

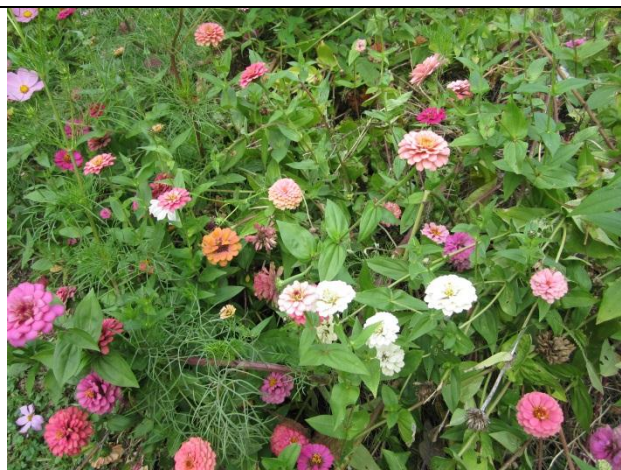
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Calendar

All events and meetings take place at the Meeting House unless otherwise noted.

Singing 9:45 am, Meeting for Worship 10 am

Second Hour or Carry in Potluck @ 11:40 am

- Nov. 5 Saturday at 5:30 Lynn and Steve Newsom (former Community members) visiting for a potluck and party
- Nov. 6 Alternative Meeting for worship at Piatt Park: see page 5
Carry in Meal after Meeting for Worship
FUN Committee appreciates and encourages locally grown food when possible
- Nov. 11 7:00 "Gasland" be entertained and educated about the natural gas drilling boon called "fracking" Sponsored by Friends in Unity with Nature
- Nov. 12 Quaker Quest 9:00-4:00, see page 3-4
- Nov. 13 Meeting for Worship with attention to Business
- Nov. 20 Second hour: "What is our Vision for Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting Friends? Sharing about the Visioning Survey" facilitated by Deborah Jordan
- Nov. 27 Second Hour: to be announced

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Eleventh Query from OVYM Book of Discipline, 1978: Peace and Cooperation

Do you live in the life and power which takes away the occasion for all wars? Do you, on Christian principles, refuse to participate in or cooperate with all military effort? Do you work actively for peace and the removal of the causes of wars? Do you endeavor to cultivate good will, mutual understanding and equal opportunities for all races, creeds, and nations? Have you examined your life style and possessions to make sure that the seeds of war are not found within them?

Summary of Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

Tenth Month, 9, 2011

- **Items from The Clerk's Table:**
 - Quaker Quest One Day Workshop will take place on November 12.
 - Elizabeth Wells: The Clerk sent FWCC confirmation of Elizabeth Wells' status as a member of the meeting. FWCC has accepted this documentation and she will be going to the Triennial in Kenya.
- **Action Item:** Ministry and Counsel has brought forward, with a recommendation for approval, a request from Eileen Bagus to represent our meeting at the Victory of Light Festival in Sharonville. APPROVED
- **Treasurer's Report:** The bank balance: budget ratio stands at 5 % (goal is 10%). During discussion, an error, failure to update the year to date unrestricted donations, was discovered and the Treasurer was asked to send out a corrected report. The treasurer's report was ACCEPTED. She requested that committees get their requests for the 2012 budget to her.
- **Committee Reports:**
 - Ministry and Counsel: Tim Leonard brought forward the following minute for approval:
 - Community Friends Meeting requests that Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting record Eileen Bagus as a minister to prisoners and former prisoners. Eileen's prison ministry has demonstrated itself to be a ministry in the way of love and deep sacrifice over many years. The monthly meeting makes this request after prayerful consideration in the Light that is God.
 - The minute was APPROVED, with Marjorie Isaacs and Eric Wolff standing aside. It was clear during the discussion that the concept of ministers in the Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting needs to be discussed further.
 - House and Grounds: Eric Wolff reported that the committee could use another member. He also reported on an upcoming work day.
 - Peace and Social Concerns: Marjorie Isaacs reported that the Citizens United decision, permitting corporations to donate as persons to political campaigns, is a priority for the committee. She questioned how Peace and Social Concerns got the task of recommending a budget for the Meeting's charitable donations. Nobody remembered the history. She asked for members to give input on the relative importance of those charities. She also mentioned that Peace and Social Concerns could use several additional people.
 - F.U.N.: Kate Anthony reported that the area around the buckeye tree behind the Meetinghouse has been cleaned out and replanted. FUN is looking into the possibility of installing solar panels. The movie Gasland, regarding "fracking", a dangerous means of extracting natural gas, will be shown on Friday night, November 11th.
 - Community Committee: Mary Anne Curtiss reported that the committee is not meeting regularly, but that they are getting the job done.
 - Nominating: Ken Bordwell was APPROVED as recording clerk.
 - Adult Education: Karen Arnett reported that they are looking for an opportunity to give Elizabeth Wells a forum here. The social networking 2nd hour was a resounding success. Rhonda Pfaltzgraff-Carlson will do a 2nd hour following up on her newsletter article on October 30th.
- The Clerk announced that the Clerks' Committee will meet at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 18th. The main agenda item will be to name the Nominating Committee.
- **Wider Quaker Bodies:** The Clerk reported on OVYM and the Miami Quarterly Meeting, which will meet in Dayton next Sunday at Mack Memorial Church.
- **Thanks** to all who brought food for our sustenance.
- **A minute of appreciation** was APPROVED for Ken Bordwell for serving as Recording Clerk.
- **Closing Worship.**

Ken Bordwell, Recording Clerk

Quaker Quest - Full Day Workshop

A dynamic, transformative in reach and outreach process based on the experience
that the Quaker way is a spiritual path for our time that is

simple, radical, and contemporary.

Date: Saturday, NOVEMBER 12
Full Day Workshop.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Light refreshments available
beginning at 9 a.m.
(9:30 a.m. programming begins)

Location: Community Friends Meeting.
3960 Winding Way, Cincinnati OH 45229

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BROWN-BAG LUNCH

Come and help build a stronger Quaker community! We are the Community Friends Meeting, and this is an opportunity for us to share stories with each other and learn about Quaker Quest.

This program is for everyone in the meeting. If there are questions please contact Tim Leonard at this email: timaryleonard@fuse.net

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*"We found the Full Day Workshop
very enlivening to the life of our
meeting. Many of us were
pleasantly surprised that we could
answer the questions... and say
something worthwhile. To my
mind it was the central event of the
year for our meeting."- From a
participant in a Quaker Quest Full Day
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Alternative Worship at Piatt Park, Sunday, Nov. 6

Community Friends Meeting invites all Friends (and friends of Friends) in the Cincinnati area to a joint Meeting for Worship on Sunday, November 6 at Piatt Park. We would like to demonstrate that the Religious Society of Friends in Cincinnati stands with the Occupy Movement in its protest of structural economic and political injustice.

We anticipate that some Friends will prefer to attend Meeting for Worship at their regular location, so this joint meeting is being offered as an alternative to regular Meeting for Worship.

If you join us, we recommend that you bring a lawn chair or other seating option as Piatt Park is primarily paved. We anticipate that it will likely be cold outside, so dress for the weather!

Faces from the Meeting



Tom Zalla

Tom has been attending Meeting for about 1 year. He states that he is a Catholic "in transition". He likes the commitment and orientation to seeking the Truth that he finds at Community Friends. He also likes that there is no Pastor and that we Pastor to each other. Eric Wolff and Richard House testify that Tom is very enthusiastic and makes a great fruit salad. Tom adds that he likes the food.



Pam Richards

Pam has been attending Meeting on and off for 3 years, but regularly now. She states that she likes that no one tells me what to think and if I am moved, I get to say something. She also likes the color of the kitchen tiles. She is slowly getting to know people and contributing what she can.



Evie Hoffman



Ken Bordwell



Agnes Moon

Also from Jennifer:
What do you get if you cross Father Christmas with a duck?
A Christmas Quacker!

Quaker Conversation ~ Sunday, Nov. 20, 4:00-5:30 p.m.
at Cincinnati Friends Meeting, 8075 Keller Road, Cincinnati, 45243

Topic: THE OCCUPY MOVEMENT

Members/representatives of Occupy Cincinnati will be our guests.

We will meet in the Fireside Room for conversation, coffee & snacks. All Friends and friends of Friends are invited to join us for an informative discussion & conversation. Facilitator: Dean Gardner.

If you have questions, please call Cincinnati Friends Meetinghouse at 513-791-0788 or Donne Hayden at 513-207-5353.

Quaker House News, submitted by Lynn Newsom

The calls coming to the counselors via the GI Rights Hotline are becoming more complicated. People in the services are often involved in multiple deployments. Many people are enlisting for economic reasons. There are a lot of mental health issues. Some calls have been related to bad home situations. Conscientious objection related calls are about 25% of the calls.

Repair costs to the Quaker House itself have been high this summer: the air conditioner needed repair, the deck and porch needed sanding and staining, and a railing was installed for the front steps.

Chuck Fager, our director, made a major presentation to the Johnston County Commission, delivering and reading to them a letter from a torture survivor who was carried to Morocco on a plane from the Johnston County airport in Smithfield. There is a 35 minute video account of the session on the Quaker House website.

Quaker House published a booklet titled "Extra Casualties", which reveals the hidden human cost of our wars. It may be ordered from Quaker House. A conference in September, The Military Industrial Complex, was an outgrowth of the Quaker house conference last January at Guilford College. The presentations at this conference can be downloaded from the web (go to <http://www.warisacrime.org/mic50papers>).

Contributions to Quaker House were down considerably during the summer months. Please consider donating to help us continue this important work. Checks can be sent to: Quaker House, 223 Hillside Avenue, Fayetteville, NC, 28301, or donations can be made on the website: www.QuakerHouse.org. Click on the "Donate Now" box. For more complete news of Quaker House, there are current copies of the newsletter available at the Meeting house and/or it is available on line at the website.



John Sniegocki and John David enjoying the day at the beautiful meeting house grounds.



From: Diane Randall, FCNL Executive Secretary

Excitement about the FCNL Annual Meeting is growing every day here as we prepare for our gathering that is just one week from now. Our lobbyists and program assistants are busily preparing materials, the campaigns team is thinking about the best way to use our time together to encourage all of you in your grassroots lobbying, and I'm looking forward to meeting each of you—particularly those whom I haven't yet had the opportunity to meet.

I'm so pleased that many of you will be here next Thursday morning to participate in the lobby day, which will have a particular focus on legislation that promotes prevention of genocide and mass atrocities—the very substantive and encouraging work that our Peaceful Prevention of Deadly Conflict team has focused on.

The Annual Meeting will offer a rich time for us to consider not only what is happening in Washington with Congress, but also what is happening throughout the world in movements for change—from Tahrir Square to Wall Street. James Zogby, a longtime activist on Arab-American equality and civic engagement and Palestinian human rights, will give the keynote on Friday evening on his perspective of the Arab Spring and non-violent movements for civil rights and economic opportunity.

This year's Edward F. Snyder Award for National Legislative Leadership in Advancing Disarmament and Building Peace is being awarded to Rep. Jim McGovern of Massachusetts and Rep. Walter Jones of North Carolina for their consistent bipartisan leadership in advocating for an exit strategy from the war in Afghanistan. We are pleased that Rep. McGovern will be with us on Friday evening to accept the award.

I'm looking forward to sharing my early impressions of FCNL and my hopes for our future work when I speak on Thursday evening. A significant part of that work is our engagement with young adults and with our Quaker network.

During the course of our Annual Meeting, we'll have time to focus on the immediate work of advancing FCNL priorities, discuss our priorities process for 2012, approve FCNL's operating budget and consider the launch of a capital campaign early in 2012. Your discernment on these issues will guide us in the coming year.

On Monday I returned from Portland, Oregon, where I had the opportunity to speak in classes at George Fox University, give a message in worship at Reedwood Friends Church and lead a lobby training that included Friends from Reedwood, Multnomah Friends, Bridge City Friends and Little Light of Mine worship group. The strong desire for peace and justice is evident among these Friends, throughout the Religious Society of Friends and far beyond.

FCNL's lobbying for a world without war and free of the threat of war, for a society with equity and justice for all, for communities where every person's potential may be fulfilled and for an earth restored is essential. Your engagement in FCNL is valuable and important. Thank you!

Meanwhile, our daily lobbying effort to press the super committee to cut the Pentagon budget by \$1 trillion is going strong. Your voices make a difference in this struggle for the priorities of our country. Even if your members aren't on the super committee, they need to hear from you. Will we assure that the needs of our neighbors—both in our communities at home and those who need our help abroad—have assistance, or will we keep funneling our tax dollars to a growing Pentagon budget? If you've already communicated with your members about this, see if you can find 3 other people who will contact Congress in the next week.