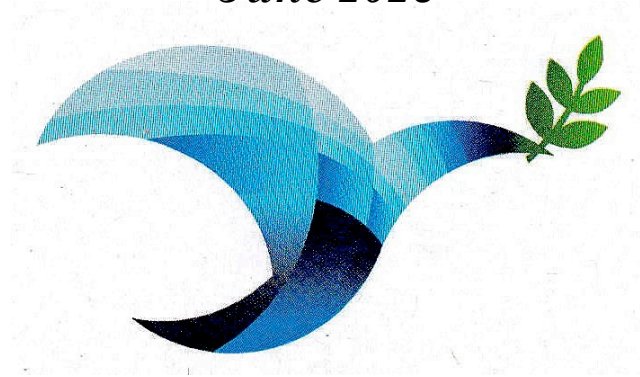


THE FAIRFIELD FRIEND

June 2023



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

Patina

If God has created a better month than June, I'm not aware of it. Joan begins her summer vacation, we'll take a trip or two, though this year the trip is coming to us. Sam, Kelsea, and our grandson, Miles, are traveling to Indiana to be with us for two weeks at the start of June. With Spencer in the fire academy, Madeline will be with us four days a week, which is always a pleasure. This summer she'll be learning how to mow. I'll train her on my sister's yard, before I turn her loose on ours. It's the same way I taught her how to paint.

Speaking of mowing, we have new mowers at the meetinghouse. The folks who'd cut our lawn the past several years couldn't find workers this year, so had to cut us loose. We've brought a new mower on board, a gentleman named Art Sierra, so you might see him around the place. Greet him warmly and thank him for keeping our meetinghouse lawn looking good. Thank a trustee, while you're at it. They do a wonderful job tending our Quaker home.

This month I want to talk about patina, which is properly defined as "the impression or appearance of something." We talk about furniture having patina. Buildings have patina too. You enter an old building and you can see its patina pretty quickly. It's been lived in, cleaned, painted multiple times, some parts are shinier than others, and some places worn smooth. There is a spiritual patina in some buildings too, which is sensed but not seen. It is the accumulation of prayer, song, laughter, and meditation that permeate a place over the years. I'm happy to report I've noticed some patina at our meetinghouse. I walk in the door and am assailed by memories of beautiful music, baby dedications, weddings, and even funerals, oddly enough. I think of Elsie Carter standing to share her insights and the rustle of restless children, which might be the sweetest sound of all. All those moments leave a mark on us, as if we too possess patina.

When the Catholics abandon a church building, they deconsecrate it, transferring it from sacred to secular use. They can say all the prayers they want over a building, but every former Catholic church I've ever been in still felt like a Catholic church to me. It's the patina. Friends stopped meeting at Sugar Grove Friends meetinghouse in 1962, but whenever I'm in it, I still sense their presence. In June of 1982, on the second day I knew Joan, we rode bicycles from Plainfield out through the countryside to the Sugar Grove meetinghouse and sat on the porch benches, which still remain, and talked for several hours. I'm fairly confident those old Quakers were flitting about, eavesdropping. Patina.

What we do in a building makes an insoluble mark on it. In the movie *Forrest Gump*, whenever Jenny's childhood house was shown, it felt forbidding, as if something bad had happened there. I've had that same experience in certain church buildings, a deep suspicion that damage was done to people there.

I've lately been trying a little experiment. Whenever I enter our meetinghouse, I remind myself to leave behind any negativity I might be carrying around. If I'm feeling bad about someone or something, I leave it outside. I don't want others to sense it. When they walk through the doors, I want them to feel peace and joy and a sense of calm, as if good things have been happening there. When I was a kid, I could walk into my grandparent's house and immediately feel accepted, loved, and valued. That's how I want people to feel when they walk in our meetinghouse and that's not likely to happen if I carry in impatience and hostility.

We could make a Quaker query if we wanted. *Am I aware of the Spirit I carry with me? Am I careful to carry loveliness with me wherever I go?*

CLERK PLEASE

June 2023

The following highlights are from the May 21 Monthly Meeting (MM), be sure to see the final minutes for details:

- Mike Chenoweth presented the April Financial Statement. April was an unusual month financially. Budgeted expenses were as low as they can possibly be, however revenue was also down and slightly less than expenses, resulting in a nearly break even situation. With the April average weekly offering down to \$1,864, the year-to-date average weekly offering decreased to \$3,600 which is still \$900 more than at the same time last year. Overall, the first four months of 2023 resulted in a \$22,888 budget surplus.
- Ann Tarvin reported on behalf of Ministry and Counsel. The order of worship has been tweaked once again, with the first hymn moved to just before announcements, and seems to be working well. June 4 needs to be on everyone's calendar and will be a very busy Sunday. We will be recognizing graduates during Meeting, which will be followed by the ice cream social. Friends will have an opportunity to confirm or update their home locations on maps that will be made available during the ice cream social. Finally, a memorial service will be held for Bill Maris, Stacey Denny's father, at around 1:15.
- Jim McClung reported for the Trustees. A cable connecting the sound board and the meeting room TV has resolved the problem with the interactive zoom program. Landscaping had a productive cleanup day on May 6, spreading mulch, trimming bushes, and adding river rock to areas adjacent to the north parking lots. Planning continues for a Ken and Dawn Sheets memorial planting on the NW corner of the building.
- Gan Baker reported for Christian Education. They met to make plans covering children's church through Sunday May 28, when children's church will be discontinued for the summer, Memorial Day through Labor Day. On Mother's day, geraniums were passed out to women at the Meeting. A Father's day celebration has been planned.
- Sue Walton reported on behalf of Outreach committee, which has been actively planning to distribute funds. Available funding includes their budget of \$6,500, as well as \$10K made available from Fairfield reserves. Supported organizations are local, national, and international, with most support going to local organizations.
- Next Monthly Meeting will be June 18.

FAIRFIELD MONTHLY MEETING DEVOTION

May 21, 2023

Continued input from the Plough Daily Dig. In the words of the publisher:

Start off your day with a jolt – a free, pithy quote from the likes of Arnold, Blumhardt, Dostoevsky, Kierkegaard, Romero, Sundar Singh, Tolstoy, and others, waiting in your inbox every morning. Think of it as caffeine for your conscience.

I read these every morning and save the ones that mean the most to me. The following is the May 15 edition. **Bearers of Destiny**

ALASTAIR ROBERTS

Moderns have become dulled to our own place in the generations, to the ways that we receive, bear, and pass on legacies, to the ways we are the harvest of former generations' labors and how our own labors await the harvest of future generations. In Matthew's genealogy, Jesus is introduced to us through the patterns of a long succession of earlier generations, as the fulfillment of their hopes, and their redemption from tragedy, frustration, and death.

Much of scripture traces God's gradual work of deliverance and restoration over many generations of a people. It reveals the legacies of past sins, but also the remarkable ways that his salvation can restore and reverse them.

The meaning of our present labors and sacrifices is entrusted in part to descendants we may never even meet

We have 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

Family Promise Support Week

Our Family Promise support week begins June 25th. Fairfield Friends will supply meals for those families who live in the Almost Home shelter. Additional items will be gathered and sent to the Resource Center. By stocking the pantry quarterly, Fairfield allows the workers at Family Promise to continue their work of loving guidance to those in need. We are part of their team.

Thanks,
Theresa Minton

WAYS YOU CAN RECYCLE AND CONTRIBUTE TO OUTREACH PROJECTS FOR FREE

1) Save **amber medicine bottles with the label removed** for **FAME** (Fellowship of Associates of Medical Evangelism). FAME began in 1970 in Columbus, IN as the result of a dream by Judge Milford Anness to start a Christian medical mission organization. FAME has grown from a group struggling to build one hospital in India, to an organization that has helped build 70 facilities in 29 countries around the world – hospitals, clinics, feeding centers, church buildings, housing for medical staff, and mobile medical units. FAME is now located in a warehouse on Southeastern Avenue in Indianapolis. For more information Google [FAME Partners in Medical Evangelism](#).

2) As of December 2021: The **Right Sharing of World Resources Stamp Program** accepts stamps of all issue dates and countries, both used and unused stamps, sheets of stamps, albums, boxed collections of stamps, envelopes, and postcards. With foreign stamps, if they are still on the envelope or postcard, leave them there. If they are already removed, they are still welcome. If there are special markings on any envelopes, leave the stamp on the envelope. If they are not, leave 1/8 – 1/4 around the edge so the **ENTIRE** stamp is preserved. **PLEASE LEAVE PEELABLE STAMPS ON THE ENVELOPES AS THEY STICK TO OTHER STAMPS WHEN PEELED OFF.** These stamps are purchased by stamp collectors and proceeds benefit RSWR (Right Sharing of World Resources). **Any stamps are acceptable; however, NONPROFIT and PRESORTED ones have very little value.** You can Google [Right Sharing Stamp Program](#) for more information.

3) The **Pop Tab program** benefits the Ronald McDonald house in Indianapolis. They accept any metallic tab from soda, soup cans, energy drinks, etc. They average \$6000 a year from pop tabs. Last year they received over 13 million tabs. The proceeds provide extra revenue to help make up for the donations that families cannot make. For more information Google: [Pop Tab Donations for Ronald McDonald House](#).

I hope this answers any questions you may have about the items we collect year round. There are collection containers in the dining room by the mailboxes. Thanks so much for your help with this project. If you have further questions, you can contact me at dinageiger@att.net or call or text me at 317-752-5306.

Dinah Geiger, Western Yearly Meeting Board on Christian Outreach Clerk

Ministry and Council

May 2023

Mark your calendar for June 4. As we finish up the school year and kick-off the summer season there are several activities that day:

- We will recognize our high school and college graduates during worship
- The annual ice cream social will follow. Bring only your appetites. M&C will furnish sandwich fillings so you can make your own, Chips, drinks, and ice cream in several flavors round out the menu.
- There will be new maps on the wall in the dining room so we can update where we live. Maybe there is another attender who lives nearer than you thought!
- At 1:15 we will hold a memorial service for Bill Maris. Most of you know him from his regular attendance at worship with his daughter, Stacey Denny.

As we move into summer we will ask that anyone who wishes to help with microphones or food baskets during worship let the sound booth know. The children will not be meeting regularly so we will all assist with those jobs for the season.

Ann Tarvin, Clerk

Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee donated funds from the February 5th Carrie Newcomer concert to Anne Gautier, a nurse with the Marion County Health Department. A total of \$1370 was received from concert donations, and Carrie also donated the proceeds from the sale of her CD's. This money was used to make "Baby Baskets" which include infant clothing and supplies as well as snacks and a gift for Mom. A total of eight baskets have been assembled and 4 have already been distributed to mothers in need in Marion County's south side. Part of the money was also used to purchase Aldi gift cards to give to families in need of emergency food assistance as they wait for food stamp benefits. The Outreach committee plans to continue supporting this project throughout 2023 and has designated an additional \$500 to support this effort.



June Birthdays

Sandy Hardin	June 01
Cynthia Stonerock	June 01
Andy Duran	June 03
JB Symons	June 05
M. Beth Symons	June 06
Rich Marshall	June 08
Alma Pierce	June 08
Ethan Gabbard	June 09
Tara Stewart	June 09
Hunter Warner	June 10
Lynn Adams	June 12
Robert Mork	June 12
Chad Smith	June 23
Mark Milhous	June 25
Allison Cunningham	June 26
Becky McClung	June 29
Mary Dooley	June 30
Abby Matthews	June 30

June Anniversaries

Phil and Joan Gulley	June 02
Sue Roe	June 03
Steve and Ellen Blacketer	June 06
Jacob and Marisa Sudduth	June 08
Lee and Mary Lee Comer	June 10
Rick Marshall and Laura Day	June 13
Charles and Barbara Heavlin	June 14
Bob and Karen Heald	June 23
Don and Lynn Adams	June 25
Brian and Mary Swift	June 26
Chand and Elise Smith	June 28
Sean and Amanda Gainey	June 29
Larry and Madalyn Hesson	June 29

Books and Brunch

Please mark your calendars for Fairfield's 2023 edition of **Books and Brunch Saturday, November 4th.**

At the April Meeting for Business, I volunteered to chair the event, but I need help to make this event happen. If you would like to assist, please email me at sue@swwalton.com. For now, there will be no meetings, just brainstorming via email until late mid-to late August when we will meet via zoom.

Thanks in advance for your assistance!
Sue Walton

Green Team News

Making Your Garden More Earth-Friendly

When compared with conventional gardening, organic gardening has a smaller carbon footprint, conserves and builds soil health, replenishes natural ecosystems for cleaner water and air, all without toxic pesticide residues.



I grew up with a home gardener. My dad always had a garden in our backyard so the first of what I learned about gardening came from him. But over the years I have reconsidered some of those gardening practices and made some changes. It wasn't difficult, but it took some getting used to a new approach. Now it feels more like I'm working with nature rather than fighting against it. I thought I'd share those ideas with you and maybe you'll want to try out some new ideas in your own garden.

What is "Earth-Friendly" or "Green" gardening?

Over time, you can implement small changes to how you garden, rethinking how your actions may be affecting the environment. Over time, small changes add up. What kind of changes?

- A major change would be reducing the use of chemicals on your lawn and/or garden. Use organic products when necessary or find natural methods of pest and weed control and fertilization.
- Encourage birds which will eat many destructive insects.
- Add flowering plants to attract pollinators and beneficial insects.
- Create a compost bin and use the compost as organic fertilizer.
- Capture rainwater to use for watering and to reduce waste and use organic mulch to prevent evaporation.
- Choose native plants. They are already adapted to the area and will need less water, are less susceptible to disease and insect pests, provide habitat and pollination opportunities for wildlife and beneficial insects, and support the native diversity.

Fertilizer: Amend the soil by adding natural fertilizers and materials that add rich nutrients back into the soil. We use compost from our kitchen food waste and yard waste as well as organic manure, bone meal, blood meal, and fish emulsion.

Pest Control: My favorite way to manage insect pests in the garden is by attracting beneficial insects that eat the pests. I plant a variety of flowering plants and herbs among other plants to attract beneficial insects. Some beneficial insects include Big-Eyed Bugs, Green Lacewings, Hover Flies, Lady Beetles, and Minute Pirate Bugs. These insects are predators and will eat the insects that damage your garden.

There are also bugs that are parasitic. That means they don't eat other bugs, but rather they live on or lay eggs on a host insect, thereby killing it in the process.

I was so excited the first time I intentionally attracted a parasitic insect to my garden and watched it play out in front of my eyes. A major threat to tomatoes is the tomato hornworm. I

always plant basil nearby and let it go to flower because the basil flower attracts a parasitic braconid wasp that lays eggs on the tomato hornworm and kills it.

As you can see, there is a lot that can be done just in our own yards. It can seem overwhelming, but I recommend just trying out one suggestion and seeing how it goes. Once you try it and you've gotten used to it, add another change. And so on and so on. Before you know it you'll realize your garden is "Greener" than ever.

Laura Gabbard

For more information:

<https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/special/organic/earth-conscious-gardening.htm>

<https://www.happysprout.com/gardening/green-garden-tips/>

<https://www.bhg.com/gardening/yard/compost/how-to-compost/>

<https://www.almanac.com/beneficial-insects-garden>

Adda's World

Perched on the edge of the cracked and worn, faux leather cushion on the bench in Nana's dining nook, I caught a first glimpse of the full circle of life. Being six years old, my understanding of this puzzle confounding pundits and philosophers was mercifully present only on the periphery; Consciousness for me was still visceral, balancing on the wire between fear and curiosity. The year was nineteen fifty five, and my Great Grandma, Adda Jane Frost, had been in this world for eighty nine years.

Now, as I peered past the swinging door, through the dining room, and on into the living room, I saw her. Or rather, I saw her silver hair, the translucent skin of her forehead, her rimless glasses in the usual locus on the bridge of her nose. And that was all of her, at least all of her I could see. She lay motionless in a shiny wooden box surrounded by large, fragrant bouquets. I knew something was wrong. Tears and muffled tones had prevailed for the past three days. I wasn't privy to the secret. Aunts and uncles, cousins and neighbors, and even Great Grandma's estranged sister, Eva, dropped by to nod and hug and offer pies and casseroles. Somehow all past grievances, jealousies, and conflicts were now cast into the ever flowing stream. And to this very day, the peculiar admixture of floral fragrances, triggers the unsettling memory.

Eva was the anointed one. Unlike Grandma Frost, Eva married within the neighborhood; a boy who cleared the high bar of expectations. He was heir to several hundred acres of prime Hamilton County soil, sang in the choir at the ME church, and above all, honored the sacred traditions of his ancestors. Adda Jane defied her father, and married a Quaker musician; a gentle city boy who earned a paltry living as a composer and piano tuner. For their nod to love in place of custom, my great grandparents suffered stern correction from both sets of parents. Great Grandma was disinherited. She sued her siblings later, in a futile attempt to break her father's will. Her Quaker husband, Alden, was "read out" of Meeting and was shunned. He never rejoined, although the Quakers later learned that theirs was a losing strategy. His sin, marrying outside the faith.

by Fred Mann

June 2023 Calendar

- June 1** Ministry and Counsel Committee 7-8pm
- June 4** Chat Room 9:30-10:30am
Meeting for Worship (Graduate Sunday) 10:30-11:30am
Ice Cream Social 11:30am-12:30
Bill Maris Memorial Service 1:15-3:15pm
- June 6** Trustees Meeting 6:30-7:30pm
- June 7** NA Support Group 7-8pm
- June 8** Finance Committee 7-8pm
- June 10** Peace and Social Justice Committee 9:30-10:30am
Green Team 10:45-11:45am
- June 11** Chat Room 9:30-10:30am
Meeting for Worship 10:30-11:30am
Writing Group 1-3pm
- June 13** Stewardship Committee 2-3pm
- June 14** NA Support Group 7-8pm
- June 18** Chat Room 9:30-10:30am
Meeting for Worship 10:30-11:30am
Meeting for Business 7-8pm
- June 21** NA Support Group 7-8pm
- June 25** Chat Room 9:30-10:30am
Meeting for Worship 10:30-11:30am
- June 28** NA Support Group 7-8pm

Holding in the Light List

Rebecca Furnish

Josie Ullery (Josiah Hostetler's friend)

Terry McClung (Jim's sister-in-law)

Ron Frye

Bob & Debbie Stahlhut (Theresa Minton's brother)

Craig Reasoner

Marty (Carol Cordray's friend)

Beth Betcker (Sue Walton's friend)

Nancy Graham

Mary Lee Comer

Mike (Tara Stewart's friend)

Patty Bowling

Ann Denny & daughter Betsy (Herb's mom and sister)

Tina (Mary Dooley's neice)

Mike Roland (Bill and Pam Smith's friend)

Don Edmundson (Lee's brother)

Jack & Mary Lou (Mary Dooley's friends)

Neighborhood Bible Church

Helen Symons (JB's mother)

Deann Waltz (zoom friend)

Bob Church (Rosemary's husband)

Rochelle Florence Colestock (Randy Horton's sister)

Margaret Tutewiler-Cox

Lauren Chinn (Larry Cordray's daughter)

Ruth Turner (daughter of the late Charles and Elsie Carter)

Daryl T Brown

Brenda Sellers (Linze Southwick's mother)

Julie Kindle

Chris Gautier

And we continue to hold in the light those in our Fairfield family and larger Quaker community who cope with ongoing issues of compromised health or aging, or otherwise live with challenging situations on a daily basis:

Alan & Helen Heuss (Cindy Streitmeier's parents)

Charles and Leslieann Lee

Abdul Suilaiman & Nisreen Rasheed family

Tom & Jeanne Seger (Phil Gulley's sister and husband)

Carol Gabbard (Jeff's mother)

Mary Denbo (Terry's Mom)

Gage Boyd (Margo Lawson's grandson)

Jack Apple (Joan Gulley's brother)

Margie Wollitz (Mary's twin sister)

David and Jennifer Hodge

Margo Lawson

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Membership

Membership does not require great moral or spiritual achievement, but it does require sincerity of purpose and a commitment to Quaker values and practices. Membership is a spiritual discipline, a commitment to the well-being of ones spiritual home and not simply appearance on a membership roll.

The above is taken from the Britain Yearly Meeting book on Quaker Faith and Practice. If you desire to join us at Fairfield Friends Meeting to share your and our journey in spiritual growth please contact Larry or Carol Cordray. Our contact information is below.

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