



# Encourage, Support, Equip

Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Church

May 2018

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WESTERN WORK

## West Newton Friend making a difference

Dan Burger is a member of West Newton Friends and a volunteer at Sheltering Wings. He wrote the following poem/reflection and information about the work of Sheltering Wings.

I go every Thursday at 5:30 or 8  
 I can't be too early and it's never too late  
 I go to the shelter and meet with some boys  
 With the hope that our time spent  
 Will become one of their joys  
 They're there as a piece of a family that's split  
 The how or why don't matter to me-not one bit  
 There is a program to teach them good values and  
 actions  
 I think what they need too,  
 is a time with distractions.  
 So I go with my mystery bag full of some whatsits  
 There are mirrors and magnets to pick up bolts and the nut/s  
 There is a glass that will make bigger all the this and the that  
 And an aluminum fork that will hum in B flat  
 With flashlights we cast shadows that can be real scary  
 in a room that the wall is smooth, bumpy and hairy  
 Some days it's the Legos that take up our time  
 On others it's the dominoes--double nines  
 I go for the souls not yet hardened -to nurture  
 With curious things and hand stands on the furniture  
 I go there to show the boys it's all right  
 Every Thursday I am there so you know me by sight  
 One guy in their life that says they're OK,  
 Though he be older and taller and quiet and grey.  
 I go because my soul needs nurture too  
 And on Thursdays the five year-old's smile will do.



Dan Burger



Sheltering Wings is located on the north edge of the Hendricks Regional Hospital complex in Danville. It provides an immediate haven from violence or abandonment for women and children. It also provides education and support in preparation for independence. If you wish to support Sheltering Wings, continuous needs are: paper towels, toilet tissue, trash bags(55 gallon), stamps, and copier paper. There are some "thanks but no thanks" items. Cash always works. Their website always features a current needs list (<https://shelteringwings.org/wish-list/>)  
 Sheltering Wings — PO Box 92, Danville, IN 46122

### Calendar—May

- 9 Property Trustees, Office, 3pm
- 10 Financial Trustees, Office of Stifel,  
9:15 am
- 10 Program Com, Kelley Rm, 1-3pm
- 11-13 FCNL 75th Anniversary Celebration,  
Earlham College

- 19 WYM Boards, 9 am
- 26 Kokomo chicken/beef & noodles, 4-7pm
- 28 Memorial Day, office closed

### June

- 2 Finance Board, 10 am
- 3 Coloma 99th Homecoming
- 9 Coloma Super Saturday



### Kelly Kellum, General Secretary of Friends United Meeting

“The Board of Friends United Meeting, in business sessions in Richmond, IN (USA), accepted the recommendation of the Search Committee to call **Kelly Kellum** as the **next General Secretary of FUM**. Kelly was raised in Burundi, Africa, where his parents were missionaries with Mid-America Yearly Meeting.” Kelly has pastored in FUM Yearly Meetings and was clerk of FUM for 2 terms. He’s easy to talk to and has a good sense of humor, so stop him and introduce yourself when you see him.

## Area Meetings



Becca Schaeffer, daughter of Dave Freelan, pastor at **Hazel Dell Friends Church**, gave the message during **Northern Area** meeting. She talked about the stones that Joshua used to build the alter after the Children of Israel crossed the Jordan (Joshua 4) and the stones we collect during our faith journey to build an altar to God.

Katherine Murray, pastor at **Noblesville Friends Meeting**, spoke at **North Central Area Meeting**, held at **Carmel Friends Meeting**. A member of the Revitalization Task Force, Katherine led an exercise in what WYM needs to build up our common bonds and strengthen us.



At **West Central Area** Bill Chapman of IFCL updated Friends on IFCL’s work in the current legislative session and how it impacts our communities and our meetings. The area meeting was held at **West Newton Friends**, a new meeting to West Central Area.

Sue Henry was giving the children’s Sermon at **Indianapolis First Friends**. “Everyone has the Light of God inside them,” she said. “Stand up and face the people. Do you see the Light of God in them?” One little boy spoke out, “You can’t see the light in them. They have skin on!”







Katherine Murray, pastor of **1st Friends Noblesville**, presented “The Center Holds: A Spiritual Response to Turbulent Times” at **Administrative Council** held at **Fairfield Friends**.



**At Administrative Council**

Year End Reports were approved from the Boards.

Office Advisory Committee, after reading evaluations, recommended extending the call to Andrew Heald for the position of Director of Christian Education for 2 more years.

Andrew Heald read a letter of resignation to step out in faith and follow a leading elsewhere. His resignation was accepted, effective 7/31/18, with appreciation, thanks, best wishes and regrets.

It was approved to lay down Gravelly Run Friends Meeting with regrets.

A Search Committee was approved to look for a new CE Director.

Central Area will not be laid down. First Friends Indianapolis wishes to remain in Central Area. Second Friends will also remain in Central Area.

Property Trustees, Finance Board, and Financial Trustees have a plan to fund the needed care for Bridgeport Cemetery for 2018.

A task force named later as “Revitalizing Meetings” was approved.

Sara Edgerton was appointed as Assistant Treasurer.

The Youth Leader at **Hadley Friends** meeting, announced a special assignment for these young men after meeting that afternoon at Grandma’s House. Picking up sticks! The boys were really happy, because it meant a bonfire, hot dogs, etc.



FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP – The congregation of the one-room Quaker church arrived for Sunday school to find a message on the black-board.

“May the blessings of God almighty shower down upon this most precious place for all who enter here!” a descendant of an early member wrote one day in 2016. “Thank you for your open door!”

The members of **Gravelly Run Friends Meeting** didn’t erase the note, just as they kept the small notebook on the pulpit filled with greetings from visitors who let themselves in to the small white building six-and-a-half miles east of Crawfordsville.

Gravelly Friends Meeting was laid down at **Administrative Council**, March 17, 2018.

## MEETING NEWS



**Holly Cedar** has become the new minister of **Valley Mills Friends Meeting**. She has a Masters from Earlham School of Religion, and has done ministry as a therapeutic horseback riding instructor, and has worked at IU Health Bloomington as chaplain. She received her chaplain's certificate in 2016 and continues to serve as a supplemental chaplain.



### FARMER'S MARKETS

Beginning **May 1** through September, Mooresville Friends will be hosting a Farmer's Market. They will have a booth which will support their General Fund.



**May 31 Plainfield Friends Farmers Market** sponsored by the Plainfield Chamber of Commerce will be open.



Ann Carter, from **Russiaville Friends Meeting**, and Katherine Ann, her granddaughter, stand in front of an Easter quilt made by Ann. It was a printed panel. Every black line is quilted, most of them on both edges, to give the piece texture and accentuate the stained glass look of each section.

Jeff Blackburn, former Russiaville pastor and our devotional speaker at WYM Sessions, said, "Ann, the panel is beautiful. The light is evident. You could become known as "the quilter of light!"

**The Thornburgs**, from **Indianapolis First Friends**, went to Belize this winter. Aaron is head of maintenance for Goodwill in Indy and Michelle is an art therapist who works with children. They brought their two children,

Meshach and Kwali, with them to discover Belize and to help with the projects there.



Each day, during the week, the whole family worked with our students on some art therapy kinds of work. During the remaining part of the day we got started on the renovation of the residence that is above the Center.

**In the Right Place, At the Right Time**

Our God often puts ordinary people with their unique or special skills & abilities in the right place at the right time.



Our son, Donald, has been a semi driver for more than 35 years. He was driving on a rural highway several miles from a town when the engine began losing power. He was able to get to a grain farm and pull into the driveway. The farmer approached and was told the problem with the engine. As they were talking, a neighbor of the farmer stopped to visit. The neighbor was a mechanic working on semi engines. He was able to fix the problem.

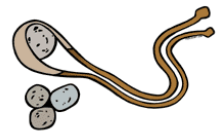
Another time Donald became ill as he was driving. He pulled into a truck stop and then collapsed on the pavement – just as two EMTs had finished their lunch break and were returning to their ambulance. They then transported him to a hospital for treatment.

One day he came upon a road closure because of an accident involving a semi. He would be delayed for a long time so he went to see if he could help the rescue workers who were working to free the injured driver. Other workers were trying to stabilize the loaded trailer.

He was dismayed to see that those workers were unaware of their great danger. If they continued the trailer would topple over on them. He knew how to stabilize the trailer – then instructed and helped get the trailer secured so the rescue workers could continue helping the injured driver.

Everyone could relate stories similar to these. It is not luck or happenstance – If we are faithful our Lord will use our talents & abilities at the right time at the right place.

We have the story in the Bible of young David who was skilled with his sling as he watched his father’s flock. David’s father, Jesse, sent him with food for his brothers who were in Saul’s army. The dreaded giant of the Philistines had taunted the Israelites for 40 days. When David arrived and heard Goliath taunts, he went to Saul and said “I can fight him.” We know the story of how young David using his sling killed the giant. Another story of being in the right time at the right place with right skills and ability.



Louise Lamb, **New Salem Friends Church**



**The Quaker Corner – Quaker Speak**

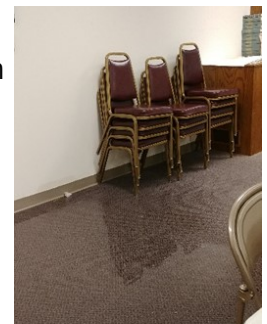
Did you know that Quakers have a web video series called *Quaker Speak* which is released on Thursdays? It is a project by Friends Journal and aimed at communicating Quaker Experience to religious seekers and Friends Meetings. Quakers from diverse backgrounds speak about various topics such as Quakers in the movies, how Quakers make decisions, and important people in Quaker history, such as George Fox. They are each just a few minutes in length so check it out at <http://quakerspeak.com/>.

By: Nancy Childs, **Carmel Friends Meeting**



The Fire inspector was impressed by our window fire escape ladders in the YM windows downstairs..

Property Trustees had an April Fool surprise when the south sump pump gave out and flooded the front hall, both bathrooms and closet in between, and the Kelly Room. Not sure you see the water? Look at the reflections in the rug .





**AVP Annual National Gathering** ~ All are invited to join the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) annual conference held this year at Earlham College in Richmond. It will be on Memorial Day weekend, May 25-28. If you're interested in registering, please visit <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=2022849>. In an attempt to bring their work to high school students, AVP is also trying to raise funds to help send some of their students to the conference as well. They have included in the program a youth panel discussion which their students will participate with youth from AVP programs in New Jersey and New York. They have invited the Peace Learning Center to be a part of this as well. This is an exciting opportunity for the students. It costs \$100 to send one high school student to the entire weekend conference where they will have the opportunity to meet and learn from experienced AVP facilitators from across the country. If you're interested in donating, please visit <https://avpindiana.org/>.

### Search Committee

Western Yearly Meeting is accepting applications to fill the full-time position of Christian Education Direction. It is an executive level staff position responsible for the present spiritual health and growth of Western Yearly Meeting (FUM) with particular oversight regarding Christian Education. A further description is available on Western Yearly Meeting's website. Please send resumes to Mark A. Tope – Paoli Friends Meeting - 301 North Gospel Street – Paoli, IN 47454 c/o Search Committee for WYM CE Director or email: [k9chester@gmail.com](mailto:k9chester@gmail.com)

### Indiana Friends Committee on Legislation

One of IFCL's most gratifying accomplishments in the legislative session that concluded last week was our success in helping stop the predatory Payday Lending Bill, HB1319. This bill would have tripled the allowable annual percentage (APR) of unsecured consumer installment loans. Despite passing in the House, HB1319 faltered after it was sent to the Senate Commerce and Technology Committee. IFCL had a leading role in reversing this bill's initial momentum, by focusing lawmaker's attention on its moral implications, and persuading them that HB1319 would put some of the state's most economically troubled citizens at perilous risk.

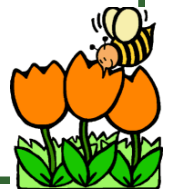
Nonetheless, the payday industry lobbyists vow that this issue will be brought forward again. Many thanks for your ongoing support of IFCL - now in its 46th year!

Tom Roberts

Clerk of IFCL's Quaker Connections Committee

### Western Yearly Meeting Sessions—Notes to begin thinking about

- Yearly Meeting Sessions are 12-17
- Are you finishing your MM annual reports
- If you would like to lead an interest group, please get your written plans to Sylvia
- There will be child-care and programs for Jr YM, and Jr/Sr High Yearly Meeting
- Have you made reservations for a motel?
- **Registration** will be posted on the website shortly, watch for it!



**Automatic Donations** ~ More and more people do not carry cash or checks. Have you considered using Automatic Withdrawals for receiving your contributions? First Indianapolis and Fairfield Friends have started that practice. Contact your bank or one of these meetings if you have questions.

**From the Christian Education Library of Materials**

Need materials for Sunday School class? Tired of the same old stuff? Need a new idea for Children’s Church or Vacation Bible School?

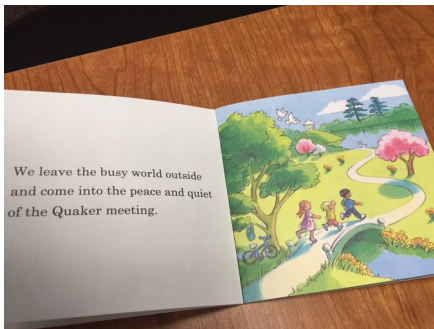
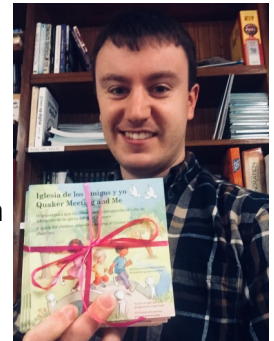
The Western Yearly Meeting Christian Education Board may have some answers!

There are shelves and shelves of materials in the Western Yearly Meeting Office needing to be used. These materials range from pre-school age through adults.

From time to time the Board on Christian Education is going to highlight some of these materials in *Western Work*.

This time we would like to highlight something new to the Yearly Meeting: a small booklet on Quaker worship entitled Quaker Meeting and Me. It is a great little booklet for parents to read to their children or for older children to read silently during open worship time. The booklet is written in both English and Spanish with versions for both programmed and un-programmed Meetings. And the best part:

They are **FREE!** The Yearly Meeting Office has several copies available. Just contact Andrew Heald (pictured holding the booklet) for your copies.



If the Yearly Meeting Office is out or if you want to order your own, they are also available from QREC (Quaker Religious Education Collaborative) at the following email address: [QMandM@quakers4re.org](mailto:QMandM@quakers4re.org). If ordered from this source there may be shipping costs, but the booklets are free.



May 9-15 six **Young Adult Friends** are in Belize.

**They are: Case Estle, Chloe Estle, Hannah Lyon, Natalie Heald, Katie Styer, and Andrew Heald.**

Their trip started early Tuesday morning and continues through May 15. They will be joined by Sylvia Graves' sister and husband.

Thanks to everyone who has made this mission trip possible. Your continued prayers are appreciated.



**Camp Dates—**

**June**

- 8-10** Live Your Live Camp
- 10-15** Jr. High Camp
- 15-17** Beginner’s Camp
- 17-24** Senior Hi Camp I
- 24-29** Adventure Camp

**July**

- 8-11** Little Friends Camp
- 15-20** Senior Hi Camp 2



**Western**

- Yearly Meeting Youth**
- Nursery** available for 0-K
- Junior Yearly Meeting Program** for 1-5/6
- Junior Hi/Senior Hi program** for 6/7-12

**Come Join US!!!**

Look for complete program and registration around May 31

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## Purpose

WYM encourages, supports, and equips meetings and individuals to grow and share their faith in Jesus Christ as we seek the will of God through Scripture and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, expressed in Quaker tradition



Does our art welcome, represent, and inspire *all* people as they enter into our Meetinghouse?

These are just a few of the reasons, I have decided to begin creating new Quaker art. In my first, *The Light Shines Forth* (20"x20" acrylic on canvas) I utilized a similar style to that of the African piece that had inspired me by Twin Seven-Seven. Not only did I want it to convey our Quaker distinctives, I also sensed a need to tell a story of our rich history of social action while including faces from several different cultures and races. I chose the historic Quaker grays to represent the equality among us and yellow to represent the importance of the Light

You may also note that Margaret Fell takes a slightly higher position in the center over George Fox to show the importance of the leadership of women from the very beginning among Quakers.

*The Light Shines Forth*, by Bob Henry,  
pastor of Indianapolis First Friends