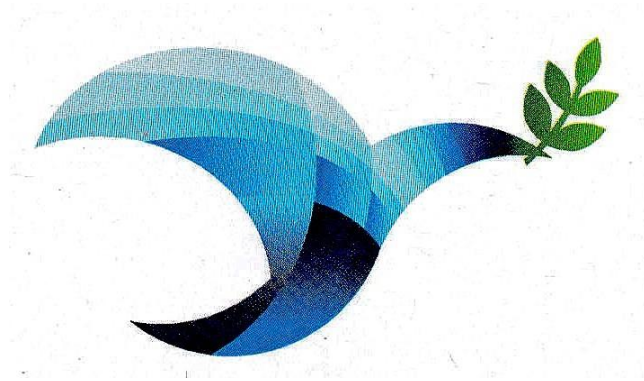


THE FAIRFIELD FRIEND

November 2021



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***The Helping Hand***

This past summer, I was chatting with Jim McClung, comparing our views on home maintenance and improvements. I mentioned hiring a man to build a screen house and Jim said he never paid anyone to do something for him he could do for himself. If I were as capable as Jim McClung, I would feel the same way, but since I'm not, I'm happy to pay skilled people to do things for me.

"They have families to food too," I told Jim, somewhat virtuously.

I do want people to be able to feed their families, but that's not the real reason I hire people to do things for me. The real reason is that it's cheaper to hire someone to do it right the first time than it is to hire someone to repair something I've messed up trying to fix myself.

There are five homes on the road where our farmhouse sits, each of them housing a competent male, all of whom I have called on for help after making a mess of something. They are kind men, all five of them, and hurry to help me, but sometimes I wonder if they chuckle with one another about my incompetence when I'm not around. Our relationships are so lop-sided that just once I'd like one of them to knock on my door and say, "Hey, what can you tell me about the Catholic's take on transubstantiation?" or "I'm writing a book and struggling with pronoun shifts. Could you give me a hand?" Sadly, that never happens.

Each of us wants to feel we've helped the communities we belong to. When the Quakers who founded Fairfield back in 1826 migrated here from North Carolina, each Friend was expected to contribute in some way to their new venture. A man well into his eighties offered to start the new graveyard when they arrived and so he did.

I think often, and with a grateful heart, of all the people who've raised their hands to help our Fairfield community, many of whom do it without fanfare or expectation of reward. I'd name names, but then would leave someone out and feel awful. Plus, there's not enough space.

THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR, PHIL GULLEY (Cont'd)

I raise this subject because our Nominating Committee has been hard at work discerning the needs of our meeting and the gifts of its people. If they knock on your door asking for help, please know they didn't want a warm body to fill a slot. They saw in you a gift, passion, or skill that could be put to beneficial use. Please don't dismiss them, or think their judgment mistaken. They have asked you for a reason, so feel honored. You can even feel flattered if you wish. You've been chosen.

The upcoming year will be significant for Fairfield. We are (hopefully) emerging from a pandemic in a culture sorely in need of transformation. The bonds of unity which once knit our nation together are now frayed and weak. More than ever, Friends are called to be healers, prophets, and leaders. Just as science has labored to bring us back, now we all must labor to move us forward.

MINISTRY AND COUNSEL

As we continue our Zoom meetings, we are looking forward to the time when our children can receive their vaccinations so we can resume in-person meetings. Hopefully that will be soon.

The Quakerism 102 Class has started meeting on Thursday evenings via Zoom at 7:00. If you are interested in joining that group, please email Hugh Hanlin at hughhanlin@att.net.

Several of the recordings for recent Meetings have not been available for viewing in their entirety. This is due to the fact that Facebook blocks any video from YouTube that is used without permission. We are working on getting this issue resolved.

CLERK PLEASE—A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDING CLERK**CLERK PLEASE****November, 2021**

The following highlights are drawn from minutes for the October 10 Monthly Meeting:

- Jeff Gabbard, Lee Edmundson, and Phil Gulley are working to finish the Meeting's new website.
- We continue to maintain good financial health. As was anticipated, expenses which were due and paid in September erased the surplus of reserve funds reported at the end of August. Payment of Western Yearly Meeting assessments and a higher than budgeted insurance premium resulted in a deficit for the month of September.
- Due to high positivity rates of COVID, the COVID Committee feels that we should not resume in-person meeting for worship until children are vaccinated.
- Thanks to Frank Gladden and his crew, Bill Smith and Lee Comer for helping with shrubbery removal. Overgrown shrubbery along the county road in front of the building has been removed and bare ground will be seeded this fall.
- Trustees are using this time while we are unable to use the Meeting House to do maintenance and reorganization, and this will include updating of the mailboxes. If you want a mailbox please respond to Gan Baker at baker7298@sbcglobal.net and be sure to include how you want your label to read – for instance, Baker Family or Ralph and Gan Baker. The designated committee mailboxes, i.e. Outreach, Christian Ed., etc., as well as those for Fairfield leadership, will definitely be retained. We will take requests through the end of the year, and probably update the mailboxes in January.
- The Finance Committee requested that the date of Monthly Meeting be changed from the second Sunday of the month to the third Sunday. This will allow the treasurer time to prepare the monthly financial statement and the Finance Committee to meet and review it. It was approved to move Monthly Meeting for Business to the third Sunday of the month.
- Next Monthly Meeting will be November 21.

CLERK PLEASE—A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDING CLERK (Cont'd)**MONTHLY MEETING DEVOTION November 2021****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 one of my favorites from the month of September.

The True School of Love

Henri J. M. Nouwen

There is no such thing as the right place, the right job, the right calling or ministry. I can be happy or unhappy in all situations. I am sure of it, because I have been. I have felt distraught and joyful in situations of abundance as well as poverty, in situations of popularity and anonymity, in situations of success and failure. The difference was never based on the situation itself, but always on my state of mind and heart. When I knew I was walking with God, I always felt happy and at peace. When I was entangled in my own complaints and emotional needs, I always felt restless and divided.

Source: *From the foreword to the book Discipleship: Living for Christ in the Daily Grind*

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

CARING FRIENDS

HOLD IN THE LIGHT LIST

Jim McClung

Jack Apple (brother of Joan Gulley)

Family of Joan Beesley (mother-in-law of Earl & Cindy's nephew Chuck Hurst)

Amelia Madelyn Claxton (Ron & Kay Frye's great-granddaughter)

Peg Kachulis (Ande Reiter's friend)

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

Linda Rather (Carol Cordray's niece)

Becky McNabb

Joni Leverett

Joe Sadler (Phil & Joan Gulley's friend)

Kayla Brown and Cara (Lee Edmundson's co-worker and 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

CARING FRIENDS (Cont'd)

CARING FRIENDS - NOVEMBER 2021

Several people in our Fairfield family and larger Quaker community cope with ongoing issues of compromised health or aging, or otherwise live with challenging situations on a daily basis. An important way of holding Friends in the light is to send cards of support and encouragement now and then. With the intention of facilitating this, we list names and addresses in the monthly newsletter and include updates as we are aware of them.*

If you would like to be added or removed from the list, please contact Becky McClung, 317-690-0160.

***Any time we have updates, you'll see them in bold font below:**

RUTH ALBERT

8616 W. 10th St., Apt. 128
Indianapolis, IN 46234

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

LINDA BRYANT

10705 Whippoorwill Lane
Indianapolis, IN 46231

- **Linda recently fell & sustained a concussion and mild skull fracture, but is recovering well & good spirits.**

MARY DENBO

1149 Halifax Cr.
Indianapolis, IN 46231

- Successful procedure completely resolved back pain from an injury. At home with daughter Terry.

SAM & KELSEA GULLEY

3981 Buckeye Lane, Unit 4
Fort Wainwright, AK 99703

- Sam is a U.S. Army flight medic serving in Alaska.

ROBERT AND GINNY HAYES-BENNETT

5425 Indiana Cove Dr.
Indianapolis IN 46268

- Robert has moved into a full nursing facility that specializes in Huntington's Disease. It is 2 hours away from Ginny, but she feels he'll get the care he needs. Robert's address is:
*Hanover Nursing Center
410 W. Lagrange Rd.
Hanover, IN 47243*

DAVID & JENNIFER HODGE

7966 S. County Rd. 1025 E.
Cloverdale, IN 46120

- David has been getting treatment for stage 4 cancer for the past year with no signs of remission. Continued prayers are appreciated.

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.

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.

CHARLES & LESLIEANN LEE

1344 Oliver Ave.
Plainfield, IN 46168

- Charles continues to have multiple health issues and he and LeslieAnn find encouragement in the support of Fairfield Friends.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

NOVEMBER
Emily Lucas (11/05)
Madalyn Hesson (11/06)
William Smith (11/07)
Laura Day (11/15)
Rich & Joni Hendren (11/15)
Jacob Swift (11/16)
Terry Denbo (11/19)
Rob & Cynthia Stonerock (11/19)
Russ & Ginger Arnold (11/20)
Jasmine Swift (11/21)
Sue Roe (11/24)
Larry Hesson (11/25)
Levi Lucas (11/26)
Michael Chenoweth (11/27)
Michael Furnish (11/29)

DECEMBER
Sandra Chenoweth (12/01)
Olivia Denny (12/01)
Mary Lee Comer (12/07)
Austin Settles (12/09)
Cynthia Vidal (12/09)
Brian Swift (12/10)
Madeline Gulley (12/13)
Lucas Swift (12/14)
Robert Stevens (12/15)
Herbert Denny (12/20)
Rita Goss (12/21)
Georges & Kathryn Gandolfo (12/21)
Rebecca Horton (12/22)
James McClung (12/24)
Paige Robbins (12/24)
Jack Essex (12/27)
Sean Gainey (12/28)
Patricia Bowling (12/29)
Kenneth & Tammie Lawrence (12/30)
Ann Davidson (12/31)

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<u>Outreach Committee:</u> Stacey Denny hdenny123@att.net	317-313-1171
<u>Caring Friends Committee:</u> Becky McClung rgmcclung@gmail.com	317-690-0160

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<p><u>Children's Meeting (age 3—3rd grade):</u> Ralph & Gan Baker baker7298@sbcglobal.net</p>	317-831-3526
<p><u>Fantastix Friends 4rd -8th grade):</u> Tara Stewart Tara_m_stewart@hotmail.com</p>	317-627-8964
<p><u>Young Friends (9th grade—college):</u> Jimmy McClung moviemanjim@gmail.com</p>	765-346-8848

November—Monthly Activities

<u>Sunday (10/31)</u>		<u>Sunday (11/07)</u>		<u>Sunday (11/14)</u>		<u>Sunday (11/21)</u>		<u>Sunday (11/28)</u>	
Meeting for Worship	10:30am	Meeting for Worship	10:30 am	Meeting for Worship	10:30 am	Meeting for Worship	10:30 am	Meeting for Worship	10:30 am
		Outreach	11:45 am	Monthly Meeting for Business	11:45 am	Write Club	1:00 pm	Finance	11:45 am
		Write Club	1:00 pm						
						<u>Monday (11/22)</u>			
						USFW	10:00 am		
<u>Wednesday (11/03)</u>								<u>Wednesday (12/01)</u>	
Trustees	6:30 pm							Trustees	6:30 pm
<u>Thursday (11/04)</u>		<u>Thursday (11/11)</u>				<u>Thursday (11/25)</u>		<u>Thursday (12/2)</u>	
Ministry & Counsel	7:00 pm	Meeting for Eating	11:30 am			THANKSGIVING		Ministry & Counsel	7:00 pm
				<u>Saturday (11/20)</u>					
<u>Saturday (011/06)</u>				<u>Newsletter Articles Due</u>				<u>Saturday (12/04)</u>	
Yarn Works	2:00 pm			Peace & Social Justice	9:30 am			Yarn Works	2:00 pm

December-Monthly Activities

<u>Sunday (11/28)</u>		<u>Sunday (12/5)</u>		<u>Sunday (12/12)</u>		<u>Sunday (12/19)</u>		<u>Sunday (12/26)</u>	
Meeting for Worship	10:30 am	Meeting for Worship	10:30 am	Meeting for Worship	10:30 am	Meeting for Worship	10:30 am	Meeting for Worship	10:30 am
Finance	11:45 am	Outreach	11:45 am	Monthly Meeting for Business	11:45 am	Write Group	1:00 pm	Finance	11:45 am
		Write Group	1:00 pm						
						<u>Monday (12/20)</u>		<u>Monday (12/27)</u>	
						Newsletter Articles Due		USFW	10:00 am
<u>Wednesday (12/1)</u>									
Trustees	6:30 pm								
<u>Thursday (12/2)</u>		<u>Thursday (12/9)</u>				<u>Thursday (12/24)</u>			
Ministry & Counsel	7:00 pm	Meeting for Eating	11:30 am			Christmas Eve Program	10:00 pm		
<u>Saturday (12/4)</u>				<u>Saturday (12/18)</u>		<u>Friday (12/25)</u>		<u>Saturday (1/1)</u>	
Yarn Works	2:00 pm			Peace and Social Justice	9:30 am	CHRISTMAS		NEW YEAR'S DAY	
								Yarn Works	2:00 pm

*Fairfield Friends host
Family Promise
Dec. 26—Jan. 2*