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Here Comes the Sun



We're opening our doors and letting the sun shine in on Saturday, September 22 for the dedication of our new solar array and a community open house.

The Solar Celebration will begin at 9:30 a.m. with light breakfast and entertainment. We'll then go into the Meeting House for a short dedication ceremony. We'll go "live" to the roof of Fellowship Hall for a tour of the array and also learn a little about it from representatives of Sunistics, the company that provided and installed the array. City Councilman Henry Bouchot will then metaphorically flip the switch and turn on a new flow of energy in the life of First Friends.

We'll conclude the ceremony with a performance by members of combined community choirs, including the Friends Choir, and invite all to sing along.

Next, we'll invite everyone to take an interactive tour of our church property as we share a little about our facility, the community groups who utilize our buildings, our outreach and educational programs and, of course, the history and vibrant spirit of our corner in Whittier.

The day will conclude with Peace Café in the evening, and the wonderful music and rekindling of social responsibility this event always brings.

Invitations have been extended to a host of local organizations and community leaders to join us for this special day of commitment to our future as we celebrate the ray of light that is Whittier First Friends Church.

—*Elisabeth Elliot*



Oh, the Places We'll Go!

We are adding a little something more, a little something different to our Sunday School Meeting for Learning experience this year. On the first Sunday of each month, the adults and youth will meet at 9:30 a.m. in Sharpless Lounge for an intergenerational adventure. Beginning on October 7, we will begin our sessions on "Discovering our Testimonies through Dr. Seuss." These stories are fun and engaging but, even more important, they are based on life situations and experiences and give us a way to reflect and talk about things that are a part of our lives.

Our primary participants will be meeting in the Children's Library. Jennifer Bermudez will be teaching from Dr. Seuss to complement the intergenerational class. This will be in addition to the Color Me Quaker sessions and bible stories.

Cassie Caringella and Ada Lucus will be working with our youth in the Christian Education Building to reflect on mindfulness, as well as finding and seeking value in all.

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Friendly Fare by Lea Wright

Dear Friends, Although it's been a fun summer, it's been an extra hot summer here in SoCal. I'm almost happy that school has started and we can anticipate fall weather, whatever that is.



Friends Visit: **Ami Troedsson** enjoyed serving lunch in her garden and visiting with **Loletta Barrett**. Special message from Ami, "I so enjoy *'The Living Light,'* because then it seems I am there with you all." **Betsy Wood** and **Norman & Donna Wright** were in town for several days visiting their

mother **Marygene Wright** and other family members.

Friends About Town: **Margaret Nagy**, who is a docent at the Bailey House, helped staff the ice cream social and open house celebrating 150 years, playing her banjo on the front porch to welcome arriving guests. It was a hot day for everyone, especially the costumed docents inside the house, and the ice cream went fast in the backyard. **Avalon Caringella** danced in her first dance recital. Here she is with her mama, **Cassie Caringella**.

Friends Celebrate: Happy Birthday to **Elinore**



Petoletti who celebrated her 90th birthday in July! **Loletta Barrett** and **Deanna Woirhaye** celebrated their shared birthday with **Candice Ryder** and **Barbara Healy Sprague** at Glen Ivy spa. Deanna has her framed photography exhibited at the Whittier Public Library in the Nixon Room showing her version



of "A Week in Whittier." The show will run until September 7. **Marilyn Fant** was treated to a birthday surprise luau by her family and friends

School and Work News: **Barbara Cote** retired from Whittier Public Library after working there for 43 years. For the last 16 years, she did passports and she loved that. The people she helped were so grateful and the staff was wonderful. She hopes to take a vacation or something special. **Christy Tavernelli** joined the Board of Directors of the Earth Quaker Action Team (EQAT), the Quaker environmental activist group, with which she has been involved for several years. EQAT was recently profiled in a lengthy article in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. **Ashley Ryder** started Whittier High School in August, and **Kat Ryder** moved into her dorm at Cal Poly Pomona. **Cedric Woirhaye** moved in at Cal State University Channel Islands.



Friends Travel: While **Tammy Van Dorn** was volunteering/teaching in Lithuania, her family, **Mindy, Tom & Weston Van Dorn**, took a vacation in Hawaii visiting with **Karlene Wright**. Here they are at Rainbow Falls with *The Living Light* continuing our tradition: "*The Living Light Travels.*" (Remember, your

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This Month in Meeting for Worship

- September 2 Ted Marshburn brings the message
Happiness and Gratitude
Matthew 5:1-12, Thessalonians 5:16-18
- September 9 Affirmation Sunday
Loletta Barrett brings the message
The Language of Impossible Words
Isaiah 35:1-10, Mark 7:24-37
- September 16 Whittier Friends School Sunday
The Hope of the Harvest
Genesis 8:22
- September 23 Loletta Barrett brings the message
Become a Friend of God
James 3:13 - 4:8, Mark 9:30-37
- September 30 Loletta Barrett brings the message
Stop Stumbling and Be Salty
Mark 9:38-50

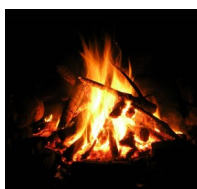


A report of July's Monthly Meeting will appear in the October issue of *The Living Light*.

Monthly Meeting for September is on Affirmation Sunday, September 9 in Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be served, child care provided and all Friends are encouraged to attend and contribute.

Save the Date for Stoking

Stoking the Fire 2019 is June 7-10 at Quaker Hill Conference Center in Richmond, Indiana. Put it on your calendar now!



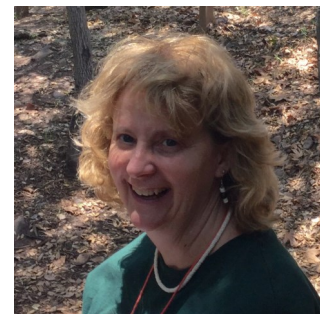
Meeting for Learning Sundays at 9:30 a.m. starting September 9

Pre-K through Second Grade meets in the Children's Library
Third Grade and up meets in the Christian Education Building
Adults meet in Sharpless Lounge

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.

Loletta's Lines

July was filled with Peace Camp for me. Envisioning, planning, preparing and doing. Then I realized "All I ever need to know about life I learned in" Peace Camp! Like Peace Camp, in life every day is a day to learn about and grow in peace.



Now, at the beginning, everyone and everything is new. This can be exciting and scary. So, hold on to exciting. By the second time (day), you will begin to get comfortable, get to know other's names, start learning to listen and practice what you hear. In the middle (Wednesday), you test the boundaries. All boundaries. All rules. All the time. Then, as things begin to wind down, you realize what it (camp/life) is really about, think about how it will be over too soon, and rededicate yourself to getting the most out of it and really enjoying it. Near the end, you think about all the wonder, joy and learning, realize what a great time you had, and cannot believe it is almost over.

Some other Peace Camp realizations: Every person has an important story to tell and needs to have a listener. A 1:1 ratio of speaker to listener, teacher to student, camper to counselor, lover to beloved, can be just right. Taking time to breathe, walk away, and get a new perspective helps make it easier to listen to others and even hear yourself. Finally, many hands, both small and large, working together make big projects possible and wonderful. And everyone can fit together behind the puppet theatre, the lion and the lamb laying down together, and the puppets won't bite or hit anymore.

And something I already knew and was reinforced this week: We have many wonderful, talented, loving, giving Friends willing to share their time and gifts. Thank you to Vikki Kendrick, Marilyn Fant, Lynda Ladwig, Lara Wemmerus, Kathy Hood, Jo Nita Beede, Deanna Woirhay, Cedric Woirhay, Bella Sturr, Barbara Healy Sprague, Ashley Ryder, Anatheia Woirhay, Alene Burke, Ada Lucas, and our wonderful Peace Camp Director, Russ Litchfield. But most especially to Zoe, Zelda, Theodore, Santino, Penelope, Osiris, Landon, Julian, Jaslene, Elyse, Ellie, Derek, Charles, and Avalon, who are the reason for and are the bright Lights of Peace Camp. They make all the effort worthwhile.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP



The trip to Quaker Center was a wonderful experience. At the Homeless Garden, we weeded and cleaned the strawberry plot, picking off the fruit that was no longer edible to feed to the ducks and chickens at the garden and cleared the furrows between the rows of weeds. Adding to the excitement was when the girls weeded out a gopher. I don't know

who was more surprised.

On Friday, we added a new experience to our trip and went to the Horse Sense Education Center just inside Covered Bridge Park. It was there that we had the opportunity to go horseback riding and take part in an exercise known as drawing the horse in, with the purpose of getting the horse to follow you and trust your presence. In learning how to gain trust and let the horse find his own way to you, there were many false starts and changes of heart before the horses were ready to follow. Kristin, the owner of Horse Sense, spoke about the similarities between drawing the horse in and our relationship with God. God stays at the center always watching, always ready and offering guidance, never pushing but always ready to walk alongside of us.

Ice cream following our time at the Homeless Garden and going to the Boardwalk in Santa Cruz have become pleasant traditions. The question of will we be able to find the doughnut and ice cream place is always asked, and then there it is right in front of us, begging us to come in for a single cone the size of your fist. At the boardwalk, some of us enjoyed the art of people watching and conversation while others took pleasure in rides and arcade games. We all enjoyed the bounty of carnival eats. Our time at the Boardwalk came to an end with a ride on the Big Dipper, the oldest wooden roller-coaster in California. Our challenge is that we ride in Quaker silence, giving thanks. This has become a time-honored tradition enjoyed by all and I might add not an easy task.

Throughout our time together through service, games, enjoying nature, working together and discussions, our focus on self-image, self-confidence and affirmation was evident in all. Thank you for your prayers during our trip. And thank you to Mel Sturr, Russ Litchfield, Diane Wemmerus, and Jasmine Sturr for all their hard work and contributions.

—Lynda Ladwig



News from Whittier Friends School

Whittier Friends School is back in the swing of things. Transitional Kindergarten through Sixth Grade began Wednesday, August 29 and Preschool officially begins the first day after Labor Day, Tuesday, September 4. This year in history, our children will be studying early civilization, especially focusing on what makes a community, how and why early humans settled, and how we study about the past. In science, we are focusing on animal habitats and societies, especially focusing on specific biospheres and dinosaurs. We are looking forward to several field trips already planned, including Los Angeles County Fair, Tanaka Farm Pumpkin Patch, King Tut exhibit at California Science Center, Panda IMAX, Getty Villa, and trips to Shannon Center for their outreach music series. We are also planning possible trips to the aquarium, the zoo, and the Natural History Museum.

We are stocking up on school supplies for the new year. If you feel led to support our school with supplies, we always need printer paper (letter and legal size), cardstock paper (letter size), construction paper (large, especially in black, orange, red, and brown), laminating sheets (letter size), large easel pads of paper (white and lined), erasers, staples, jars of applesauce, boxes of crackers, toilet paper, and 3-fold paper towels. We also use Smart & Final gift cards from our scrip program to help pay for preschool snacks and paper towels/toilet paper. This year we are also in need of new board games (appropriate for ages four through twelve). Lastly, we are saving up for new blinds in both classrooms.

We are excited to show you all the new things we will be learning and doing. We will see you at Whittier Friends School Sunday, on Sunday, September 16. Make sure to come by and visit our classrooms after we present our message about the hope of harvest.

—Cassie Caringella



September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Schedule for Sundays Unprogrammed Worship—8:30a First Day Classes—9:30 a Meeting for Worship—11:00a						1
2 Last Summer Meeting for Worship	3	4 7:00a Spiritual Growth Group 9:00a Trustees Meeting	5 3:30p Personnel Committee Meeting 6:30p Business & Finance Committee Meeting	6 7:00p Friends Choir Rehearsal	7	8
9 12:15p Monthly Meeting	10 10:00a Quiltmakers	11 7:00a Spiritual Growth Group	12 6:00p AFFN	13 Friendly Fare Deadline 7:00p Friends Choir Rehearsal	14	15 Living Light Deadline
16 12:15p Christian Education Committee Meeting 12:15p Music Committee Meeting	17 10:00a Quiltmakers 1:30p Writing Class	18 7:00a Spiritual Growth Group	19	20 7:00p Friends Choir Rehearsal	21	22 9:30a Solar Panel Celebration 6:00p Peace Café
23 12:3p Outreach Committee Meeting	24 10:00a Quiltmakers 1:30p Writing Class	25 7:00a Spiritual Growth Group	26 Living Light Folding	27 7:00p Friends Choir Rehearsal	28	29
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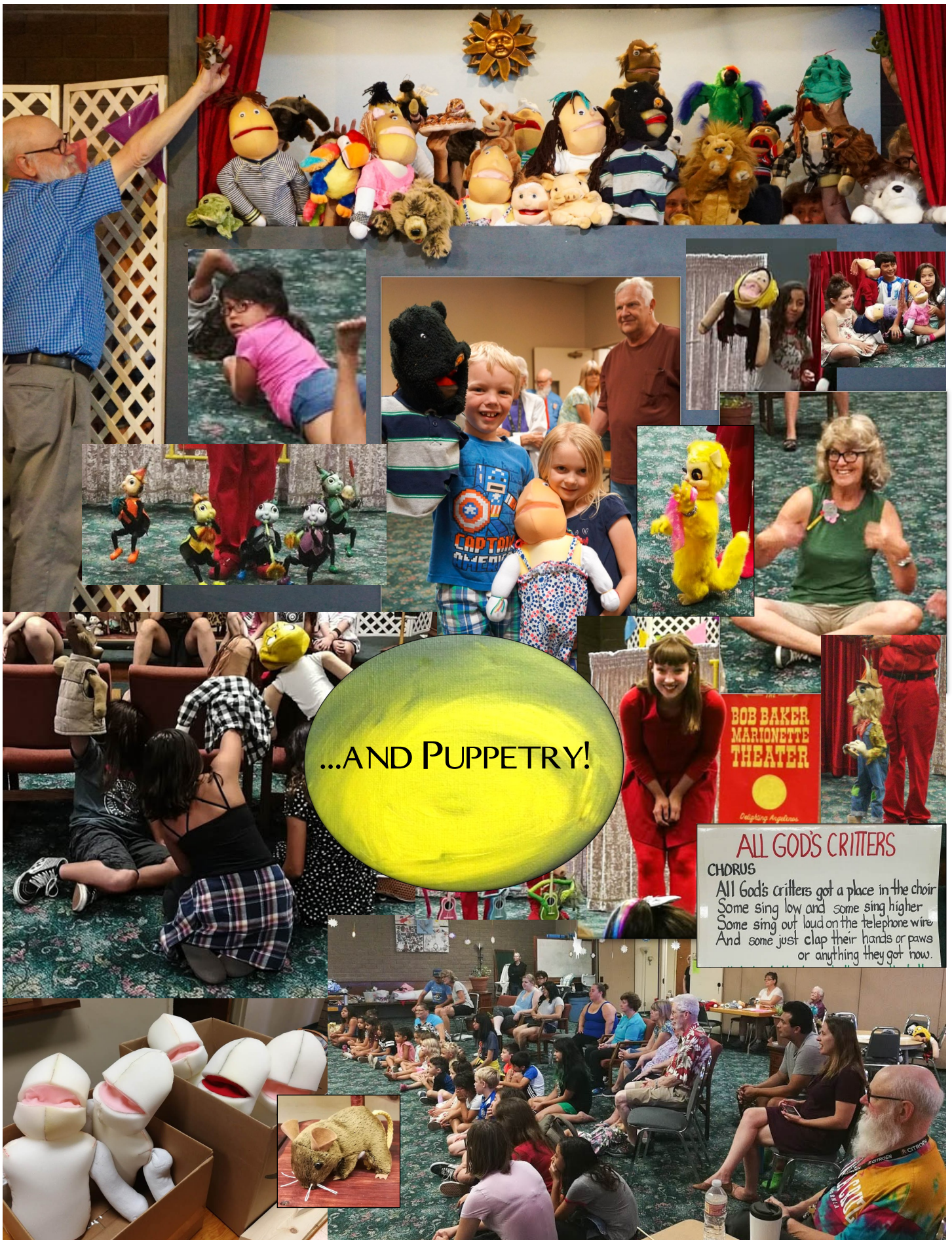
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Lavelle Basham
Mary Boltz
Joanne Camp
Landon Caringella
Anne Eggleton
Martha Fopiano

Lyn Gruber
Randy Hays
Sharon Huffaker
Bonnie Lowenstam-Grace
Preston Mitchell
Lea Thirkettle
Julie Urner

Mindy Van Dorn
Christopher Votaw
Gwen Woirhaye
Mahlon Woirhaye
David 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!





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submissions are welcome and needed.).

Iris, Marina, Clint, and Alyssa Harris visited together in South Carolina for July 4. Iris & **Dave's** first grandchild is expected in February 2019. Woohoo! Marina will be singing solo on September 30 with the Whittier Regional Symphony, formerly known as the Rio Hondo Symphony. In August, **ABCDEGM Woirhaye (Anathea, Brendon, Cedric, Deanna, & Elyse and Gwen & Mahlon)** spent a week's vacation in Laguna Beach, just before all the rush of the children beginning a new school year. The Ryder family spent three days sharing part of the fun time. **Barbara Healy-Sprague** lead a group of family and friends to Santa Cruz Island. They saw



dolphins and two blue whales. **Candice, Bill, & Ashley Ryder** visited the Central Coast. They stayed in Arroyo Grande, and shopped and ate in Pismo Beach, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura Village. On Sunday, August 12, Bill & Candice celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary at Descanso Gardens in La Canada Flintridge. **Elinore Petoletti** traveled the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers by riverboat. **Carrin Bouchard** stayed in Seaside helping daughter **Stacy Day** and husband, **Adam** with the twins & packing up their place for the move back to SoCal during Labor Day weekend.

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, or deliver to me at church on Sunday. See you next month!

Quakers in Unity New From Friends Around the World



Friends Committee on Legislation of California— Last year, FCLCA organized in support of the “sanctuary state” bill to limit state and local law enforcement collaboration with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and to protect immigrants from ICE in state buildings, public schools and community colleges. They also denounced the treatment of asylum seekers and the treatment of parents and children at our border. This year, FCLCA co-sponsored four bills and played an important role in the landmark environmental bill to move California to 100% renewable energy by 2045. Work continues on two key state budget provisions: increasing aid to families on CalWORKs assistance so that no child has to live in deep poverty, and expanding the California Earned Income Tax Credit to include groups previously excluded. Bills that restore a judge’s discretion whether or not to impose a 5-year sentencing enhancement for a previous felony conviction, and regulate the acquisition of military equipment by local law enforcement are both in committee.

You have a story to tell!

Write your memoirs so that future generations will know how life was for you. The 26th year of Carl Nelson’s twelve-week class, “Writing Your Own Life Story” begins Monday, September 17 at 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. There is no critiquing of writing, just support and enjoyment of your stories and ideas for more. Each of us has a unique style of writing and all are great! Please join us for the two-hour sessions on Monday afternoons.

—Gwen Woirhaye



Amazing Messages

It takes Friends to make a meeting. It takes everyone listening to the Spirit, and sharing and giving of themselves. Over the summer we were gifted by many people who brought amazing messages. We began with a celebration in our space decorated with green, growing plants and flags, with “Come on, Get up and Dance.” Then Friends were moved to share their “Visions and Dreams,” by adding stars to the decorations. Diane Wemmerus raised the query: “What do you need?” Community is being open to share and receive, to be vulnerable and ask for help, and willing to grow by being God’s hands for each other. Barbara Cote joined Lynda Ladwig and Loletta Barrett to reflect on “Choices.” Seeing all of life interconnected and in process and God always with us in the choices; choosing to follow God, choosing to apologize when we make a bad choice, choose to make better choices, and even exploring with a Quaker Clearness Committee to help us with our choices. Iris Harris brought us “What’s the Hurry?” an observation about slowing down, not racing and rushing through life and missing what is truly exquisite along the way. We welcomed “home” Lee Riley who grew up in the Meeting. He brought his perspective on affirming life and new life. And Elisabeth Elliot presented “Timshel,” inspired by Steinbeck’s *East of Eden*, a message about how the difference between the words “can” and “may” is more than semantics. Ted Marshburn will close out the summer, and take us into September by sharing some secrets he has gleaned on happiness. And we even fit in a couple of un-programmed meetings where our Best Friend, the Light, Spirit, God spoke to us in the silence. A good summer of worship indeed!

—Loletta Barrett



We look forward to hearing from the youth about their experiences at the Quaker Retreat Center this summer at All Friends Fellowship Night on Wednesday, September 12.

Potluck dinner begins at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall with the program to follow at 7 p.m. Sign up in Founders Court 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. This month there is no charge for children 18 or under with their parents.

—Ted Marshburn

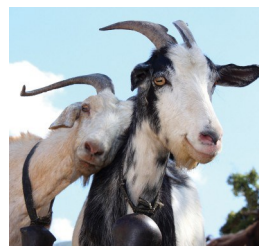
On Our Calendar...

World Quaker Day and Outreach Sunday	October 7
Stewardship Month	October 14 through November 11
New Century Singers Fall Concert	October 21
Pumpkin Carving Party	October 28
Election Day	November 6
Friends Committee on National Legislation Annual Meeting	November 29-December 2
Candy Making	December 1
Family Christmas Dinner	December 9
Family New Years Eve Party	December 31
Chili Cook-Off	January 26

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The adult class will continue to meet in Sharpless Lounge. They start with the study of “The Shalom of God,” addressing the world’s hunger for peace and an exploration of important biblical ideas about peace. This centers on the Hebrew word and concept of shalom. That vision of shalom can deepen our thinking and shape our living for peace because the Bible speaks to our despair. It gives us some goals for peace and a basis to hope that peace will be achieved. Later this year the book “Goat Walking” will be explored. The author, Jim Corbett, has spent much of his life tending goats in Arizona. In “Goat Walking,” he recounts how he became one of the founders of the Sanctuary movement, helping political refugees from El Salvador and Guatemala. “Goat Walking” is a guide for wildland living,” a quest for the peaceable kingdom, and a practical, political and personal reflection of Corbett’s strongly felt philosophy.

—Lynda Ladwig





Remembering Ella Tiffany

Ella Lowther was born September 9, 1929 and was raised in Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania. She was Valedictorian of her graduating class at Conneaut Lake High School. She played piano and basketball and was active in the Tri Hi Y. She started her career at the Malleable Iron Company working as a secretary where she met her future husband Wayne Tiffany.

Wayne went to work for the United States Postal Service where he became a postal worker and letter carrier. He got transferred to California, where he and Ella bought their first and only house in Whittier. Ella joined the Postal Service as well and worked there until she retired. They both loved to spend time in their backyard caring for their plants and fruit trees.



Ella loved to travel! She would research every place in detail ahead of time, to make certain she didn't miss anything. Her favorite places seemed to be Italy, Las Vegas and Hawaii and she liked cruises.

One of Ella's gifts was hospitality. A number of people have shared how she was

always willing to have people stay at her house and to feed them. She loved her family and hosting get-togethers and holiday celebrations. She never forgot a birthday or almost any special event in anyone's life which she would always recognize with a nice card or a phone call.

Ella and Wayne were beloved members of First Friends for many years, and Ella worshipped with us until she moved to a memory care facility in Mission Viejo. Wayne is memorialized by a bench in Founders Court.

Ella served as Recording Clerk for the membership committee (now a part of Ministry and Counsel) and as a member of the Library Committee. She is especially remembered for her service to *The Living Light*, which she prepared for mailing each month for many years. Mary Boltz says that Ella taught her everything she knows about postal regulations!

The Tiffanys did not have children but she is survived by her two sisters, a niece and two nephews.

Ella passed to new life on July 1, 2018 in San Clemente, and is buried in her home state of Pennsylvania. Her life and love for our Meeting will be remembered always and we will miss her dearly.



*I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses
And He walks with me
And He talks with me
And He tells me I am His own
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known...*



Remembering Elizabeth "Betty" Gibson

Elizabeth "Betty" Gibson was born April 30, 1924 in Berkeley, California. She passed away peacefully on June 7, 2018 in Claremont after a long and full life. Betty was the eldest daughter of James Kimber and Mary Coffin Kimber. She and younger sisters Margaret and Mary Louise were raised in Berkeley where the family was active in the Quaker meeting. Betty graduated from Berkeley High School in 1942 and went on to Whittier College to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in 1946. She completed her post-graduate work at University of Southern California and began a long career as a physical therapist.

Betty met first husband James W. Mooney in Salt Lake City where she was working with polio patients in the post-World War II era. They met at a YWCA dance and married in 1950. Children Morris and Peggy were born in Salt Lake City. Youngest daughter Colleen came along in 1957 after the family relocated to Whittier. Betty and Jim spent many busy years working and raising their family in



Whittier and were active in the First Friends Church. They parted ways in the early 1980's after their children were grown.

In 1982, Betty met Donald Gibson and they married in February 1983. They moved from Whittier to Mt. San Antonio Gardens in Claremont where they spent many happy years together traveling, socializing with friends and enjoying their retirement.

Betty is survived by daughters Peggy Mooney Rowe and Colleen Mooney Hogan, son-in-law Mark Hogan, grandson Jared Wycoff, granddaughter Rachel Wycoff Janicke, grandson-in-law Joe Janicke, sister Mary Duncan, brother-in-law Douglas Duncan, stepsons Don and Steve Gibson and their families, and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by husbands James Mooney and Donald Gibson, son Morris and sister Margaret Martindale.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to First Friends.



*...He speaks and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing
And He walks with me
And He talks with me
And He tells me I am His own
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known...
I'd stay in the garden with Him
'Tho the night around me be falling
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling
And He walks with me
And He talks with me
And He tells me I am His own
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known.*

—In The Garden
by C. Austin Miles
from John 20

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Affirmation Sunday is September 9

We are affirming and rejoicing in our community and preparing for the wonderful year ahead as we return to the Meeting House for Meeting for Worship at 11:00 a.m.

There are so many ways we can affirm our connections to the Meeting: attending, supporting, serving, assisting, inviting, practicing and the list goes on.

What will you affirm?



*Please
remember in
prayer
those Friends
unable to
worship with
us regularly.*

Peggy Anderson
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