

Plainfield Friends Meeting  
Newsletter

*Thee lift me  
and I'll lift thee,  
and we'll ascend together.  
(Quaker Proverb)*

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# Thee and Me

June 2020



**We Work Best When We Work Together**  
Newsletter Article - Cathy Harris May 2020

Casey Stengel – was a famous major league baseball player and team manager.

He is the only person who either played and/or managed all four New York major

league baseball teams – The NY Yankees, the Mets, and the Dodgers (who are now in Los Angeles), and the Braves (who are now in Atlanta).

Casey Stengel was known as a genius in the world of baseball. He was called “The old professor” because you could ask him a question about baseball, and he could talk at length about any aspect of the game.

One time when Casey Stengel was being interviewed by the press, he made a comment about the challenge of managing a professional baseball team. **He said, “It’s easy to get good players. But getting ’em to play together, that’s the hard part.”**

Over the past several weeks, we – individuals and communities of faith – have been asked by our medical and government officials to work together to help “flatten the curve” of the Coronavirus pandemic and to help get us through this disaster more quickly. This involved being asked to stay home as much as possible, for people to work from home, and for churches to not meet in person in order to protect those who are at high risk for this very contagious disease.

This required us to work together to think outside the box and figure out how to stay connected, how to continue to worship

together – even though we couldn’t be together in person – and how to protect others and keep ourselves safe. It’s been challenging, but fun and energizing, as well.

We are tentatively planning to re-open to worship together on Sunday, June 7, at 10:30 a.m. – and this is very exciting! However, as you will see in another article in the newsletter this month – worship will look differently – at least initially. Our Ministry & Counsel Committee has been working together to make some decisions about when and how all of this will happen.

We love to hear the choir sing (and the choir really enjoys practicing together), and we enjoy singing hymns together, watching the children come forward for the children’s messages, shaking hands and giving hugs to folks, but we are not out of the woods yet with this pandemic thing, and we need to work together to keep one another safe and protect those who are vulnerable – and, as far as our comfort zone goes, we are at different places - one person might not feel the need to wear a mask, while others may feel it is essential.

In Paul’s letter to the Philippian church, he wrote: “Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others” (Philippians 2:4).

Paul was saying that there’s nothing wrong with looking out for our own interest, but we

also need to be aware of and consider the needs and interests of others around us. To only look out for ourselves and our own interests, would be selfish -- and to only look out for the interests and needs of others without considering our own is not good "selfcare". I think we have to find a healthy balance, and to seek God's help, guidance, and wisdom.

Each individual has some unique combination of gifts and personality that gives him or her great value – and what God has given others is important to us. We all know that, but sometimes it's still a challenge to "play well together" – especially when each of us has been living with a lot more stress the past three months and we want things to go back to the way they were before.

I am very grateful for how our Ministry & Counsel Committee has been working together – sometimes setting aside personal preferences to get back sooner or to be willing to not sing hymns initially (because this is a higher risk activity) - in order to mutually care for everyone in our meeting – to protect one another and to put practices in place to make people feel comfortable gathering in a group.

During the 1964 Olympics, in the two-man bobsled competition, a British team driven by Tony Nash had just completed its first run and was in second place. Then they made a most disheartening discovery. They had

broken a bolt on the rear axle of their sled, which would put them out of the competition.

The great Italian bobsled driver Eugenio Monti, who was in first place, heard of their plight. He removed the bolt from the rear axle of his own sled and sent it to them. The British team placed it on their sled and then raced down the mountain, winning the gold medal. Monti's Italian team took the bronze medal for finishing in third place.

When asked about his act of sportsmanship, Eugenio Monti modestly replied, "Tony Nash did not win because I gave him a bolt. Tony Nash won because he was the best driver."

As Casey Stengel demonstrated with the New York Yankees – and as Eugenio Monti demonstrated in his generosity of giving the British bobsled team the bolt from his own bobsled -- when individuals find ways to play – or work - well together, good things can happen. It works for communities of faith, and, what's more, it works in everyday life.

Love,  
Cathy

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If you would like to have our pastor, Cathy, visit you at home, please call, text, or email her at [cathy.plainfieldfriends@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy.plainfieldfriends@yahoo.com) or 765-465-0994. If you are having surgery or find yourself in the hospital, please let Cathy know so she can come visit and pray with you. Cathy would also enjoy meeting folks for coffee, breakfast or lunch, or even to take a walk and visit.

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## Ministry & Counsel Notes

**Not available at this time**

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**Plainfield Friends  
Monthly Meeting for Business Minutes  
Not available at this time**

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**Quaker Haven  
Camp Dates 2020  
(Please note changes in dates)**

Registration for camp is done online: at <http://www.quakerhaven.com> (click on "youth camps", then click on "register here").

Our Meeting pays for half the cost of each student to attend camp. Other scholarship funds may be available – see Cathy Harris. Transportation – if you need transportation or want to carpool, please see Cathy.

ADVENTURE CAMP: Ages 9-11 Grades 4-6 – July 19-22 (\$320-Early Bird; \$370 after). Registration starts on Sunday at 3pm and Pickup is noon on Friday.

Teen Camp 1 (Jr & Sr High): JULY 5-10 (\$320-Early Bird; \$370 after). Registration starts on Sunday at 3pm and Pickup is noon on Friday.

LITTLE FRIENDS CAMP: Ages 7-9 Grades 2-4 – JULY 12-15 (\$212-Early Bird; \$262 after). Registration starts on Sunday at 3pm and Pickup is noon on Wednesday.

Teen Camp 2: July 26-31 (\$320-Early Bird; \$370 after). Registration starts on Sunday at 3pm and Pickup is noon on Friday.

**June Events**



- 06/03** 4pm Farmer's Market (No Pets/No Restrooms)
- 06/10** 4pm Farmer's Market
- 06/11** 6pm Stewardship & Finance
- 06/15** 7pm Ministry & Counsel
- 06/17** 4pm Farmer's Market
- 06/24** 4pm Farmer's Market
- 06/28** 11:30am Monthly Meeting

**June Birthday's**



- 06/02** Amy Carpenter
- 06/03** Philip Johnson
- 06/05** Nancy Newlin
- 06/09** Cliff Frost
- 06/10** Edna Pedigo
- 06/11** Judith Richardson
- 06/11** Ashley Gibbons
- 06/12** Sandy Hohlweg
- 06/12** Barbara Sisson

- 06/13**
- 06/14**
- 06/17**
- 06/18**
- 06/19**
- 06/22**
- 06/25**
- 06/30**

- Faye Mosier**
- Tom Newlin**
- Mabel Derbyshire**
- Clarke Hoage**
- Mary Ellen VanOsdol**
- Bill Clendineng**
- Everett Stanley**
- David Bryant**
- Steven Thompson**

**July Events**



- 07/01** 4pm Farmer's Market
- 07/03** Office Closed
- 07/04** Independence Day
- 07/08** 4pm Farmer's Market
- 07/09** 7pm Stewardship & Finance
- 07/13** 7pm Ministry & Counsel
- 07/15** 4pm Farmer's Market
- 07/19** Monthly Meeting
- 07/22** 4pm Farmer's Market
- 07/23-26** WYM Annual Sessions
- 07/29** 4pm Farmer's Market

## July Birthday's



<b>07/03</b>	<b>Julia Nobumori</b>
<b>07/07</b>	<b>Morey Gladden</b>
<b>07/08</b>	<b>Deanna Everhart</b>
<b>07/11</b>	<b>Jaymie Cowell</b>
<b>07/14</b>	<b>James Carpenter</b>
	<b>Chad Hardin</b>
	<b>Mark Newlin</b>
<b>07/16</b>	<b>Deborah Roberts</b>
<b>07/17</b>	<b>Laura LaPorte</b>
	<b>Shawn Peterson</b>
	<b>Chase Slaughter</b>
<b>07/18</b>	<b>Joanne Clark</b>
	<b>Denise Copeland</b>
<b>07/21</b>	<b>Nancy Copeland</b>
<b>07/22</b>	<b>Jim Wilson</b>
	<b>Ron Copeland</b>
<b>07/23</b>	<b>Debra Clark</b>
<b>07/24</b>	<b>Andrew Heald</b>
<b>07/25</b>	<b>Bill Heald</b>
	<b>LuAnne Turner</b>
<b>07/26</b>	<b>Clark Hadley</b>