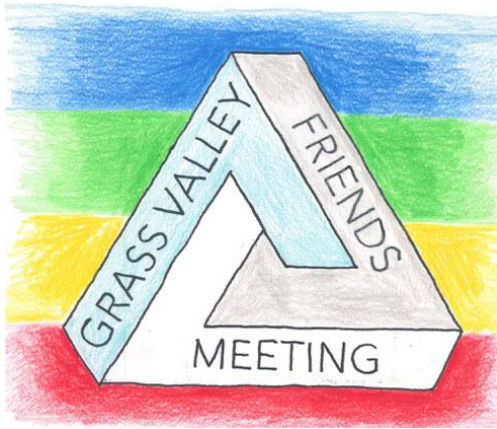




GRASS VALLEY FRIENDS MEETING

*Of the Religious Society of Friends in the Truth,
College Park Quarterly Meeting,
Pacific Yearly Meeting*

13075 Woolman Lane, Nevada City, CA 95959
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First Days: 9:00am Singing at the Meeting House (in-person and zoom)
10:00 am Silent Meeting for Worship (in-person and zoom)
To receive the zoom link, grassvalleyfriends@gmail.com.

Newsletter, ELEVENTH MONTH, 2025

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MEETING CALENDAR

First Sunday

- Program to be announced.

Second Sunday

- Hybrid Silent Meeting for Worship Meeting, Potluck and for Worship on the Occasion of Business.

Third Sunday

- Program to be announced.

Fourth Sunday

- Spiritual Life

Fifth Sunday

- On Fifth Sundays we hold a Family Meeting for Worship. *Children and adults gather and spend 20 minutes in storytelling, 20 minutes in singing and 20 minutes in silent worship.*

HAPPENING NOW

- Sunday, November 9, 2025: Potluck and Meeting for Worship for Business, 12:00p.m.
- Sunday, November 16, 2025, at 11:15a.m.: Threshing Session on Move to Peace Lutheran Church
- Sunday, November 23, 2025, at 11:15a.m.: Doug Hamm: *A Force More Powerful* (film and discussion)

HAPPENING LATER

- Sunday, December 7, 2025, Annual Holiday Party hosted by Doug Hamm and Dorothy Henderson (13074 Woolman Lane, Nevada City, CA) after the rise of meeting
- Sunday, December 14, 2025: Potluck and Meeting for Worship for Business, 11:30a.m.
- Sunday, December 20, 2025 – Amy Cooke: *Stop, Drop, and Roll: A Practice for Living Nonviolently*
- Sunday, Dec 28, 2025, to Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026, Quaker Center Year End Retreat, See page 10 for details
- Third Sunday, monthly, January – June, 2026, 11:30a.m. – 1:00p.m – **Quaker Seminary**. Begins January 18, 2026. See page 11 for details.

GLOSSARY- Abbreviations and terms used in the GVFM newsletter.

M&O: Ministry and Oversight
PacYM: Pacific Yearly Meeting
PHP: Pendle Hill Pamphlet
FGC: Friends General Conference
QEW: Quaker Earthcare Witness

QUNO: Quaker United Nations Office
FASE: Friends Association for Services to the Elderly
CPQM: College Park Quarterly Meeting
RSWR: Right Sharing of World Resource
UwN: Unity with Nature

Query: Friends practice examining our souls and seeking clarity using these questions & exercises help to give time to seek truth about us and our spiritual condition and to tap into Divine insight.

Threshing Session: A meeting at a separate time specifically not for decision-making; normal practices of a Quaker meeting for business are relaxed so that Friends may speak more than once to an issue, speak to a point just made, or ask a question of a previous speaker.

From the GVFM Newsletter Editor:

Dear Friends, Please make every effort to keep your articles to 500 words or less. If your article exceeds 500 words, please provide a link for the entire article or make the necessary edits to reduce the number of words. This will allow our newsletter to stay within budget. Many thanks, Dianne, Editor!



Nisenan Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge the Nisenan people are still here among us today, though they are nearly invisible, and their story continues to be excluded from history.

We understand we are on Nisenan land that was never ceded, and the original tribal families have yet to recover from the near genocide of their people.

For current news:
[CHIRP](#)

As a resident or visitor in Nisenan land, we support the Nevada City Rancheria Nisenan tribe in efforts to stabilize their people as well as the campaign to restore tribal sovereignty through federal recognition.

MINUTES & RECORD: Meeting for Worship for on the Occasion of Business, Saturday, November 9, 2025

We met in a hybrid meeting in person at the meetinghouse and on Zoom.

Present: Dorothy Henderson, clerk; Jennifer Smith, recording clerk; Gordon Starr, elder to the clerk; Mary Starr, Doug Hamm, Dean Olson, Reed Hamilton, Pat Phillips, Judy Hamilton, Kathy McCreery, Foster Wilson, Dianne Marshall, Sharon Davisson, Amy Cooke, Chamba Cooke, Nancy Anderson, Don McCormick, Stuart Smith, Donna Fry

The Meeting opened with silent worship.

Clerks' Remarks and Query

- We belong to each other. What are we doing here when we gather together for Meeting for Worship for Business? What is our purpose? Do we need to meet every month in the way that we have been doing?
- Query: Does doing work together like this in Meeting for Worship for Business, or in our work parties, demonstrate that we belong to each other?
 - Friends spoke out of the silence:
 - When we sit in Meeting for Worship for Business and listen without attachment to what others say, which might be different than what we ourselves think, we are no different than the other, and sometimes our thoughts change.
 - Children easily show us that if we can trust, we become one “amoeba.” Here in Meeting, we become in tune with each other with sensitivity and trust.
 - The work we do on our inner self is beautiful and that of God. The collective unconscious we all tap into is that of God.
 - Isaac Pennington said we should “raise one another up with a tender hand.” When we get in touch with life and all it has to offer us, all you can feel is gratitude. This, you would never harm. You would raise it up with a tender hand. This is how I feel about meeting and the tender care it has given me.
 - The query that grabbed me the most was “what are we doing here?” Well, what should we be doing here? Are we “worshiping” bureaucracy and traditions? How often do we ask ourselves “is this the best way to do this?” We ought to take a step back and reflect on our practice and innovate more, and not just get caught up in mindless habits and tradition. Are we a religious group that learns and reflects on our practice?
 - Sometimes our monthly business meetings can be seen as a list of items that we need to get done. That’s not the point of the meeting. The point of the meeting is to be in worship and to find the will of God. If nothing gets done, so be it. The point is to be in community. Are the subjects

that come through in Meeting for Worship for Business about convenience, or about the way to move forward as an “amoeba?”

- If we are all One with everything, everywhere, then any effort we make to come together in consciousness and love moves us towards that truth.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

(see reports appended, committee clerk is noted in bold)

Spirit and Witness: Amy Cooke, 2024-2027, Stuart Smith, 2025-2026, Reed Hamilton, 2025-2028, Dean Olson, 2024-2027, Doug Hamm, 2025-2026, Dorothy Henderson, 2026 (ex-officio, GVFM Clerk), Gordon Starr (ex-officio, elder to the clerk).

Amy Cooke gave the report, appended.

- We will be seasoning the decision about moving the Meeting for one month. During the month of seasoning, we recommend that we hold a Threshing Session. This will give the Meeting time to listen deeply, consider the opportunities and changes involved in the move, and gain answers to questions that may arise, or have already arisen.
 - The Threshing Session will be held on November 16, after Meeting for Worship and refreshments.
- For Keith and Nora, we will generate possible names to serve on a Clearness Committee for their marriage.
- There is work being done with the Immigrant Rights Network in the community. We would like to find a person who would be our representative in this work, but we don't have one at this time. If someone is interested, please contact Amy. It will also go in the Newsletter.
- Dianne will check in with Interfaith Nevada County about what is being done about SNAP / food needs in our community. She will bring information back to the meeting.

Stewardship: Mary Starr (Clerk), Gordon Starr, Pat Phillips, Reed Hamilton, David Bowman. Dianne Marshall (ex-officio, Newsletter editor), Don McCormick (ex-officio, Librarian), Hailey Wilson (ex-officio Tech Support).

Mary Starr gave the report, appended.

MINUTE 2025.11.01: Grass Valley Friends Meeting is deeply considering moving our Meeting for Worship to Peace Lutheran Church in Grass Valley. We will go forward with a month of seasoning and a Threshing Session to to deeply discern the future location of our meeting. The Threshing Session will be held on Sunday, November 16th, after Meeting for Worship.

- Gordon notes that several people contacted him after the trial meeting for worship at Peace Lutheran Church, and mentioned that having a location in town made it easier for them to attend.
- There is a question about if the Stewardship Committee is responsible going forward with the move to Peace Lutheran? There are logistical issues that need to be addressed - signage, room clean-up,

posters, what can be done in the room, etc.

- It might be useful for Stewardship to gather information about details and provide a fact sheet for the Threshing Session next week. It would be good to have a fact sheet with information that we know vs. don't know. There was a request for it to be emailed out to members before the Threshing Session so we can all go into the session on the same page.

Welcome: **Peter O'Rourke** (ex-officio, Website and Facebook coordinator), Kathy McCreery, Don McCormick, Pat Phillips, Cindy Bliss, Judy Hamilton (ex-officio email coordinator), Nancy Anderson (ex-officio directory clerk).

Kathy McCreary gave the report, appended.

- The Meeting Christmas Party will be held Dec 7th at Doug & Dorothy's house.

Nominating Committee: (*terms as noted*), Chamba Cooke: 2025-2026, Dean Olson 2025-2027, Mary Starr 2025-2027, fosten wilson 2024-2026,

No report was given.

Religious Education: **Judy Hamilton**, Doug Hamm, Dean Olson, Reed Hamilton, Don McCormick, Keely McDonald. Substitutes: Gordon Bishop, Gordon Starr, Alan Stahler. Fifth Sunday reader: Anita McCormick.

Judy Hamilton gave the report, appended.

- There is a Quaker Religious Education Collaborative (QREC). They already have a Religious Education "Go Kit" created that we can reference.
- The website is difficult to navigate, so some assistance would be appreciated.

OFFICER REPORTS and REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Treasurer: Mary Starr gave the report, appended.

Co-Archivists/Recorders:

We are grateful for all those who have filled out the profile form and offer a friendly reminder for those who have not. We will next be sending out a Final Affairs form and thank Friends in advance for helping us to update these records.

~Kathy McCreery and Amy Cooke, co-Recorder / Archivists

- If anyone is having trouble with the electronic form, a paper form can be made available.

Pacific Yearly Meeting: No report given.

College Park Quarterly Meeting: No report given.

Interfaith Nevada County: No report given.

Sharings from the wider Quaker world:

- John Zimmerman from Scattergood High School visited Doug and Dorothy. He wanted to speak to people who knew Woolman School. If you know any young people who might like to go to Scattergood, there is financial assistance available. They need students to join their program, not to pay tuition, but so they can continue to fundraise.
- Dorothy and Amy were recently co-elders for the board of Friends House Moscow during their annual retreat. There were 13 Friends in attendance along with family. They found out George Fox met with the Tzar of Russia. There is a long involvement of Friends in Russia.
- Chamba has stepped into the role of co-clerk of Assemblée de France (France Yearly Meeting).

CLERK'S REMARKS:

- Check in with yourself about the work we have done today. We have planted some seeds.

ITEMS SEASONING or CARRIED OVER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Facebook:** please follow the Grass Valley Friends Meeting page, or join the Facebook Grass Valley Friends Meeting group. If you share a post from the page, your friends will see it, and it helps our visibility. Follow this [link](#).
- The **2023-2024 PacYM General Directory**. The directory is now available. The Directory is for use by members and attenders of monthly meetings and worship groups within Pacific Yearly Meeting and by Friends serving on Pacific Yearly Meeting committees. It is not to be shared beyond this community. Dorothy and Don have the new password for the PacYM Directory.
- **Carl Magruder:** You can follow Carl's healing journey on the CaringBridge.org website [HERE](#). Friends have also set up a daily Meeting for Healing from 7:30 to 8 am (Pacific) on Zoom [here](#) or contact Amy Cooke at amylisette@gmail.com for the link.
- **Contributions to Grass Valley Friends Meeting** are gratefully accepted. You can give by mailing a check to Mary Starr or through Tithely on the website or our newsletter.

READING OF THE RECORD AND MINUTES

The record and the minutes were read, corrected, and approved.

If you are giving a report to GVFM, please send the actual report to the recording clerk at jenniferjksmith@gmail.com THE WEDNESDAY BEFORE MEETING FOR BUSINESS and share with both Dorothy and Jennifer.

GVFM Newsletter Reminder: Please have items into Dianne Marshall by Tuesday at 10 am.

The Meeting closed with silent worship.

Respectfully recorded by Jennifer Smith, recording clerk.

APPENDICES:

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| 1. Spirit and Witness Committee report | 5. Religious Education Committee report |
| 2. Stewardship Committee report | 6. Treasurer's Report |
| 3. Welcome Committee report | 7. Pacific Yearly Meeting report |
| 4. Nominating Committee report | 8. Interfaith Nevada County report |

ADVICES AND QUERIES: ELEVENTH MONTH: SOCIAL AND CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY

In the words of William Penn, *"True godliness don't draw men out of the world, but enables them to live better in it and excites their endeavors to mend it."* Elsewhere he commented: *"It is a reproach to religion and government to suffer so much poverty and excess."*

Poverty within a wealthy society is unjust, cruel, and often linked to skin color, gender, and language. We must examine our own privilege and role in the economic order that deepens this disparity. Friends should be alert to oppression and injustice, and persistent in working against them.

We value our part in shaping the laws of our country. Our task is to see that laws serve God's purposes and build a just social order. Our first allegiance should be to God, and if this conflicts with any compulsion of the state, we serve our country best by remaining true to our higher loyalty.

If, by divine leading, our attention is focused on a law that is contrary to God's law, we must proceed with care. Before acting, Friends should pray for further guidance and speak with the Meeting, family members, and all those who might be affected by the decision. If a decision involves disobedience to the law, we should make the grounds of our action clear to all concerned and be prepared to suffer any penalties without evasion. As a community, we must care for those who suffer for conscience's sake.

What am I doing to carry my share of responsibility for the government of our community, nation, and world?

Am I persistent in my efforts to promote constructive change?

How do we attend to the suffering of others in our local community, in our state and nation, and in the world community?

Do we try to understand the causes of suffering, and do we address them as a Meeting?

How do we, individually and as a Meeting, support the organizations that work to bring the testimonies of Friends into reality in our society?

TREASURER'S REPORT, November 9, 2025

Summary = A very successful year! Thank you!

This report covers the 2024-2025 fiscal year: October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025. The contributions in the 4th quarter (July 1, 2025 – September 30, 2025) of \$2,036 were welcome and greatly appreciated. Our 4th quarter expenses (\$4,281) were beyond our budget, as approved in our last Meeting for Worship for Business. This included a doubling of our Donations for the year, as the funds were available and we were unable to make these donations last year. It also included moving \$500 each to the FGC Scholarship Fund and the PYM, CPQM, etc. Scholarship Fund.

The “Fund Balances” and the “General Fund: Actual vs. Budget” reports are available in the Meeting House – near the library – and by contacting me.

Thank you for all your help. All gifts, both in service to the Meeting and financially, are deeply appreciated. Money contributions can be in-person, mailed to my address below, or online by using the “give” button at grassvalleyfriends.org

Mary Starr, Treasurer, 500 Butler Street, Grass Valley, CA 95945, Email = mstarr2133@aol.com



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- Giving is easy! Click on the Give button above or go to grassvalleyfriends.org and click on “GIVE” You’ll go to a secure site for donations. Monthly contributions are very important. *You may now change the dollar amount of your gift without making a new donation request!*
- Or mail your donation to **Mary Starr Treasurer, 500 Butler Street, CA 95945.**
Thank you.

FIND US ON FACEBOOK! Grass Valley Friends Meeting Facebook link

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CO-RECORDERS/ARCHIVISTS' REQUEST

Dear GVFM community,

We are in the process of updating our member and attender files for the Meeting. We have created an online form that we are asking you to fill out to help us with this update. Just click on this link to update your information: [GVFM Member/Attender profile](#)

We are asking for responses by November 15.

In Friendship, Kathy McCreery and Amy Cooke, co-Recorders/Archivists

DIALOGUE with C.H.I.R.P. about MOVING THE MEETING

September 11, 2025

Dear Shelly and Ember,

By your gracious invitation we have been meeting in what we call the Meetinghouse for nearly a year, since Homeland Return became a reality. It has been deeply meaningful to continue worshipping there as we have been for the past twenty-five years on land that we have known as a spiritual home for more than fifty years. At the same time we have come to see more clearly that it may be the right time for us to consider moving—both to restore the space fully to you and to create a new spiritual home for Grass Valley Meeting in town.

This Sunday, September 14th, we will be considering a proposal to begin worshipping in Grass Valley, in a separate sanctuary space at Peace Lutheran Church. Some of our members have already met with Pastor Christian there and we would be welcome to rent that space each Sunday.

We will be carefully considering this proposal and do not expect to act quickly.. We will likely know more about our plans after our Meeting this Sunday and will keep you informed. Please let us know if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions as we go into this discernment. Remaining in right relationship with the Tribe and CHIRP is of central importance to us as we go forward.

With gratitude and respect, Dorothy Henderson, Clerk, Grass Valley Friends Meeting

On Oct 17, 2025, at 2:47 PM, Shelly Covert <nevadacityrancheria@live.com> wrote:

homa kani, Dorothy!

I wanted to write back with an update after talking with the Tribal members regarding the possibility of the Friends Meeting moving off site.

The Tribe shared with me that they have a lot of ideas for usage of the meeting house if you all do choose to move the meeting into town.

I guess that it is worth sharing so you can know that there is a desire for the building to, at some time, come completely within the Tribe's usage. 😊 This is not a push for you all to move, but rather an unexpected excitement on the Tribe's behalf to have full, converted context for the building's usage.

Perhaps that may or may not lend any weight to your decision-making process, but I thought it important to share - just in case. <3

THANK YOU for always being open to clear conversation, ideas, and thoughts of the future.

SHELLY COVERT, Tribal Council Spokesperson and Outreach Liaison • [Nevada City Rancheria Nisenan Tribe](#)

THRESHING SESSION ~ Moving the Meeting

What is a “threshing session”? This is a meeting set at a separate time specifically not for decision-making. Normal practices of a Quaker meeting for business are relaxed so that Friends may speak more than once to an issue, speak to a point just made, or ask a question of a previous speaker.

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WITNESS COMMITTEES

We recognize that there are concerns in our meeting about the following issues:

- SNAP Benefit interruptions
- Immigration issues
- Petition regarding Gaza
- International issues

We ask the Meeting if there is an individual, or individuals, who want to support bringing this to our Meeting for discernment. We ask the Meeting if there is an individual, or individuals, who feel led to form a committee with this concern. If you are that person or persons, please talk with members of the Spirit and Witness Committee for further exploration. (**Spirit and Witness:** Amy Cooke, 2024-2027, Stuart Smith, 2025-2026, Reed Hamilton, 2025-2028, Dean Olson, 2024-2027, Doug Hamm, 2025-2026, Dorothy Henderson, 2026 (ex-officio, GVFM Clerk), Gordon Starr (ex-officio, elder to the clerk).

GVFM First Day School ~ November – December 2025 Offerings

First Sunday of the month, Don McCormick will introduce Faith and Practice. He and the student(s) will discuss and critique various passages in the book.

Second Sunday of the month, Doug Hamm will show and discuss the film *A Force More Powerful* which shows nonviolent resistance in three different countries including resistance to the Nazis in Denmark, striking workers unionizing in Poland and nonviolent protests of the military dictatorship in Chile. This film is 90 minutes long. We may watch it in 30-minute segments to allow time to process what it is telling us.

Third Sunday of the month,????? Adult leadership needed.

Fourth Sunday of the month, Judy Hamilton will show *A Prayer in the Dark*, a film starring Lynda Carter, known for her performance as Wonder Woman. Carter plays Emily, a Quaker banker is threatened by an escaped convict who she had taken into her family and helped years ago. He threatens to kill her family unless she steals \$4,000,000 from her bank & gives it to him. It shows Quakers having to decide between different

values such as honesty, not stealing and letting physical harm come to others. It highlights tensions in the Quaker community. We will stop the movie at key times to discuss what Emily should do in various situations.

Fifth Sunday of the month, we will have 20 minutes of singing, 20 minutes of storytelling led by Anita McCormick and 20 minutes of silent worship.

Additional leaders for First Day School classes are welcome. Should you feel drawn to this service, please let Judy Hamilton, Clerk of Religious Education know. Committee members will share resources to assure your success. Also, it is our practice and commitment to have two adults present for each First Day School class. Thank you, Judy Hamilton judywestonhamilton@gmail.com

THE 2025 – 2026 QUAKER CENTER YEAR-END RETREAT

Bringing our Bodies to Quaker Center and the Bible with Dorothy Henderson and Nora Lisette, an in-person program, Sunday, December 28, 2025, to Thursday, January 1, 2026

[Click here to register](#)

Grounded in Romans 12:1-2a, we will bring our bodies and the Bible to the year-end retreat at Quaker Center. We will explore being fully present in the Casa, the labyrinth, our sleeping space, the Orchard and Redwood lodges, the waterfall, the Redwood Circle. Sinking down to Spirit within our bodies in these beloved spaces, we will bring our curiosity to the Bible as a possible guide to transformation and worship in our everyday lives.

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Remaining open to continuing revelation, we imagine exploring daily practices to deepen our body consciousness, daily activities to bring us fully into the spirit and places of Quaker Center, and invitations to daily Bible readings integrating and deepening our experience of our bodies in this place and this moment – what does this experience have to tell us?

Quaker Seminary Program

January - June 2026, Third Sundays, 11:30 am - 1 pm, Hybrid - Zoom and in person

In this series, taking place on third Sundays, we will explore Quakerism and our faith and practice through sharing our living experiences of the Inward Light/God/Spirit.

This series is called a “seminary” in the spirit of the origins of this word ~ literally, a “seed plot.” Together, we are forming a garden for growing the seeds of our spiritual lives. Along the way, we will explore Quaker writings from other fellow travelers on this path, Quaker terminology, and Quaker practices.

Each month we will explore a different topic. For our first session, on January 18, 2026 we will explore what might be the most foundational piece of Quakerism - an unmediated relationship with God. We will explore how our practices support this relationship, both individually and in community.

Contact Amy Cooke for more details. Amy Cooke amylisette@gmail.com

"The human heart is the first home of democracy. It is where we embrace our questions. Can we be equitable? Can we be generous? Can we listen with our whole beings, not just our minds, and offer our attention rather than our opinions? And do we have enough resolve in our hearts to act courageously, relentlessly, without giving up-ever-trusting our fellow citizens to join with us in our determined pursuit of a living democracy?"

- Terry Tempest Williams



Quaker Videos & Discussion ~ Compiled by Don McCormick

[A PRAYER IN THE DARK](#). Lynda Carter (Wonder Woman) plays Emily, a Quaker banker who is threatened by an escaped convict who she had taken into her family and helped years ago. He threatens to kill her family unless she steals \$4,000,000 from her bank & gives it to him. It shows Quakers having to decide between different values such as honesty, not stealing and letting physical harm come to others. It highlights tensions in the Quaker community. (90 min.)

QUAKER HUMOR MUSIC VIDEO. [WHAT DOES GEORGE FOX SAY](#). A parody of the music video "The Fox (What Does the Fox Say?)" by the Norwegian comedy duo Ylvis.

[GEORGE FOX AND THE QUAKERS](#).. The viewer hears Fox's own words and learns of his fears, frustrations and dreams from his early wandering days to his death. Leading Quaker historians guide the viewer from Fox's desperate search for spiritual truth as a young man in war-torn 17th-century England, to his "convincement" at

Pendle Hill. The program shows how the Quakers were formed and details the imprisonments, torture and persecution of a people who believed in a religion with no church hierarchy or establishment, that upheld pacifism and equality of all humankind. (45 min.)

[QUAKERS: THAT OF GOD IN EVERYONE](#) (2015) 90 min. Though many are familiar with the Quaker names such as William Penn, Susan B. Anthony, Daniel Boone and Johns Hopkins, lesser-known Quakers also impacted society in significant ways. These are untold stories Friends who profoundly influenced the course of American history by seeing that of God in everyone. Led by what they refer to as their “inner light,” members of the Society of Friends (Quakers) played pivotal roles in some of the most transformative events of the last four centuries. Whether it be forging relations with Native Americans, the abolition of slavery, reconstruction, World War II, or the Civil Rights Movement, Quakers resolutely followed conscience even when faced with fierce opposition. This feature length documentary will introduce you to untold stories of Friends from the American Heartland who profoundly influenced the course of American history by seeing that of God in everyone.

This documentary shows how Quakers played pivotal roles in some of the most transformative events of the last four centuries. Whether it is forging relations with Native Americans, the abolition of slavery, the Underground Railroad, reconstruction, feeding the starving in Germany after World Wars I and II, or the Civil Rights Movement, Quakers resolutely followed the conscience even when faced with fierce opposition. It emphasizes the involvement of Friends from the Midwest. A review in *Friends Journal* says the video is celebratory and at times quite moving... [Especially compelling... are memoirs of people who were conscientious objectors in World War II, the Vietnam War, and, most recently, the Gulf War of the early 1990s. There is a section on American Friends Service Committee and a sketch on a prominent... businessman who was a tax resister... For me, this documentary’s most profound words (were):

QUAKER HUMOR. [QUAKER PROBLEMS](#). (5 min.) Four Earlham College students create a full-on international Quaker meme. For those of you unfamiliar with memes, they are usually an image with a humorous caption, that is copied (often with different captions) and spread rapidly by Internet users.

JAN DE HARTOG'S "[THE HISTORY OF QUAKERISM](#)". In the 1970's Jan de Hartog, author of *The Peaceable Kingdom*, made a Dutch TV series about the history of Quakerism. This video comes from the unfinished English version of it. Hartog is a great storyteller and it shows in this video. A significant part of the video is him telling the story of the relationship between early Quaker settlers in Pennsylvania and the Native Americans. You can see the origins of the Unity with Nature testimony in this. (1 hour, 15 min.)

QUAKER HUMOR VIDEO. [MARY DYER: DRUNK HISTORY](#). An episode of “Drunk History” starring Michael Cera & Winonna Ryder as Mary Dyer. (5 min.)

[FRIENDLY PERSUASION](#). A devout Quaker family attempts to resist the call to arms during the Civil War, but their pacifism is tested by the events that engulf them. Starring Gary Cooper. Nominated for 5 Academy Awards, including Best Picture & Best Director, (2 hours, 17 min.)

[IN PENN'S SHADOW. PHILADELPHIA: THE GREAT EXPERIMENT](#) (29 min.) Philadelphia celebrates its founder more than any other American city, but who exactly is William Penn? For many, he is a statue atop City Hall, but Penn's busy life reflected an era of chaotic upheaval and conflict. He is at once a radical Quaker, political prisoner, visionary city planner, absent landlord, and a slaveholder. His ideals, contradictions, and

ambitions cast a long shadow across American history. This installment of Philadelphia: The Great Experiment explores what it means to live In Penn's Shadow. [free educational materials](#)

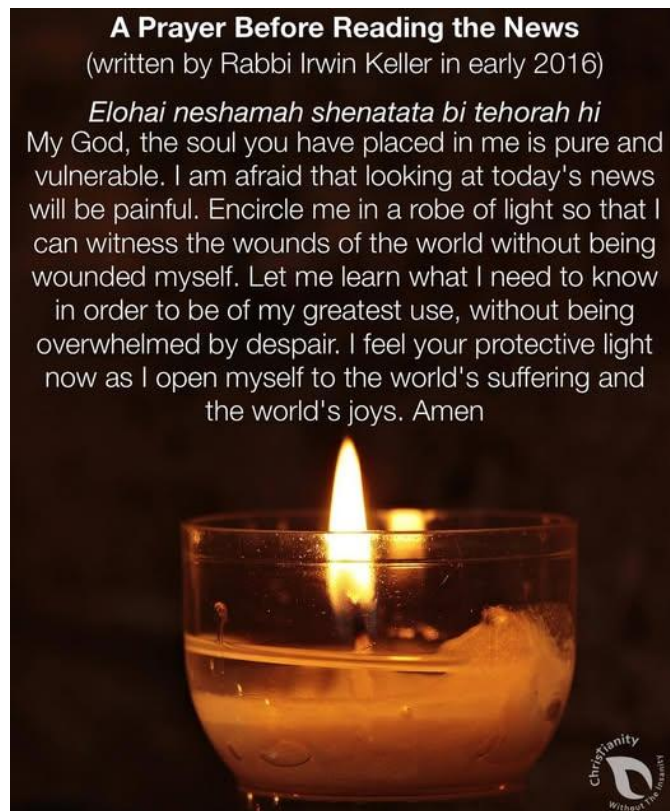
[RUFUS JONES: QUAKER](#). 39 min.

[BEING QUAKER, BEING TRANSFORMED](#). (1 hour, 5 min.) Quaker historian and theologian Ben Pink Dandelion, of the United Kingdom, visited as the 2015 J.M. Ward Distinguished Quaker Visitor to Guilford College. He delivered his remarks on November 18 at New Garden Friends Meeting.

[SWARTHMORE LECTURE AT UNIVERSITY OF BATH](#) 2014. (1 hour) The 2014 Swarthmore Lecture was given by Quaker author and academic Ben Pink Dandelion. Ben's lecture explored the theme of transformation, ending with a call for us as Quakers to return to a transforming and transformational faith: "I use the term 'transforming' to refer to how early Quakers were transformed in their spiritual experience, how they tried to transform the world around them, how the tradition has transformed, and how we can be transformed, transform our Meetings today and act as agents of transformation in the world, all of which is what it means to be a Quaker in the world today."

QUAKER HUMOR MUSIC VIDEOS.

- *LET'S GET NAKED*. A music video about a Quaker Meeting for Worship at Guilford College that transforms into (G-rated) naked Quaker worship after some rousing ministry from Jon Watts.
- *FRIEND SPEAKS MY MIND*. Jon Watts' music video about a dance party that erupts during Quaker meeting for worship.



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