

SPOKANEWORD

February
2025



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Following the teachings of the Living Christ, we are an open, loving, and affirming community. We believe that God's Light is inherent within all people. There are no exceptions.

Sunday Schedule

Traditional worship in stillness
begins at 8:45 a.m. or
when first person sits down
Programmed worship 10:00 a.m.
In-Person and Via Zoom
See Website For Link

First Sunday of the Month
Potluck Meal at rise of worship

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

Last Sunday of the Month
Book Club at rise of worship

"BYE FOR NOW"

Spokane Friends Meeting was well-represented at the memorial service for Ken Peacock with ten members of our community attending. But many who wanted to participate were unable to do so due to prior commitments. So we would like to share with you here the obituary of Ken that was used at that service.

KENNETH DAVID PEACOCK
SEPTEMBER 26, 1964 — NOVEMBER 23, 2024

Ken lived a life of faith, love, and service for 60 years. Born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, to Bonnie Loveless and David Peacock he was nicknamed by his parents as "our crown and our champion." A "missionary kid," Ken loved growing up in Bogota, Colombia, with his younger siblings Christine and Rich, where he developed a profound concern for others.



Ken demonstrated love through acts of service, and his life pattern was to joyfully serve and encourage others.

At age 18, Ken came to the USA to attend Elim Bible Institute in Lima, NY, and Houghton University in Houghton, NY, graduating with a degree in social work, later completing a Master's Degree in Child and Youth Studies at Nova Southeastern University. He met his first wife Mary Beekley in college. They had a son named Ezra in 1990. Ken treasured every moment spent with Ezra.

Ken began his career in social work and after a time trained and worked as a journeyman plumber. In 2013, he moved to Spokane, WA. Here he began to attend the Friends Church and through these friends he met Amy Cross and her daughter Bria. After a divinely orchestrated romance, they married at Priest Lake in 2015 and had a daughter, Charlotte, in 2016. Ken really savored being a dad to Ezra, Fria and Charlotte and was crazy in love with Amy. He called Amy, Bria, and Charlotte "his three princesses."

Ken developed deep relationships through his work at Trader Joe's, participation with Amy in a small faith community know as Friends in Common, and at Millwood Presbyterian Church. With Amy's encouragement, Ken followed a calling he had long felt to be in ministry, returning to school at Whitworth University for a Master's degree in Theology. He also completed the Clinical Pastoral Education Program at Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center, officially becoming a chaplain. Most recently, Ken was serving as community chaplain for Spokane Friends Church and an Elder at Millwood Community Presbyterian.

Many who knew him would say Ken never needed the title of chaplain because he naturally lived out his life like a chaplain — selfless, (continued on next page)

(continued from page 1) loving, prayerful and compassionate As you sat with Ken you got a glimpse of grace as he peeled back his heart and Jesus was clearly seen. Ken loved people and had a deep desire to see others whole emotionally and spiritually in a deep and growing relationship with God. He accepted people as they were without judgement, and felt deeply the importance of caring for and serving those in need. He brought laughter, peace and joy, making everyone he touched feel heard and cherished. All of it comes down to his love of God. When he went through trials and tribulations, he remained trusting in his God.

We know that he is in heaven at this moment (having the biggest adventure of all: meeting his Saviour face-to-face), hanging out with his mom and niece who preceded him in death, and of course his Saviour. As Ken's famous salutation expresses, we will see him again, "Bye for now".

Ken leaves behind his wife Amy, children ezra, Bria, and Charlotte, father David (Claudia), brother Rich (Connie), sister Christine (Scott), uncles and aunts, cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear friends. The Peacock Family has asked that any donations go toward the education of Ken's children.



February's Meeting for Business Needs Your Presence

Spokane Friends has received a request for the "upstairs" Quakers to consider the possibility of beginning our Sunday worship service at 10:30 am, rather than 10 am. At present, the worshipers who attend both services (some are musicians) have to hurry upstairs to get ready for the programmed service and thus have no fellowship time with the "downstairs" community after worship

service ends. The downstairs group are reluctant to move their service to an even earlier hour, since some come from as far away as Deer Park.

Discussion of this request was postponed for a month in hopes that more people would be in attendance and thus more voices would help discern what our response to this request should be..



Financial Report

	<u>December 2024</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income:	\$ 5271.15	\$ 54,493.78
Expenses	3153.46	59,945.52
Difference:	+\$2117.69	-\$ 5,451.74

Office Hours at Spokane Friends

Diana Davis's Winter Office Hours

Wednesdays 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Fridays 11:30 am to 2:30 pm

509-327-7852

Walter Simon's Winter Office Hours

Tuesdays 10:30 am to 3:00 pm

Wednesdays 10:30 am to 3:00 pm

509-564-4070 or 509-327-7852.

CARITAS Needs This Week

FOOD

Diced tomatoes
Spaghetti
Boxed cereals
Pancake Mix/Syrup
Jams and Jellies

NECESSITIES

Can openers
Laundry Detergent
Deodorant (M/F)

With the cold weather, hand warmers would be helpful.

Thank you so much,

—Caritas Staff and



YOU CAN GIVE TO SPOKANE FRIENDS in many ways:

- ◇ Click the *Donate* button on your weekly email with worship information for Sunday or
- ◇ Go to website, SpokaneFriends.org, and click the *Donate* tab, or
- ◇ Drop checks or cash into the offering plate at the back of the meeting room, or
- ◇ Make an automatic donation through your bank's free *Bill Pay* service — you choose the amount and how often.

Thank you for giving to your Spokane Friends Meeting!

MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES

January 19, 2025



The meeting for worship to conduct business was opened with prayer by Assistant Clerk Jon Maroni. The Minutes of the last meeting were **approved as corrected**.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Pam Emery reported that December was a better month, and we are better off with more income. Discussion ensued. Report is attached.

Elders Report: The Elders met on January 15th with Kent and LaVerne joining via Zoom. The Elders spoke with Johan Maurer and Ruthie Tippin regarding their schedule for speaking via Zoom for Meeting for Worship. Ruthie will speak every other month as will Johan, alternating with Ruthie.

Funds for Amy Peacock will continue through June 2025 and these gifts will be recorded in our financial records under See the Need. The Elders will pursue someone to fill the Chaplain's position, hoping to fill that position by July 2025 or later.

Diana Davis, who works in our church office, requests that her schedule be adjusted to ten to twelve hours a week. This was **approved** by the meeting.

Stewards Report: Bill Emery reported that in the past two years the Meeting has spent about \$2,000 for boiler repairs. The boiler was repaired early January (or late December) by Atlas Boiler twice and the building is noticeably warmer and more comfortable.

There was a need to replace the wax ring under the toilet in the office, and Gold Seal Plumbing has been scheduled for the repair.

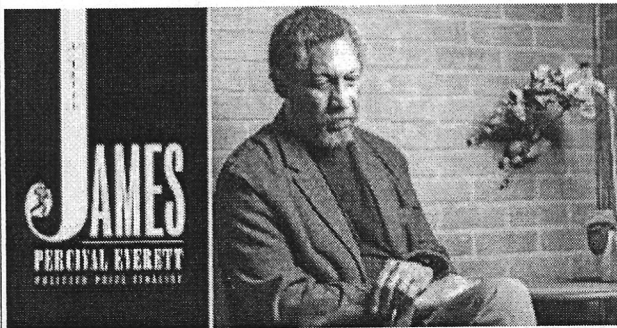
New Business: Alan Binnie sent a letter (attached) to the Meeting requesting a time change for both the silent meeting that meets downstairs and the programed worship upstairs. The request is that we consider starting Programed Worship at 10:30AM, so there will be a longer fellowship time between the two services. This would allow some fellowship time for attenders of both services who currently have to rush from one service to prepare for the next. It is important that as many of our Meeting as possible be present at the February Monthly Meeting for Business to help decide how to respond to this letter.

Publicity Report: Walter provided a brief report regarding solar power, the use of contacts through Greater Spokane Inc, and his work for the North Pacific Annual Meeting this summer. Walter plans a visit to Eugene, Oregon, next month to see a dear friend who is ill. Finally, Walter requests that someone from our Meeting be willing to assume Walter's outreach work with the press and civic connections including KPBX Radio.

There being no further business, the meeting was dismissed with prayer.

Respectively submitted,

Bob Wiese, Recording Secretary



FEBRUARY BOOK OF THE MONTH

James by Percival Everett is a brilliant, action-packed reimagining of *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain. Both harrowing and darkly humorous, it is told from the enslaved Jim's point of view. In Twain's book, Jim becomes progressively more one-dimensional. Loyal, superstitious, and childishly simple, Jim's main purpose is to give Huck an opportunity to exhibit his moral growth.

But in Everett's book "Jim" is a disguise that conceals the real James. First of all, James doesn't talk in dialect the way Huck (or Twain?) thinks he does. In private and among other black people, James speaks and writes in correct, formal English. The south is a Truman Show for white people, in which the black cast is careful not to break character, lest they appear threatening — their very lives depend on it.

We are reading this book during February and will discuss it after worship on **February 23** at the Meeting House and via Zoom.

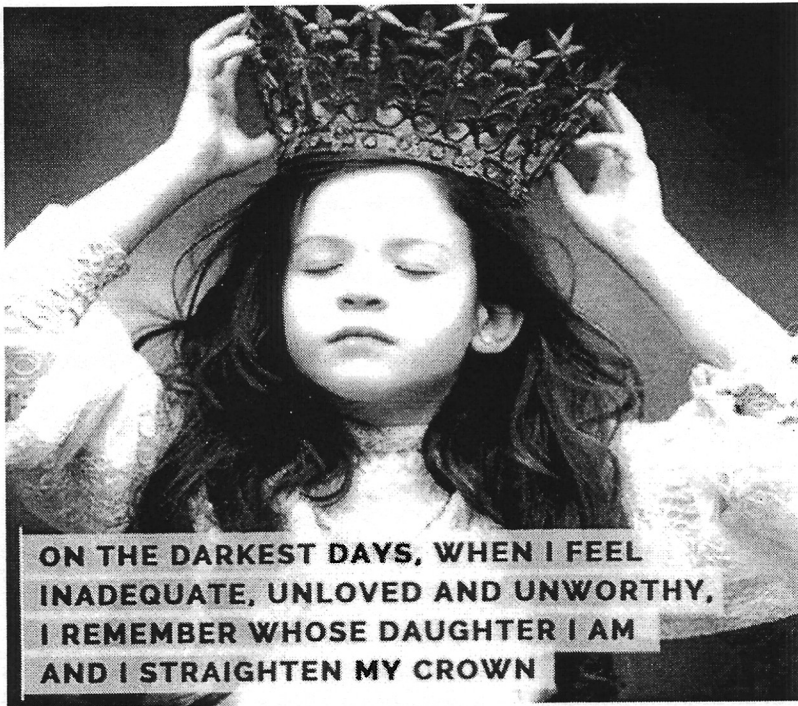
Poet's Corner

Indwelling

If thou could'st empty all thyself of self,
Like to a shell dishabited,
Then might He find thee on the ocean shelf,
And say, "This is not dead,"
And fill thee with Himself instead.

But thou are all replete with very thou
And hast such shrewd activity,
That when He comes He says, "This is enow
Unto itself - 'twere better let it be,
It is so small and full, there is no room for me."

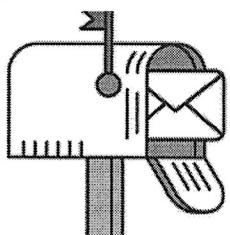
<https://allpoetry.com/Indwelling> This poem is often erroneously credited to the 17th century author, Sir Thomas Browne. "Indwelling" was published in *Old John and Other Poems* (1893); it was first published anonymously in 1875 in the serial *Plain Talk* under the title "No Room".



ON THE DARKEST DAYS, WHEN I FEEL
INADEQUATE, UNLOVED AND UNWORTHY,
I REMEMBER WHOSE DAUGHTER I AM
AND I STRAIGHTEN MY CROWN

Quaker Connections

- ⇒ Spokane Friends, programmed and unprogrammed, will join together to host a **Christian Education Workshop** for area Quakers on March 29, 2025. It is called "Playfulness for Grownups" and will be led by Katherine Spinner from North Pacific Yearly Meeting.
- ⇒ Found in **NYPM Currents** (North Pacific Yearly Meeting Quarterly Newsletter): "Happy news! Sandpoint Friends Meeting has taken **Spokane Friends Worship Group** under its care. The two groups met in Sandpoint on Sunday, November 3rd, for Meeting for Worship followed by a potluck. We are all looking forward to getting to know one another and working together for the benefit of both groups."
- ⇒ **North Pacific Yearly Meeting** will hold Annual Sessions on July 9-13, 2024 on the University of Montana campus in Missoula, Montana.
- ⇒ **Sierra-Cascades Annual Session** will occur July 25-27 at Reedwood Friends Church in Portland, Oregon. Keep up with Sierra-Cascades Yearly Meeting at <https://www.scymfriends.org/events>
- ⇒ **Quaker Hill Camp and Conference Center** is now accepting applications for **two full-time, year round staff positions**: Food Services Director & Guest Services Director. For more information go to www.quakerhillcamp.com
- ⇒ A new **Worship Group** has begun meeting monthly in Bremerton. They pattern their meetings after North Seattle Friends Church, which supports them spiritually and financially. They are queer-and trans-affirming and anti-racist. Contact them at bremerton-friends@northseattlefriends.org.
- ⇒ There is a plan afoot for FCNL (Friends Committee for National Legislation) to start an Advocacy Group in Spokane with a distinctly Quaker emphasis. It will teach the skills needed to advocate Congress and work with the media to create the news we want to see. The group will also foster ongoing relationships with our members of Congress and their offices.



From the Office Mailbox . . .

Nancy Street has had another letter to the editor published in the Spokesman-Review. It is posted on the first Bulletin Board in the hospitality area.



Dave and Carol Schmidt write:

"We loved getting that Christmas card!!"

Their project this year is moving to a house that is all one story. Their Christmas card to us (with many photos) is on the Bulletin Board.

A NEW ADDRESS For Paul and Evelyn:

Paul writes (in response to a query while working on the new Directory):

Good to read from you, Diana . . Here is our address for the next year:

1532 Southport Dr. #A
Austin, TX 78704

I am truly happy and honored to receive the newsletter. Into the silence, paul

**And don't forget to save your
stamps for
Right Sharing of World Resources**



Retrospective Look-Back on 2024

by Christ Tabat, Executive Director of Caritas Food Bank

Well Hello ALL,

2024 was quite a busy year for Caritas Food Bank. We started a little slow, but with the economy still volatile we began to see an increase in new households on a daily basis. Our days of serving 18-25 households are gone. We now average 33-50 households per day which equates to about 490 HH or 1,675 individuals monthly. We have about 4,000 households that has utilized our food bank this year, whether it was 1 time or repeatedly.

I have been reaching out not only to our supporting churches (Thank You), but schools, businesses and yes, the library, asking if they could support us by holding food drives. There has been a wonderful response. This allows me to spend my monthly budget on basic necessities that we do not normally get. We also have other food sources that provide produce, time sensitive dairy, deli, bread and some meat. Thanks to 2nd Harvest, NW Harvest, Feed Spokane, and grocery rescue stores Safeway on Indian Trail and Mission, Yokes/Indian Trail, Natural Grocers, Project Beauty Share and Spokane. Valley Partners (diapers). Each resource brings something a little different which allows Caritas to have a nice selection each day. Again, we are experiencing a reduction in donated items as businesses worry about the economy (they are controlling their inventory tightly), and I have to be creative to insure we have food each day we are open.

As some of you have heard Caritas FB is considering moving into a larger building. Those of you who have been at the current modular building know how cramped it is and limited on storage space. With the move to this building has its challenges. It is in a basement and we will need to make modifications and easy access to our friends that have mobility issues. It also comes with a kitchen (so we can do demonstrations or cooking classes).

In 2024 I had to cancel our fundraiser due to lack of donations and funding. I did the first fundraiser on all by myself and it was exhausting! I am in need of folks with some experience to HELP ME OUT! Can you please post this in your flyers a couple of times. Our fund raiser will be held the end of September but need to start on it this month.

I also lost my grant writer, she moved to Seattle to continue her education. I am looking for someone with experience. Could you please post this too!

And lastly, Caritas FB is recruiting new Board of Directors. Someone who has some marketing or fundraising background would be great, or can bring some new ideas to the table, and of course passionate about our mission. Anyone interested can contact me at: manager@caritasoutreachministries.org.

In 2025 our campaign is to continue feeding our neighbors in need, raising funds for a new glass front commercial cooler (\$6200), modifications to a possibly new location. I APPRECIATE those of you who support Caritas Food Bank each month.. With Gratitude !

Chris Tabat

A Quaker Glossary (continued from the January 2025 Newsletter)

Committee — there are lots of these. It is said that God so loved the world that she didn't send a committee. We are trying to build the commonwealth of the Spirit by using committees!

A Concern is an urgent matter about which a person feels that God is calling him or her to pursue.

Conservative Friends — an association of unprogrammed, non-pastoral Meetings, some of whom seek to be plain Friends.

Continuing revelation — the belief that God speaks to persons directly today.

To be **Convinced** is to accept a new truth. An individual who becomes a Friend as an adult is a **Convinced Friend**.

Convener — usually applied to a person who is responsible for the calling together of Friends for a particular purpose.

Covered meeting — a meeting in which the participants, waiting faithfully upon the Spirit, feel the power and inspiration of God so strongly that they are united in silence.

Discernment is the wisdom to see the truth clearly

Discipline — a book of faith and practice in the Religious Society of Friends.

Disownment was the practice of reading out of Meeting an individual Friend for such conduct as owning slaves or drinking too much alcohol.

Elder — a verb meaning to admonish, i.e., "to elder."

Elders — those Friends appointed to foster the vocal ministry of the meeting for worship and the spiritual condition of the Meeting as a whole.

Enquirer — someone enquiring about Quakerism!

Epistle — a letter of serious import sent either by an individual or a group. An epistle is sent annually from each yearly meeting to "Friends everywhere" and states the condition and experience of the yearly meeting.

E. F. I. — Evangelical Friends International, umbrella association of Wesleyan Holiness Friends.

Faith and Practice — a book of discipline in the Religious Society of Friends.

First Day — what the world's people call Sunday

Friends is the name we call ourselves. This name is based on John 15:14 in which Jesus says "You are my friends if you do what I command you."

F.C.N.L. — Friends Committee on National Legislation, the Quaker Lobby in Washington D.C.

F.C.W.P.P. — Friends Committee on Washington Public Policy, the Quaker Lobby in Olympia, WA
(to be continued in later issues)