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# Behold, the New Has Come



*The Whittier hills are covered with wildflowers thanks to a rainy winter. For a look at our own friendly blooms, see page 6. Photo by Bob Newton.*

## Welcome Beth Shalom!

We will welcome our friends of Beth Shalom with a dairy potluck at Rise of Meeting on Sunday, April 14.

A dairy potluck includes all foods except meat, according to Jewish tradition. One of the important aspects of observing kosher is keeping milk and meat properly separated. This prohibition is derived from the verse, "Do not cook a kid in its mother's milk." This verse appears in the Torah three times, twice in Exodus and once in Deuteronomy.

Please sign up in the foyer to bring a meatless main dish, salad or dessert.

## CELEBRATE EASTER

*Good Friday, April 19*

An interactive observance focusing on the seven last words of Christ

led by Whittier Area Clergy Association

Noon

First Christian Church

at the corner of Greenleaf and Bailey

*Easter Sunday, April 21*

**Sunrise Service**

The Gardens at Rose Hills

6:00 a.m.

Reverend Layne Beamer, pastor of First Christian Church, will bring the message

**Easter Breakfast**

presented by Young Friends Fellowship

9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

(No Sunday School classes)

**Meeting for Worship**

at 11:00 a.m.

## Shelter's Right Hand Seeks Volunteers

Shelter's Right Hand Thrift Shop is seeking volunteers from our Meeting on Tuesday-Thursday April 23-27 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Saturday, April 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sign up in the foyer or call Marilyn Fant at (562) 693-7378.

*A CHRISTIAN PEOPLE CALLED TO LISTEN, GATHERED TO SEEK PEACE AND SENT FORTH TO SERVE*

## Friendly Fare by Lea Wright

*Dear Friends,* It's been a very wet winter in Southern California, and there has been a lot of talk about the "Super Blooms." Myself, I'm really enjoying the very green Whittier hills.

**Friends Connections:** In the February issue of *Friends Journal*, there is an announcement of Friends Committee on National Legislation's 2019 Spring Lobby Weekend featuring a photo of five young participants in last year's event, including **Jasmine Sturr**. The December '18 issue of the Friends United Meeting magazine *Connections* shows **Bob Secord** at October General Board meetings looking over a display of publications for sale on the new FUM Books webpage at [bookstore.friendsunitedmeeting.org](http://bookstore.friendsunitedmeeting.org).

**Friends Visit:** **Loletta Barrett** recently visited **Peggy Anderson**. Here they are with *The Living Light* continuing our tradition: "The Living Light Travels" (Remember, your submissions are welcome and needed). **Martha Horne** sent a note thanking the Meeting for the warm welcome she received at Meeting for Worship while she was in the area visiting relatives.

She also assisted with the Cold Weather Shelter while she was here. She was happy to take a copy of Loletta's "End of Life with Dignity" CD back to share with Friends at Bethesda Friends Meeting in MD. **Marygene Wright's** family gathered at the Thirkettle home in Riverside for a wonderful Sunday afternoon dinner. Pictured are **Norman & Donna, Allison & Kirk, Betsy & Michael Wood, Isaac, Lind Coop, Marygene** and **Chris & Lea Thirkettle**.



**School and Work News:** **Landon Caringella & Bishop Aereaux** are playing soccer together and their coach is **Bill Ryder**. A family party was held in Fellowship Hall to celebrate **Haviva Avirom's** Masters degree in library science. **Anathea Woirhaye** recently joined the Kid's Kingdom cast of the Renaissance Pleasure Faire. She is very excited about acting Shakespeare for children on weekends in April and May.

**Friends About Town:** **Deanna Woirhaye** was ecstatic to learn that daughter **Anathea** took 3rd place in the high school category for her artwork and that she (Deanna) received an honorable mention for her photography at the 59th Hillcrest Festival of Fine Arts in February. **Jo Nita Beede** performed her wonderful music on Saturday on the outdoor stage at the Festival. A current exhibit of the photography of Deanna and fellow photographer Louis Rico entitled "In the Beginning," featuring Whittier specific photography at the Ruth B. Shannon Center for the Performing Arts continues through April 5.

**Friends Travel:** **Dan & Lea Wright** spent a long, relaxing weekend in Laguna Beach. **Elinore Petoletti** went on a winter rail trip that included six nights on three trains and five days in Wisconsin and other states. She saw miles of white and drifting snow. **Cassie, Steven, Landon & Avalon Caringella** traveled north to Hume Lake in the Sierra Nevada mountains over spring break to visit **Adam, Aubrie, Addy & Alaina Wright**. Here are the kids in Kings Canyon National Park at the General Grant, the third largest tree in the world.



**Friends Remember:** **Helen Hurford-Carlisle** passed to new life on March 4. Please keep **Jack Carlisle** and Helen's family and friends in your prayers.

**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

April 7	Music Sunday <i>Light in Deepest Night</i>
April 14 Palm Sunday	Loletta Barrett brings the message <i>Why Wave Palms?</i>  Luke 19:29-40
April 21 Easter	Loletta Barrett brings the message <i>Would We Recognize Him?</i>  Luke 24:1-12, 13-16, 33-37
April 28	Loletta Barrett brings the message <i>Did We Miss It?</i>  Isaiah 43:16-21 and others



At Monthly Meeting for March on March 10, we approved the 2019 budget based on recommendations for reductions and reassignment of funds by the Envisioning Group. We approved the forming of a discernment committee for the recording of Elisabeth Elliot as a Quaker minister. We discussed the dispersement of significant outreach funds. This discussion will continue at Monthly Meeting for April on April 7.

## Music Sunday Celebrates Light

The Friends Choir will present a service of music and readings, *Light in Deepest Night*, at Music Sunday on April 7. The piece is composed by Aaron David Miller, Music Director at House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Paul, Minnesota, and his father, David L. Miller, Lutheran pastor and former dean of the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. The music is scored for two instruments and organ—we will be using oboes. The service is based on the writings of Julian of Norwich (1342-1416), medieval English anchoress and councilor. Her *Revelations of Divine Love*, based on a series of her visions, offers a message of hope and trust in the love of God through the saving works of Jesus, who she refers to as mother. The two Millers, father and son, through scripture, meditations, and music, give a glimpse into Julian's theology and its resonance with today. Come and find light in the darkness with us.

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 [communiquaker@gmail.com](mailto:communiquaker@gmail.com).

## Loletta's Lines

I am incredibly grateful for the rain this year. It was something more like a “real California winter.” The snow on the mountains was beautiful (I emphasize on the mountains), and the resulting green is refreshing and healing to our eyes and senses. The rich soil was saturated, rested and nourished. There have been poppies and the desert super bloom to enjoy. They say “April showers bring May flowers,” but I admit I am now looking forward to less rain and more sunshine, and the abundant buds exploding into flowers and leaves.

While I sat on the couch relishing the cold rainy days, I began to yearn for the sun and movement. I know it is all necessary to nourish mind and spirit, heart and body. In the noisiness and busy-ness of life, I seek time for solitude and quiet. Then I get antsy to move again in the company of Friends. One Saturday I treated myself to rising late to work alone in the garden, in barely-there sunshine, pulling weeds with my bare hands from the damp cold soil, listening to gentle music on my earphones. It was energizing and restful, a satisfying activity of doing and completion, combined with the realistic recognition it will soon need doing again. The next day, I was grateful to rise early and rush to be in the busy and satisfying community of Friends. Friends who sit still in deep silence, and fellowship and study in conversation, laughter and joy.

I struggle with staying in balance. It takes focus and concentrated effort. However, God's creation gives us plenty of examples. After the cold nourishing rain, what goes with warmer weather, sunshine, and seeds germinating in the rich, dark, damp soil? Weeds and allergies! Yes that is life! Rain and sun, yin and yang, light and dark, flowers and trees and weeds and allergies all have their place. It is God's wheel in balance. Achoo!



## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP



February is the shortest month of the year and so it seemed an appropriate time for Young Friends Fellowship and the Christian Education Committee to combine their efforts in a youth program and fundraising event. And that's just what we did. The youth and children had a good time putting together the "We're a Little Short" lunch and program.

Lunch included baby carrots, shrimp salad appetizers, spaghetti (short rather than long), a little salad, bread and shortbread cookies for dessert. The short program featured the story of Zacchaeus, the very short tax collector, who learns that Jesus is a friend to all. We raised \$940 for the general fund. Love and support were definitely not in short supply!



Our intended trip to Lake Arrowhead did not happen as planned, much to our disappointment. On April 7, we are planning a trip to the Renaissance Faire, where we hope to see Anatheia Woirhaye who is working at the Faire this year. Two weeks later, the youth will be in the kitchen preparing and serving the annual Easter Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Come for breakfast and you won't be late for Meeting for Worship! Plus you can find good parking at 9:30 a.m.

—Lynda Ladwig



## News from Whittier Friends School

On Saturday, March 9, Whittier Friends School students Elyse Woirhaye and Matthew Horbino went to San Gabriel High School to present their Stonewall Riots project to History Day L.A. judges. Hundreds of students were there presenting projects on the theme "Triumph and Tragedy in History." History Day L.A. is a countywide history conversation and competition between Los Angeles County students in the grades four through twelve. Third graders at our school created a practice history day project this year so that they will be ready to enter the competition next year.



The Whittier Friends School's Open House on Tuesday, March 5, allowed the children in elementary grades to share science and history day projects with visitors. The theme was Earth's Biomes. Transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and first grade students made their own picture books about their chosen biome, and told visitors about them using felt storyboards made especially for their projects. The middle graders wrote three-paragraph essays about their chosen biome and made dioramas displaying some of the plant and animal life found there. Even the preschoolers had a project on display. Theirs was about making observations comparing a large room temperature bottle of water to a small frozen bottle of water. It was exciting for the children to share their learnings with friends and family members.

Saturday, April 27 will prove to be an exciting Spring Event at Whittier Friends School. The children are in the process of writing their own skits this year, which will focus on ancient history. The event will also include our annual silent auction, dinner, and dessert. We love to collaborate with local businesses when it comes to our silent auction. Keep an eye open for pre-sale tickets and hope to see you there!

—Cassie Caringella

# April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 1:30p Writing Class	<b>2</b> 7:00a Spiritual Growth Group	<b>3</b> 6:30p Business & Finance Committee	<b>4</b> 7:00p Friends Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 12:30p Monthly Meeting 12:30p JHF/YFF/YAF Outing	<b>8</b> 10:00a Quiltmakers 1:30p Writing Class	<b>9</b> 7:00a Spiritual Growth Group	<b>10</b> 6:00p All Friends Fellowship Night (AFFN)	<b>11</b> 7:00p Friends Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Shelter's Right Hand 5k Walk starts in Central Park
<b>14</b> 12:30p Vegetable & Salad Potluck with Beth Shalom	<b>15</b> 1:30p Writing Class	<b>16</b> 7:00a Spiritual Growth Group	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 7:00p Friends Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9:30a Easter Breakfast (No Meetings for Learning Today)	<b>22</b> 10:00a Quiltmakers 1:30p Writing Class	<b>23</b> 7:00a Spiritual Growth Group	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7:00p Friends Choir Rehearsal	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 5:00p Whittier Friends School Spring Dinner & Auction
<b>28</b> 12:30p Envisioning Group 12:30p Outreach Committee 12:30p Music Committee	<b>29</b> 1:30p Writing Class	<b>30</b> 7:00a Spiritual Growth Group		7:00p Friends Choir Rehearsal	<b>Schedule for Sundays</b> <b>Unprogrammed Worship — 8:30a</b> <b>Meetings for Learning — 9:30a</b> <b>Friends Choir Rehearsal — 9:30a</b> <b>Meeting for Worship — 11:00a</b>	



Peggy Anderson	Kathy Marin	Abigail Sadler
Mary Coop	Wendy Marsh	Lou Secord
Todd Cramer	Nancy Marshall	Ann Smith
Christian Eggleton	Kat Ryder	Carol Urner
Lloyd Kaneko	Gabriel Sadler	Bonnie Wright-Scott

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!



Floral Art by the Decorating Committee  
Photography by Bob Newton



## ALL FRIENDS FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

Jennifer Tucker will share stories and photos of her family visit to New Zealand last Christmas at All Friends Fellowship Night on Wednesday, April 10. Jennifer, along with her husband Glenn and son James, a former Whittier Friends School student, traveled to a number of cities, visited the National Museum, the Tasman National Park, a Museum of Wearable Art, along the beautiful coast line and other interesting places.

Potluck dinner begins at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall with the program 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.

## Remembrance of Things Past

Everyone has interesting stories to tell about their life and times. The Writers Group, who meet every Monday afternoon at the church, reminisce in short essays that are always amusing and sometimes poignant. The Group have, on many previous occasions, read some of their writings at All Friends Fellowship Night, and their recitation on March 13 was one of the most memorable.

Moderator Gwen Woirhaye introduced the first reader, Johanna Nootenboom, who recalled some of her early experiences as they might have been related by her family's favorite gathering place, the kitchen table. Michelline Cassar followed with a similar nostalgic narrative, delivered this time by the family's Christmas tree. Love of family and community pervaded both essays.

Diane Diaz recalled a childhood encounter with an unusually bold mouse. The traumatic incident, told with animation, was most amusing. Sal DiVita collected his memoir writings into a book, with the encouragement of former Writer's Group member Jeananne Coop. Sal shared each new chapter with Jeananne until her valiant fight against cancer ended a few years ago. Nancy Cowardin recorded biographies of young people in juvenile court. Her moving story told of 14-year-old Robert, a withdrawn and seemingly anti-social youth, who unexpectedly bestowed a kindness on a fellow delinquent.

Beverly Harris told of her family's car trip across the country, to arrive in Washington D. C. just at the time of the death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

## On Our Calendar...

Whittier Friends School Grandparents Day	Friday, May 3
L.A. Bronze in Concert	Saturday, May 4
Monthly Meeting	May 5
All Friends Fellowship Night Friends United Meeting in Belize	Tuesday, May 7 (special time)
Founders Day in Central Park	Saturday, May 11
Whittier Friends School Parking Lot Sale	Saturday, May 18
New Century Singers Concert	Sunday, May 19
Promotion Sunday	June 16
Peace Camp	July 22—26

Beverly's husband was reassigned to an East Coast naval base during those fateful WWII years. Norm Stevens, often an amusing contributor to AFFN Writers Group presentations, recalled his favorite childhood hobby of collecting bottle caps, and his great discovery that beer-bottle caps could substantially enlarge his collection. Lois McKinney recalled one of the most thrilling moments of her young life, when she won a radio contest ticket to a live performance of her vocalist idol Kay Starr.

Jerry Sarchet is a psychologist whose mission in retirement has become public education on the danger of global warming. His informative message elicited earnest response from Gwen Woirhaye's grandson Cedric, who is studying for a career in environmental science. Gwen McCants remembered the time when her 12-year-old daughter wanted to see a questionable movie. After Gwen consented, with misgivings, she was gratified to hear her daughter pronounce the film "dumb." Gabriel Cassar's family escaped the Armenian Holocaust of the early 1900's by fleeing to Canada. There he met and married co-Writers Group writer Michelline.

Iris Harris wrapped up an evening of interesting life stories by recalling her emotions at her daughter Marina's first performance with the San Francisco Opera. Many years earlier, Iris had aspired to become a professional singer. Like many parents, Iris found a deferred fulfillment in the accomplishments of a child.

Mary Marshburn's famous St. Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage was, as at many previous March AFFNs, the centerpiece of a magnificent potluck supper.

—Bob Newton

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## Put On Your Walking Shoes

Join members of the Whittier community to raise funds for Shelter's Right Hand by walking in the 23rd annual 5K Walk on Saturday, April 13 in Central Park.

Enjoy the activities, food, entertainment and lots of prizes! All registered walkers are awarded a t-shirt and a medal.

Shelter's Right Hand supports the Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter. The Shelter offers a hotline, a temporary home, counseling, schooling, and emergency support systems to survivors of domestic violence. These services, along with transitional housing, are provided for clients who live in the Greater Whittier area.

The Shelter will receive 100% of the proceeds generated by walkers. In addition, you'll help raise awareness of the devastating issue of violence in the home. Our goal is to help stop this cycle of violence.

Go to [sheltersrighthand.org](http://sheltersrighthand.org) to register today or come on over to Central Park early on Saturday, April 13.

Brochures are available in the foyer. For more information, go to the website or call Marilyn Fant at (562) 693-7378. Come along, friends!

—Marilyn Fant



*Please  
 remember in  
 prayer  
 those Friends  
 unable to  
 worship with  
 us regularly.*

**Peggy Anderson**  
**Carlos Bailey**  
**Jack Carlisle**  
**Rose Nedrow**  
**Kathy & Klane Robison**  
**Ann Smith**  
**Ami Troedsson**  
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