

# THE LIVING LIGHT

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

Ephesians 5:9

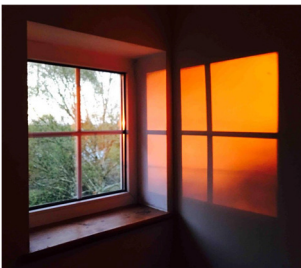
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## They Who Harvest in Summer

It's almost time for summer worship—the time when the Friends Choir goes on a well-earned vacation, Sunday school is out and we move into Fellowship Hall for a season of intimate time with the Spirit.



Ministry and Counsel is prayerfully considering the opportunities our summer worship offers. It is an opportunity to experience various elements and forms of worship in a casual atmosphere. What uplifts, fills

and energizes your spirit for your life and ministry?

Members of Ministry and Counsel would like to hear your leadings. We're seeking summer Meeting for Worship themes, sensory elements, messages, reflections, songs and hymns, scripture, and all creative offerings from Friends. Loletta Barrett, Rob Settlege, Russ Litchfield, Lynda Ladwig, Jamie Benjamin, Jo Nita Beede, Elisabeth Elliot, Iris Harris and Tom Purkiss are looking forward to speaking with you!

You may also submit your thoughts to [firstfriendswhittier@verizon.net](mailto:firstfriendswhittier@verizon.net).

Meeting for Worship in Fellowship Hall begins at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 1.



### Rebuilding in Cuba

The Friends United Meeting Summer Mission Project is *Rebuilding a Friendly Place*.

Built in 1909, the Wilmington School in Puerto Padre, Cuba fell into ruin after the 1959 revolution and the nationalization of all private schools. In 2014, ownership was returned by the government to Cuba Yearly Meeting. Now we just have to rebuild it.

Look for details about Rebuilding a Friendly Place in the next issue of *The Living Light* and this summer in Meeting for Worship.

### Onward With Love

In my office, I have a poster that reads “Children should be seen and heard and loved and cherished and nurtured and enjoyed, and encouraged and supported and valued.” On June 10, we will have the opportunity to continue doing just that as we celebrate our children, youth and young adults on Promotion Sunday.

Katerina Ryder and Bella Sturr will share their thoughts through the message, *Who is Family?* We will be supporting and encouraging our youth that are going on to or continuing in higher education with the presentation of the Mildred Votaw Jessup Scholarships, and nurturing the talents and gifts of our young people with the Davidson Award.

Don't miss this chance to see God's light shine through these young people and appreciate the gifts God has given us through them.

—Lynda Ladwig

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

## Friendly Fare by Lea Wright

*Dear Friends,* As the school year wraps up, we think about our many students graduating and moving on to new things. We have so many accomplishment to report about.

**School and Work News:** Our high school seniors, **Cedric Woirhaye**, **Kat Ryder**, and **Bella Sturr**, continue their time of transition as they prepare for college. Also, **Elise Marshburn** will graduate from Cornelia Connelly High School. Congratulations to our college graduates

**Tammy Van Dorn** (California Baptist University), and **Bethany Marshburn-Ersek** (Mt. Holyoke). **Alex Marshburn** graduated from Claremont Graduate School. **Ted & Mary Marshburn**, along with **Paul & Marcee Marshburn** attended **Meredith Marshburn's** graduation from Willamette University in Salem Oregon. Here they are with *The Living Light* continuing our tradition: "The Living Light Travels." (Remember, your submissions are welcome and needed.) **Cedric**



**Woirhaye** was named Don Bosco Technical Institute's 2018 Prom King. The Woirhaye family was very excited that his high school recognized him in such a wonderful way. After his prom event, Cedric

playfully exclaimed that the Woirhaye family was now royal.

**New Friends:** **Ted & Mary Marshburn** are first time great-grandparents to **Liam Alexander Zermeno** who was born on April 25 to **Lauren (Marshburn) & Cresencio Zermeno**. The new grandparents are **David & Viki Marshburn**.

**Friends Visit:** **Ben & Melinda Newton** and family from Maryland spent a week in early May helping his parents while **Sabron** was slowed down by having her broken knee-cap in a brace. Grandson **Henry** enjoyed two outings to the beach. **Liz Ellis'** daughter **April** came down from Berkeley to be with her mother on Mother's Day. **Michael Elliot's** brother Dane and wife Lynda from Santa Cruz came to Meeting for Worship with **Michael & Elisabeth** and also enjoyed an emotional visit with a long-lost cousin. When **Candice Ryder's** brother Greg visited Meeting for Worship with her—Holly Overin recalled that he was once one of her mother **Janet Church's** art students. **Carol Umer**, in her 90th year, is spending

her usual summer with her son in Portland.

**Friends About Town:** Founders Day was a day of sharing our past and present. Playing guitar and ukulele, **Kat Ryder** sang and entertained for nearly two hours. Dancers with Claylee's Dance Academy included **Avalon Caringella**, **Elyse Woirhaye** and **Ellie Jenkins**.

**Friends Celebrate:**

**Lloyd Kaneko** was honored as the PIH Health Hospital Volunteer of the Year. He received a service award pin for attaining 1,500 hours in 2017 for service to PIH. (Actually he was just a little short of 1,700 hours on December 31. 50 more service hours and he



would have received a 1,750 pin.) He also qualified for the 2017 Volunteer Presidential Award. **Dave & Iris Harris** spent a week in Carmel celebrating Mother's Day and the completion of the Wurlitzer theater organ project at Whittier High School.

**Friends Remember:** Good friends from northern CA spent several days in Whittier helping **Darrell Warren's** family around the time of his brother John's memorial service. We are also keeping in our prayers the families of **Violet (Vi) Smith** who passed away April 29 and **Joyce Darrow** on March 21

**Friends Travel:** **Tammy Van Dorn** will spend the summer in Lithuania teaching English with International Language Programs. After her amazing experience teaching in Ghana in 2015, her heart has been aching to teach internationally again. Her time in Ghana completely changed her life and she is so excited for this new opportunity in such a different location. She has been praying for an opportunity like this to be able to bless others and learn and grow so much that she just had to take it. She hopes you all can pray for her journey and even partner with her in fundraising for her trip. To find out more about the trip, please visit Tammy's "GoFundMe" page at [www.gofundme.com/tammy-teaches-in-eastern-europe](http://www.gofundme.com/tammy-teaches-in-eastern-europe).

**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 Meeting for Worship on Sunday. See you next month!

## This Month in Meeting for Worship

June 3	<i>Light, a Hymn Service</i>
June 10	Promotion Sunday Kat Ryder and Bella Sturr bring the message <i>Who is Family?</i> Mark 3: 31-35
June 17	Lynda Ladwig brings the message <i>Forgiveness and Grace</i> Matthew 18:21-35
June 24	Loletta Barrett brings the message <i>When You Have It All</i> 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13



At Monthly Meeting on May 6, we welcomed our new Friends Choir soprano section leader Sydney Summers. Christian Education is working on offering a CPR class. The installation of our new solar array is almost complete and a dedication is planned for the fall, to offer members of the community a chance to recognize and celebrate our contribution to a sustainable environment. Threshing sessions were held regarding the display of flags in the Meeting House and the length of Meeting for Worship. Distribution methods for *The Living Light* and other Meeting publications are being studied.

Monthly Meeting for June is June 10, with a traditional beginning-of-summer menu. Bring on the root beer floats!



## End of Life with Dignity Workshops Conclude

We will conclude our successful series of workshops on living life fully with dignity on Saturday June 23, 2:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Our topic will be "Relationships," which are the true treasure of life.

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 [communiquaker@gmail.com](mailto:communiquaker@gmail.com).

## Loletta's Lines

"Never doubt a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." This quote motivates me, but two Quaker quotes contextualize and expand it.

Rufus M. Jones wrote, "I pin my hopes to quiet processes and small circles in which vital and transforming events take place." Lloyd Lee Wilson wrote, "The Religious Society of Friends... is at heart a corporate spiritual journey. It is not a place where each individual gets to have their own self-designed spiritual growth charter. It is only in our joint practice... experience, and... testimonies that we have communities... who can do the work that God has set us out to do. God's project... is the transformation of all creation."

We are a small circle; our Meeting, and all Friends together. But the first Quakers, and Jesus and his disciples (12 or 70) made up radical minority circles who stood aside from society, religious power, and government. Size doesn't matter (at 5' 2" I affirm small AND mighty). One small person, circle or group can accomplish a lot. Yet we must be transformed before we can transform the world. First comes love for God, self-awareness, and connection to others.

At our May Monthly Meeting, we practiced "threshing." The word is unfamiliar outside of agricultural setting and outside Quaker tradition. Threshing may be interpreted to seek to remove the chaff (personal prejudice, preconceived notions, lack of awareness, knowledge or understanding, or general bullheadedness) from the grain (God's Truth), and allow everyone to say what they hear from the Spirit without the burden of making a decision. Going deeper, threshing can remove us from "the world." (i.e. things that prevent or inhibit our focus on God.)

When threshing, we open to "receive the vocal ministry of others in a tender and creative spirit. We reach for the meaning deep within it, recognizing that even if it is not God's word for you, it may be so for others." Friends don't find unity through compromise, negotiation, or finding consensus but in listening for a leading, and abiding in God's Spirit.

This tradition of listening and abiding in the Spirit seeking unity is what I have found makes Friends unique. Practicing it in our small group transforms us; individually and as a Meeting, and it can transform the world.





## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP



.....It was the beginning of May and the youth were preparing to go to the Lake Arrowhead home of Joanne Camp, where just two days before leaving, it SNOWED! With bathing suits packed and hopes high, we set off on Friday evening towards our traditional first stop, The Pizza House in San Bernardino. We then enjoyed the new tradition started by Cedric

Woirhaye—getting ice cream before the final leg of the trip up the mountain. Cedric couldn't go with us this year—he was busy attending his prom!—but he can rest assured that Ashley Ryder and friends kept the tradition alive.

The weekend with Joanne and her daughter Colleen Anasis was absolutely wonderful. What great hostesses they are. The usual activities, such as playing with Joanne's dog Sedona, hanging out, texting friends, doing homework, and resting in the beauty of our surroundings were enjoyed by all. A traditional visit to the village was augmented by a brief stop into Stater Bros. to pick up a birthday cake for Anatheia, who celebrated her 16th birthday.



*Photo by Lynda Ladwig*

But the highlight of the weekend had to be our trip to the lake! The temperature of the water is unknown to me but the chilling screams and gasps that came as their bodies met the water has confirmed my conclusion that Lake Arrowhead is not heated! However, the lake temperature didn't seem to bother the girls as they spent the afternoon swimming and sunning on the dock.

While our June plans are still working their way to the surface, we are looking forward to our July trip to Quaker Center in Ben Lomand. Quaker Center is in the heart of the redwoods about an hour away from Santa Cruz and the beach.

Thanks to Joanne, Colleen and Mel Sturr for all of their help and assistance during the all too brief weekend at Lake Arrowhead.

—Lynda Ladwig



## News from Whittier Friends School

Our Spring Event on April 28, "To Tell the Truth," featured an audience-participation play that determined which "George Washington" (played by three elementary students) was the "real" George Washington. The performance was hosted by Sacagawea, and featured a panel of judges consisting of the Statue of Liberty, a 49er, and Uncle Sam. The children sang some unusual and challenging songs, including the Animaniacs' musical compiling of all the U.S. states and capitals, a song based on Emma Lazarus' liberty poem, and the Schoolhouse Rock version of the Preamble to the Constitution. There was an All-American picnic dinner, home-baked goods, and a silent auction. This annual fundraiser was well-received and well-attended.

Grandparents Day on May 4 gave our children some quality time with their grandparents and other adult friends while exploring the theme of "Building America." We acknowledged that our country's history was built on the decisions of the past and continues to be built by our decisions today. The children had an opportunity to interview their grandparents and learn about what their life was like growing up, as well as have fun with crafts, and prepare and then enjoy lunch together.

We've just finished learning all about Whittier history. We took a tour of the Bailey House, where the founding family of Whittier resided. The children were especially intrigued by the water cistern out in the backyard, and had fun with the hands-on experience of washing socks on a washboard, wringing them out in the wringer and then hanging them to dry on the clothesline. The children also enjoyed seeing the replica of the famous bench where the Quakers had their first meeting (the original is in the chapel at First Friends, where we have chapel every Friday).

The next stop was the Whittier Museum, where the children got to see some neat artifacts of Whittier. They especially enjoyed seeing the race car and the airplane, both of which were used by competitors from Whittier. Some of the students even got to see a project their teacher, Cassie, had made about Whittier when she was in middle school.



—Cassie Caringella

# June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Schedule for Sundays</b> <b>Unprogrammed Worship—9:30a</b> <b>First Day Classes—9:30 a</b> <b>Meeting for Worship—11:00a</b>		<b>Future Activities</b> Early Registration for Peace Camp ends July 6 Peace Camp July 23-27			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 3:00p Jeanette Wong Recital	<b>4</b> 1:30p Writing Class	<b>5</b> 7:00a Spiritual Growth Group 9:00a Trustees Meeting	<b>6</b> 6:30p Business & Finance Committee Meeting	<b>7</b> 6:30p WFS Recognition 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 12:15p Monthly Meeting	<b>11</b> 10:00a Quiltmakers 1:30p Writing Class	<b>12</b> 7:00a Spiritual Growth Group	<b>13</b> <b>Friendly Fare Deadline</b>	<b>14</b> 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	<b>15</b> <b>Living Light Deadline</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 12:15p Christian Education Meeting 12:15p Music Committee Meeting	<b>18</b> 1:30p Writing Class	<b>19</b> 7:00a Spiritual Growth Group	<b>20</b> 6:00p Picnic in Michigan Park	<b>21</b> 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 2:00p End of Life with Dignity Workshop
<b>24</b> 12:30p Outreach Committee Meeting	<b>25</b> 10:00a Quiltmakers 1:30p Writing Class	<b>26</b> 7:00a Spiritual Growth Group 7:00p M&C Meeting	<b>27</b> <b>Living Light Folding</b> 6:00p Picnic in Michigan Park 6:00p WFS Preschool Graduation 6:30p Business & Finance Meeting	<b>28</b> 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>



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Sharon Sturr  
Bella Sturr  
Wes Van Dorn  
Shirley Votaw  
Diane Wemmerus  
Sarah Wood

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!



On Wednesday, June 13, Kathy Marin will be bringing our program. “If you are of a ‘certain age’ you have vivid memories of Vietnam and they are connected with a war,” says Kathy. “I just returned from a month long trip there and discovered a country that I thought I knew, but it was a revelation to realize how limited my knowledge really was.” So, join us to explore modern day Vietnam from North to South. Learn about the ethnic minorities of the northern Hill tribes, visit the friendly chaos of the streets of Hanoi, the tranquility of Delat, the Mekong Delta and modern Ho Chi Min City (Saigon). Find out about the daily life of a Vietnamese villager and learn about different perspectives from conversations with the former North Vietnamese soldiers, Vietcong, and South Vietnamese. See with new eyes, a country that is so intimately involved with ours!

Potluck dinner begins at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall with the program to follow at 7 p.m. Sign up in the foyer to bring a main dish, salad or dessert. Drinks and bread will be provided. 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.

—Ted Marshburn

## Blessed Babes and the Black Hole

The last two All Friends Fellowship Night events featured gripping personal stories by powerful speakers. On April 11, Tamera Rodriguez-Smith told of her heart-rending experience of years of domestic violence from her former husband. Somehow she found the courage to raise and educate her two children in the midst of a turbulent home situation—her son and daughter now have successful careers. Tamera herself found the inspiration to launch her own anti-abuse counseling service, “Blessed Babes.” Her training as a registered nurse and her experience on governing boards of agencies engaged in aiding abused women prepared her well for her new career project. Her personal story to Friends was well-timed with respect to our participation in the annual 5K Walk to benefit the Women’s and Children’s Crisis Shelter. Our own Marilyn Fant organizes this event every year for the Shelter’s Right Hand, the principal support organization of the Crisis Shelter. Many Friends from

our meeting turned out for the 22nd annual Walk on April 21 in Uptown Whittier.

On May 8, Wes Murray, a life-long Whittier resident and amateur historian, told of his days as a navigator on board a B-52 aircraft, the U.S.’s first line of defense against attack during the Cold War years. His program title, “Flight from the Black Hole,” whimsically referred to the dark, cramped space in the belly of the 8-engine super-bomber that he shared with another crew member. Wes and his crew flew more than 170 missions, each of which lasted 24 hours or longer, an excruciating experience that he learned to live with. His nuclear-bomber aircraft would routinely fly towards the North Pole and be on instant call to veer over the Pole to bomb the Soviet Union if so ordered. After leaving the Air Force, Wes embarked on a successful career as a landscape architect.

As this reporter browsed through the booths at the annual Founder’s Day Fair in Central Park three days after Wes’ appearance, I recognized Wes Murray demonstrating an amazing hobby-craft. He makes adorable wood-block toy vehicles of all kinds. On behalf of First Friends, I thanked Wes for his interesting presentation at All Friends Fellowship Night.

—Bob Newton



Marilyn Fant gets ready for the start of the Shelter’s Right Hand 5K Walk. Photo by Deanna Woirbaye.



## Fellowship Picnics in the Park

Wednesdays starting June 20\*

At 6:00 p.m.

Michigan Park

at the corner of La Cuarta St. and Michigan Ave.

Bring food and drinks to share  
and your own table service.

\*except July 4



**Quakers in Unity  
New From Friends  
Around the World**

### Friends Committee on National Legislation—

Friends gathered in Richmond, Indiana, in May to celebrate the 75th anniversary of FCNL, the legacy of its founders and to look forward to continued advocacy for peace, justice, and a sustainable planet in the decades to come. [fcnl.org](http://fcnl.org).

**Friends United Meeting—**Do you listen to podcasts on your commute or listen to recordings while working around the house? Some Friendly options to explore include *On Carrying a Concern*, hosted by Callid and Kristina Keefe, featuring stories about the experiences of Friends following leadings into service, *Quaker Faith and Podcast*, hosted by Micah Bales and Mackenzie Morgan, that uses the book *Traditional Quaker Christianity* as an outline for exploring the basics of Quaker faith and practices, and *Young Quaker Podcast*, made by and for young Quakers, and created by Friends from Britain Yearly Meeting. [fum.org](http://fum.org).

**Ramallah Friends School—**Installation has begun on the photovoltaic electrical system on the rooftops of RFS buildings. The system will generate half of the School's consumption, and will save the school around 17,000 shekels per month. [rfs.edu.ps](http://rfs.edu.ps).



## On Our Calendar...

Summer Worship Schedule	July 1—September 2
Friends General Conference Gathering in Toledo, OH	July 1—7
Fellowship Picnics in the Park	Wednesday nights June 20—July 25 (except July 4)
Young Friends Fellowship Retreat at Quaker Center	July 18—22
Peace Camp	July 23—27
Ice Cream Social and Game Night	Saturday, July 28
Solar Celebration and dedication of church solar array	Saturday, September 22
Peace Cafe	Saturday, September 22

## Kelly Kellum Called To Be FUM General Secretary

The Board of Friends United Meeting have accepted the recommendation of the Search Committee to call Kelly Kellum as the next General Secretary of FUM. This recommendation followed an intensive search process including members from throughout the global fellowship of Friends.

Kelly was raised in Burundi, Africa, where his parents were missionaries with Mid-America Yearly Meeting. He is a graduate of Friends University and Asbury Theological Seminary. He served as a pastor among Friends for twenty years and is a member of High Point Friends Meeting in North Carolina.

In his address to the board proceeding their deliberations and choice to call him as General Secretary, Kelly said that as a child of missionaries and a third-culture kid, he finds it difficult to say exactly where he is from. FUM, however, has become his spiritual home: “the place and the people where I belong.”

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 those Friends  
 unable to  
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\*as of fall 2018