



FORT MYERS MONTHLY MEETING

Of the Religious Society of Friends

Meeting for Worship

Friends are meeting for hybrid worship every 1st day at 10:30 A.M. Friends may meet physically outdoors (weather permitting) under the roof of the Chickee on the Orange River in Buckingham. (aka Peace Acre). Friends who prefer to meet via Zoom instead may do so. Each Friday an invitation to Zoom worship is sent to our entire e-mail list, identifying the hyperlink and meeting number. People may join early either physically or via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. for conversation and fellowship.

Midweek worship

Midweek worship, in person only, is held at the Chickee on Peace Acre each Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m. For directions to Peace Acre, call 239-313-6201 or email the e-mail address above for directions.

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SEYM Queries & Advices

Second Section:

How do Friends care for one another?

5. Education

Queries:

- Do we share our deepest beliefs and values with each other and with our children, while leaving them free to develop as the Spirit may lead them?
- Does the meeting give the children loving care and promote their spiritual life through religious education and other activities?
- Do we encourage our children's participation in the meeting's work and cultivate their desire for service to others?
- How do we educate our members and attenders about the Bible (especially the teachings of Jesus), other spiritual literature, and the history, principles, and practices of Friends?

Contributions to the Meeting can be made payable to Fort Myers Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, and can be sent to:

FMMM,
Denise Runyon
125 Pinebrook Dr,
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Advices:

- Seek for ourselves and for our children the full development of God's gifts, which is true education.
- Realize that education should continue throughout life and that all should share its opportunities and privileges.
- Make time for regular personal prayer and worship and for reading the Bible, Friends literature, *Faith and Practice*, the queries and advices, and other sources of spiritual value.
- Seek truth together in our families and among Friends in shared worship and discussion.
- Teach by being teachable. Be open to new ideas and approaches.
- Reach out to that of God in everyone, and endeavor to live out the testimonies of Friends in all the expected and unexpected circumstances of daily life.

Send Donations to New Address!

We want to thank Sam DeOliveira for helping us with our donation deposits as our Assistant Treasurer. Sam and his family have moved and with two jobs and a little one at home we need to give Sam more time to spend with his family and less doing banking.

Fortunately Denise Runyon has agreed to help and will be our new check depositor. Please make your donation checks out to: The Fort Myers Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, Inc. You may mail your check to Denise at the address above.

*Submitted by Paul Davis, Treasurer
Fort Myers Monthly Meeting*

FMMM Funds Report 4/30/2023

General Funds

Checking	8,806
Gen Fund Savings	42,070
Gen Fund Fr Fiduciary	28,967
Total General Fund	79,843

Meeting House Funds

Savings	474,816
MH Funds Fr Fiduciary	13,479
Total Meeting House Funds	488,295
FMMM Total Funds	568,138

April 2023 Income vs Expenses

April Income **\$ 9,660***

April Expenses **\$ 1,196***

*Income: Meeting House \$ 9,300

*Income: General Fund \$ 360

* Expense: Engineers \$ 1,052

Roxy Jacobs and son Carey with Live Oak tree planted in memory of Tom Jacobs at Peace Acre. The tree was planted as part of the memorial service for Tom Jacobs.



Celebrate the Life of John Battin

May 21, 2023, 12:30 p.m. following worship.



John Thomas Battin, son of Harry E. and Phyliss Bovingdon Battin, was born on July 25, 1942 in Albany, New York and died in Ft. Myers, Florida on April 9, 2023, at the age of 80. He is survived by his sons John Christopher Bovingdon Battin, Samuel Frost Battin, and Gregory English Battin, and by his sister Joan Mahlan and his brother Harry Battin. Evelyn Battin, his beloved wife of forty years, died in 2008.

After Evelyn died, John moved to Ft Myers where he remained for the rest of his life and where he became an active part of our Quaker Community, serving in numerous roles, including that of Treasurer.

As John's sons said: "John was a loving husband, father and friend. Always kind and thoughtful, he brought joy and good fellowship to everyone he met through his hard work, reliability, razor-sharp mind, keen wit, and excellent sense of humor. He loved us from the day we were born until the day he died and showed it in all the important ways. We loved him just as much and will miss him very, very much."

Congratulations are in Order!

Dylan Goldey has received a job promotion in Rhode Island. Dylan, Priscilla and Annabella will be moving June 8.

Dylan will be away at training from May 21- June 6. Priscilla is requesting company between this time frame. She is open to Zoom, going to you, or having you come to her.

If you're available and would love to see Priscilla or Annabella please do so by texting: 239-246-1028 or emailing:

Priscillagoldey@gmail.com

(Thank you to Friend Theron White for passing the following information along for the Meeting's awareness.)

Please be alerted to Senate Bill 1718 that is now on the way to Gov. DeSantis for signature. In summary: it makes nearly any assistance to undocumented immigrants illegal. See this and more at <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2023/1718/?Tab=BillText>

GENERAL BILL by Fiscal Policy ; Rules ; Ingoglia

Immigration; Prohibiting counties and municipalities, respectively, from providing funds to any person, entity, or organization to issue identification documents to an individual who does not provide proof of lawful presence in the United States; specifying that certain driver licenses and permits issued by other states exclusively to unauthorized immigrants are not valid in this state; requiring certain hospitals to collect patient immigration status data information on admission or registration forms; requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to enter a certain order and require repayment of certain economic development incentives if the department finds or is notified that an employer has knowingly employed an unauthorized alien without verifying the employment eligibility of such person, etc.

USEFUL WEBSITES FOR FRIENDS

<https://pendlehill.org>Pendle Hill, Quaker Retreat and Resource Center
<http://seymquakers.org>Southeastern Yearly Meeting
www.fcni.orgFriends Committee for National Legislation
www.fgcquaker.orgFriends General Conference
www.afsc.orgAmerican Friends Service Committee
<http://fwcc.world>Friends World Committee on Consultation
www.quakerspeak.comQuakerSpeak: A Quaker YouTube Channel
www.quakerhouse.orgQuaker House, Fayetteville
www.quakervoluntaryservice.orgQuaker Voluntary Service
www.quno.orgQuaker United Nations

	MEETING CALENDAR	
Each First Day	Meeting for Worship in a hybrid format: in person at Peace Acre or via Zoom. An informal conversation time begins at 10:00 am.	10:30 a.m.
Each Wednesday	Meeting for Worship at Peace Acre. This is in person only.	10:30 a.m.
Sunday, May 21, 2023	Celebration of Life: John Battin	12:30 p.m. Following worship