

Faith & Practice, *Baltimore Yearly Meeting*

The life of a religious society consists in something more than the body of principles it professes and the outer garments of organization which it wears.

These things have their own importance: they embody the society to the world, and protect it from the chance and change of circumstances; but the springs of life lie deeper and often escape recognition. They are to be found in the vital union of the members of the society with God and with one another, a union which allows the free flowing through the society of a spiritual life which is its strength. William Charles Braithwaite, 1905, author

Our Mission:

To nourish hearts and minds, bodies and souls.

Our Vision:

A nourished community.

Monthly Meeting for Business: 17 March 2024

Attendance today: 12. Monthly Meeting Clerk Jan Scott opened this business meeting with a reading from Baltimore Yearly Meeting (on front page). Most committee reports were given; a discussion about the spiritual and financial state of our Meeting was opened. We determined to hold a retreat on March 30th to continue the discussion. Followings of the retreat will be available at a later date. **Monthly Meeting for Business: Sunday, 21 April 2024 at 9:30 am.**

Pastor's report— Michael continues to be available for at least 2 Sundays for delivering the Sunday sermon, and for Bible Study on Wednesday. Thank you Michael.

Ministry & Oversight - Audrey Hicks request for membership (need approval). Steve Hinshaw will be serving on the board of directors at Christian Ministries of Delaware County. Martin Dunham is working on organizing a game night. Keep prayer requests simple & respectful at Meeting for Worship; we will begin opening worship with a familiar song every week. Pulpit supply: April 7th: Jan Scott and Manisha Peterson will lead a discussion on the SPICES; May 19th: Audrey Hicks will lead a discussion on neuro-divergency.

Next committee meeting: Thursday, April 4th at 2:00 pm.

Stewardship & Finance- Minor repairs to church building; ceiling tiles purchased and will be replaced. New paper towel dispensers and toilet paper holders have been purchased and will be installed soon. We need copy paper & black toner cartridge for the office printer. We are investigating new property manager for apartment bldg.

Next committee meeting: Tuesday, April 9th at 2 pm.

Community Outreach- Friends Coffee Shoppe- We have decided to continue the Coffee Shoppe throughout the year. Also, **beginning April 1st**, the Coffee Shoppe will be open Monday and Thursday, dropping the Tuesday day. Donations of coffee, snacks, donuts are appreciated. **Sunday School**- Adult class is discussing Brian McLaren's book, The Secret Message of Jesus. Class participants take turns reading with a discussion that follows. All are welcome to join in the discussion. Books are available. We are looking for 1-2 friends that would want to be a part of this committee. If you are interested, contact Dee Dee or Jan Scott.

Next committee meeting: Tuesday, April 2nd at 2 pm.

Sacred Places- the building fund has received \$13, 440.00 as a result of the fund-raising letter that was sent out in March. Total to date: \$47, 805.89

Note: If you currently are serving on a committee, **please take notice of when your committee meets**; and if you are unable to attend, contact the committee clerk. *Thank you friends.*

Anniversaries

04/28 Jason & Laura Fragomeni

Birthdays

04/02 Ryan Downing

04/04 Earl Muterspaugh

04/20 Frank Eikenberry

04/22 Peggy Fast

If you would like to have special day listed please contact the church office.

Prayers, Concerns & Condolences

Pray for our church and our church family.

Events.....

Ladies Night Out at McAllister's Deli - Friday, April 11th, at 5:30 pm.

Men's Breakfast at Riverside Café - Thursday, April 25th, at 7:00 am.

Bible Study- friends meet every Wednesday at 6 pm in Goddard Fellowship Hall. We are studying Galatians. All are welcome.

Unprogrammed Worship- meets Sunday morning at 8:30 am; and on Thursday evening at 7:00 pm in Goddard Fellowship Hall.

Friends Food Pantry -Saturday, April 20th from 10 am - 12 noon. Volunteers are always welcomed. Shelf stable foods and personal care items are needed.

Kim Carson's **YOGA classes** are on regular schedule in April. (Check your calendar)

New Association of Friends- needs a representative from Muncie Friends Church.

Quaker Women had a very nice Spring Bakery sale this past week. So many of you participated in one way or another, and we even had donations of baked goods from friends new to our community. Many thanks to all of you! **We collected over \$1,050.00**, and after taking out "start-up" money, we are able to add the rest to our treasury. We have yet to decide how that will be disbursed. There are many needs around us. We have so much talent here at Muncie Friends, and opportunities to use those talents are all around. You are an awesome group of Friends!

Also, here is an opportunity to visit with other Friends Women: The USFW (United Society of Friends Women) Midwest Region Spring Conference will be held in Kokomo, IN on Tuesday, April 30. We support the efforts of this group and will travel to participate that day. It begins with registration from 9:00-9:30 and will last until lunch is over. If you would like to attend, contact Toni McKillip at (765) 284-0026.

Friendly News*

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Sunday Schedule:

Unprogrammed Worship, 8:30am, 11:00am Meeting for Worship

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10:00am – 2:00pm.

If you need to contact us, PLEASE leave a detailed telephone message or email us at friendsmemorial@sbcglobal.net.

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