

Quaker Trivia:

William Penn (1644 – 1718) was an English writer, religious thinker, and influential Quaker who founded the Province of Pennsylvania during the British colonial era. Penn, an advocate of democracy and religious freedom, was known for his amicable relations and successful treaties with the Lenape Native Americans who had resided in present-day Pennsylvania prior to European settlements in the state.

In 1681, King Charles II granted a large piece of his North American land holdings along the North Atlantic Ocean coast to Penn to offset debts he owed Penn's father, the admiral and politician Sir William Penn. The land included the present-day states of Pennsylvania and Delaware. The following year, in 1682, Penn left England for what was then British America. On this occasion, the colonists pledged allegiance to Penn as their new proprietor, and the first Pennsylvania General Assembly was held.

Penn then journeyed further north up the Delaware River and founded Philadelphia on the river's western bank. Penn's Quaker government was not viewed favourably by the previous Dutch, Swedish and English settlers in what is now Delaware.

As one of the earlier supporters of colonial unification, Penn wrote and urged for a union of all the English colonies in what later became the United States. The democratic principles that he set forth in the Pennsylvania Frame of Government inspired delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia to frame the U.S. Constitution, which was ratified by the delegates in 1787.^[2]

A man of deep religious conviction, Penn was imprisoned several times in the Tower of London due to his faith, and his book No Cross, No Crown, published in 1669, which he authored from jail, has become a classic of Christian theological literature.

*Biographies and some of Penn's writings can be found in our new "Quaker Reading Room."

Our Mission:

To nourish hearts and minds, bodies and souls.

Our Vision:

A nourished community.

Monthly Meeting for Business: 16 March 2025

Attendance today: 18

Acting Presiding Clerk, Bev Schemmer opened the meeting with scriptures from Song of Songs and Psalms focused on the theme, "How shall I express my thanks and praise?" The minutes from the second month were read and approved. Our realtor has informed us that we must apply to the Zoning Board for a variance of use from "church" to "non-profit". This will be reviewed at the May 1st meeting of the Zoning Board. This may delay the closing a couple of weeks.

Next Monthly Meeting for Business: Sunday, 27 April 2025 at 9:30 am.

Treasurer's Report –Carolyn presented the February balance sheet of the Meeting finances. The General Fund continues to be reduced month by month. The Food Pantry has a balance of \$3000. The emergency Fund is at \$19, 420. The Building Fund is \$25, 587 after receiving a contribution; this balance will decrease after repairs are paid to the East Wing boiler. In total there is a combined balance of \$197,121, including the certificates of deposit. The treasurer's report was approved.

Stewardship & Finance – The East Wing boiler is finally repaired. Updated boiler permits have been submitted to the state. All Homeland Security requirements and building maintenance are now current, and ready to transfer ownership to Recovery Café. A complete report of all business transactions is always available in the church office.

Next committee meeting: Tuesday, April 8, 2024 at 2 pm.

Ministry & Oversight – We are relying on presiders to guide our worship service. Dee Dee, Jan, Linda have served as presiders; Toni has offered to preside on the fifth Sunday. We would like to dedicate more time for traditional unprogrammed silent worship. All who might be interested are encouraged to reach out to the Ministry & Oversight Committee. Plans for an Easter breakfast was discussed and planned for April 20th at 9:30 am. We will move Monthly Meeting for Business to April 27th, since Easter falls on the third Sunday.

Next committee meeting: Thursday, April 3, 2024 at 2:00 pm.

Community Outreach- we are staying current with the Muncie Resists Group through Carol Clendening as she is attending every meeting and event they are holding. There has been no change with Friends Food Pantry yet. A meeting with Recovery Café is planned for Monday, April 14th to discuss the merging of the two pantries. For April, we will have pantry as always, May food pantry is yet to be determined. This committee wants to share a big thank you to all of the helpers who continue to support our food pantry. Friends Coffee Shoppe is also thriving; we seem to be having new visitors every week, which is exciting. On Thursday, April 10th, there is a fundraiser breakfast for Recovery Café, so the coffee shoppe will be closed. However, we will have the coffee shoppe open on Friday, April 11th.

Next committee meeting: Monday, April 7, 2025 at 2 pm.

Anniversaries

4/28 Jason & Laura Fragomeni

Birthdays

4/2 Ryan Downing

4/4 Earl Muterspaugh

4/20 Frank Eikenberry

4/22 Peggy Fast

If you would like to have your birthday and/or anniversary listed please contact the church office, or Dee Dee (765) 717-5189.

Prayers, Concerns & Condolences

Shari Green

Steve and Loretta Hinshaw

Jack Otley

Residents at Bethel Pointe Facility

Pray for each other; our nation, and attenders of the Coffee Shoppe who are dealing with health issues and daily living.

If you have a prayer concern, and want to share, please contact the church office. Thank you

Bible Study- Friends meet every Wednesday at 6 pm in Goddard Fellowship Hall. Come and join us. We are currently studying the book of Exodus.

Ladies Night Out at McAllister's Deli -Friday, April 11, 2025, at 5:30 pm.

A meeting with Recovery Café is planned for 10 am Monday, April 14th to discuss the merging of the two pantries. For April, we will have pantry as always, May food pantry is yet to be determined.

Men's Breakfast at Riverside Café - Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 8 am.

Ministry & Oversight Committee has received a letter from **Geoffrey Segero**, a Quaker from Kenya who wrote to introduce us to **Lavender Mukanzi**, also a Quaker from Kenya, who will be attending Ball State in the fall as a freshman. Our hopes are to provide support as her spiritual home while she is in Muncie.

Office supplies needed: Black toner for the office copier. (this toner can be found on Amazon)

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Sunday School 9:30 am; Meeting for Worship 11 am

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

***If you need to contact us, PLEASE leave a detailed telephone message or email us.**

Quaker Women – Quaker women will meet **Thursday, April 10th at 1 pm**. Our project for this month will be creating Easter gift bags for our Food Pantry neighbors, and our shut in friends. We will be filling the bags with filled Easter eggs, and other goodies. If you would like to bring something to add to the Easter bags would be GREAT. Candy items needs to be the individual wrapped kind.

The BIG Sort – We held a book sale on March 27, 28, and 29. ***Thank you*** to all friends who helped with this project and event. We continue our efforts to clear the building. With the upcoming sale at the end of April – we will stay busy sorting, purging and down-sizing throughout the building. The preschool office and loft room are now cleaned out. The kitchen and the dining room are being cleaned now. The choir room is next on the list. If you know a church choir director, or music teacher, feel free to invite them to come and look at our vast music library. We have set the dates and time for our “Moving –not-moving Sale”, April 25 and 26 (Friday & Saturday), 9 am – 5 pm.

Building Sale – Jan and Linda met with our realtor, Jason Lipps, to fill the variance request for the property zoning. This information will then be reviewed by the Zoning Board on May 1st. after that is approved, and then we can move forward with the closing date of our building. (Read more about this in the Monthly Meeting for Business report)

Annie Glen, field Secretary of the New Association of Friends, will be joining us during Meeting for Worship Sunday, April 6th. She will be sharing information about her new role with the NAOF, and will discuss ways for us to be more involved in the NAOF. Following Meeting for Worship, we will be taking Annie out for lunch. Let us know if you would like to join us.

Easter – We are having an Easter breakfast, **Sunday, April 20 at 9:30 am**. Egg casserole and a “crust less” quiche, (no meat) will be provided by the Ministry and Oversight Committee. If you would like to bring something to add to the menu, we suggest juice, fresh fruit, yogurt or sweet rolls, Since we are a small group, everyone does not need to bring something. A good idea is to check with the committee, (Toni, Linda, or Steve). Please come and be a blessing to our group on Easter.
