

Community Companion

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Queries for August 2017

“Art thou a child of light and hast thou walked in the light, and what thou speakest, is it inwardly from God?”

– Margaret Fell, remembering words of George Fox from her first encounter with him.

Have I experienced in worship that direct leading to listen or to speak, and have I been faithful to my own experience? Does worship deepen my relationship with God, increase my faithfulness, and refresh and renew my daily life, both inwardly and in my relationship with others? Do I maintain the daily practices that focus on spiritual growth, with thoughtful worship, inward retirement, and communion with the divine spirit?

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August Calendar: *All events and meetings take place at the Meeting House unless otherwise noted.*

First Day: Singing 9:45 am, Meeting for Worship 10 am.

(Except in Summer months, Second Hour at 11:40 am;

First Sunday Carry-in Potluck will resume in September)

August 6 Sun	Welcome Back Potluck for Kate Anthony & Jamie Fota after meeting for worship
August 8 Tues	Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) - 6:30 pm This meeting will be an actual lobbying meeting: Robert Braggs, Outreach Coordinator for Senator Rob Portman, will meet with us in in the meeting house. PLEASE RSVP to Memory at memoryryan@fuse.net if you will be attending and if you want to be part of the group making their presentations on Pentagon Spending.
August 13 - Sun	Second Hour: Meeting for Worship with attention to Business
August 17 - Thu	Rise Up Singing / Rise Again authors Annie Patterson & Peter Blood 7:00 pm - 1st half hour for kids. Admission for Children is FREE. Adult Admission is by free will donation of suggested \$10-20; Students \$5. Tickets available at the door or online https://www.riseupandsing.org/events/cincinnati
August 18-20	The Quaker Religious Education Collaborative (QREC) - Richmond, Indiana http://www.quakers4re.org/QREC.Gathering.2017
August 20 - Sun	Submissions for the September newsletter due to Elyce Benke - elycefeliz@gmail.com
August 27 - Sun	"Understanding Our Quaker Story" by Tim Leonard and Sarah Hoffmann

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, Seventh Month 2017

Opening worship: *"The wisdom from above is at first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace."*

James 3:17-18

Approved Action Items:

- Members of Community Friends will be identified with a capital and bolded **M** in the *Directory of Community Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends* and youth members as capital and bolded **YM**.
- Treasurer's report: Appendix II (see appendix posted online); mentioned Sanctuary Fund and that we are doing well for July, Report accepted.
- FCNL Lobbying Group Report--Next Tuesday at 6:30 PM there will be a general meeting at Meeting House of those interested in the work of FCNL. There will be a lobbying effort at Steve Chabot's office at 10:00 AM this Tuesday (7/11/2017) please meet before at Hathaway's at 9:00AM to prepare. The group is working on meeting with Portman. People were asked to contact him in support of voting no on health care reform bill. Report accepted
- Committee Reports and Discussion
 - a. Ministry & Counsel: Ministry and Counsel met 6/25/17; Ministry and Counsel is working on fall retreat. The committee also is addressing the concern of reading the newly written Queries from OVYM once a month at Meeting for Worship.

A Friend visited the committee and we worked together on a plan to support her music ministry which would include meeting with her support committee, and her reporting what she does and what she accomplishes as she travels throughout the country introducing her musical Quaker Quotes. It is our hope that the meeting will become better acquainted with her work, and how she is doing important service in our name.

Ministry and Counsel evaluated the Second Hour on “Our Quaker Story,” in which many Friends participated bringing years of experience.

A meeting of reflection at a Friend’s home in October was also planned.

M&C considered several pastoral problems, and assigned tasks as they seemed required.

Action item, add M next to members name in directory. Ministry and Council proposes to have members of Community Friends will be identified with a capital and bolded **M** in the Meeting Directory and youth member as capital bolded **YM**, Youth Members. Does this put pressure on non-members ? Could we list members at end? Action item was approved.

- b. House and Grounds: No meeting. Work day on Saturday and some new locks for caretakers apartment. We had a theft of some computers of caretakers and bicycles from basement. Theft was reported, Had a neighbor ask for tree to be cut. Will bring arborist to look at tree to get advice.
- c. Community Committee: No report
- d. Religious Development: No Report
- e. Adult Religious Education: Met and working on next year second hours and events for this coming year. and will send a survey about event. Report accepted.
- f. Unity with Nature Committee: No meeting; next meeting July 23 ,no report.
- g. Outreach Committee: No report
- h. Peace & Social Concerns: No report: Meeting will be convened this month.
- i. Other committees or working groups
 - i. Tender Mercies: Fourth July picnic this Thursday and hold us in the light.
 - ii. Sanctuary Committee: Clifton United Methodist Church is a Sanctuary Congregation. Contact their pastor David Meredith 961-2998 to see what their needs are. After the very sad deportation of long time USA resident Mariel to Mexico, separating her from her husband and four children, we have no one seeking sanctuary at this moment. Anyone who wants closer follow up on Mariel, who by report is again threatened by the same drug cartels who threatened her before, or wants to offer help to her support system in Mexico, may contact Alan Dicken of the Amos Project (adicken88@gmail.com). Another threatened immigrant, Bijou, who lives in Columbus OH is facing possible eventual deportation to Senegal, as she was unable to renew her work permit and has to wear an ankle bracelet, but she remains working using her current unexpired work permit. Reports accepted.
- Larger Quaker Bodies
 - a. Miami Quarterly Meeting: No report
 - b. OVYM--Reading of Epistle - Report from 2017 OVYM Sessions. Accepted report.
 - c. FGC: The FCG gathering on “ripples start where spirit moves” was well attended with around 1300 attendees. Six members from Community Friends. A Friend did Yoga. Next gathering is July 1 -7 in Toledo, with a theme of “Oh and the power of truth.” Accepted.
- Announcements: Next Sunday meeting at Fort Ancient (10:00 or 10:30 sponsored by Miami Meeting.)
- Approval of minutes.
- Annual Meeting as a Corporation
- Closing worship

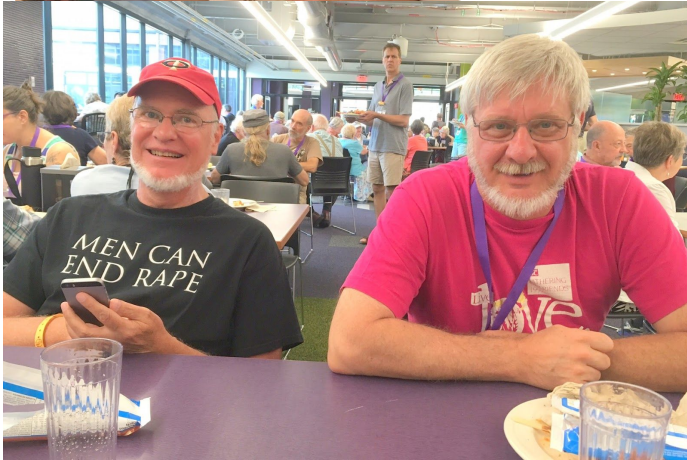
Update on Paul Buckley

Dear Friends, We have just been to both the transplant doc and the oncologist, so it's official - Paul is in remission and the transplant is working!! No guarantees for the future, of course. Paul still has some strength to regain and there are still restrictions, but this is great news. Purell is still our constant companion, but I can put away the Clorox wipes, and Paul can store his masks.

We couldn't be more pleased. Paul & Peggy



**Photos from
Friends
General
Conference
Gathering at
Niagara
University in
New York -
thanks to
Rich House &
Lynn
Newsome
for the
pictures**



Photos from Miami Valley Meeting & Picnic at Fort Ancient, Lebanon, Ohio



Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) visit to Congressman Steve Chabot's Office, July 11, 2017

We visited with Emily Garlock, Congressman Chabot's Constituent Liaison, for about an hour. Mary Anne Curtiss submitted a letter to Chabot; we are excerpting part of it in this issue of the newsletter:

We are asking Rep. Chabot not to increase the Pentagon budget this fall, but instead to talk to his colleagues about maintaining the sequester process for keeping up our obligations to peaceful leadership at home and abroad.

I am going to talk about why I believe this, and I am going to start with World War II. My parents were too young to have fought in World War II but not too young to pay attention to the Nuremberg Trials. Hermann Goering was the highest ranked Nazi there, and the one who never showed the slightest remorse. I would like to start with a quote from him, via Wikipedia:

"Naturally, the common people don't want war; neither in Russia nor in England nor in America, nor for that matter in Germany. That is understood. But, after all, it is the leaders of the country who determine the policy and it is always a simple matter to drag the people along, whether it is a democracy or a fascist dictatorship or a Parliament or a Communist dictatorship. ... the people can always be brought to the bidding of the leaders. That is easy. All you have to do is tell them they are being attacked and denounce the pacifists for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger. It works the same way in any country."

— [Hermann Göring](#) at the Nuremberg trials, April 18, 1946



Now jump to today. The new Stryker weapons system being developed for deployment in Western Europe is an example of blind willingness to make expensive and wasteful symbolic gestures in the name of national unity and purpose. The House Armed Services Committee on June 28 just passed its annual defense funding bill with overwhelming support (specifically 60-1, Democrats and Republicans), in spite of well-known gross lack of accountability for military spending.

... I used to be a conservative. My understanding of war was completely turned around by dozens of Vietnam Veterans Against the War, who came to every peace rally. I came to court for the young Quakers who were arrested for holding a sit-in in this very office in 2006. It wasn't long before I realized it is usually more effective just to get an appointment to come down here, a ongoing way to share the truth.

I know there are threats to our country from all corners of the globe, as well as threats such as loss of health care, an unjust tax structure, crumbling infrastructure, and losses of millions of what should be productive workforce to mass incarceration and to the opioid epidemic. It's my deep and passionate belief that if our government can seriously address these issues, we can not only pull together but lead the disenfranchised abroad to pull with us, instead of against us. It is probably easier than addressing our disunity with military actions, and certainly more humane.

Mr. Chabot, do not increase the Pentagon budget, not by one penny, and please share our passionate concerns with your colleagues.

Results of Nature Committee's Recycling Survey

date of tally 7-23-17 - Total responses: 40 - Responders known to not currently attend our Meeting: 4

1. Do you recycle. . .

A. Paper: most of the time-37 some of the time-3 seldom/never-0

B. Plastic: most of the time-35 some of the time-5 seldom/never-0

C. Glass: most of the time-35 some of the time-3 seldom/never-1

D. Metals: most of the time-30 some of the time-7 seldom/never-2

2. Did you know the Meetinghouse has recycling bins? ____Yes-34 ____No-5

3. Are you aware of the Meeting's Composting Toilet? ____Yes-38 ____No-3

About how often have you used it? Didn't know about it; 30% of time; whenever I can; weekly; no response-5; often-3; every few wks-3; once-5; rarely-4; 50%; monthly; when I have to go and remember; sometimes; no response-4; never-14; sometimes If seldom/never, what is your reason? Uses electricity; does not seem to work/thought it was not working/; not here; rarely use toilet at Meeting-2; gross; I don't know why; I do not want to empty it; wastes energy, should be removed; not working/does not seem to work-2; thought it was in a private area; no response-17; do not want to go up to second floor-7; not interested; no need; confusing operation.

4. Do you use reusable shopping bags? Yes-29 No-5

usually-unless I forget or need a paper bag; when we remember; I recycle plastic bags-2; we use compost toilet at home; I do all that's possible; clothing!!; grey water; metals; yard waste; yes; specialty recycling; paint; appliances; batteries-3; no-3; n/a; we compost-3; TV's, glass windows, screen door; no check mark-12 (?)

We ask for paper, recycle the plastic ones and use them for paper recycling.

5. Are there other recycling choices you are considering?

Eyeglasses-2; always; clothing-2; electronics, building materials

I would do more other recycling asd a service to CFM if we collected a reasonable amount.

I already recycle everything but not fluorescents or cell phones or e-waste – don't know how; ideas need to be confirmed before attempting. Where I live there is little recycling, so taking it elsewhere is a problem.

I collect CFL bulbs at home but don't know where to recycle them. Can we collect them at Meeting?

Can't find a place for #5 plastic

Try not to get plastic bags

Looking for a place for metal rims for jars

I'd like to have zero waste.

I listen/look for Hamilton county opportunities—they have a list

I toured Rumpke's operation. It's fascinating.

I recycle batteries at Canter Batteries, light bulbs at Cleanlites, paint at Matthew 25 Ministries, shoes to Nike, electronics to Cohen

I would recycle anything if I could and infrastructure(sic) set up

6. Would you like to know more about recycling other materials (eg.

Batteries, paint, etc.?) ____Yes-27 ____No-8 (Tom Zalla, Bill Cahalan)

Lowes recycles batteries; batteries-3; light bulbs-2; paint; oil

Increasing awareness of where to...

August Birthdays

8 - Wilhelmina Branson

9 - Jennifer Partch

11 - Dylan Jordan Cahalan

14 - Nicholas Rhein

15 - Jean Crocker-Lakness

18 - Mary Ann Kokenge

20 - Aubrey Rose Stephens

22 - Deborah Jordan

26 - Grace Conrad

28 - Tom Zalla

30 - Adam Funck

31 - Elizabeth Groppe