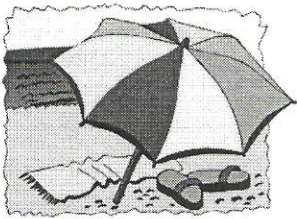
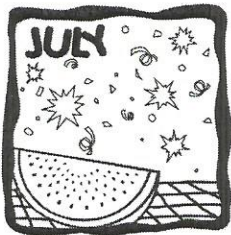


SPOKANEWORD

July
Seventh Month
2018



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Sunday Schedule:

Doors Open at 9:00 a.m.
Worship begins in stillness
when first person sits down.
Worship continues with song
and messages 10:00 am
Fellowship 11:00 am

Second Sunday of the Month:
After worship we gather for a
Community Potluck Dinner .

Third Sunday of the Month:
Monthly Meeting for
Business begins at rise of
worship.

[Last month the editor attended the Pacific Northwest Quaker Women's Theology Conference in Canby, Oregon. The theme of the Conference was "Answering That of God in Everyone" and it gathered eighty-plus Quaker women of different traditions. This poem was one of the offerings in that Conference that I wanted to share more widely.]

SEARCH

And she said
Seek the divine in each other

And he said
Where is the divine in me?

And she said
Seek it

And he said
Where shall I find it?

And she said
Ask the right question

And he said
Is it in the country where I live?

And she said
Thy land may feel its breath, but it is not there

And he said
Is it in the house I live in?

And she said
Thy house may reflect its style, but it is not there

And he said
Is it in my secret chamber?

And she said
Thy chamber may protect its softness, but it is not there

And he said
Is it in my hand-wrought urn?

And she said
Thy urn may pour forth its freshness, but it is not there

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And he said
Is it in the juice of my grape?

And she said
Thy wine may fill you with its spirit, but it is not there

And he said
*But if it is not my land
nor my house
nor my chamber
nor my urn
nor my wine
where shall I find it?*

And she said
You cannot find what is not

And he thought a while, and finally said
How shall I be it?

And she said
You have finally asked the right question

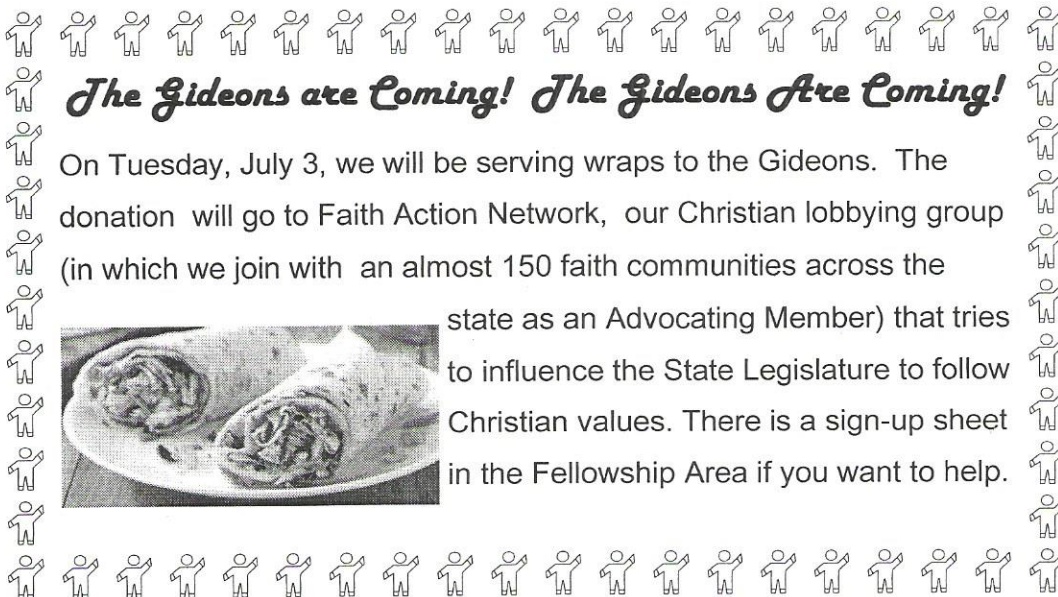
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How shall I be it?

And she said
Any way you can

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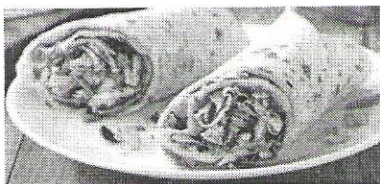
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The Gideons are Coming! The Gideons Are Coming!

On Tuesday, July 3, we will be serving wraps to the Gideons. The donation will go to Faith Action Network, our Christian lobbying group (in which we join with an almost 150 faith communities across the

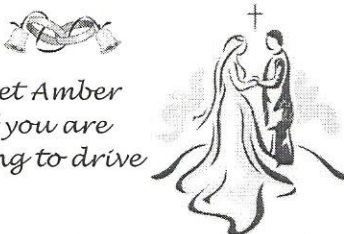


state as an Advocating Member) that tries to influence the State Legislature to follow Christian values. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Area if you want to help.

Amber Joplin
And
Howard Martinson



invite friends to share in the celebration of their marriage on Sunday, July 22. Their wedding will take place during the 11 am service at 1st Presbyterian Church in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.



Please let Amber know if you are planning to drive over.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Now that Spokane Friends has officially left Northwest Yearly Meeting, the Office will no longer forward NWYM information or Sierra Cascades YM information. If you want to get on either mailing list, go to nwfriends.org for NWYM or www.scyfriends.org for Sierra-Cascades Yearly Meeting.

FAITH ACTION NETWORK

A Partnership for the Common Good

SOME GOOD NEWS ON THE FARM BILL

Our advocacy has paid off! With the Washington State Anti-Hunger and Nutrition Coalition, we celebrate that yesterday, the Senate passed a bipartisan Farm Bill 86-11! It protects the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), continues critical support for other federal nutrition programs, AND provides help to farmers and farms. A large bipartisan group of senators beat back bad amendments for hungry people, and were part of the 86 senators to vote "yes" for a Farm Bill that helps ALL of Washington!

News from Caritas

During the month of May 2018, Caritas Outreach Ministries served **747 individuals** from **334 households**:

		Last Month
Children (0-18)	282	228
Adults (18-54)	435	327
Seniors (55 & over)	218	192



We distributed **17,701 lbs** of food (11,477 lbs. last month) through the Table of Plenty and Food Pantry.

We helped **10 families** with emergency utility assistance for a total of **\$1854.51**.

We connected families with **\$385** worth of hygiene and cleaning supplies.

We gave out **\$90** in fuel vouchers for transportation assistance.

We had **54** volunteers putting in **542** hours.

The 2018 Summer Meal Kits for Kids program (see poster below) begins distribution Monday, June 18th and will run through August 30th. Each school age child who cannot access the public school summer meal sites, is given a weekly meal kit that includes 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 5 snacks; all shelf stable and kid friendly to prepare. These can be picked up every week with the household's regular gift of fresh produce and bread from our Table of Plenty. Past years:

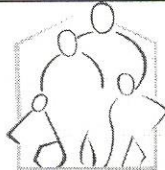
	2016	2017
Participating Households	13	33
Individual Children	29	71
Kits Distributed	112	282

Our clients have expressed how HUGE this program has been in their lives. Kids do so much growing and playing during the summer that they need the extra calories from nutritious meals for healthy bodies and minds. Donations of shelf stable, child-friendly foods are welcome all summer. Caritas spends \$100-200 per week to help supplement this program and your designated financial gifts are appreciated.

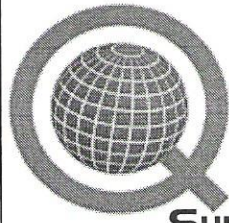
Kelsie Rowland
Operations Manager, Caritas Outreach Ministries

Family Promise News

Our three families are making strides. We were excited that three parents in our program got new jobs this month. We also got word that one of our families is moving out next weekend!



We have added two new churches to our rotations: St. Stephens Episcopal and Emmaus Church.

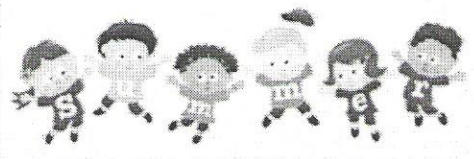


WORLD QUAKER DAY

Sunday 7 October 2018

The theme, **Crossing Cultures, Sharing Stories** draws us into our shared experience of worship, celebrating our wonderful diversity of expression. Church to church, meeting to meeting, country to country, and section to section, we feel the power of God collecting us into a faithful family. We welcome *all* expressions of Quaker worship!

How will Spokane Friends celebrate World Quaker Day?



Meal Kits for Kids

Breakfast

- single serve cereal boxes
- wrapped breakfast pastries
- breakfast bars
- shelf stable boxed milks
- instant oatmeal packets

Lunch

- microwave soups
- microwave mac n cheese
- tuna pouches
- single serve trail mix
- peanut butter pods

Snack Time

- fruit snacks
- granola bars
- crackers
- dried fruit
- boxed juices
- shelf stable fruit cups

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