



### Spike in Covid19

Please help to keep everyone safe by avoiding in person visits to the office when at all possible.

Make use of calling or emailing the office, rather than in person visits.

Each time someone enters the Meetinghouse, there is an airborne risk of spreading the virus via talking, breathing, coughing, etc. and anything that the visitor touched has to be cleaned after leaving.

# THANKS

TO THOSE ON THE FRONTLINE OF COVID-19

Being that there is a risk of spreading the virus when people meet in person, please limit this risk by staying home as much as possible, wearing a mask around others, keeping social distance with others, washing hands frequently & using hand sanitizer.

Communicate safely with the office by either emailing:  
**first.friends@sbcglobal.net**  
or by calling **765-453-9490**.



### We are in need of some help

We would like some volunteers to help us give a phone call to those in our First Friends family who have had to keep away from the Meeting during the pandemic.

If you would be willing to call 2 or 3 people (or households) each week and report any joys or concerns to Carrie or Jonathan, please let the office know so we can give you some names and phone numbers. The more the merrier!



The Urban Outreach UP Learning Center helps students keep up with their studies when schools go virtual. One-on-one learning, daily gym and Spanish classes keep kids active and learning. Mentoring programs keep kids resilient amid the pandemic. Everyone at UP would like to thank you for your support!  
**KokomoUrbanOutreach.org**



### Help Keep Hope Alive

Would you send a few extra Holiday cards to let home-bound seniors know someone cares? Sign up at **Samaritan Caregivers** then make or buy cards, sign and mail. Call: 765-453-7611 to get involved.

Donations can be made at:  
[www.samaritancaregivers.org](http://www.samaritancaregivers.org)

## DECEMBER Birthdays

Timothy Gatewood, Dec., 24

## JANUARY Birthdays

Matt Cottrell, Jan. 1  
Norma Dunn, Jan. 1  
Rosalea Kenworthy, Jan. 2  
Ben Hillman, Jan. 4  
Freda Russell, Jan. 5  
Walt Wessendorf, Jan. 8  
Aidan Kennedy, Jan. 12  
Bob Fewell, Jan. 17  
Donna Hensler, Jan. 22  
Dot Williams, Jan. 24

## DECEMBER Anniversaries

*Cassie & Jamie Miller, Dec. 9*  
*Peggy & Conrad Robertson, Dec. 21*

### IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

<i>Susan Block</i>	<i>Dan Sheridan</i>
<i>Mendy Boyle</i>	<i>Christian Smith</i>
<i>Erin Cottrell</i>	<i>Susan Tobin</i>
<i>Mary Gang</i>	<i>Alec Wessendorf</i>
<i>Terri Maskel-Nixon</i>	<i>Walt Wessendorf</i>
<i>Bea McMurtrey</i>	<i>Joella Wessendorf</i>



Hire a teen for yard work by contacting Urban Outreach at **765-461-9618**

## COVID-19 UPDATES

Monthly Meeting has decided to suspend in-person meet-

ings as a preemptive measure to ensure the safety of our members, staff, and visitors during the current uptick in COVID-19 cases. **Our services will be available live and on demand via our Facebook Page and available live on Sunday mornings by calling (701) 802-5466 and using the access code 7436271** followed by the pound key. Committee Meetings are accessible using this same phone number.



- Jan. 1:** New year's Day  
Office Closed
- Jan. 3:** Mission Sunday, ACFIA
- Jan. 6:** Epiphany  
Tentative:  
5:30pm Girl Scout 3997
- Jan. 11:** 2pm Outreach Comm.  
4pm Trustee Comm.  
6pm Finance Comm.



Please remember the Retired Ministers of Western Yearly Meeting with an end-of-the-year gift to the WYM Retired Ministers

*Pastor's*  
**RETIREMENT**  
**Fund**

Fund. Check contributions to the Retired Ministers Fund can be made out to **WYM Retired Ministers Fund** and sent to **WYM, PO Box 70, Plainfield IN 46168.**

**On the WYM Website & In Your Email** – The *For This Time* page on the WYM website and the *For This Time emails* keep WYM Friends encouraged and connected during the pandemics. The *For This Time emails* will be sent twice a month. For the most current information, please visit: [www.westernyearlymeeting.org/for-this-time](http://www.westernyearlymeeting.org/for-this-time)



**American Red Cross**

December Blood Drive Date:

**Dec. 29, 1-7pm**

Fellowship Hall

Appointments are required and can be made by calling

**1-800-733-2767**

Or visiting the website

**Www.redcrossblood.org**

All donations will be tested for Covid19 antibodies. The results of your antibody test can be viewed on your Red Cross online account.



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Please let Carrie in the office know if you would like to volunteer at the **2/23/21** Red Cross blood drive. Volunteers are needed.

## Quaker Haven

There's always something to do at camp. From picking up sticks to building picnic tables, they can always use the help. Contact the camp office to volunteer: 574-834-4193

The Friends of Quaker Haven program was created for the purpose of assisting camp staff fulfill the mission of Quaker Haven. Friends of Quaker Haven will accomplish this by establishing a list of volunteers who are willing to use their gifts and abilities to contribute to the ministry of Quaker Haven. To be added to the list of volunteers, contact us at 574-834-4193

*"I would say what camp meant to me in the midst of covid was a chance to get away from all that was wrong in the world and have to be able to grow my faith and connect with God."* -Ben

## Events:

Men's Groundhog Retreat  
Jan. 29-30

Winter Sneak  
Feb. 5-7

