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

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Scholars Honored on Promotion Sunday

During Meeting for Worship on June 11, First Friends Church held its traditional "Promotion Sunday" to recognize and celebrate the hard work and dedication of the youth scholars of the meeting. Marilyn Fant, Clerk of the Christian Education and Outreach committee was assisted by Lori Graham, CEO committee member, in presenting certificates, awards, and Quaker themed books.

Elyse Woirhay, Landon Caringella, and Avalon Caringella were presented with certificates to affirm their consistent and enthusiastic participation in weekly Meeting for Learning classes.

Additionally, Davidson awards were presented to Elyse Woirhay and Landon Caringella. These scholarship funds are available through an endowment made possible by contributions from friends and family of Larry Davidson, and Lucy and George Davidson. The gifts are presented annually to "junior and/or high school students who use their gifts to serve the meeting. In addition to artistic talents, the recipients are honored for displaying leadership, sharing humor and joy, exhibiting dependability, and being faithful in attendance."

Elyse has been a vital member of the online



discussion group "Understanding Through Sharing." She also gives her time and energy to ushering and participating in church events whenever possible. Landon has been a dedicated participant in the Sunday morning Inter-generational Meeting for Learning this spring. He has also served as a greeter on Sunday mornings and helped with the smaller children during Meeting for Worship and Monthly Meeting.

It has also been a tradition of our meeting to recognize and congratulate college graduates with Quaker themed books to add to their

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Friendly Fare by Lea Wright

Dear Friends, Happy summer everyone. I have a special challenge for you. Join me in sending special birthday greetings to my mom, **Elinore Petoletti** who is celebrating 95 in July.



Friends Celebrate: Happy Birthday to **Bob Newton** who turned 90 in June. Here is Bob with **Sabron** and the birthday cake that **Mary Marshburn** made for the Monthly Meeting luncheon.

Friends About Town: **Brendon & Deanna Woirhaye** have been feeling elated by some of the awards the family has earned in photography recently. Brendon earned 3rd Place at the Los Angeles County Fair for his image entitled, "Opus No. 4 (In Feathers)". Deanna earned first place on two (2) different pieces, one at the LA Fair for "Relative's Space Relatively Spaced from LA" which also earned an extra Judge's Award of Merit, and for one of her entries at the Whittier Art Gallery's Summer Show for "Hang 40". Deanna was also very grateful and honored to be a part of the City of Whittier's Visual Arts Program this year showcasing her photography at the Parnell Park Community and Senior Center in Whittier through June 9th.

School and Work: The **Caringella** kids have been full of accomplishments this spring. **Landon Caringella** completed 7th grade, earning Principal's Award for his 4.375 GPA, plus a special award for his accomplishments in his Beginning Guitar class. He also received an award for his involvement in the drama department

at Benton Middle School. He earned the "Spotlight" award for always putting his all in every role he plays in his various performances. **Avalon Caringella** completed 4th grade and was awarded the "Artistic Astronomer" award at Whittier Friends School, for finding creative inspiration all around her. **Hudson Caringella** is doing all he can to keep up with his siblings and can't wait to start preschool later this year.

Friends Travel: **Ted & Mary Marshburn** traveled to Yosemite to celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary. There were 28 family members in their group stay-



ing in Wawona near where the 1953 newlyweds went on their honeymoon. Here are Ted, daughter **Carol**, & Mary at the Grizzly Giant.



Bella Sturr visited her college roommate **Sophie Rockne** who lives in Seattle.

Friends Remember: Prayers for the family of

Marshall Hockett, who passed away on Friday, May 26, 2023 at the age of 76. Watch for a story about the life of Marshall.

Friends Sharing News: Help to keep the Friendly Fare going. Email me a quick note and tell me your news. Send your news to Lea at lealouw@gmail.com, or deliver to me at church 2 on Sunday. See you in September!

Peace Day 2023



FREE Family Peace Festival

Saturday, August 26 12:30-3:30 pm

Crafts – Stories – Snacks

Special Guest: Tide Pool Animals

From the Aquarium of the Pacific!

On August 26, First Friends Church will host its second annual Peace Day, from 12:30 to 3:30 pm. This year's theme, "I've Got Peace Like a River," will focus on the importance of caring for Earth's water habitats, preserving water resources, and freshwater access for all. This family-friendly festival will feature crafts, stories, games, prizes, and snacks, as well as a special appearance by the traveling tide pool exhibit from Aquarium of the Pacific. Children especially enjoy water-play during the hottest time of the year, so this event will be a great opportunity to connect with Whittier families and share our Quaker testimonies of peace, equality, and community, while engaging in summer fun.

Peace Day is an outgrowth of the Peace Camp ministry, and last year's event was well attended with over 75 children participating. Volunteers are needed. If you are interested in serving the young people of the community of Whittier while being a friendly face for our Quaker Meeting, contact Marilyn Fant or the church office.



News from Whittier Friends School



Whittier Friends School's upper elementary class enjoyed a field trip to D&L Stained Glass last month, which helped conclude their studies about Medieval and Renaissance art. Owner Dan Wright, the grandfather of student Avalon, showed them the various materials artisans use for stained glass windows, including glass of various colors, textures, and opacities, lead came, and solder. He showed them the process of cutting the lead came to connect the pieces of cut glass and demonstrated the process of melting the solder to connect the pieces of lead came, explaining that today's process of making a leaded window is very similar to the process of making lead windows in the cathedrals the students learned about from 400 or more years ago. He even let the students each take a turn cutting a piece of glass, an experience that they all expressed as "satisfying" when they reflected on the trip after they returned to class. The students also enjoyed seeing all of the little sun catchers and other pre-made glass pieces that hang in the store, recalling how unique and pretty they are. D&L Stained Glass is a hidden gem of a store here in Whittier, and now the WFS upper elementary students are in on the secret!

Walking with Quakers class begins August 14

First Friends Church will once again offer "Walking With Quakers," a series of six online workshops designed to help us explore, deepen, and share our understandings of Quaker heritage, practices, and faith. Sessions will be held on Monday evenings from 7 to 8:30 pm (Pacific Time) beginning August 14. Everyone is invited to attend, so whether you are new to Quakerism, a birthright Quaker, or somewhere in between, we encourage you to join in this unique opportunity to walk alongside each other and support our individual faith journeys. Check the weekly newsletter or contact the church office for the Zoom link information. See the schedule below:

Aug. 14	The World Turned Upside Down: Quaker Heritage
Aug. 21	Let Us See What Love Can Do: The Quaker Testimonies
Aug. 28	An Infinite Ocean of Life and Love: Quaker Worship
Sept. 11	Quiet Processes and Small Circles: The Quaker Ways
Sept. 18	What Canst Thou Say? Quakers in the World
Sept. 25	Let Your Life Speak: What Quakers Have Done, Are Doing, and Will Do

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Art inspired by Eric Carle from WFS Summer Enrichment

Whittier Friends School's Summer Enrichment program for elementary students is off to a great start! Our first two weeks focused on insects and animals, using the books of Eric Carle and Leo Lionni as art and literature inspiration. This program provides four days of activities for elementary-aged kids a week, with opportunities to practice reading and math skills, engage in arts and crafts activities, and socialization time. There are more sessions available this summer. If you have friends who need a summer option for their elementary age children, check out our future sessions!

We are currently accepting applications for elementary and preschool, both for summer and the fall! You can contact cassie.wfs@gmail.com for enrollment information. We also appreciate financial support, in the form of checks, mailed to Whittier Friends School or First Friends Church (memo line: Whittier Friends School), or through paypal at finance@whittierfriendsschool.org, or you can visit our school's Amazon wish list at <https://amzn.to/2QK8Yp8>

-Cassie Caringella



personal libraries. Katerina Ryder, who earned her B.S. degree from California State Polytechnic University Pomona in Animal Science was given "A Sacred Compass" by J.Brent Bill. Bose Erinmwingbovo was also recognized for her degree in from California State University San Marcos with "A Quaker Book of Wisdom" from Robert Lawrence Smith.

In 1985, the family of Mildred Votaw Jessup, a beloved FFC Sunday school teacher, requested that a scholarship fund be established in her name. The Jessup Scholarship awards are intended to assist with the purchase of books and general supplies to help those students continuing their education after high school. For the past 38 years, Christian Education has continued to honor Mildred's legacy of love and learning by putting out a call for applications from new high school graduates and continuing college students who are interested in receiving this support. This year's recipients were Cedric Woirhaye, who is pursuing a degree in Environmental Biology with an Agribusiness minor at California State Polytechnic University Pomona and Anatheia Woirhaye who is studying History, Media, and Culture at Redlands University.

Anatheia Woirhaye brought the message entitled: "*Plain Dress*" in which she explained how her expression of her Quaker faith has changed as she has grown. As a teen, she very

strongly identified with the historical testimony of "plain dress" as a rejection of shallow fashion "in the name of human equality under God" and dressed in her own modern-day version as an expression of being a Quaker. Growing up she was also heavily involved in church, volunteer work, and activism. As a college student, however, she explained that her busy schedule and pandemic restrictions have limited those opportunities and, as a result, the expressions of her faith have evolved. She is still drawn to Quaker communities and services and identifies as a pacifist, but she has come to realize that, "Expression of faith is not just about having faith as an innate part of oneself and projecting that out into the world. The choice to practice what you believe takes time and energy, and can be arduous."



These days, Anatheia is involved with the Johnston Center for Integrative Studies, an educational program at the University of Redlands that uses Quaker decision-making processes, which she admits is a

rewarding yet time-consuming and challenging experience. She states, "Faith for me is about repeated action, a lifetime commitment to trying to get things right." In recognizing and facing the issues of today, she says, "Commitment to faithful principles is no longer something I can just claim - we have to act. . . . I am called to treat others with respect, to think and negotiate and live in our complicated world in a way which best embraces love . . . I can no longer just identify as a Quaker to feel true to my faith, to wear the identity like a costume. If I'm going to 'wear' Quakerism, I have to make it an action, choosing to live my faith every day, no matter how difficult it may be."

Remembering Joanne Votaw Camp



Joanne Votaw Camp passed to new life on May 19, 2023, at the age of 88, and her life was celebrated by over 100 family members and friends on June 15, at First Friends Church. Joanne was born in Oskaloosa, Iowa, the second

daughter of Thomas Warren Votaw and Mary Ethel Andrews Votaw. Her older sister was Marilyn Grace Votaw Walker Dickey. Due to their father's health issues with tuberculosis, the family moved to Tucson, AZ and went back and forth between the family farm in Fremont, Iowa, until her father's death when Joanne was five years old. Her mother then moved the family back to the farm for a year before moving to Whittier to be near family and friends. Joanne, her mother, and her sister often traveled back and forth from Whittier to Fremont, Iowa, helping on the farm, exploring the United States, and visiting family members along the way. This was the beginning of her love of road trips and travel.

She attended Whittier City Schools and graduated from Whittier High School with the class of 1952 as a proud Cardinal! She was active in high school and loved going with her girlfriends to Balboa Island over Easter and summer breaks. She also enjoyed time at Whittier YMCA's Camp Arbolado as a child and teen counselor. She went to Fullerton College for two years and transferred to Earlham College in Indiana to earn her teaching credential where she graduated in 1956. She was a student teacher for a third grade class at Warner School in Richmond, Indiana, for the school year of 1955-1956.

In the summer of 1956 while attending a "Storytelling" Course at Whittier College, her life was forever changed! This is where she met Kenneth L. Camp, who was attending Long Beach State College (now Cal State University Long Beach). They were married on July 12, 1957, and had three children together. They moved the family to Brea, California, in 1965.

Joanne was a birthright Quaker and has been a member of First Friends Church since moving to Whittier. She and Ken saw true joy in sharing their cabin with the Jr. High and High School Friends each year. Fond memories and intergenerational friendships were created knowing God was guiding the hearts of all those involved.

Summertime Changes



The summer months bring warmer weather, outdoor activities, outings with family and friends, and those long-awaited vacations. At First Friends Church, it also brings a few schedule changes.

For example, beginning in July, Meeting for Worship will be held in Fellowship Hall (at the regular time of 11 am). There will be weekly opportunities to socialize at the Wednesday evening picnics in Michigan Park and Monday night concerts in Central Park. And both the Intergenerational Sunday morning hybrid meeting for learning and the Monday evening online discussion group will take a break until the fall.

This past year, the Intergenerational group enjoyed many lively and thought-provoking discussions that arose from a variety of read-aloud books. Each week a different facilitator would select and share a picture book related to important themes such as equality, cultural

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awareness, social justice, identity, peace, and environmental care. The group would then consider queries related to the story and look for the Quaker testimonies, the teachings of Christ, and the workings of God in the story. It was a great opportunity for the youth and adults to connect with each other and to listen to the divine "inner voice" together. Some weeks, the facilitators even brought food or show-and-tell items to bring the story to life, like the sweet tamales (pineapple and raisin) for *Too Many Tamales* and Cha Siu Bao (barbeque pork buns) for the Lunar New Year story. "It has been a truly enriching and rewarding experience and is a wonderful way to prepare for a worship mindset," said one participant. Friends of all ages and locations are welcome and encouraged to attend when this hybrid class resumes in the fall on Sunday mornings before Meeting for Worship.

The Monday Night discussion group wrapped up its book study of "Being Peace" by Thich Nhat Hanh in mid-April and continued to meet basing its discussions on individual QuakerSpeak videos. QuakerSpeak is a video project of Friends Journal begun in 2014 by Jon Watts in which Friends of all different backgrounds are interviewed and asked core questions about their Quaker faith. The interviews are personal, intimate, and thought-provoking. With videos released bi-weekly since its inception, the archives offer a variety of topics on Quaker practices, testimonies, and faith journeys. So far we have viewed "The Still, Small Voice," "The Inner Light," "The Secret to Communication," and "Examining the Peace Testimony." This group is also taking a break for the summer and encourages all who are interested to join online on Monday nights at 6:30 pm in the fall.

Remembering Marshall York Hockett

Marshall Y. Hockett, age 76, passed away on Friday, May 26, 2023, at the age of 76. Born in Whittier, he graduated from Stanford University in 1969, and earned his Juris Doctorate



degree from The University of San Diego Law School in 1972. After practicing law for 27 years, Marshall was appointed as a judge for the Superior Court of San Diego County in 1999 where he served until his retirement in 2015 due to Parkinson's Disease. He and his wife of 47 years, Debbie, resided in Encinitas, California.

Marshall has many family ties to Southern California, the City of Whittier, and First Friends Church. His great-grandfather, Joshua Valentine York, came to California as a 49er and ended up owning the land we know as the La Brea Tar Pits. His grandfather, Victor Hugo York, made his fortune in oil and donated the lands for Whittier's Penn Park and York Field. His parents, William and Julie Hockett, graduates of Whittier College, founded Hadley School in Whittier which today is owned and directed by Marshall's sister, Diane York. His other grandfather, Howard Hockett, was the treasurer for Whittier College and assisted many students in getting their degrees during difficult times, particularly the Depression and World War II. Howard was also the Choir Master of First Friends.

A service was held at Rose Hills on June 15, conducted by Lynda Ladwig, and a future celebration of his life is being planned by his family in San Diego County.

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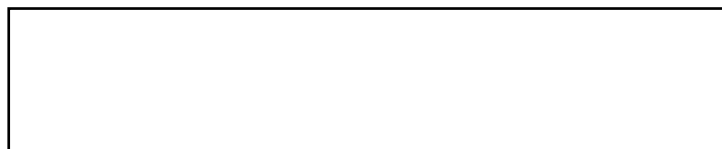
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If we've missed your birthday, we apologize (and happy birthday)! We work hard to keep our birthday calendar up-to-date, so please let us know if we're forgetting anyone. Thank you!