9am-2pm

Lunch: 11am-1pm

**Mooresville Cookbooks on Sale for \$10**

**Applebutter, etc., on sale!**



### **Breakfast at Fairfield Friends**

Many F/friends may remember the old Fairfield Feast and Country Store, which has been a standard at Fairfield for many years. Attendance at the event has been down the past several years and Fairfield has decided to try something a little different.

On Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, Fairfield will host their first BreakFEAST which will take place from 7:00 am – 1:00 pm. The event will feature an "All You Can Eat" Pancake Breakfast and homemade crafts and baked goods for sale in the Country Store.

Funds raised will be given to outreach initiatives.



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Northern Area met for fall fellowship at Russiaville on Sunday, September 21. During the missions auction, around 50 Friends raised \$1,125. A generous Friend wrote a check for matching funds, making a total of \$2,250, which was forwarded to Quaker Haven for the new maintenance building. Northern Area challenges the other Areas of WYM to come up with an offering for this project.



Recently at Mooreville Friends Mtg. an A/C water leak combined with the age of the existing ceiling (about 40 years old) result-

ed in the collapse of a portion of the Sanctuary ceiling. After an immediate cleanup of the resulting damage, the Property Trustees began working with local ceiling companies and insurance company adjusters to determine the best course of action.

Since the restoration will require the removal and storage of the pews (in an outside container), it became appar-



ent that this would be a good time to also replace the carpet in the Sanctuary.

As a part of replacing the ceiling, the sanctuary's chandeliers will be removed and then reinstalled.

Considering the age of the fixtures, it was further proposed that the chandeliers be replaced at this time. Since the insurance settlement is already paying for removing and reinstalling the fixtures, this would be the most economical time to re-place the fixtures.

God did not let Mooreville know that it was time to work on their sanctuary, but His laws of nature seems to have made it possible.



*But that's not the end* of the story. This last Sunday, I visited Amo Friends Meeting. The recent hail storm that went through damaged their roof. With the insurance settlement, they plan to get a metal roof, and use the surplus to repair siding.

God is taking care of Amo also.

### Time for a Walk?

Kokomo First Friends is part of the 31st. ANNUAL HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL 5k WALK FOR HUNGER . Sponsored by the Kokomo Church of the Brethren, the walk will be held on Sunday, Oct. 12th at Jackson Morrow Park.

Plainfield Friends Meeting, is participating in a Crop Hunger Walk Oct. 26, registration at 1:30; walk - 2pm at Hummel Park.

The 35<sup>th</sup> annual Indianapolis **CROP Hunger Walk is on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**. For Indianapolis area congregations . Walkers cover a designated route beginning and ending at the Christian Theological Seminary on 42<sup>nd</sup> St near Michigan Rd (near Butler University). **Indianapolis First Friends** is putting together a team of people to participate in CROP walk. If you are interested please contact Jim Donahue at [jdonahue@indy.rr.com](mailto:jdonahue@indy.rr.com) or Beth Henricks at [beth.henricks@indyfriends.org](mailto:beth.henricks@indyfriends.org). For more information, please visit <http://www.indycropwalk.org/>.

Hours to change.

Beginning Nov. 1, *Mary Anne* will be working different hours at the office. You will still be able to access her reliable voice, but you will have to do it between 9am-1pm.

## Monthly Meeting News

Susann Estle-Cronau is now the Chaplain at the Short Term Offender Program in Plainfield. The Chapel is in need of gently used or new Bibles. The Chapel is also in need of gently used hymnals (new not necessary). Donations can be left at WYM office for Susann to pick up. The Chapel program is also in need of Teachers. If you are a male, or a couple, interested in teaching a religious/life skills class to male Offenders, please contact Susann at 839-7751 ext 4415. Susann is still pastoring at Hopewell Friends as well.



Valley Mills Friends hosted the The Peace Church Coalition (PCC) on Sept 18 to discuss concrete ways that we could partner with the Peace Learning Center to increase the peace in our communities. Tim Nation and JT Taylor from the Peace Learning Center on Thursday presented some ideas for consideration. Two of the ideas found support: Help Increase the Peace Program (HIPP) and an annual recognition of peacemakers who are making a difference. The Coalition also made

plans for future conversations with each other, in the hopes that we could create a shared understanding of peace which could be the basis for public statements that we hope to make in the future. The PCC is made up of representatives from Quaker, Mennonite and Church of the Brethren meetings and churches.

**Quaker Haven is hosting a Fall scrapbooking retreat for ladies. Come join the fun and fellow-ship! October 16 – 19. For more information, call the camp office at: 574-834-4193**



*Ken Stockbridge, Presiding Clerk*

Why visit Meetings other than your own? “Just to say ‘I love you’” is a pretty good reason. It can be just that simple, and that’s a reason that can work for anyone, anytime, not just your Presiding Clerk.

*Baltimore Yearly Meeting*

**Robert Wafula** has almost arrived at the amount of funding he needs to be Principal of FTC (Friends Theological College) in Kenya. He is close enough that FUM has booked a ticket for him to get to Kaimosi and be settled by graduation. He still needs about 10% of his funds. FUM thanks you for your support through prayers, financial resources and sharing the concern with others. Pledges or donations can still be sent for his support through our benevolence Secretary or directly to FUM, marked “Wafula support.”



**Western YM College Students Visit**

College students from Western Yearly Meeting spent a number of days at *57th Street Meeting*. They did service work in the neighborhood at the food pantry housed at Hyde Park Union, Church Park, and the soup kitchen housed at Kenwood United Church of Christ. They also had time to do some site seeing downtown and attend a baseball game.



Evangelical Friends North America is sponsoring the Friends Summit in San Diego December 28, 2014 to January 1, 2015. This is the second time for this event for Young Adults ages 16-25. The last time this event took place, in 2010, WYM sent several people and through the Sundesmos Young Adult ministry. We have funds to scholarship up to 8 students and a few adult sponsors. For information, go to [westernym.net](http://westernym.net), look under the Friends Summit article and click on Financial Aid Application. You can also go to [friendssummit.org](http://friendssummit.org) for more information.



Good Idea for you?



Participate in our **"Sponsor a College Student"** project! Come this Sunday ready to select a name of one of our college students and send them notes, cards, treats, etc throughout the school year so they hear from someone at the Meeting and feel connected. We will continue to send care packages before finals in December and in May.

- from *Indianapolis First Friends, Friend to Friend*

ILYM Fall Continuing Committee

The Fall meeting of ILYM's Continuing Committee will be on Saturday, October 25. Clear Creek Monthly Meeting (14365 N. 350th Ave., McNabb, IL 61335) will be hosting. Fellowship with coffee and snacks will be ready at 9:30 a.m. Settling into worship to seek Divine Guidance for business at hand will begin at 10:00 a.m. Clear Creek Friends will provide lunch. There will be a basket for contributions to cover the modest costs of the meal. The meeting usually concludes between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m



Continuing Committee is open to all who have concern about the work of ILYM. Each person's presence (whether delegated or not) will enrich the meeting's deliberations.

Questions? Contact Wil Brant, 57<sup>th</sup> St. Meeting, at [AdminCoor@ilym.org](mailto:AdminCoor@ilym.org)

### An invitation from Meeting Development & Nurture

Did you know? Funds are available to send and to serve individuals and churches/meetings in Western Yearly Meeting, as we look toward the future and God's leading for us all. Because of investments made in the past by individuals and churches just like you and yours, funds have accrued and are waiting to be devoted to those things that will help us build and grow. What do you need? What does your church/meeting need? Consider this in the Light and Power of God, and then move forward to apply to the Board of Meeting Development and Nurture. For more information, contact our MD&N (Meeting Development & Nurture) Clerk, Jay Newlin at [jay\\_newlin@us.aflac.com](mailto:jay_newlin@us.aflac.com) ; (317) 679-8439.

### Candidates are listening. **What are they hearing?**

The current **FCNL Newsletter** has advice on communicating with candidates – through letter writing, meeting candidates in person and using social media.

The current issues FCNL is working on are:

- End the endless war;
  - Cut Pentagon spending;
  - Invest in peace-building;
  - Get money out of politics;
  - End mass incarceration;
  - Protect the earth;
  - Eliminate nuclear weapons;
  - Fix the broken immigration system;
- Make our economy work for everyone;



### *Save the Date!*

**Winter Retreat** is scheduled for March 6-8, 2015 at Quaker Haven Camp.

Dear Friends

**Britain Yearly Meeting** met at our Yearly Meeting Gathering held from 2-9 August 2014 in the historic city of Bath. We had a record attendance of **over 2000 Friends** at this residential meeting. It was wonderful to be able to welcome so many international visitors to our meeting this year.





**Festival of Faith.** Friends were well represented—by our meetings and organizations. Under a tent we sang Quaker songs and held unprogrammed worship

At the WYM/IYM Fall Retreat for USFW, Mary Lord, speaking with the theme, "Here I Am, Lord."

Below is the new acreage and buildings purchased by Quaker Haven Camp. It will house vehicles, machinery, etc., and free up space at the lake front. Donations are needed.



The Superintendents & Secretaries meeting was in a camp in NC between mountains.



7 of us went to Guilford to visit the class of Max Carter. He led us into Coffin's Woods where there was a tulip tree which had been there when Levi Coffin took corn in the woods for the mother hogs, and cornbread for runaway slaves.





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## **Purpose**

*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.*

## **An Invitation to Express Appreciation**



The WYM Pastoral Ministry Excellence Sustainability Task Group invites Meetings to express appreciation for the work of our pastoral ministers through a fall special offering for the Pastoral Ministry Excellence Fund. We encourage you to consider taking an offering on October 21; however, if this date is not the best one for your Meeting, please consider another date before the end of this calendar year. The Pastoral Ministry Excellence Fund provides additional retirement savings, offers additional health cost coverage, and supports ongoing education for pastoral ministers in Western Yearly Meeting.

1<sup>st</sup> Kokomo, "The Friendly Visitor"

### **What we'd like to hear in church**

- ◆ Hey, it's my turn to sit in the front pew!
- ◆ I was so enthralled, I never noticed your sermon ran longer than usual.
- ◆ I'll volunteer to be the permanent junior high Sunday school teacher.
- ◆ I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before.
- ◆ Because we're all here, let's start the worship service early.
- ◆ Pastor, we'd like to send you to this Bible seminar in the Bahamas.
- ◆ Nothing inspires me and strengthens my commitment like our annual stewardship campaign.

