

The Living Light

“...and Christ shall give thee light.” Ephesians 5:14



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Peace on Earth

Share an inspirational Christmas season at First Friends!

All Friends and Family Christmas Dinner
Sunday evening, December 13 at 5 p.m.

The biggest event of the year and definitely the most festive! This is an opportunity for our entire meeting to be together with extended family and friends. Guests will dine on turkey and roast pork, prepared by Harry and Anne Eggleton and George and Carrin Bouchard and served by our youth groups. There's also the annual candy sale, featuring fresh treats made in our very own Fellowship Hall kitchen. *The Christmas Jars*, a play based on the novel by Jason Wright and adapted by Cassie Caringella, will be presented by Whittier Friends School in collaboration with our youth groups. A new piece of art by Dan and Philip Wright will be unveiled and auctioned. Over 200 guests attended last year so get your tickets now. Adults and youth are \$8 and children up to third grade are \$5. Please bring a new unwrapped toy or canned food item for the Interfaith Food Center.

Music Sunday

Sunday, December 20 at 11 a.m.

The Friends Choir accompanied by a brass quintet will bring *A Christmas Cantata* by Daniel Pinkham, *Glory to God* by Ron Nelson and *Puer Matus in Bethlehem* by Michael Praetorius.

The Monday Before Christmas

Monday, December 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

We're giving the kids a party and their parents a day off! Children from the community aged kindergarten through sixth grade are welcome to bring a sack lunch and enjoy a day of baking and candy making, playing games and creating handmade gifts. Afterwards, everyone will sit down and enjoy the movie *The Polar Express*.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Meeting for Worship

Thursday night, December 24 at 8 p.m.

Experience the heavenly peace as we await the birth of Christ together with readings and music.

A Changing of the Guard



Our plates are full.

Bibs by Lou Secord.

Photo by Deanna Woirhaye.

Our readers will have noticed interesting new features in *The Living Light* that have appeared over the last several months. These result from the ingenuity of our Associate Editor, Elisabeth Elliot. My favorite is “Quakers in Unity”, which keeps us apprised

of happenings in the wider world of Quakerdom. We can keep up on what is doing in Friends United Meeting, Friends General Conference, American Friends Service Committee, Friends Committee on National Legislation, Friends World Committee for Consultation and Right Sharing of World Resources, among others. We are more than the little church on the corner, more than Whittier's first church!

For the past six years, I have had the privilege of serving as Editor of *The Living Light* (and as Associate Editor for three years before that). Sabron Newton has served as Copy Editor and “Quality Control Inspector” over much of that period. Next month, Elisabeth will become Editor and the Newtons will devote themselves to other functions of Whittier First Friends Church. Our beloved Meeting offers many opportunities for service to God and our fellow humans. I will continue to report on Meeting events as assigned.

—Bob Newton

Friendly Fare by Lea Wright

Dear Friends, Here we are right in the midst of the holidays: between Thanksgiving and Christmas, it's my birthday. I enjoyed a free birthday meal at a local restaurant. Dan & I shared a blue ribbon burger with all you can eat fries and broccoli. And then the wait staff sang happy birthday to me and gave me a birthday sundae. Birthdays aren't so bad...

Friends Visit: Florence Lewis of Walnut Creek Evangelical Friends Church sent a nice note of thanks for the hospitality she and **Hulda Muaka** received when they were in Whittier from the San Francisco Bay area for World Quaker Day. She said, "The highlight of the trip for me was when the church choir sang in Swahili. I felt like I had died and gone to heaven. Thank you for sending us back to our village for a few minutes." **Doree Votaw** of Newberg OR came to church in October with **Don & Shirley Votaw** while paying a fall visit to relatives in the Southland. **Becky Memmelaar** visited with several Friends while in town during the week of October 26. She stayed with **Jean Sponsler**. She stated there just wasn't time to see everyone. While at Friends United Meeting board meetings, **Bob & Lou Secord** met with **Rex & Paula Jones**. The update they brought to us is that Rex will bring a message two or three times a month at Irvington Friends, south of Indianapolis. **Melissa Jones** is working in pharmaceutical law and **Nathan Jones** is looking for a job. **Ami Troedsson** sent her greetings for "rich blessings for a true and joyful Thanksgiving."

School and Work News: **Emma McIntosh** is attending Smith College in Northampton, MA. **Anne McIntosh** visited her there for Family Weekend! Emma is volunteering at their local cold weather shelter, which is located in the same building as the Northampton Friends Meeting. Here they are with *The Living Light* continuing our tradition: "*The Living Light Travels*." (Remember, your submissions are welcome and needed.)



Friends About Town: **Loletta's** brother **Bill Barrett**, recently on our prayer list, sent a card of appreciation into the church office. He wrote, "Thanks for thinking of me. My family & I really appreciate it. Let's hope for another 'all clear' from my doctors." **Anathea, Deanna, & Elyse Woirhaye** spent the day at the big Pow Wow at Santa Fe Springs Heritage Square in October. They spent time at the Tongva Village, performing in traditional regalia dances and songs in honor of the natural world. **Taylor Hays** has been kart racing for eight years, and he has been very successful with his endeavor. This season has been

exceptionally good to him. He recently clinched the 'Iron Man' series season title and the summer round title as well with a second place podium finish. He now holds the record at the track for the most podium appearances.

Brendon Woirhaye flew to India where he worked for a week. (I hope he took his *Living Light* with him.)

Friends Travel: **Ted & Mary Marshburn** traveled to Maine in the fall and visited with their daughter, **Carol** and her family. They enjoyed the beautiful fall colors.

They went to Mt. Holyoke College in Massachusetts and spent some time with granddaughter, **Bethany**.

Returning to Maine they worshiped at Durham Friends Meeting and



attended a concert performance by "Fiddle-icious", a musical group of over 60 people (including Carol) that performs regularly in Maine. **Michael & Elisabeth Elliot** went on a 3-week road trip, sharing good times with Michael's brothers Dane and Greg and lots of friends. Adventures included the Monterey Bay Aquarium, where Dane's wife Lynda is a docent, two days at Yosemite and a soul-filling sunset visit to Manzanar. They finished in Las Vegas for the Live Design International trade show.

Friends Remember: Prayers for peace and comfort for **Wil Sargent** and family. **Betty Sargent** passed away October 31. A memorial service is planned for Sunday, December 6 at the rise of Meeting. (No Monthly Meeting in December.) Thank you to all the Friends who assisted in the meeting for worship in memory of **Bill Wright** and the reception. All our (F)friends: ushers and greeters, sound technicians, musicians, office and building staff, florists, bakers, and fellowship members created a clean, beautiful, and welcoming space and time for family, friends and community who loved Bill to gather and celebrate his life. Among those attending Bill Wright's memorial service were **Benigno Sanchez-Eppler**, Clerk of Friends World Committee for Consultation, Section of the Americas, and his wife from the Northampton MA Meeting, and **Brian Young**, pastor of Berkeley Friends Church and past Clerk of Western Association of the Religious Society of Friends. Bill's son-in-law, **Mike Wood**, present from Texas with **Betsy**, brought greetings to the Meeting from his mother, **Judy Wood**, who regretted being unable to come. Hugs to **Deanna Woirhaye**, whose aunt, **Marlene Derengowski** passed to new life on October 21. A memorial was held on November 8 at First Friends.

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, or deliver to me at church on Sunday. See you next month!

This Month in Meeting for Worship

December 6	Elisabeth Elliot will bring the message <i>Jingle Jangle Emmanuel</i> Romans 12: 1-13
December 13	Loletta Barrett will bring the message <i>Flames or Bulbs?</i> Luke 3:7-18
December 20	Music Sunday Featuring <i>A Christmas Cantata</i> Psalm 80, Hebrews 1:1-4 and Micah 5:2-5
December 27	Loletta Barrett will bring the message <i>Did You Hear What I Heard?</i> I John: 1-7, 2: 3-11
January 3	Loletta Barrett will bring the message <i>A Nazorean Child</i> Matt 2:3-15, 19-23, Luke 2:41-52

What We Did Last Summer

At the end of our summer worship season, a survey was provided to get feedback from worshippers about the various experiences brought to us during July and August by the group of people who attended the Friends United Meeting “Stoking the Fire” Conference in Ohio in May. Responses about specific aspects were primarily positive, with responders saying they liked the silence before worship and liked meeting in Fellowship Hall as well as the spoken messages. Other aspects that had favorable marks were visual images, new songs, experiential exercises, Taizé music, the sound system and familiar hymns. The most favored seating arrangement was the U-shape, but the diamond shape was also liked. The least liked aspects were sitting and interacting in small groups and the use of a labyrinth.

Comments were diverse but mostly positive. People liked sitting in the round, the silence, praying in other languages, feeling closer as a community, chanting and watching new leadership emerge. Several people did not like the 10 a.m. worship time.

Most all of the responders agreed that we should continue having worship in these ways during future summers.

If anyone would like to see details of the survey or comments, please see Russ Litchfield. Thank you for all who responded!

-Russ Litchfield

Loletta's Lines

This month marks the end of our one year journey with the first portion of our mission statement “A Christian people called to Listen.” Hopefully each of us; individually and in our groups, classes and committees have taken the time to think and talk about how this relates to us and what the Spirit has to say about our ministries from these few words. And, at this time of year when there is so much to hear, it seems appropriate that we spend one more month thinking and praying about how we are “A Christian people called to Listen.”

While we don't have sleigh bells or snow crunching in southern California, there are other things like Christmas hymns and carols, favorite Christmas movies, crinkling wrapping paper, the reading of the beloved stories of the coming of Emmanuel, and the voices of family and friends meeting and children playing. These are joyful, meaningful, and Life-giving gifts to hear. But let us also take the time to find the still, small voice; whispering in our ear, shining in our minds, singing from our hearts, emanating from our spirits and those around us. The One who speaks what we truly need to hear about ourselves, our community, our world is Present. Beyond the holiday is the Holy day, and it is Today. It is here at this time of year, in every time of year, and in this very moment. Alleluia and Amen.



New Century Singers
presents

God Bless Us Everyone

Sunday, December 13
in the Meeting House



A free will offering will be taken



Carving Up a Good Time

The holiday season at First Friends begins with pumpkin carving. This traditional event always comes before Halloween. This year it was Friday evening, October 30, so that the products of our artistic expression would be available to encourage costumed treat-seekers the following evening.

Dan Wright brought a large supply of safe-carve tools and two pre-carved jack o'lanterns which, when illuminated,



showed ornate replicas of automobile personalities of Disney's *Cars*. Twenty Friends who brought their own pumpkins plunged right into their work, using patterns of their own or those supplied by Dan. Others carved original designs or ad-libbed. The intensity of their sculptural efforts revealed something important about human nature: We are all artists at heart.

Lea and Philip Wright arranged a snack-and-beverage table with participants contributing cookies, nuts and chips. Loletta Barrett brought a lurid (but tasty) "zombie blood" cake she had baked. Hard-working carvers tore themselves away from their task occasionally for a refreshment break.

After two hours of hard work, Friends began to realize significant accomplishment. The mood changed from concentration to levity. We looked forward to Halloween fun the next evening, followed by an extra hour of time-change sleep before Meeting for Worship on the first day of November. The holidays had begun.

—Bob Newton



News from Whittier Friends School

"The money has never been enough to save anyone, but every day we notice that jingling in our pockets and purses, and we think about all the people we might be able to help." It is a simple sentiment expressed in Whittier Friends School's Christmas play, *The Christmas Jars*, but one full of hope. Our school children have explored ways a little bit can do a lot of help while practicing this play, to be performed at the Family Christmas Dinner on Sunday December 13 with the church Sunday School children, and again with the Preschool on Wednesday, December 16 in conjunction with a school potluck.

The school children have also spent November thinking about helping others as they worked to complete their "Count your Blessings" calendar, which asked them to find all the blessings in their daily life. The children will use the coins and dollars they collected to purchase items requested by the Interfaith Food Center, as a way of understanding just how much can be bought when people collect a few coins here and there. We will have a picture and a count of money raised in the January issue of *The Living Light*.

Just as the months of October and November brought Whittier Friends School students a chance to give from their heart, school supporters were also given chances to give from the heart. The Chili Cookoff and Nut & Candy Sale, both annual fundraisers, did much to support the programs of our school. And our "Gift of Giving" campaign was also well-received. This campaign urged people to purchase holiday gifts through options such as the holiday boutique, a Jamerry Nails fundraiser put on by Lea Wright and Cassie Caringella, an Usborne Books fundraiser, and increased sales of scrip gift cards. In all these endeavors, a percentage goes to support our school. Our ongoing recycling program helps the environment and brings in additional funds to help with the school budget.

Our school enrollment is the highest it has been in many years, and we feel blessed to have increased staffing because of these high numbers. Many hands, including our teachers, staff and supporters, work to improve our program. As our students give and receive this holiday season, we remain thankful for the support and inspired to do our best.

—Cassie Caringella





Remembering William Harrison Wright, Jr.

Bill Wright, who died at his home in Whittier on October 11, was born on October 26, 1927 to William Harrison Wright and Clara Johnson Wright in Salem OR, where his Wright grandparents were members of the S. Salem Friends Church. His brother Milton, who grew up “almost a twin” arrived thirteen months later. Milton said he and Bill had played, worked, prayed and stayed together and never disagreed to the point of harsh words

The family moved east when the boys were 3 and 4 so their father could attend Westminster Choir College. After receiving his Master of Music degree, their father served a variety of churches in the Philadelphia area and Rhode Island before returning to Oregon. The Wrights then moved to California and attended L.A.’s Temple Baptist Church.

When their father took a position teaching vocal music at Whittier College and also became Minister of Music at First Friends, the family found Whittier a good fit. Their father died an early death, but the boys and their mother, who lived to 103 as Clara Wright Woodard, put down roots.

While Marygene Marshburn was away at Friends Boarding School in Ohio, Whittier friends began writing her about the Wright boys who were new to Whittier and to First Friends. She and Bill met during their senior year at Whittier High School and began dating at Whittier College the next fall.

Early in their marriage, Bill and Marygene lived in Oregon, where Jeananne was born. William Howard arrived after they returned to Whittier, where Bill finished

his BA and got his teaching credential at Whittier College. Lea and Norman were born while he was a classroom teacher and they added Kirk and Betsy after he began his 34 years with the Rowland Unified School District in which he became an administrator. Bill earned his MA in Counseling and Guidance from Cal State L.A., a School Psychologist credential from Claremont Graduate School, and an EdD in Educational Psychology from USC.

Bill was involved in many professional and community organizations, taught courses as an adjunct professor at seven colleges and universities and supervised graduate students in completing their field work.

Among Bill’s volunteer efforts in Whittier were chairing the founding board of the Interchurch Counseling Center, and co-chairing with Marygene both the Library’s annual Whittier Reads program and the Friends of the Shannon Center board.

First Friends Church was an important part of Bill’s life for more than 70 years. He served on and chaired many committees and boards, as well as teaching Sunday School and serving with Marygene as a youth group sponsor. During the 1960s, he was a draft counselor. In recent years, he and Gwen Woirhaye co-led the Monday afternoon memoir-writing group.

Bill and Jim Cradler co-founded the Western Association of the Religious Society of Friends (WARSF). Bill was also involved with the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) and the Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC). Bill urged Deanna Woirhaye to attend the 2012 Friends World Conference in Kenya, where she was impressed by the number of people she met who knew Bill Wright. Jasmine Sturr was grateful that he had encouraged her participation in the Quaker Youth Pilgrimage to England, a life-changing event. When Eden Grace of the Friends United Meeting (FUM) staff visited from Indiana in October, she called Bill a beloved member of the Society of Friends whose life “touched Friends in many places.”

The memorial service, held at First Friends on October 18, opened most movingly with a recording of Bill’s father singing “Abide With Me”. All of Bill’s surviving children--Jeananne of Whittier, Lea of Riverside, Norman from CT, Kirk from OR, and Betsy from TX—were in Whittier when Bill passed away. Memories of their father shared in the memorial service included that he had exemplified patience and persistence, been a lifelong learner, and made you want to excel. As parents he and Marygene had modeled a good marriage and seldom given unasked-for advice. Also taking part in the service, in addition to family, were Loletta Barrett, Lynda Ladwig, Russ Litchfield, and Allison Coop who sang “Shall We Gather At The River”.

December 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Schedule for Sundays Unprogrammed Worship—9:30a First Day Classes—9:30 a Meeting for Worship—11:00a		1 7:00a Spiritual Growth Group 9:15a Trustees 6:00p Handbell Choir Rehearsal 8:00p M&C	2 10:00a Personnel Committee 4:00p Pastoral Care Committee 6:00p Business & Finance	3	4	5 9:00a JHF/YFF Candy Making
6 There will not be a Monthly Meeting in December 4:00p Braille Institute Children's Choir Concert	7 1:30p Writing Class	8 7:00a Spiritual Growth Group 6:00p Handbell Choir Rehearsal	9	10 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	11	12
13 Friendly Fare Deadline 3:00p New Century Singers Holiday Concert 5:00p Annual Family Christmas Dinner	14 10:00a Quiltmakers 12:30p Writing Class Holiday Luncheon	15 Living Light Deadline 7:00a Spiritual Growth Group 9:15a Trustees 6:00p Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:00p M&C	16	17 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	18	19
20 12:15p Christian Ed Committee	21 9:30a Monday Before Christmas Children's Workshop 6:00p Monthly Mission	22 7:00a Spiritual Growth Group 6:30p Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	23 Editors Compose Living Light	24 8:00p Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25	26
27	28 10:00a Quiltmakers	29 7:00a Spiritual Growth Group 9:15a Trustees Meeting for January 2016 6:30p Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	30 Living Light Folding	31 6:00p Fellowship New Year's Eve Party	January 1, 2016 Happy New Year!	



Lisa Adam	Russ Litchfield	Becky Memmelaar
John Bateman	Ryan Marshall	Jay Oberholtzer
Derek Creelman	Luke Marshburn	Amara Overmyer
Ann Davidson	Elise Marshburn	
Elisabeth Elliot	Brooke Marshburn	Chris Thirkettle
William House	Holly Marshburn	Milt Wright
Jack Huffaker	Ted Marshburn	

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!

A Disney Education in the Arts

There are many aspects of Disneyland that the millions of visitors to the Magic Kingdom know little about. We at First Friends are fortunate to have a greater appreciation of this, thanks to Disneyland Cast Members Elisabeth and Michael Elliot. On several All Friends Fellowship Nights, they have taken us on fascinating virtual excursions into their workplace.

Michael is a lighting technician and designer. At a previous AFFN event, he told us about his trips to Hong Kong for the construction of their Disneyland. This time, he brought news about the local Disneyland (insofar as he has liberty to divulge at the present time). The major upcoming attraction is a Star Wars-themed land, the addition of which is necessitating extensive changes in the physical structure of the Disney property.



Elisabeth is a coordinator for the Disney Performing Arts program, which hosts music, dance and drama groups from all over the world in the “backstage” arts program. As on previous AFFN occasions, Elisabeth brought a few of her talented colleagues to discuss their work.

Matt Takahashi works for the Youth Education Series, providing educational seminars in various fields, including leadership, science, business and animation history. These are all hands-on workshops in which school-age participants gain practical experience. An example is the construction of a model roller coaster, an exciting exercise that takes place at Disney California Adventure.

Homa Moheimani and Whitney Urian are also coordinators with the Disney Performing Arts program. Homa’s educational background is business administration, but after a first experience working for Disney, she discovered her talent for working with young people. As with all the coordinators, she combines personal counseling with management skills. Whitney is a facilitator of the Music 101 workshop, which takes young musicians on a musical tour of the Park.

Jonathan Hughes described other workshops offered by the program that feature world-class clinicians coaching in music and theatre performance and production. In-

terestingly, Jonathan’s father, David Hughes, lived with Ted and Mary Marshburn while he was a student at Whittier College, and his children have become honorary Marshburn grandchildren.

The Cast Members’ enthusiasm for helping career-oriented young people enjoy and profit from practical experience was evident in their animated discussions. They gave Friends new insight into valuable contributions to education being made behind the Disneyland facades.

A superb potluck supper featuring pre-Thanksgiving turkey-and-dressing, mashed potatoes and baked home-grown argonaut squash was assembled by Mary Marshburn in honor of our talented visitors.

—Bob Newton

Chili Cook Off is Spicy and Spooky

Whittier Friends School’s autumnal Chili Cook Off and Revue, on Saturday evening, October 24, was one of the most fun ever. Reason: this year the event was planned as a pre-Halloween party. Students, teachers and many parents came in original home-made costumes. Naturally, the evening turned into a delightful frolic. For a \$5 admission you got not only a tasty meal but a ballot for the best chili entry and a raffle ticket for a beautiful small quilt.

Sixteen students from preschool through elementary, sang comic improvised Halloween songs (for example: “Here we go Trick or Treat” to the tune of “Looby-Loo”). The singing was somewhat uncoordinated, but that did not matter—students and parents enjoyed it immensely. The audience got in the act with a number of Christmas songs re-written with Halloween lyrics (for example “Mummies We Have Heard on High”—achh!)

Chili-tasting continued throughout the program. There were eleven entries, all original and suitably spicy, four kinds of cornbread and a tossed salad. The grand winner was Ida Quesada, grandmother of 4th grader Matthew Quesada.

A table display featured a collection of fantasy children’s books. This reporter was scanning one book and found a \$5 bill bookmark tucked away in it! The donor was notified.

—Bob Newton



*WFS students
Valentina Fuentes
and Penelope Iniguez
are stylishly spooky.*

Youth Fill Carts and Hearts

It may have been a flustery, blustery day on November 15 as the youth groups set out for their grocery store scavenger hunt but it was nothing compared to the flurry and whirlwind that took place inside of Winco Grocery once our youth arrived.

Mel Sturr and Lynda Ladwig were the official cart pushers as our two teams figured out clues and then headed off in several directions, seemingly all at once, to collect the food items. With each team trying to stay within its budget of \$120, our more experienced shoppers, Amara Overmyer and Kat Ryder, flew through the store buying store brands where appropriate, shopping with the coupons that were handed them as they entered the store and using evasive maneuvers to ensure that the other team would not see what was in their cart.

While new to this shopping experience Ashley Ryder, Niall Moreno, and Lara Wemmerus shared the responsibilities of clue solving and money management. Keeping track of the costs on a cell phone calculator, they generously added multiples of the food items to get close to the magic \$120 amount.

Both teams at one time or another lost track of the total amount and had to recall the previous totals, but in the end both teams came in under budget and solved all of the clues. A fun time was had by all and a hefty 202 pounds of food was delivered to the Interfaith Food Center.

—Lynda Ladwig



Cold Weather Shelter Seeks Helpers

Every winter from November until March, the Whittier Area Interfaith Council sponsors a Cold Weather Shelter to provide overnight hospitality for some of the homeless in our Whittier community.

In January, we will coordinate with our friends and neighbors at First United Methodist Church to house and feed up to forty homeless people. FUMC is graciously opening their doors from Monday evening, January 4th until Monday morning, January 18th. They will provide an accessible location for dinner and sleeping and our meeting is pitching in with a portion of the meals and supervision.

The Methodist Church has designated a lead cook who will plan the meals so that volunteers can easily arrive at 6 p.m. each evening and prepare the dinner meal. There is a need for supervisors (one male, one female) to host from 6 p.m. to midnight each night and also from midnight until 7 a.m. each morning. Coffee and a hot breakfast are also provided.

Our participation is being organized through the cooperation of the Outreach and Christian Education committees. Sign-up sheets will be available in Founders Court as we begin to seek volunteers to help with cooking dinners, hosting, and overnight supervision.

Please consider that you might start the new year as a volunteer offering this valuable service. Then let us join together with our Methodist friends to warm our hands and our hearts at the Cold Weather Shelter in January!

—Marilyn Fant

On Our Calendar...	
Cold Weather Shelter	January 4 through 18
Marina Harris in Concert	Sunday, January 10 at 3 p.m.
All Friends Fellowship Night	Wednesday, January 13 at 6 p.m.
Whittier Friends School Parking Lot Sale	Saturday, January 23
Lunch and Fellowship Movie <i>Woman in Gold</i>	Sunday, January 24 at rise of meeting
Youth Snow Camp	Friday through Sunday January 29 through 31
Friday Family Movie Night <i>Inside Out</i>	Friday, February 5
Activated to Seek Peace Weekend Quaker Forum and Peace Cafe	Saturday and Sunday February 27 and 28



At Monthly Meeting on November 8, a slate of clerks for 2016 were approved. Pledges, faith promises and plans for support are still being accepted and are up from last year.

Clerks for 2016 are:

Presiding Clerk of Monthly Meeting

Ellie Bewley

Assistant Presiding Clerk

Sue Settlage

Recording Clerk

Jasmine Sturr

Assistant Recording Clerk

Neva Root

Business and Finance Clerk

Pat Garland

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

Mel Sturr

Nominating Co-Clerks

Lynda Ladwig and Darrell Warren

Outreach Clerk

Carrin Bouchard

Personnel Clerk

Tim Root

Clerk of Trustees

Don Votaw

A record of all significant outreach recipients and amounts was compiled, reflecting support over the past several years and a recommendation was made for this year's contributions. This accounting was accepted with thanks and the recommendation was approved.

A report regarding our investments was positive and encouraging. Reaching our financial endowment goal may enable the meeting to further consider capital improvement projects like paving parking lots and installing solar power.



All Friends Fellowship Night is on Christmas holiday.

Join us on Wednesday, January 13 for the first AFFN of the new year!

Quakers in Unity
News from Friends
Around the World



American Friends Service Committee—is calling for No More Victims in response to the ISIS attacks. “When governments invest more in igniting human potential than they do in weapons and war, then it will be possible to build lasting peace, justice, and security for all.” afsc.org

Friends Committee on National Legislation—“The temptation to react to violence with fear and more violence is strong. A response based on fear will not lead to security or peace. A response based on fear can lead to the sacrifice of the very freedoms we cherish. Please urge your elected officials to welcome Syrian refugees who are fleeing violence at home.” fnc.org

Friends General Conference—the theme for the 2016 annual gathering in July is Be Humble, Be Faithful, BE BOLD. fgc.org

Friends United Meeting—is creating order in chaos—they are updating their website and ask that Friends check back soon. fum.org

Friends World Committee for Consultation—“The QuakerSpeak video series is a new way for us to tell our story to Friends and to seekers everywhere. We keep hearing about meetings and churches that are using these videos as part of their religious education program for young people and adults—a fresh way to spark an ongoing conversation among Friends about all kinds of things that matter to us.” fwcc.org



Time to Renew

It is time for members of the Meeting to renew subscriptions to *Quaker Life*. If you don't subscribe to this magazine already, you will want to add your name to the list. As part of our group, subscriptions cost just \$20.00 per year. To begin a subscription or renew your current one, forward your payment to the church office. Checks should be made payable to First Friends Church with *Quaker Life* written in the memo field. Please respond with your payment no later than December 31.

—Mary Boltz

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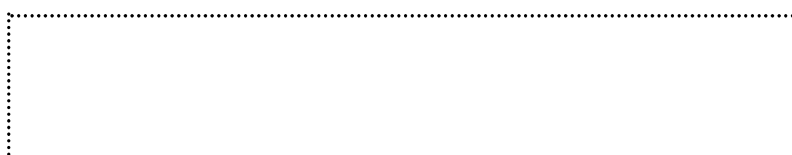
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Please place ___ poinsettia plant(s) in the Meetinghouse on Christmas Sunday, December 20, at \$7 each.

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Name _____

Phone _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____

[] I will take after worship [] Deliver to shut-ins.



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

- Peggy Anderson
- Audrey & Carlos Bailey
- Helen & Jack Carlisle
- Phil & Liz Ellis
- Rose Nedrow
- Alpha Overin
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