

THE LIGHT

Celebrate!

Palm Sunday

April 5

Resurrection Sunday

April 12

Virtual Services—10:00 a.m.

On the UFM Facebook Page
and the UFM website
<https://wichitaquakers.org>

We at University Friends Meeting now have access to a “pro” version of Zoom. That means we can use it for meeting virtually for longer than the thirty minutes that the free version of Zoom allows, and we can include up to 100 people. Zoom allows people to meet online, to talk to and see one another in the process. Our Transi-



tion Team and the Book Club are already using it.

If you would like to use this service for a committee meeting or for checking in with one another, just contact Catherine. She can set up the meeting and send out email invitations, and she could either host the virtual meeting or give that capability to someone else. In order to participate, people would need to download the (very user-friendly) Zoom app to the device, such as smart phone or laptop, that they would want to use for the meeting.

What do you think about using this option as a means of gathering for Sunday worship or Monthly Meeting for business? It's something to consider in these times of social distancing and hunkering down.

April 2020

Meetings for Worship are on
Sunday Mornings at 10 a.m. online
on the UFM Facebook Page
and the UFM website:
<https://wichitaquakers.org>

Notice: In compliance with Sedgwick County's stay-at-home order, all UFC's meetings are either cancelled or being held virtually through at least April 23 via our church website and Facebook page.

All-Church Work Day at the
Meetinghouse
Saturday, Apr. 4 at 9 a.m.
(Pending Coronavirus directives.)

Palm Sunday—April 5



Good Friday—April 10

Resurrection Sunday—
April 12



The Book Club will meet via ZOOM
April 14 & 28

Light Deadline
Wednesday, April 15

Monthly Meeting—Sunday, Apr. 19
(Watch your email for details.)

UFM Family Promise Host Week
April 19-26



All-Church
Work Day at
the Meetinghouse
Saturday, Apr. 4 at 9 a.m.

Join us in sprucing up our meetinghouse and the church property at this all-church work day, pending any further Coronavirus directives. There is always plenty to do, and your help is appreciated!

► Save the Date!

“What Is God Calling Us To?”

All-Church Retreat with Colin Saxton

June 12-14, 2020

As you probably know, intentional interim ministry focuses on three primary questions: Who are we? Who are our neighbors? What is God calling us to be and to do?

As we move forward in addressing those questions, we have been giving attention to the building and to finances. David McDonald's recent financial analysis projects that the meeting will run out of funds in 7.7 years at current income and spending levels.

Conversations about looking to the future needs of the Meeting, particularly as related to facilities and to transparency and sustainability of financial practices, have made clear that we need to tackle the third question—what is God calling us to be and to do? That is, if we're going to make plans, we need to know where we're headed.

In order to help us get clearer on that, we have invited Colin Saxton, Stewardship Consultant with Everence and former General Secretary of Friends United Meeting, to work with us. He will be coming to be with us the weekend of June 12-14 to address questions such as these:

- Who are we called to be?
- What has God called us to do in our culture context today in our community?
- What barriers/resistance confronts us?
- What changes in structure, organization, leadership or self-perception would free us to be faithful, fruitful and to flourish?
- What outcomes/indicators can we use to evaluate our faithfulness?
- How do we give thanks and celebrate what God is doing in and through us?

Addressing these questions will go a long way toward moving us forward in this time of transition. Please keep the date of June 12-14 in your prayers and on your calendar.

Your participation is important.



Early on the first day of the week ... Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.

John 20:1, NRSV

Prayer Concerns . . .

Greg Newby has cancer around the area of a Scapula fracture; he will have an appointment with an oncologist for follow-up.

Gordon Smith fell and was hospitalized for a concussion and bleeding on the brain; he has been released from the hospital.

Bilhah Bengi was hospitalized with pneumonia and sepsis. **Rodah Bengi** was injured badly at softball practice and got multiple stitches.

Mary Hiebert had sinus surgery and also fell and broke her shoulder in several places.

Wayne Howdeshell continues to recover from hip surgery.

**WANTED:
GRADUATES!**



If you or someone you know is graduating from high school, technical school, college, or graduate school (*and* is a member of or attends University Friends Meeting), please let us know for the May issue of *The Light*. We need the graduate's name, school, and degree. Please send to:

universityfriends@sbcglobal.net

Finance Report

General Budget:

Feb. Income	\$7,243
Feb. Expenses.....	\$19,895
YTD Income.....	\$17,197
YTD Expenses	\$43,654



Our **Monthly Missions Offering** for April will provide scholarships to our UFM kids who want to go to summer camp this year. You can write a check to University Friends Church and reference *April Missions Offering* and mail it to the church. (*Last month you gave \$130 for Kathi Perry's ministry in Ireland through EFM. Thanks!*)

Looking Ahead...

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 7

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 10

Memorial Day

Monday, May 25

Great Plains Yearly Meeting

June 4-7

Heartland Friends Meeting



Affiliation Update from Ministry & Counsel...

As you probably know, University Friends received a letter from David Williams (superintendent of Evangelical Friends Church—Mid-America (MA)), indicating that the MA Elders Board would no longer accept dual affiliation. As we prayerfully considered our options, we had a discernment meeting, at which our way forward became clearer. Then, at our March business meeting, we regretfully decided that, since dual affiliation with Great Plains Yearly Meeting and Mid-America Yearly Meeting is no longer an option, we plan to retain our affiliation with Great Plains Yearly Meeting and disaffiliate from EFC-Mid-America Yearly Meeting.

We did not welcome the need to make this choice. We do not believe that we have been the source of confusion, disunity or undermining, as the letter suggested. With heavy hearts, though, we do realize that the very diversity our church values as part of our understanding of who God is calling us to be, is not similarly regarded in Mid-America Yearly Meeting.

Our Ministry and Counsel committee is requesting a face-to-face meeting with David Williams and any members of MA's Elders Board who might be available. We plan to communicate our decision to other Friends in the area. We are also asking that the severing of this relationship not be finalized until the time of MA's Ministry Conference, in July of 2020.

Congratulations!
April Anniversaries
(40+ Years)
 **Duane & LaDonna Moss**
on 4/1/72

UFM Family Promise

Host Week: April 19-26

Notice: We will be doing Family Promise standard but online only sign-ups, and the form will be posted on Facebook and on the UFM website. If it's not up currently, it will be up and ready very soon. As always, thank you for your willingness and participation in Family Promise! Also, there is an urgent need for campers/RVs that FP can borrow to give families more space and social distance in this time. They will sanitize and return campers in the same condition as they receive them. Please call 316-977-7026 or send a message to office@familypromisewichita.org if you can help. Thank you!

With Sympathy...

Our heartfelt sympathy to Elaine Woodard Parker and her family in the death of her son, Richard Harrold, who died March 23, 2020.

GREAT PLAINS YEARLY MEETING 2020

with speaker,
Noah Merrill

of Putney Friends Meeting (VT)

June 4-7, 2020

Heartland Friends Meeting
Wichita, Kansas

Noah Merrill is a member of Putney (VT) Friends Meeting and serves as Secretary of New England Yearly Meeting. He seeks to be useful in the practical spiritual work of building relationships, encouraging faithfulness and participating in God's work of awakening hearts. Noah was a speaker at Friends World Committee on Consultation (FWCC) World Gathering of Friends held in Kenya, 2012, as well as supporting the launch of Quaker Voluntary Service with it's pilot in Atlanta, GA. He was also the guest speaker at Great Plains Yearly Meeting in 2015.



See greatplainsmeeting.org for more information and to register.

Registration deadline—May 15th.

New Church Directories!

The 2020 UFM directories (with a list of committees inserted) are here! Your donation of \$2 per directory will help offset our printing costs, or \$3 if you would like one mailed to you. However, we don't want cost to be an issue to anyone—we would like for everyone to have one who wants one!

Welcome,
New Members!...
Joe & Leigh Ann Dawley
Karen Walker

HumanKind Ministries presents...

Sleep Out/Speak Out Friday, May 1 7 p.m.-7 a.m.

Stand in Solidarity with
Our Homeless Neighbors.

You're invited to spend a night under the stars in the Rhatigan Student Center Courtyard at Wichita State University to raise awareness and much-needed funds to tackle homelessness in Wichita.

www.HumanKindWichita.org/
Sleep-Out

A Baby Girl!

Natalie Cope McDonald

Born to Kevin & Gwen McDonald



March 11, 2020
5:36 a.m.
7 lbs. 5 oz.
21" long

David & Beth McDonald are the proud grandparents, and Ann McDonald is the proud great grandma!

Congratulations!

April Birthdays!

Apr. 1: Earl George; **Apr. 2:** Earlene Mevey; **Apr. 3:** Margaret Knecht; **Apr. 4:** Ian Mallonee, Blake Bennett, Martha Davis, Shawna Kingrey, Daniel DeGroot; **Apr. 5:** Stan Pennington; **Apr. 6:** Sarah Wine, Jarel Murray, Jake Bowles; **Apr. 7:** Jacob Newman, Joseph Newman; **Apr. 9:** Phyllis Trisal, Jocelyn Mallonee; **Apr. 10:** Jacque Bowles, Doug Ballard; **Apr. 11:** Karyn Allen, Mary (Chacko) Willett; **Apr. 13:** Mark Mallonee, Mary Bengi, BrookLynn Buesch; **Apr. 14:** Nancy Stark; **Apr. 15:** Rochelle (Tregellas) Fouts, Robert Frazier; **Apr. 16:** Judith Blue, Marcus Ames; **Apr. 17:** Shannon Tranmer; **Apr. 19:** Kim Allen, Gil Smith, James Wine; **Apr. 20:** David Suttle, Kekua Lupton; **Apr. 22:** Diane Henrichs; **Apr. 23:** Pam Grether, Mercy Lugalia, Clyde Carpenter; **Apr. 24:** Kenneth Jack, Jolene Martin; **Apr. 25:** Holly Newman, Christian Chacko; **Apr. 28:** John Holmes, Terri Poole; **Apr. 29:** Fred Kraft, Karen (Marsh) Hufford, Paula Smith; **Apr. 30:** Mark Perkins, DeAnn Mallonee, Sasha Keehn; **May 1:** Persis Lugalia, Jaime Lupton, Caden Doyle, Breckyn Blue; **May 2:** Faith Lugalia, Doug Bowles; **May 3:** Pamela Smith, Michael Bowles, Jessica (Snyder) Johnson; **May 4:** Martin Casado, Parker Philip; **May 6:** Achamma Philip.



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April 2020

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Dear University Friends Meeting,

At this juncture in my life and the life of UFM, I feel it is time that I step down as secretary of University Friends Meeting, with my last day being—barring anything unforeseen—May 1.

In these 18 years, I have enjoyed serving you and serving *with* you! I hope my presence in the office and the work I have done here has been a blessing to you. I've always considered my work here to be just that—my *work* and not a *job*—it has been my ministry, and I am grateful to God for having brought me here. My hope is that I've pointed people toward Christ and glorified God in tangible ways, every day.

I have made wonderful friends here, many of whom are dear to my heart, and I will miss you. Thanks to those who have done such special things for me, out of appreciation and friendship. I truly have appreciated every kind word and action I've received (and I have a couple of folders FULL of notes and cards from you that I have saved!).

At this point, I am going to wait on the Lord for my next step and be sensitive to his Spirit and leading, and see where He takes me!

In Christ's love to my brothers and sisters in Him,

Jennifer Exline

BOOK CLUB NEWS...

The Book Club meets at 6:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month via ZOOM currently, so contact John or Sue Wine for more information. The book is *Native Americans, the Mainline Church and the Quest for Interracial Justice* by Wichita resident David Hansen. Read chapters 1-3 before our meeting on Apr. 14.



that he gave
his only Son.

John 3:16