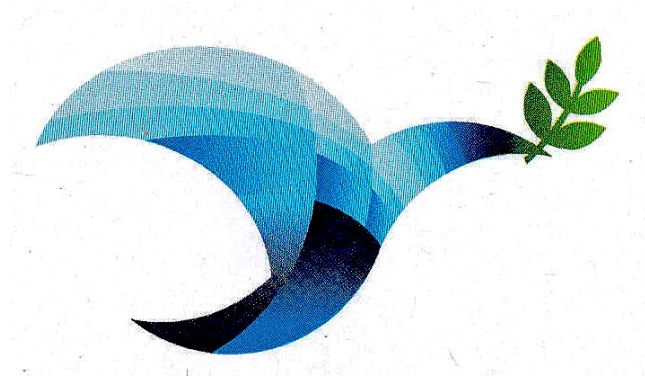


THE FAIRFIELD FRIEND

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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*What Mattered Most When We Were Apart*

It's snowing as I write this, with weather forecasters predicting 6-10 inches of snow. I'm upstairs in my office and Joan and Madeline are downstairs in the kitchen. Madeline is pretending we're snowed in and can't be rescued. She's rummaging through the cabinets taking stock of our supplies and is predicting we don't have enough food to last three days. She's put me on rations, not allowing me to eat my customary afternoon Cheetos. Things are looking bleak.

Anticipating the snow, I spent part of Sunday afternoon moving firewood from our stack to our back porch. Every fall, we carry our porch furniture out to our screen house and set the porch up for firewood. The wood rack comes down from the garage attic and goes against the house by the back door so I can get firewood in my socks. The wheelbarrow is rolled out of the garage and takes its place by the service door, the broom is stood bristles up behind the wood rack to sweep off the inevitable mess left behind by the firewood. This is our 23rd year in this house and our winter routines are down pat.

I've been thinking about preparations a great deal lately. Many of us are getting our Covid vaccinations and we'll hopefully be returning to in-person meeting for worship, providing there are no more viral surprises or we don't all die from an asteroid strike. Meanwhile, our Covid Committee is considering how best to return to in-person meeting. And you'll be pleased to know that minds brighter than mine are figuring out how to include the new attenders we've gained via Zoom.

The last big pandemic to hit the U.S. was the Spanish Flu in 1918, when 675,000 Americans died. There were 103 million of us then, which means 1 out of every 152 Americans died. In comparison, 1 out of every 684 Americans have died from Covid, which makes the Spanish Flu epidemic 4.5 times more deadly than Covid, a sobering thought. I've been wondering what Fairfield Quakers did in that deadly year. Did they continue to meet in person? Most of the members would have had telephones in their homes, but certainly not all of them. None of them had Zoom, or computers and televisions to follow the news, or government assistance to ease the pain of lost income. And yet most of them endured, and so will we.

It's funny how a pandemic changes one's priorities. Before Covid, I thought the meetinghouse was the center of our community. But now we've done without it for a year, and I realize how important the folks are, and how incidental the buildings. We've still kept in touch, still learned, still cared for one another and others, still felt our spirits elevated and our burdens lessened. All without a building. When we're back in it, let's make sure we remember what mattered most when we were apart.

OFFICERS OF THE MEETING

**FAIRFIELD FRIENDS MEETING
OFFICERS and STANDING COMMITTEES
2021**

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

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	
2021 Larry Cordray	1
John Essex	1
Rhonda Impink	2
Sarah Lookabill	2
2022 Lynn Adams	2
2023 Linda Bryant	2
Amanda Gainey	1
**MUSIC	
2021 Mary Dooley	2
Hubert Perry	2
Linda Bryant	1
2022 Julie Kindle	2
2023 Stan Jones	1
Allison Swift	1
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	
2021 Don Adams	2
Rita Goss	1
*Lee Comer	1
Bill Smith	2
2022 Ron Frye	2
2023 Anita Camic	1
Frank Gladden	2
Jim McClung	2
Ex-Officio Ralph Baker - Cemetery	
Randy Coffin - Cemetery	
**DECORATING	
Sandy Chenoweth	
Mary Lee Comer	
Carol Cordray	
Ellen Blacketer	
Sarah Lookabill	
**HOUSEKEEPING	
2021 Laura Day	1
2022 Laura Essex	2
2023 Brian Swift	1
**LANDSCAPING	
Lee Comer	
Bill Smith	

OFFICERS OF THE MEETING (Cont'd)

**FAIRFIELD FRIENDS MEETING
OFFICERS and STANDING COMMITTEES
2021**

FINANCE	
2021 Tony Homan	1
*Chad Smith	1
2022 Larry Cordray	2
Lynne Durocher	1
2023 Mike Furnish	1
Pam Smith	2
Ex-Officio Mike Chenoweth	
Karen Heald	

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	
2021 Laura Essex	1
Sue Roe	2
Tara Stewart	1
Mary Swift	2
2022 Carl Lucas	1
2023 Liane McClure	1
Elise Smith	1

PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE	
2021 Anita Camic	1
Linda Mann	1
2022 Herb Denny	1
JB Symons	1
2023 Ann Tarvin	2
Jeff Gabbard	1

OUTREACH	
2021 *Ann Gautier	1
Becky Horton	1
2022 Rebecca Furnish	1
Joan Gulley	1
Steve Kirchhoff	1
2023 Stacey Denny	2
Deborah Hunt	2
Craig Reasoner	2

LIBRARY	
2021	1
	1
2022 Carol Cordray	1
John Essex	2
2023 Mary Lee Comer	2
Kate Homan	1

NOMINATING	
2021 Mary Lee Comer	2
Herb Denny	2
2022 Larry Cordray	2
Becky Horton	2
2023 JoAnn Farrington	1
Linda Bryant	1

COMMUNICATIONS	
Lee Edmundson (website)	
Don Adams (website)	
Tom Farrington (newsletter/bulletin/email)	
JoAnn Farrington (calling)	
Kay Frye (calling)	
Sarah Lookabill (Facebook)	

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL REPS	
Rep.	Randy Horton
Alt.	Steve Blacketer

1892 FOCUS	
Anita Camic	
Rhonda Impink	
Steve Kirchhoff	
Sarah Lookabill	

USFW

USFW (United Society of Friends Women) NEWS

WYM USFW has met their goal for their 2-year Pad Project. Fifty kits were taken to Kenya by Shawn and Katrina McConaughy on their return from their vacation to the US. Katrina will deliver the Pad Kits and then give a report at our WYM USFW Spring Conference via Zoom. You won't want to miss it.

Now we have enough odd and ends that, when completed, will give us 25 more kits. We want to complete the remaining kits because there is such a great need. Will you please help us cut-out or sew the remaining pieces? Let Dinah Geiger know if you can help and we will get the materials to you. Thanks so much!

Contact info: dinageiger@att.net, or call or text 317-752-5306

Upcoming USFW Dates

*All women are invited.

* Women have joined us from IA, NC, NJ and PA.

*All meetings are via Zoom: February 22nd - monthly USFW meeting - Mary Lee Comer -Program/Devotions

March 22nd - monthly USFW meeting - Ann Davidson (former Fairfield pastor)
Program/Devotions

April 26th - monthly USFW meeting (Program leader to be announced.)

April 27th- WYM USFW SPRING CONFERENCE;

Katrina McConaughy (in Kenya) Program Leader on the WYM USFW Pad Project

**Please contact Sarah Lookabill (slookabill@att.net) for the Zoom addresses for these meetings.

USFW (Cont'd)**How is USFW Flourishing During this Trying Time?**

When the pandemic lockdown started, many of our USFW groups, including ours at Fairfield, stopped holding their regular meetings. After a couple of months, we really missed each other from our local group and made arrangements to start holding our meetings via Zoom. These virtual gatherings have provided very needed opportunities for fellowship with our friends.

I happened to be on vacation in August and was the program leader for the month and I was able to fulfill that assignment from Myrtle Beach. Other Friends who were with me on that trip have now become regular attenders at our meetings. A former Fairfield pastor who currently lives in the Philadelphia area has also joined us.

During this time, the Western Yearly Meeting USFW Executive Board became aware that some local USFW groups had not met since March of 2020 and asked us if we would invite all WYM USFW members to join us which we did. Our kickoff event for inviting everyone was in October when we had a guest speaker talk about the Women's Right to Vote movement. We had several guests at that meeting.

After that, we were asked to invite the USFW International Board members too which we have done. The result is that at our Christmas party in December we had women participate from Iowa, North Carolina, South Carolina and other local meetings in Western YM. We had great fun and made new friends. In January, we had a guest speaker from First Friends Greensboro in North Carolina.

We start off our meetings with a roll call which allows us to introduce ourselves and get to know each other. This is followed by either a lesson from the USFWI Blueprints or a guest speaker. After that we enter into our regular business meeting and visitors are free to leave at that point if they want to do so.

Our meetings are held on the 4th Monday of each month at 2:00 PM and we invite all women to join us. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sarah Lookabill
Clerk, Fairfield USFW
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317-431-6342

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE**Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) report to the Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW) FCNL Working Group, February 16, 2021 submitted by Peace & Social Justice Committee**

Clarence Edwards, Legislative Director, and Mariah Shriner, Program Assistant for Sustainable Energy and Environment, reported that Executive action on climate and the environment starting on Inauguration Day has been encouraging. In the long run, however, it will take legislation to achieve long-lasting climate action. Focus continues to be on an Infrastructure bill (as soon as COVID relief package passes) and carbon pricing. Other issues we should be thinking about are a national Clean Electricity Standard (CES) and agricultural reform. Here is a link to a recent article calling for a CES: <https://act.fcnl.org/lte/we-need-climate-action-now/> as well a link to the full report: <https://collaborative.evergreenaction.com/policy-hub/100-clean>

Several agriculture bills were mentioned, including the H.R. 7330 Green Act, reintroduced by the House Ways and Means Committee, which would extend tax credits for renewable energy and carbon capture projects. Also mentioned was S. 3221 the Farm System Reform Act, introduced in the previous Congress by Senators Booker and Warren, to end CAFOs (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations). Another bill is H.R. 5861, the Agriculture Resilience Act, sponsored by Congresswoman Chellie Pingree. Given that this seems to be an area of considerable interest, with many different bills to look at, we will focus on agriculture bills at the next meeting of the FCNL Working Group in March.

Mariah gave some background on **a letter asking President Biden to halt construction on the Enbridge Line 3 Pipeline** in Minnesota. QEW has added its name as a signatory. The deadline for signing is Feb. 19th. If you wish to sign, you can find the letter here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfO2mVfSjUZTkd4QrzbrwXXmc3pcli-pqQxxAqmBuN6lJBtng/viewform>

Clarence also encouraged us to contact our Legislators in the next couple of weeks about the need to put a price on carbon. Once the COVID relief bill has passed, it will be time for them to start thinking about this. Here is a link to the FCNL website action page:

<https://act.fcnl.org/lte/we-need-climate-action-now/>

A QEW member also mentioned a bill introduced by Senators Bush, Duckworth and Markey on Environmental Justice Mapping and Data Collection. Read more here:

[https://www.markey.senate.gov/view/ed-markey-and-cori-bush-introduce-the-environmental-justice-mapping-and-data-collection-act#:~:text=Markey%20\(D%20Mass.\),justice%20communities%20with%20policy%20outcomes](https://www.markey.senate.gov/view/ed-markey-and-cori-bush-introduce-the-environmental-justice-mapping-and-data-collection-act#:~:text=Markey%20(D%20Mass.),justice%20communities%20with%20policy%20outcomes)

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE (Cont'd)

Camping, Nature and Connection
Submitted by Anita Camic

Thousands of tired, nerve-shaken, over-civilized people are beginning to find out that going to the mountains is going home; wildness is a necessity.
~John Muir, *Our National Parks, 1901*

Several years ago, I worked with a group of people who fairly frequently, I'd say every other week or so, would go camping. There was usually a group of eight to ten of us and we would all head south an hour or so to some property that one of my fellow camper's family owned. It was the perfect location: not too far and the property was a beautiful mix of flat meadow – key for pitching a tent - with pockets of trees and a lovely little pond with a resident rowboat. So, we would all schedule ourselves so that we would all be off from work on the same evening and we'd all gather and head out for an overnight camp.

During this time, I was living in apartments and had little space to do much outside at my home. Also during this time, I clearly recall beginning to feel disconnected, uncentered, restless, a bit anxious maybe if our group had been unable to make our regular camping trip. I just felt like I NEEDED to sleep on the ground; I NEEDED to be in the fresh air; I NEEDED to clearly see the stars; I NEEDED to feel the peace of the morning waking up to only the sounds of leaves, birds, water.

In her book "Losing Eden, Why Our Minds Need the Wild!," Lucy Jones has compiled the results of extensive research into the connection between nature and both our physical as well as our mental well-being; where once we had only qualitative or anecdotal research, we now have quantitative research. It occurred to me that she provides the data that support what I had intuitively felt when I was unable to connect with the natural world when my group was unable to go camping.

Among many examples provided in the book, she notes that "in the past twenty years, studies conducted in countries across the world found similar positive benefits of a connection to nature on mental health; for example, that the presence of trees and greenery translates to fewer antidepressant prescriptions." In other research, data suggest that a lack of contact with the natural world contributes to high or chronic levels of inflammation which is related to cardiovascular disease, other inflammatory disorders, and depression. It is further noted that research suggests that "living in greener neighborhoods is associated with slower cognitive decline in elderly people²" and that after exposure to nature, our stress recovery response is faster and more complete when compared with exposure to built environments³.

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE (Cont'd)

With the current rate of climate chaos and environmental destruction, should we not all fear for our continued physical and mental health? Should we not all, then, feel a sense of urgency to realize a local, national and global paradigm shift where instead of acting as though we are separate from nature and nature is here only to serve us, we remember our connection to the natural world and behave, consume, build and create policy with that in mind; that we are, and are meant to be part of the natural world.

So. Let us all be mindful of the resources we use so we may protect nature and all it provides us: how much is enough? Do I *need* this thing that consumes resources or do I *want* it? Will I continue to agree with an economic paradigm requiring gross consumerism and infinite growth in a world of finite resources? Let us all be mindful of our connection to, not our dominion over, nature: is my relationship to nature respectful, responsible, and reciprocal?

¹ Lucy Jones, *Losing Eden, Why Our Minds Need the Wild*, Great Britain: Penguin Random House UK, 2020

²Carmen de Keijzer et al., “Residential surrounding greenness and cognitive decline: a 10-year follow-up of the Whitehall II cohort,” *Environmental Health Perspectives*, 126(7) (July 2018); <https://ehp.niehs.nih.gov/doi/10.1289/EHP2875>

³M.M.H.E. van den Berg, J. Mass, R. Muller et al., “Autonomic nervous system responses to viewing green and built settings: differentiating between sympathetic and parasympathetic activity,” *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 12(12) (December 2015), pp. 15860-74; <<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4690962/>>

CARING FRIENDS

There are several people in our Fairfield family and larger Quaker community who cope with ongoing issues of compromised health or aging, or who are otherwise dealing with challenging situations on a daily basis. We want to make it easier for Friends to reach out to each other in support and encouragement. Cards are always so very much appreciated, especially during this time of social distancing and isolation.

With the intention of facilitating this way of holding each other in the light, we will be listing names and addresses in the monthly newsletter. We will include brief updates as we become aware of them.

Ruth Alber

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Indianapolis, IN 46234

- from West Newton, RN and former missionary in Kaimosi, Kenya. Assisted living now.

Linda Bryant

10705 Whippoorwill Lane

Indianapolis, IN 46231

- doing well but lives alone and misses her Fairfield family

Norm Connell

370 Cottonwood Dr.

Mooresville, IN 46158

- from MV Friends, former treasurer WYM. Norm has serious health issues.

Mary Denbo

1149 Halifax Cr.

Indianapolis, IN 46231

- multiple health issues & pain from a spine injury, at home with daughter Terry, really misses her euchre club (on hold d/t pandemic)

Ron and Kay Frye

8820 Suzanne Court

Indianapolis, IN 46234

- doing well but misses their Fairfield family and unable to participate in virtual services

Sam & Kelsea Gullely

3981 Buckeye Lane, Unit 4

Fort Wainwright, AK 99703

- Sam is a U.S. Army flight medic serving in Alaska and finds much encouragement knowing his Fairfield family is holding him in the light.

Robert and Ginny Hayes-Bennett

5425 Indiana Cove Dr.

Indianapolis, IN 46268

- Robert lives in an assisted living facility and both are distressed with the added separation due to COVID visitation restrictions.

Cindy Hurst

2113 Woodstream Dr.

Avon, IN 46123

- Widowed in 10/2019, she lives alone & the pandemic has been especially difficult for her

Margo Lawson

421 Linden Lane

Plainfield, IN 46168

- doing okay but lives alone and misses her Fairfield family

Joe and Sylvia Leverett

7268 Ponderosa Pines Place

Indianapolis, IN 46239

- Joni's father and his wife. Both are elderly. Joe is in hospice care.

Clara McClure

- Our beloved former pianist, Clara has advanced dementia now, residing at Sugar Grove Senior Living. We don't send cards anymore because she is unaware, but please hold her in the light.

Hubert Perry

11 Circle Drive

Mooresville, IN 46158

- doing well, but misses his Fairfield family and unable to participate in virtual meetings

Abdul Sulaiman and Nisreen Rasheed

& daughters Mawlida, Rolaf & Sidra

Sulaiman

2052 Fullwood Dr.

Brownsburg, IN 46112

- Fairfield sponsored the Sulaimans' immigration from Aleppo Syria in 2016. They are doing well & moved into their first home in 2020.

NEWS ABOUT FRIENDS**Hold in the Light List**

February 21, 2021

Betty Strietelmeier

(Mark's mother)

Matt Bryant

(Linda's son)

Kim Brown**Virginia Maxwell**

(Tara Stewart's "Mamaw")

Mary Denbo

(Terry's mom)

Jim Newland

(Jessica Denardo's uncle)

Alan Andrews

(Larry & Carol Cordray's friend)

Carol Hinkle

(Lynne Durocher's cousin)

Lily & Jessica Denardo**Linda Bryant****Ralph & Gan Baker****Phillip E Sorrels**

(Nancy Graham's brother)

Carl & Cathy Lucas (& family)**Scott & Brenda Sellers**

(Linze Southwick's mom and step-dad)

Joyce Gant

(Carol Cordray's sister-in-law)

Constance Ward**David Hodge****Matthias Beier****Sulaiman Family****David & Bobbi Garver**

(Cindy Hurst's friends)

Margo Lawson**Gage Boyd**

(Margo Lawson's grandson)

Joe and Sylvia Leverett

(Joni's dad and his wife)

Cindy Hurst**Ron & Kay Frye****Clara McClure****Sam Gulley****Chris Gautier****Ginny & Robert Hayes-Bennett****The Lord's Pantry****Cunot Feeding Program****Family Promise****All the Essential Workers in the Meeting who provide and maintain essential products & services; education; healthcare (in hospitals, clinics and home settings); mental healthcare; spiritual ministry; and care of our disabled community**

COVID-19 GROUP

Fairfield Friends Ministry and Council formed an ad hoc committee called Covid-19 Group to discuss the possibility of resuming Meeting for Worship outdoors this summer. Unfortunately, the Covid-19 pandemic has continued to infect people throughout Indiana. The committee has determined that we cannot safely meet together face-to-face. If you have any questions or concerns for this committee, please contact Bill Smith at billsmith49@earthlink.net or (317)413-9869. This committee will continue to meet in the hope that this pandemic will lessen.

Fairfield Friends Meeting will continue to have ZOOM Meeting for Worship and will publish the ZOOM link on Facebook and by email. In addition, Lee Edmundson will be placing the ZOOM link on the Fairfield Friends website weekly.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

March
Gordon Mork (03/01)
Walter Madden-Warner (03/04)
Amanda Gainey (03/05)
Robert Stevens (03/09)
Larry Chamness (03/12)
Don & Beverly Katterhenry (03/12)
Dale Gladden (03/13)
Barbara Heavlin (03/16)
Michael Cunningham (03/17)
April Stevens (03/17)
Anita Camic (03/18)
Patti Swift (03/18)
Don & Rebecca Henderson (03/18)
Deborah Draper (03/21)
Larry & Carol Cordray (03/21)
Don Adams (03/23)
Dara Smith (03/25)
Carol Cordray (03/27)
Matthew Hamm (03/29)
Chad Duran (03/30)
Ellen Blacketer (03/31)

April
Eugene Crawley (04/01)
Randolph Horton (04/02)
Dominic Lucas (04/02)
Bruce Borud (04/09)
Caden McClure (04/10)
Kris & Marrinda Schoen (04/10)
Chase Rhoden (04/13)
Carolyn Frye (04/15)
Richard & Pamela Wilson (04/18)
Joan Gulley (04/20)
Hugh Hanlin (04/20)
Cristina Emch (04/21)
Margo Lawson (04/24)
Chris & Anne Gautier (04/27)

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