

# THE LIVING LIGHT

*For the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.*

Ephesians 5:9

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## Raising Our Voices

### CELEBRATE EASTER

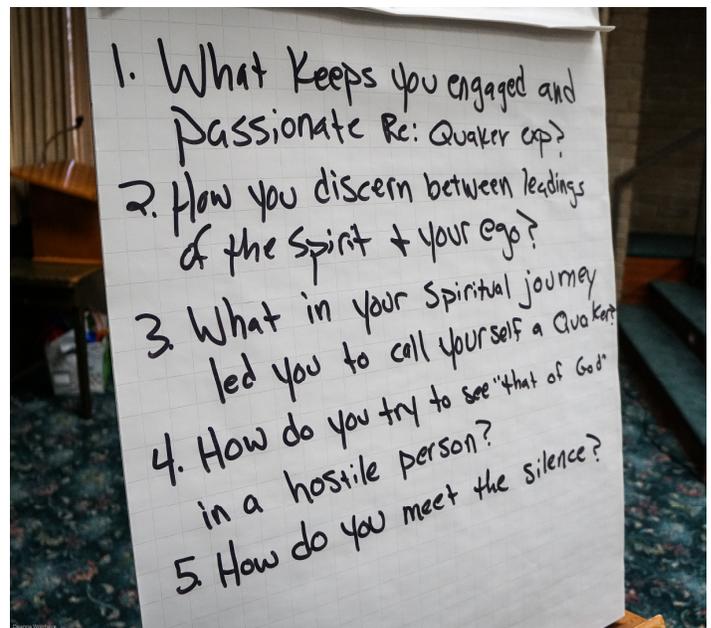
#### Good Friday, March 30

An interactive observance hosted by Whittier Area Clergy Association  
Noon  
First United Methodist Church

#### Easter Sunday, April 1

Sunrise Service  
The Gardens at Rose Hills  
6:00 a.m.

Easter breakfast presented by Young Friends Fellowship  
9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall  
(No Sunday School classes)  
followed by Meeting for Worship at 11:00 a.m.



### Discerning Priorities With Joy

In what areas do we need to call upon our government to more fully embrace truth and justice?

A distinctive feature of the Friends Committee on National Legislation is the practice of asking Quakers around the country to help shape our work.

As they do every two years, FCNL is asking Friends and their meetings, churches, and other groups all over the country to share which of the many public policy issues and questions identified in FCNL's Policy Statement, "The World We Seek," they think are most important.

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### Quaker Spoken Here

First Friends made an in-depth personal acquaintance with Jon Watts, founder and director of *QuakerSpeak*, at Quaker Forum in February.

*QuakerSpeak* is a weekly YouTube program that began five years ago and has since gathered thousands of subscribers and over a million visits. Jon grew up in the Richmond Friends Meeting in Virginia. In that supportive community, he learned the value of the traditional Friends practices of simplicity, humility and the quiet waiting on the Spirit. This aspect of Quakerism is admirably documented in *QuakerSpeak* presentations by Friends of all persuasions.

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*A CHRISTIAN PEOPLE CALLED TO LISTEN, GATHERED TO SEEK PEACE AND SENT FORTH TO SERVE*

## Friendly Fare by Lea Wright

*Dear Friends*, I have a special focus story this month, so without further ado...

**Friends Visit with International Space Station:** **Darrell Warren** may be retired, but he is staying active with his students at Los Angeles Academy Middle School. In February, he and his students spoke to astronaut Joseph Acaba on the International Space Station (ISS) Darrell worked together with Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) to make the arrangements and the participating children were primarily from Darrell's old amateur radio club at school (amateur radio is also known as ham radio). Darrell knew that hams could talk to the astronauts in space, but he really thinks that the initial spark for this may have grown out of the Quaker Men's group in which **Dan Wright** and he would sometimes talk about the International Space Station. Darrell initially wrote a 12 page proposal to ARISS, describing equipment plans, education plans, and publicity plans. Several community groups were involved: the Hughes Amateur Radio Club, ARISS, CSULA (California State University, Los Angeles) Charter College of Education, and both the California Science Center and Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), which the students had visited on field trips. Parents and school staff helped as well. Last year, the school principal received an award from CSULA for support of the project. A cool side note for Darrell is that their school radio club call sign was his dad's old call sign. That, in itself, was very special to Darrell. A ham radio contact might seem simple at first, but in this case, two separate complete set-ups were required with directional antennas, power amps, and receivers as well as tracking data. The ISS was going 17,150 MPH and is 250 miles up when it was straight overhead, but their initial contact began when it was over the Pacific Ocean, well over 1,000 miles to the southwest, and ended as it crossed the Midwest, well over 1,000 miles to the northeast. The students were in contact with the



ISS for over 10 minutes, and a selected group of students each got to ask two questions, and each received a certificate indicating that they talked with an astronaut live on the ISS. One of the questions asked—"What do you do to keep your life spiritually centered?"—received this answer from the astronaut: "I think it is just by remembering who you are, where you came from, and the things that are important in your life, whether it's religion or your family. Just keeping aware of who you are." Their video chat was live streamed and available to view online at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=mfzPAMMZyxQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mfzPAMMZyxQ).

**Friends About Town: Iris & Dave Harris** have a new/old "baby." Dave found a honey of a harp online, and it's now living with them. A debut at First Friends will be scheduled. They do have a date for the dedication of the Wurlitzer at Whittier High School: April 7, probably in the afternoon. Save the date. **Deanna Woirhaye** had a beautiful display of photos including an Honorable Mention at the Hillcrest Arts Festival in February.

**School and Work News: Katerina Ryder** just finished her fourth year on the girls varsity soccer team at Whittier High School and her second year as co-captain. They had a very successful season with the highlight being a tie game with a certain cross-town rival school that hadn't lost or tied a game in the last 14 years. Kat was also honored in February for the fourth year in a row at Whittier HS PTSA's Cardinal 75 ceremony, which recognizes students with outstanding GPAs. **Frank & Lyn Gruber** are in the middle of moving from Temecula to Escondido so Lyn can have a shorter commute. **Anathea Woirhaye** will be featured in this year's New Play Festival, an acting and creative writing collaboration, at Orange County School of the Arts. **Cedric Woirhaye** had a great opportunity to "Heal the Bay" at Santa Monica Beach with his National Honors Society friends recently but the family is even more excited to learn that Cedric has been accepted at California State University, Channel Islands. This is his first college acceptance, and the family is very happy for him. We look forward to further college acceptance news from Cedric and all of our graduating seniors. We are holding them in the Light and crossing fingers too.

**Friends Remember: Audrey Bailey** passed to new life on February 18. Our prayers are with **Carlos** and their family.

**Friends Sharing News:** Help to keep the Friendly Fare going. Email me a quick note and tell me your news. Send to Lea at [lealouw@gmail.com](mailto:lealouw@gmail.com), or deliver to me at church on Sunday. See you next month!

## This Month in Meeting for Worship

March 4	Loletta Barrett brings the message <i>An Angry Jesus</i> John 2:13-25
March 11	Loletta Barrett brings the message <i>Essential Beliefs</i> Psalm 107:1, Ephesians 2:8-10
March 18	Loletta Barrett brings the message <i>Become Children of Light</i> John 12: 35-36
March 25	Music Sunday Friends Choir brings the message <i>The Seven Words of Jesus Christ on the Cross</i> by Heinrich Schutz Mark 11:1-11; Mark 15 1-32; Philippians 2:5-11
April 1	Easter Sunday Loletta Barrett brings the message <i>Say Nothing</i> Mark 16:1-8



At Monthly Meeting on Sunday, February 4, we rejoiced in the increased number of faith promises of support we have received so far. Annual reports from every committee were submitted and approved. A report of endowment balances was made available for our review. The budget was approved with the shortfall that continues to exist, although reduced.

The clerk of the Meeting was charged with assembling a discernment group for the purpose of imagining and anticipating that which will or may come to be as our Meeting moves forward as a continuing and viable community on our corner in Whittier.

Monthly Meeting for April will be Sunday, April 8 at rise of meeting.

**Query:** *How should the call to unselfish living and the instruction to “consider others better than yourselves” and to “look not only to your interests, but also to the interests of others” (Philippians 2:3,4) shape our response to injustice in the world?*

We welcome and encourage your comments as well as your contributions and photos for inclusion in *The Living Light*. Kindly send your email to Elisabeth Elliot at [communicuaker@gmail.com](mailto:communicuaker@gmail.com).

## Loletta's Lines



“The Religious Society of Friends is rooted in Christianity and has always found inspiration in the life and teachings of Jesus. How do you interpret your faith in the light of this heritage?”

This query seems appropriate in March, which ends with Palm/Passion Sunday and Holy Week, with Easter around the corner.

Jesus; named “the Christ” in the Greek Testament, (from the Hebrew “anointed or consecrated,” in Greek, Christos-Messiah), has always intrigued me. As a child, he was a favorite, loving, caring uncle. Surrounded by children; laughing and playing, (adults watching a little enviously), his dignified, white, Rabbi robe was scandalously grass stained. My teenage friends talked about accepting Christ as a personal savior. As an adult, I found The Jesus Seminar, who searched for the “historical Jesus,” analyzing the synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke), the Gospel of John, and the Gospel of Thomas, (a collection of Jesus’ sayings in the Nag Hammadi library) to find his authentic words. There, I saw a brilliant, revolutionary, politically savvy, and deeply spiritual, caring, committed man, healing, teaching and living the teachings of the Jewish prophets. In seminary, I studied ancient writings and creeds that tried to clarify the identity of this man/savior/Son/Spirit Emanator/God. Fully human, fully Divine, or both? Present, with/in God at the beginning, or emanated, not created, by God? Through all of this, my heart always returned to the kindest, most loving, generous, playful, teaching, healing, connected, soul image—a window open to God.

Have you journeyed in your understanding and relationship with Jesus? “How does Jesus speak to you today?” For me, he continues to be the one to follow and emulate with all my life. So I ask myself, “Am I emulating Jesus’ example of love in action and answering that of God in others?” As we journey toward Holy Week I also ask, “What does the reality and cost of Jesus’ commitment to his call mean to me?” And, “How does his relationship with God challenge and inspire me?” Dear Friends, “what canst thou say?”

## YOUNG FRIENDS FELLOWSHIP



We had such a good time at our winter retreat at the Votaw's home away from home in Lake Arrowhead the weekend of January 26-28. Four adults and eight youth contributed their individual gifts to make it a unique and outstanding experience. Sadly, there was no snow, but the youth made the best of it with an excursion to Santa's Village where they zip lined, skated, and shopped.

The youth also played ping pong and sang while Kat played the guitar.

The youth spent the morning in discussion wrestling with how to define a Quaker. We used several queries that Jasmine had been presenting in Sunday school to set the stage. We also used this opportunity to narrow down the queries to the three that they wanted to use on Youth Sunday. During the discussion, the youth were asked to express what they were feeling and thinking through drawing or writing using supplies that Jasmine provided. The queries they settled on were:

- How do you see or feel the Spirit or God working in your life?
- How does being together in our faith community help us to grow spiritually, and walk in the Light, both individually and as a meeting?
- How do you practice active expressions of your faith?

The discussions were deep and for some, the artwork expressed what couldn't be put into words, and planted the seeds for an inspiring Youth Sunday.

Thanks to Brendon Woirhaye, Deanna Woirhaye and Jasmine Sturr who helped me to chaperone this event.

On February 25, the youth had fellowship with Lunch and a Movie following Meeting for Worship. The movie was *Black Panther* and we shared thought provoking discussion and challenges as it explored issues of power and privilege, taking us inside a country torn apart by questions about whether to share its riches.

March and April will find us focusing on service to benefit the homeless and those less fortunate than ourselves. We are picking fruit to distribute to the Interfaith Food Center. Please contact me if you have fruit trees in need of picking!

—Lynda Ladwig



## News from Whittier Friends School

For the second year in a row, Whittier Friends School had the pleasure of having students from Beijing visit our classroom for three weeks. The two Chinese children spoke limited English but enjoyed playing with our students during recess, and learning side-by-side with them in all subjects, from reading groups, to math, to science and even PE. While our new friends developed their English skills, our students developed skills in how to be hospitable and how to be patient with people who might not understand them well. Our children also had fun trying to pronounce words in Chinese, as taught by our visitors.

We appreciate all of your support for WFS's fundraisers this month. Eat at Buffalo Wild Wings at Whittwood any time until May 31 and proceeds will be donated to our school—just inform them you are part of "Team M." If you didn't get a chance to pre-order See's Candy and scrip gift cards, we will have extra chocolate eggs available for sale after Meeting for Worship on the two Sundays before Easter.

We look forward to opening our campus to visitors on Tuesday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. for our Annual Science and History Open House. All children, in both preschool and elementary classes, will be presenting projects to visiting family members and friends. Please come for a quick walk-through to see our beautiful school, and to chat with our hard-working students. Our Open House is also the official beginning of registration for the 2018-2019 school year. Prospective families should plan to attend our Open House so that they can see our classrooms and see how our unusual and meaningful school program is run. If you know of a family who needs an invitation to our special night, let me know at [cassie.wfs@gmail.com](mailto:cassie.wfs@gmail.com) and I will be happy to send them information.

—Cassie Caringella

On the weekend of January 26 to 28, Young Friends Fellowship went up to the Votaw's cabin for our winter trip. We all had a lot of fun being together in a discussion about Quakerism. We also went down to Santa's Village, which is a small amusement park. The discussion we had was focused on the theme "What is a Quaker." Some of the key words people used in our time talking about Quakers were community, acceptance, calm, peace, love, "that of God," light, and "not the oatmeal."

—Elyse Woirhaye

# March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Schedule for Sundays</b> Unprogrammed Worship—8:30a First Day Classes—9:30a Friends Choir Rehearsal—9:30a Meeting for Worship—11:00a				1 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	2	3
4	5 1:30p Writing Class	6 7:00a Spiritual Growth Group 9:00a Trustees Meeting	7 6:30p Business & Finance Meeting	8 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	9	10
11 12:15p Monthly Meeting	12 10:00a Quiltmakers 1:30p Writing Class	13 <b>Friendly Fare Deadline</b> 7:00a Spiritual Growth Group 6:30p Whittier Friends School History Fair & Open House	14 6:00p AFFN	15 <b>Living Light Deadline</b> 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	16	17 4:00p Chorale Bel Canto Concert
18 12:15p Christian Education Committee Meeting 12:30p FCNL Meeting	19 1:30p Writing Class	20 7:00a Spiritual Growth Group	21	22 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	23	24 3:00p End of Life with Dignity Worshop
25 12:15p Communications Committee Meeting 12:30p Outreach Committee Meeting	26 10:00a Quiltmakers 1:30p Writing Class	27 7:00a Spiritual Growth Group 7:00p M & C Meeting	28 <b>Living Light Folding</b>	29 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	30 12:00p Community Good Friday Service—First United Methodist Church; 13222 Bailey Street	31



Sara Adams	Eric Haynes	Debi Nelson
Carole Borries	Debbie Hays	Sabron Newton
Jack Carlisle	Sheri Hendrix	Willie (Lee) Riley
Helen Carlisle	Pati Jackson-Johnson	Sue Settlege
Adrian Day	Allison Lew	Lara Wemmerus
Annabelle Day	Susan Marshall	Gerry Wolfe
Micah Eggleton	Jonathan Moody	Emily Wood
James Garland	Rose Nedrow	Dan Wright

If we've missed your birthday, we apologize (and happy birthday)! We're working hard to keep our birthday calendar up-to-date so please let us know if we're forgetting anyone.  
Thank you!

*'Quaker Spoken Here' continued from page 1*

When Jon entered Guilford College in North Carolina, he discovered a different Quaker testimony, one which contrasted strongly with the quietism of his upbringing. In courses on Quaker history, he learned of the courageous social activism of George Fox, James Naylor and others. Jon concentrated on this aspect of Quakerism in his Quaker Forum, titled "How Do Quakers Speak?" Jon's dynamic view of Quaker testimony was facilitated by video episodes from *QuakerSpeak*, simulated *QuakerSpeak* interviews with



Forum participants and discussions in small groups. Together, we formulated queries on how Quaker philosophy translates to daily life and roles in society.

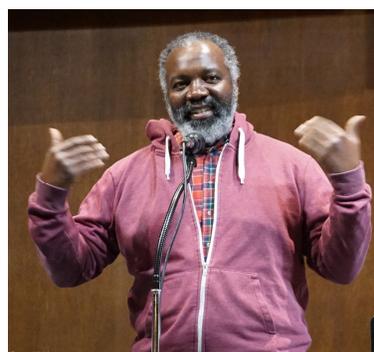
To start the Forum, Jon showed his first attempt at a video documentary, filmed at a Meeting for Worship at Pendle Hill. There, Jon suddenly stood up and began singing. Other worshippers joined in and the Meeting turned into a session of exuberant singing and dancing. The "happening" was recorded and subsequently posted on YouTube. Almost immediately, it accumulated 20,000 views. A follow-up video, "Clothe Yourself in Righteousness," recounted the startling dramatics used by early Quakers, including disrobing in public! The success of these YouTube episodes cemented Jon's determination to become a vehicle for Quaker expression. In 2013, he began the *QuakerSpeak* series, using facilities of *Friends Journal* in Philadelphia. Most of Jon's technical expertise is self-taught.

Another episode of *QuakerSpeak* Jon screened at the Forum documented the environmental activism of Quaker Jay O'Hara. In 2005, Jay lodged his small lobster boat at the entrance to the Brayton Point power station in Massachusetts, blocking a large coal shipment. Jay was taken into custody by the Coast Guard but not arrested. He subsequently faced civil charges, but had much popular sympathy because the power plant at Brayton Point was labeled the number one emissions and thermal polluter in New England. In 2007, the District Attorney sided with the activists and declined to prosecute Friend Jay. Several years later, the power plant closed permanently.



Forum participants greatly enjoyed the simulated interviews. Each table-group selected an interviewer and interviewee for filming. Jon showed his technical expertise in directing and filming the interviews. Topics were chosen from those arising from the group discussions, including "How do you look for that of God in a hostile personality?" and "How do you meet the Light?" After the filming, Jon told us that he might use some of the material in a future *QuakerSpeak* episode!

It seems safe to say that this Quaker Forum was one of the most engrossing ever and one of the best-



attended. Among the fifty or so Friends were three from Orange County Friends Meeting and two from Berkeley Friends Meeting, including Stanley Chagala, a Sojourning Friend from Kenya. Stanley's great grandmother was

among the first converts of US Midwestern Friends in Kenya.

That night, there was another Quaker "happening"—a celebration with theater and music in the meeting house. Jon gave us a series of amusing Quaker soliloquies, enhanced by guitar strumming.

Stanley led Friends in a song taught him by his Quaker grandmother, accompanied by exhilarating movement resembling aerobic exercises. Russ Litchfield played his



lovely “Patterns in a Bach Trio Sonata” on the organ. Before his performance, Russ handed out an explanatory music sheet from which Friends could follow the basic theme of the three movements with respect to Russ’ Quaker-style wording: “Come to the Light children, come and see God in each other.” The celebration ended with the now-familiar round Russ first taught us years ago, “Da Pacem Cordium”.

Jon capped his visit to First Friends with his Meeting for Worship message on Sunday “Clothe Yourself in Righteousness,” after first promising not to disrobe like the early Quakers! He maintained persuasively that God sometimes leads us to confront injustice actively. His message resonated with worshippers and led to many manifestations of the Spirit in open worship.

Prior to and in anticipation of Jon’s visit, All Friends Fellowship Night featured *QuakerSpeak* episodes earlier in the week. Lynda Ladwig showed several video interviews of articulate Friends explaining their faith. The interviewees concentrated on worship and reflection. One video featured two Quaker musicians who advocated worshipful singing, a (fortunate, we believe) departure from early Friends, who frowned upon music in any form. Mary Marshburn outfitted AFFN tables with lovely Valentine’s Day hearts and red rose buds to enhance a fine potluck supper.

—Bob Newton

Photos by Deanna Woirhaye



*‘Discerning Priorities With Joy’ continued from page 1*

What needs close attention from Friends, and from FCNL? Your answers to this question are the foundation for the lobbying priorities that FCNL will set at its Annual Meeting in November.

Be a part in this nationwide discernment around the issues FCNL should focus on in the next Congress. These issues will both guide the work of FCNL’s professional lobbyists in Washington, DC and the issues FCNL focuses our grassroots energy on. Share your concerns now on the board located in the foyer. There you will find pens, Post-Its and materials to help you contribute to this important discussion. Then, join us at rise of meeting on Sunday, March 18 for *Pie-orities*, a compassionate discussion of these concerns. Pie will be served.

From its inception, the Friends Committee on National Legislation has relied on meetings and churches to ground our work in the ideals and concerns of Friends. Seventy-five years ago, in the midst of World War II, Friends from across the country came together to create a way to influence U.S. federal government policies to advance peace and justice. Every two years, the process of asking Friends to consider which issues should be the focus of their lobbying organization in Washington, D.C. strongly connects our advocacy to the testimonies and values of Friends. Today, as we seek to uphold and advance those values in a challenging political environment, we ask:

- How are Friends called to influence our government today?
- What issues should be the priority for our advocacy efforts?
- Where is the Spirit leading us?

FCNL’s “The World We Seek” policy statement compiled in 2014, the Legislative Priorities for the 115th Congress compiled in 2016, as well resources for centering and participating in the discernment process are available for review in the foyer, in the church office and at <https://www.fcnl.org/updates/setting-legislative-priorities-1169>.

The participation of Friends in meetings and churches across the country is essential to making this Quaker lobby who and what we are—from the issues FCNL works on to the way they focus on building relationships and looking for that of God in everyone we talk to. In politics today, the kind of approach that FCNL takes is increasingly important—and increasingly rare. We know that it makes a difference.

—Elisabeth Elliot

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**Quaker Heritage Day** is March 10 at Berkeley Friends Church. Presenter Cherice Bock will speak on Quakers and the Eco-Reformation. Gathering time is 8:30 a.m.



Our spring mission project will focus on serving Shelter's Right Hand and Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter in late March and for the entire month of April.

Shelter's Right Hand serves as the auxiliary for WCCS. The annual 5K Walk "Stepping Out Against Domestic Violence" for the benefit of Shelter's Right Hand is Saturday, April 21. Come lend a hand stuffing goodie bags for the Walk at rise of Meeting on Sunday, April 15.

In addition to the Walk, funds are raised through the all-volunteer-operated thrift shop, Sacks on the Boulevard, located at 12300 Washington Boulevard in Whittier.

Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter is a local non-profit organization which has been serving victims of domestic violence and their children since 1977.

The mission of the WCCS is to serve victims of domestic violence and their children by providing emergency and transitional shelter programs for victims of domestic violence who request protection and assistance. WCCS provides culturally relevant and supportive intervention services, coordinates with other agencies working to improve the wellness of families and disseminates information for the prevention of intimate partner violence.

Here are a wide variety of more ways you can give of your time or your resources to the spring mission project. Please consider how you might want to serve.

- Donate new items directly to the Shelter.
- Donate items for resale to Sacks on the Boulevard.
- Volunteer time at Sacks on the Boulevard during the month of April.
- Make monetary donations to the 5K Walk event.
- Register and walk in the 5K Walk on April 21.
- Volunteer to help at Central Park the day of the Walk.

For a more detailed look at these options and to get materials for the 5K Walk, you can visit [sheltersrighthand.org](http://sheltersrighthand.org) or direct questions to Marilyn Fant.

Let us take action by reaching out our helping hands to Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter and Shelter's Right Hand!

—Marilyn Fant

*Live adventurously. When choices arise, do you take the way that offers the fullest opportunity for the use of your gifts in the service of God and the community? Let your life speak.*

—Whittier First Friends Church  
2018 Advices and Queries

## Community Meetings on Homelessness

Community meetings to invite input on the city plan to eliminate homelessness will be held on March 17 from 10 a.m. to noon at First Christian Church at Greenleaf and Hadley, and on March 20 and March 22 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Whittier Community Center, 7630 Washington Ave.

The city plan is the result of a \$50,000 grant made possible by the passage of Measure H in Los Angeles County last year. Ted Knoll and Whittier Area First Day Coalition are advising the program.

"We hope this plan will be a blueprint for moving people off the streets of Whittier into permanent housing," says Nancy Mendez, assistant city manager of Whittier.

You may also respond to the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R7BB5YQ>.

## End of Life with Dignity Workshops Continue



Our fourth workshop will be March 24 at 3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We'll be talking about "Who Wants the Heirlooms?" also known as "Stuff!"

Previous workshop attendance not necessary—just let Loletta know if you are coming for the first time. If you are interested in the handouts from previous workshops, see Loletta—she has lots of stuff for you!



*Query: What would the world be like if God was fully in charge, if God's values were fully embraced and God's intentions fully expressed?*

## Stoking the Fire Early Bird Registration Open Now

Reduced registration fees are now available for the 2018 Stoking the Fire conference, May 17-20 at the Stony Point Center in Stony Point, New York. Stony Point offers “simple accommodations, sustainable values and a spirit of hospitality.”

Make your reservations now for early bird rates. Register at <https://goo.gl/forms/T9fOFyZBI5fhYym93> or by calling Lisa Scarpelli in the FUM office at 765-962-7573 by March 31.

## Quiet Center, Lively Discussion

*There are not many popular images which are more distorted than that of Quakers.*

—D. Elton Trueblood

Sitting in on this year’s Quakerism class with Lynda Ladwig, I was again reminded of the spiritual vitality of what many would consider long-ago people in a dusty history book. Time and again, the spirit of Quakers leapt out of their testimonies and their lives.

The class combined history with spiritual thought and always allowed for thought-provoking and often entertaining conversation.

Throughout the sessions, we explored how our faith practices make for a seeking community for anyone who desires a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

—Elisabeth Elliot



On Wednesday, March 17, AFFN will offer a special treat as we listen to short stories written and read by members of our Meeting’s writing group. These will be interesting and entertaining stories from Friends who attend the group’s Monday meetings, and the program is always a highlight of the AFFN year.

Dinner begins at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall with the program to follow at 7 p.m. It has been our custom each March to have an Irish menu of corned beef and vegetables as well as a vegetarian option. These main dishes will be prepared by Mary Marshburn. Drinks and bread will also be provided. Sign up in Founders Court to bring a generous salad or dessert. Please bring \$1 per person with food or \$3 per person if you do not bring food but will be joining us for dinner. There is no charge for children 12 or under with their parents. All are welcome.

Please join us for the program, food and fellowship.

—Ted Marshburn

## On Our Calendar...

Whittier Friends School Candy and Flower Sale	Now through March 5
Monthly Meeting	April 8
Peace Cafe	Saturday, April 14
Shelter’s Right Hand 5K Walk	Saturday, April 21
Whittier Friends School Spring Event	Saturday, April 28 5 p.m.
Whittier Friends School Grandparents’ Day	Friday, May 4
Monthly Meeting	May 6
Founders Day in Central Park	Saturday, May 12
Stoking the Fire in Stony Point, NY	May 17—20
New Century Singers Spring Concert	Sunday, May 20 3 p.m.
Jeanette Wong in Concert	Sunday, June 3 3 p.m.
Whittier Friends School Recognition Night	Thursday, June 7 6:30 p.m.
Monthly Meeting	June 10
Summer Worship Schedule	July 1—September 2
Friends General Conference Gathering in Toledo, OH	July 1—7

## Is it Easter Without Lilies?

Yes! Easter comes amid an abundance of colors, shapes and sizes. Our meeting space will look as full of resurrection and spring life as ever. But why no lilies? Aren’t they traditional? Yes, and they are beautiful and have abundant perfume. Friends are generous in remembering their loved ones, and taking flowers to Friends who cannot attend worship, so we have a beautiful display. They are breathtaking; figuratively and unfortunately literally. The decorating committee was asked if they could find something a little more hypoallergenic, so those helping us worship with music, message and presiding would be less overwhelmed. We hope you enjoy a new tradition, a new life display!

## We Mean Business

Quaker entrepreneurs in 18th and 19th century England are credited with introducing fair marketing and employment practices that reformed the country's commercial system. Entrepreneurship can continue to be an important part of Friends' testimony in the modern world. Jay Marshall, Dean of the Earlham School of Religion, made this case to First Friends on Sunday, January 29 following a luncheon welcoming him and his wife Judy in Fellowship Hall. Jay's presentation was a continuation of his earlier Meeting for Worship message "Turn Up the Volume", amplifying the theme of practical ministry in modern society.

Two years ago, the School of Religion embarked on a novel experimental curriculum funded by the Lilly Foundation. Advanced ESR students can opt for a supplemental curriculum termed "Entrepreneurial Ministry." After completion of a special series of courses, which include Friends' historical testimonies in the business world, students can design, under the guidance of ESR faculty, post-graduation business ventures and apply for a \$5000 start-up loan from ESR. So far, nine ESR students have opted for this curriculum, and several have begun their experience of Quaker entrepreneurship following their graduation.

Some of the awardees are well-known to First Friends from previous ESR visits here, in which they delivered Meeting for Learning and Meeting for Worship messages. Jamie Mudd, who visited last year, has started a pastoral counseling online network called "Heart Central." Summer Cushman, who visited two years ago, is starting an "Electronic Yoga Church." Theoneste Sentabire, another recent visitor from ESR, is trying to develop improved agricultural practices in his home community in Rwanda, with ESR sponsorship.

Friends have followed the career of ESR graduate Adriana Cabrera with interest since she brought us an inspiring message several years ago. She has returned to her native Columbia, and has started an imaginative entrepreneurial ministry in the form of a restaurant and social gathering place catering to women cyclists. Cycling is a highly popular new pastime in this scenic country, and as Adriana reported in a video clip, her project is doing well. Adriana is a "spark plug" of the new ESR program, helping to keep awardees in touch in a mutually supportive online network.

Pastoral support is a practical aspect of Friends entrepreneurship. ESR graduates who embark on a pastoring career often find that many churches are

unable to fund fulltime pastors. A business sideline could make a considerable contribution to a successful ministerial career.

After Jay's presentation, several Friends requested to be kept notified of the progress of the several ESR graduates that we have come to know through recent visits.

—Bob Newton

### *Queries from Jay Marshall:*

*How can someone experience the Divine Presence and remain forever silent?*

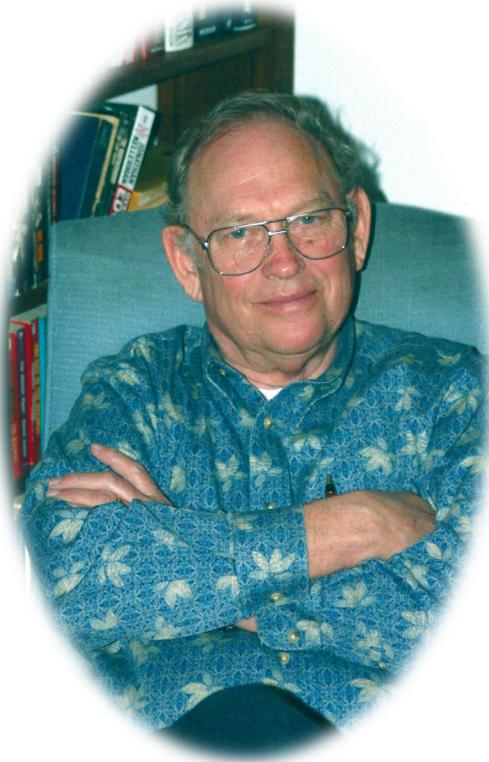
*How does an individual meet Christ in worship, but then have nothing to say about the friendship that emerges from that meeting?*

*How can we survey the social and cultural terrain of our day without asking what response faith demands to the surrounding landscape?*



**American Friends Service Committee**—Friends are asked to consider contacting their senators to ask that they vote for a pathway to citizenship for all immigrants brought to this country as children, against the militarization of our borders and against any cuts to family migration or the Diversity Visa lottery. [afsc.org](http://afsc.org).  
**Friends United Meeting**—"Celebrating 40 Years of Celebration of Discipline: Empowering Spiritual Transformation in the Local Church" is scheduled for June 10-13 at George Fox University in Newberg, Oregon. Examine Richard Foster's now-classic book on the spiritual disciplines with the author in his last year of public speaking engagements. Go to [renovare.org/40/fox](http://renovare.org/40/fox) for more information or [www.fum.org](http://www.fum.org).

**Friends World Committee for Consultation**—the Central Executive Committee meets from April 29 to May 4 in Northern Ireland. The agenda includes further consideration of the minute on Sustainability; of the commitment to overcoming historical patterns of colonialism and inequality; implementation for grant-making for youth programs, and selecting a venue for the next World Plenary in 2023. [fwcc.org](http://fwcc.org).



## Remembering Philip (Phil) Lee Ellis

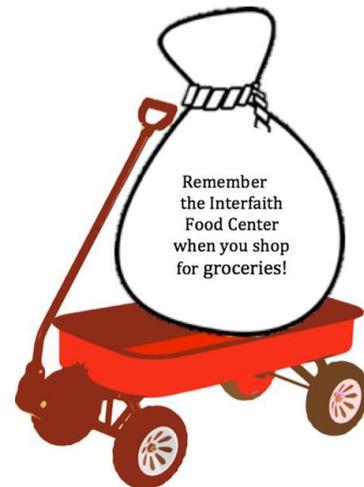
Philip Lee Ellis, 82, passed away on January 16, 2018 at his home in Whittier surrounded by his family. He was born on February 17, 1935 in Fullerton to Marion Lee Ellis & Hazel Marie (Coleman) Ellis. Philip was married to Elizabeth Emma Behrens in Whittier on August 31, 1963 and together they had four children, April, Toya, Andrew and Mark. He was a remarkable man who had a strong spirit and he will be missed by all who knew him.

Philip's family moved to Whittier when he was four years old. He grew up attending Whittier public schools from Lydia Jackson Elementary School to Jonathan Bailey Intermediate School and Whittier High School. After graduating from high school, he attended Fullerton Community College before entering the University of Southern California where he earned a B.S. in Business Administration and Finance. For a short time after college, Philip worked at Union Bank in Los Angeles before deciding he was ready to start his own business. In 1958, Philip established Ellis Building Maintenance Company, an industrial cleaning service. His business became very successful as he held many large corporate accounts. When the business was well

established, Philip founded the Ellis Investor Group.

Phil had many interests and passions in his life. He loved to read, especially newspapers and annual reports. He was known to meticulously read every annual Berkshire Hathaway report. He was an avid hiker and backpacker. He loved the outdoors; often taking a fishing or camping trip, was an avid skier and enjoyed golfing, most often with his dad. He would keep fit by swimming. As a graduate of USC, one of his greatest pastimes was attending USC football games to root for his beloved Trojans, again with his dad. He enjoyed playing chess with his father-in-law and children.

One of the things that made Philip so successful in life was his involvement in his local community. He was a 45-year member of First Friends, a former member of the Whittier Rotary Club and a board member of H.O.W. House. He provided service to the YMCA by being a YBA coach and Indian Guide; and was a member of Toastmasters International. He was the past Director of the USC Commerce Associates; was a board member of the Citrus Packing House in Riverside County; and served two terms from 1977-1985 on the East Whittier Elementary School Board during which time he was twice elected President. In addition to the many organizations he was a part of, Philip was also active with his sons in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts.



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### Easter Flower Order Form

Place a plant in the meetinghouse on Easter Sunday  
\$10.00 each.

Order deadline is Sunday, March 17

Additional forms are available in the church office  
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In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

or

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- I will take after Meeting for Worship on Easter Sunday
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