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Getting Ready for Yearly Meeting and Changes for OVYM Quill

As indicated in the last edition of the *Quill*, Annual Sessions of Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting is just around the corner. This newsletter holds all the registration forms, information, and notification of all the events planned for you and your family.

Yearly Meeting, once again, will be held at Earlham College in Richmond, IN from July 25-29, 2007. It's theme is "Growing Our Faith to Transform the World" and will include two exceptional plenary speakers, Margaret Fraser and Paul Buckley.

Please read all the information concerning Annual Sessions provided on page 3 and view the schedule of events on pages 8-9. After reviewing all the details, take time to fill out the registration forms and send them to our registrar, Lisa Cayard, 5712 Brant Rd; Morrow, OH 45152-2557. All registrations must be mailed by July 8 for the early bird special rate. No registrations will be taken via phone or by internet. All must be sent to the registrar. For further information refer to OVYM's blog site: www.quaker.org/ovym.



This is the last edition of the *Quaker Quill* under the editorship of Barbarie Hill (seen in photo reading to her grandchild). Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting has been blessed with the editorial and journalistic talents of this special lady, who has devoted many, many years of tireless service to this Yearly Meeting.

As Barbarie steps down and moves toward retirement, Annie Glen will be assuming her role. Annie is a member of Hopewell Meeting in Whitewater Quarter and has experience in layout and design of community newspapers. The new look of the banner and the design of this issue is a combination of both Barbarie and Annie's talents.

The next issue of the *Quill* will be entirely completed by Annie. Please send all submissions to a newly created email address specifically for the *Quill*. The new email address is quakerquill@gmail.com. Annie will be referring to that email address for all information to include in the next issue.



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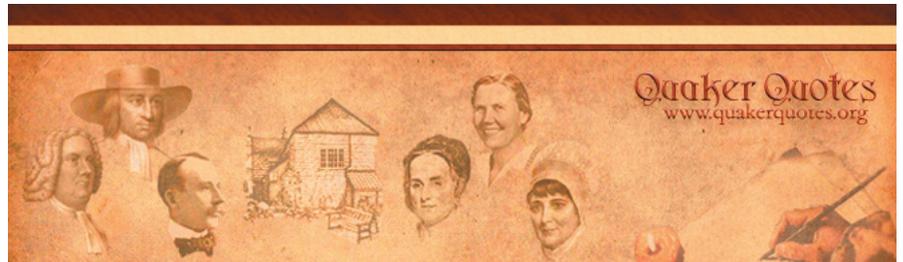
For a recent FGC consultation for yearly meeting clerks I was asked to describe a challenge that was facing our Yearly Meeting this year. What struck me as I wrote about my experience was that the challenge facing us this year was different from that of previous years; and that although there was still much work to be done, I felt good about where we were as a Yearly Meeting. It is the good that has stayed with me since writing that piece. Rather I am acutely aware that as I work with and for Friends, it is the joy that I experience not the frustrations that stay with me.

I have accepted that joy as one of the gifts God gives to me daily. A gift that one easily forgets when caught up in the trials of our daily life as volunteers, parents, or professionals. Each committee meeting, phone call, or e-mail becomes a moment where God is reminding me to be intentional, to make space for others, thus finding Spirit in those with whom I live and move. When in worship this Spirit is magnified by the silence and the gathering of the body. I feel fortunate that many of the consultations and committee meetings I attend are held in places of beauty for I find such settings help me to reach that deeper place, but Rufus Jones reminds us that "even the minutest things reveal it (beauty)" and "wherever it can break through, ...our joy in it shows that we are in some sense kindred to the giver and the revealer of it."

For these reasons I look forward to this year's Yearly Meeting Sessions to be held at Earlham College. Another opportunity is available to me to meet with Friends in worship and business. I know there will be joy, perhaps even a blessing or two. The setting is a beautiful one. The accommodations are about as deluxe as one could hope for on a college campus. Join us.

"These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full" John 15:11

Virginia Wood
Presiding Clerk



You will say, Christ saith this, and the apostles say this; but what canst thou say? Art thou a child of Light and hast walked in the Light, and what thou speakest is it inwardly from God?

George Fox



"A visitor to a Quaker meeting stands up after five minutes of silence and asks, "When does the service begin?" An old Friend rises after a brief reflection and says, "Service begins when the worship ends"

Reports

OVYM Middle Youth Epistle 5/5-6/07

Today we worked hard. This weekend six middle youth from several meetings in OVYM (Lexington, Community, Clear Creek) and four adults went on a delightful bicycle trip along the rails-to-trails path from Loveland to Morrow in eastern Cincinnati. This shaded and level path extends from Milford to Yellow Springs – a distance of about 50 miles. We traveled 16 miles along the shores of the Little Miami River. At Morrow we turned off the trail and began to climb a hill that would have made Lance Armstrong quail. But we were driven on knowing that there was lunch waiting at the house of Lisa Cayard and Mark Roberts. We ate our lunch on the deck of their beautiful log house and enjoyed the view over the Little Miami River valley. The middle youth then went over to the Cayard's and Robert's neighbors' basket-ball court and played basketball while the adults had a much needed rest. Thus rejuvenated we cycled back the same way but mercifully now traveling predominantly down hill. The law of diminishing returns held true as it took us much less time to get back to Loveland even including a stop for delicious ice cream and Gatorade in Morrow. The cyclists were rained upon at the end of the trip, but by then, despite being tired and soaked, the youth were in such high spirits the rain did little to dampen them. We finished the day with dinner at a great Chinese restaurant: The Dragon Wok. Then four of the middle youth and two adults spent the night at the Community Friends meeting house. On first day the middle youth had first day school and the adults had meeting for worship. In first day school the middle youth practiced finding their safe places by relaxing and waiting to be enlightened by the divine spirit. Then they went down for meeting for worship and tried what we had just practiced in first day school. After that the middle youth played games with each other until lunch. Then we took a short break and ate lunch. We whined and complained that we had to go because we had such a good time. We went home pledging our determination to get back together as soon as possible.

From the Finance Committee

For some, the word budget elicits a yawn at best. For others, it prompts a slight tremor as they contemplate laboring to examine rivers of numbers— all designed, they suspect, to numb the mind. Other Friends see the numbers as lights, guideposts, statements of intentions for future action. We—the members of the Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting Budget and Finance Committee—hope to help Friends envision the budget as directions for future paths. Because without the combined wisdom of every member of our yearly meeting, the budget is in danger of failing as a guide.

Friends' Wisdom

The need for that combined wisdom is more important now than ever before because last year OVYM approved a new, more Friendly way to finance its operation. Effective for fiscal year 2008-09, each monthly meeting will no longer be given an "assessment" based on its member count to finance the yearly meeting's operation. Instead, after examining the yearly meeting's projected expenses for its varied activities and assessing how valuable it considers that work, monthly meetings will be asked to consider how much it wishes to contribute—to covenant—to the yearly meeting. Based on the total amount covenanted by each monthly meeting, the yearly meeting's budget will be adjusted up or down as needed. The goals of the covenanting process are to involve the monthly meetings in setting the financial priorities of the yearly meeting and to ask the monthly meetings to discern how much financial support they are able to provide.

2007-08 Draft OVYM Budget

	Fiscal 2007 Budget	Fiscal 2007 9-month Actual	Fiscal 2008 Draft
General Fund Summary (Table 2008-5)			
INCOME			
Assessments	68,337	48,261	71,900
Interest	500	524	500
Other Income	0	28	0
Adjustments	0	200	0
Contributed Travel Expenses	0	25	1,900
Sales of Disciplines	25	18	25
Total Income	\$68,862	\$49,056	\$74,325
EXPENSES			
Administration	2,105	397	2,765
Clerical support	600	182	800
Salary & Benefits	21,650	14,983	21,326
Archives	600	600	600
Other	200	0	0
Peace & Social Concerns	980	153	890
Advancement & Nurture	355	0	355
Religious Education	1,200	0	1,200
Middle Youth	1,050	0	250
Teen Program	4,370	553	5,070
Ad Hoc FWCC 2008 Arrangements			200
Committee Travel	2,500	42	2,500
Publications	4,800	3,418	4,400
Representative Travel	7,000	4,490	6,500
Yearly Meeting Sessions	8,175	10,699	9,900
Trans to FWCC Tri. Travel	1,000	1,000	1,000
Trans to Discipline Printing Fund	500	500	500
Contributions by OVYM (see page 2 for details)	16,100	16,100	16,100
Total Expenses	\$73,185	\$53,117	\$74,358
Net General Fund Gain (Loss)	-\$4,324	-\$4,062	-\$31

Income and expenses reimbursed since last July.

This is the amount we anticipate receiving from monthly meetings

The estimated travel expenses that individual Friends absorb rather than billing YM.

Funds go to Wilmington College Library for archiving our minutes and historical records.

RE and A&N committees are in transition and the amounts listed are from last year's budget. These numbers may change before yearly meeting.

Funds for planning to host the FWCC Section of the Americas next year.

Net cost of yearly meeting Sessions.

Funds being set aside for printing of new Discipline

See page 2 (over) for donation details.



Stout Meeting House
Earlham College

Growing Our Faith to Transform the World

2007 Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting Sessions: July 25-29

What you are offered are five days of spiritual refreshment, intellectual stimulation, and an opportunity to make new (F)riendships and renew old ones as Friends of Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting's monthly meetings gather at Earlham College to participate in activities designed to support and sustain the spiritual lives of yearly meeting Quakers.

As a member of your monthly meeting, you are also a member of the yearly meeting where members and attenders are warmly invited to participate in the 2007 yearly meeting sessions.

Friends from Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky gather for two to five days, depending upon employment and other commitments, with attendance swelling as Friends arrive for Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday morning sessions. Program offerings include two evening plenary sessions with a major address on both Thursday and Friday evening. Four or five different workshops, offered every afternoon, address an array of Quakerly issues and concerns, provide much food for thought and discussion.

Shared meals with other attendees provide informal opportunity to share ideas, experiences, and extended discussion beyond the workshops and business sessions.

The Yearly Meeting bookstore offers opportunity to examine books for sale by and about Quakers

and Quakerism not commonly found in a single location; included are those authored and/or chosen by plenary speakers.

Any Friend with a special interest is encouraged to schedule a special interest group session that may be held any evening following an evening's major activity. Schedule your event upon arrival.

For youth and teenagers, separate recreational opportunities abound for canoeing, bicycle trips, and swimming interspersed with content loaded interactive programming to encourage young people to think, listen to and exchange ideas with peers and adult leaders about their lives and religious faith. Baby sitting, preschool and elementary age offerings are also included. During the week each age group helps prepare several acts for the Saturday evening talent show, enjoyed by Friends young and old.

Opportunities abound for worship sharing, viewing exhibits, group singing, and alternate worship. Meeting for worship with a concern for business is at the heart of morning activity alternating with afternoon workshop sessions.

For more information: (812) 332-8709 or morganj@bloomington.in.us. After June 1, registration details at: www.quaker.org/ovym

(Earlham College has no yearly meeting information and asks not to be contacted, please.)

Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting
July 25 – 29, 2007 at Earlham College
REGISTRATION

Name(s) _____
 E-mail _____ Telephone _____
 Monthly Meeting _____

Please list all attenders. List ages of underage attenders. For adults, list the number of the workshops you would like to attend on Thursday and Friday from the list below.

First and Last Name	Please give ages of minor attenders:			Workshop Numbers:	
	Jr. 0-11	MY 11-14	Teen 14-18	Thursday	Friday

Workshop Choices: Enter numbers in table above from the following choices:

Thursday

1. Alternatives to Violence, Part I
2. Review of Basic Quakerism
3. Transforming our Relationship with Food and the Land
4. Workshop with Margaret Fraser

Friday

1. Alternatives to Violence, Part 2
2. “Be Ye Transformed”
3. Quaker Message in songs and chants
4. Intergenerational Activity in Meeting
5. Health Care for all

Special Needs: Who in your party are vegetarian? _____
 Other special needs _____

Lodging: All rooms will be in air conditioned dorms this year. All children, middle youth and teens must have a parent or sponsor staying in their dorm. Please indicate which family members will be in the same room: _____
 _____ or if you want to share a room with someone who is not on this form: _____

Keys: Earlham charges \$40 for each lost room key. OVYM will cover the cost when reported, but the individual losing the key is asked to reimburse the yearly meeting for this cost at the end of sessions.

Items to bring: You MUST bring your own sheets, blankets, pillows, and towels. None are available at Earlham. Also bring an alarm clock. Middle Youth should bring a bicycle and helmet if available.

Early Registration fee: \$20 for registrations received by July 8.

Regular registration fee: \$30 for registrations received after July 8. This fee covers the yearly meeting’s use of campus facilities including the wellness center, weight room, wireless internet service, staff services, and golf cart for those who need mobility assistance.

Arrival (circle): Wed Thurs Fri Sat Morning Afternoon Evening

Middle Youth Program participants are those aged 11, 12, 13 or 14 on July 26, 2007. 11 year olds may choose either the Children's Program or the Middle Youth Program. 14 year olds may choose either the Middle Youth Program or the Teen Program.

Teen Program participants are those aged 14 on July 26, 2007, through those who graduated from high school in 2007. 14 year olds may choose either the Middle Youth group or the Teen group.

Parents Please Note: All teens and middle youth must be housed with their parent(s) or a designated sponsor. **If the teen's parents will not be staying in the dorm with them (for example there is a middle youth sibling), another person who is staying in that dorm must be designated as the teen's dorm sponsor. Parents and sponsors must agree to the following responsibilities:**

1. Attend the parent/sponsor orientation meeting at 9:15 Wednesday evening
2. Parents/sponsors are responsible for teens after 11:00 PM except Saturday
3. Make sure the 11:00 PM quiet time is honored, and that youth stay in the dorm after this time
4. Teen parents/sponsors are responsible for monitoring the teens on your hall one night during yearly meeting after lights are out, to make sure they are quiet and in their own rooms. (parents/sponsors will each take one night.)

All Middle Youth and Teens must have a permission slip on file to participate in these programs. Please be sure to send the attached forms to the registrar with the rest of your reservation. Copy this form if registering more than one youth or teen.

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

When will you arrive? _____ How long can you stay? _____

Parent or Sponsor: _____
(Each Middle Youth or Teen must have a parent or sponsor staying in the same dorm)

Parent/ Guardian Consent and Medical Release: I give my consent for _____
_____ to participate in the Teen or Middle Youth program at the OVYM sessions held at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, July 25 – 29, 2007. I hereby release the OVYM and its staff and volunteers from any liability for any injury or illness my son/daughter may experience during the Yearly Meeting. I authorize the staff or volunteers of OVYM, or the above-named sponsor, to consent to any emergency care that may be needed in my absence, following recommendations of qualified health care providers. In the event that my son/daughter needs special medications and is unable to administer them, I give permission for an adult to administer the medications. I will be responsible for any medical treatment.

Parent/guardian signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

Registrar's Notes:

Earlham College requires that we let them know a guaranteed number of participants two weeks before yearly meeting begins. OVYM will have to pay the first day's meals and room for anyone who registers but does not attend. We are therefore asking for a \$50 deposit to complete the registration process by July 8. The deposit is not refundable after July 8. Anyone who has difficulty paying for the cost of attending Yearly Meeting should first ask your monthly meeting if any assistance is available. Miami Quarterly Meeting also has funds available to support attendance at Yearly Meeting through the Cincinnati Fund. Contact Richard Mitchell at (859) 277-6101 or Susan Hyde at (937) 767-7756 for information about this resource.

There will not be a key deposit this year. Earlham charges \$40 for lost keys. We ask that anyone who loses a key reimburse OVYM for this expense. We will again provide those handy lanyards to help keep track of keys. We had no lost keys for the past two years, so let's try to continue this great record!

Earlham College does not provide linens or towels, so it is very important for everyone to bring towels, pillows, sheets and blankets or sleeping bags. Alarm clocks and reading lamps are also helpful. You may also want to bring snacks for evening get-togethers. Middle Youth should bring a bicycle and helmet if available.

Please stop by the registrar's desk frequently to chat and maybe help out. I'm looking forward to seeing you all!
Your registrar, Lisa Cayard

Yearly Meeting Schedule of Events

Growing our Faith to Transform the World

	Adults	Teen	Middle Youth (MY)	Children
	Wilkinson auditorium, Runyon Ctr.	tba	tba	Orchard Room, Runyon Ctr.
Wednesday - Registration 12 - 9 pm				<i>Site Manager: Diann Herzog</i>
12:00 Noon Peace Vigil, Courthouse Square, Richmond				
2:30-5:00 Worship & Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business	2:30 - 5:00 Get acquainted	2:30 - 5 Get Acquainted/ Game	2:15 - 5 Program - get acquainted activities; set up the classroom	
4-6 pm Open Swim 5:15 - 6:15 Dinner				
6:15 Newcomer Orientation (cafeteria side room) 6:15 - 6:45 Singing	6:30-7:00 Schedule, program		6:30 - 7 Children & Sponsor Orientation - meet the teachers; discuss plans	
7:00- 9:00	Get Acquainted Activity - ALL AGES, and Welcoming Worship at 8:00		Runyon	
9:15 - 10 Interest Groups	9:00 - 10 Parent /Sponsor /Teen Meeting	9-10 Parents meet with middle youth leaders and staff	With Parents	
10-12 Social time-Coffee Shop	10 - 11 Teen Time in dorms	10 - Quiet time	10 - Quiet time	
11 - Quiet time in dorms				
Thursday - Registration 7:30-8:00 AM, 12:15-12:45 and 5:15-5:45 PM				<i>Site Manager:</i>
7:00 - 7:30 Worship - Stout Meeting House; Walking Meditation (start from Runyon)				
7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast				
8:45 - 9:45 Worship Sharing in College Hall	8:45-5:00 Canoe Trip	8:45-12:15 Program	8:45 - 9:30 Worship Sharing	
10 - 12:30 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business	(Adults Welcome)		9:30 - 12 Program	
12:15 - 1:15 Lunch	Packed Lunch	12:15-1:15 Lunch	12:15 - 1:15 Lunch	
1:45 - 3:15 Workshops †		1:30-5 Program	1:30 - 5	
3:30 - 5 Business				
4 - 5:15 Open Swim 5:15 - 6:15 Dinner				
6:15 - 6:45 Singing	Gather for Plenary	6:15:8:45 Program	With Parents	
7 - 8:30 Plenary Session: Margaret Fraser, FWCC			6:45 - 8:45 Program	
9 - 10 Interest Groups.	Ichthys House, Clyde Johnson, Interest Groups	With Parents	With Parents	
10-12 Social time-Coffee Shop	10 - 11 Teen Time (dorm)	10 - Quiet time in dorms	10 - Quiet time in dorms	
11 - Quiet time in dorms				
† Thursday Workshops:				
Stan Zarowin. Alternatives to Violence Project Workshop or What I Learned in Prison - 1			Landrum Bolling Center	
Review of Basic Quakerism. Bruce Heckman.			Landrum Bolling Center	
Williams and Cahalan. Transforming Our Relationship with Food and the Land.			Landrum Bolling Center	
Margaret Fraser, FWCC.			Landrum Bolling Center	

The Bookstore is in the Leeds Gallery in Runyon. Coffee and Registration are in the lounge outside Leeds Gallery. The exhibits area is the corridor in Runyon. The Art Gallery is in the Landrum Bolling Center 124. The Silent Center is in Stout Meeting House.

Yearly Meeting Schedule of Events

Adults	Teen	Middle Youth	Children
Wilkinson auditorium, Runyon Ctr.	Norwich Center	Bundy	Orchard Room, Runyon Ctr.
Friday - Registration 7:30-8:00 AM, 12:15-12:45 and 5:15-5:45 PM Runyon			<i>Site Manager:</i>
7:00 - 7:30 Worship - Stout; Walking Meditation starts from Runyon			
7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast			
8:45 - 9:45 Worship Sharing 10 - 12:30 Meeting for worship with Attention to Business	9:15 - 11:00 Meeting for worship with attention to business	8:45 - 5:00 Canoe Trip	8:30 - 12 Program
12:15-1:15 lunch			12:15 lunch
1:45 - 3:15 Workshops †			1:30 - 4:30 Field Trip
3:30 - 4:30 Memorial Meeting - Stout			
4 - 5:15 Open Swim			
5:15 - 6:15 Dinner			
6:15 Newcomer orientation			
6:15 - 6:45 Singing			
7 - 8:30 Plenary Session: Paul Buckley, OVYM			6:45-8:45 Program
9 - 10 Evening Workshop - Health Care for All, Interest Groups, Evening worship sharing	9-10 Ichthys House, Clyde Johnson, Interest Groups	With Parents	With Parents
10-12 Social time-Runyon coffee shop	10 - 11 Teen Time in dorm	10 - Quiet time in dorms	10 - Quiet time in dorms
11 - Quiet time in dorms			
† Workshops: Friday			LOCATION
Stan Zarowin. Alternatives to Violence Project Workshop or What I Learned in Prison (2)			Landrum Bolling Center
Paul Buckley. Be Ye Transformed.			Landrum Bolling Center
Paulette Meier. Internalizing the Quaker message through songs and chants.			Landrum Bolling Center
Religious Education workshop (intergenerational, children in meeting)			Landrum Bolling Center
Peace and Social Concerns - Health Care for All - Richard Mitchell			Landrum Bolling Center
Saturday - Registration 7:30-8:00 am; 12:15-12:45 pm; 5:15 - 5:45 pm			<i>Site Manager:</i>
7:00 - 7:30 Worship - Stout; Walking Meditation (start from Runyon)			
7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast			
8:45 - 9:45 Worship Sharing 10 - 12:30 Meeting for worship with Attention to Business	8:45-2 p.m. Service trip to Lauramore	8:30-12 Program	8:30 - 12 Program
12:15 - 1:15 Lunch			12:15 - 1:15 Lunch
1:30-3:00 Living Witness: ? 3:15-5:00 Simply Speaking: Teens meet Adults + Ice Cream Social at Lauramore		1:30-5:00 Program	1:30-5:00 Program
5:15 - 6:15 Dinner			
6:15 - 6:45 Singing			
7:00 Variety Show			7:30 - 8:30 Childcare for ages birth-7, as needed
9 - 11 Social Time Runyon. Bring copies of Rise Up Singing.	9-10 Ichthys House, Interest Groups	With Parents	With Parents
	10-11 Teen time	10 - Quiet time in dorm	10 - Quiet time in dorms
11 - Quiet time in dorms			
Sunday - Registration 7:30-8:00 a.m., Runyon			<i>Site Manager:</i>
7:00 - 7:30 Worship - Stout Meetinghouse; Walking Meditation (start from Runyon)			
7:30-8:30 Breakfast			
8:45-9:45 Worship Sharing	8:45 - 9:45 Closing & Epistle	8:45 - 9:45 Closing & Epistle	8:45 - 9:45 Work on Epistles and clean up
10:00 - 11:00 Business Meeting and read Epistles			
11:15 - 12:15 Worship - Stout Meetinghouse			
12:30 - 2:00 Lunch and Committee Meetings - 2 p.m. Checkout			

Meeting News

Campus Meeting

-Jim and Millie Ramsey, correspondents

At the Fellowship Breakfast preceding the Meeting for Worship on April 1, a DVD, "Searching for Peace in the Middle East" by Landrum Bolling was shown.

Also on the afternoon of April 1, a Quaker Lecture, "Margaret Fell and Discernment", was given by Michael Birkel in the Quaker Heritage Meetinghouse. Following the lecture a new exhibit on John Woolman opened in the Quaker Heritage Center.

A new activity is being introduced on the fifth Sunday in those months that have a fifth Sunday. These sessions are being held from 9:15-10:15 a.m. prior to Meeting for Worship. The first such session was held on Sunday, April 29 with Bob Powell and Richard Coleman participating.

A peace candle practice that has now spread to eight countries is being established by Campus Meeting. A lit candle is placed on a table during Meeting for Worship. Candles are made available to visitors to take back to their own meeting. A leaflet is available to go with the candles.

Gretchen Huddleston, of a distant location, wishes to maintain membership in memory of her father, Phil Holmes, a member of Campus Friends, who dies last year.

Again it is Campus Friends' turn on June 2 to provide and serve lunch at Your Father's Kitchen, a downtown local food pantry. Member Linda Sears has taken responsibility for this the past two times.

Blessed with gorgeous early spring weather, Campus Friends held a weekend retreat at Quaker Knoll April 20-22. The theme of the retreat entitled "Is God Green?" dealt with the environment and land stewardship. On Saturday, April 21, Jim Ramsey, local naturalist, and his wife, Millie, meeting members, conducted a nature walk for the group.

Clear Creek Meeting

-Erica Pearson, correspondent

Clear Creek is blessed to have many members and attenders who travel widely, in many forms of ministry. These include visiting other meetings, representing our meeting on committees, serving on the boards of Friends' organizations at the national level,

attending peace and justice demonstrations, and participating in interfaith dialogue. Although we miss their presence in worship as they travel, we are grateful for their service, and hope that we sustain and support each other even when we are not together on First Day morning.

Recently two attenders of our meeting, Erin McDougall and Andrew Esser-Haines, who are ESR and Earlham College students respectively, have felt called to travel this summer, leading workshops at various gatherings. These will focus on intrafaith dialogue among Friends, sharing history about divisions and reunifications within the Religious Society of Friends, and empowering leadership among Quaker youth and young adults. We look forward to hearing about their experiences when they return in the fall.

We also appreciate the quiet and loving service that others offer at home, as Friends visit those who are sick or injured, listen to each other in spiritual friendships and spiritual direction, make coffee and wash cups, care for and teach our children, and explore new insights in the Women's Spirituality group and the Book Discussion group.

Dayton Friends Monthly Meeting

-Terri Scarpelli, correspondent

Our current clerk is David Wood. Assistant clerk is Carolyn Applegate.

On Easter morning Dayton Friends met at the Scarpelli home for breakfast, worship, and an Easter egg hunt. As none of our younger children were present, the two older youth who were present hid the eggs, and the adults did the hunting!

Topics for our recent second hour discussions have included racism and the Resurrection. During our most recent discussion we looked at some things which may aid in addressing the draft queries for the 2007 OVYM sessions.

Our women's group meets each week on Thursday mornings for fellowship and book discussion. Our Peace and Social Concerns Committee is continuing plans to educate our youth and the local community about military recruitment and conscientious objection. They are also working on contact with AFSC in order to work together with their staff on this project. The committee has established files for our youth as a record in the event they wish to make a claim as a conscientious objector, and is in the process of writing a letter for each file.

Meeting News

Janis Fisher was welcomed into our meeting as a new member on April 29th, as we gathered for dinner, conversation, and getting to know Janis even better. We feel extremely fortunate that Janis has joined us.

Nikki Coffey Tousley and Barb Robinson attended the OVYM Advancement and Nurture Committee workshop on Outreach in April. It was a useful reminder of things we discussed at our retreat a year ago, and involved more reflection on the barriers to outreach.

We would like to remind you that Dayton Friends will be holding a memorial service for Marjorie Smith at our meeting place, which is Mack Memorial Church of the Brethren in Dayton. The service will take place on June 17 at 2:00 p.m.

One of our Young Friends, Anna Henry, graduates from Northmont High School this spring. She has been named one of their valedictorians and has been awarded a spot to speak at her graduation on May 27th. She has accepted admission to the University of Dayton in the College of Engineering, Department of Chemical and Materials engineering.

We extend hearty congratulations and best wishes to Anna! Plans are under way for a gathering sometime during the summer so that we may honor Anna for her success and hard work.

We are beginning to make plans for a Meeting retreat this coming fall.

Eastern Hills Friends Meeting *-Susan Krug, correspondent*

Jim Coppock assumed the position of clerk for monthly meeting beginning April, 2007. We look forward to a busy and productive year as Friends assume their continuing or new roles as officers and committee members.

Eastern Hills Friends continue to learn about the faith journeys of members and attenders through sharing scheduled during the first meeting for worship each month. Susan Krug, Hugh Keily, and Cassandra Staples have shared their experiences this past quarter. We also continue to schedule second hour learning experiences on the Second Sunday each month.

Twenty Friends gathered at the home of Lyn and Dick Day for an Easter potluck. Friends spent the afternoon visiting around the

warmth of a fireplace and ventured outdoors amidst snow flurries to hunt for Easter baskets on this chilly spring day.

The annual spring workday was held on May 6. Friends joined together to paint and refurbish the ladies room and elementary classroom, repair the sump pump and prepare the gardens and shrubbery for the growing season. A well deserved sack lunch and social gathering was enjoyed by all.

Scheduled classes for First Day School end on May 27 and plans are underway for the coming year. We look forward to visits from our college student members during the summer and hope to learn more about Daniel Coppock's experience in Amman, Jordan.

For Friends in the Cincinnati area, we encourage you to check out the series of articles about Poverty and Addiction by Michael Henson in Street Vibes.

Hopewell Meeting *-Sherita Saffer-Campbell, correspondent*

Hopewell Meeting is happy to announce that one of our own has graduated ESR, Annie Glen had a party for all on May 5 and is now ready for work with love and understanding of the Light. Good luck with the job search Annie.

We have been reading Brent Bill's book, *Minding The Light*, and are looking forward to a visit and discussion with him about the many facets of Light, and light. How to see it and accept what we see.

We are still having work weeks to spruce up the Meeting house as good stewards should. There have delays due to work and school commitments. Some sickness and some early vacations. But we are back on track reserving the second hour of Meeting, usually reserved for discussion, as inter generational, with outside planting and designing our peace garden. Tom Glen is measuring and laying out the circumference of the labyrinth so we put flowers and benches in appropriate places and have wide walking space as we walk. The children are excited about planting flowers and designing rocks to place there. We are gathering rocks from our members and past adventures, using the old foundation of the Quaker school that once stood there and things we love as part of our garden.

The children will be working on a picnic table for the peace garden for our outside picnics and discussion times.

Meeting News

Several of the First Day school attenders went on a field trip on the Knightstown Railroad. They invited family and friends to a picnic first, at the Knightstown park, then a short trip to the railroad station. Thirty of us attended this extra event and had a very good time.

We are planning a day of learning the names of trees that surround our Meeting House and making information cards about the trees. Our scientist teacher, Sally Wilson, is going to guide us in this learning process.

We hope by fall to have most of our work completed. We want the garden to be a continuing event, changing with the seasons, added to by members and attenders with love. We worked briefly on learning how to be more cognizant of our natural resources and to buy local. We planned our attendance at OLYM and choose what items on the budget we felt were not in our best interest and what we could truly support.

We are concerned about three members who have serious health issues and hold them in the Light.

We continue to hold the Light to all of those people who walk, work and die to bring Peace to our planet. We hold in the Light all of those who have chosen the path of violence, that their hearts may be softened and they can learn to walk in the Light of peace. May your summer bring you joy, happiness, love and peace. May your Light continue to brighten your world.

See you at OLYM.

Lexington Friends Meeting *-Gail Koehler, correspondent*

The first line of our state of the meeting report reads: "The strength of Lexington Friends is the experience of the collective group seeking the truth of the Spirit within each of us." Our collective seeking continues after our annual retreat at Pine Mountain where ESR graduate Annie Glen led us in the appreciative inquiry process. We are now taking the process to friends who could not attend the retreat as we labor towards making decisions regarding our goals as a meeting and what that means for our physical building.

Since February, a program of spiritual friendships began and recently many of those involved met for lunch after First Day worship to report and evaluate. The program has been a great suc-

cess and most groups are continuing; some new matches are in the works, too.

Fellowship potlucks have included juggling, a movie night, and a White Elephant auction. Proceeds from the auction were split between the Quaker concern Right Sharing for World Resources and a local group, BUILD – an interfaith group concerned with community justice within our city.

Joys include our welcoming of a new Friend into membership. A number of Friends continue to struggle with health issues. Singing Friends have taken worship to them since they cannot always be with us on First Day.

Our First Day school attention has been focused on the testimony of Integrity; the Easter story; and an introduction to the book of Acts which culminated in a creative puppet interpretation of some key stories, performed at rise one First Day. Our adult First Hour discussions continue to be lively and well attended.

The healing meditations led by one Friend for the past six months have ended, she says, because it is time to go and plant gardens! Our Carlisle Friend continues to hold worship in that community.

And Friends continue to witness for peace every week at the Thursday evening vigil held downtown.

Louisville Friends Meeting *-Donna Bisset, correspondent*

We have been enjoying David Korten's book, "The Great Turning" and finding the topic of stewardship for our planet, our communities and ourselves interesting. The group has been small but worthwhile in connecting with one another on different levels.

We finished two Caring Quilts recently for Friends in Meeting in need of "frequent hugs." Both quilts were tied-quilts and were put together quickly. Tying was done in the Meetingroom for a few Sundays after worship.

Elijah Buol, one of our four "Lost Boys" from Sudan, received his citizenship papers in January. Some Friends attended his ceremony and we celebrated a few weeks later with decorated cakes having an American flag and the Sudan flag.

Meeting News

James Deng, (another of our "Lost Boys") and wife, Achai Akol, welcomed a son. Anthian Deng was born April 29, 2007- the same month and day as his three year old sister, Nyirau. His other sister, Adhel, born January 14, 2006.

Doug Stern's mother, Lois, and Beth Parrish's mother, Georgia Tilden, died recently. Friends who attended the Memorial Services were not surprised to hear all the personal stories of love and affection surrounding the lives of these two women who helped shape the personalities of our own dear members.

There was a January Work Day to begin to create the basic framework for two fully shelved walls in the new Resource Room. Fifteen Friends helped work, feeding and child care. It was truly a model of cooperation, comradery and production.

The Corydon Worship Group continues to meet at the home of Andrew and Doris Best. Andrew is recovering from surgery and Doris recently fractured a leg and is back in rehab for now. Frozen meals are taken for them, and the worship and conversation are much appreciated.

Eighteen people attended our February Meeting Retreat to discuss "Ministering and Nurturing Louisville Friends Meeting." There was laughing, eating, rising tempers, tension, teasing and deep sharing going on throughout the weekend. There is always more work to be done, but Annie Glen did a very nice job of getting us to see how the past, present and future of the Meeting is in our own care and handling.

Many Friends attended Ron Cooper and Tanya Hardy's wedding in April. It was sweet, simple, joyous and done with grace and personal style. Those of us in attendance offered our blessings and best wishes for a strong and healthy marriage.

Meeting for Healing has been laid down for lack of participation.

An Introduction to Quakerism 101 was interesting and left many with hunger and interest for more. The curriculum will happen over the Summer months while Adult First Hour Sessions are on hiatus.

James Wheaton graduated St Francis High School on May 25th. He will be going to Purdue University in the Fall.

On May 13, we were joined by a new Quaker family from Tanza-

nia, Mathias Ntirubakure and his wife, 12 children and one grandchild. They speak little English. They live in the same complex as Ernest and Matilda Ngendakumana and their 6 children, also from Tanzania, who joined us last year.

In May, we had a Farewell Potluck and Ice Cream Social for Jon and Kim Saderholm and sons, Ben, Ian and Levi. They are moving to Berea over the summer. They will be greatly missed.

Oxford Friends Meeting *Cynthia Sibrel, correspondent*

Camilla Flintermann, whose initiative and steadfast engagement first made Oxford a monthly meeting of OVYM, passed in February. On March 4, we marked Camilla's passing with a large memorial meeting, attended by her family, many Friends, and friends from several countries whose lives she touched in a life of service, compassion, and warmth. In April Brad Simcock completed a Memories book for Camilla's family, and the Meeting members signed a statement to the family attesting to Camilla's central role in our spiritual lives and to the Meeting.

The life of the meeting has been supported by several second-hour discussions. In January, Rick Colby an Assistant Professor of Comparative Religion and Islamic Studies, at Miami University presented a program on The Night Journey of the Prophet. Stephen Angell, Professor of Quaker Studies at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana led a presentation and discussion on Rufus Jones and mysticism at the meeting's annual Spring Fling in April which included a hike on the Duerksen's property and a potluck. The meeting is enlivened by the presence of a four-year-old attendee, who is enjoying our revived First Day School program and announced that she is a Quaker.

We also find ways to extend a Quaker presence in the local community. We collaborated with the local peace organization to present a series of films. About 45 members of the general public at-

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tended the showing of An Inconvenient Truth, and were inspired to begin contemplating local action. We are co-sponsoring a climate change workshop on May 20. The second film April 17 was Shut Up and Sing regarding the Dixie Chicks and the third film will be Hiding and Seeking regarding those who hid Jews during the holocaust. Oxford Friends joined with the Oxford Citizens for Peace and Justice to stand frequent vigils in witness against the Iraq war. We assisted the local Family Resource Center as volunteers, sorting and shelving food contributions, and helping with staffing and maintenance projects.

Cynthia Sibrel became the OVYM Teen Clerk and Cynthia Durgan co-clerk. The teen's first overnight was in January at Miami's Quarterly Meeting at Eastern Hills. Oxford Friends also presented a program on the life and work of Bayard Rustin. The next OVYM teen activity will be in May in Dayton. The teens will camp out and visit the Dayton International Peace Museum. Cynthia Sibrel attended a workshop at Pendle Hill on 'being an Adult Friendly Presence in May with James Taylor (JT) the Teen Secretary. It was spiritual, educational, and fun to be around so many Quakers involved with youth in their meetings. Cynthia received funding from Oxford Friends Meeting, Pendle Hill, and the Cincinnati Fund of Miami Quarter for the workshop which she greatly appreciates.

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Yellow Springs -Carl Hyde, correspondent.

The Yellow Springs Meeting and the international scientific community lost a stalwart in the death of Henning vonGierke. He had come from Germany after the war to do research in the effects on humans of loud noise and other environmental hazards. After settling in Yellow Springs, he and his wife Hanlo joined the Meeting. He served on the board of the Friends Care Center nursing home.

The Meeting continues to appoint six of the eleven members of the nursing home board. The Friends Care Community has added assisted living, independent living, and will soon add senior apartments.

Friends continue to meet for worship at 8:30 and 11:00 on First Day and at 7 AM on Wednesdays. A worship-sharing group meets on Thursdays. Interest groups in ecology and knitting also meet during the week. We sponsored a display of "Eyes Wide Open" on the Antioch campus, April 12-15. Fair trade coffee is available at the Meeting House.

The Meeting sponsored a weekly series of "Introduction to Quakerism" in January and February. Several new attenders have come as a result.

Many Friends gather around the dinner table for sociability at individual homes in "Friendly Fives."

Our group of school-age children is small. We hope for more young families to share in the growth of the Meeting.



Whitewater Quarterly News

North Meadow Circle of Friends (Indianapolis, IN) hosted the Whitewater Quarterly Meeting session on Seventh Day, Fourth Month 15, 2007. After the opening meeting for worship, Friends shared State of Society reports and attended to other business. The delightful pitch-in lunch seemed to provide Friends with much needed fellowship and restoration. During the afternoon session, business tended to flow very smoothly, and Friends were able to find unity on some important matters. Here we are pleased to report that Whitewater Quarterly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends has endorsed the Earth Charter, and we hope to be able to bring this matter before Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting in the near future for Yearly Meeting's consideration. Whitewater Friends express their appreciation not only for North Meadow's gracious hospitality, but also for North Meadow Friends' patient and understanding flexibility in greatly abbreviating their planned afternoon program in the face of an imposing agenda. Given the foresight of Mary Byrne and others, Whitewater Friends were able to take helpful written materials on how to make our meetings more welcoming back to their home meetings, where this important topic can be further explored.

Yearly Meeting registrations are
due by July 8.

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Quaker

Pronunciation: 'kwǻ-ker

Function: noun

1. one who quakes
2. also known as: Friend.

Member, by birth and/or conviction, of the Religious Society of the Friends of Truth, a Christian sect founded in England by George Fox, circa 1652

Originally "quaker" was a derogatory term referring to a physical shaking which often occurred when Friends were moved to speak from the Holy Spirit.

Quakers are not necessarily connected to birds, oil or oatmeal.

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Kids Conduct Meeting For Woship with Attention to Business...Faster Than Adults *Reflections of the process by Marjorie Isaacs*

At Community Friends Meeting, the Intermediate class periodically has business meetings. Our young participants are all in elementary school, ages six to twelve. It is easy for an adult to guide, and usually takes about ten to twenty-five minutes. Because children's First Day School attendance is often inconsistent, we select recording and presiding clerks at the start of each meeting. Then the adult present walks the group through each step of a Quaker business meeting, providing brief explanations of tasks as we go along. The guiding Quaker adult is a role model and demonstrates how to participate, demonstrating such things as, standing aside, or offering a sense of the meeting.

Any aspects of parliamentary procedure which differ from Friendly process, are just pointed out as we go along, affirming the child's being correct about how meetings outside of Quaker practice are done, and explaining the difference.

Kids can get much more done in ten to twenty-five minutes than adults. Even more surprising, the actually enjoy having their meetings, and have been known to complain that we have not finished the agenda, and should extend the time, rather than waiting until next month. That means the are in the First Day classroom having their meeting when they could be outside palying in the yard. What motivation!

Fregqiemt;u. Religious Development Committee sends agenda itdems to Kids' Meeting. The children often come up with practical solutions that few adults would have imagined. For example, once we were about to replace the Meeting's swing set. Religious Development sent pictures of two different paly sets for Kids' Meeting to consider. Our children couldn't decide whether to get the tower or the rock climbing wall, and sent a message to Religious Development Committee saying they wanted a play set with both. After it was determined that the set with both would be more costly, the Kids' Meeting the next month placed several fund raising strategies on their agenda. As they were excited about a yard sale, car wash, and lemonade stand, they reached consensus to have all three! It worked out very well.

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- June 30-July 7 FGC 2007 Gathering of Friends.
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River Falls, WI
- July 8: Registrations for Yearly Meeting Due.**
- July 8-Aug 5 Friends Music Camp
Olney Friends School
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- July 25-29 OVYM Annual Sessions
Earlham College
Richmond, IN
- Aug 10-19 FWCC Triennial, Dublin, Ireland