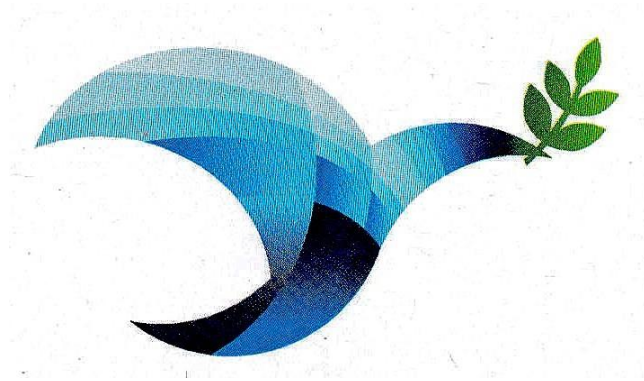


THE FAIRFIELD FRIEND

January 2022



Fairfield Friends Meeting is a diverse Quaker community that lives and shares the peace, love and Light of God in the world.



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THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR, PHIL GULLEY***PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE***

Joan and I were driving home from dinner with friends recently. I was unusually quiet, so Joan asked me if I were alright. I told her I was thinking about what it might be like if everyone who'd ever attended Fairfield were still living and came to meeting for worship the same Sunday. We reminisced about Dave Siemantel, Phyllis Gladden, Earl Hurst, Dick and Pauline Givan, Ken and Dawn Sheets, and numerous others, and how wonderful it would be to see them again. If heaven had never been invented, we probably would have dreamed it up just to see our friends again.

There are only a handful of folks at Fairfield who were here when I washed up on her shores 22 years ago. This is consistent with what church experts say: that churches tend to renew themselves every generation, or twenty years. Fairfield today is a different Fairfield than it was in 2002, and in 2042 there'll be a whole other Fairfield. There'll be some overlap, of course, but not as many as one might think. As the people change, so does the theology. Fairfield was once a somewhat rural, traditional meeting. I remember that meeting and think of it in moments of warm nostalgia. But that's not who we are today. Camby Road is doubling in size, the volume of traffic has grown exponentially, and thanks to Zoom and Google Meets our meeting has become the spiritual home for people who've never stepped foot in our meetinghouse. The challenge, of course, is remaining a community even as our community is changing.

It begs the old philosophical question a sailor once asked about a centuries-old schooner, "If every board has been replaced in the past 200 years, is it still the same boat?"

Speaking of 200-years-old, we'll be turning that in a few short years, and we've replaced quite a few boards over the years, a good number of them this past year after Covid arrived, causing us to rethink what it meant to do church and be the church. Last week, I received an email from one of our newer F(f)riends who happened upon us as we were launching our Zoom gatherings. He asked me to hold his wife, diagnosed with cancer, in the Light. He and his wife are now every bit a part of our

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meeting as anyone else, joined to us by a Spirit who knows no boundaries or borders.

Are we still the same boat? Yes, in that our dream and purpose remain unchanged. Are the parts and pieces and people that comprise us the same? No, that's all changed. About every 20 years, if the experts can be trusted. It is a pleasant exercise to remember those who once constituted our community, but it is fascinating to consider who and what we might be down our ever-changing road.

MINISTRY AND COUNSEL

As I sat down to write this, an opening line of a favorite Christmas song, Candlelight Carol, came to mind.

It's "How do you capture the wind on the water?" I'm thinking about how do you know it's safe to return to in-person meetings! This is the question that Ministry and Counsel has been struggling with for months and will continue to struggle with in the months to come.

We had been on Zoom since our opening in the summer was not continued and had said we would wait until Dec. 19, giving our children time to be fully vaccinated. Then the cases kept increasing in Indiana and Hendricks county, the color of counties all turned to orange or red on the state advisory chart, omicron variant raised its head, and some break through cases of fully vaccinated people were reported. The committee had to decide not to open as many closures were coming nationwide. The future remains clouded as we are in the winter months when cases increase, so no date has been set for returning as much as we desire to see each other in Meeting.

The Meeting was blessed in the Dec. 19 broadcast with music from Amanda Gainey playing her flute, Lee Edmundson playing a piano Christmas medley, and Frank Gladden accompanied by Helene Reyburn singing "One Little Candle."

As the committee constantly evaluates the safety of the return, the technology group has initiated a switch from Zoom to Google Meet because of cost and increased storage space. The link to this is available in the Meeting's emails.

The committee hopes everyone has a very safe New Year's and it looks forward to seeing 2022 be the year that COVID is finally managed to the safe degree that we may return to in-person meetings again!

CLERK PLEASE—A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDING CLERK

CLERK PLEASE January 2022

The following are highlights from the December 19 Monthly Meeting:

- With due diligence, on December 15 the combined Ministry & Council and COVID committees abandoned the plan for in-person worship on Snow Flake Sunday, which would have occurred this day.
- Representing the Finance Committee, Mike Furnish presented the following guideline/policy that the committee would like to see adopted. "In general expenses are approved when the annual Fairfield Friends budget is approved by the Monthly Meeting. Any committee requesting a non-emergency significant expense which would exceed the committees' annual budgeted amount is asked to notify the Finance Committee for review before they make a recommendation to Monthly Meeting." This was approved, and it was agreed that it would be minuted as an addendum to the Fairfield handbook.
- Sarah Lookabill reported she had received 30 thank-yous from students at Patricksburg Elementary School for music stands USFW purchased for them.
- Phil Gulley noted that the Men's Wednesday lunch group will begin meeting on Zoom due to the increase in COVID cases.
- Because we will not be meeting in person in the foreseeable future, we will not be having the All Committee Meeting which typically occurs in January. Therefore all committees are encouraged to conduct virtual meetings to choose clerks and recording clerks, and prepare reports on 2021 accomplishments. This will be discussed at the All Clerks Meeting on January 18.
- Next Monthly Meeting will be January 16.

MONTHLY MEETING DEVOTION December, 2021

In lieu of a typical devotional, and in keeping I think with the holiday spirit, I decided to share the note Becky and I send out with the sixty or so Christmas cards we send all over the country. Here it is.

December 7, 2021

Dear Friends,

I am writing this the day after Becky had breast cancer surgery, probably not the best way to start a holiday note, but not as bad as it may sound either. She is doing very well today, surprising herself I think, and her prognosis is also very good. The professionals say it is a stage 0 situation, surgical removal of a 1 cm mass will be followed by radiation starting in about 6 weeks. Becky is not the only one having health issues. I was recently sent to a cardiologist and found to be in A-Fib during my appointment. So now I am in the middle of a battery of diagnostic tests. I guess the

CLERK PLEASE (CONT'D)

good news is that neither one of us feels bad. In the words of my good friend Chuck Glenn, "getting old isn't for sissies." The cruise scheduled for July did not happen, and is now scheduled for the same time in 2022. We are not signing up for any additional international travel until this Iceland-Norway trip actually happens. In the meantime, domestic travel this year was all about getting Brad moved to Blacksburg Virginia, where he teaches and takes classes and works on his doctorate at Virginia Tech. We, I in particular, are itching to get on the road, so now that we've had COVID boosters I am anticipating some trips next year. We'll probably start with short stuff, and I'd like to figure out where we can take the pups. Sean, Steph, and Kylee are all doing well and adjusting to Kylee having flipped to teenager. Having no idea I had any Indiana connections, it was interesting to learn a civil war era Fowler of my maternal grandmother's family is buried in Cloverdale. Becky and I went out there and found his grave back in the fall. We continue to have so much to be thankful for!!

Peace, love, and happy holidays, Randy

We have sometimes not done our best communicating on the affairs of Western Yearly Meeting, the parent organization to which Fairfield belongs, and to which we pay significant quarterly assessments. If you are interested you can learn a lot at <https://www.westernyearlymeeting.org>. There you will find a link to Western Work, the WYM newsletter.

Randy Horton, Presiding Clerk

HOLD IN THE LIGHT LIST**Linda Bryant****Ken McClung** (Jim's brother)**Jay Hayes****Family of Brian Ringer** (Tara Stewart's friend)**J.R. Gray** (Strietelmeier's nephew)**Kathe Bryant** (of Plainfield Friends Meeting)**Anita Camic and her brother****Lee Comer****Anna Prentice** (wife of Cliff)**Ken & Donna Gottman** (friends of Paul & Ande Reiter)**Family of Robert Hayes-Bennett****Martha Pokorny** (wife of Cliff Prentice's friend)**Lauren Chinn** daughter of Larry Cordray)**Bobbie Denbo** (sister-in-law of Terry and daughter-in-law of Mary)**Jane Apple** (brother of Joan Gulley)**Ruth Turner** (daughter of the late Charles & Elsie Carter)**Joe Sadler** (Phil & Joan Gulley's friend)**Kayla Brown and Cara** (Lee

Edmondson's co-worker & her cousin)

Mary Louise Cardwell**Mildred Kirchhoff** (Steve's mother)**Betty Strietelmeier** (Mark's mother)**Alan and Helen Huess** (Cindy

Strietelmeier's parents)

Nancy Messer**Mary Dooley****Brett Stewart****Daryl T. Brown****Julie Kindle****Patty Bowling****Beth Sotkiewicz****Bill & Jo Maris** (Stacey Denny's parents)**Margie Wollitz** (Mary's twin sister)**Brenda Sellers** (Linze Southwick's mom)**Gage Boyd** (Margo Lawson's grandson)**Chris Gautier**

**FAIRFIELD FRIENDS MEETING
OFFICERS and STANDING COMMITTEES
2022**

Pastor	Phil Gulley
Presiding Clerk	Randy Horton (2023-1)
Recording Clerk	Lynne Durocher (2022-2)
Rising Recording Clerk	Anita Camic 2022

Receipts Treasurer	Karen Heald
Disbursements Treasurer	Mike Chenoweth
Statistician	April Stevens (2023-2)

NOTES: **Denotes subcommittee of above
 *Denotes member filling an unexpired term
 The year to the left of a name is the final year of the committee member's term.
 The number to the right of a name is the term being served, typically a 1 or 2.
 Clerks and co-clerks in bold.

MINISTRY & COUNSEL	
2022 Lynn Adams	2
2023 Linda Bryant	2
Amanda Gainey	1
2024 Larry Cordray	2
Jeff Gabbard	1
Linda Mann	1
Ann Tarvin	1
**MUSIC	
2022 Julie Kindle	2
2023 Stan Jones	1
Alison Swift	1
2024 Laura Gabbard	1
Cindy Strietelmeier	1
Linda Bryant	2
Ex-Officio Lee Edmundson	
Amanda Gainey	
Joan Gulley	
**CARING FRIENDS	
Carol Cordray (Funeral Dinners)	
Dinah Geiger (Holiday Bags)	
Joan Gulley (Funeral Dinners)	
Madalyn Hesson (Flower & Greeting)	
Julie Kindle	
Becky McClung (Member Care)	
Helene Reyburn	

PROPERTY TRUSTEES	
2022 Ron Frye	2
2023 Anita Camic	1
Frank Gladden	2
Jim McClung	2
2024 Steve Blacketer	1
Lee Comer	2
Rita Goss	2
Fred Mann	1
Ex-Officio Ralph Baker - Cemetery	
Randy Coffin - Cemetery	
**DECORATING	
Sandy Chenoweth	
Mary Lee Comer	
Carol Cordray	
Ellen Blacketer	
Sarah Lookabill	
**HOUSEKEEPING	
2022 Laura Essex	2
2023 Brian Swift	1
2024 Laura Day	2
**LANDSCAPING	
Lee Comer	
Bill Smith	

FINANCE	
2022 Larry Cordray	2
Lynne Durocher	1
2023 Mike Furnish	1
Pam Smith	2
2024 Terry Denbo	1
Chad Smith	2
Ex-Officio Mike Chenoweth	
Karen Heald	
**STEWARDSHIP	
Mike Furnish	
Lynne Durocher	
Treg Hopkins	
Deborah Hunt	

PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE	
2022 Herb Denny	1
JB Symons	1
2023 Jeff Gabbard	1
Ann Tarvin	2
2024 Anita Camic	2
Linda Mann	2

LIBRARY	
2022 Carol Cordray	1
John Essex	2
2023 Mary Lee Comer	2
Kate Homan	1

COMMUNICATIONS	
Lee Edmundson (website)	
Don Adams (website)	
Cindy Hurst (newsletter)	
JoAnn Farrington (calling)	
Kay Frye (calling)	
Sarah Lookabill (Facebook)	
Tom Farrington (bulletins, email)	

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	
2022 Carl Lucas	1
2023 Liane McClure	1
Elise Smith	1
2024 Gan Baker	1
Laura Essex	2
Jimmy McClung	1
Tara Stewart	2

OUTREACH	
2022 Joan Gulley	1
*Cindy Hurst	1
Steve Kirchhoff	1
2023 Stacey Denny	1
Deborah Hunt	2
Craig Reasoner	2
2024 Ann Gautier	2
Becky Horton	2

NOMINATING	
2022 Larry Cordray	2
Becky Horton	2
2023 JoAnn Farrington	1
Linda Bryant	1
2024 Gan Baker	1
Joan Gulley	1

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL REPS	
Rep.	Randy Horton
Alt.	Steve Blacketer

1892 FOCUS	
Anita Camic	
Rhonda Impink	
Steve Kirchhoff	
Sarah Lookabill	

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**JANUARY**

Raelene Fendall (01/01)	Anne Durbin, Kathryn Allee, Mark Whipple, Paul Wilson (01/27)
Bill Lookabill, Danielle Sullivan, Nancy Wafula, Roger Long (01/02)	Jake Gabbard, Tareq Khalaf (01/28)
Joyce Price, Kim Soladine (01/03)	Natalie Clark, Stacey Denny, Cindy Strietelmeier (01/29)
Leslieann Lee, Zane Bruner (01/04)	Donald & Carol Clark (01/29)
Vera Thrasker (01/05)	Mike & Hillary Mazar (01/30)
Austin Williams (01/07)	Laura Gabbard, Kaylee Clark (01/31)
Tom & Marjorie Gates (01/07)	
Kyle Rhoden, Sandra Horner, (01/08)	
Larry Cordray, Cathy Lucas, Cimberly McClelland, (01/09)	
Charles Barker (01/10)	
Susan Duffy (01/11)	
Carl Lucas (01/12)	
Asher Arnold (01/13)	
Muna Khleifi (01/15)	
Pamela Wilson (01/16)	
Brett & Ashley Hessian (01/16)	
Andy & Christine Porter (01/18)	
Charles Lee (01/19)	
Tim, Settles, Jeffery Todd (01/20)	
Samantha Howard, Georgianna Baker (01/21)	
Victoria Katterhenry (01/22)	
Donald Clark Jr., Kylie Hardin, Chad Smith (01/23)	
Melody Clark (01/25)	

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES (CONT'D)

FEBRUARY
Sophia Sageser (02/01)
Ana Cady (02/02)
Conner McClure, Kalob Heald, Luke Stanley, Mary Swift (02/03)
Jennifer Silvers, Phil Gulley (02/05)
Devin Leverett (02/07)
Barbara Stephey, Virginia Andis (02/09)
Libby Whipple, Lily Liang, Shayne Moore (02/10)
Jim Sheard, Mark Strietelmeier (02/11)
Mark & Robin Lawrence (02/11)
Georgiann Amonett (02/12)
Bob & Sandra Horner (02/12)
Laura Essex, W. David Jessup (02/14)
Ron & Kaye Frye (02/14)
Thomas Todd (02/15)
Barbara Heavilin (02/16)
April Martin (02/17)
Joni Leverett, Mike Mazur (02/18)
Shelby Jessup (02/19)
Andrew Day-Marshall (02/20)
Jeffrey Hackett (02/21)
Erin Thrasher, Robin Alexander, Stephen Jessup (02/22)
Colton McClure, Samuel Gulley, (02/24)
Katie Whipple, Marisa Vidal, Mark Hall, Mary Beth Williams (02/25)
Chris Thrasher, Evan Liang (02/27)
Brett Hesson, David Hopkins, Richard Agan, Shawn Heald (02/28)
Jimmy & Sherry Cheek (02/29)

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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	MEETING NAME	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Dec. 24	10:00 – 11:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Program	
Dec. 25	10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Christmas	
Dec. 26	10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Meeting for Worship	Online via Zoom
Dec. 26	11:45 – 12:45 p.m.	Finance Meeting	
Dec. 27	10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	USFW	
Dec. 26 – Jan. 2			Fairfield Friends host Family Promise