

# 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***

***(Except in Summer months, Second Hour or Carry in Potluck @ 11:40 am)***

## July 2-8

FGC's Gathering at Niagara University in New York

## July 9

Second Hour: Meeting for Worship with attention to Business

## July 16

Annual Fort Ancient Worship and Picnic, hosted by Miami. Members and friends of OVYM are invited to attend.

*We'll gather at 10am for worship and the picnic will follow in the pavilion; rain will not cancel the event. Please enter via the driveway to the caretaker's house and follow the signs to the pavilion. Those wishing to tour the grounds of this historic Native American site are welcome to do so following the picnic.*

## July 30

"Understanding Our Quaker Story" by Tim Leonard and Sarah Hoffmann

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## Queries for July 2017: Caring for one another

- In what ways do I show respect for that of God in every person?
- How well do I reach out with spiritual and practical care to those with special needs?
- How do we share in the diverse joys and transitions in each other's lives?
- How well do we recognize and affirm the gifts of all in our community, including older Friends and youth?

## Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, Sixth Month 2017

*Since there is but one Light and one Truth, if the Light of Truth be faithfully followed, unity will result...The nearer the members of a group come to this one Light, the nearer they will be to one another, just as the spokes of a wheel approach one another as they near the center. The spirit of worship is essential to that type of business meeting in which the group endeavors to act as a unit. Those who come to meeting not so much to discover Truth as to win acceptance of their opinions may find that their views carry little weight. Opinions should always be expressed humbly and tentatively in the realization that no one person sees the whole truth and that the whole meeting can see more of Truth than can any part of it.*

~ From Friends for 300 Years, by Howard Brinton

1. Treasurer's report
  - a. Please see Appendix 1
  - b. Expenses are currently a little more than income
  - c. We are in a relatively good position
  - d. Parent bodies were paid this month
  - e. Contributions to OVYM will change to \$610.00 (per month) in coming year starting in July
  - f. We always will take contributions
  - g. Accepted with gratitude
2. Approved Action Items
  - a. From Stewardship
    - i. Please see Appendix 3 for current policy
      1. Renumber gift policy numbers and add new number 5
      2. # 5. If Meeting is presented with a gift or proposed gift of readily marketable securities, an ad hoc committee of two members of Stewardship and two members of Ministry and Counsel will determine what should be done with the gift or proposed gift.
        - a. Please see Appendix 4 for adopted gift policy.
      3. Second agenda item: investments. We have a large amount of money currently in Trupartner Credit Union. The surplus over our day to day needs would likely yield more in a new Parnassus Fund Account rather than a new Certificate of Deposit. This would be our third Parnassus Fund account (for ease of bookkeeping): one is Cannon Fund, one is the Meeting Reserve Fund (basically, an endowment fund from our two prior bequests, with its own rules for distribution), and this would be a third fund handled identically to the certificates of deposit we have in Trupartner Credit Union.
  - b. Outreach Committee
    1. The meeting approves the committee's work on these projects and requests that the committee reports periodically to business meeting and stewardship.
3. Committee Reports and Discussion
  - a. Community Committee
    - i. At our last meeting, we planned Christopher's party. And talked about helping with the pancake breakfast. We are checking with the friendly sixes to see how they are doing. We also discussed ideas for summer activities such as a Reds game.
    - ii. Report accepted
  - b. Religious Development
    - i. Hosted an Intergenerational discussion on "Quakerly Use of Digital Media"
      1. It was a good second hour discussion
    - ii. Report accepted

- c. House and Grounds
  - i. Had a successful work and paint day
  - ii. We still need volunteers to continue with painting to complete the work started
  - iii. Report accepted
- d. Stewardship Committee
  - i. See Appendix 2
  - ii. Looked at gift policy from previous discussions and threshing session.
    - 1. Change numbering of accepted at October 9 2016.
    - 2. Renumber policy numbers and add new number 5
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    - 5. Report accepted
- e. Adult Religious Education
  - i. No Report
    - 1. Summer second hours on "Quaker Story"
      - a. June 25, July 30, and August 27 at second hours
- f. Unity with Nature Committee
  - 1. We met on 6-4-17 and reviewed over 30 responses to the recycling survey. The majority of respondents already recycle items that can be collected curbside. In addition, there is clear interest in recycling other kinds of items. We are looking forward to serving Community Meeting through providing convenient ways to do additional recycling of other kinds of materials.
  - 2. A solar tour, 5-27-17, was attended by about 12 people, six from the wider community. A representative from Third Sun Solar of Athens, OH provided helpful information.
  - 3. Report accepted
- g. Ministry & Counsel
  - i. Ministry and Counsel met on May 28 2017
  - ii. We reviewed Reports on the ministries of Paulette Meier and Pam Richards
  - iii. We planned and set up dates for a set of adult educational sessions we are calling "The Quaker Story." The purpose of this series is to acquaint and re-acquaint Friends with the core realities of our story, and to converse about what this story means to us today. Jennifer Chase, a traveling member of our meeting has alerted us to a website that may help us in this endeavor: <https://www.futurelearn.com>. Friends are encouraged to search other sources and books as we work on this. The dates are June 25, July 30, and August 27 Second Hours.
  - iv. In addition, our conversations may reveal how the meeting addresses our minds, our hearts, and our actions; what supports we can offer each other in times of need; what level of accountability are we willing to take on; and how we each understand our ministry as members of this meeting.
  - v. We also discussed several issues of pastoral ministry.
  - vi. Report approved
- h. Outreach Committee
  - i. Printing business cards are going to the printer
  - ii. Working on brochure now.
  - iii. Need a new banner and the funds, new literature, advertising, and table at events so may spend additional funds over budget.
    - 1. The meeting approves the committee's work on these projects and requests that the committee reports periodically to business meeting and stewardship.
  - iv. The meeting appreciates the work of this committee
  - v. Report accepted

- i. Nominating Committee
  - i. Thankful to Doug and Marianne
  - ii. Report Accepted.
- j. Peace & Social Concerns
  - i. No report
- k. FCNL Lobbying Group
  - i. We are working on Congress members to reduce military spending.
    - 1. We have met with Brad Wenstrup, serving Ohio's 2nd congressional district.
    - 2. Our working on setting up meetings with Steve Chabot, serving Ohio's 1st congressional district and Senator Rob Portman of Ohio.
  - ii. Once a month conference call with national FCNL
    - 1. Last month's call centered on military preparedness.
    - 2. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> conference calls
  - iii. Report accepted
- l. Other committees or working groups?
  - i. Tender Mercies going great
  - ii. Report Accepted
- 4. Larger Quaker Bodies
  - a. OVYM
    - i. Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting (OVYM) Executive Committee Report to CFM 5-20-17
    - ii. We met by conference call due to the earlier dates of Annual Sessions this year. Planning Committee says all is ready for Annual Sessions June 14-18 including a pre-sessions workshop on Weds. at noon on Friendly Retirement. A few Monthly Meetings have already appointed a representative to Nominating Committee – it is not a requirement to be at Yearly Meeting. (Rachel has agreed to serve from Community Friends). A letter from Lexington Friends Meeting was shared that addressed the situation of a longtime attendee who has caused strife in the community. He is now restricted in his participation to preserve safety for all. An ad hoc committee will review and propose changes to the Executive Committee Meeting dates to be decided by Annual Sessions.
    - iii. Submitted by Deborah
    - iv. Report accepted
  - b. Miami Quarterly Meeting
    - i. Report for Community Friends from Miami Quarter
      - 1. Miami Quarter met 5-21-2017 at Miami Monthly Meeting in Waynesville, OH. The program portion was sharing State of the Meeting Reports. Some information from the meeting for business: The Friends General Conference Gathering in 2018 will be in Toledo; selection of the site was made with attention to needs of persons of color, for their comfort and safety. Friends World Committee on Consultation traveling ministry corps of nine ministers was recruited in 2016 and the process of requesting a traveling minister has begun via the FWC website. There is money in the Cincinnati Fund to help Friends attend Yearly Meeting, etc. Friends expressed their gratitude for Frank's years of service as treasurer and his willingness to continue to act in this role until a new treasurer is appointed. Rhonda graduated from School of the Spirit and feels called to work as a spiritual nurturer in elder care settings. The next Quarterly Meeting will be Tenth Month, 15th day at Yellow Springs Meeting.
      - 2. Deborah
      - 3. Report accepted
- 5. Announcements
  - a. Gratitude to Deborah and Doug and meeting.
  - b. Elyce is our new Community Companion editor and Deborah is assistant editor. Please send items to Elyce.
- 6. Approval of minutes:
  - a. Approved 6/11/17 1:17 PM
- 7. Closing Worship



## **Our annual pancake breakfast and outdoor meeting for worship**







Chris left for (and is now happily settled in) Las Cruces New Mexico. His address is 3245 E. University Ave. Apt 301 Las Cruces NM 88011. His email and cellphone number are in the directory.

He is having a good time and has already ridden his bike down to the Rio Grande.

His work as a Family Medicine resident will start July 1. The residency lasts three years,

and has an emphasis on border and rural medicine. Good Spanish language skills are a requirement for this program.

He is not sure what he will do after he finishes, except that he will be practicing Family Medicine in a setting with Spanish speaking patients.



Thanks, everyone for giving him such loving send-off celebrations, and for being his friends while he was with us!

Mary Anne Curtiss





## Ohio Valley Year Meeting (OVYM)

We were holding up a sign that says  
"Incarcerated Veterans Need Adequate Mental Health Care! Support Our Veterans!"  
from Lynn Newsom's work at Quaker House.



## Interfaith Prayer Vigil outside Senator Rob Portman's Office for Health Care Bill

On Friday, June 23rd, members of faith communities in Ohio gathered to hold a prayer vigil outside Senator Portman's office. Christian, Jewish and Muslim faith communities were represented, and spoke about the upcoming health care bill. Rick Boyce from Eastern Hills Friends was one of the representatives to deliver the letter to Senator Portman, although no one was allowed in the office. However, we were a visible presence on the corner of 3rd & Walnut in downtown Cincinnati.



## People's Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Climate Rally

Doug Burks, Paulette Meier, Marjorie Isaacs, Carol Burks and Bill Cahalan attended the People's Cincy-NKy Climate Rally on June 10, 2017 on Fountain Square.



We stood in unity to support in protecting our world and in urging our leaders to take the steps to moderate climate change.

## New Attender Bill Matthews



Bill is from Indianapolis but has been in Cincinnati for 15 years. Although growing up Catholic, he was more recently a part of the Unity Church. While attending a Vegan Earth potluck at Community Friends, he was reminded about Quakers and decided to give us a try. Our solar panels were a plus for him as he likes promoting solar energy. He has been involved with Recovery International for many years. Recovery International is "a simple set of living skills which enable people to live more peaceful, productive lives" by developing self-help skills in peer-to-peer meetings and through self-direction. Some of his interests are singing, hiking, and sailing. Our peace testimony and the idea of peace over power speaks to him. Welcome Bill!