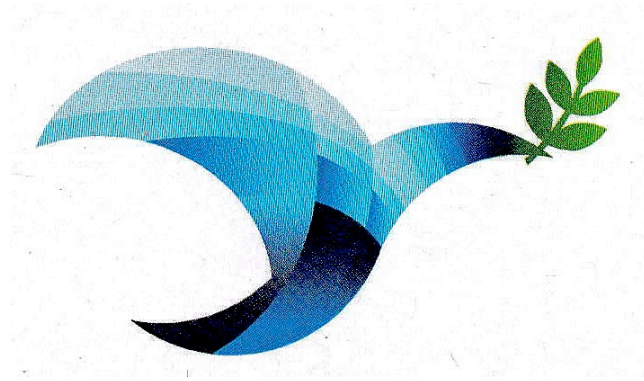


# THE FAIRFIELD FRIEND

*September 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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## The Fairfield Friend – September 2022

**Dear Friends,**

I hope the newsletter is meeting your expectations. Any suggestions are welcome. I would like to thank Constance Ward again for running off and sending out the newsletter via post. I am still in need of updates for the birthday and anniversary lists. We are all pleased that Phil's gall bladder surgery went well and wish him a speedy recovery.

M. Beth Symons

### Thoughts From the Pastor, Phil Gulley

#### *Happy Hunting*

I began my life as a Quaker at an evangelical Friends Meeting in my hometown of Danville. I embraced its teachings, accepted them as God's truth, and within a few years decided to make their propagation my life's work. I believed with all my heart I had discovered the means to eternal life and, since I've always enjoyed company, wanted to take as many folks with me as I could. If you had told me then, I would be preaching a sermon series on the virtues of humanism, I would have worried for my future soul. But with the benefit of hindsight, I now realize my interest in humanism (a strong interest in or concern for human welfare, values, and dignity) was inevitable, the predictable conclusion of a Quakerism committed to the well-being of humankind. Thus, this current series is not a departure from my faith as a Quaker, but the logical consequence of it. I am a humanist not in spite of my Quakerism, but because of it.

If there's one thing that annoys me it's people who talk incessantly about their religion, extolling its virtues, and strong-arming others into embracing it also. At the risk of becoming what I despise, let me say that one dimension of Quakerism I appreciate is its commitment to the discernment of truth. Quakerism, at its best, has never been about propping up outdated and nonsensical creeds. Rather, it has concerned itself with the fearless discernment of truth and ultimate reality, even when that search carried us beyond "truths" we once embraced. It is truth we seek, not compliance.

Naturally, I realize our journeys are different, that other Quakers are nurtured by more traditional beliefs. To them I would say, believe them as long as you can. Perhaps they will sustain you your whole life long. But should your convictions change, there is still a place for you among Friends, given our belief in ongoing revelation. Unlike other faiths, a shift in belief does not make one unfit for Friendly community. It is truth we seek, not compliance. Our conclusions are in no way diminished by others whose beliefs differ from our own. Gone is the pressure to conform, to obey, to adjust one's beliefs to please another. The Quaker's hope is to know the Truth and be enlivened by it.

As always, you are free to disagree with me, and free to engage me. Free to ask questions, free to challenge, free to believe otherwise. For it is truth we seek, not compliance. Happy hunting!

## Ministry and Counsel

Coming up on **Aug. 28** after Meeting is an **Ice Cream Social**. All are invited to attend where in addition to ice cream, sandwiches will be available for a light meal.

**Max Carter's Quakerism class** will begin on **Thursday, September 22** and continue for the next 4 Thursday evenings (5 total Thursdays) from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Max Carter just completed a long tenure as director of Friends Center at Guilford College. Max is a recorded Friends minister with interests in the Middle East, the Amish, conscientious objection, and Quaker history. His graduate studies at the Earlham School of Religion and Temple University were in campus ministry and American religious history. If you would like to attend this series of classes, please send your email to Lynn Adams [ladams612@yahoo.com](mailto:ladams612@yahoo.com) . Lynn will then send you the link.

Save your books for an **upcoming book sale in October**. Books may be left in the library labeled "Book Sale".

A **Festival of Faiths** will be held on **Sept. 18 from 1-5 PM at the Military Park** at White River State Park. Fairfield will be sharing a booth with Indianapolis First Friends and will accept anyone wishing to help man the booth or invites you to visit the many booths participating. Contact Ann Tarvin for more information at [tarvedmun@yahoo.com](mailto:tarvedmun@yahoo.com)

## Family Promise

Almost **Home at 7233 E 300 S Plainfield**, has opened their doors to new homeless families. No more expensive hotel for the families who qualify for the community part of the Family Promise program.

September 18 begins our Fairfield Friends support week. The opening of Almost Home brings a new opportunity for us to shine. We provide food and now we can provide fellowship. Almost Home has a fully equipped kitchen, and a serving island. The six families (when at capacity) will be able to dine together. Meals can be delivered as usual. However, I propose (not required) we team up on meals and add the fellowship that has been desperately needed.

The families will be encouraged to arrive by 6:00PM for the evening meal. After the meal, a cleanup and leftovers can be stored for grab and go. They will leave Almost Home at 6AM in the morning to go to their jobs or to the Resource Center. We will have evening access to the refrigerator, and we can alert each other to the supply status.

What a wonderful occasion to love families in our community. This is our opportunity to shine bright. Many thanks to everyone as we continue our adventure together.  
Thanks, Theresa Minton

## 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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## Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee is beginning the process of preparing the annual budget for calendar year 2023. As you know, we are transitioning from a fiscal year budget to a calendar year budget which will cover the period January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023.

In order to make the figures as accurate as possible we are asking each committee to carefully examine any expenditures they may anticipate for the year. Also, there are several individuals who have been paying for subscriptions (Zoom, Survey Monkey, Website Service, etc.) and possibly other expenses as well. While individual generosity is appreciated, paying “out of pocket” without reimbursement does not provide a clear picture of the Meeting’s expenses. Please advise the appropriate committee clerk if you have been paying expenses so those expenses can be added to that committee’s budget request. If you aren’t sure which committee would be appropriate for your expense, feel free to contact the Clerk of Finance to make a determination.

After careful consideration, the Finance Committee has determined that obtaining a credit card for the Meeting would be not be feasible at this time. Individuals will still need to pay for services using their own credit card, but as stated above, these expenses need to be included in the appropriate committee’s expenses and reimbursement from the church treasurer should be requested. Individuals can be reimbursed by submitting documentation to Mike Chenoweth.

The Finance Committee is planning to incorporate a narrative budget format with the monetary figures requested. Using this format will allow us to tell the story of how Fairfield uses its money. We anticipate using a simple online form that will be distributed to committee clerks in mid-September. Your patience and input are much appreciated as we begin this process. Questions should be directed to the Clerk of the Finance Committee.

Lynne Durocher, Clerk

### Quakerism Class by Max Carter



You are invited to participate in a FREE Quakerism Class instructed by Max Carter, retired director of the Friends Center at Guilford College, Greensboro, North Carolina

**Max Carter will teach this class on Zoom for 5 consecutive Thursday evenings at 7 PM, starting on September 22.**

If interested in participating in this wonderful experience, please send your email to [ladams612@yahoo.com](mailto:ladams612@yahoo.com) (Lynn Adams) and you will be sent a link before the first class.

## September Birthdays

Thomas Farrington September 05  
Diana Jerrell September 06  
Allison Swift September 06  
Mike Mott September 08  
Ralph Baker September 09  
Ava Matthews September 09  
Lynne Durocher September 14  
Bob Heald September 15  
Pam Smith September 19  
Patti Siemantel September 20  
Diana Chamness September 25  
Mark McClure September 25  
Sarah Lookabill September 26  
Beth Sotkiewicz September 38

## September Anniversaries

Gladden, Dale and Margaret September -5  
Denny, Herb and Stacey September 06  
Baker, Ralph and Gan September 10  
Stevens, Bob and April September 16  
Rhoden, Kyle and Lesley September 29

### **The Morel Hunter**

by

**Fred Mann**

In the fourth month your tender flesh  
Seeks the light and warmth of resurrected spring  
Out from the earthen purgatory  
To inhabit a familiar form  
Pushing through the monochromatic  
Winter worn decay once verdant.

In my zeal and in hunger  
I grasp my hickory stick firmly  
Poking and prodding amongst the rotting  
Leaves and twigs and soft soil  
You thrive in the company of ash and elm  
When oak leaves are like a mouse's ear.

I hunt with a meat-eaters passion  
My prize as valued as antlers or  
Heads with marble eyes staring  
Lifeless from the man cave wall  
A prize requiring no bullets or blood  
In the end a flavor most rare.

## **Holding in the Light List**

**Phil Gulley**

**Bill and Jo Maris** (Stacey Denny's parents)

**Helen Symons** (JB's mother)

**AnnaBelle Westfall** (Carol Cordray's friend)

**Deann Waltz** (Zoom Friend)

**Pat Bostwick** (Pam Smith's friend)

**Patti Evans** (Frank Burns Sister)

**Barbara and Keith Raffell** (Frank Burns sister and brother-in-law)

**Becky McNabb**

**Curtis** (Joni Leverett's friend)

**Kaye Frye (& Ron)**

**Randy Coffin**

**Bob Church** (Rosemary's husband)

**Rochelle Florence Colestock** (Randy Horton's sister)

**Carol Gabbard** (Jeff's mother)

**Margaret Tutewiler-Cox**

**Margo Lawson**

**Patty Bowling**

**Martha Pokorny** (wife of Cliff Prentice's friend)

**Lauren Chinn** (daughter of Larry Cordray)

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

**Joe Sadler** (Phil & Joan Gulley's friend)

**Daryl T Brown**

**Julie Kindle**

**Beth Sotkiewicz**

**Margie Wollitz** (Mary's twin sister)

**Brenda Sellers** (Linze Southwick's mom)

**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:**

**David and Jennifer Hodge**

**Charles and Leslieann Lee**

**Abdul Suilaiman & Nisreen Rasheed family**

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

**Mildred Kirchhoff** (Steve's mother)

**Alan & Helen Heuss** (Cindy Streitmeier's parents)

**Bill & Jo Maris** (Stacey Denny's parents)

**Jack Apple** (Joan Gulley's brother)

**Gage Boyd** (Margo Lawson's grandson)

**Proverbs 4:25 Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you.**

# Green Team News

## What the Inflation Reduction Act Means for Climate

For more information about the Fairfield Green Team visit our website or email Jeff Gabbard at [jgabbard42@gmail.com](mailto:jgabbard42@gmail.com)

There were several climate related events in the news this past month, devastating floods in eastern Kentucky, a megadrought in the southwest, and stifling heat waves in Europe. But our focus this month is on President Biden's signing of the Inflation Reduction Act.

### **The below information is borrowed from the Earthjustice website:**

The Inflation Reduction Act will invest \$369 billion in climate solutions and environmental justice. The bill will put the US on a path to 40% emissions reduction by 2030 while restoring our credibility to lead climate action on the global stage.

### **SOME NOTABLE WINS FOR CLIMATE IN THIS BILL:**

**The Inflation Reduction Act will accelerate a clean energy transition that will lower energy costs for people across this country by:**

- Expanding access to clean energy by making clean energy tax credits more accessible and extending them by 10 years.
- Creating jobs and increasing our country's energy security by investing \$60 billion in manufacturing solar panels, batteries, and other clean energy technologies in the U.S.
- Providing funding for low-income families to electrify their homes, including \$9 billion in home energy rebate programs.
- Removing barriers to community solar, an innovative solution to making solar power more accessible and affordable for the average person.

**The transportation sector is the largest contributor to U.S. greenhouse gas emissions and spews massive amounts of toxic air pollution into communities across the country. This bill will help transition the sector away from fossil fuels and invest billions in zero-emissions transportation, including:**

- \$3 billion for the U.S. Postal Service to electrify its fleet of more than 217,000 vehicles, the largest government fleet in the nation.
- \$1 billion for clean school and transit buses, garbage trucks, and other heavy-duty vehicles, prioritizing communities overburdened by air pollution.
- \$3 billion to clean up air pollution at ports by installing zero emissions equipment and technology, with much of the funds going to portside communities that are breathing disproportionately high levels of toxic air pollution.
- Tax credits for electric vehicles.

**Communities of color and low-income communities face disproportionate harms from pollution and the climate crisis. Climate solutions must be led by and for these communities. This bill will fund:**

- \$315.5 million for air monitoring so that communities know exactly what's in the air they breathe, with specific funds for schools and those living near polluting industry.
- \$3 billion for community-led projects in areas experiencing the disproportionate impacts of pollution and climate change.
- The reinstatement of the Superfund Tax so that industry — not the public — foots the bill for cleaning up their pollution.

**Industrial agriculture fuels the climate crisis — and the climate crisis in turn threatens agriculture. This bill will advance practices that make farming climate-friendly, with:**

- More than \$20 billion to help farmers and ranchers shift to sustainable practices like crop rotation and cover crops.
- \$300 million for research into the climate impact of agricultural practices.

**Some of the best technology for fighting the climate crisis is already available in nature. Oceans and ancient trees store carbon, shelter species facing climate catastrophe, and sustain communities. This bill will provide:**

- \$50 million to advance protections for mature and old-growth forests.
- \$2.6 billion in coastal resilience grants to fund projects, including by state and tribal governments, to protect and restore coastal communities and ecosystems.
- \$250 million to implement endangered species recovery plans and address climate change impacts on key habitats.
- \$1 billion to ensure federal agencies can conduct robust environmental and NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) reviews and public engagement on large projects using federal funds or on federal lands.

**What will the Inflation Reduction Act mean for you?** It includes tax credits and rebates to help people electrify their homes and vehicles, including:

- A 30% tax credit for installing residential solar panels.
- Up to \$7,500 for purchasing an electric vehicle.
- Up to \$14,000 for home energy efficiency upgrades, including up to \$8,000 to install a heat pump.
- Making these changes could help families save \$1,800 per year on energy bills and make their costs more stable and predictable compared with volatile fossil fuel prices.

### **THE COST OF A COMPROMISE:**

- The bill includes tax credits for carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) that could extend the life of dirty coal plants, which would make it harder to reach critical targets for clean power while exposing residents to toxic coal pollution.
- It mandates the federal government to offer up parts of the Gulf of Mexico and Alaska’s Cook Inlet for oil and gas development. It also requires additional oil and gas leasing in order for new wind and solar projects to be approved.
- There is a side deal to move a separate bill in September for so-called “permitting reform” that could weaken core protections under the National Environmental Policy Act, the federal law that gives communities a voice in what happens to the environment around them.

### Upcoming Green Team Events:

- August 27th – Meeting with Jalisa Maudlin from Faith in Place
- September 10th - Green Festival – Featuring Carrie Newcomer
- September 11th-14th – Faith in Place Green Team Summit
- October 8<sup>th</sup> – Fairfield Fall Hike

### **CLERK PLEASE**

The following highlights are from the August 21 Monthly Meeting, be sure to see the final minutes for details:

- **Having completed the sermon series on spirituality, Phil has now begun a new series with the theme of humanism.**
- **This is the last time our budget is based on the fiscal year, it will now be based on the calendar year. The report for 2021-2022 is very positive. For every subcategory, the subtotal expenses were less than the budgeted amount. Total expenditures were about \$9,000 less than the amount budgeted. Revenue also exceeded expectations. In Mike Chenoweth’s 30 years as treasurer, it has been rare to be under budget for expenses and over budget for revenue. Net surplus for the year was slightly over \$18,000. Revenues were down for June and July, Finance is looking into why this is happening.**
- **Ministry and Counsel has been promoting the Quakerism class to be led by Max Carter. These will begin September 22 and continue until October 20 on Thursday nights from 7-8:30 PM.**



Scott and Sue Walton were gladly presented for membership at Fairfield. They have transferred their membership from Valley Mills Friends Meeting and a letter has been sent from Valley Mills acknowledging their membership. Scott and Sue have been very active at Fairfield since the meeting has been back to in-person meetings. In concert with the trustees, USFW, and the library committee, the committee is planning an event on Oct. 15 at which a light brunch will be held. Recipes will soon be available for members wishing to contribute food for the brunch.

- In a meeting with Plainfield they revealed that a 30% design of the 1050 East and Camby Road intersection would be ready on or about March 7 of 2023. Pews from the 1892 Meeting House will be offered for sale at the October 15 yard sale. Suggested prices are \$150 for the long pews and \$100 for the short pews. Many thanks go to the Anita Camic, Jim and Becky McClung, and Bill and Pam Smith, for their continued gardening effort on the south side of the Meeting House. Also many thanks go to Ralph and Gan Baker for their work updating procedures regarding use of the cemetery.
- USFW has in the past provided support to students, teachers, and staff at Patricksburg Elementary school in Owen County. Due to the pandemic students are currently getting adequate support, therefore USFW is now directing their efforts to teachers and staff who have received gift certificates and supplies for the teachers' lounge.
- Next Monthly Meeting will be September 18.

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

# September 2022 Calendar

September 1	Ministry and Counsel Committee 7-8pm
September 4	Chat Room 9:30-10:30am Meeting for Worship 10:30-11:30am
September 5	Labor Day
September 7	NA Support Group 7-8:00pm
September 10	Garden Walk (Zoom) 9:30-10:30am Peace and Social Justice 9:30-10:30am
September 11	Chat Room 9:30-10:30am Meeting for Worship 10:30-11:30am
September 14	NA Support Group 7-8:00pm
September 15	Finance Committee 7-8:00pm
September 17	Garden Walk (In Person) 10:30am-12:30pm
September 18	Chat Room 9:30-10:30am Meeting for Worship 10:30-11:30am Festival of Faiths 1-5:00pm Meeting for Business 7-8:00pm
September 20	Stewardship Committee 2:30-3:30pm
September 21	NA Support Group 7-8:00pm
September 22	Quakerism Class 7-8:00pm
September 24	Scrapbook Group 9am-4:00pm Green Team 10-11:00am
September 25	Chat Room 9:30-10:30am Meeting for Worship 10:30-11:30am
September 26	USFW 11am-12:00pm
September 28	NA Support Group 7-8:00pm
September 29	Quakerism Class 7-8:00pm

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