

# Community Companion

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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**

- Feb. 3 6:00 potluck and threshing session on *How We Get Our Quaker Message Out* (see page 5)
- Feb.7 Carry In Potluck Meal after Meeting for Worship biblical Meal  
FUN Committee appreciates and encourages locally grown food when possible. Community Committee asks that if you bring something that needs to be heated before eating, please attach brief instructions to your container. Also, it's helpful to mention the name & ingredients of the dish - thanks!
- Feb.12 Second Hour: Meeting for Worship with attention to Business
- Feb. 19 Second Hour: Faith and Practice
- Feb 19 Miami Quarterly Meeting at Eastern Hills. (see page 6 for program)
- Feb. 26 Second Hour: Service to Our Meeting facilitated by Nominating Committee (see page 9)

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Caretakers: John Sniegocki and Elizabeth Groppe Childcare: Ellie Czejkowski & Sarah Rudolph

## Second Query from OVYM Book of Discipline, 1978: Prayer; Divine Relationship

Do you so order your life as to include reading, meditation and communion, that you may know more of the presence and guidance of the Divine Spirit? Do you remember the need to pray for others, holding them in the presence of God?

## January 2017 Business Meeting Summary,

Twenty-one Friends opened the business meeting with a period of worship during which the clerk read for Opening Worship: *"Group spiritual discernment is the process by which we as Friends try to arrive at a sense of the meeting, a 'shared understanding of the place to which the Spirit has led us.' It involves rational processes by which we try to understand all the factors involved in a specific decision and group process skills. However, it is also distinctly different from the decision making processes of the larger culture which seek efficiency and rely solely on problem solving skills to reach decisions. For Friends, the unique and central ingredient is the belief that the Spirit is present, accessible, self-disclosing, and communicable. Group spiritual discernment assumes an interactive relationship between the participants and the Divine. We try to listen to the Inward Teacher, both within ourselves and within others. For Friends, the ultimate goal is not to come to a decision (although this is desirable), but to be obedient to God's will, to be a servant to that to which we are called."* Lee Junker of School of the Spirit, May 2005

Treasurer's report: Our income exceeded our expenses for the month of December. Our expenses were \$5,843.58 and our income was \$6,227.62. House and Grounds spent \$1587 on doing some electrical work. Because of the additional contributions we were able to make contributions to all of our supported charities for the year. For the year 2016 we were able to save approximately \$1,800 on gas and electric bills due to the solar panels.

Budget for 2017: The changes we discussed at last month's business meeting were implemented and the FGC was reduced to \$3,000 and after a committee meet to revise our charitable giving the amount we gave to some organizations were reduced. Two new Quaker organizations, Earth Quaker Action Team and Quaker Voluntary Service, that we are not currently supporting were suggested. We will keep them in mind for future budgets. The budget was approved with gratitude.

Request for hospitality by FGC Development Committee February 17-19, 2017: The Development Committee of FGC has asked Community Friends have requested hospitality for their committee members for Feb 17-19. Sarah Hoffman and Mary Ann Curtis agreed to be co-coordinators for helping the meeting organize covering the needs of the 11 volunteers and staff members for housing, transportation, and food. They have offered to present a program for our meeting while here and we will request a presentation Saturday evening on Quakers in Business. This request was approved.

Proposal to Purchase Banner Welcoming Immigrants and Refugees: A member requested permission to print a banner originally created by a group called Faithful America that says "Immigrants & Refugees Welcome" Some Friends questioned if we have considered what meeting is committing to by putting up such a banner. There was some who felt that we needed to learn more about the organization who created the banner and others felt that this should be considered by Peace and Social Concerns Committee, as well as other interested meetings for further seasoning. The Committee will meet January 11th at 7:00 pm and will report back next month.

Statistician's Report: Current membership for Community Friends is 42 Resident Adult Members, 6 Non Resident Adult Members, 9 Resident Youth Members and 4 Non Resident Youth Members. We had 12 memberships that ended, mostly due inactive members. We added two new adult members and two new youth members. Our average adult attendance for Sunday Meeting for Worship has dropped 20% in the last year for adults and Youth attendance has dropped 40%. Attendance includes both members and non-members. This drop over last year is concerning. Ministry and Counsel and Outreach committee hear the concern and will continue to address this.

Adult Religious Education: The topics and dates of the currently scheduled second hour topics were presented. A schedule of Second Hours will be in the newsletter. In-Reach groups are winding up for the fall but new topics are being solicited for the future.

Peace & Social Concerns: No Report

Community Committee: No meeting but New Year's Eve party was a success.

Unity with Nature Committee: Meeting on Feb 5th. They are considering bringing forward an action on Standing Rock. Speaking of Standing Rock, the statement we approved that Lisa Cayard sent to the Cincinnati Enquirer was published.

Ministry & Counsel: No Report

Outreach Committee: No Report

**Summary of the January Meeting for Business Minute, continued**

Religious Development: Appreciation for the play was expressed. Carry in for February will be the Biblical Meal.

Nominating Committee: The committee met and named clerks and recorders. They are considering a second hour on naming gifts and helping people learn more about the various committees.

Stewardship: The committee did not meet but gratitude was expressed for the outpouring of support that allowed us to meet our budget and for reminding us of the financial aspects of a spiritual community.

House and Grounds: The circuit by the coffee makers was updated so that we can use that outlet for hot water and are unlikely to blow the circuit now. Outlets in wet rooms have been updated to be GFI updated. Further work is being done in the coming months.

Tender Mercies: No Report

Miami Quarterly Meeting: Meeting will be held February 19 at Eastern Hills in Cincinnati. All are invited.

Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting: No Report

FCNL: Advocacy group is meeting at 6:30 on Tuesday January 10th.

FGC: No Report

Announcements: Paulette Meier is presenting at many locations and events in Baltimore and New York and asks that we hold her in the Light.

Approval of minutes

Closing worship

Lisa Cayard, Presiding Clerk

Rachel Moore, Recording Clerk

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**MARY DANZEISEN CELEBRATES HER 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**

MARY LANDIS DANZEISEN WAS BORN IN 1917 (one year before the end of WW I and 3 years before women could vote.) She started first grade in Bradford, Ohio the same year "Doc" Wade founded the kindergarten. One time, as a young girl, the chicken she was bringing home from the grocery flew out of the basket and her mother helped her catch the feathered beast. Her mother also prepared the chicken for cooking. She remembers the patience and kindnesses of shop keepers during the Depression when money was in very short supply. While in high school in the 30's, she spoke with at least one person who had lived during the Civil War. She also speaks often of the importance of the railroad to the village of Bradford.

Her step-father, Sando Fontana was grounds keeper for the YMCA, which housed railroad workers.

Mary and a group of friends enjoyed putting on dramatic performances to earn a little money.

Following graduation from Bradford High School, Mary accepted a loan from one of her teachers and went to secretarial school in Dayton, OH. She was interested in fashion design, but did not think it would support her and allow her to send money home to her mother and stepfather. During this time, she lived with families in exchange for taking care of the children, baking pies, and doing other household duties. The bus was the mode of transportation she used to travel around Dayton and back to Bradford. Upon completion of her studies, she worked for several doctors until she landed a job at DP&L (Dayton Power and Light) in the Human Services department. She married and continued working there until her pregnancy (although I'm sure she would have preferred to work until the time of the birth of her daughter.)

At some time between graduation and marriage, she visited a cousin doing mission work in Peru, South America. She went to Miami, FL, took a small plane to Cuba. Then on to Peru. The cousin lived in a compound inside walls that were closed at night or when some of the population threatened their safety. World War II was also a part of this time. She went to Europe with the Brethren Service Committee to help with restoration after the war. Later she would serve as an interviewer for SERVAS, an international organization that pairs travelers and hosts for the purpose of building world peace, goodwill, and understanding by providing personal contact among people of different cultures.

Health care was advancing, but not fast enough for a son born with a hole in his heart. He arrived a little early and was delivered in the home by the local doctor and the neighbor, who was a nurse.

Mary won a blue ribbon at the Natural Food Association fair in Dayton for her brown bread, which she baked weekly to sell to people in the Dayton area. Milk came from a farm in a large glass jar with the cream floating on top. Outside the front door was also an insulated box for the milkman's delivery. In the back yards was a garden for eating and for canning.



To the left is the blue ribbon Mary won in 1959 at the baking contest sponsored by the Natural Foods Assoc. Convention in Dayton. It was bread made from whole grains. She was way ahead of her times.

Party lines were common when a phone was finally installed...and she graduated after 2000 to have the modern technology of a cell phone.

Mary's mother, Ada Frey and step father, Sando Fontana lived most of their lives also in Bradford

Mary's sister, Ruth Thompson of Piqua and brother Jams Albert Landis of Bradford, Ohio

Most of Mary's nieces and nephews still live in and around Bradford with several as far as Georgia, Louisiana, and California

One special interest of Mary's is reading. She has seen many changes during her life like the railroads  
Mary now resides in her old house on Enright in Cincinnati with her daughter Karen and son-in-law Randy



While I was visiting with Mary, Alvin Jose stopped by accompanied by his daughters and with flowers for Mary. I think that these are our 2 oldest members. Alvin is 90 years old.



Mary with her son-in-law Randy who she obviously adores. It looked like a mutual affection.

Karen Danzeisen with her mother



*I asked Mary how it was being 100 years old. She answered that it is pretty much the same, but people wish me Happy Birthday.*

She has certainly enjoyed the many cards and notes that she has received. Her daughter Karen told me that she met her husband Lloyd in Dayton at the Church of the Brethren and got involved with Quakers through AFSC

I asked Mary how it was that she had lived to be 100 years old and she told me that “*God decreed it.*” Karen told me that her parents had always been ahead of their times. And that her mother was part of the Natural Food Assoc., long before such things became popular.

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#### **From Mary Anne Curtiss:** [How We Get Our Quaker Message Out](#)

On Friday February 3 at about 6 PM there is a potluck and threshing session on How We Get Our Quaker Message Out. Tim Leonard and Frank Huss are the planners.

#### **Description of our discussion on Sanctuary.** Submitted by Christopher Morriss

On 1/22/2017 The Adult Religious Education Committee held a second hour regarding Community Friends Meeting's past experience with sanctuary in 1983. ARE Clerk Christopher Morriss presented quotations from documents from that time, and provided context on the Salvadoran conflict. Meeting members who had been members back then also contributed their knowledge and experience of the time. Most specially, Miguel and Gabriela also came and shared their experiences, both in El Salvador and in the United States as refugees receiving sanctuary from the Meeting, with Christopher serving as interpreter for them. Mac Johnson of Bellarmine Chapel also helped provide information on the previous sanctuary movement and contributed to the subsequent discussion.

Mary Anne Curtiss, Mac Johnson, Gabriela & Miguel, Frank Huss, Wilhelmina Branson and Christopher Morriss



*Please join Friends from Southern Ohio and Kentucky at*

**Miami Quarterly Meeting**  
of Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting  
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

**19<sup>th</sup> Day, Second Month, 2017**

**Eastern Hills Friends Meeting**  
1671 Nagle Rd.  
Cincinnati OH 45424

## **WELCOME & HOSPITALITY**

Campus Meeting is co-hosting. Overnight lodging can be arranged by contacting Henrietta Ballinger at 513-871-0783 or [fballinger@gmail.com](mailto:fballinger@gmail.com).

## **DIRECTIONS:**

For a map to Eastern Hill's Meetinghouse, go to-  
[http://ovym.quaker.org/index\\_files/EasternHills.htm](http://ovym.quaker.org/index_files/EasternHills.htm).

## **SUMMARY**

On First Day there will be Meeting for Worship, a potluck lunch, and activities for children. Lexington Meeting will be presenting an adult program that speaks to our times. The adult day will conclude with Miami Quarterly Meeting's Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. The schedule for 2/19 follows:

## **SCHEDULE**

- 9:30 Arrival-fellowship
- 10:00 Meeting for Worship
- 11:45 Potluck lunch – out-of-town visitors should bring items that do not require heating (e.g., breads, salads, desserts).
- 1:00 Program: Quakers have struggled with a tension of being engaged with the world and being outside of

it. Early Quakers were active abolitionist and supportive of women's suffrage. At the Meeting of Elders at Balby, Yorkshire, in 1656 they wrote "that if any be called to serve the commonwealth in any public service, which is for the public wealth and good, that with cheerfulness it be undertaken, and in faithfulness discharged unto God." Yet Pennsylvania Quakers who formed the pre-revolutionary government there ended in a quandary about raising money for the defense of the colony against the French during the 18th century. In our own time, faced with manifest challenge to our sense of equality and community we struggle about what steps to take and how much to be involved in lobbying the government.

1:00 Children's activities.

2:45 **Miami Quarterly Meeting** – Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (send Agenda items to Veronica Frost, Clerk at [eclectictwelve@hotmail.com](mailto:eclectictwelve@hotmail.com).)

4:00 Depart.

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**Miami Quarterly Meeting Divestment Minute:** Miami Quarter of Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) commits to divesting our quarter's financial resources from all fossil fuel extraction companies. Miami Quarter will publicize this act of divestment from all corporations involved with extracting coal, petroleum, and natural gas as one way to raise awareness of the critical global challenge of climate change. We will make these financial changes as soon as reasonably possible to reflect right relationship with Earth, as well as other Quaker values, including equality and integrity. (*Minuted May, 2015*)

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Contact your members of Congress today and tell them to oppose any legislation that would punish Sanctuary cities.



# PROTECT OUR SANCTUARY CITIES

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Some church humor from bulletins we won't have this problem- we don't use bulletins



## They're Back! Those Wonderful Church Bulletins!

Thank God for church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services

- The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
- The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on Water..' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'
- Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday at 8 PM in the recreation hall. Come out and watch us kill Christ the King.
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.

### Our Rachel is back row on the left end



### Earlhamites earn national recognition, funding to challenge violent extremism online

December 23, 2016

A team of Earlham students has earned national recognition for its efforts to challenge violent extremism and dehumanization online. The project by 14 Earlham students in the Peer-to-Peer: Challenging Extremism (P2P) competition is one of three winners of Affinis Labs' Project Apogee, an accelerator that selects three of the most promising P2P teams and gives them additional resources to help their ideas to succeed.

As part of Project Apogee, i4inclusion has secured funding, mentoring, publicity and technology to grow their idea. In addition, five students will travel to Washington at the end of January for a three-day entrepreneurial workshop and presentation. "We will receive training from U.S. State Department Specialists, and we would be required to continue the project for another six months," says Sandra Kluivers '18. "We will receive support and work with various professionals in order to expand and develop our project. We're really excited."

The students, who come from eight countries, are working to counter dehumanization and violent extremism with a social media campaign called i4inclusion using education, understanding and inclusion. Their project, which was submitted to the Peer to Peer: Challenging Extremism competition sponsored by U.S. State Department and Facebook, focuses on media literacy and story. "What we're really trying to create is understanding," Kluivers says. "We're trying to start a movement online, which we hope will lead to understanding between individuals, stop hateful rhetoric, and teach young people to be more critical of media." Through research and surveys, the group learned that the cycle of dehumanization is perpetuated through media-induced biases. The group also found that six in 10 millennials get news through Facebook and that nearly one in three individuals rarely or never fact check. "i4inclusion is launching a campaign to provide tools to critically evaluate the media by empowering (participants) to detect hate speeches, biases and distorted narratives," says Ahsan Ali Khoja '19.

In a manner similar to a popular blog of portraits and interviews collected from people on the streets of New York called Humans of New York, i4inclusion uses videos, images and quotes to share people's stories and thoughts, and quizzes are used to increase media literacy.



“Media literacy is a skillset,” says Alejandra Traslosheros ’17. “When people read news we want them to question how this news is being created and who is putting it out and why. Is this an exaggeration? We want to educate by showing how media distort identity using literary techniques. We want to educate and encourage people to identify and cross-check the facts.”

Ideally, young educators and leaders across the United States and throughout the world will work to foster, positive, productive and inclusive dialogue.

“Most people are civic-minded and are interested in not being conned,” says Vedant Tiwari ’19.

The sponsors of the competition, EdVenture, Facebook, the Department of State and the Department of Homeland Security, feel that college students are uniquely empowered to counter propaganda groups. Invited teams receive \$2,000 to produce their campaigns and the top six teams are recognized with scholarships awards ranging from \$5,000 to \$1,000.

Plowshares Professor of Peace Studies and Politics and i4inclusion faculty advisor Welling Hall says the Earlham group has received positive feedback from the sponsors and has been asked to compete again next semester. Hall is also Director of Earlham’s Center for Social Justice, which serves as the on-campus sponsor for the i4inclusion project.

Rachel Logan-Wood participates on an Earlham College Team that gains national recognition.

The Center for Social Justice is one of three multidisciplinary academic centers that opened in the fall in support of the Earlham Plan of Integrative Collaboration (EPIC). EPIC is a comprehensive program that builds on Earlham’s historic strengths in collaborative learning, off-campus study and interdisciplinary education. The program encourages groups of students and faculty, like those involved in i4inclusion, to pursue innovative solutions to the greatest challenges facing the world.

“For Earlham, this project shows that Earlham students care enough to want to make a difference,” Kluivers says.

The Earlham group also includes Abduselam Kedir Awol ’19, Fredrik William Lyford ’17, Justin Ko ’17, Ronke Abodunrin ’17, Rachel Logan-Wood ’17, James Johnson ’17, Eva Chaitman ’17, Lan Phan ’20, Treston Owens ’18, Selen Öztürk ’17, Sydney Ojeikere ’19.

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Couple Enrichment Opportunity in Hickory, NC - Feb 10-12, 2017

Mike and Marsha Green, of Durham Meeting, are offering their annual Contemplative Retreat for Couples this year on Feb 10-12. This is an opportunity for those who are in committed relationships to step away from the business of the world for a contemplative weekend focusing on deepening their relationship.

This will be the 4th year for this contemplative retreat. Participation is limited to 9 couples. Cost is \$290/couple, which includes lodging in a large lake house on Lake Hickory in Hickory, NC, and six meals (Friday supper through Sunday lunch). For planning purposes, we are asking if folks can send a deposit of \$100 by Jan. 31.

This workshop is held under the care of Friends Couple Enrichment, a national, Quaker-based organization. A flyer with more information about the retreat is available on the FCE website at <https://friendscoupleenrichment.files.wordpress.com/2016/12/retreat-flyer-for-feb-2017.pdf> .

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Opportunity at Wilmington College: Winter Lecture Series

“Clarence Pickett and the American Friends Service Committee -in the Appalachian coal fields.”

Paul Moke, professor of Social and Political Studies at Wilmington College, will deliver the second lecture on Wednesday, February 22, 2017. Paul has been studying the work of Quaker Clarence Pickett and the American Friends Service Committee and their work in the Appalachian coal fields. This event will also start with refreshment at 6:00 in the T. Canby Jones Meetinghouse, located on the Wilmington College campus, with Paul’s lecture following from 6:30 – 7:30. Childcare will be provided.

Stories of International Quakers

David Brindle will be presenting our third lecture of the Winter Series. David has served as a Friends pastor in North Carolina, Indiana, and Wilmington Yearly Meeting. He also served as Associate Secretary of the London office of FWCC. David is recently retired and has relocated in Wilmington, Ohio. He will be sharing with us inspirational stories collected throughout his travels. This event will occur on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at the T. Canby Jones Meetinghouse, located on the Wilmington College campus. We will gather at 6:00 for refreshments with David’s talk following from 6:30 – 7:30. Childcare will be provided.

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Second Hour Reflection on Service to Our Meeting Facilitated by the Nominating Committee – Feb. 26, 2017

As the Nominating committee begins its work of discernment about officers and committees for 2017-2018, it seeks guidance from Friends. Thinking about service to the meeting community and how we can best work together seems especially timely as we move forward together to make a more loving and compassionate world a reality today. The challenge we face is to develop and maintain a committee

structure that is functional for our community, and that remains flexible as our collective vision of our role in the community evolves. We can't do it without everyone's vision and help!

To launch this discussion, the Nominating committee is scheduling a discussion of four queries relating to committee service:

1. What are the "core" committees for the operation of the Meeting?
2. Why are some committees more popular than others? What can we do to increase participation in the work of our meeting?
3. How can we avoid overburdening members of core committees?
4. Peace and Social Concerns has been inactive except for two recently requested meetings because no one is clerking. Some think that there are too many committees. What do you think about our committee structure and what could improve it?

We urge as many as possible to attend the Second Hour discussion on Sunday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>