



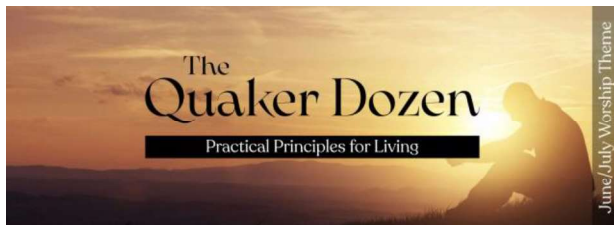
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**“Day to Day Faith”**



Several years ago, while wandering through the kitchen at the church, I noticed a framed picture hanging on the wall. It caught my attention, and I spent a moment reading the framed words. It was one of those things that I tucked away in the back of my mind. Fast forward several years. Last week, as I was preparing for Kay Ratcliff’s memorial service, Kay’s daughter Julia reflected on how her mom continually referred to a framed version of “The Quaker Dozen” during Julia’s childhood. At this moment, I realized I had seen “The Quaker Dozen” several years earlier hanging in the church kitchen. As I re-read the plaque, it became obvious that it was filled with wisdom on how we should live our lives. The principles pointed out as “The Quaker Dozen” are listed below:

1. Begin each day with prayer.
2. Work hard.
3. Love your family.
4. Make light of your troubles.
5. Follow the Golden Rule
6. Read from your Bible.
7. Show kindness.
8. Read worthwhile books.
9. Be clean and pure.
10. Have charity in your heart.
11. Be obedient and respectful.
12. End the day in prayer.

As believers in Christ, these are a great reminder of the call before us as we live out our daily witness before our family, friends, and community. We will be looking at how God calls us to live our lives out in a simple, practical way through our June and July sermon series, called “The Quaker Dozen.” As we remind ourselves of this way of life, I am reminded once again that the consistency of the daily moments builds the sum total of our Christian witness to the world around us. We look forward to this simple and practical view of our daily walk in Christ.

*“I, therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” Ephesians 4:1-3 (ESV)*

*Eric Bowman*

## One Question After Another – Episode 4

We are in our fourth month of looking at a list of questions intended to stimulate our thinking and hearts as we live out our Christian faith. Historically, early Friends called questions “Queries.” They were commonly used during worship to help turn hearts and minds toward God’s thoughts. These questions are an excellent way for us to consider our faith journey. I plan to address these questions (queries) one at a time in our 2023 newsletters. I pray that you meditate sincerely on these questions in a way that brings closeness and confidence to your Christian walk.

Here is the question for June: **Are you careful with the reputation of others?**

This is always a challenge, but it is especially difficult today because we are constantly permitted to “sling mud” at those we disagree with. Scripture gives us extremely clear instructions regarding the proper use of our tongues. We must remember that what we say and how we hold the reputation of others impacts our own hearts, the heart of those we slander, and, very importantly, the hearts of those who are listening and watching how we treat one another as Christians. Choose your words with wisdom, always looking to lift others up. To do otherwise damages our relationship with God and fellow man. It impacts our witness for Christ.

*“By this, all will know that you are my disciples if you love one another.” (John 13:35)*

*Eric Bowman*

## VBS Pitch-in Dinner



We will hold our annual VBS celebration and pitch-in dinner on Sunday, July 2, after the VBS program. This is a great opportunity to encourage and get to know visitors who have joined us during the week at VBS. Meat, drinks, and table service will be provided. Bring your favorite salad, dessert, or side dish as we celebrate our week. All of SFC is invited to attend!

## Richard Ratcliff Is Not Dead Yet! 😊

On Sunday, June 11, we would like to celebrate and honor **Richard** for all the years he has served as our Worship Leader. Richard is an eighth generation Quaker of Spiceland Friends Meeting. He has been our Worship Leader since the late 1960’s. When Josh Peavie was little, he decided that Richard must be God because he was always up front leading the congregation. Keeping with the title of this article, Richard continues to be a very active member of our church. He has been the Clerk of Monthly Meeting since 2005 and continues to serve on the Music Committee. Richard is our “go to man” for anything historical and many other things concerning Spiceland Friends Meeting. Please join us as we honor Richard during the service and afterwards for Sunday lunch. The church will provide chicken strips, drinks, a special cake, and table service. Please bring side dishes to share.

– **Nancy Wadman**  
Ministry Coordinator

## VBS – June 26-30



Preparations are in place for our 2023 Vacation Bible School. This year’s theme is “**Stellar.**” We will explore the many ways we can share the light of Jesus among our friends and community. WE NEED HELP with VBS – teachers, snacks, set up, clean up, and group guides are all ways you can help. Please see **Carly Griggs** if you are interested and can help. Mark your calendars now for June 26-30. Registration forms are available in the Welcome Center at SFC or at [www.spicelandfriends.org](http://www.spicelandfriends.org). The event is designed for preschool through grade 5. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors.



## Please Remember in Prayer

### Church Family

David Brock – fell; broken vertebrae; cracked ribs  
Wayne Bogue – aortic aneurysm  
David Lahr – shoulder surgery  
Sandy White – skin cancer  
Shirley Weber – knee problems  
Judy Smith  
Jim Williams – recovering from heart surgery  
Marcia Byrket – at home  
Sarah Reiblein – cancer  
Steve Neal – liver cancer

### Extended Family and Friends

Rachel Johnson – broken rib & pneumonia  
Karsun Moffitt – at home; on feeding tube  
Mark Allhands (Pam Pyle) – sepsis  
Carmelle (Darlene Darling's sister) – in need of prayer  
Art Whitaker – recovering from pneumonia  
Gary Dice (Marilyn Thompson) – in need of heart transplant  
Mai Nguyen (Julia Bouslog) – breast cancer  
James (Donna Hall's son) – lymphoma; chemo  
Sherry Butler (Tasha Crandall) – kidney transplant  
David Butler (Helen Rust's brother-in-law) – in need of prayer  
Ed Cole (Debi Zimmerman) – pancreatic cancer  
Kathy Gortner (sister of Cindy Mitchell) – kidney failure  
Jan Hurst (Judy Stevens) – Parkinson's  
Betty Kirtley (Marilyn Thompson's mother) – back pain; skin cancer  
Susan Weaver (Kristen Davis) – lung cancer  
Carolyn Lantz – health problems  
Rita Beavers (Garners) – bladder cancer  
Joyce Lacy (Sandi Swann) – needs prayer  
People in Turkey and Syria  
People in Ukraine  
Students, teachers, and school administrators  
Our country and servicemen and women

## Tea Time



Ladies who have lost their husbands are encouraged to join **Nancy Wadman** and several other ladies on Tuesday, June 20, and July 18, at 10:00 a.m. in the Mary M Room for tea, coffee, and a snack. We have a great time laughing, crying, and discussing issues concerning life without a spouse.

## Sermon Topics for June and July



**Eric Bowman** will be preaching all Sundays during the rest of June and July, except for July 2.

### June 11

Sermon – The Quaker Dozen (Part 1)

### June 18

Sermon – The Quaker Dozen (Part 2)

### June 25

Sermon – The Quaker Dozen (Part 3)

### July 2

VBS Sunday (Mike Van Osdol)

### July 9

Sermon – The Quaker Dozen (Part 4)

### July 16

Sermon – The Quaker Dozen (Part 5)

### July 23

Sermon – The Quaker Dozen (Part 6)

### July 30

Sermon – The Quaker Dozen (Part 7)

## Remembering Carolyn (Dolly) McCormack

Dolly became a member of Spiceland Friends Church in April of 2000. She passed away January 1, 2023 in Illinois where she was living close to her daughter Kathleen. Dolly and her husband owned Flory's in Knightstown. Flory's was a soda shop, and I have fond memories of Dolly from my teenage years. I also have great memories of her here at church sitting with Sue Wills and Joann Smith. She was always friendly and had a ready smile to share with everyone. Her children are having a private graveside service in the Knightstown Cemetery on June 9. I have the honor of participating in her service.

– Nancy Wadman

## Membership

We would love to have you join SFC! Official membership is a simple way of saying that you desire to join arms with SFC as a way to walk out your Christian Faith in the encouragement of one another as we share Jesus with our community. Let **David Brock, Eric Bowman, Nancy Wadman, or Richard Ratcliff** know if you have an interest or questions.

## Worship Assistants for June and July

### Scripture Readers

June 4 – Dale Albertson  
June 11 – Janet Putnam  
June 18 – Debra Weber  
June 25 – Gerald Darling  
July 2 – Ron Reece  
July 9 – Debra Weber  
July 16 – Nancy Wadman  
July 23 – Teresa Batt  
July 30 – Nancy Wadman

### Children's Story

June 4 – Diana Bowman  
June 11 – Diana Bowman  
June 18 – Janet Putnam  
June 25 – Mike Van Osdol  
July 2 – VBS  
July 9 – Linda Brock  
July 16 – Diana Bowman  
July 23 – Mike Van Osdol  
July 30 – Janet Putnam

### Junior Church

There will be no Junior Church during June and July.

### Song Leaders

June 4 & 11 – Janet Putnam  
June 18 – Hayley Painter  
June 25, July 2, 9, 16 – Tasha Crandall  
July 23 – Hayley Painter  
July 30 – Tasha Crandall

### Greeters

June – Amy & Bill Upchurch, Gus & Max  
July – Amanda Judge

## Freedom Days Beans and Breakfast

Spiceland Friends Church will have a ham & bean supper on Friday (July 21) of Freedom Days.

We will also be serving a pancake breakfast on Saturday (July 22). This is an all-church event! We need everyone's help as we open our doors to serve the Spiceland community. Volunteer sign-up will be available beginning July 2. See **Chris** or **Claudia Garner** for ways to help.



## Thursday Bible Study Continues

Please join us as we read and discuss forty Bible characters from Max Lucado's book, They Walked with God. We meet every Thursday at 11:00 a.m. in the Mary M Room at SFC for discussion and then go out to eat at noon. We have lively and serious discussions that help us grow, follow, and share what we have learned about God and Jesus. You do not have homework, and I have extra books!

– **Nancy Wadman**  
Ministry Coordinator

## Ladies Night Out

Ladies, I have not forgotten our night out, but due to a very busy June and July here at church and the fact that I am trying to buy and sell a house, I am planning on having our night out in August. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, August 16. We will have it here at church, and you will NOT have to cook or clean up.



– **Nancy Wadman**  
Ministry Coordinator



## Draper Lunches

Draper will be using our Family Center for their employees' lunch and meetings starting the first week of July and will continue through August and September. Their times and days will vary according to which shift they are serving. At this time they are looking at two days a week, probably Tuesday and Thursday, but they are not sure yet. When we know the exact dates, we will put it in the Sunday bulletin. We are looking forward to having Draper use our facilities again. If you have any questions, please see **Nancy Wadman**.

## In Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of **Valorie Kay Ratcliff** upon her passing on May 3. She was the mother of Julia Ratcliff-Bouslog and sister-in-law of Richard & Linda Ratcliff.

We also extend our deepest sympathy to Robin Smiley and family upon the passing of **Duane Smiley** on May 20.



## Notes of Thanks

"A humble, heartfelt thank you for all of your kindness, cards, letters and prayers for my recent Honor flight to Washington, D.C."

– **Gerald Darling**

"Thank you for your condolences and kindness. I deeply appreciate your prayers, calls, messages, cards, and expressions of sympathy on the passing of my mother, **Valorie "Kay" Ratcliff**."

– **Julia Ratcliff-Bouslog**

"Thank you all for the bible and the money. I appreciate it so much!"

– **Zoe Beabout**

## 199 Years and Counting

Danny G. Murray passed away in 1994. An active member of Spiceland Friends, he had served as audio-visual technician, leader of Children's Church, past clerk of Ministry & Oversight and spiritual guide. The large stained glass picture in the Welcome Center is dedicated to Danny's memory and was made by **Sara Jane (Lockridge) Stegner**.



## Morning Prayer

Dear Lord,

I come before you at the beginning of this new day with a heart filled with gratitude and reverence. I thank you for the gift of life and for the opportunity to witness another day of your creation.

I pray for your guidance and wisdom as I navigate through the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. Please grant me strength and courage to face any obstacles that may come my way, and help me to make choices that align with your divine will.

Please bless my loved ones and keep them safe and healthy. May they find joy, peace, and fulfillment in their lives. Grant me the wisdom to be a source of support and encouragement to those who need it. I surrender myself to your divine plan and trust in your guidance. Thank you for your love and constant presence in my life.

In your holy name, I pray. Amen.

## Final Exams

A 96-year-old lady was a faithful attendant at my women's Bible studies. She came with her lessons prepared and knew all the answers. One day a tactless member asked her, "Why do you work so hard on these lessons when you're so old and it doesn't matter?" Little Bess Elkins looked up and said confidently, "I'm cramming for my finals."



– Florence Littauer,  
*Women's Devotional Bible*