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2017 Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions

Earlham College, June 14-18



The Quaker Quill

OHIO VALLEY YEARLY MEETING
OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

The OVYM Planning Committee is pleased to invite you all to attend the 197th Annual Sessions, from June 14-18, at Earlham College.

We have planned a wealth of activities including Plenary presenters and descriptions of this year's nine workshops. As of the editor's most recent email from the planning committee, details were not complete. By the end of May, a more complete schedule will be posted on the OVYM website. Look for the link for Annual Sessions. http://www.quaker.org/ovym/index_files/annual.html

Registration materials were distributed, but it will be even easier for you to use the fillable PDF version, which is posted on the Annual Sessions page at the link listed above.

We hope many people will join us--for an evening, a day, or all five. We look forward to greeting you, and we hope you enjoy the program we have planned.

Yours in the Light,
Planning Committee



Dear Friends: Greetings from the Clerk

Dear OVYM Friends –

Our 2017 OVYM Annual Meeting is just around the corner! I hope to see you there for some or all of it – June 14 – 18, 2017, at Earlham College. We have the campus to ourselves, so we have use of our favorite spaces for our meetings and programs.

Our Planning Committee, children's and youth programs, other volunteers, and your clerks have been working hard to plan a retreat full of interesting activities. More information about all activities and our plenary speakers, Lynn Newsom and Benigno Sanchez-Eppler, can be found on the annual sessions page of our website, <http://ovym.quaker.org>.

Safe travels!

**Betsy
Neale**



North Meadow Circle Collaborates with The Kheprw Institute (KI)

The Kheprw Institute (KI) is a small nonprofit Black youth mentoring organization near downtown Indianapolis, just about 2 miles from North Meadow Circle of Friends. I mention the distance both because we often have common issues related to our geographic proximity, and because some Friends occasionally ride their bicycles from the meetinghouse to KI for meetings and events.

KI has been in existence for over ten years, and originally started when Imhotep Adisa and Pambana Uishi's son Diop spent a summer, when he was in High School, with his father in the community. Some of Diop's friends wanted to have a similar experience, and KI was born.

From KI's website <http://kheprw.org/>: "Kheprw Institute (KI) is a community organization that works to create a more just, equitable, human-centered world by nurturing youth and young adults to be leaders, critical thinkers and doers who see the people in any community as the most valuable assets and are committed to working with marginalized communities to bring about change that leads to empowered self-sustainable communities."

KI has a strong focus on care of our environment, with a large aquaponics system, a rain barrel production system, composting and community gardening. KI NuMedia is the web design business, which is a source of income, as well as a way to teach the kids technology and coding skills. They recently acquired a 3 D printer.

A number of North Meadow Friends have had various connections and relations with the KI Community over the years. James Taylor went to the local urban university at the same time Imhotep, Director of KI, did. I first made a connection with KI when they hosted an environmental education/awareness event. Since then I, and a number of North Meadow Friends, have regularly attended the monthly book discussions there, which are used to stimulate conversations about difficult subjects, such as race. A couple of summers ago I spent several summer days there to teach photography during summer camp.

Last year North Meadow Circle of Friends was one of five Friends meetings that participated in the pilot year of the new AFSC program, "Quaker Social Change Ministry". That program works by Friends meetings finding an organization, such as KI, to partner with, or "accompany". We discussed this with the KI Community, and they graciously agreed to be our partners.

Jeff Kisling

Earlham School of Religion Leadership Conference

The compelling urge to create new venues for service and ministry rises from deep within. A call beckons with an invitation to consider something new—a different path, a fresh venture, a new vocation. With courage the entrepreneur moves forward into a mysterious unknown with as many questions as answers, but with a certainty that the risk is worth taking.

Join with others who wrestle with such callings at this year's ESR Leadership Conference. Read the full description in our [Brochure](#). [Register online now!](#) We hope you can join us August 11-13.

From Jay Marshall's message on the ESR website

Westheimer Peace Symposium 2017

Welcoming the Other

October 9-10

According to their website: "The 2017 Westheimer Peace Symposium focuses on "the changing nature of war" by illuminating the experiences of refugees who have come to the United States to escape violence and devastation in their home countries. Through film, role playing, conversations with refugee service providers, and a special keynote by Jim Keady, Director of Education for Justice, the symposium will inspire a deeper understanding of the conditions refugees face at home, in their journeys to new countries, and after their arrival in the United States. "

<https://www.wilmington.edu/the-wilmington-difference/westheimer/>

Ohio River National Freedom Corridor Conference Sept. 29-30

The Quaker Heritage Center is a member of the Ohio River National Freedom Corridor, an organization that brings together non-profit historic sites, museums, libraries, and communities dedicated to continued education and exploration of the legacy of the Underground Railroad (UGRR) within the Ohio River watershed in the states of Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio. The ORNFC partners with the National Park Service Network to Freedom as well as many organizations to collaborate on the continued preservation and interpretation of our shared Underground Railroad heritage and to promote heritage tourism. This year's conference will be held at Earlham College on September 29 & 30, with a focus on religious influences on the anti-slavery movement. The theme will be, "How long, O God, how long?"

<http://www.ohiorivernationalfreedomcorridor.org/>



Annual Fort Ancient Worship and Picnic July 16, 2017

This event is hosted by Miami Monthly Meeting. Members and F/friends of OVYM are invited to attend. We'll gather at 10 a.m. for worship and the picnic will follow in the pavilion - rain will not cancel the event. Please enter via the driveway to the caretaker's house and follow the signs to the pavilion. Those wishing to tour the grounds of this historic Native American site are welcome to do so following the picnic. Directions: <http://www.fortancient.org/>

Notes & Queries from Feb. Miami Quarterly Meeting

Many Friends have heightened concerns about the 2016 federal election and if your meeting is like our own those concerns have shown up in many ways. At our own meeting (Lexington) we have experienced Friends giving messages with frank politically partisan content. Friends have mentioned specific politicians and particular political parties in derogatory terms in their introductions at the rise of meeting. We grew concerned that Friends were struggling with how to speak out when they felt the principles they value (equality, fairness, community) were being challenged, but speaking out without denigrating the people who were threatening those values. We wondered if it would be helpful to have a threshing on how a Quaker could stay grounded in these trying times. We therefore chose to focus the adult educational session at the February 2017 Miami Quarterly meeting on *Friends and Politics: How to Maintain our Spiritual Grounding in a Political World*.

Friends present at the Quarterly session were divided into small groups to address three queries. By way of encouragement, we provided a few quotes drawn from Quaker writing expressing a variety of views about Friends' involvement in politics. Those quotations and the queries used in the workshop are reproduced below.

'Politics' cannot be relegated to some outer place, but must be recognized as one side of life, which is as much the concern of religious people and of a religious body as any other part of life. Nay, more than this, the ordering of the life of man in a community, so that he may have the chance of a full development, is and always has been one of the main concerns of Quakerism. Lucy F. Morland, 1919, Faith and Practice, Britain Yearly Meeting.

"There is no one thing that causes so much breach of unity and want of harmony among Friends there [in Pennsylvania], as the part they take in promoting what they call civil government – some joining with one part and some with the other. And I believe there is nothing else that reproaches so much in the eyes of the people without [outside the Society of Friends], although each party endeavors to persuade them to it – although only to make tools of them, to promote their party interests." (Letters of Elias Hicks)

Q1: What resonates with you from each of these quotes? How are you led and why?

"there was a time in my life when I wondered if I would have to choose between being spiritual or political. I couldn't reconcile what felt like the harshness of politics with the tenderness of my relationship with God. Understanding that my spiritual life could actually feed my political life is something I have learned from being a Friend." *"We should engage in the political process with joy and love we know from our lives in the Spirit. The deep sense of community and peace that we experience in worship can motivate our actions in every aspect of life."* Diane Randall, Director of Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), writing in Friends Journal (Jan 2016)

Q2: Strong feeling about political events is a powerful force that can impel us to one type of action or another. In the ways you are led, how do you use Quaker practices to discern if you are grounded spiritually, or if you are acting impulsively?

"Life challenges us to seek the courage to live peacefully with anxiety, to risk vulnerability, and to work up the nerve to speak

out when we find a new and brighter path for our communities to take" Ron McDonald, member Memphis TN, MM, Friends Journal, Jan 2016, p23.

"Life is meant to be lived from a Center, a Divine Center – A life of unhurried peace and power. It is simple. It is serene... It takes no time, but it occupies all our time." Thomas Kelly

"One day while plowing I heard a voice, whether inside or outside of me I knew not, but I was awake. It said 'Go thou and see the president.' I answered, 'Yea Lord, thy servant heareth.' And unhitching my plow, I went at once to the house and said to mother [Sarah, his wife], 'Wilt thou go to Washington with me to see the president?' 'Who sends thee?' she asked. 'The Lord,' I answered." Isaac Harvey, a Quaker farmer from Clinton County, Ohio, held a deep concern for the condition of enslaved persons in the South.

Q3: How do you maintain your spiritual grounding and your integrity when you are following your leadings?

Thanks to **Peter Hardy** for sharing these.

Indiana Yearly Meeting

Camp dates and prices for summer 2017 camps at Quaker Haven are now posted on the yearly meeting website, www.iym.org.

"Hoosiers: The Story of Indiana" is a four-part series celebrating the bicentennial of Indiana that has aired on local PBS television channels across the state.

Joyce Ajlouny has been appointed as the next General Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC). Joyce has served as the Director of Ramallah Friends School since 2004. She says: *I truly feel blessed and very fortunate to have had the chance to serve the RFS community of staff and students – they have given me much more than what I have given them, and for that I will forever be grateful. I have always said that my time working at RFS was by no means "a job" – it was a true calling to work in service of my people and my school – which has now found a permanent place in my heart.*

2017 Yearly Meeting. Join us for Yearly Meeting Sessions, July 27-29 at Quaker Haven, as we celebrate "Show Us Your Glory!"

Friends United Meeting Triennial will be held in Wichita, Kansas, July 12- 16, and they are offering the Stewards Program for young adults (ages 18-27). Meetings are asked to identify young adults who are showing interest in the Friends movement, have leadership potential, and could gain benefit from participating in leadership opportunities. Applications can be found at FUM.org and are due by May 30. To reserve your place now go to <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1877598>.

Iglesia Amigos would like to thank folks from IYM for joining them in prayer for one of their mothers who was facing deportation. She was given one more year at her immigration check-in on May 3. Thank you for interceding on her behalf.

From *IYM Communicator*

[Resources for your Meeting](#) from FGC

The eRetreat Schedule for 2017

June 4 - June 30, *Beloved Community* eRetreat (4 weeks)
September 24 - November 17, *Silence & Light* eRetreat (8 weeks)

The four-week *Beloved Community* eRetreat invites Friends and newcomers to explore what it means to live into Beloved Community, the ways we are called to recognize patterns of marginalization and exclusion and to act toward justice, and tools for transforming and vitalizing our meetings and communities. The Beloved Community eRetreat is a standalone experience and you do not need to have previous Spiritual Deepening experience to participate. Registration will be limited to the first 75 participants. The cost for the course is \$20/participant, on a pay-as-led basis.

[Register Now for the Beloved Community eRetreat!](#)

Watch the trailer for the new film *Disturbing the Peace*, read a press release from **New York Yearly Meeting** regarding the politics of division, register for **New England Yearly Meeting's** second Living Faith Gathering in April, and mark your calendars for **Quaker Religious Education Collaborative's** 4th Annual Gathering at Quaker Hill.

[View the full updates on FGC's website.](#)

Assessment of Racial Privilege.

Last November, we first reported that **Central Committee** united around the need to undertake an **Institutional Assessment** to uncover structural racism within our organization – and to prepare plans for dismantling such structures. FGC has created a page on its website with details regarding the assessment, and a link for Friends to help support this important work. [Learn more about FGC's Institutional Assessment.](#)

The **White Privilege Conference (WPC)** strives to empower and equip individuals to work for equity and justice through self and social transformation. Since 2011, FGC has sponsored a group discount for the White Privilege Conference. At least 40 Quakers have attended each year, and in 2016 more than 400 Friends attended with the FGC discount. [Pre-register to attend WPC18 with FGC Friends on our website.](#)

New Subscribers Can Try The Quaker Cloud Free!

Thanks to our donors, meetings can try the Quaker Cloud free from now until September 30, 2017 (new subscribers only). If you know of meetings that aren't on the Quaker Cloud, please invite them to visit the Quaker Cloud page on our website. All they have to do to take advantage of this offer is to click the "Please read the Quaker Cloud Agreement and Contract" in the right sidebar on this page and then click the "Sign Up Now" button. Then they can use the Quaker Cloud free until September 30, 2017. If they continue after that, they'll be billed annually for a subscription.

Religious Education Collaborative

The Quaker Religious Education Collaborative gathering is August 18-20, 2017 at Quaker Hill Conference Center in Richmond, IN. This event is for First Day School teachers, Adult Ed. leaders, Friends School teachers, parents and anyone with a concern for all branches of Quaker religious education.

This year's gathering will feature musical programs by Annie Patterson, co-creator of Rise Up Singing, the Group Singing Songbook. Other features for this weekend gathering are workshops, a trip to the Levi Coffin House and a panel on the role of the Bible in religious education. For more information and registration, go to quakers4re.org

Quaker Heritage Center



Monday, June 5, 7 p.m.

Exhibit Opening Reception

Saturday, July 29, 3 p.m.

Working for Recovery Here at Home: A Report from Friends Disaster Service with Mike McCormick

Thursday, September 14, 7 p.m.

"The First Pillar of The Atlantic Alliance" with [Dr. Ingo Trauschweizer](#) of Ohio University
Saturday, September 23, 12 noon to 5 p.m.
Museum Day LIVE!

Tuesday, September 26, 7 p.m.

"TITLE TBA"

with [Dr. Christian Raffensperger](#) of Wittenberg University

<https://www.wilmington.edu/the-wilmington-difference/qhc/>

Friends Committee on National Legislation

From the website: The World We Seek: Now Is the Time Capital Campaign is making it possible for greater participation in civil dialogue on issues essential for humanity and our planet, including peace, justice, and sustainability. The campaign will raise \$15 million over five years, including \$9 million in endowment funds, to help us achieve our goals.

To donate:

<http://tinyurl.com/fcnl-capital-campaign>



News from AFSC website

“Waging Peace” AFSC Centennial Summit April 2017

Videos and resources are available at: <https://www.afsc.org/summit>

"The fact is that we are better equipped than in any time in recorded history to summon the wisdom and the tools of nonviolent resistance for the peaceful transformation of our society." Read our latest blog by Keynote Speaker, Erica Chenoweth.

<https://www.afsc.org/blogs/acting-in-faith/now-not-time-to-despair>

Quaker Social Change Ministry program

Available to all Friends who wish to do Spirit-led, social justice work connected to the work of AFSC, Quaker Social Change Ministry is a transformative approach to social justice work.

<https://www.afsc.org/QSCM>

Let your lives speak

Featured here are five stories from AFSC staff, partners and supporters who are following the leadings of Spirit into work for justice, peace, and love. We encourage you to use these stories and the queries that follow them as guides for reflection and sharing in meeting for worship, with your family, or with a committee or other group from your meeting. How is Spirit moving you to respond?

<https://www.afsc.org/letyourlivespeak>

FGC Gathering 2017

Ripples Start Where Spirit Moves

Immerse yourself with the community of Friends for a week at **Niagara University, New York, July 2-8, 2017**. The co-clerks, from New York YM and Canadian YM, say: “Our theme, **Ripples Start Where Spirit Moves**, invites you contemplate where spirit is moving in your life and those around you and what ripples you notice as a result.”

<http://www.fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering>



The quieting of our mind is a political act. The world does not need more oil or energy or food. It needs less greed, less hatred, less ignorance. Even if we have inwardly taken on the political bitterness or cynicism that exists externally, we can stop and begin to heal our own suffering, our own fear, with compassion. Through meditation and inner transformation, we can learn to make our own hearts a place of peace and integrity. Each of us knows how to do this. As Gandhi acknowledged, ‘I have nothing new to teach the world. Truth and non-violence are as old as the hills.’ It is our inner nobility and steadiness that we must call on in our personal and collective difficulties.

p. 358 in *The Wise Heart* by Jack Kornfield
Quoted in *Bloomington Meeting Newsletter*

IFCL News

Now that the 2017 Indiana General Assembly session has concluded, the Indiana Friends Committee on Legislation (IFCL) would like to report to Friends on the legislative accomplishments of our bipartisan Quakerly lobbying. We are positively surprised and elated by the effective influence that our faith-based IFCL organization has been able to have at the Statehouse - both in terms of substantive impact on legislation, and in terms of building personal relationships and mutual respect with lawmakers (on both sides of the aisle) that should pay rich dividends for years to come. Indeed, lawmakers (up to and including the Governor) have sought us for conversations and advice. We want to share IFCL's good news with you, and to thank you for your interest and support of IFCL - now flourishing in its 46th year. To read the legislative summaries, visit <http://www.quakerifcl.org/legislativenews.htm>

News from Monthly Meetings

Bloomington

The Capital Campaign Committee, the Property & Finance and the Building Committee continue to work on plans for the meetinghouse. A hiking retreat was planned for April 30 after meeting at the Scarlet Oaks Preserve on Viking Ridge Road (rain date May 7). The FCNL Advocacy Training Workshop was held Second Month (February) 27. There were about 30 attendees, 10 from our Meeting, with 20 who committed to further involvement in an advocacy Team.

Excerpted by Quill Editor from Bloomington Newsletter

Community

Spring abounds at Community Friends with our beautiful woods and yard. The annual Easter Egg Hunt brings everyone outside as does our annual pancake breakfast and outdoor worship the first Sunday in June. The 5th Sunday of the month is also a special time to know Friends more deeply as a Friend is invited to share her/his spiritual journey. And on an earthcare and fiscal note, our meeting has been able to save approximately \$1800 on gas and electric bills in 2016 due to our solar panels (covering more than 95% of our expense.)

Christopher Morriss, who grew up in our meeting, graduated from medical school and has already transferred his membership to Las Cruces, NM Meeting as he soon moves there for his three year residency. Wilhelmina Branson broke her hip in an unfortunate (aren't they all) accident at home, but remains cheerful throughout and is back at home becoming more and more mobile. Paulette Meier has been traveling in her music ministry. Even though our Peace and Social Concerns Committee has been inactive of late, our local Friends Committee on National Legislation lobby group has plenty to stay active about. With the growing concern about the fate of undocumented immigrants, Community Friends agreed to become a Cincinnati Sanctuary Solidarity Community putting aside some money in our budget for this, as well as posting not just one, but two signs saying, "No matter where you are from, we're glad you're our neighbor" in many languages.

Submitted by Deborah Jordan

Dayton

The past few months have been very busy and exciting for Dayton Friends. We have moved into our new meetinghouse at 345 Wyoming Street in Dayton. We had our first Meeting for Worship there on March 26th. Thank you again to all of you who have provided us with so much support during this important time of transition and growth for us. There is still work to be done with the renovation of the building, but we are very happy to finally have our own meetinghouse. By the time you read this, we will have had an Open House on May 28 with worship, a simple potluck meal and time for fellowship, children's activities, etc.

In the late fall, we met with immigrants from the Sub-Saharan African communities in the Dayton area for a potluck dinner and open conversation. We wanted to familiarize ourselves with the stories of these immigrants and identify potential areas where we might be of service in strengthening the community fabric that supports them. Migwe Kimemia of the AFSC Dayton office and Al McGrew of our meeting convened the conversation.

We continue to have second hour discussions with topics such as Discerning our challenges, Listening closer to Christmas carols, suggested revisions of the queries in the OYIM Faith and Practice, and learning about the work that one of our attenders does with Friends United Meeting.

Our men's group enjoys breakfast once a month at the Brunch Club in Dayton.

A few Dayton Friends and many from other meetings as well, attended a talk and book signing by Tim Snyder at Books and Company in Beavercreek on May 13. Tim, a member and former attender of our meeting, talked about his book *On Tyranny*. He is a Professor of History at Yale University and author of several other scholarly works as well. We strongly encourage you to read *On Tyranny*.

Our writing group meets once a month just after worship. We write on a prompt and then share with each other what we have written. We have been asked to share our experience of this group writing at Yearly Meeting this summer. Join us there if you are able!

Submitted by Terri Scarpelli

Eastern Hills

During a recent second hour, Madeline Murray showed pictures and talked about experiences she had when she traveled to Guatemala. She was working with Habitat for Humanity to help a family build a new house. Madeline said that she found learning about the politics and history which lead to widespread poverty in Guatemala was life changing for her. She gained much as she worked with the family on their build and as she met their extended family. Madeline said that the Guatemalan people were quite appreciative of the help Habitat for Humanity gave them. Many questions and comments followed her presentation. We appreciated Madeline sharing about her experiences with us.

At Eastern Hills Meeting we start each Sunday's Meeting for Worship by singing a few hymns. To us this is a very important part of our worship, and we appreciate our pianist, J.P. Lund, very much for his accompaniment. In a recent second hour J.P. led "choir practice." We had fun singing our parts, sometimes alone and sometimes with other parts.

As we do every month that has five Sundays, a meeting for healing was held on April 30th. (continued next page)

(Eastern Hills, continued)

Our Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) representative, Rick Boyce, has started offering supplies one Sunday a month for us to write post cards to political representatives. He has postcards and provides sample messages to inspire us. Here is a picture of Jim Coppock, Alice Palmer, J.P. Lund, and Linda Coppock busily writing their opinions and concerns and requests to the appropriate Senators and Representatives.

Submitted by Henrietta Ballinger



Miami

Publicity, Web Site, and Ad-Words

In an effort to improve our visibility to the area, we have discontinued our advertisement in the local paper and put those funds toward Google Ad-Words as a means of publicity and finding it to be a more cost-effective alternative to newspaper advertising. This service displays our advertisement to people from the area who do a web search for specific terms, such as worship, peace, Quakers, and so on. With this service, we are able to see the number of people who went to the Miami.Quaker.Org website by clicking on the advertisement link that displayed from their search, a feature that print media advertising cannot provide.

Food Pantry

Miami continues to work with the Waynesville Area Food Pantry. We keep a basket in the meetinghouse and as donations come in, Jeanette Rockwell delivers them to the Pantry. The Episcopal Church that maintains the Pantry can take in just about anything (except clothing and furniture) and distribute it to those in need. Knowing that individuals and families have needs throughout the year, and not just during the holidays, our contributions to the Pantry has been expanded to a year-round program.

New Member

Jeanette Rockwell was welcomed into membership at the 3rd month Meeting for Business. She comes to us with a broad Quaker experience, having shared her childhood experience as a member of the Friends community in Costa Rica where she spent her youth.

Adult Discussion

Religious Education has been upbeat and varied. Paulette Meier of Community Friends Meeting shared her music ministry during First Day school in 3rd Month. Her presentation was well-accepted and Friends joined in singing the words of historic Friends that she has put to music. Additionally, on the last 1st day of 4th month, Rhonda Pfaltzgraff-Carlson shared about the development of her call to ministry and described spiritual care committees. During her time at the School of the Spirit, she wrote a paper on the spirituality of organizations.

Annual Fort Ancient Worship and Picnic

Our annual Worship and Picnic at Fort Ancient is scheduled for July 16th. Members of meetings in Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting are invited to join us. We will gather at 10 a.m. for worship with the picnic to follow. Please enter via the driveway to the Caretaker's house and follow the signs to the pavilion. Those wishing to tour the grounds of this historic Native American site are welcome to do so following the picnic.

Easter Program

April 16th (Easter Sunday Morning), Miami held a light luncheon of finger food following a well-attended Meeting for Worship. The luncheon was followed by an Easter Egg Hunt in the Friends Burial Ground.

Submitted by Lonny Berger

Oxford

Oxford Meeting celebrated its annual Spring Fling with a potluck lunch at a member's woodland home, a discussion of the experience of war tax resistance, and a wildflower walk. We have recently had the opportunity to represent Friends at the local Interfaith gathering in Oxford's uptown park, ably and enthusiastically planned and staffed by two relative newcomers who are finding a spiritual home in Quaker practice. One of our young Friends (Gillian Murray) was selected by Friends Journal for her letter of advice to the new US president, published in the most recent issue. An Oxford Friend, studying at Earlham School of Religion, who recently visited Friends in Switzerland brings us her reflections on contact with Friends and other faith communities

there: <http://esquaker.blogspot.com/2017/05/reflections-on-sojourn-in-switzerland.html>

Submitted by Andrew Garrison

Yellow Springs

We at Yellow Springs have had a busy and joyous start to our spring! Our young children's program has focused on the Godly Play lessons on the Parables. Our middle youth and teen program have been blessed to have a different meeting member come and talk to them about their spiritual journey and lives each week. The meeting and the Ad Hoc Committee on Child Safety have worked hard together to create our new Child Safety Policy. The meeting and the LGBTQ Ad Hoc Committee have revised our welcoming minute and approved a new LGBTQ affirmation minute. Our library is a more welcome and vibrant space under the good ministrations of our library committee. Everyone has enjoyed the festivities around Easter with an egg dyeing day and our annual Easter egg hunt at the rise of meeting on Easter Sunday. We just had our spring intergenerational talent show which is always a fun and happy event. We send all other meetings love as you enter the summer!

Submitted by Heather Snediker-Morscheck

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All that dwell in the light, their habitation is in God, and they know a hiding place in the day of storm; and those who dwell in the light, are built upon the rock, and cannot be moved, for who are moved or shaken, goes from the light, and so goes from their strength, and from the power of God, and loses the peace and the enjoyment of the presence of God.

~ Edward Burrough, 1634-1663

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