

Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)

FCNL is composed of two distinct organizations: the Friends Committee on National Legislation, a lobbying organization; and the FCNL Education Fund, a charitable organization.

FCNL fields an expert team of lobbyists on Capitol Hill and works with a grassroots network of tens of thousands of people across the country to advance policies and priorities established by our governing General Committee. We meet both policymakers and advocates where they are and seek opportunities to work together.

We pursue legislative policies informed by our belief that there is that of God in every person and that all creation has worth and dignity. Grounded by faith and morality, we combine a pragmatic and results-driven strategy with a clear-eyed, ambitious vision of the world we seek. Our Advocacy Teams network is made up of more than 1,500 Quakers and friends from across the country. They are using their power as constituents to make change in Washington, D.C. by building relationships with Congress grounded in mutual respect and listening.

Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

As we bear witness and lobby in solidarity with Native Americans, we specifically honor the Nacotchtank people, who were decimated as a result of European colonization. Also known as the Anacostans, they lived along the banks of the Anacostia River and in several villages in and around Capitol Hill. The buildings of FCNL, FCNL Education Fund, and Friends Place on Capitol Hill stand on their ancestral land.

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American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)

AFSC works for a just, peaceful, and sustainable world free of violence, inequality, and oppression. We join with people and partners worldwide to meet urgent community needs, challenge injustice, and build peace. Guided by the Quaker belief in the divine light of each person, AFSC works with people of all faiths and backgrounds to challenge unjust systems and promote lasting peace.

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Monthly Meeting for Business: 19 July 2026

Attendance today: 20

Our meeting was opened with queries for us to consider as we seek unity in our business decisions. Dee Dee Healey sat as meeting presider. Linda Daniel read the minutes of last business meeting (June 2026) were read and approved. The church directory is being updated. Update information sheets are available in the worship room and once completed return to the church office. We welcomed new member Debbie Droppleman. A certificate of membership will be presented later.

Next Monthly Meeting for Business: August 16, 2026 at 9:30 am.

Treasurer's Report –Carolyn reported the balance sheets for June and reviewed the total amount of each fund. The balance sheets are available in the church office. In combined accounts, the balance now stands at \$234,179 at the end of June.

Ministry & Oversight – This committee continues to oversee the functions of Sunday worship and presiders. We also to stay in communication with our Friends that cannot attend worship on a regular basis. The Wednesday bible study is going very well studying the book of Acts. The adult Sunday School class continues with Brian McLaren's book. "We Make the Road by Walking". Special events are being planned for the 150th celebration in September. Greg Hinshaw will be the guest speaker on Sunday, September 27 talking about the history of Friends in Indiana. A carry-in meal will follow on that Sunday. Debbie Droppleman, (our newest member), was welcomed in officially this month. *Welcome Friend!* **Next committee meeting: Thursday, August 6, at 2 pm.**

Stewardship & Finance – The kitchen renovation is nearly completed. Discussion of paint color was held. The appliances will be in place once the cabinets/countertops are done. Computer paper is needed for the church office. **Next committee meeting: Tuesday, August 11, at 2 pm.**

Community Outreach- Friends Food Pantry served 110 households in July, serving our pantry neighbors outside the building. **Friends Coffee Shoppe** continues to be closed until the kitchen remodeling is complete. (See Dee Dee for a list of donations needed for both Friends Food Pantry and Coffee Shoppe.) We encourage everyone to continue their prayers for all Friends around the world. The gift of \$3000.00 has been received. A thank you note has been sent to Unitarian Universalist Church. At our September committee meeting, we will be discussing what day and time is best for this committee. **Next committee meeting: Monday, September 7, at 2 pm.**

New Association of Friends – Mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 12, 2026**. This date is set for **the Annual Gathering for Nurture and Fellowship**. We will gather at First Friends Meeting in Richmond IN. Time: 9:30 am – 2 pm. We are planning a carpool for those that are planning on attending the gathering.

Birthdays

08/07 Catherine Griffith
08/12 Jason Fragomeni
08/12 Jack Otley
08/19 Anne Tinder
08/23 Mike Scott
08/28 Ashley Hutton
08/31 Laura Fragomeni

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*

Donna Conrad

Steve and Loretta Hinshaw

Gloria Mantock

Josh Rainey

Dr. John Peterson, passed away on July 14. Beloved physician and Friend to our church and to Muncie for many, many years. Please hold his wife **Vicki**, and their family in the Light.

Pray for our church, and each other.

Pray for people who are struggling from disasters in their homelands.

Continue praying for our nation.

“When God whispers, say yes.”

Sunday School– meets every Sunday at 9:30 am. Currently, we are reading and discussing, **“We Make the Road by Walking”**, by Brian McClaren.

Bible Study- Friends meet every Wednesday at 6 pm in the East Room. We are continuing with the study of the book of Acts. All are welcome.

Ladies Night Out at McAllister’s Deli.- Friday, August 14, 2026, at 5:30 pm.

Friends Food Pantry – Saturday, August 15, 2026. Time: 10am – 12 noon.

Men’s Breakfast at Riverside Café - Thursday, August 27, 2026 at 8:00 am.

New Association of Friends – mark your calendars for Saturday, September 12, 2026. The Annual Gathering for Nurture and Fellowship, 9:30 am-2:00 pm. This is the yearly event which all Meetings are encouraged to attend, share and fellowship with one another. First Friends Church in Richmond is the site for this year’s event. More information and registration info to come. If you have questions, contact Dee Dee Healey.

Special guest- Sunday, September 27, 2026, Greg Hinshaw, will be our guest speaker during Meeting for Worship. (Following Meeting for Worship, we will have a carry-in lunch.)

Quaker Women Circle will meet Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 2 pm. All women are invited. Our August project is preparing care bags for our friends who are in nursing homes, or homebound, reminding them that they are remembered. A list of items that can be donated is available by contacting Toni McKillip.

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Friendly News*

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Sunday Schedule:

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

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.

Our Mission: to nourish hearts and minds, bodies and souls.

Our Vision: A nourished community.

