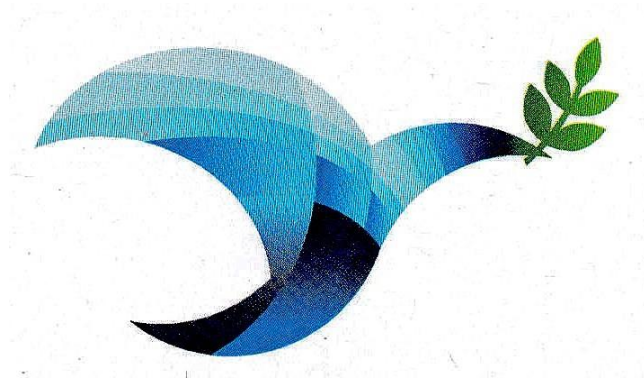


# THE FAIRFIELD FRIEND

*December 2021*



*Fairfield Friends Meeting is a diverse Quaker community that lives and shares the peace, love and Light of God in the world.*



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**THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR, PHIL GULLEY****A Quaker Pastor Looks at Critical Race Theory**

When I first met my wife, almost 40 years ago, I was careful not to tell her how many women I had dated for fear of losing her affection. Though to be honest, most of my previous relationships went no further than a first date, the women realizing life with me would not improve their current circumstances. Eventually, my wife learned my full history and with that knowledge decided to marry me anyway.

America is reckoning with its own history these days, some fearing that full disclosure of our past racial misdeeds might somehow cripple the admiration we feel for our nation. This reckoning is called *critical race theory* and is the ongoing effort to better understand how racism shapes our nation's public policy, past and present. Some, of course, welcome this light, believing it essential for our nation's growth and well-being. Others fear it, worrying it will cause our children to despise not only our heritage, but our nation.

As one who has feared full disclosure, I understand their concern, but I'm for letting the sun of awareness shine brightly on all our history, good or bad. If our ancestors committed a wrong that benefits us and plagues others, we are morally committed to setting matters right. Just as Jesus commanded the man with two coats to give one to the man with none, so too are we called to help those left cold by the bitter winds of racism.

I'm curious if those who object to a full telling of our nation's history complain when their children are taught about the British oppression of our nation's founders? Do they point out our liberation happened over two hundred years ago, is old news, and has no place in modern curriculum? Do they demand we scrub that story from America's textbooks now that Britain is our ally, and we are free? Probably not. Instead, they have likely favored a fuller emphasis on that era. But while our children are learning of one tyranny, they should learn of another—the enslavement of Black Americans and their continued struggle for equality.

After graduating from high school, I applied for a job at Public Service Indiana. When I arrived for my interview, I was seated in a room with a young Black man, about my age. I was interviewed first. The

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interviewer looked up from my application and asked if I were related to Gloria Gulley. I told him she was my mother. He said, "The job is yours," then went to the next room to tell the other applicant the job was taken. As it turned out, the interviewer's children attended the private school where my mother served as principal. Though I didn't appreciate it at the time, I now realize that position, which launched my college career, my relationship with my wife, and my IRA, was a direct consequence of my race, for in the 1960's and 1970's it would have been unthinkable to install a Black woman as principal of a private school in Plainfield. And so, my upward mobility was secured while his plateaued. It is why the average Black family in America has only 10% of the wealth of the average white family, which is why I can only assume that those who oppose critical race theory are content to let white people do what they wish while Black people suffer what they must.

**MINISTRY AND COUNSEL**

With joy and anticipation of the Christmas season, Ministry and Counsel Committee invites all to the return of in-person Meetings starting December 19, 2021. Although the positivity rates in Hendricks and surrounding counties are not where we would like for them to be, most of the attendees, as well as the children, have been vaccinated. We will still be masked and socially distanced as we celebrate Snowflake Sunday! Watch your emails for more detailed information.

Ministry and Counsel is discussing how to make the services more private for the sharing of Joys and Concerns. As we transition back to in-person meetings, several options are being considered to make this happen.

We very much appreciate Matthias Beier and Leah Gunning Francis bringing messages to the Meeting in October and November. Their contributions are always so thought provoking and valued.

## FAIRFIELD DIRECT PAY OPTION

An alternative to writing a check to Fairfield Friends Meeting for your donation would be to set up an automatic payment from your bank with funds coming from your checking account.

Use your bank's online bill pay feature to set up Fairfield Friends as the payee (recipient). You can set up the frequency you desire such as monthly and as a recurring payment on the day of the month convenient for you.

- You will need to indicate the Meeting's mailing address and phone number:

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- You will need to indicate the Meeting's checking account number:

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- You should not need Fairfield's checking account routing number as the payment won't be processed thru ACH (Automated Clearing House).

Your bank will distribute the funds using a bank check that will be mailed to the Meeting. Your name will appear on the check as the sender. Most banks do not charge for online bill pay and there likely won't be a charge for the check or the cost of mailing.

Your bank may function differently so talk to your own bank for their specific rules or for assistance with setting up the direct payment.

## **SERVANT KEEPER AND END-OF-YEAR REPORTING**

Beginning July 1, we began tracking financial giving to the Fairfield Meeting General Fund using Servant Keeper software. Your family's financial giving can be viewed using the Fairfield Online Directory. This financial information is confidential and available to your family only. As we did not begin entering financial data until July 1, any donations made prior to that date will not be included in the total. If you have questions regarding your giving as shown on Servant Keeper, contact Lynne Durocher ([Ld091449@yahoo.com](mailto:Ld091449@yahoo.com)) or 317-379-4132.

## **FAMILY PROMISE--DECEMBER**

Family Promise had an extra challenging year with more than 1635 crisis calls from January through October. The sheer volume of calls has been staggering, and our assistance has been invaluable. Many thanks to everyone for the love and support that they have given.

There are several ways to spread cheer this season with the Family Promise wish list. They are looking for Christmas sponsors, coats for kids, Thanksgiving baskets, move in kits, rent assistance, gas cards and volunteers to help families fill out forms, move, or rehab housing units.

Please reach out to Family Promise directly if the spirit moves you in that direction.

Fairfield has one more food pledge week during 2021 and it starts on December 26.

<https://familypromisehendrickscounty.org/> or [info@familypromisehendrickscounty.org](mailto:info@familypromisehendrickscounty.org)

phone 317-296-FPHC or 317-296-3742

**HOLD IN THE LIGHT LIST**

**Kayla Brown and Cara ( Lee Edmondson's co-worker & her cousin)**

**Mary Louise Cardwell**

**Mildred Kirchhoff (Steve's mother)**

**Family of Karisa Brown (Treg Hopkin's friend)**

**Betty Strietelmeier (Mark's mother)**

**Alan and Helen Huess (Cindy Strietelmeier's parents)**

**Nancy Messer**

**Mary Dooley**

**Brett Stewart**

**Daryl T. Brown**

**Julie Kindle**

**Patty Bowling**

**Charles Lee (Leslieann's husband)**

**Beth Sotkiewicz**

**Bill & Jo Maris (Stacey Denny's parents)**

**Jennifer Hodge**

**Joni Leverett**

**Margie Wollitz (Mary's twin sister)**

**Brenda Sellers (Linze Southwick's mom)**

**David Hodge**

**Gage Boyd (Margo Lawson's grandson)**

**Chris Gautier**

## CARING FRIENDS – DECEMBER

Several people in our Fairfield family and larger Quaker community cope with ongoing issues of compromised health or aging, or otherwise live with challenging situations on a daily basis. An important way of holding Friends in the light is to send cards of support and encouragement now and then. With the intention of facilitating this, we list names and addresses in the monthly newsletter and include updates as we are aware of them.\*

If you would like to be added or removed from the list, please contact Becky McClung, 317-690-0160.

**\*Any time we have updates, you'll see them in bold font below:**

### *RUTH ALBERT*

8616 W. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Apt. 128  
Indianapolis, IN 46234

- from West Newton, RN and former missionary in Kaimosi, Kenya. Assisted living now.

### *LINDA BRYANT*

10705 Whippoorwill Lane  
Indianapolis, IN 46231

- **Linda lives alone and has multiple health issues. She is doing well.**

### *MARY DENBO*

1149 Halifax Cr.  
Indianapolis, IN 46231

- **Mary's son's wife suffered a fall & severe brain injury 10/29. She is making positive progress but is still on the ventilator.**

### *SAM & KELSEA GULLEY*

3981 Buckeye Lane, Unit 4  
Fort Wainwright, AK 99703

- Sam is a U.S. Army flight medic serving in Alaska.

### *GINNY HAYES-BENNETT*

5425 Indiana Cove Dr.  
Indianapolis IN 46268

- **Ginny's husband Robert died on 11/21 following a long struggle with Huntington's Disease. Ginny and their daughter were with him when he passed away.**

### *DAVID & JENNIFER HODGE*

7966 S. County Rd. 1025 E.  
Cloverdale, IN 46120

- David has been getting treatment for stage 4 cancer for the past year with no signs of remission. Continued prayers are appreciated.

### *CLARA MCCLURE*

- Our beloved former pianist, Clara, has advanced dementia now, residing at Sugar Grove Senior Living. We don't send cards anymore because she is unaware, but please hold her in the light.

### *ABDUL SULAIMAN AND NISREEN RASHEED & DAUGHTERS MAWLIDA, ROLAF & SIDRA SULAIMAN*

2052 Fullwood Dr.  
Brownsburg, IN 46112

- Fairfield sponsored the Sulaimans' immigration from Aleppo Syria in 2016. They are doing well & moved into their first home in 2020.

### *CHARLES & LESLIEANN LEE*

1344 Oliver Ave.  
Plainfield, IN 46168

- Charles continues to have multiple health issues; he and LeslieAnn find encouragement in the support of Fairfield Friends.

### *JONI LEVERETT*

155 Spring Hill Ct.  
Mooreville, IN 46158

- **Joni recently moved in with daughter Devin. Joni has very limited mobility due to severe knee pain and failed previous knee replacements.**

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

| <b>DECEMBER</b>                    | <b>JANUARY</b>  |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Sandra Chenoweth (12/01)           | Raelene Fendall (01/01)   |
| Olivia Denny (12/01)               | Bill Lookabill, Danielle Sullivan, Nancy Wafula, Roger Long (01/02) |
| Mary Lee Comer (12/07)             | Joyce Price, Kim Soladine (01/03)                                   |
| Austin Settles (12/09)             | Leslieann Lee, Zane Bruner (01/04)                                  |
| Cynthia Vidal (12/09)              | Vera Thrasker (01/05)   |
| Brian Swift (12/10)                | Austin Williams (01/07)   |
| Madeline Gulley (12/13)            | Tom & Marjorie Gates (01/07)  |
| Lucas Swift (12/14)                | Kyle Rhoden, Sandra Horner, (01/08)                                 |
| Robert Stevens (12/15)             | Larry Cordray, Cathy Lucas, Cimperly McClelland, (01/09)            |
| Herbert Denny (12/20)              | Charles Barker (01/10)  |
| Rita Goss (12/21)                  | Susan Duffy (01/11)   |
| Georges & Kathryn Gandolfo (12/21) | Carl Lucas (01/12)  |
| John & Alma Pierce (01/21)         | Asher Arnold (01/13)  |
| Rebecca Horton (12/22)             | Muna Khleifi (01/15)  |
| Spencer & Jessica Gulley (12/22)   | Pamela Wilson (01/16)   |
| James McClung (12/24)              | Brett & Ashley Hessian (01/16)                                      |
| Paige Robbins (12/24)              | Andy & Christine Porter (01/18)                                     |
| Jack Essex (12/27)                 | Charles Lee (01/19)   |
| Mike & Mindy Cunningham (12/27)    | Tim, Settles, Jeffery Todd (01/20)                                  |
| Sean Gainey (12/28)                | Samantha Howard, Georgianna Baker (01/21)                           |
| Lane & Carolyn Slaughter (12/28)   | Victoria Katterhenry (01/22)  |
| Patricia Bowling (12/29)           | Donald Clark Jr., Kylie Hardin, Chad Smith (01/23)                  |
| Kenneth & Tammie Lawrence (12/30)  | Melody Clark (01/25)  |
| Ann Davidson (12/31)               | Anne Durbin, Kathryn Allee, Mark Whipple, Paul Wilson (01/27)       |
|                                    | Jake Gabbard, Tareq Khalaf (01/28)                                  |



**JANUARY (CONTINUED)**

Natalie Clark, Stacey Denny, Cindy Strietelmeier  
(01/29)

Donald & Carol Clark (01/29)

Mike & Hillary Mazar (01/30)

Laura Gabbard, Kaylee Clark (01/31)

## MEETING CONTACTS

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| <p><b><u>Recording Clerk:</u></b><br/> <b>Lynne Durocher</b><br/> Ld091449@yahoo.com</p>  | 317-888-7242                     |
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| <p><b><u>Membership Coordinators:</u></b><br/> <b>Larry &amp; Carol Cordray</b><br/> daffodil327@hotmail.com</p>                        | 317-372-2777<br>317-372-1678     |
| <p><b><u>Bulletin:</u></b><br/> <b>Tom Farrington</b><br/> thomasfarrington1946@gmail.com</p>   | 317-839-3902                     |
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| <p><b><u>Fairfield Men's Fellowship:</u></b><br/> <b>Ralph Baker</b><br/> baker7298@sbcglobal.net</p>                                   | 317-831-3526                     |
| <p><b><u>Outreach Committee:</u></b><br/> <b>Stacey Denny</b><br/> hdenny123@att.net</p>  | 317-313-1171                     |
| <p><b><u>Caring Friends Committee:</u></b><br/> <b>Becky McClung</b><br/> rgmclung@gmail.com</p>  | 317-690-0160                     |

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| <p><b><u>Children's Meeting (age 3—3<sup>rd</sup> grade):</u></b><br/> <b>Ralph &amp; Gan Baker</b><br/> baker7298@sbcglobal.net</p>   | 317-831-3526 |
| <p><b><u>Fantastix Friends 4<sup>rd</sup> –8<sup>th</sup> grade):</u></b><br/> <b>Tara Stewart</b><br/> Tara_m_stewart@hotmail.com</p> | 317-627-8964 |
| <p><b><u>Young Friends (9<sup>th</sup> grade—college):</u></b><br/> <b>Jimmy McClung</b><br/> moviemanjim@gmail.com</p>                | 765-346-8848 |

## UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| DATE    | TIME                     | MEETING NAME            | ADDITIONAL INFORMATION |
|---------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Nov. 28 | 10:30 –<br>11:30<br>a.m. | Meeting for<br>Worship  | Online via Zoom        |
| Nov. 28 | 11:45 –<br>12:45<br>p.m. | Finance<br>Meeting      |                        |
| Dec. 1  | 6:30 –<br>7:30 p.m.      | Trustee<br>Meeting      |                        |
| Dec. 2  | 7:00 –<br>8:00 p.m.      | Ministry &<br>Counsel   |                        |
| Dec. 5  | 10:30 –<br>11:30<br>a.m. | Meeting for<br>Worship  | Online via Zoom        |
| Dec. 5  | 11:45 –<br>12:45<br>p.m. | Outreach<br>Meeting     |                        |
| Dec. 5  | 1:00 –<br>2:00 p.m.      | Write Club              |                        |
| Dec. 9  | 11:30 –<br>12:30<br>p.m. | Meeting for<br>Eating   |                        |
| Dec. 12 | 10:30 –<br>11:30<br>a.m. | Meeting for<br>Worship  | Online via Zoom        |
| Dec. 12 | 7:00 –<br>9:00 p.m.      | Meeting for<br>Business | Online via Zoom        |

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| Dec. 18             | 9:30 –<br>10:30<br>a.m. a.m. | Peace &<br>Social<br>Justice |   |
| Dec. 19             | 10:30 –<br>11:30<br>a.m.     | Meeting for<br>Worship       | Online via Zoom<br>Meeting will also be in<br>person. |
| Dec. 19             | 1:00 –<br>2:00 p.m.          | Write Club                   |   |
| Dec. 20             | ALL DAY                      |                              | Newsletter articles due.                              |
| Dec. 24             | 10:00 –<br>11:00<br>p.m.     | Christmas<br>Eve<br>Program  |   |
| Dec. 25             | 10:30 –<br>11:30<br>a.m.     | Christmas                    |   |
| Dec. 26             | 10:30 –<br>11:30<br>a.m.     | Meeting for<br>Worship       | Online via Zoom                                       |
| Dec. 26             | 11:45 –<br>12:45<br>p.m.     | Finance<br>Meeting           |   |
| Dec. 27             | 10:00 –<br>11:00<br>a.m.     | USFW                         |   |
| Dec. 26 –<br>Jan. 2 |                              |                              | <b>Fairfield Friends<br/>host Family Promise</b>      |