

# Community Companion

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Monday, August 27, 2012

## 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**

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| August 4  | 6:00 potluck, 7:00 Quaker House: History, Mission and Work presented by Lynn and Steve Newsom Who will be directors at the Quaker House beginning Dec. 2012. |
| August 5  | Carry-in FUN Committee appreciates and encourages locally grown food when possible   |
| August 12 | Second Hour: Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business  |
| August 19 | Second Hour: Farewell to Rachel Ernest   |
| August 25 | Peace Church Brunch: see page 10   |
| August 26 | Second Hour: TBA   |

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### **Eighth Query from OVYM Book of Discipline, 1978: Educational Relations**

Do you encourage and support the educational activities of Friends? Are you interested in the schools of your community and concerned to establish practices in these consistent with the values you cherish as Friends? What efforts are you making to increase your understanding of your Quaker and other Religious heritages and their relation to other religions?

**Summary of Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business  
Seventh Month 8, 2012  
Community Friends Meeting  
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**

1. **Opening worship** with 14 persons present, Frank presiding.
2. **Action items:**
  - a. **Membership for the Pfaltzgraff-Carlson family:** APPROVED, with joy. Party committee will consist of Marjorie Isaacs, Paul Buckley, Sue Brungs, Sarah Hoffmann (convener), and Pam Richards.
  - b. **Nominating Committee Report:** Amended and APPROVED, see page 3-4
  - c. **Minute for Cannon Fund financial transactions:** For the Community Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, only Richard House, Barbara Wood, and Sarah Hoffmann in their capacity as Cannon Fund Trustees, and Mary Anne Curtiss in her capacity as Treasurer are empowered to withdraw money from Pax World Mutual Fund. APPROVED.
  - d. **Kaitlyn Funck Fund: Recommendation from the Treasurer:** All funds that were or will be administered through the Kaitlyn Funck Fund will be part of the Teen Trip Fund. APPROVED
3. **Treasurer's Report:** We had an end balance of over \$3600. Our bank balance/annual budget ratio is 11 % (goal- 10%). We have paid contributions to MARCC, AFSC, FCNL, FWCC, and the Freestore Foodbank.
4. **Committee Reports:**
  - a. **Ministry and Counsel:** Frank Huss reporting. They are talking about membership and how to make the meeting more welcoming. Paul Buckley is sitting in and helping with this matter.
  - b. **House & Grounds:** Eugenia Mills reporting. Not meeting in July. We have a new bulletin board and a new copier.
  - c. **Religious Development:** Lynn Funck reporting. The kids are working on a new mural downstairs. The summer child care person, Katie, is on board.
  - d. **FUN:** Kate Anthony reporting. Still discussing solar.
  - e. **Community Committee:** Mary Anne Curtiss reporting. Thanks for all the food and help.
  - f. **Stewardship Committee:** Sarah Hoffmann reporting. Still waiting for the painting cost estimate.
  - g. **Ad Hoc Committee on Quaker Quest/In reach:** Quakers want deeper worship and to develop small groups where Quakers can develop deeper friendships and deeper spirituality. They will be developing a small group list, then survey who is interested in which small groups.
  - h. **Other:** There is a great need to clarify the use of the website and the URL.
5. **Wider Quaker Bodies:**
  - a. **Quaker Heights:** The union negotiations have gone well
6. **Announcements:**
  - a. We note with sorrow the departure of Cynthia Sibrel for Pennsylvania. We wish her well and are grateful for her time and effort at improving the OVYM teen programs.
  - b. Thanks to all who brought food for our sustenance.
7. **Closing Worship.**

Frank Huss, Presiding Clerk

Ken Bordwell, Recording Clerk

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

|                            |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Presiding Clerk:           | Frank Huss        |
| Assistant Presiding Clerk: | Kate Anthony      |
| Recording Clerk:           | Paul Buckley      |
| Treasurer:                 | Mary Anne Curtiss |
| Statistician:              | Lisa Cayard       |
| Archivist:                 | Alvin Jose        |
| Web Page Clerk:            | Eric Wolff        |
| Directory Editor:          | Frank Huss        |

### Ministry & Counsel Committee:

|               |                         |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| Eileen Bagus  | Evangeline Hoffmann     |
| Erin Bagus    | Frank Huss (Ex-Officio) |
| Byron Branson | Tim Leonard             |
| Lisa Cayard   | Sunny Rhein             |
| Rachel Ernst  |                         |

### Religious Development Committee:

|                    |                |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Erin Bagus         | Lynn Funck     |
| Wilhelmina Branson | Deborah Jordan |
| Lisa Cayard        | Jim Rhein      |
| David Funck        |                |

### Adult Education Committee:

|              |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| Eileen Bagus | Debra Harris   |
| Susan Gerke  | Paulette Meier |

### Caretaker Liaison Committee: (appointed by Ministry & Counsel & House & Grounds Committees)

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| Kate Anthony | Frank Huss |
| Jamie Fota   | Eric Wolff |

### Community Committee:

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Ken Bordwell      | Lynn Funck |
| Dylan Cahalan     | Tom Zalla  |
| Mary Anne Curtiss |            |

### Friends in Unity with Nature:

|                  |                      |
|------------------|----------------------|
| Kate Anthony     | Alvin Jose           |
| Sue Brungs       | Tom Orr              |
| Bill Cahalan     | Judy Tromble-Ganance |
| Jamie Fota       | Sue Von Handorf      |
| Elizabeth Groppe | Eric Wolff (SA)      |

### House & Grounds Committee:

|                    |                |                  |
|--------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Kate Anthony       | Jim Rhein (SA) | Elizabeth Groppe |
| Byron Branson (SA) | John Sniegocki | Eugenia Mills    |
| David Funck        | Eric Wolff     | Tom Zalla        |

**Nominating Committee report, Continued**Library Committee:

Alvin Jose

John Sniegocki

Music Committee:

Eugene Marquis

Newsletter Committee:

Jean Crocker-Lakness

Deborah Jordan

Peace & Social Concerns Committee:

Elyce Benke

Eugene Marquis (SA)

Marjorie Isaacs

Susan Mospens

Tim Leonard

Marlane Souder

Stewardship Committee:

Mary Anne Curtiss (Ex-Officio)

Richard House

Sarah Hoffmann

Marjorie Isaacs

Nominating Committee: (appointed by the Clerk's Committee serves calendar year)

Wilhelmina Branson

Evangeline Hoffmann

Sue Brungs

Richard House

Dylan Cahalan

Josephine Johnson Cannon Memorial Fund Trustees:

Term ending June, 2013:

Richard House

Term ending June, 2014:

Barbara Wood

Term ending June, 2015:

Sarah Hoffmann

Reporter to Quaker Quill:

Tim Leonard

**Appointments to wider Quaker bodies:**Miami Quarterly Meeting:

Bill Cahalan

Miami Quarter Spring Grove Trustees:

Frank Huss

Eric Wolff

OVYM Executive Committee:

Term ending June, 2013:

Byron Branson

Term ending June, 2014:

**Appointments to local religious affiliates:**Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati Delegates Council:

Ken Bordwell

Rhonda Pfaltzgraf-Carlson

Frank Huss

Byron Branson

John Sniegocki

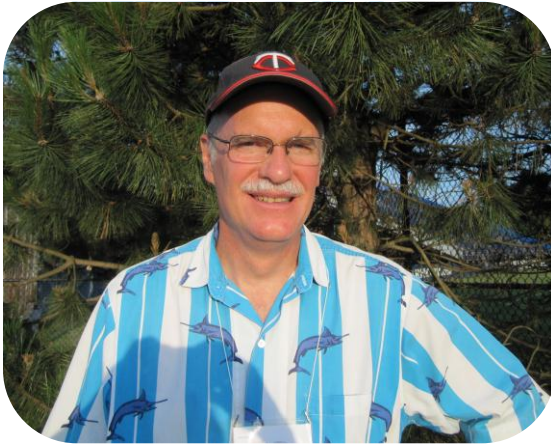
**2012 FGC Gathering/ July 1-7: "All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir"**

By Jean Crocker-Lakness

Jim and I were fortunate to be able to attend this year's Gathering held at the University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI. held July 1-7. One of the high lights was seeing Friends from the past:

Tom Stoffregen says: "Hi y'all"

He is currently Professor at the School of Kinesiology  
at the University of Minnesota



Roger Hansen- previous caretaker



Lynn and Steve Newsom who, beginning in Dec. are the new directors of Quaker House in North Carolina. They will be here on Sat. Aug. 4. See article on page 8



Barbara Fisher who is Byron's and Wilhelmina's niece. We learned that her husband Stanley is a full time Daddy and that they are moving back to the twin cities where Barbara will start her Post Doc in psychology.



Several others from our meeting were able to attend:  
Debbie Harris



Richard House with Laura Dungan



Eric Wolff and Bill Cahalan hanging out  
by the fruit in the dining hall

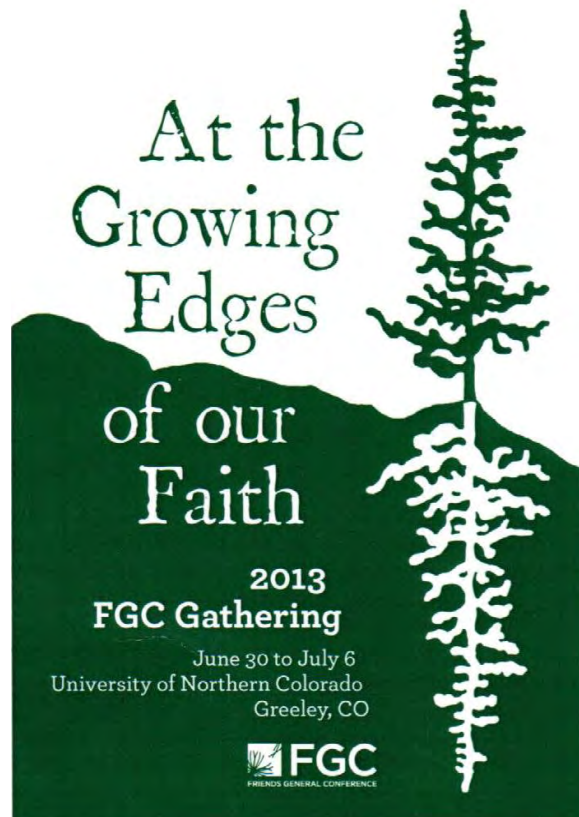


Jean Crocker-Lakness with husband Jim

Three of our youth were able to attend: Bret Marshall, Rachel Logan-Wood and Dylan Cahalan



Plan for FGC 2013 in Colorado



## Farewell To Rachel Earnst



Some of you may have already heard that Rachel Ernst is moving to Richmond to be with Brad. The move will take place during the week of Aug. 19. They will be away from Cincinnati the first two Sundays of August, so a farewell send-off for Rachel will take place on Sunday, August 19, at the rise of Meeting. This is not a full carry-in and no second hour is planned. Eileen will bring cake. Brad will be here to join us, and possibly some members of Rachel's family.

Please come and say your good byes and good wishes.

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## The History, Mission and Work of Quaker House

**Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 7 pm**

**(Come socialize and eat at the potluck at 6pm)**

Lynn and Steve Newsom, former members of Community Friends Meeting, will begin their work as Co-Directors of Quaker House in Fayetteville, North Carolina, in December of 2012. Their workshop presents the history, mission and work of Quaker House.

Quaker House, located near Fort Bragg, one of the largest U.S. military bases, is a manifestation of the peace testimony of the Religious Society of Friends. In line with this testimony, Quaker House seeks to support peacemaking efforts in the region and nationally through education, advocacy, and counseling.

Quaker House was established in 1969 after a GI, Dean Holland, stationed at Ft. Bragg, hitch-hiked to the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting and asked for assistance in applying for Conscientious Objector (CO) status. The Meeting decided that Quakers needed to be in Fayetteville to provide support to GIs who opposed the Vietnam War.

Quaker House assists military personnel who, for reasons of conscience, seek separation or transfer to non-combatant service on grounds of conscience. It has been a key member of the GI Rights Hotline Network since its founding in 1994. Quaker House also provides education on related peace issues, including nuclear war, torture, GI and veteran illness and suicide, truth in military recruiting, and domestic violence within the military.



## Paulette Meier Makes the Canadian News!

From **The Canadian Friend**, Volume 108, No. 2, May 2012

Guest Writer Cynthia Bourgeault



A couple of years ago, I was making my way across Pennsylvania en route back to Maine, when something prompted me to pull out the CD entitled *Timeless Quaker Plainsong and Chant*. It had arrived several months before from Paulette Meier. I was immediately captivated, and listened to it more than a dozen times. I realized that Paulette had succeeded in encapsulating the essence of the Quaker contemplative and ethical tradition, in an immediately accessible and evocative form.

Now don't think that there is a Quaker chant tradition you've somehow managed to miss. This is a brand new creation. But it's a creation so *right* and sorely needed that there is indeed something timeless here.

What Paulette has done is take twenty-one core texts from an array of Quaker spiritual writings and set them as monophonic chants. These beautiful, haunting melodies are not simple to sing, but they are entirely manageable (it took me generally two or three listenings to have them by memory). Once etched in mind and heart, they present themselves as portals into the profound transformative *Wisdom* of Quaker mystical tradition.

As a teacher of meditation in the Christian contemplative tradition, I have used these songs to introduce the great Quaker witness to surrender, silence, and the "Light within", to a wider more liturgically oriented audience. But perhaps my greatest pleasure has been sharing this CD with my grandchildren, all birthright but non-practising Quakers, who are able to sing along and glimpse the power, wisdom, and beauty of the lineage from which they have sprung. My older grandchildren have already learned the essence of the Quaker *peace testimony*, and *voluntary simplicity* through the tuneful chants that Paulette has selected - particularly her very effective arrangement of the following, as a round:

"May we look upon our treasures our furniture and our garments, and try to discover whether the seeds of war are nourished by these our possessions."

It is very cool to hear a nine-year-old and a twelve-year-old singing this timeless wisdom in harmony. And the fact that I have just been able to call up this entire text by memory after more than a year since the last time I thought of it, simply by singing it again, gives some glimpse of the power of the instrument Paulette has graciously put into our hands.

**[Cynthia** Bourgeault is the principal teacher and advisor to the Contemplative Society - an ecumenical, not-for-profit association that encourages a deepening of contemplative prayer based in the Christian tradition. She is a retreat and conference leader, teacher of prayer, and writer on the spiritual life. Cynthia is passionately committed to the recovery of the Christian contemplative path. She has worked closely with Fr. Thomas Keating as a teacher of Centering Prayer, Fr. Bruno Barnhart, and other Christian contemplative masters, as well as in Sufism and the Christian inner traditions. She is the author of *Mystical Hope*, *The Wisdom Way of Knowing*, and *Centering Prayer and Inner Awakening*. You may follow her blog at: [http:// www.contemplative.org/blog/winter-hermitage/](http://www.contemplative.org/blog/winter-hermitage/)

## Timeless Quaker Wisdom In Plainsong

Gordon Thomson

"Plainsong", as the word implies, is the pure rendering of lyrics by the human voice unaccompanied by any form of musical instrument. For any Canadian Friends Historical Association members (CFHA) unfamiliar with a Quaker Meeting for Worship, this CD achieves a remarkable likeness to the experience of hearing spoken ministry arising out of a place of profound spirituality and stillness. The chosen phrases will sound familiar.

Paulette Meier, Continued

Paulette Meier has selected over twenty very brief passages - some only a sentence or two in length - drawn from authors such as George Fox, Margaret Fell, John Woolman and William Penn.

Many of us have read these passages, but it is fair to say that none of us has ever heard these phrases so lovingly rendered in the human voice. As in ministry, no two passages sound alike or speak to the same theme, but all of the founding Quaker testimonies are presented. In most cases a phrase is sung once, and then repeated. This technique serves to emphasize the wisdom being imparted and stimulate reflection. The effect is both calming and informative, and may be best described as an acoustic version of *Lectio Divina*.

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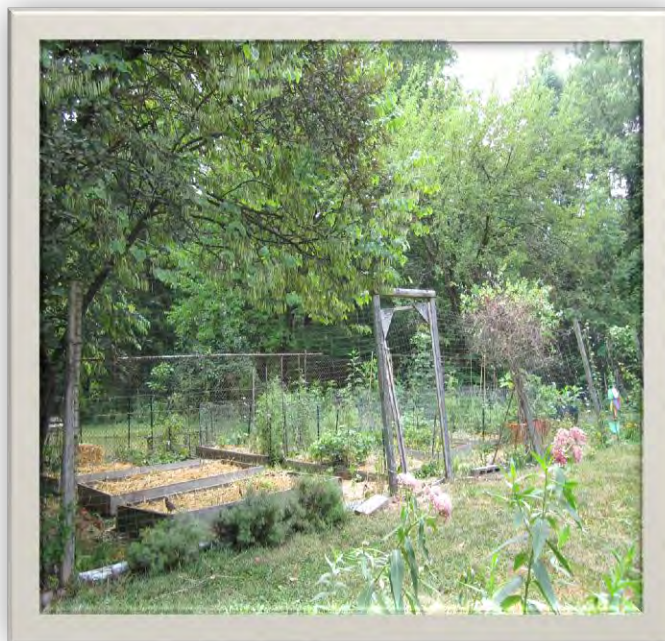
To order CDs, go to Paulette's website: [www.lessonsongs.com](http://www.lessonsongs.com). Single copies are \$20 (includes postage and handling). For multiple copy discounts, see website. For a digital copy go to [www.cdbaby.com](http://www.cdbaby.com) and search by name under 'Paulette Meier'. Or talk to Paulette at Meeting

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### Peace Church Brunch:

August 25, 10-Noon, hosted at Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship. We'll eat and fellowship the first hour, then the second hour will be led by Elizabeth Groppe, theology prof at XU, on the topic of preserving biodiversity. Her talk is titled, "Hummingbirds, Butterflies, and the Glory of God," and will include presentation and conversation.

Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship- Oakley  
4229 Brownway  
Cincinnati, OH 45209





## Islam and Christianity

### A dialogue series in 4 parts

**Thursday evenings 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. September 6, 13, 20, 27**

■ Each evening of the dialogue, participants will share their experience and faith around a variety of topics. There will be an emphasis on the status and role of women.

■ On September 20, we will meet at the Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati. All other sessions will be held at the Tabernacle Bible Church

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### From the Wilmington College Watson Library:

#### HORTENSTINE PAPERS REVIEWED

In April Richard Saunders, a librarian from the University of Tennessee/Martin, spent a week conducting dissertation research focused on the 45 boxes of Virgie Hortenstine's papers preserved by Watson Library. Saunders provided invaluable assistance in organizing and assessing the Hortenstine papers, which provide a rare insider look at the Civil Rights movement in Tennessee.



Virgie Hortenstine, Cincinnati Quaker activist who led Civil Rights activities in Tennessee in 1960s. Photo from Watson Library Special Collections.

Virgie Bernhardt Hortenstine, 1912-1985, was a civil rights activist, poet, journalist, and a member of Cincinnati Community Friends Meeting. She was best known for her leadership in founding the Fayette-Haywood County Workcamps in West Tennessee in the 1960s. She served as their executive coordinator for many years. The workcamps supported black sharecroppers who were threatened, burned out, or evicted for registering to vote. The FHWC also provided popular classes in literacy, consumer education and black history. Hortenstine was jailed multiple times for her civil rights activities. Hortenstine's papers include boxes of records from the workcamps and her fundraising efforts for them, her monthly civil rights newsletter, photographs, poetry, and correspondence. They also include an unusually diverse collection of "ground-level" activist literature from the 1960's - 1980's.

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### Newsletter:

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Charlotte  
Dean &  
Elana  
Branson at  
OVYM

Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting: July 25-July 29 at Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana. The theme this year was "Love One Another As I Have Loved Thee". By the end of the five days, we could all feel the Love.

It seemed that all most everyone from Community Friends was at Yearly Meeting this year. I tried to take photos of everyone. If I inadvertently missed someone, please let me know and I will get your photo in next month's Community Companion. (except for Mary Ann Kokenge and daughter Lucy Grace who did not want to be photographed)

Dylan Cahalan told me that he was looking forward to OVYM. "It is a nice occurrence every year". It is a grounding experience for him. Eric Wolff was registrar with his sister Jennifer assisting. It seems we had a record number attending this year.

Shannon Isaacs continues as the OVYM representative to the Friends General Conference Central Committee



Dylan



Jennifer & Eric



Shannon





Jim Crocker-Lakness from Cincinnati Monthly Meeting with Wilson Palmer from Eastern Hills Monthly Meeting (and treasurer of OVYM) look at books in the Book Store



Rachel Dean with Charles Moore



Kate and Jamie arrive via motorcycle  
Jamie was on the planning committee for this year's Meeting. Kate has been named to next year's Yearly Meeting Planning Committee.

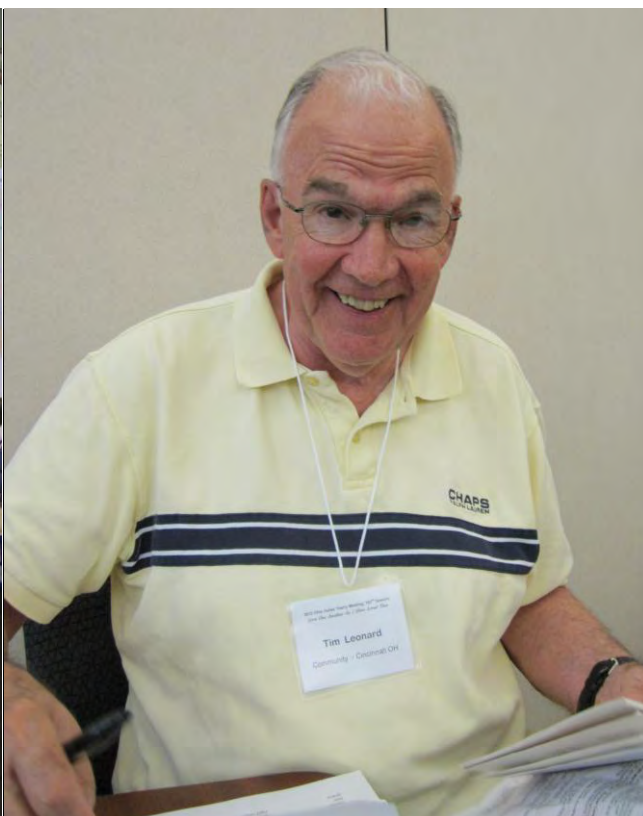


Eric registers Eileen Bagus

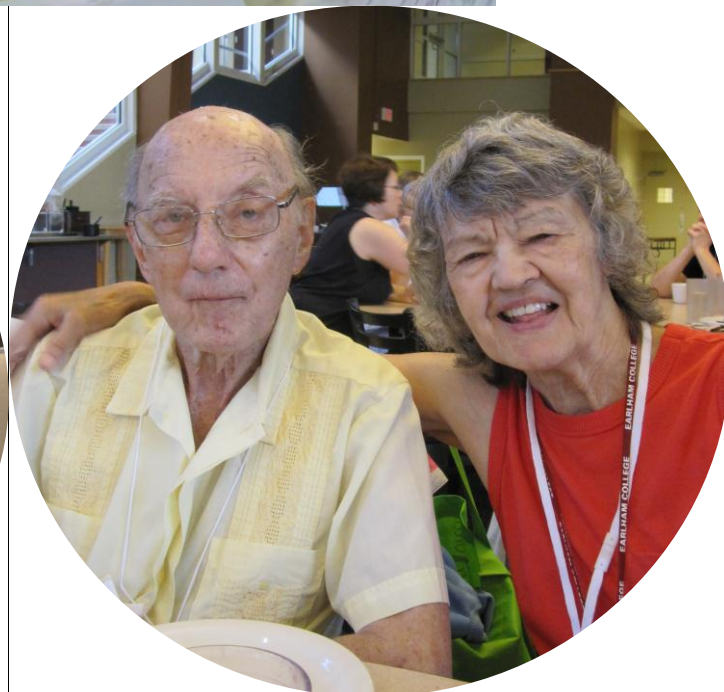
Rachel Logan-Woods looks happy to be arriving at OVYM



Tim Lenard at Martha Viehmann's workshop "Expanding our Vocabulary of Faith"



Lisa Cayard and Deborah Jordan at Meeting for Business. Deborah serves as OVYM Secretary. Lisa is on the Discipline Revision Committee



Byron and Wilhelmina Branson taking a break for a photo opportunity. Wilhelmina serves on Teen Activities Committee





Rhonda and David Pfalzgraff-Carlson  
at Meeting for Business



sons Reid and Bing present the Epistle from the Youth



Hannah Branson with  
Daughter Cecilia  
Hannah serves on the  
Children's Program  
Committee



Cecilia enjoying pizza with friends from Indiana



Bill Cahalan shows the composting toilet to Susan Gerke and she was so excited she had to try it. Bill even gave her a book to read. On Thursday, Bill presented a workshop on "Re-imagining Where You Live: Gas Fracking and Tending the Watershed Commons". Bill also is serving as convener for the OVYM Earthcare Committee.



Paul Buckley and Peggy Spohr  
Paul serves on the OVYM Budget and Finance Committee, plus the Discipline Revision Committee



Rachel Ernst and Eileen Bagus  
Rachel is an OVYM representative to the Friends World Committee for Consultation





Frank Huss and Jean Crocker-Lakness enjoy the simple meal of beans and rice during an OVYM Peace and Social Concerns Committee Meeting. The money saved by serving the simple meal is given to Right Sharing of World Resources.

Marjorie Isaacs's nomination to the OVYM Peace and Social Concerns Committee has been approved. She will be a busy lady as she also serves on the OVYM Religious Nurture and Education Committee.

Friday, Jean Crocker-Lakness assisted by her husband Jim presented a workshop on Ageism. Frank also serves as OVYM Statistician.



Rachel and Jason Dean with Toby. Jason was a leader for the Middle Youth and was a charming Master of Ceremonies for the Sat. night Talent Show

Paulette Meier with Martha Viehmann, Friend from Eastern Hills Meeting. On Friday, Paulette along with Jamie and Pam Morrison led workshop "Internalizing the Spirit of Love through Writing Songs and Chants".

**Plan ahead for next year's Meeting which will be held July 31- August 4, 2013 at Wilmington College.**

Joint Quarterly Meeting at Happy Hollow in Brown County, Ind. will be held October 13 and 14, 2012. Plan to attend. It is always a good time with good food and good fellowship.

