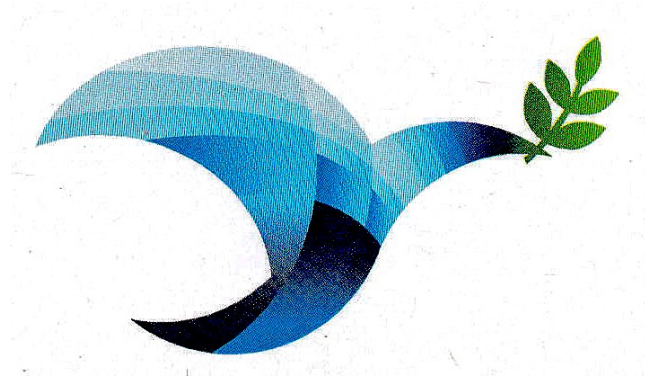


# THE FAIRFIELD FRIEND

*June 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***Thank You!*

Though we haven't yet crossed all the t's and dotted all our i's, it appears a return to in-person worship is imminent. If you haven't yet been vaccinated, please do so. Vaccinations are the reason parents no longer fear their children will die from polio or smallpox. Let's get on board, get this done, and consign Covid to the viral dustbin of history.

There are so many folks to thank for holding our meeting together this past year. Treg Hopkins and John Essex rose to the occasion, technology-wise, keeping us connected. We are grateful beyond words.

The women of USFW sent cards and made calls to those in our meeting experiencing loss, sickness, and grief. What a blessing they have been to us.

Tom Farrington kept us up-to-date with our newsletter and emails, doing his utmost to keep us informed. Tom, thank you.

Bill Smith and the Covid Committee (sounds like a 50's music group, doesn't it?) Consisting of Becky McClung, Debbie Draper, and Lynne Durocher and John Essex, they went above and beyond keeping us safe.

Jim McClung and the trustees have prepared the meetinghouse for our return with upgrades to our air-handling system, not to mention a spiffy resurfaced parking lot.

Theresa Minton kept our Family Promise ministry moving forward, keeping us connected to this important ministry.

Ministry and Counsel, ably led by Rhonda Impink and Lynn Adams, provided stellar leadership, steering us through worship, changes, and challenges.

Lee Edmondson gifted us with music each Sunday, filling our First Day mornings with life and joy.

Mike Furnish, Lynne Durocher, Treg Hopkins, and Deborah Hunt kept our eyes to the future, working hard as our newly formed Stewardship Committee to ensure our economic health and vitality.

Lee Edmondson and Randy Horton clerked our meeting through these tumultuous times, and now the Technology Committee, with so many gifted participants I can't keep track of them, is working hard to bring our Zoom congregation along with us as we return to in-person worship.

Tara Maxwell Stewart worked creatively to keep our kids connected and included.

Laura Jay-Ballinger counseled us when we were anxious and overwhelmed.

Mark Strietelmeier gifted us with his beautiful, heartfelt prayers.

Let's not forget Stacey Denny, who while caring for aging parents, also led our Outreach ministry so ably.

I dread naming names for fear of leaving someone out, which I'm sure I have. But I dread more failing to thank the many Friends who make Fairfield such a wonderful place. For those mentioned and unmentioned, I am grateful.

Clerk Please—A message from the Presiding Clerk

## CLERK PLEASE

June, 2021

This month and in future newsletters, I hope to use this space to share highlights of the most recent Monthly Meeting with a Concern for Business, as well as the material I used for devotion.

The following highlights are drawn from minutes for the May 19 Monthly Meeting:

- We have received a \$3000 grant from Western Yearly Meeting (WYM), for website development and equipment needed to stream live worship when we return to the Meetinghouse.
- M&C, COVID, and Technology committees will attend in-person worship at the Meetinghouse on May 30, to determine the setup for future combined in-person and Zoom services.
- The Town of Plainfield contacted Trustee Lee Comer to propose that the Meeting's grounds be annexed by the town which would allow them to speak directly to Fairfield regarding the proposed round-about. The Meeting approved giving Jim McClung, Clerk of the Trustees, the authority to sign the annexation paperwork after Lee Comer, acting as our in-house counsel, has reviewed the documents.
- Mike Furnish, Clerk of the Stewardship committee, noted that the third all-meeting email regarding generosity will be sent following this meeting. The fourth and final email will be sent near the end of May, asking members and attenders of their Plan to Support the Meeting for the upcoming fiscal year.
- Next Monthly Meeting will be June 13.

## MONTHLY MEETING DEVOTION May 16, 2021

When I started this series of devotions, focusing on the Sermon on the Mount, I said I would not be reading scripture. Well that was then and this is now, and I want to share with you, the origin of the Golden Rule.

The "**Golden Rule**" of Leviticus 19:18 was quoted by Jesus of Nazareth during his Sermon on the Mount and described by him as the second great commandment (the first being, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.") The common English phrasing is "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

**Clerk Please—A message from the Presiding Clerk (Cont'd)**

These readings are from the New International Version (NIV) of the Bible.

Leviticus 19:18

Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.

Matthew 7:9-12

“Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

I have a favor to ask. In an effort to boost participation in Monthly Meetings I am seeking your input. Please let me know what could be done to make attendance more appealing for you, by emailing me at [randyhorton4251@sbcglobal.net](mailto:randyhorton4251@sbcglobal.net).

We have not been good communicating on the affairs of Western Yearly Meeting, the parent organization to which Fairfield belongs, and to which we pay significant quarterly assessments. If you are interested you can learn a lot at <https://www.westernyearlymeeting.org>. There you will find a link to Western Work, the WYM newsletter.

Randy Horton, Presiding Clerk

**MINISTRY AND COUNSEL**

## From Your Ministry and Counsel Committee

The M&C Committee has carefully gone over the answers to the survey which was done in March and would like to report on some of the findings. There were 81 responses to the Survey Monkey which was a record number of respondents, and the committee thanks all of those who took the time to complete the survey.

Of the people answering the survey, 81% say they will attend in-person meetings as often as possible. Those who will attend virtually as often as possible received 17%, and 1% will not attend in any form, probably going back to their local community. Because there is a significant number who will join us virtually, the committee is setting up the meeting room so that will be possible for them. There may be a few differences to people as we gather, but the committee has made certain that the simplicity of our service will still be maintained.

Approximately 60% felt as though they had a basic familiarity with the practice of Quakerism, but close to the same amount (54%) are interested in participating in a more advanced Quaker class. The committee is looking into offering such a class soon.

Almost all responding agreed that Fairfield had been helpful to them during the Pandemic by providing the Zoom meetings during the last 15 months.

Excitedly, the time for in-person meetings is in the very near future! The technology is in place and will be tried out on May 30 with the members of the M&C committee and others from the Covid and Reopening committees in the meeting room for a test run. If all goes well, look for emails announcing the return to in-person meetings!!! In the May newsletter when plans for reopening were first announced, it was said that children would not be allowed since they have not fully been vaccinated. Since then, the CDC has changed its guidance and the committee has also changed its opinion. While everyone over 12 will need to be vaccinated, children will be welcomed. Everyone will need to be masked. See you soon!!

**MINISTRY AND COUNSEL (Con'd)**

## Op-ed: Indiana college presidents choose dialogue over divisiveness

Dear Friends,

The article below was written by President Anne Houtman of Earlham College in Richmond, IN. Earlham is one of only a handful of colleges in the nation founded by and led by Quakers. I was recently appointed by Western Yearly Meeting to serve on Earlham's Board of Trustees. Anne is the first woman to serve as President and I have been impressed with the direction that Anne is taking in her first two years as President. This is a very difficult time for small private liberal arts colleges even prior to the pandemic. Anne has shown inspiring leadership. Please check out Earlham's website and see the wonderful stories from current students and alumni.

Rhonda Impink

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<https://www.indystar.com/story/opinion/2021/05/02/op-ed-indiana-college-presidents-choose-dialogue-over-divisiveness/4855519001/>

## Op-ed: 6 Indiana college presidents choose dialogue over divisiveness

If the United States is truly exceptional in the nature of its political divide, as recent studies by the Pew Research Center suggest, the leaders of Indiana's historic peace colleges may have discovered a path forward.

One silver lining of a year marked by disease, violence, and isolation has been the enduring bond I have forged with leaders of five other Indiana colleges. Aside from our professional roles, we are an otherwise unlikely group, representing a spectrum of political values and religious beliefs. In the narrative of a polarized America, this should make us a powder keg waiting to explode.

Except we haven't. And it has made us better at what we do, particularly as we navigate a pandemic that has entered its second year and continues to complicate our plans for commencement and the fall 2021 semester.

As our differences arise — and they do — we're reminded of our institutions' shared values of peace, non-violence and respect for persons. Five of the six colleges were founded by historic peace churches — Quaker, Brethren and Mennonite — and those founding values continue to inform our campus culture and our individual work. It is a complicated proposition, and it's a lesson we are constantly promoting to our campus communities — and reminding ourselves. Divisive language, often in the name of politics, can escalate conflict and become symbolic of everything we fundamentally oppose.

**MINISTRY AND COUNSEL (Cond)**

When non-violent dialogue and peace are shared values, then you can talk openly about difficult subjects. And we have. Like making budget cuts. Or asking faculty to do more with less. Or dealing with the pain of losing a student to the pandemic like one of us did late last year.

We meet every Tuesday night via Zoom, a tradition that began with an invitation by Manchester University President David McFadden. Others in the group are Rebecca Stoltzfus, president of Goshen College; Bill Katip, president of Grace College and Seminary; Sherilyn Emberton, president of Huntington University; and Karl Einolf, president of Indiana Institute of Technology.

It was intended to be a leadership book club of sorts, and as a new college president, I eagerly accepted Dave's invitation. We started reading *Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territories*. However, as the pandemic began to sweep through the country, conversations drifted away from the book and toward the shared challenges facing our campus communities.

We have grown accustomed to using each other as a sounding board for our questions about testing, vaccines and reopening strategies. Or how to respond to alumni who question our priorities, or assure worried parents that their students would be safe on our campuses.

Concerned about the impact that the pandemic would have on our enrollment, I sought advice from the group on how to encourage faculty to develop new majors and minors — without adding additional personnel — that could help us broaden our appeal to potential students, a need that started before the pandemic and intensified as a result.

The group was a touchstone as we lived through — and responded to — history. Together, we weathered a summer filled with violence and protests, a fall marked by one of the most contentious elections in the history of our country, and January's fractious transition of power in Washington. More important, we engaged in dialogue around these events, each of us trying to gain a deeper understanding of other perspectives, each of us respecting those differences — especially when they made us uncomfortable or challenged our own worldview.

This is the transformative power of higher education in action. This is what we need more of now — in our families, in our hometowns, in our state and in our country. Peaceful dialogue. Non-violent language. An openness to being wrong. Conversation with the intent of building understanding and working toward the truth. We don't have to agree with someone's politics to achieve this. We just need to agree to come together to talk, to listen, to respect and to reflect.

*Anne M. Houtman is the president of Earlham College and Earlham School of Religion*

**MINISTRY AND COUNSEL (Cond)****Fairfield is Not an Island—Part 2**

Just as Fairfield Friends Meeting belongs to Western Yearly Meeting, the yearly meeting belongs to a larger group, Friends United Meeting. “The Friends United Meeting community stretches far and wide across the globe. We are a collection of Christ-centered Quakers, embracing 37 Yearly Meetings and Associations, thousands of local gatherings and hundreds of thousands of individuals . . . joined together through our shared experience of God and united in common ministries, we form a beloved fellowship that is powerfully at work in our local areas and through cross-cultural service.”

“From the Caribbean to Palestine, Africa to North America and scattered places in between, FUM is building a global partnership in a season of history when much of the world is being stretched and strained by cultural, political and geographic differences. An important part of our work and witness is to express the love and peace of Christ with one another, believing God is transforming us into a people who are more lovely and whole than we could ever be on our own.”

FUM has two offices, one in Richmond, IN and another in Kisumu, Kenya. The organization has a broad theological base but remains grounded in the Quaker testimonies of simplicity, peace, integrity, community, equality and stewardship. Local meetings or yearly meetings within FUM may be programmed, semi-programmed or unprogrammed. Some of FUM’s Project Partners include Belize Friends Center and School, Friends Theological College (FTC)--Kenya, Friends Church Peace Teams—Kenya, Ramallah Friends School—Palestine, and water quality projects in Kenya. FUM also owns and operates Friends United Press.

Fairfield’s budget includes a line item, United Services Sharing. These funds go directly to support the work of FUM. The amount is based on a calculation which considers both total resident membership in the meeting as well as average attendance and is \$104.65 per person per year.\*

\*I need to make a correction on the amount I quoted for our Western Yearly Meeting Assessment. I apologize, I looked at the wrong number. It is \$52.28 per person, not \$45, and is based on the same calculation as the FUM number.

If you have any questions about Friends United Meeting, please contact Sarah Lookabill.



**MINISTRY AND COUNSEL (Cond)**

## Glasgow Friends Visit Fairfield's Last All-Zoom Meeting

By John Essex

After a full year of Zoom meetings, Fairfield's last all-Zoom meeting for worship on Sunday, May 23, 2021 had a wonderful wave of visitors from across the US and the world, including 10 visitors from the UK, nine of whom attend Glasgow Friends Meeting in Glasgow, Scotland. And Fairfield as a whole, has been invited to visit Glasgow Friends' meeting for worship via Zoom on June 2, at 2:30 pm US Eastern time (for their 7:30 pm evening meeting).

How did we get here? Let's back up. Shortly after we began our Zoom meetings in May, 2020, fully trusting in Treg Hopkin's abilities to secure a meeting should a prankster try to crash us, I began posting the direct links to our Fairfield meetings for worship on Reddit.com's Quaker community. Described as "the front page of the internet," Reddit is a massive collection of forums where people can share news and content or comment on other people's posts. Reddit is made up of more than one million communities known as "subreddits," each of which covers a different topic. One of those subreddits is for and about the Society of Friends: the r/Quakers subreddit, which has 5,311 members who visit over 5,000 times per week; some of whom are just discovering Quakerism and looking for answers. Rather than post an invite saying, "email me if you want the link," each week I wrote a post inviting Friends and Friendly curious to attend our Zoom meeting for worship with the direct link itself, with a little bit about our meeting, and a short description of what attenders could expect, including things like "Ask a Quaker" or our recent queries. I made sure to say that visitors would not be singled out, and that someone visiting via Zoom could participate (or not) based on their own comfort levels, even using the chat rather than speak live.

We've had many wonderful people come visit from these invites over the past year. Several months ago, a young man named Marc O'Neill visited our meeting from Glasgow from a Reddit invitation. This past week, Marc contacted me via Reddit's chat, and told me he was at his Young Friends' Epilogue Meeting and telling people about his Zoom visit to Fairfield. He said folks in his meeting all seemed really interested in finding out how other Friends worshipped in other countries, and they wondered if we could organize a sort of exchange so they could come over on Zoom as a group and see us and invite Fairfield to visit their meeting. Given Fairfield is changing things up starting May 30, I told him May 23 would be ideal. And we were incredibly fortunate that so many Glasgow Friends joined us! It was wonderful to see so many visitors, and following Tara Stewart's worship leading, Mary Dooley's reading, and Mattias Beier's deeply inspiring message, Fairfield and Glasgow enjoyed a full 45-minute "Ask a Quaker" discussion where our Scottish Friends asked questions about our Quaker practices and Fairfield Friends got to ask about Glasgow's practices and community.

The Glasgow Friends have two meetings weekly, one Sunday morning at 11 am (6 am Indiana time), and Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm (2:30 pm Indiana time). Marc suggested that Fairfield Friends should visit their Wednesday meeting, which is a half-hour of unprogrammed worship that allows discussion time afterward. The Sunday meeting is not as conducive for discussion, according to Marc.

Fairfield Friends are cordially invited to visit the Glasgow Friends unprogrammed meeting for worship on Wednesday, June 2, at 2:30 pm (Indiana time). Keep an eye on your email for any updates and the Zoom link, which I will share as soon as it is available.

**OUTREACH****Family Promise**

Watching the families get stronger and move on, is better than watching flowers bloom. Each pledge week we have new families in search of affordable housing. Though most of are parents works, health issues sometimes provide hurdles that are particularly challenging. That is where the counselors at Family Promise dig in and shine bright. I enjoy this program for all of the training and hope they freely provide those in need.

Laura Ballinger has been our meal coordinator for a couple of years. She has stepped down from that position to focus on her business. It has been a pleasure learning from her as I piece together the parts needed to proceed. I plan to coordinate the meals and I hope I can be as detailed oriented as Laura has been. My contact information is theresaminton@att.net 317 509-1728 To get my attention during work hours, a text works best.

Our next Family Promise host week begins June 27th. Currently only one family is in need of meals but we all know that can change in any direction. There are several families that are housed at the Woodspring Suites. Julie would love for us to get back to hosting in our meeting house. We determine our role going forward.

I welcome feedback. Please feel free to share your ideas.

Thanks,

Theresa

**Restorative Connection Counseling**

Friends, I want to extend my deepest gratitude for your trust and support the last four years.

In 2017, I set up shop in the Meetinghouse office as a psychotherapist. I had worked previously in a community health center but had to resign in 2014 due to poor health. I kept up my license as a therapist in my time off and was happy for the opportunity to get back into the field part-time.

I rediscovered my passion for therapy in the office at Fairfield and the brilliant, mysterious, innate capacity for healing we all have within us.

Now, in 2021, I am ready to expand my practice to full-time thanks to an incredible new medication that has given me so much of my energy and life back. I am excited for this new chapter and so humbled that I got to walk alongside many of you these last four years.

I will be practicing full-time out of a new office in Plainfield starting in June 2021. Thanks to the Meeting for valuing mental health care and supporting wellness in our community. I'll continue to see you in the pews!

Sincerely,

Laura Jay-Ballinger

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

## **FAIRFIELD GENEROSITY ARTICLE – MAY 2021**

### **Unifying Fairfield with Outreach**

For many years Fairfield Friends Meeting has supported charitable causes (see list below) using a separate account, weekly requests for Outreach donations, and special campaigns to fund these efforts. At the recommendation of the Stewardship Committee with the approval of the Finance and Outreach Committees, Fairfield will soon change the way you donate to our charitable projects. Rather than asking folks to write separate checks for the Meeting and Outreach, a budgeted portion of all donations to Fairfield will be dedicated to Outreach.

In addition to the convenience of writing a single check, this change recognizes that supporting people in need is an integral part of what it means to be a Fairfield Friend. Our Meeting has always distinguished itself by its generosity toward those in need. By unifying our outreach fundraising efforts with that of the Meeting in general we send a strong message that our work inside the church cannot be separated from our benevolence in the community.

The 2021-22 Fairfield annual budget will include funds dedicated to local, national, and international causes, including (but not limited to):

**Anna's Celebration of Life** – Provides life-enhancing gifts to Indiana children with special needs.

- **CoCoDa** (Companion Community Development) – Connects U.S. churches, service clubs, universities, and organizations with grassroots organizations in El Salvador and Nicaragua. Their Young Rural Dreamers Scholarship program helps students in Nicaragua.
- **Cunot Food Pantry** – Serves 100-125 families weekly. Fairfield Friends regularly collects food at worship. Targeted campaign provides Thanksgiving dinners, a food storage shed, and refrigerator.
- **Equal Exchange** - Helps farmers gain control over their economic futures in impoverished areas. Fairfield Friends has Equal Exchange coffee and tea products for sale.
- **Family Promise** - Partners with local churches, a week at a time, to assist those who are homeless. Fairfield Friends is one of the church partner locations.
- **Goodwin Center** - Helps struggling families from the Mars Hill and Decatur Township area to make ends meet.
- **Lord's Pantry** - Provides fresh produce, meat, bread to those in the Stringtown neighborhood of Indianapolis.
- **Mesquakie Friends** – A small church located in Tames, Iowa. Provides children's programming, weekly youth groups and summer camps.
- **Patricksburg Elementary** – School supplies, winter coats and mittens, items requested are ones that many parents cannot afford to buy, and/or that teachers often purchase with their own money.

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- **Red Cloud Indian School** – Located in Pine Ridge South Dakota serves the second largest reservation and second poorest county in the United States.
- **Right Sharing of World Resources** – Partnering with women in Kenya, India, and Sierra Leone to establish micro businesses leading to community transformation.
- **St. Thomas More Clinic** - Helps those in need of medical services education within Morgan County, including free quality medical care and medication to the poor.
- **Stability Builders Network** – Affiliated with Family Promise, they help ensure the needs of those struggling to avoid homelessness and those who are experiencing homelessness.
- **Sycamore Services** – Helps individuals with disabilities and others experiencing daily challenges by providing individual training and services to increase independence.

The Outreach Committee will continue to oversee and facilitate all donations to the aforementioned groups, as well as to continue to explore and evaluate additional deserving organizations for contributions. From time to time, a special campaign to address an emergency need may still be deemed appropriate by the Outreach Committee and a special collection may be requested from the meeting. In addition, Outreach will continue to evaluate and support the needs of individuals (including members) who seek assistance.

We want to encourage Fairfield members and attenders to factor this new information into their plans to support Fairfield Friends Meeting generously in the coming year.

### **How did we get here?**

When Michael Furnish and Lynne Durocher first contacted Stacey Denny and I about combining the giving for Fairfield (general fund and Outreach), we were unsure what exactly this would look like. Outreach has always been well supported by our congregation. Whether it was the Sunday morning food baskets or a specific drive (Cunot Thanksgiving, CoCoDa scholarship fund, etc.), our meeting has always gone above and beyond. We wanted to ensure that the work of Outreach would continue and hopefully grow in magnitude.

I started thinking about how my parents ran their household when I was a child. My dad was a farmer. My mom was a stay-at-home mom and dad's right-hand person. Some years were good financially, some not so good. However, the money was always held in one joint account. If an item was needed for the farm, both of my parents knew their financial situation and could make a unified decision. If an item was needed for the house, the same was true. Having transparency in finances kept everyone on the same page and working for a common goal.

I believe having unified giving will help for this same reason. Instead of being asked to support two separate entities, our Fairfield family will now be contributing financially to one common goal – the ministry of Fairfield Friends Meeting. We are hopeful that work done through our meeting is no longer to be seen as “an Outreach's project” vs. “a Fairfield project”, but instead “Fairfield's ministry”. (Joan Gulley, Co-Clerk of the Outreach Committee)

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE (Cont'd)****How does Fairfield generosity make a difference?**

Fairfield Friends Meeting is dedicated to making a difference for people who live at risk in today's world. A prime example of Fairfield's good works can be found at the Cunot Food Pantry in Poland (on the border of Clay and Owen counties in west central Indiana).

Like many of the causes Fairfield supports, we do so by donating money, food, and volunteer hours. More importantly, we offer the spirit of hope and shared humanity to a group of people who are vulnerable.

Recently, when an emergency need arose for Cunot to have a new place to store foods, Fairfield came to the rescue with a special campaign where \$3,400 was raised in 2 weeks so that Cunot could buy a new storage shed.



*Cunot Food Storage Shed being delivered*

In Poland, Indiana the needs are real. The most recent statistics indicate that 20% of the children in that part of the state experience food insecurity. Food insecurity is a lack of consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life. While food insecurity may have a temporary effect, it may also become permanent for a young person who grows up with a powerful and ongoing sense of uncertainty about having enough to eat.

In Clay and Owen counties approximately 75% of families are income eligible for nutrition programs. It is estimated over \$2 million are needed annually to eliminate these needs.

Fairfield also meets the Cunot need by collecting food during worship (when we meet in person), and conducts a major campaign in the fall targeting Thanksgiving dinners for over 120 people.

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE (Cont'd)**

*Food collection at Fairfield for Cunot Thanksgiving Dinners*

As one of many causes supported by Fairfield, our Meeting's generosity delivers on the Quaker promise to relieve pain, enrich lives, and demonstrate to others that our caring attitude extends well beyond the walls of our Meetinghouse in Camby.

Please keep our Outreach efforts in mind as you prayerfully consider your plan to support our Fairfield causes with your time, talent, and treasure in the coming year.

### **How does Fairfield give?**

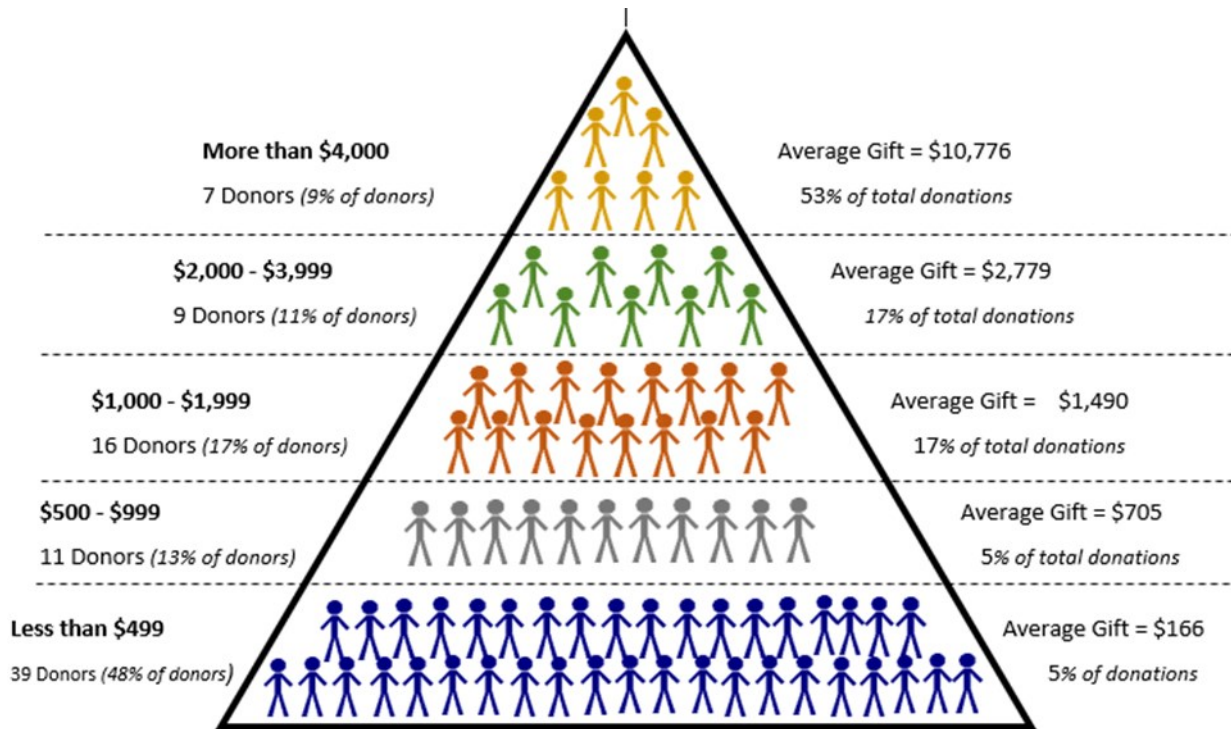
At the end of May, Fairfield members and attenders will be asked to give prayerful thought to their generosity. Through a Plan to Support form you will be invited to let us know how you plan to donate your time, talent, and treasure in the coming year. The form is easy to complete, usually taking less than 3 minutes.

Completing the Plan to Support is *confidential* and *not binding*. Your estimate will assist the Finance and Outreach Committees plan to make good decisions in allocating our resources.

Fairfield has a great tradition of generosity. We rely on a relatively small number of people to sustain our Meeting and support worthy, well-chosen causes. The chart below illustrates how Fairfield Friends Meeting gives.



**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE (Cont'd)**



- TOTAL NUMBER OF ANNUAL DONORS (Individuals or Families) = 82
- TOTAL DONATED = \$142,329
- CASH DONATIONS (COLLECTION PLATE) = \$4,728 (3% of total)
- AVERAGE ANNUAL GIFT = \$1,747

For more information, please contact Stewardship Committee clerk Mike Furnish at [mfurnish10@gmail.com](mailto:mfurnish10@gmail.com).

**Stewardship Committee**

Mike Furnish, Clerk  
 Lynne Durocher  
 Deborah Hunt  
 Treg Hopkins

**Outreach Committee**

Stacey Denny, Co-clerk  
 Joan Gulley, Co-clerk  
 Rebecca Furnish  
 Anne Gautier  
 Becky Horton  
 Deborah Hunt  
 Steve Kirchhoff  
 Craig Reasoner

**OFFICERS OF THE MEETING**

**FAIRFIELD FRIENDS MEETING**  
OFFICERS and STANDING COMMITTEES  
2021

Pastor	Phil Gulley
Presiding Clerk	Randy Horton (2023-1)
Recording Clerk	Lynne Durocher (2022-2)

Receipts Treasurer	Karen Heald
Disbursements Treasurer	Mike Chenoweth
Statistician	April Stevens (2023-2)

- NOTES:**
- \*\*Denotes subcommittee of above
  - \*Denotes member filling an unexpired term
  - The year to the left of a name is the final year of the committee member's term.
  - The number to the right of a name is the term being served, typically a 1 or 2.
  - Clerks and co-clerks in bold.

<b>MINISTRY &amp; COUNSEL</b>	
2021 Larry Cordray	1
John Essex	1
Rhonda Impink	2
Sarah Lookabill	2
2022 <b>Lynn Adams</b>	2
2023 Linda Bryant	2
Amanda Gainey	1
<b>**MUSIC</b>	
2021 Mary Dooley	2
Hubert Perry	2
Linda Bryant	1
2022 Julie Kindle	2
2023 Stan Jones	1
Allison Swift	1
Ex-Officio Lee Edmundson	
<b>Amanda Gainey</b>	
Joan Gulley	
<b>**CARING FRIENDS</b>	
Carol Cordray (Funeral Dinners)	
Dinah Geiger (Holiday Bags)	
Joan Gulley (Funeral Dinners)	
Madalyn Hesson (Flower & Greeting)	
Julie Kindle	
<b>Becky McClung</b> (Member Care)	
Helene Reyburn	

<b>PROPERTY TRUSTEES</b>	
2021 Don Adams	2
Rita Goss	1
*Lee Comer	1
Bill Smith	2
2022 Ron Frye	2
2023 Anita Camic	1
Frank Gladden	2
<b>Jim McClung</b>	2
Ex-Officio Ralph Baker - Cemetery	
Randy Coffin - Cemetery	
<b>**DECORATING</b>	
Sandy Chenoweth	
Mary Lee Comer	
<b>Carol Cordray</b>	
Ellen Blacketer	
Sarah Lookabill	
<b>**HOUSEKEEPING</b>	
2021 <b>Laura Day</b>	1
2022 Laura Essex	2
2023 Brian Swift	1
<b>**LANDSCAPING</b>	
Lee Comer	
<b>Bill Smith</b>	



**OFFICERS OF THE MEETING (Cont'd)**

**FAIRFIELD FRIENDS MEETING**  
OFFICERS and STANDING COMMITTEES  
2021

<b>FINANCE</b>	
2021 <b>Tony Homan</b>	1
*Chad Smith	1
2022 Larry Cordray	2
Lynne Durocher	1
2023 Mike Furnish	1
Pam Smith	2
Ex-Officio Mike Chenoweth	
Karen Heald	
<b>**STEWARDSHIP</b>	
<b>Mike Furnish</b>	
Lynne Durocher	
Treg Hopkins	
Deborah Hunt	

<b>PEACE &amp; SOCIAL JUSTICE</b>	
2021 Anita Camic	1
Linda Mann	1
2022 Herb Denny	1
JB Symons	1
2023 <b>Ann Tarvin</b>	2
Jeff Gabbard	1

<b>LIBRARY</b>	
2021	1
	1
2022 Carol Cordray	1
John Essex	2
2023 <b>Mary Lee Comer</b>	2
Kate Homan	1

<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>	
<b>Lee Edmundson</b> (website)	
Don Adams (website)	
Tom Farrington(newsletter/bulletin/email)	
JoAnn Farrington (calling)	
Kay Frye (calling)	
Sarah Lookabill (Facebook)	

<b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>	
2021 Laura Essex	1
Sue Roe	2
<b>Tara Stewart</b>	1
Mary Swift	2
2022 Carl Lucas	1
2023 Liane McClure	1
Elise Smith	1

<b>OUTREACH</b>	
2021 *Ann Gautier	1
Becky Horton	1
2022 Rebecca Furnish	1
<b>Joan Gulley</b>	1
Steve Kirchhoff	1
2023 <b>Stacey Denny</b>	2
Deborah Hunt	2
Craig Reasoner	2

<b>NOMINATING</b>	
2021 Mary Lee Comer	2
Herb Denny	2
2022 Larry Cordray	2
<b>Becky Horton</b>	2
2023 JoAnn Farrington	1
Linda Bryant	1

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Alt.	Steve Blacketer

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Anita Camic	
<b>Rhonda Impink</b>	
Steve Kirchhoff	
Sarah Lookabill	

**PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE****Creative Conflict Management - From Peace & Social Justice**

I am always amazed when I am in court as an expert witness and the judge says, "Present your arguments."

Now the judge is not inviting the prosecutor or defense counsel to throw things at each other or scream and jump up and down and run out of the room. To 'present your argument' simply means: "To present the facts and you perceive them to be."

And this is the beginning of creative conflict management – to present the facts as YOU PERCEIVE them to be. One of the techniques I recommend during these PRESENTATIONS, of facts, is to sit next to one another – shoulder to shoulder at a table (assuming this is a couple or parent and child). By doing this the presenters are putting the 'conflict in front of them; and the body language says, "We can attack this thing together – not at one another."

When asked, "What is the problem?" There will be at least twice as many responses as there are folks in the conflict. Conflict is all about PERCEPTION. Put all of the perceptions on the table – no evaluating here. Now let's see where to go next.

**Step One:**

Lay out all of the perceptions - remember you are a problem/conflict solving team with no evaluation at this point in the process.

**Step Two:**

Begin offering TWICE as many solutions to the perceptions as possible – some of these should be funny even outrageous. Usually, when "arguing" with my daughter, one of the solutions I offer is to put her up for adoption. Something needs to break the tension.

**Step Three:**

Begin evaluating the possible solutions (there will NOT be just one). Each side offers to take some of their solutions off (here is where I take adoption off the table); each conflictor asks for some of the other sides 'solutions' be removed. You will end up with several options remaining.

**Step Four:**

Begin agreeing what solutions are acceptable – this may take some time. However, remember in step three we have already weeded out some recommendations. Agree to make these solutions binding.

**PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE (Cont'd)**

## Step Five:

Implementation. Just what it sounds like – agree on what each person will do to make these solutions into a form of a contract. (Our refrigerator sometimes had several contracts . Implementation will include a start date and time and a **re-view** date – maybe a week, month, year, etc.

## Step Six:

If any parts of the agreement are not met – even before the review date – go back to Step Two and Three. Rewrite the solution(s) and evaluations.

There are dozens, maybe hundreds of books, classes and Youtube videos on conflict management and creative problem solving – do some research and present your arguments as you perceive them to be.

On suggestion I have offered all couples I have counseled and/or married.:

“Don’t argue in the kitchen – that is where you share creativity and meals.”

“Don’t argue in the living room – it’s the LIVING room.”

“Don’t argue in the bedroom – that is where rest and recreation resides.”

“Argue in the bathroom – that’s where crap belongs; and it’s usually the smallest room available. Stay there until finished and symbolically FLUSH the toilet when done.”

I have received cards from previously married couples saying that are spending a lot less time in the bathroom – and thanks.

JB Symons

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

June
Sandy Hardin (06/01)
Paul & Margie Wilson (06/01)
Phil & Joan Gulley (06/02)
Andy Duran (06/03)
Kipp & Beckie Schoen (06/03)
Dan & Libby Whipple (06/06)
Bob & Cindy Getchell (06/07)
Richard Marshall (06/08)
Alma Pierce (06/08)
Paul E. & Peggy Howard (06/08)
Ethan Gabbard (06/09)
Tara Stewart (06/09)
Hunter Warner (06/10)
Lee & Mary Lee Comer (06/10)
Lynn Adams (06/12)
Robert Mork (06/12)
Laura Day & Rick Marshall (06/13)
John & Marilyn Garner (06/18)
Jeff & Victoria Katterhenry (06/20)
Brent & Ruth Turner (06/21)
Chris & Ana Jessup-Cady (06/21)
Greg & Julie Hardin (06/21)
Troy & Amber Bruner (06/21)
Bob & Karen Heald (06/23)
Mark Milhous (06/25)
Don & Lynn Adams (06/25)
Allison Cunningham (06/26)
Brian & Mary Swift (06/26)
Chad & Elise Smith (06/28)
Gene & Barbara Crawley (06/28)
Rebecca McClung (06/29)
Larry & Madalyn Hesson (06/29)
Mary Dooley (06/30)

July
Ann Tarvin (07/01)
Craig & Tara Stewart (07/01)
David & Sara Pierce (07/01)
Karen Heald (07/02)
Isaac & Holly Hook (07/03)
Kylee Horton (07/05)
Gage Boyd (07/06)
Lee Edmundson & Ann Tarvin (07/06)
Mark & Liane McClure (07/06)
Amy Cunningham (07/07)
Donald & Janet Hederson (07/07)
Mark & Diana Jerrell (07/08)
Tim Settles & Paige Robbins (07/08)
John Essex (07/09)
Brad & Anita Hickam (07/12)
George & Sherry Humble (07/12)
Hugh Hanlin & Rhonda Impink (07/14)
Albert Vidal (07/15)
Rhonda Impink (07/17)
Trevor Settles (07/17)
Craig Stewart (07/21)
Matthew & April Martin (07/21)
Dinah Geiger (07/22)
Barry & Melinda Lasley (07/22)
Araya Smith (07/23)
Jeff Gabbard (07/24)
Spencer Gulley (07/24)
Greg & Cimberly McClelland (07/24)
James McClung (07/25)
David & Edith Hopkins (07/25)
Pam & Bill Smith (07/29)



**CARING FRIENDS**

## CARING FRIENDS - JUNE 2021

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, rgmclung@gmail.com.

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

Ruth Alber  
8616 W. 10th 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  
◆ Increased pain issues recently; Doctor adjusting meds & YMCA pool class helps. Maintains upbeat spirits.

Norm Connell  
370 Cottonwood Dr.  
Mooresville, IN 46158  
◆ from MV Friends, former treasurer WYM. Norm is in hospice care at this time.

Mary Denbo  
1149 Halifax Cr.  
Indianapolis, IN 46231  
◆ Successful procedure completely resolved back pain from an injury. At home with daughter Terry. Looking forward to euchre club resuming in July.

Ron and Kay Frye  
8820 Suzanne Court  
Indianapolis, IN 46234  
◆ doing well but miss their Fairfield family and unable to participate in virtual services

Sam & Kelsea Guley  
3981 Buckeye Lane, Unit 4  
Fort Wainwright, AK 99703  
◆ Sam is a U.S. Army flight medic serving in Alaska. Fitness training is a passion & he completed his first triathlon on 5/2.

Robert and Ginny Hayes-Bennett  
5425 Indiana Cove Dr.  
Indianapolis, IN 46268  
◆ Robert lives in an assisted living facility and both are distressed with the added separation due to COVID visitation restrictions.

Cindy Hurst  
2113 Woodstream Dr.  
Avon, IN 46123  
◆ Widowed in 10/2019, she lives alone; Finds much encouragement from two virtual support groups & some "very nice neighbors".

Margo Lawson  
421 Linden Lane  
Plainfield, IN 46168  
◆ doing okay but lives alone and misses her Fairfield family

Joe and Sylvia Leverett  
7268 Ponderosa Pines Place  
Indianapolis, IN 46239  
◆ Joni's father and his wife. Both are elderly. Joe is in hospice care.

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.

Hubert Perry  
11 Circle Drive  
Mooresville, IN 46158  
◆ doing well, but misses his Fairfield family and unable to participate in virtual meetings

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.

**NEWS ABOUT FRIENDS****THOSE THAT WE SHOULD HOLD IN THE LIGHT**

David Hodge	Jim Edwards	Alan Andrews	Jeff & Jackie Curtis
Joyce Gant	Charles Lee	Gage Boyd	Brenda Sellers
Bill & Joe Maris	Lily and Jessica Denardo	Jennifer Hodge	Joni Leverett
Family Promise	Matthias Beer	Cunot Feeding Program	
Nancy Messer	Margie Wollitz	Constance Ward	The Lord's Pantry
Chris Gautier	David & Bobbi Garver	Betty Strietelmeir	
India Brazil and other countries with record COVID cases due to lack of access to vaccinations			
FedEx Workers & Families		Beth Sotkiewicz	
Israeli/Palestinian cease fire amid ongoing tensions			

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