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A Christian Quaker Community where Faith Encounters Life

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It is About a Miracle!

Many holidays throughout the year have certain themes that run parallel with the actual biblical event the holiday embraces. Christmas has become about giving, which is a very loose interpretation of the real truth that God gave His Son as a sacrifice for mankind's sin. Easter's parallel theme from the world is what...? I am not sure. Is it about new beginnings? Blossoming? Symbolizing new growth as something akin to the resurrection? I don't know.

Easter is really about the theological truth of the resurrection. It is not about the death of Jesus which was not miraculous, as all die. It is not about standing for principles to the point of death because people have done that for various causes over the history of time. No, it is about whether you believe Jesus actually rose from the dead as He said He would. In this sense it is a theological distraction from the more easily embraced secular parallel of a feel good sort of new beginning or starting over.

The scripture makes it clear and the debate about whether the dead are raised at any point after death was an issue for the apostle Paul and his critics (Sadducees) shortly after Jesus death. Here is the definitive statement from Paul on the centrality of the resurrection.

1 Cor. 15: 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised; 14 and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain. 15 Moreover we are even found to be false witnesses of God, because we testified against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; 17 and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins (NASB).

We need to wrestle with the fact that the leading theologian of the New Testament is saying if you deny the resurrection there is no point in even having church. Anything short of celebrating a bodily resurrection is not on God's divine radar when He looks for true worshippers on any particular Easter Sunday. It is our privilege to reconnect with something much bigger than our minds can ever offer.

May God bless and revive the faith of His church this Easter.

-Gary Jones, pastor, First Friends Kokomo



Calendar

March

- 15 Quaker Spirituality, Margery Abbott Post, Fairfield, 7pm
- 19 Administrative Council, W. Newton
- 21 Bivocational Ministry Conf., ESR
- 25 Office closed for Good Friday
- 27 Retired Ministers Sunday

April

- 2 Faith & Practice Workshop for T & R
- 2 Wilson Lecture, ESR, 8am-3:15pm
- 3 CircEsteem, by 57th St. Mtg., at Japanese Am. Service Center
- 3 North Central Area, Kokomo First Frds, 2pm
- 3 Orange Co. Fellowship, Lick Creek, 6pm
- 8-10 WYM Retreat, Quaker Haven
- 10-11 WYM Pastors Retreat, Quaker Haven

Yearly Report forms are out.: Monthly Meeting Survey, State of Society, Statistical Report, due Mar. 30. Memorials are due July 1. If you can't find your papers, you can download them from the web-site, home page.

Monthly Meeting Notes

Influential Friends

Bloomington Friends is offering Sunday afternoon classes once a month to study influential Quakers. We will begin a study of Alan Jay, who was a part of many of the important movements in Quakerism in the US during the 1800's.

We started this study on Feb. 7, 2016 at 4pm. This Sunday at 4pm, we will resume. Apr.24 is the next one. Classes usually will last until 5:30. During this time there will be special visitors, including a program on the Underground Rail Road. Please let me know of your interest in coming to the class! And let others know who may have an interest. Call or email friends@bloomingtondalton.com.

I am looking forward to gathering with you to discuss Quaker history and thought once again!



What? Thirty Years?!

Don Perry has been a pastor at Marshall Federated for 30 years. Come celebrate with him, Sun., Mar. 13, open House from 1-3 at **Marshall Federated Church**.

Brian Holt, new associate pastor, and Don



Fairfield Friends invited Steve Angell from Earlham School of Religion to speak on Quaker Spirituality using several Friends from different centuries. Steve has tied writings from Margaret Fell, Isaac Pennington, Caroline Stephen, and Thomas Kelly with the lives of these weighty Friends and their connection with us today.

Tuesday, Mar. 15 is the last evening, and will focus on Margery Abbott. Who is Margery Abbott? I don't know,



New Pastor at New Salem Friends

Wayne Bogue has been called by New Salem Friends to be their pastor. Wayne is a former attendee at West Middleton Friends, former Nazarene minister, and current teacher with Ivy Tech. While at W. Middleton, he displayed a keen interest in Friends worship and business procedures. We look forward to his work among us.

Administrative Council will be held Mar. 19 at West Newton Friends Meeting.

8:30 am (EDT) Coffee and Fellowship; 9:00am Registration; 9:30 Worship and Meeting for Business. After lunch, when business is finished, Kathryn Murray, recording candidate will present a program on "Mindfulness for Friends". Lunch is \$8.

God was there

A few weeks ago, I stayed after Sunday worship to help in the Children's Library. Around 1:15, I was finished for the day. I saw Erin in the side hall near the grandfather clock. Nobody else was around. She was looking for her dad. I approached her and asked, "Did you know that when I was a little girl I had to wait for my father at church too? He had meetings and I had to wait for him outdoors in the cold. But my two brothers waited with me, so I wasn't alone."



Erin replied that she didn't know that. She asked my name. Then she said, "But you weren't alone, because God was with you."

Submitted by Amy Perry, in *Friend to Friend*, Indianapolis First Friends



Thanks to a Growth Grant from Western Yearly Meeting's **Board on Meeting Development and Nurture** we have been given the opportunity to nurture and foster relationship between our children and young adults through workshops offered at CircEsteem. CircEsteem is a unique and exciting non-profit that offers interactive workshops in circus arts. They have staff who are Quakers, so we will be working closely with them to keep our focus on community building that is aligned with our Quaker values. The workshop participants will learn a variety of circus

arts, such as swinging on a trapeze, walking on a tight rope, juggling, and clowning all while they are also developing creativity, challenging preconceived notions, and building cohesiveness. February 28 will be their first session. Their last session on April 3 will include a performance for the meeting.



Fairfield Friends Book Brunch

The Book Brunch is meeting on April 24 after worship. Please bring a lunch. We will be reading *Merchants of doubt: how a handful of scientists obscured the truth on issues from tobacco smoke to global warming* by Naomi Oreskes and Erik M. Conway. This book is available on the evergreen system. If you have any questions please contact Lindsey "Linze" Southwick at [317.340.2541](tel:317.340.2541).



Inner Light = Inner Warmth

A Quaker saint, Thomas R. Kelly (1893-1941) told of being "melted down by the love of God." He felt that Christ came as "an Inner Light." He surely understood what John Wesley meant when he spoke of his heart being "strangely warmed." Both had a renewal

of their "inner man" and both spent hours in prayer. Thomas Kelly could feel the Holy Spirit tenderly wrapping him in love and often bringing to him "an unspeakable joy." Time spent in prayer brings inner warmth, joy and renewal.

Friendly Visitor, Mar 2016, Kokomo First Frds

Monthly Meeting Notes



Sugar Grove, Easter Sunrise at 7:15. This service has been held on Easter for the last 40 years. All are welcome. Brent Bill will speak.

Carmel Friends, Sunrise Service (outdoors), 8 am; breakfast, 9am; Easter Egg Hunt, 9:30am; Easter Service, 10:30 am

Mooreville Friends, Sunrise Service, 7:30 am in the Sanctuary; 8:30 – breakfast; 10:30 - worship.

Coloma Friends, Easter Egg Hunt, Sat, 10:30am.; Sunday School, 9:30am; Easter Worship Service, 10:30am.

Sandcreek-Azalia, Children's Easter Party, Saturday; Sunday, 7:00am Sunrise Service followed by Breakfast

Orange County Sunrise Service, at Lick Creek, 6:30am with Beech Grove, Paoli, Newberry-Friends of Jesus Fellowship. Mark Tope, pastor at Paoli, will be speaking.



The Earlham College Choir graced the stage at **Indianapolis First Friends**, on Jan. 8. Their last song, “How Can I Keep From Singing”, has been arranged differently every year. This year, the choir used water-filled goblets and glass bowls to give it an ethereal sound, as when using a glass harmonica.



“Hitting the Rocker Again”, or “Time to Bring on the Ice Cream Bon Bons”

As you may remember, Stan Banker retired in 2012 after 21 years as pastor of Indianapolis First Friends Meeting. For the past four years he has served as part-time pastor of Greenfield Friends Meeting. At the end of June Stan will complete his ministry there and look forward to re-entering full-time retirement including volunteer work in the Dominican Republic with the school and orphanage for Haitian children living in the Dominican Republic. Stan will also continue his work with the Dominican fair trade, organic coffee cooperative he started with Bill Eichner. (They now have 36 farmers).

On a related note, Greenfield Friends will be searching for a part-time pastor to begin ministry on or after July 1, 2016. If you know of someone who would enjoy a part-time ministry position, let Stan know and he will pass it on to Greenfield Friends Meeting.



Queries from *Ghost Ranch, Abiquiu, New Mexico, USA*. Discernment is also a collective adventure. Who are we as a community? How does our faith and practice wake us up from the trance of dominant worldviews and beliefs? How do our collective actions embody Quaker values? -Intermountain Yearly Meeting Newsletter, as quoted from *Diego Navarro (from Santa Cruz MM)*

LOVE

“Love is patient and kind, love is not jealous or boastful, it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way. It is not irritable or resentful. It does not rejoice in the wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.” 1 Cor. 13

Think about how the letters of **LOVE** can help you in all kinds of relationships: at home, at work, in school, while shopping. Below are some ideas to get you and your family and friends started.

- L** – Laughter. Keep a sense of humor. In the midst of an argument, try to find something you said or did to make you laugh. Lend a helping hand. Lift up one another in prayer. Be willing to learn from each other.
- O** – Openness. Be open to the needs, desires and dreams of others. Take every opportunity to show your love. Take one day at a time. Go on outings together.
- V** – Validation. Validate one another. Visualize the best in even those that “push your button.” Value your time together. Verbalize your love, your care, even your fears. Children need to learn that grown-ups have fears also. Make plans together for vacations.
- E** – Encouragement. Encourage one another. Be an example of your love for Christ. Express your love. Endure the tough times together, and let your love and faith see you through. Enjoy life and embrace the goodness surrounding you.

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.



Ruth Hadley, **Plainfield Friends**, *Thee and Me*

An Idea for You?

The Trustees of **Indianapolis First Friends** have purchased a defibrillator (AED) for the meeting. You should see it soon near the office and the fire alarm. The staff will be getting training in Basic Life Support which includes use of the AED.



On Mar. 6, Rose Bassett, **Sandcreek-Azalia Friends** archivist presented a program detailing how Quaker congregations helped in the early settlement of Jackson Co., that is celebrating its 200th anniversary.



Rose used facts gleaned from historic Driftwood Meeting Records to develop the program. Reader of Men’s Minutes: Al Reed; Reader of Women’s Minutes: Pat Clark; Family: Tony & Amanda Boyle with Justin, Tyler, and Anna (a real live Quaker family). All actors are from Sandcreek-Azalia.



Yearly Meeting Notes

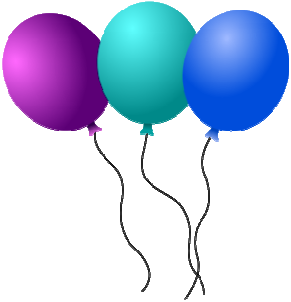
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"Mindfulness for Friends"

Our Friends' tradition of silent worship makes us naturals for mindfulness, a technique gaining popularity that promotes health, peace, and general well-being. What does it mean to be more mindful? What are the benefits of mindfulness? How can our mindful practice be part of a worshipful, sacramental approach to life? Come to this hour-long workshop and learn some simple ways to become more mindful in 2016. This workshop, to be led by Katherine Murray, explores the rich potential mindfulness offers our bodies, minds, and spirits."



Expanding Vision: Discipleship Matters, A Western Yearly Meeting [Spring Retreat](#) will be held at Quaker Haven Camp, April 8,9,10, 2016, with the Pastors' Retreat following on Apr. 10-11.

The leader for the Retreat is Scott Wagoner, a Hoosier who is the founder and director of "Growing Edge Resources" and has been a pastor for over twenty-five years.

"The late Dallas Willard was fond of saying: *"Your system is perfectly designed to produce the results you're getting."* If we don't like the results we're getting, what needs to change in our meetings? In the Yearly Meeting?

Scott will lead us in "Moving from Membership to Discipleship," "Living into the Fullness of Membership," and "Expanding our Vision of Discipleship."

The early deadline for registration has been extended to March 25. Please do not let the cost of the weekend stand in the way of your participation. Generous scholarship assistance is available by filling out the Grant Form from the Board Meeting Development and Nurture. As long as there are funds available, you simply fill out the form (sent to each meeting in a recent mailing), and return it with your registration form. [For the purpose of applying for the retreat(s), you may disregard the information at the top of the form that it must be turned in a month before the board meeting. The amount of the scholarship funds has already been approved by the board as an encouragement to involve as many WYM as possible.



Area Meetings:

North Central Area: Sunday, April 3, 2pm at Noblesville Friends

Central/West Central: Sunday, April 24, 3:00-5:00 pm at Valley Mills Friends Meeting.

Northern Area: Sunday, April 17, Kokomo First Friends, Time tba.

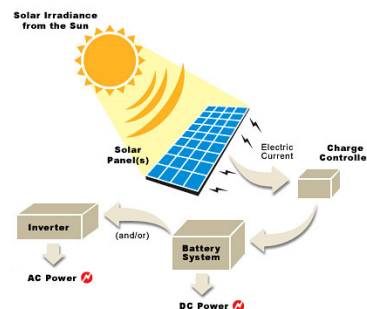
Can you imagine? - typing a document or letter or a recipe on your computer, and the electricity suddenly going out? "Rats! I didn't back that up!"

In Kaimosi, Kenya, the electricity, like the water, and other services are erratic. This is frequently experienced at Friends Theological School in Kaimosi. It is a challenge to finish your reading or computer work when the electricity goes off. What to do!?

Creative Friend Jim Hoeksema (whose father, Marvin Hoeksema, was a missionary in Kenya), had a fantastic idea - solar power.

Yes! said **WYM Outreach Board**. And so our 2016 Outreach Board Special Project goal is to raise \$12,000 for a new solar power project at Friends Theological College in Kaimosi, Kenya. Having a consistent source of electrical power will improve the student's ability to use computers at all times and to study at night. It will also improve overall safety on the campus after dark.

What a good idea!



Energize, Equip and Connect Campaign

FUM Small Group Gatherings

Friends United Meeting is hosting a series of small group gatherings across Indiana with a focus on the **Energize, Equip and Connect Campaign**. This Campaign is a three-year, \$3,000,000 effort to strengthen FUM's sustainability and enable us to launch several new ministry initiatives. These gatherings will also give Friends the opportunity to discuss how FUM can better support our shared work both in North America and around the globe.

All Friends are invited to attend one of these gatherings. Check FUM's website at www.friendsunitedmeeting.org for additional information and locations and changes to this schedule:

First Friends Meeting, Indianapolis

3030 Kessler Blvd East Dr., Indianapolis IN 46220

March 13, 2016 from 4:00-6:00 pm

Paoli Friends Meeting

301 N Gospel St., Paoli IN 47454

March 15, 2016 from 6:30-8:30 pm

Kokomo First Friends Meeting

1801 W Zartman, Kokomo IN 46902

March 16, 2016 from 6:30-8:30 pm

Friends United Meeting (Welcome Center)

101 Quaker Hill Dr., Richmond, IN 47374

March 20, 2016 from 4:30-6:30 pm

Carmel Friends Church

651 W Main St., Carmel IN 46032

April 24, 2016 4:00-6:00 pm



West Newton Friends Meeting

6800 S. Mooresville Rd. Indianapolis, IN

April 27, 2016 from 6:30-8:30 pm

Youth Notes

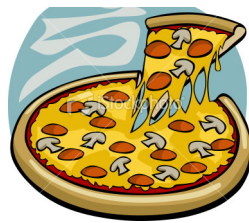
Grace Miller in Print! Friends Journal Article featuring someone from our First Friends Family! Harold and Ellen Miller's daughter and Sam Miller's sister, **Grace** is featured in the January issue of Friends Journal in their article, "A Quaker Voice in Indiana – Interview with Grace Miller of Indiana Friends Committee on Legislation".

It's a wonderful article about the power of Quaker faith and action, and how each one of us can make a difference. IFCL is seeing a new burst of enthusiasm in how Quakers can change the world! Grab the Journal, and check pages 17-19!

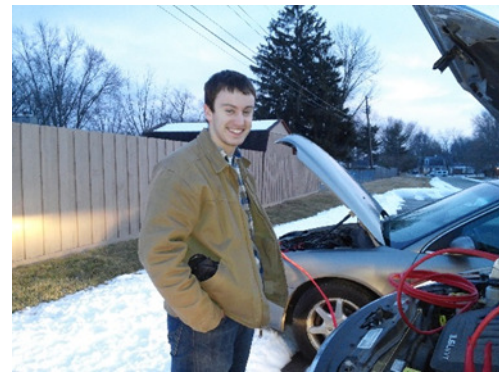


Youth Cabinet will be at Indianapolis First Friend to work in a food pantry. They will also take part in a lock-in with First Friends.

Peace and Pizza On April 16th, Andrew and some of the Youth are going to Bloomingdale for some quality service (work) time, and for peace, pizza, and a movie.

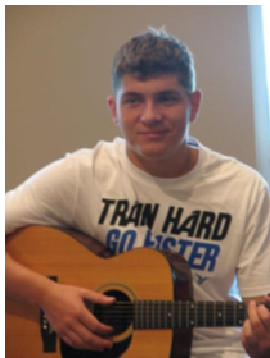


Want some want some quality work time and fellowship with our youth? Give Andrew Heald at call.



Andrew gets a charge out of WYM Youth.

Ivan from Ukraine



Ivan, who visited us from Ukraine during the summer of 2014 and has made multiple attempts at a Visa has FINALLY made his way to Indiana thanks to the work of some very generous Friends. This has been a long and difficult road for Ivan, and hopefully he can find a peaceful place among Friends here. Ivan has arrived with little more than the clothes on his back, but has been offered room and board, and some support. He will not be able to legally work for 6 months, so "odd" jobs would be appreciated. If you have work Ivan can do, please contact Cathy Lucas (clucas_7063@yahoo.com or 317-563-2806) or Chase Slaughter. (The Fairfield Friend)



QUNO Quaker United Nations Office. QUNO has occasional opportunities for youth. This summer, they are having a Quaker United Nations summer school in Geneva for youth, ages 20-26 who are interested in international affairs and the United Nations. For more information email :

www.quaker.org.uk/events/quaker-un-summer-school-2016 or helenb@quaker.org.uk to talk with Helen Bradford (QUNSS). For more information see: www.quno.org.

FCNL Opportunities for Young Adults

The **Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)** is expanding their programs for young people! Young adults can get hands-on experience working for peace and social justice through FCNL.

- **Spring Lobby Weekend (March 12-15, 2016)** will draw some 350 young adults to Washington to lobby on mass incarceration.
- **Summer Internship Program** (June and July 2016), for college sophomores and juniors, provides two months of experience working with FCNL's Quaker lobby in Washington, DC.
- **Advocacy Corps** (paid, part-time, August 2016 to May 2017) includes a 10-day training in Washington, DC followed by nine months of part-time, paid consulting work (25-35 hrs per month) organizing locally to support legislation on comprehensive immigration reform.
- **Young Fellows Program** (paid, full-time, September 2016 to July 2017) brings recent college grads to work in our Washington, DC office, learning how to change the world.



Freedom Struggle, 1963-1980, with Dr. Formwalt, will be presented at Fairfield Friends

Meeting, March 18, at 7:00 pm. A free will offering will be taken.

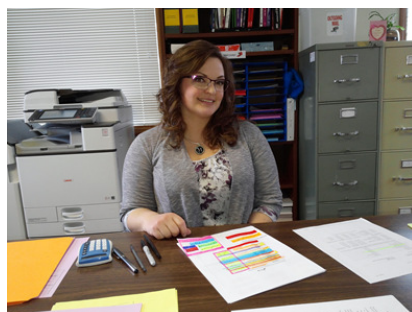
Dr. Formwalt has focused largely on Southwest Georgia history from the perspective of African Americans' experience. He wrote a prize-winning book, **Southwest Georgia Freedom Struggle, 1814-2014**. There will be a book sale and signing after the program.



Carmel Friends met after Meeting to discuss a prayer strategy for their church. The words on the board are 1) Renewal-confess; 2) Boards-leaders; 3) Future direction; 4) Young families-youth; and 5) Outreach. Then they gathered in small groups to pray.

Christy Marsh,

Administrative Assistant, likes her reports in color. The colors help her organize her work.



Wider World Notes



World Unity Day was held at the Allisonville Church of Christ. Several members of the Church Leaders meeting gathered to perform the service. About eight Christian denominations were represented. This was an important meeting after the dissolution of the Greater Church Federation of Indianapolis.



Do these pop tops and Campbell soup labels look familiar? This is just another way many churches work together to bring help to our Communities.



Early in the week Ms. Candi received a call from Mr. August, a former teacher at **Belize Friends School** who is also a relative of hers (isn't everybody? - Dale). He said that the Rotary had some used textbooks out at Old Belize (a resort near the city) that they were giving away. Of course we called the number he gave us and in a short period of time we were on our way.

It might be an exaggeration to say the we got a ton of books, but not by much. The Freestyle was

sitting pretty low when we drove away.

Were the books really free? Yes. They had been brought down by the Rotary and they were giving them to anyone who would make good use of them. We will. I promise.

January 8, **Belize Updates**. Where are these updates? Go to the FUM site (www.fum.org) and there is a carousel of articles with news from around FUM. This was one of those articles



Special FWCC Pisac Travel Appeal

Our experience with the World Plenary Meeting in Peru exceeded all expectations. This gathering was extraordinary in that Friends were remarkably open to each other and express a longing to discover ways to work together in the world across traditions. The participation of over 90 Young Adult Friends brought a fresh energy, encouraging us as Friends to allow God to transform us. Coming from 37 countries, we were greatly enriched by our cultural diversity.

However, there were significant delays in processing visas and the additional travel costs, meaning that expenses were significantly higher than budgeted by about \$29,000. FWCC is seeking help from as many Friends as possible to meet this unexpected expense, and have asked all four sections to help. As the **Section of the Americas**, Friends can make a tax deductible contribution on the FWCC SoA website, www.FWCCAmericas.org with a note designating the contribution to the World Office Travel Fund. There will be a small administrative charge by the Section of the Americas for processing donations.



FWCC Peru 2016

Terry Trierweiler' Travels

"The World Plenary Meeting January 2016 in Peru for FWCC was delightful with 350 Friends from 38 countries and high energy with 90 young adults. Each section lead worship once and there was daily Bible study with a professor from Cambridge and daily silent worship so it was spiritually rich and transformative. A new Rufus Jones quote to me was " With every child born is something new of God". With so much diversity it was remarkable how warm and united we felt.



Warm and sustainable meals with little added sugar were gathering times to discuss all concerns. A 30 year old female from Georgia (the country) and a 60 year old Russian male were comfortably talking. Unfortunately there is tribal conflict in Burundi. Kenyans are worried about the next election. Palestine has had a very rough year. There are at least 6 Bolivian Meetings and they seem vibrant. I enjoyed talking to many Friends from at least 25 countries so there was time for a lot of cross pollination of ideas during meals and home groups.

Consultation groups were on several topics. I chose the one on sustainability led by Jonathan Wooley from QUNO (Quaker United Nations Office) in Geneva. (little known to me a life time Quaker). Apparently he was very helpful or important at the recent Paris Climate Summit. The UN defines sustainability very broadly. Recently FWCC has divested from all Fossil Fuel. Shortly FWCC will have a Sustainability statement that will encourage each meeting to initiate 2 or more concrete actions of sustainability within one year and will encourage one to involve youth and young adults. Local color with llamas and the local Pisac market and the trip to Machu Picchu were icing on the cake. " Terry Trierweiler tjwtdmfp@aol.com



Luanne's Peruvian Update

"I've now been to the Friends World Committee for Consultation World Plenary in Pisac, Peru - I've experienced that which a WORLD gathering of Friends has to offer and I'm in awe of that! Spending over a week among 320 Friends (over 400 over the weekend with additional Peruvian & Bolivian Friends) - from 39 Countries, 77 Yearly Meetings, 8 independent Monthly Meetings & 2 Worship Groups - speaking over a dozen languages. Friends sharing together in Bible studies, meetings for worship, business meetings, consultations, home groups, over meals, personal sharing and epilogues - all of this taking place in the Sacred Valley in the middle of the Andes Mountains . . . sharing words, smiles, tears, hugs and ministry - with old and new Friends.

Thank you to those Friends who sent me off with a prayer calendar, cards to open each day and the drawing - all of which I carried around with me in my backpack. Choosing which card open and which day to open them while totally random on my part - seeming not so random at times. Thank you for your thoughts and for the smiles and chuckles they bought me while I was on this Pilgrimage . . . as I traveled in the ministry with and among Friends. I'm looking forward to sharing more about my experiences and the World Plenary during Yearly Meeting in July and with Friends around the Yearly Meeting in the coming months.

While it can be said that it's good to be home I'm still adjusting and . . . I'm missing being with my Friends but feeling blessed by this experience. "

Luanne Hagee





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*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.*



John Cadbury was one of ten children of Richard Tapper Cadbury, a prominent Quaker who had moved to Birmingham, England from the West Country in 1794.

In 1824, 22-year-old John Cadbury opened his first shop at 93 Bull Street, next to his father's drapery and silk business in the then fashionable part of Birmingham. Apart from selling tea and coffee, John Cadbury sold hops, mustard and a new sideline - cocoa and drinking chocolate, which he prepared using a mortar and pestle.

John Cadbury made his first "French eating Chocolate" in 1842, but it was not until 1875 that the first Cadbury Easter Eggs were made. Progress in the chocolate Easter egg market was slow until a method was found for making the chocolate flow into the molds. Decorative skill and variety bloomed and by 1893 there were 19 different lines on the Cadbury Brothers Easter list in the UK. Richard Cadbury's artistic skill undoubtedly played an important part in the development of the Easter range. Many of his designs were based on French, Dutch and German originals adapted to Victorian tastes. Germany came up with the 'crocodile' finish, which by breaking up the smooth surface, disguised minor imperfections. This was the forerunner to the many distinctive finishes now available.

From *Valley Voice*, Valley Mills Friends Mtg, Apr. 2015