

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” **Matthew 28:19-20 (NKJV)**

Missions, Peace Work, and more...

Quakers have a long tradition of being active in, and seeking to make a difference to, the world in which they find themselves. In their actions they seek to put Quaker testimonies such as equality, peace and integrity into practice, as best they can.

Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW) was founded in 1987. It grew out of a six-day workshop during a Quaker conference in Ohio. At that time and for the first fifteen years it was known as Friends’ Committee on Unity With Nature. It is a not for profit organization serving as a network for North American Friends. QEW addresses the ecological and social crises of the world from a spiritual perspective, emphasizing Quaker process and testimonies. They seek to understand what it would mean to live in ‘right relationship’ with Earth and nature, and to act wherever they can to advance this cause. QEW works with QUNO (the Quaker UN office), AFSC (American Friends Service Committee), CFSC (Canadian Friends Service Committee), FWCC (Quakers’ global body) and FCNL (Friends Council for National Legislation). The key issues are environmental justice, food/water and climate change.

Education for peace aims to empower individuals with skills and understanding that (a) help them to handle violence in themselves and others, and (b) help them to build peace wherever they can.

Quaker education for peace may take place in formal settings such as schools and colleges, (Quaker and non-Quaker), or in workshops and seminars. It may also happen informally through participation in peace-related initiatives. Friends have sponsored and drawn upon peace research to inform and enhance education for peace.

Friends United Meeting (FUM) is an association of 26 yearly meetings in North America, Africa, and the Caribbean. Its home page states that it is "a collection of Christ-centered Quakers, embracing 34 yearly meetings and associations, thousands of local gatherings and hundreds of thousands of individuals". In addition there are several individual monthly meetings and organizations that are members of FUM; FUM's headquarters is in Richmond, Indiana, with offices in Kisumu, Kenya.

For more information about Quakers around the world, visit ***Quakers Around the World***.

Our Mission: to nourish hearts and minds, bodies and souls.
Our Vision: A nourished community.

Monthly Meeting for Business: 19 April 2026, to properly transact that business that should come before it. 15 friends attended. Acting presiding clerk Carolyn Dowling opened the Meeting with the mission statement of Friends Committee on National Legislation. Members were encouraged to seek what they are called to do and to consider how their inward life and outward actions relate to one another. Minutes of last month were read by Linda Daniel and were approved.

Next Monthly Meeting for Business: Sunday, May 17th at 9:30 am.

Treasurer's Report – Carolyn presented the balance sheets for February and March and reviewed the total amount in each fund. The balance sheets are attached to these minutes. At the end of March, the Meeting has \$243,098 in combined accounts and certificates of deposit. The Money Market account accrued \$450 in interest in the last two months. There will be interest accrued in April for the CD and will be reported next month. Carolyn also presented the Fiscal Agent Report for the Hunger on Campus project which is beginning to see activity.

Stewardship & Finance Committee – Jan Scott

We will have the East Room piano tuned; Dee Dee will contact Bob Eichorn for this. Jack continues to work on new signage for the building. Teri reported renovation of the kitchen will begin on May 18. Appliances and light fixtures will need to be purchased and will be installed during renovation. Teri and Kathy will coordinate this installation with the contractors. A new computer has been purchased for the workroom. Jan and her brother-in-law will install it this week. Paperwork is being completed to update our tax exemption status with the state. Teri has donated an amplifier and microphone for presiders to use to enhance sound during the worship service. When not in use, it will be stored in the workroom. The office is now open Monday - Thursday, 10 am to 2 pm.

Next Stewardship & Finance meeting will be Tuesday, May 12 at 2 pm.

Ministry & Oversight Committee – Linda Daniel

M&O will begin conversations with members to explore who might be interested in providing personal reflections during Meeting for Worship. We have one presentation scheduled for the end of June. The planned visit by Annie Glen, NAoF Field Secretary was postponed due to illness. We are also looking at June for her return. The committee continues to reach out in person, phone calls or cards to members who are unable to be active in the Meeting. We are grateful for assistance from Quaker Women in this important pastoral work. Sunday School and Bible Study continue to be well attended. We are discussing ways to collaborate with the Recovery Café as part of our 150th Anniversary in September. **Next Ministry & Oversight meeting will be May 7 at 2 pm.**

Ad Hoc Kitchen Planning – Kathy Mulrooney/Teri Saxon

Items in the kitchen/social area will need to be moved prior to Monday, May 18. The Coffee Shoppe will be adapted or postponed during the remodel work. The Meeting agreed to have an abbreviated worship service on May 17 followed by a boxed lunch for those who stay to help. Linda will make lunch arrangements.

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Community Outreach Committee– Dee Dee Healey

The committee asks for continued prayers for the turmoil in our community, our state, our nation, and throughout the world. The committee is discussing ways to be more “welcoming” to coffee shoppe friends and as well as ways to navigate the upcoming renovation of the kitchen/social space during coffee shoppe hours and food pantry. Dee Dee shared on how the number of households and individuals is determined in her reports to SHFB for the food pantry. On average, the food pantry serves 100 households. She reported 80 households were served at the April 18 pantry for a total of 685 individuals; 8 households were Recovery Café members. **Next Community Outreach committee meeting: Monday, May 4, 2026 at 2 pm.**

RCM Liaison Update – Linda Daniel

Linda has reserved seats for all those who expressed interest in attending the Café Fundraising breakfast. Building improvements this past month include application of a special sealant to the rubber roofs which has reduced the amount of water in the dining room. Plans to improve landscaping and the playground area will be through Smoots and the Zeigler Foundation. Smith will continue lawncare. Havel of Fort Wayne continues to work on the boiler and will provide quotes for replacing the AC units in the next week. An exterminator has treated the building for a recent roach problem.

Information for you to make note of....

The church office is now open Monday through Thursday from 10 am – 2 pm.

Church Office volunteers: Monday – Toni McKillip; Tuesday – Dee Dee Healey; Wednesday – Jan Scott; Thursday – Linda Daniel

Friends Food Pantry is the third Saturday of each month. **Time:** 10 am – 12 noon.

for information, donations: contact Dee Dee Healey, lead volunteer., or the church office.

Donations: hand crank can openers, shelf stable food items, personal care items, baby wipes.

Friends Coffee Shoppe is open Monday and Thursday. Time: 10 am – 1 pm.

For information, donations: contact any member from Community Outreach Committee., or the church office. Donations: coffee (regular and de-caf), liquid coffee creamer, cocoa mix, (individual packets), donuts, cookies, salty snacks, napkins.

Kitchen supplies: Dawn dish washing liquid, napkins, small paper plates.

Anniversaries

05/02 Klaus Neumann & Carolyn Dowling

05/19 Mike & Jan Scott

Birthdays

05/11 Carolyn Dowling

05/16 Joan Eikenberry

05/19 Theresa Kruczek

05/30 Klaus Neumann

If you would like your anniversary or birthday listed, contact the church office.

Prayer Concerns

Donna Conrad

Loretta & Steve Hinshaw

Kathy Mulrooney

Gisela Neumann (Carolyn Dowling's mother-in-law)

Murray Schemmer

Pray for our nation; our military; and pray that the war will end soon.

Condolences

Clarence Kirby passed away on March 30th.

Jerry Miller, Barb Swander Miller's husband unexpectedly passed away April 8th.

Quaker Women Circle – This month we will meet Thursday, May 14th at 2 pm. We will be making greeting cards to be sent to our homebound friends, and we will also review style options for the 150th anniversary cookbook. Recipes will be collected through the end of May. Quaker Women are planning a special treat for the May Food Pantry to include hygiene and household items not usually available. All women of our encouraged to come and fellowship.

Bible Study – meets every Wednesday at 6 pm. We are studying the book of Isaiah. All are welcome to join us.

Ladies Night Out - Friday, May 8th at 5:30 pm, at McAllister's Deli.

Men's Breakfast – Thursday, May 28th at 8 am, at Riverside Café.

Friends Coffee Shoppe – Monday and Thursday, 10 am – 1 pm. This is open to everyone in the Muncie community. We offer fellowship and friendship along with coffee, tea, cocoa, water and a variety of snacks, including donuts. We invite you to come and check us out.

Friends Food Pantry – the 3rd Saturday of every month from 10 am – 12 noon. This is available to whoever needs food. No ID is required. We offer food assistance; non-food items are also available (diapers, feminine hygiene, toiletries, etc.) Donations are ALWAYS welcomed. *We welcome volunteers of all ages too.*

For information, please contact Dee Dee Healey, 765/717-5189.

Memorial Day – Monday, May 25th, the church office will be closed.

Friends Coffee Shoppe will be closed on Memorial Day.

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Sunday Schedule:

Sunday School 9:30 am; 11:00 am Meeting for Worship

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

*If you need to contact us, PLEASE leave a detailed telephone message or email us at
munciefriendschurch@gmail.com

The newsletter is published monthly, deadline for newsletter items is 3rd Monday of the month.

*We are a supportive, caring congregation demonstrating Quaker values
in personal relationship with the Light of Christ, that light enabling us to bring the world to God.*