



### 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.

# THANKS

TO THOSE ON THE FRONTLINE OF COVID-19

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.

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**.



The logo of Friends Theological College depicts the Risen Christ, featuring colors and designs common in African cultures.

The pandemic has presented a financial challenge to FTC. Tuition income stopped at the end of March when the Kenyan gov. shut down all schools. FTC has launched e-learning, but the financial need still remains. The projected monthly income needed to fund FTC is \$10,000 per month. For more information, visit their website: **friendsunitedmeeting.org**.



It is FUM's joy to serve our global fellowship. Travel restrictions cause hardships around the world and FUM's staff are working hard to connect Friends & serve vulnerable communities. This year, over \$60,000 has been distributed through the Covid19 Solidarity & African Collaboration Fund to provide protective equipment for hospitals, establish feeding programs, and aid isolated families. Friends Theological College started a new e-learning program. Friends & alumni of Ramallah Friends School donated over 120 laptops to Ramallah Friends School to enable teachers to provide hybrid education. Support from an FUM Yearly Meeting and the Covid19 Fund, tablet computers were purchased to help Belize Friends students connect with their teachers and receive instruction from home. Thank you for your support of FUM.

**Friendsunitedmeeting.org**

## 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

Monthly Meeting  
Jan. 24th. At 11:45

Open Worship  
Jingle Sunday (Quaker Haven)  
Jan. 31st.

### IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Susan Block</i>        | <i>Susan Tobin</i>       |
| <i>Mendy Boyle</i>        | <i>Alec Wessendorf</i>   |
| <i>Mary Gang</i>          | <i>Joella Wessendorf</i> |
| <i>Terri Maskel-Nixon</i> | <i>Emily West</i>        |



A 501c3 nonprofit, located in Washington County Alabama, dedicated to teaching godly heritage to the servants of the Lord.  
~ Isaiah 54

The Friends Center helps to provide food, clothing, school supplies, & household items to those in need. The women's shelter provides a safe, controlled environment where ladies have access to church and community programs to become spiritually mature, emotionally stable, and financially independent. Renovation work was also done on the school, kitchen, property, & living quarters. Thank you for your generosity!

Learn more on their website: **Thefriendscenter.com**

## 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.

## January



- Jan. 11: 2pm Outreach Comm. 4pm Trustee Comm.
- Jan. 12: 6:30pm CM&E and CE
- Jan. 14: 6pm Finance Committee
- Jan. 19: 6:30pm Admin. Comm.
- Jan. 24: 11:45am Monthly Meeting

Conference Calls: 701-802-5466  
Access Code: 7436271#



American Friends Service Committee

In LA, participants in AF-SC's Roots for Peace Program are using urban farming to increase community access to healthy foods, improve neighborhood wellness, and address racial/economic injustice. A vacant lot has been transformed into a community farm. Thousands of pounds of produce, a youth internship program, and education on climate change, emergency preparedness have resulted from the program.

## Quaker Haven

### Events:

Men's Groundhog Retreat  
Jan. 29-30

Winter Sneak  
Feb. 5-7



Despite the Covid-19 outbreak, clients at the Quaker House have not had to miss therapy. Clients utilized telephone therapy or the video teletherapy platform. In July, clients had the option of receiving in-person therapy if they wished to. Temperature checks, a HEPA air filter, hand sanitizer, etc. were implemented for safety. The hope is that the therapy provided by the Quaker House will help to sooth the sometimes years of hurt & betrayal, PTSD, moral injury, and trauma that their clients have experienced. More information about the Quaker House, visit their website: [www.quakerhouse.org](http://www.quakerhouse.org)



American Red Cross

December Blood Drive Dates:

Thurs., Feb. 11, 12-6pm  
and  
Feb. 23, 1-7pm

Appointments are required and can be made by calling  
**1-800-733-2767**

Or visiting the website

[www.redcrossblood.org](http://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.

### Statistics

#### Dec. 29, 2020 Blood Drive

Appointments Filled: 37  
Presenting Donors: 34  
First Time Donors: 0  
Unit Collection Goal: 25

**Units of Blood Collected: 28**

We Surpassed our Goal!!  
Thank you!!

Every 2 seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. The need for blood is constant in the treatment of accident & burn victims, heart surgery, organ transplant patients, and those receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer, and sickle cell disease.



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