

# THE LIVING LIGHT

*For the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.*  
Ephesians 5:9

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## How Will You Serve?

Welcome to 2017, the year we are sent forth to serve. And our first opportunity to serve is (literally) right around the corner.

The cold weather shelter program was begun more than 25 years ago by the Whittier Area Interfaith Council. Each year, our meeting joins together with other churches to address the needs of Whittier's marginalized residents living on the streets by giving aid and shelter through the winter months. The shelter rotates around different churches within the community.

The program has space for up to 40 people after they are prescreened for drugs and alcohol. Each person gets a dinner, a place to sleep, a blanket and breakfast. Guests leave early in the morning and return for dinner later in the day.

This winter, eight churches are taking turns providing shelter from November through March. We are once again supporting this worthy program by co-hosting with First United Methodist Church on Bailey Street, cooking dinner, supplying breakfast food and providing volunteers for overnight supervision.

The cold weather shelter program costs about \$10,000. \$5,000 comes from the city of Whittier and the rest is raised by the churches within the community.

First United Methodist is graciously opening their doors for three weeks. They will provide an accessible



location for dinner and sleeping, and our meeting is pitching in with the meals and overnight supervision from Monday evening, January 9 through Monday morning, January 16. This is the opportunity to also spend time getting to know our neighbors. If you are a little shy, see Loletta, Marilyn or Lynda to get encouragement on how you, too, can be part of this valuable ministry of connecting with God's people who live amongst us. Come, greet and join in a conversation. That's all there really is to it.

We are grateful to Friends who have already signed up. And we need you, too! Help us prepare meals, supervise overnight and provide a warm welcome for our guests. There is a BIG need for supervisors (one male, one female) to be on site each night from 6 p.m. to 12 a.m. and 12 to 7 a.m. each morning. Coffee and breakfast are free to volunteers.

Please prayerfully consider how you can serve. The sign-up sheet is in Founders Court on Sundays and in the church office during the week. So please call or stop in—there's no better way to start the year we are sent forth to serve.

—Carrin Bouchard



## Friendly Fare by Lea Wright

**Dear Friends,** As I write this, preparations are in full swing for Christmas. There is so much to do, and the anticipation of visiting friends and family is wonderful. Right now, I'm getting ready to go to the airport to pick up my sister, **Lynda Bates**, who arrives today from Antelope. As you read this, we are all unwinding and relaxing and preparing our New Year's resolutions. As my friend **Deanna Woirhaye** recently said to me, "I am just happy to have the Christmas break where my commitment to driving children around and shuttling books, homework and lunches left at home is much reduced for the moment. Just sayin'..."

**New Friends on the Way:** Exciting news for the Bouchard family: **Stacy & Adam Day** are expecting twins. Please keep them in your prayers for a healthy, full-term pregnancy.



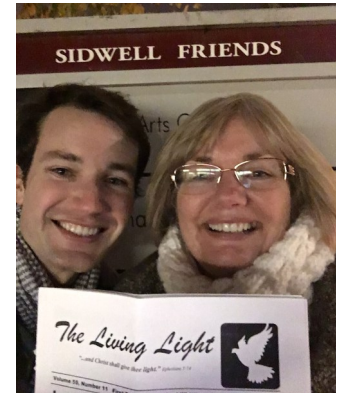
**Friends Visit:** It was a pleasant surprise to have **Jocelyn Thomas** with us on November 20. Jocelyn was in the ICU of the the hospital for four months earlier in the year and on our prayer list. While visiting she reported that her little sister Jaxon was back in school in Texas and sharing with everybody things she learned in Peace Camp here, including about

trees and rocks from **Bob Newton**. **Charles Svendsen** (one of our former interim pastors) stopped by recently. He is now serving as an interim pastor and living in Silver Lake. He asked about many members of whom he has fond memories and enjoyed seeing the Meeting House and offices. **Gwen Woirhaye** has his address if anyone is interested. **Dennis LeFevre** was traveling in California for Everence recently and visited Whittier to confer with the Business and Finance committee and advise two individual clients.

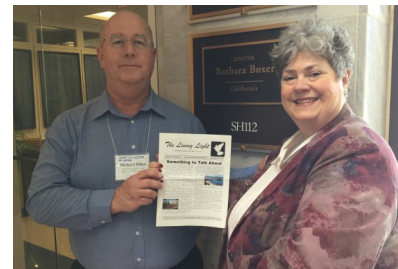
**Friends About Town:** **Kat Ryder** and **Anathea Woirhaye** have been cast in the Phantom Projects touring company of "Center of the Universe," the play our youth group presented in September. Both are excited about this opportunity.

**Friends Travel:** **Mindy Van Dorn** traveled with **Karlene Wright** to help her and her two cats, Rosie and Callie, relocate to Kailua Kona on the island of Hawaii. She enjoyed seeing beautiful beaches several with sunning sea turtles, lovely sunsets, botanical

gardens, the Mauna Loa macadamia nut factory, Akaka falls and working around her new house. **Lyn Gruber** and her son Jeff did a "self guided tour" of Sidwell Friends in Washington, D.C. before walking to the National Cathedral to hear the Messiah. They also went to President Obama's last White House Tree Lighting ceremony. Here they are with *The Living Light* continuing our tradition: "**The Living Light Travels.**" (Remember, your submissions are welcome and needed.) **Carol Urner** returned from Portland just before



Thanksgiving and will be staying in Whittier with her daughter **Julie** through the winter and spring. **Michael & Elisabeth Elliot** took an extended vacation to Washington, D.C. for the annual meeting of Friends Committee on National Legislation. Along with other Friends, they paid lobby visits to several lawmakers,



including Senator Barbara Boxer. They spent election night at the FCNL office on Capitol Hill with the staff. "It was not the kind of evening we will soon forget, nor one we ever wish

to repeat," says Elisabeth. Then it was on to New York City to see "Hamilton" before flying back to the Bay Area for a Thanksgiving visit with Michael's three brothers and their wives. It was the first time in quite a while that all four couples had been together. They continued their tradition of going to the movies with Dane and Lynda Elliot by taking in "Moana," took a drive out to Gold Country to see a friend from community theater days and also visited with Martha Tuma, who has been Elisabeth's friend since third grade.

**School and Work News:** Earlham College has announced that its new president, who will start in July, will be **Alan Price**, a 1988 graduate currently with the Peace Corps and the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. **Ellie Bewley** served on the Search Committee.

**Friends Sharing News:** Help to keep the Friendly Fare going. Email me a quick note and tell me your news. Send to Lea at [lealouw@gmail.com](mailto:lealouw@gmail.com), or deliver to me at church on Sunday. See you next month!

## This Month in Meeting for Worship

January 1	Loletta Barrett brings the message <i>Sent Forth to Serve</i> Isaiah 63:7-9, Hebrews 2:10-18
January 8	Lynda Ladwig brings the message <i>Let Your Lives Preach</i> John 20: 19-23
January 15	Elisabeth Elliot brings the message <i>We The People</i> 1 Peter 2:13-17
January 22	Loletta Barrett brings the message <i>Yokes, Nets and Weights</i> Isaiah 9:1-4, Matthew 4:12-23; 11:30
January 29	Earlham School of Religion Sunday Matt Hisrich brings the message <i>Radical Relationship and Revelation</i> John 15: 9-17



At Monthly Meeting on December 4, we discussed 2016 year-end spending for the meeting.

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## Quakerly Quiet

Ministry and Council invites you to consider how you prepare for meeting for worship throughout the week, the day, hours and minutes before. “Gathered,” “Listen” and “Seek” are three action verbs in our mission statement. Consider arriving early, so you can visit and greet Friends in the foyer. Then when the bell rings at 10:45, you can enter the welcoming Meeting House in silence, and sit in quiet meditation and reflection. Let go of the week and busyness of life, center down in the place and moment, and open yourself to the experience of community with God and Friends.

As we gather to listen, seek the peaceful presence of God, and hear the leadings for our lives together, we can be renewed by the Spirit to be sent forth to serve in the Way of Jesus. Expect the unexpected!

**We welcome and encourage your comments as well as your contributions and photos for inclusion in *The Living Light*. Kindly send your email to Elisabeth Elliot at [communicuaker@gmail.com](mailto:communicuaker@gmail.com).**

## Loletta's Lines



Our meeting is engaging in a three-year examination of our mission statement; “A Christian people, called to listen, gathered to seek peace, and sent forth to serve.” This is shorthand for the longer statement approved by Friends at Monthly Meeting on First Month Thirteenth, 2002. It reads “Whittier First Friends—a Christian people called to listen through our distinctive approach to worship, gathered to seek peace through the experience of Christ in our lives as evidenced by our testimonies, and sent forth to serve our community.”

We now have the opportunity to examine what we mean by “sent forth to serve,” and even more prayerfully, consider how God intends these words to shape our lives as a meeting. It might seem simple. Sent means we have to go. Forth means we have to leave the building. Serve is doing something for others.

But as I thought about it, I realized “sent” is not just going; it implies being impelled, commissioned, ordained and filled with the Spirit to go on a mission. And “forth” is not a passive movement; it begins from a starting point and goes in a forward direction. In nature’s images, it expands like a plant shooting out fresh branches and roots, explodes like a bursting flow of lava, charges like a herd of antelope up a mountain, and springs into blossoming new life. There is a sense of urgency.

We are sent forth to spread the Good News and stretch forth our hands to save others from despair. And serving in the way of Jesus is the most humble and the most exalted of roles; for Jesus did not do “charity” or “charitable giving.” Serving as he did means truly seeing and hearing people, their pain and joy, and taking risks to walk alongside them in their daily lives as a healing, peaceful, encouraging, empowering presence. The result is a treasure beyond price.





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## News from Whittier Friends School

Our spending was projected to be very close to, or slightly over the budgeted amount approved to be used from our reserves. Three actions were approved:

- 1) Encourage all committees to limit spending to only essential commitments for the remainder of 2016,
- 2) Encourage Friends to consider an increase in their 2016 giving, by giving a "53rd week" offering to boost the meeting income for 2016,
- 3) Allow spending up to \$7,000 above the 2016 approved budget from reserves.

This increased spending limit is intended to ensure the Meeting can meet our commitments to pay all our bills, and specifically include the balance of our Significant Outreach (\$3,000) and Western Association of the Society of Religious Friends contributions (\$4,000.) A sampling of Significant Outreach in 2016 includes local support of the Interfaith Food Center, First Day Center, H.O.W. House, St. Matthias Soup Hour, Whittier Friends School and the Women and Childrens' Crisis Shelter. Internationally, we support Kenya peace teams, Ramallah Friends School, Friends Theological College, Belize Friends School, Heifer Project International for the continuing relief needed in Nepal, and Church World Service for aid in the Syrian refugee crisis.

Monthly Meeting requested that we all prayerfully consider these approved actions to support the meeting, including participating in the "53rd week" of giving.

Please note that if your gift is to go to the 2016 shortfall, you need to clearly state that intention. All gifts given in January towards the 2016 shortfall will show in 2017 for your tax year purposes.

In addition, Friends who have not yet turned in their pledge card for 2017 are encouraged to do so as soon as possible. This will facilitate presentation of the 2017 budget at the February Monthly meeting.

The first Monthly Meeting of the New Year is Sunday, January 8. Jim Hopkins is the guest chef. On the menu are Brunch Bake Casserole with banana and blueberry bread and fruit salad.

Recently Whittier Friends school's TK-6th grade class did an experiment with pumpkins. Taking two giant pumpkins that had been on display in the Meeting House for the Thanksgiving harvest display, we estimated how much they weighed and how many seeds were inside. We then counted the seeds and weighed the pumpkin.



The TK-2nd grade kids counted the seeds in groups of ten and the 4th-6th grade kids converted the measurements of the pumpkin weight. When we added the weight, the older kids converted the improper fractions so that we could add them with each other. We had hypothesized which pumpkin would be heavier and have more seeds. Pumpkin D weighed 11 pounds and had 167 seeds. Pumpkin C weighed 14.06 pounds and had zero seeds! We think the pumpkin was not mature enough to have fully grown seeds.

These experiments are good for education because we can learn how to be a better active participant. If someone asks us about something we experimented on then we can answer their question. Not only is it fun, but you also get to improve your skills in the scientific method. We would love to give a special shout-out to Mary Mashburn, for donating the pumpkins in the first place.

—Shreeya Dhaval (6th grade)  
and Elyse Woirbaye (4th grade)

# January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 8:00p M&C	4	5 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	6	7
8 12:15p Monthly Meeting	9 Monthly Mission serving at the Cold Weather Shelter 10:00a Quiltmakers 1:30p Writing Class	10 Monthly Mission serving at the Cold Weather Shelter 7:00a Spiritual Growth Group 7:00p Bell Choir Rehearsal	11 Monthly Mission serving at the Cold Weather Shelter 6:00p AFFN	12 Monthly Mission serving at the Cold Weather Shelter 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	13 Monthly Mission serving at the Cold Weather Shelter <b>Friendly Fare Deadline</b>	14 Monthly Mission serving at the Cold Weather Shelter
15 Monthly Mission serving at the Cold Weather Shelter <b>Living Light Deadline</b>	16 Monthly Mission serving at the Cold Weather Shelter 11:30p Writing Class	17 7:00a Spiritual Growth Group 7:00p Bell Choir Rehearsal	18	19 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	20	21 1:00p Memorial Service for Esther Nelson
22 12:15p Music Committee 12:15p Christian Ed Committee	23 10:00a Quiltmakers 1:30p Writing Class	24 7:00a Spiritual Growth Group 7:00p Bell Choir Rehearsal	25 <b>Living Light Folding</b>	26 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	27 JHF/YFF Leave for Winter Retreat	28 JHF/YFF Winter Retreat 7:00a WFS Parking Lot Sale
29 JHF/YFF Return from Winter Retreat 12:30p ESR Lunch	30 1:30p Writing Class	31 7:00a Spiritual Growth Group 7:00p Bell Choir Rehearsal			<b>Schedule for Sundays</b> <b>Unprogrammed Worship—9:30a</b> <b>First Day Classes—9:30 a</b> <b>Meeting for Worship—11:00a</b>	



Jacob Adam  
Carlos Bailey  
Olivia Bald  
Matthew Bouchard  
Mark Brickley  
Barbara Cote  
Christopher Foley  
Barbara Fuller  
Susan Hall

Marshall Hockett  
Barbara Koch  
Janice Lindsay  
Meredith Marshburn  
Norah Martinez  
Robert Semans  
Cedric Woirhaye  
Alli Wright

If we've missed your birthday, we apologize (and happy birthday)! We're working hard to keep our birthday calendar up-to-date so please let us know if we're forgetting anyone.  
Thank you!

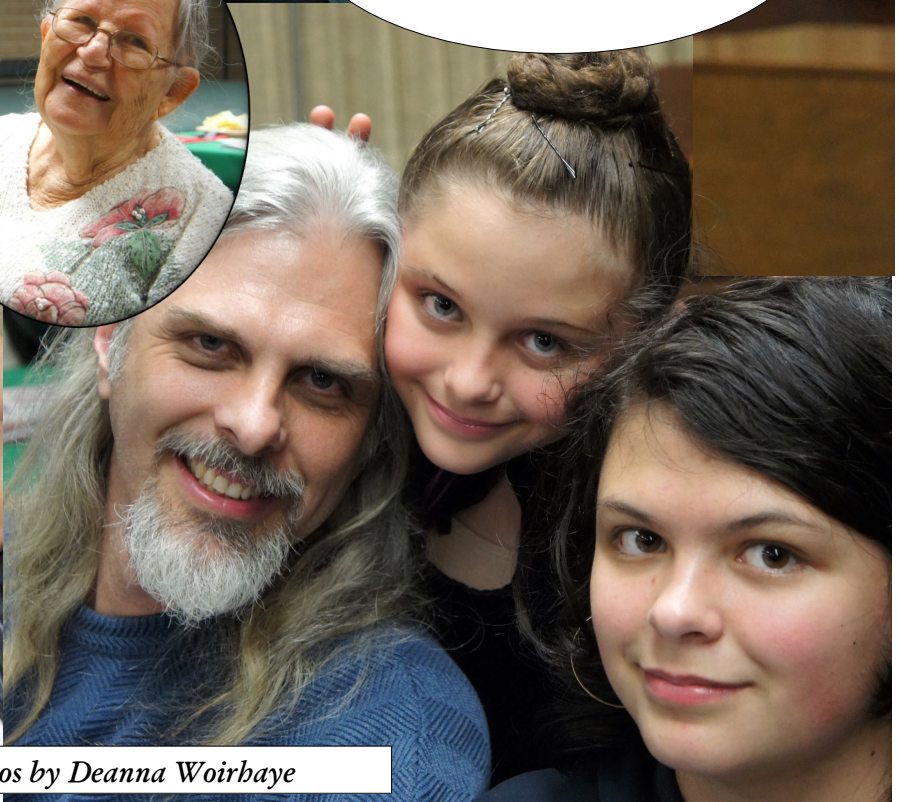








**Family  
Christmas  
Dinner 2016**



*Photos by Deanna Woirhaye*



## Christmas Gratitude

Yes, the miracle of Jesus' birth at Christmas is re-lived each year, but at First Friends we experience a smaller mini-miracle at our annual Family Christmas Dinner—the miracle of the dinner itself! Anne and I love to return to see the joyful welcome in the eyes of our (F)riends, but it is truly a miracle when dinner volunteers simply appear to help.

A quick call to Sylvia Graber-Pastrone, for example, and four needed turkeys appeared to join the turkey provided by Lynda Ladwig, and the beautifully prepared and carved turkeys from George and Carrin Bouchard, Mary and Ted Marshburn, and (as always) Shirley and Don Votaw.

We also experience the miracle of showing up at Fellowship Hall to be greeted by a gorgeously decorated dining room. It was a delight as our dear friend Marilyn Fant had decked the hall (literally!) with a musical instrument Christmas theme. By the way, Marilyn also graciously opened her home to us while we stayed in Whittier for the dinner. Love to Marilyn.

Helpers for the dinner abound and miraculously appeared just when we needed them (and often during the dinner prep and service, it's "Oh, how we need!"). Volunteers for dinner prep the day before included Loletta (vegetable chopper extraordinaire), Sarah Garland and her friend Vic (who now can claim to be Master Turkey Carver), Nancy and Amanda Cramer, Linda Flournoy (who faithfully made Shirley Votaw's dressing recipe) and Sharon and Bella Sturr.



George and Carrin came early on Sunday to help with the dinner, along with Dan, Lea, Philip, and Elinore. Sylvia came to the rescue again, as did Sarah and Vic. Later on, Matt Bouchard (proving essential to me in handling the ovens) and his friend Kim appeared to help, and Mel Sturr and Linda and Jim Flournoy joined the others to help prepare plates for the youth to serve.

Special thanks to Dan. He's amazing! Not only does he help with whatever is needed ("Hey, Dan, can you get the coffee maker working?" "Hey, Dan, is the dishwasher hot and good to go?"), but Dan is also the go-to guy for mashed potatoes. With absolutely no prompting, he and Lea and Philip just look around to see what needs to be done, and it's done! Add to that his glass artistry that is always awe-inspiring and draws so much for the auction. This year he doubled his efforts, because the winning bid went to the Settleges, but Mary Hall loved his glass artwork too, so he's creating a second special one just for her. And, I'm sure Philip lends a hand, skills, and talent, too, in terms of design and artistry of the glasswork. Thank you SO much, Dan and all.

Clean-up feels to be just as big a project as the dinner itself. It was like some sort of crazy, happy Christmas-elf cleanup crew that showed up to take over the kitchen. We use almost every pot, pan, plate and glass in the entire kitchen every year, so our volunteers were astounding: Carrin, George, Marilyn, Linda and Jim, Dan, Lea, and Philip, Sarah and Vic, Matt and Kim, Mel, and Sylvia (and Anne!).

Did I forget anyone? If so, you have my thanks as well.

Once again, thanks to all for making a merry Friends Christmas. See you next year if not before. And, in the meantime, come visit us on the Central Coast in Cambria. We wish you the best for a 2017 filled with love, peace, and joy—and the happiness that comes with the Presence year-'round.

—Harry Eggleton





## New Clerks for 2017

*Presiding Clerk of Monthly Meeting*

Ellie Bewley

*Recording Clerk*

Jasmine Sturr

*Assistant Recording Clerk*

Sarah Garland

*Business and Finance Clerk*

Brendon Woirhaye

*Christian Education Clerk*

Marilyn Fant

*Communications Clerk*

Elisabeth Elliot

*Fellowship Co-Clerks*

Deanna Woirhaye and Lea Wright

*Music Clerk*

Louise Secord

*Clerk of Ministry and Counsel*

Rob Settlege

*Nominating Co-Clerks*

Lynda Ladwig and Darrell Warren

*Outreach Clerk*

Carrin Bouchard

*Personnel Clerk*

Debi Nelson

*Clerk of Trustees*

Russ Litchfield

## Friends from Indiana Coming January 29

Winter and a new year bring the expectation of a visit by folks from Earlham School of Religion—and a team of three is coming to Whittier for a full day of events on Sunday, January 29.



ESR Director of Recruitment and Admissions Matt Hisrich will lead the team and bring a message, “Radical Relationship & Revelation,” based on John 15:9-17. Matt received his Master’s of Divinity from ESR, has worked for Indiana Yearly Meeting, and holds a BA in economics from Hillsdale College in Michigan. His family, wife Heidi, and their daughters Anna and Lily, are members of Richmond First Friends.

ESR will host a luncheon in Fellowship Hall at rise of meeting. ESR students Jaimie Mudd and Hoot Williams will present their plans for entrepreneurial ministries.

A current MDiv. candidate, Jaimie Mudd has worked for over 35 years with leaders and executives in faith communities, business, education, public health, government and philanthropy across the southwest United States. Her focus is leadership development, strategic change and community development.

Hoot Williams, a MDiv. student with an emphasis in spirituality, has been counseling professionally since 2007. With a Master’s in Divinity and professional certification in addictions counseling, Hoot plans to serve others outside of the institutionalized mental-health arena in a faith-based setting that provides more flexibility in providing affordable direct services in spiritual counseling.



For adult Sunday School, Matt will preview ESR’s new Digital Traveling Ministries video series for congregational use.

The ESR team plans to arrive in Whittier on January 27, and depart on January 30. We are grateful to Gwen Woirhaye and JoNita Beede for providing home hospitality.

—Rob Settlege

## ALL FRIENDS FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

The next All Friends Fellowship Night is Wednesday, January 11.

Potluck dinner begins at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall with the program (not confirmed at press time) to follow at 7 p.m. Sign up in Founders Court to bring a main dish, salad or dessert. Drinks and bread will be provided. Please bring \$1 per person with food or \$3 per person if you do not bring food but will be joining us for dinner. There is no charge for children 12 or under with their parents.

—Ted Marshburn

## Quaker Forum is Coming

Quaker Forum is March 4. Jan Wood, director of Good News Associates, will facilitate a full day workshop based on the third part of our mission statement “Sent Forth To Serve” and will bring the message on Sunday, March 5. Jan is a former pastor, teacher, administrator, and gifted minister, called to writing and speaking, organizational consulting, and spiritual direction.

## Sent Forth, Going Forth— The Travel Minute

Our year of “Sent Forth To Serve” is a good opportunity to learn more about the Quaker tradition of the travel minute. This tradition of traveling to undertake service to others dates back more than 300 years, allowing Friends to learn more about the world as they serve.

A meeting can express support for the leading of a Friend, in a letter of introduction or a minute of travel. It can take the form much like a letter of introduction. It is signed by the clerk of the monthly meeting identifying the person who is traveling as a Friend or regular attender in good standing. A travel minute may include greetings, ask for loving care of the Friend, confirm the person is a Friend and has approval to travel in the ministry, affirm their gifts and reason for travel, and close with a prayer of blessing.

An endorsement, written on the bottom of the letter, may be received from the receiving meeting. It may simply return greetings to the Friend’s meeting. It may also comment on the visit, explain how the visit was received by Friends, and report on the faithfulness of the traveling Friends to their work, to God, and to their meetings. Endorsement is one way of holding the traveling Friend accountable for the right use of his or her gifts.

As Friends go forth to serve, whether as individuals or groups, formally or informally, it is important that we recognize that they, and we, are seen as representatives of our meeting and Friends. While Friends are humble in their service, encouragement and support by prayer and recommendation, and recognition of gifts of service that are used well and generously can only improve our Friends, Meeting and the world.

For more information about the travel minute, go to [www.fgcquaker.org/resources/explanation-letters-introduction-travel-minutes-and-endorsements](http://www.fgcquaker.org/resources/explanation-letters-introduction-travel-minutes-and-endorsements)



**Quakers in Unity  
New From Friends  
Around the World**

**American Friends Service Committee**—continues to concentrate on the Syrian and Iraqi refugee crisis and peace policy. [afsc.org](http://afsc.org).

**Friends Committee on National Legislation**—a report on the annual meeting will appear in the February issue of *The Living Light*. [fcnl.org](http://fcnl.org).

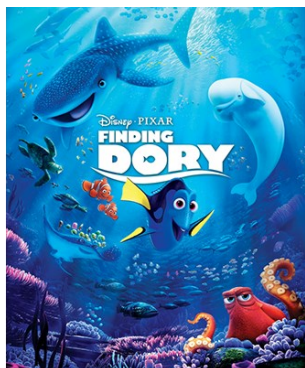
**Friends General Conference**—FGC’s Ministry on Racism has been expanding Friends’ understanding of racism and supporting Friends of Color for more than 15 years and was recently been called to take a critical look at FGC itself. An institutional assessment will take a close look at any of our own organizational practices that are preventing full engagement by Friends of Color. Consultants will train a dedicated working group of staff and volunteers to examine the structure, processes, and resources of our organization to assess our complicity in structural racism and suggest ways to build the loving and diverse community that we all aspire to share. Knowledge-sharing is a key component of this new effort. Through this process we hope that FGC as an institution and, we pray, Quaker communities in general become more meaningful and inviting environments for People of Color. This is an unexpected addition to our budget, and additional gifts are welcome. [fgc.org](http://fgc.org).

**Friends World Committee for Consultation**—Many beautiful new tools have been created this year. There’s a shiny new website, packed with resources and an updated directory of meetings; a fresh and colorful brochure; five new FWCC-related QuakerSpeak videos and sample lesson plans creatively designed so that anyone can use them to tell the stories of our world-wide family of Friends. [fwcc.org](http://fwcc.org).



## FRIDAY FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3



6:30 p.m. in FELLOWSHIP HALL

Free admission and popcorn

Open to the community

Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult

Donations of canned goods for  
the Interfaith Food Center are appreciated

## Christ's Birth Celebrated in Song

Christmas Music Sunday is always an important worship event for us. Five guest musicians, the Friends Choir, and Director of Music Ministries Russ Litchfield made it special this season. Together they performed two classical nativity works of Marc-Antoine Charpentier: his "Magnificat for Three Voices," based on Luke 1, and the "Song of the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ," based on Luke 2. As a postlude, cellist Kevan Torfeh, flutist Elsa Lozano, and oboist Evan Sanchez repeated the Marche from the latter piece.

In addition, the three instrumentalists, accompanied by Russ on the harpsichord, opened the Meeting with Giuseppe Valentini's "Per il Santissimo Natale."

Guest tenor Brian Padilla and guest baritone Jeff Lutgen, along with our mezzo-soprano Allison Coop, did a beautiful rendering of the "Magnificat." Russ's translation of the Latin words, and his detailed program notes about the pieces and the composer, made the music all the more inspiring.

"Song of the Birth" featured a solo and duets sung in English by members of our choir. Jamie Benjamin and Diane Wemmerus harmonized exquisitely in the opening section of "The Evangelist." Samantha Sanchez soloed the "Air of the Angels." Aaron Espinosa and Ryan Hoffmann

continued with the "Evangelist" message, and Pam Laswell and Michael Urquidi combined to sing the "Air of a Shepherd."

For this worshipper, the concert added greatly to the enjoyment of the Christmas season.

—Bob Newton



In the early morning of December 6, our dear Friend Esther Nelson passed to new life and everlasting joy and peace with God and her beloved husband Carl. Please hold her family and friends in

your prayers for comfort and peace.

A celebration of Esther's life will be held on Saturday, January 21 at 1:00p.m. in the Meeting House. Friends are invited to write down memories that can be shared and given to her family.

## On Our Calendar...

Whittier Friends School Grandparents Day	February 10
Monthly Meeting	February 12
Quaker Forum	March 4
Whittier Friends School Science Fair	March 15
Chorale Bel Canto concert	March 18
Youth Fellowship events	March 26 and April 23
Easter Breakfast	April 16
Whittier Friends School Spring Event	April 29

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 those Friends  
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 worship with us  
 regularly.*

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