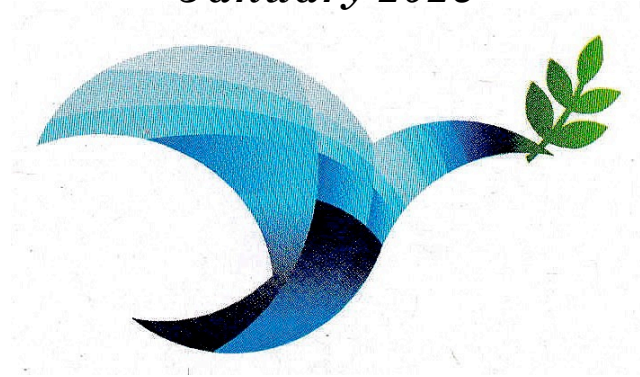


THE FAIRFIELD FRIEND

January 2023



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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Dear Friends,

Greetings to a new year! May it be a wonderful year for us all. I am still working on attaining information for birthdays and anniversaries. I didn't find any anniversaries for January and find that odd. Please let me know if I need to add information.

M. Beth Symons

Thoughts From the Pastor, Phil Gulley

Our Special Visitors

Every now and then we're able to talk someone into visiting Fairfield who might not otherwise have stopped by. Over the years, we've enjoyed a variety of musicians, theologians, and deep thinkers, all of whom have left us better than they found us. In the upcoming months, we'll be enjoying three such guests—Rabbis Dennis and Sandy Sasso on Sunday, January 8th and Quaker folksinger Carrie Newcomer on Sunday, February 5th.

Sandy Sasso was the first female rabbi in Reconstructionist Judaism. She and her husband Dennis are the first rabbinical couple in Jewish history, and we're honored to have them join us for Chat Room at 9:30 AM on January 8th. I've known the Sassos for several years and have benefited greatly from their friendship and wisdom. Like many Americans, my knowledge of Judaism is limited, and at times my lack of knowledge has been evident. Over the years, Dennis and Sandy have gently guided me into a deeper understanding of Jewish life and culture. I have always left our encounters much uplifted, and a little more informed about a religion I knew so little about. Indeed, my experiences have been so positive, I thought to myself how wonderful it would be if you had the chance to experience the Sassos as I have, and now you do.

They'll make themselves available to answer any questions we might have about their faith, about Jewish/Arab issues, the rise of global anti-Semitism, their experience of God, to name a few. Dennis and Sandy travel and speak globally on Judaism, and we are incredibly fortunate to have them with us. Come prepared to ask, listen, and learn.

Continuing with our tradition of wonderful guests, we'll gather for worship on Sunday, February 5th, to enjoy the music of Carrie Newcomer. In December 2018 *Spirituality and Health* magazine named Carrie as one of 10 Spiritual Leaders for the Next 20 Years. Her passions include Quakerism, ministry to the hungry and homeless, and working to shape a world that blesses all. Because Carrie makes her living as a singer and musician, we'll give you the opportunity to express your appreciation financially.

So there you have it, Friends, opportunities to learn, grow, tap your feet, and enjoy three of the finest people to grace our Earth today.

Now a Note About Covid, Flu, and RSV

We are mindful that Covid, flu, and RSV rates are rising. We'll continue to offer Zoom meeting for worship for those who live at a distance or are immune compromised. But let's return to elbow bumps instead of handshakes and grab a mask when we leave our homes. (We'll have a ready supply of masks at the meeting, should you leave yours at home.) Masking can keep us happy, healthy, and strong through this winter season. While Zoom worship is convenient, let's not overlook the importance of connection and friendship. To see one another's faces, to greet a friend, to lift our voices in song with others is to experience the joy of belonging.

Financial Committee

Electronic Contributions

Thank you so very much for your continued financial support of the Meeting!

PayPal Change:

PayPal has ended the fee-free Family and Friends payments to any accounts other than personal accounts. This means that fees will be charged on your payments to Fairfield which lowers the amount of money Fairfield receives.

Other Electronic Pay Sites:

Direct payment programs such as Venmo and Zelle are designed for person to person transfers and although Fairfield is a nonprofit, we do not qualify for free transfers.

Bank Direct Pay Option:

An alternative to using PayPal is to have direct pay from your bank account to Fairfield.

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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- Please use your full name as your account number with Fairfield.
- As this transaction becomes a check written to and mailed to Fairfield, you should not need the Meeting's account number nor the bank's routing number.

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.

Contact Lynne Durocher, Clerk of Finance Committee, with questions. Ld091449@yahoo.com
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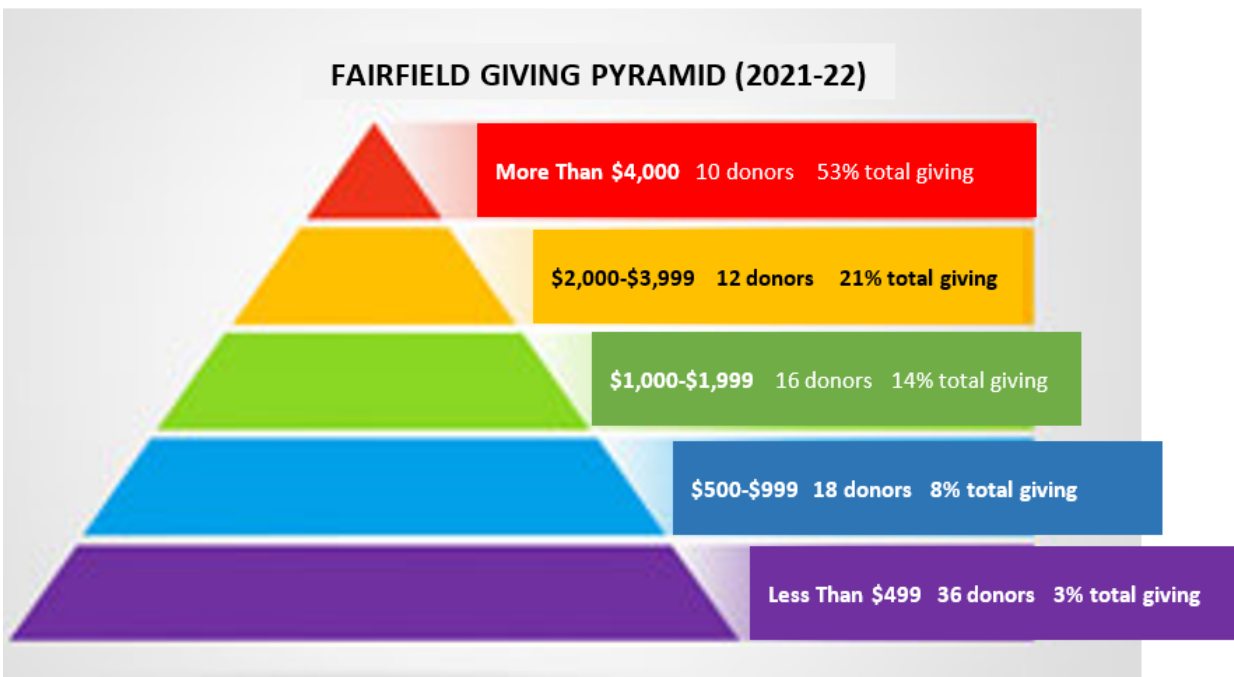
PLAN TO SUPPORT FAIRFIELD MEETING?

Let us know. The Stewardship Committee.

As Quakers, we endeavor to live simply. So, while our Meeting's expenses are modest compared to other spiritual communities, we do have financial obligations including our regular support of those in need. We are grateful for your generosity and promise to use your financial gifts thoughtfully and faithfully.

Being a Fairfield member or attender, you are asked once a year to consider your plan to support the Meeting financially and to let us know of that plan. Fairfield has a great tradition of generosity, and your completion of the online or mailed form in December / January will help us plan for the year ahead. This hopefully also serves as an excuse to give prayerful consideration of support.

Fairfield relies on a relatively small number of people to sustain our Meeting and support worthy, well-chosen causes. This chart illustrates how Fairfield Friends Meeting gives.



Family Promise

Family Promise appreciates the continued support they receive from Fairfield Friends. The meals and food we supply during our support weeks enables stability for families who are struggling to overcome homelessness.

Announcing the 2023 Fairfield Friends support weeks for Family Promise. The last weeks of March, 26th; June 25th; September 24th; and December 24th have been chosen. If there are any conflicts, please let me know. We have time to adjust our schedule.

Thank you for your continued support of Family Promise,
Theresa Minton

Green Team News

5 Ways to Green Your New Year's Resolutions!

After finishing that 2nd piece of Christmas Bundt cake and brushing the sugar cookie crumbs from our laps, we've all had that thought, "I need to make some changes." And thus, were New Year's resolutions born!

We've all made resolutions to read more, lose weight, and exercise more. For 2023 let's consider adding some **Green** resolutions to that list.

Here are a just few ideas for a greener 2023.

1. **Join the Meatless Monday's craze.** Meat production is a major source of climate pollution — one-fifth of the problem, to be exact. Cutting out meat just once a week lowers your carbon footprint, plus it's healthier, cheaper, and a good excuse to try out new recipes.

2. **Plant a Garden**

Growing your own vegetables is a great way to help reduce your carbon footprint!

On average, about 8% of your personal carbon footprint comes from food. If you replaced just 20% of the vegetables you usually buy at the store, you can reduce your carbon footprint by 68 lbs. of CO2 per year by decreasing the need to transport vegetables from their source.

The benefits of growing your own garden go way beyond reducing emissions. Gardening is also good for the body, mind, and soul.

3. **Eliminate Vampire Power**

Vampire power, also known as standby power, refers to the power our electronic gadgets waste just by being plugged in.

Read the [Complete Guide to vampire power](#).

4. ***Farm to Table***

The idea of "farm to table" restaurants is more than just a clever marketing tactic – it actually has a purpose! With the transport of food being responsible for close to 20% of our emissions, reducing the need for long transport will cut this number drastically.

"Farm-to-table" simply means that the food comes directly from the farms, most of which practice ethically responsible farming like free-range livestock, non-GMO crops, and organic farming. The impact of farm-to-table is even greater when the food is sourced locally. Not only will it just require one trip to transport the food from the farm, but locally grown food doesn't travel nearly as far as non-local.

Below are farm-to-table restaurants in the Indianapolis area.

<https://www.visitindy.com/restaurants/food-guides/farm-to-table/>

5. **Put on a sweater.** Mr. Rogers was on to something. If you add an extra layer while you're around the house this winter— cozy up under a blanket, put on your slippers — and lower the thermostat just one degree, you'll save energy. Our electricity use accounts for 40 percent of America's climate change pollution, so every sweater counts!

6. **Bonus Resolution** – Get involved with the Fairfield Green Team!

Ministry and Counsel

As we look back on the past year, Ministry and Counsel is pleased with the progress that has been made since a year ago when Fairfield was not meeting in person. After reopening in February, the committee has hosted a pitch-in, an ice cream social, and a Christmas pitch-in. The committee has been able to transmit the service over Zoom after tweaking the audio and visual components and find that our numbers (in-person plus Zoom participants) are comparable to pre-pandemic times.

Ministry and Counsel arranged for a Quakerism Class with Max Carter which was seen by over 200 participants around the country and world on Zoom. The committee also collected money for Quaker retired ministers twice to make up for omitted collections during the closure of the building during the pandemic. These two collections totaled over \$850.

In addition to these activities, M&C helped plan each of the weekly services and greeted people as they arrived. Nametags have been made available to all attending.

Ministry and Counsel is pleased to have welcomed four new members in 2022 - Scott and Sue Walton, Josih Hostetler, and Nala Bryant (junior member). It is exciting to see the numbers increase now that we are back together.

The future holds more learning and excitement as we welcome Rabbis Dennis and Sandy Sasso to Fairfield on January 8 when they will lead a discussion in Chat Room on present day society's affect on the Jewish community.

In February, Fairfield will be treated to Carrie Newcomer as she brings her songs and music to our meeting for worship. This will be on February 8, 2023.

So it is with satisfaction that Ministry and Counsel looks back at 2022 and anticipation of what 2023 will bring to Fairfield.

January Birthdays

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| Leslieann Lee | January 04 |
| Kyle Rhoden | January 08 |
| Larry Cordray | January 09 |
| Cathy Lucas | January 09 |
| Charles Barker | January 10 |
| Carl Lucas | January 12 |
| Charles Lee | January 19 |
| Tim Settles | January 20 |
| Georgie Baker | January 20 |
| Jake Gabbard | January 21 |
| Stacey Denny | January 28 |
| Cindy Strietelmeier | January 29 |
| Laura Gabbard | January 31 |

CLERK PLEASE

The following highlights are from the December 18 Monthly Meeting (MM), be sure to see the final minutes for details:

- Sarah Lookabill served as Presiding Clerk in the absence of Randy Horton.
- Phil updated us on Randy Horton's procedure which went very well and he is expected to return home on Monday. Ruth Turner, daughter of the late Charles and Elsie Carter, has exceeded doctors' expectations with excellent progress in her battle with throat cancer. She expresses her gratitude for the support of the Meeting.
- There was one unusual expense during the month of December. This was in the amount of \$4,780 to replace an air handler. The treasurer noted with one month remaining in our 6-month budget year that while we are under budget for revenue, we are also under budget for expenses. He anticipates that we will finish the 6-month budget on a positive note.
- Ministry and Counsel reported that on January 8, Rabbis Dennis and Sandy Sasso will lead a Chat Room discussion on antisemitism and that Carrie Newcomer will be with us for meeting for worship on February 8. A request for membership was received from Josih Hostetler. The request was approved. A request for junior membership from Nala Bryant, granddaughter of Linda Bryant, was received and approved.
- Trustees reported that a maintenance contract with Bassett HVAC of Plainfield has been signed. Meeting room windows have been professionally cleaned. A commercial door closure company replaced one closing mechanism and other interior and exterior doors will be inspected. The time controller for the exterior lights has been replaced and parking lot lights should be on from 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. There were no graves sold nor burials conducted during November. Ralph Baker submitted a letter of resignation from the Cemetery Committee effective July 31, 2023. The trustees are working toward a way forward.
- USFW provided Christmas gift bags to the students at Patricksburg Elementary School.
- The Men's group is working with a Haitian family to assist them with food and items needed for their apartment. Stability Builders of Family Promise are also assisting with regular food deliveries.
- Theresa Minton reported that she has selected the last full week of March, June, September, and December 2023 as Fairfield's weeks to provide meals for Family Promise.
- A thank-you note will be sent to Sherry Christian, our housekeeper, for the donation of Christmas cookies and candy as well as appreciation for her work throughout the year.
- Next Monthly Meeting will be January 15, 2023.

Lynne Durocher,
Recording Clerk

January 2023 Calendar

- January 1** **Chat Room 9:30-10:30am**
Meeting for Worship 10:30-11:30am
- January 4** **NA Support Group 7-8:00pm**
- January 5** **Ministry and Counsel Committee 7-8:00pm**
- January 8** **Chat Room with Dennis and Sandy Sasso 9:30-10:30am**
Meeting for Worship 10:30-11:30am
- January 10** **Stewardship Committee 2:00-3:00pm**
- January 11** **NA Support Group 7-8:00pm**
- January 12** **Finance Committee 7-8:00pm**
- January 14** **Peace & Justice Committee 9:30-10:30am**
- January 15** **Chat Room 9:30-10:30am**
Meeting for Worship 10:30-11:30am
Meeting for Business 7-8:00pm
- January 17** **All Clerks Meeting 7-8:00pm**
- January 18** **NA Support Group 7-8:00pm**
- January 21** **Green Team 10-11:00am**
- January 22** **Chat Room 9:30-10:30am**
Meeting for Worship 10:30-11:30am
- January 25** **NA Support Group 7-8:00pm**
- January 29** **Chat Room 9:30-10:30am**
Meeting for Worship 10:30-11:30am

Holding in the Light List

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| Rita Goss | Neighborhood Bible Church |
| Finley “Peanut” Williams (Cathy Lucas’s dad) | Diana Hadley |
| Josephus Edmondson’s family (Lee and Ann’s son) | Randy & Joan Haymaker (friends of Treg Hopkins and Don Adams) |
| Cindy Strietelmeier | Mary Denbo (Terry’s mom) |
| Ann Tarvin | Bill and Jo Maris (Stacey Denny’s parents) |
| Patty Bowling | Helen Symons (JB’s mom) |
| Andy Pritchett’s mother | Deann Waltz (zoom friend) |
| Patti Evans (Frank Burns’ sister) | Tara Sweet’s family (Jonie Leverett’s niece) |
| Randy Horton | Josh, Julie, Wesley (Kelsea Gulley’s brother) |
| Randy Coffin | Barbara & Keith Raffell (Frank Burns’ sister and brother-in-law) |
| Don Adams | Bob Church (Rosemary’s husband) |
| Margaret Tutewiler-Cox | Kelly Davis (Kyle & Leslie (Blacketer) Rhoden’s friend) |
| Vaughn Martin (Terri King’s father) | Rochelle Florence Colestock (Randy Horton’s sister) |
| Deborah Hunt | Martha Pokorny (wife of Cliff Prentice’s friend) |
| Tina (Mary Dooley’s niece) | Ann Denney & Betsty (Herb’s mom and sister) |
| Margo Lawson | Lauren Chinn (Larry Cordray’s daughter) |
| Mike Roland (Bill & Pam Smith’s friend) | Ruth Turner (daughter of the late Elsie & Charlie Carter) |
| Daryl T Brown | Gladys (Pam & Bill Smith’s beloved beagle) |
| Don Edmundson (Lee’s brother) | Julie Kindle |
| Ron & Kay Frye | Beth Sotkiewiez |
| Mark & Mary Lou (Mary Dooley’s friends) | Brenda Sellers |
| Kathe Bryant | Chris Gautier |

And we continue to hold in the light those in our Fairfield family and larger Quaker community who cope with ongoing issues of compromised health or aging, or otherwise live with challenging situations on a daily basis:

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| Alan & Helen Heuss (Cindy Streitelmeyer’s parents) | Gage Boyd (Margo Lawson’s grandson) |
| Charles and Leslieann Lee | Jack Apple (Joan Gulley’s brother) |
| Abdul Sulaiman & Nisreen Rasheed family | Margie Wollitz (Mary’s twin sister) |
| Tom & Jeanne Seger (Phil Gulley’s sister and husband) | David and Jennifer Hodge |
| Alan & Helen Heuss | Carol Gabbard (Jeff’s mother) |

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Membership

Membership does not require great moral or spiritual achievement, but it does require sincerity of purpose and a commitment to Quaker values and practices. Membership is a spiritual discipline, a commitment to the well-being of ones spiritual home and not simply appearance on a membership roll.

The above is taken from the Britain Yearly Meeting book on Quaker Faith and Practice. If you desire to join us at Fairfield Friends Meeting to share your and our journey in spiritual growth please contact Larry or Carol Cordray. Our contact information is below.

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