

# 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**

October 5:

The second annual Quaker Fest 12:00 to 4:00 and The Friends World Committee for Consultation invites you to celebrate World Quaker Day

October 11-12

Joint Quarterly Meeting at Happy Hollow Camp in Brown Co. Indiana

October 12

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

October 14

2014 Westheimer Peace Symposium, see page 4

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TBA

October 26

Rhonda PC and Peace and Social Concerns or David Funck: Endowments

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Caretakers: John Sniegocki and Elizabeth Groppe      Childcare: Katelyn Buckman

**Tenth Query from OVYM Book of Discipline, 1978: Simplicity, Stewardship**

Do you endeavor to live in harmony with nature, avoiding pollution and the destruction of our environment?

What are you doing about your use of the world's irreplaceable resources? Are you concerned for family and population planning so that future generations will be able to live on the resources available to them?

**Check out the upcoming Inreach groups posted at the Meeting House.**

## September 14, 2014 Business Meeting Summary, prepared by Paul Buckley, Recording Clerk

The meeting opened with a period of worship during which the clerk read from Thomas Brown's Pacific Yearly Meeting pamphlet, *When Friends Attend to Business*. She reminded the twenty-three Friends in attendance of the importance of coming to our business meetings "with hearts and minds prepared" so that Truth may prevail.

The **treasurer** reported, "Things are looking good." The ratio of the bank balance to annual budget is at 13% - well above our target of 6%. The budget is on track with 63% of projected income received in the first two-thirds of the year.

The **Cannon Fund** trustees reported that Pax World Funds has two funds that meet our divestment requirements. We will move \$50,000 to the Growth Fund and the remainder of our funds will be in the Global Environmental Market Fund. The trustees also noted they are particularly looking for proposals from our young Friends to fund appropriate educational opportunities.

The **Community Committee** will host a Quaker Fest on October 5. The other Cincinnati area peace churches have been invited. A potluck meal, poetry, stories, readings, and music are planned.

**House & Grounds Committee** has scheduled the next meeting work day for October 25<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 4pm. The committee is also hoping to have some significant tree trimming and removal done by the end of the year. The committee is currently working on the motion sensors and lighting for the porch and front of the building.

The **Caretakers** have fixed the garage opener.

**Ministry & Counsel Committee** feels that last weekend's renewal was a great success.

The **School of the Spirit** is looking for meetings at which to hold one-day retreats in the spring for potential applicants. The retreat would take place on a Saturday and the retreat leaders would stay to worship with us on Sunday. They can also present a second hour if we like. Community Friends would provide space and help in hosting participants. It was suggested that the Community Committee would help with local arrangements. The request was discussed and **approved**.

Next weekend, the **Peace & Social Concerns Committee** will have a table at the Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center World Peace Festival to provide information about Community Friends Meeting, the Religious Society of Friends, and the Peace Testimony.

The committee also plans to host a second hour in the winter during which three or more topics (e.g., relationship between the military and for-profit prisons; relationship between mental illness, serving in the military and prison; and police killing unarmed citizens) will be discussed and, in the spring, a presentation/movie night about restorative justice. A list of organizations to which the meeting contributes will be reviewed by the P&SC committee. It was noted that the focus of meeting's contributions is on organizations to which people in the meeting have a personal connection. Our contribution amounts are limited, and the committee encourages others to contribute on their own.

The **Transforming Jail Ministry** worship team currently has six members and is recruiting for more within the meeting. It has also discussed recruiting outside the Meeting. They named a team member to serve as liaison to TJM organization and another as liaison to the meeting.

Several meeting members will be attending the **People's Climate Change March** in New York next weekend.

On October 4-5, training will be given at the Earlham School of Religion on non-violent tactics on behalf of the **Earth Quaker Action Team**. This training is specifically for those who will participate in protests aimed at PNC Bank's funding of mountaintop removal.

The **Adult Religious Education Committee** has finalized a list of inreach groups and will be sending out information on when and where they will meet soon:

- a. Unlocking Potential
- b. Midweek Worship
- c. Lucretia Mott: Her Life and Example
- d. The Epistles of Paul

The Quaker Diversity event was reviewed. The participant evaluations were overwhelmingly positive, and the event was a resounding success, bringing in Friends from different meetings and traditions, in a friendly discussion of different approaches to faith and friendship. The good reception of the event encourages us to hold a similar meeting next year, and the ARE Committee is considering holding a wider brainstorming session with members of the meeting on what our needs are, and what event is needed to fulfill them.

Sept. 14 Meeting for Business Summary of Minutes, continued

First Day classes for our children started up again today. Teachers are needed. **Religious Development Committee** will make a presentation on the plans for the current year next Sunday during second hour. The emphasis this year will be on the testimonies.

Mary Anne Curtiss and Ken Bordwell met with those involved with the Quaker Volunteer Service program in Portland, Oregon. The **Quaker Volunteer Service Working Group** did not feel prepared to take on this project on right now, but is investigating the possibility of an effort that involves Friends from a geographically broader area.

The **Web Clerk** reminded Friends that they can subscribe to our website and make changes to their subscriptions by going to [subscribe.communityfriendmeetings.org](http://subscribe.communityfriendmeetings.org).

**Quaker Heights** has broken ground for its new facility. Friends were encouraged to participate in the virtual quilt through the Quaker Heights website.

**Joint Quarterly Meeting** will be October 11-12 at Happy Hollow Camp in Indiana.

The **Friends Committee on National Legislation** has prepared talking points for opposing the war against ISIS. These are available on their website.

The **Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting Executive Committee** will meet in the Community Friends Meetinghouse on October 4.

The **OVYM Planning Committee** will meet on September 27 to begin work on the program for next year's annual sessions.

## **Renewal at Quaker Knoll**

Nineteen Friends attended the renewal at Quaker Knoll near Wilmington Ohio. There was a focus on spiritual practices, fun, and Friendship. Cooperative games led by Marjorie Isaacs elicited a lot of laughter and commentary - we're not sure if we all won or lost. The weather, particularly Sunday, was achingly beautiful as the small group who stayed over worshiped together outside.



Pictured left to right: John David, Shannon Isaacs, Paulette Meier, Mary Anne Curtiss, Ken Bordwell, Marjorie Isaacs, Bill Cahalan, Deborah Jordan, and Susan Gerke (photo by Carl West)

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**Message to the Meeting's Youth from the Cannon Fund Trustees**

The Cannon Fund Trustees encourage Meeting youth (youth is loosely defined) to apply for funding for activities that will further their Quaker Practice. Please email a paragraph to Cannon Trustees (Richard House at [rwhouse@fuse.net](mailto:rwhouse@fuse.net), Mary Anne Curtiss at [macurtiss@zoomtown.com](mailto:macurtiss@zoomtown.com) and Eugenia Mills at [millsem@fuse.net](mailto:millsem@fuse.net)).

The paragraph should include:

- 1) A description of the activity
- 2) How it would encourage your development as a Friend.
- 3) The amount of money you are requesting and what it is for.

Cannon funds are being offered in this manner because we value our youth. We would like you to share your experience from this activity. Cannon Fund Trustees will make themselves available to facilitate this.

**Training in non-violence in preparation for direct action at PNC banks**

For all of you who were really impressed with George Lakey's presentations at OVYM, here is good news: He is coming to Earlham to do a non-violence training workshop. This is specifically for people who want to join with Earth Quaker Action Team in direct action at PNC banks, to help urge them to stop funding mountain top removal. There will be a multi-state day of action Dec 6. The ESR workshop is to prepare people for this. It will be Oct 4 and 5. Please let Kate Anthony know if you are interested in attending

**Wilmington College Presents the 2014 Westheimer Peace Symposium**

The Westheimer Peace Symposium promotes the exploration of peace as a viable, realistic alternative in a complex, violence-prone world. Each year speakers challenge Wilmington College students and the community by addressing the topics of nonviolence, social justice, the environment, and the nature of war.



# Health Care in the US: Money, Morality, and Mandates

Tuesday, October 14

**Is health care a human right? We say YES! But why do we think so?**

The speakers and events at this year's Westheimer Peace Symposium will explore this nuanced topic, with the ultimate goal of recognizing that—no matter what form health care reform or implementation takes in the US—every person deserves access to quality, affordable health care, as outlined in the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

**10 a.m.: Drawing on his work for "Denied: the Health Care Crisis in America," photojournalist Ed Kashi will explore the reality behind America's dysfunctional health care system and what it means when access to care is denied**

2014 Westheimer Peace Symposium, continued

**11:45 a.m.:** A series of **round table discussions** moderated by speakers and community members from a variety of different organizations will allow time and space for small informal discussions of a variety of health care-related issues.

**1:00 p.m.:** After a showing of **"Aging in America: The Years Ahead,"** Julie Winokur, the film's writer and producer, will join us for Q&A about aging and health care.

**2:45 p.m.:** **"The Rightful Amounts of Health Care in America: will Health Reform Help?"** with **Dr. Mark Pauly**, Bendheim Professor of Health Care Management at The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

**7:30 p.m.:** **"Is Health Care a Human Right?"** Health care has become an often polarizing and partisan issue in which many facts and important points have not been heard above the din of politics. This **panel discussion** will feature persons knowledgeable on the topic and representing several viewpoints.

**Special Preview Event:** Monday, October 13, 6 to 8 p.m.

"Life As We Age: Two Social Perspectives"

Exhibit opening reception with Ed Kashi and Judi Parks

Harcum Art Gallery

For more information and directions to campus, please visit [www.wilmington.edu](http://www.wilmington.edu).

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*Eileen*

Dedicated to baby Bailey Eileen Woodward

Her life has been a journey of forgiveness with  
full awareness that to forgive the hater  
may ease the path to ever more hatred.

She knows such fears are traps; that the simple  
command was "Forgive us as we forgive," and  
the simple command is true.

That's the thing about Eileen, she always finds truth  
in simple action, following her leadings, often  
in the dark, then finding in the new moment  
an unanticipated way that opens,  
living each day in communion with  
her family, her imprisoned friends, her fellow Quakers  
forever urging them to rise up to their gentle  
exalted arduous calling, to up their game. Not imperious,  
she is unrepentantly relentless stubborn.

But ah! That communion from which she draws her vitality  
Is glorious high, wide as the world, longer than history held  
In the hands of a loving God.

Tim Leonard 9/24/14

**PEOPLE'S CLIMATE MARCH IN NEW YORK CITY**

Thanks to our Meeting Friends, Kate Anthony, Adam Funck, Marjorie Isaacs, and Shannon Isaacs, for making the long, slow bus ride to New York City to join with hundreds of thousands of people for the People's Climate March. Deborah Jordan and Bill Cahalan joined with a much smaller group locally to support the historic march to reverse climate change. Photo by Kate Anthony



The bees in the tree in our woods,  
but didn't want to get too close!  
Photo by Elyce Benke