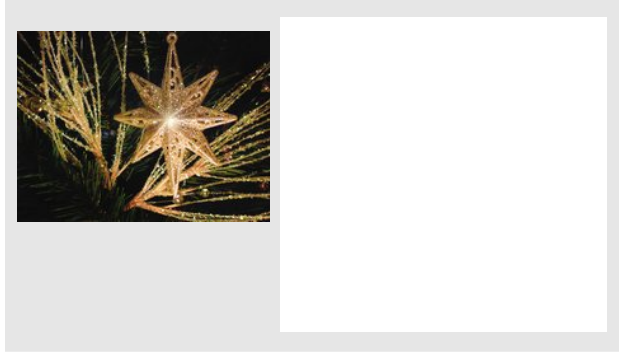


# Thee and Me



**December 2018**



## **Celebrating Christmas in Worship**

Giving gifts, shopping, eating, sharing stories, celebrating the children around us – these are all part of our celebration of the birth of Jesus. There is another part of the celebration – worshipping together.

As we gather for worship during this Advent season we will consider for simple words with deep meaning for our lives and the lives of those around us – *peace, hope, joy, and love.*

### **Sunday, December 2**

Featuring the **Sunday School Christmas Program**

*Peace* – Is peace possible in a world filled with people at war with others? Is our politics permanently polarized? Are there ways we can “work actively for peace and for the removal of the causes of war” in our little corner of the world? In what ways is Jesus the “Prince of Peace?”

### **Sunday, December 9**

*Hope* – Paul describes the heart of the Good News of Jesus as “Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Colossians 1:27). Is this hope just wishful thinking? What does “Christ in me” feel like? Aren’t hope and reality two different things?

### **Sunday, December 16**

*Joy* – What is joy? What brings us joy? Did the birth of Jesus bring joy to the world? Does the birth of Jesus bring joy to us?

### **Sunday, December 23**

Featuring **Christmas Music from the Choir**

*Love* – How do we know we are loved? What does love look like? How do we know God loves us? Is “Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so” enough?

### **Monday, December 24**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

Searching for the Light of the World

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### **Plainfield Friends**

**Monthly Meeting for Business Minutes  
November 18, 2018**

**Opening Minute:** Plainfield Friends Monthly Meeting for Business convened the Eleventh Month, 18th day, 2018 following Meeting for Worship and the fellowship meal. There were 16 present.

**Bill Heald, Clerk, read Faith & Practice Query #2 “Meeting for Worship and Business”**

1. Are all meetings for worship and for business duly held, and are you regular and punctual in attending them?
2. Do you come with heart and mind prepared for communion with God and fellowship with one another?
3. Do you individually assume your rightful share in the responsibility of the work and worship of the meeting?
4. Are your meetings for business times of spiritual concern and prayerful search for the way of truth?
5. **Query #10 “Attitudes in Race Relations”**
6. Does your attitude toward people of other races indicate your belief in their right to equal opportunity?
7. Do you believe in the spiritual capacity of people of all races and do you recognize their equality in the sight of God?
8. Are you aware of your responsibility as a Christian to help in the elimination of racial discrimination and prejudice?

## **Devotions** Gene Carter

"We see, hear and read about fire disasters in California, mass shootings, threats of violence being made in our schools, people traveling from Central America wanting to enter the U.S., disputes over elections and many other troubling issues around the world. Some of us may even have a personal crisis of our own.

One of many suggestions for shaping our attitudes is from **Romans 12:12**, "**Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction and faithful in prayer.**"

## **Minute 4 – 11-18-2018 Monthly Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2018**

### **Corrections:**

1. Minute 7b & Minute 17 #3 should read Mary "Van Osdol" not Mary "Osdol".
2. Minute 7a & Minute 17 #1 & 2: Change "McPhearson" to "McPherson" with **no "a"**.
3. Minute 8 = transferred \$7000 "from" Edward Jones NOT "for".
4. Minute 9 #1 second line change "leave" to "leaves"
5. Minute 9 #1 ADD:
  - 1b. "Sealing & striping the parking was postponed until Spring. \$1500 from the Chamber of Commerce is set aside for use on sealing & striping the parking in the Spring."
6. Change footer to: 10/21/18  
Plainfield Friends Monthly Meeting

Business Minutes – October 21, 2018

### **Correspondence: Bill Heald**

1. Thank you from American Friends Service Committee for gift of \$100.
2. Thank you from Zach & Aaron Toothman for use of Plainfield Friends/WYM grounds for their cancer benefit race.
3. WYM flyer for Spring Retreats.
4. Brenda Jackson for Karen Means – Thank you for financial support and use of the church foyer for "My Daily Walk".

### **Pastor's Report – Bill Clendineng APPROVED ( highlights follow):**

1. Crop Walk was a success and ¼ of the proceeds will go to the Plainfield Food Pantry.
2. Calendar-some items to remember:
  - a. November 25 "Hanging of the Greens" PFM Foyer following worship.
  - b. December 2 10:30am Sunday School Christmas Program.
  - c. December 8 1-3pm Gather in Church Foyer to go Caroling. Bring cookies &/or fruit to share in gift baskets.
  - d. December 14 - 7pm at Plainfield High School "**Christmas in Plainfield**".
    - e. December 24<sup>th</sup> at 8pm "**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**".

## **Ministry & Counsel Report – Gene Carter APPROVED**

1. Pastor Bill Clendineng's letter of resignation as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 was presented and accepted with gratitude for his years of loving care & service with Plainfield Friends. Pastor Bill expressed "that this is the right move for me now." He also expressed, "I have enjoyed working with the caring, kind and generous people of Plainfield Friends Church...a congregation with a long history of serving Jesus..."

- a. Kay Carter was asked to write a minute of appreciation for Pastor Bill & Kathy Clendineng. She will submit it to Susie Heald in the church office to put in the minutes.
2. Ministry & Counsel suggested they be the search committee. **APPROVED**
3. Ministry & Counsel & Spouses will gather Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> for fellowship and sharing of ideas for Plainfield Friends future outreach into our community.

## **Treasurer's Report – Marilyn Tucker APPROVED**

1. Treasurer's Report
  - a. October beginning balance: \$11,860.26
  - b. October ending register balance \$6,134.54
  - c. October Offerings: \$
  - d. Our October income was \$11,946.80
    - a) Total Brokerage balance at the end of October was \$411,526.66.

**Stewardship & Finance Committee –  
Clark Hadley ACCEPTED**

1. Recommended 2019 Proposed Budget changes were presented by the Treasurer as an emergency prevented Clark Hadley from making the report.
  - a. A final 2019 budget will be presented in December for approval.
  - b. Due to the retirement of our pastor, the Ministry & Counsel will present a suggested item to the Trustees for Pastoral Search Expenses.

**Trustees Report – Jim Wilson  
APPROVED**

1. Trustees are meeting with Realtor Joy Lee Kivett on November 19, to discuss offers on the sale of the parsonage.
  - a. One offer of \$138,000 was not accepted.
  - b. One offer of \$145,000 is pending acceptance or a counter offer.
  - c. Luann Heald informed us of possible asbestos concerns.
  - d. Luann Heald also mentioned that about \$10,000 will be deducted from the final amount received to be used for legal fees, etc.
2. A concern was mentioned about the ceiling lights in the Foyer not working. They need to be evaluated and possibly replaced with something else more efficient.

**Christian Education – Kathy Clendineng  
APPROVED**

1. The letter forwarded to CE from Indiana Yearly Meeting regarding a new Quaker Curriculum they are providing was not pursued as the date to order had expired.
2. The Sunday School is working on the Christmas Program which is December 2<sup>nd</sup> in Worship.
3. December 8 at 1pm everyone is invited to join us to go Christmas Caroling to various members of our church and to Sugar Grove Senior Living. Please bring some cookies &/or fresh fruit to share with those we visit and for snacking & fellowship following caroling.

**MOPS – Kay Carter APPROVED**

1. The MOPS Committee is bringing suggestions for the use of Quaker Day proceeds.
2. MOPS designates proceeds from the Highway 40 Yard Sale.
3. Plainfield Friends Meeting designates proceeds from the Quaker Day Proceeds.

**Visitation – No Report**

**Church Federation -**

1. Christmas in Plainfield will be December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Plainfield High School. The Plainfield Friends Church will be participating.

**Nominating Committee – APPROVED**

1. The committee has been contacting people for the Committee positions and will present the full report at the December meeting.

**Administrative Council Report – Bill Heald ACCEPTED**

1. About 15 Meetings were present.
2. Western Yearly Meeting has hired a new CE Director for the yearly meeting. His name is Matt Klausmeier and he is a member of Carmel Friends Church. His contract begins December 26, 2018.
3. A new Belize School Director is being considered. It is a couple and the wife would be the school director.
4. Yearly Meeting Program Committee: (FUM=Friends United Meeting)
  - a. Yearly Meeting will be July 25-28.
  - b. Theme: “Unleash the Love – Release God’s Power”.
  - c. Quaker Lecture will be given by Kelly Kellum – FUM General Secretary.
  - d. Morning Devotions will be given by Ron Bryan – FUM Clerk.
5. Luann Heald, Plainfield Friends Meeting, is Clerk of the WYM Office Advisory Committee.
6. WYM-CME
  - a. WYM Oversight of Retired Ministers Fund is up to \$220 for individual or \$340/couple.
  - b. There is concern that some churches and their pastor do not have a written contract.
  - c. Spring Retreat flyers were passed out.
  - d. WYM Property Trustees had to increase the 2018 budget by about \$6,500 due to the WYM basement flooding.

### Old Business – Shepherding Reports

1. Wayne & Kay met with Katy & Bill McPherson for lunch and a visit.
2. Kathy Clendineng & Jim Wilson will meet with Mary Van Osdol on November 19, 2018 for lunch and a visit at the Oasis Diner.
3. Bill Heald & Brenda Jackson will meet with Michelle Earl December 5<sup>th</sup> at Panera for dinner and a visit.

### New Business -

1. Brenda Jackson requested use of the Plainfield Friends Foyer on December 8<sup>th</sup> for “My Daily Walk” distribution of winter clothing items for those in need. It would be from 9am-12:15pm.  
APPROVED
2. Marilyn Tucker requested a tree be set up in the foyer for members to hang winter items on to be given to “My Daily Walk”. APPROVED

**Statistics** – A Memorial for Shirley Cordray was written by Kathe Bryant and read by Kay Carter.

### Joys & Concerns –

Continue prayer for:

1. Dale Graves fell this morning and is in the hospital undergoing tests. Pray for him & his family.
2. Pray for Pastor Bill and Plainfield Meeting during the retirement transition and pastoral search.
3. Praise for the Thanksgiving season and for the privilege Bill & I have had serving

as a pastoral couple to Plainfield Friends and for the loving friendships God has blessed us with here.

4. Family Promise will be here the week following Thanksgiving, beginning Sunday November 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Closing Minute:** Plainfield Friends Monthly Meeting for Business adjourns to meet 12th month, 16th day 2018, or on the call of the clerk.

Gene Carter closed the meeting with prayer.

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## Ministry and Counsel Notes

As I scanned materials I had saved about Quaker history, I revisited an article included in a March 1940 issue of Indiana Magazine of History.

The article titled “The Underground Railroad in Hendricks County” described people, several of whom were Quakers, who worked to help slaves escape to Canada during the ten years preceding the Civil War. Even though participating in this movement was against federal law, people

who believed freeing slaves was the right thing to do took the risk anyway.

The article names people and places that connect to some of us directly. The west side of Hendricks county helped refugees that came by way of Bloomingdale, and the east side came by way of Bloomington and Mooresville through Plainfield and then on north to Westfield. The article couldn't identify the specific places where Plainfield stations were located, but the author speculated that since the area had a strong settlement of Friends, there were probably several.

I enjoyed reading that Nathan Hadley, one of Clark's relatives, and Addison Coffin, a relative of Levi Coffin, had helped in the effort near Hadley, Indiana.

Details of one of the houses and barns near Danville include secret closets, rooms and cellars that concealed the runaway slaves.

The article concludes:

*This was an issue on which most people had very decided opinions. Those who were interested in helping the runaway*

slaves went in to the work “heart and soul” and took many risks. It has never been so when great moral issues have reached the crucial stage.

I read the article in awe of the Indiana Quakers who had the courage to help others at a troubled time in our history. However, the article added to my frustration that we have refugees in our country who need help today. Even though they are not held in Indiana, and we don't know them personally, we can empathize with their plight. We need to search our hearts for courage and try to find strategies to relieve their condition and advance them to a road to freedom—just as Hendricks County Quakers did before us. Diana

### The Christmas Star from Afar



An “Elf on the Shelf” alternative. Many families with young children have fun with “Elf on the Shelf” at Christmas. Each

day leading up to Christmas, Children search the house for the hidden elf and usually find some kind of surprise.

In **The Christmas Star from Afar**, children help the Wise Men from the Christmas story find and follow the star.

We have free **Christmas Star from Afar** kits for families with young children. The kits include a book, and wooden nativity set, and of course a star suitable for hiding. Pick one up from the church today.

Plainfield Friends Meeting will be collecting hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, socks and shoes for “My Daily Walk”. There will be an undecorated tree in the foyer on which to hang your gifts.

### December Events



- 12/02** **Children’s Christmas Program**
- 12/03 7pm Scout Pack 429
- 12/04 Community Choir Practice @ PUMC
- 12/06 7pm Choir Practice
- 12/06 2pm Worship at Sugar Grove Sr. Living
- 12/08 1pm Christmas Caroling**
- 12/10 7pm Ministry & Counsel**
- 12/11 7pm Scout Pack 429
- 12/11 7pm Cub Scout Parent

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- 12/25**
- 12/30

- Planning Meeting
- 7pm Stewardship & Finance Meeting**
- 7pm Choir Practice
- 7pm Christmas in Plainfield @ the High School**
- 9am Pinewood Derby Wkshp
- 11:30am Fellowship Meal**
- 12:30pm Meeting for Business**
- 7pm Scout Pack 429
- 7pm Choir Practice
- 7:30am Quaker Men/Women Breakfast @ Goody’s
- Choir Music Sunday**
- 2:30pm Worship @ PHCC
- 8pm Candlelight Service**
- Christmas Day**
- Office Closed**
- 3pm Vespers @ Westside Garden Center

### December Birthdays



- 12/11 David Swann
- 12/13 Holly Hamilton
- 12/16 Virginia Lindley
- 12/18 Cindy Evans
- 12/19 Gladys Conwell
- 12/20 Jonathon Mace
- 12/20 Roy Bond

12/21 Holly Lowry  
 12/21 James Gladden  
 12/25 Holly Brooks  
 12/27 Sharon Garris  
 12/28 Ed Copeland  
 Mary Anne Gladden  
 12/29 Bruce Hedden  
 Joseph Leak  
 12/31 Kathe Bryant

**January Events**



**01/01 New Years Day-Office Closed**  
 01/03 7pm Choir Practice  
 01/05 9am Pinewood Derby Wkshp  
 01/07 7pm Scout Pack 429  
**01/08 7pm Coordinating Committee Meeting**  
 7pm Cub Scout Parent Planning Meeting  
 01/10 7pm Choir Practice  
 01/13 2pm Worship @ Sugar Grove Sr. Living  
**01/14 7pm Ministry & Counsel**  
 7pm Scout Pack 429  
 01/17 7pm Choir Practice  
**01/20 11:30 Fellowship Meal**  
**12:30 Meeting for Business**  
 01/24 7pm Choir Practice  
 01/26 7:30am Quaker Men/Women Breakfast @ Goody's

01/28 7pm Scout Pack 429  
 01/31 7pm Choir Practice

**January Birthdays**



01/01 Walter Maxwell  
 Jeanette Moore  
 01/07 Megan Allen  
 01/08 Kyle Rhoden  
 01/14 Rose Asava  
 Jarrod Cowell  
 Robert Milhous  
 Richard Heald  
 01/17 Nancy Stickney  
 01/18 Randy Maxwell  
 01/21 Jo Ann Long  
 01/23 Ronald Richardson  
 01/27 Cynthia Simmons