

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Newsletter



February 2009

Monthly Query:

Are our children made to feel a valued part of the Meeting, with opportunity to participate and share in its worship and work? What is the Meeting's commitment to excellent education in the larger community, including public schools and the Carolina Friends School?

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IFC Food Pantry Needs Brown Paper Bags

The IFC Food Pantry has issued an urgent plea for brown paper grocery bags (with or without handles). They can be delivered to the pantry (110 West Main Street, Carrboro) or left at the meetinghouse along with the food collection.

Upcoming Forums

- Feb. 1 “Quaker Perspectives on the State of the Union Address” -- Nancy Milio will present
- Feb. 8 Personal Sharing by Wren Hendrickson
- Feb. 22 “Living Simplicity in Economic Hard Times: Sharing Our Stories” -- Jan Hutton will lead a discussion
- Mar. 1 “Forming Spiritual Book Clubs in our Meeting”
ARE is interested in supporting the development of spiritual book clubs in the meeting. Attendees will have the opportunity to explore being part of a spiritual book club. Please refer to the following article that offers some suggestions and guidelines. Jan Hutton and Dan Darnell will facilitate.

Friendly Adult Book Groups

By Michael Gibson (FGC Adult Religious Education Coordinator)

Book groups have become quite popular in Friends adult religious education. What is perhaps most attractive about this approach is that it can provide numerous opportunities for deep personal sharing.

When using any book for a Friends adult forum or class, it is particularly Friendly to keep the focus, in questions and in sharing, on the experience of the participants. Asking what one thinks about a passage may invite opinions and discussion but may not get to the heart. Questions such as these may lead to richer sharing:

- How does the text speak to your condition?
- In what ways does the author challenge you, open you up, or invite

you to deeper living and loving?

- Where is God in what you are reading, and how is the Spirit working in you as you engage (or resist!) the text?
- Does the passage under study make you more tender toward others and toward yourself? Explain.
- What rises up in you as you read the text—a strong emotion, an old memory, an image, a sense of the Divine Presence?
- If the text “makes a difference” or touches us deeply, how then shall we live?
- What practical action might you be led to as a result of your reflections on the text?
- How might you rephrase key passages to make them your own, informed by your experience of the sacred?

Look for texts that invite deep reflection and sharing. Memoirs, journals, biographies, essays on some aspect of Quaker faith or practice, and explorations of any of the testimonies are some of the many possibilities. Sharing is usually most rich when those in the group have read the passage under study in advance and have allowed time for the words to roll over in their minds and play in their hearts. Responding off the cuff to material heard for the first time often leads more to shallow reacting than seasoned reflection. Queries and discussion questions are richest when they come from a heart illumined by the Light.

Some suggested guidelines are:

1. Use “I” statements that indicate your own experience, rather than to generalize or assume what others experience.
2. Lovingly accept each person’s contributions as reflecting her or his experience, whether or not the experience is your own or is common to others.
3. Self-monitor the frequency of your contributions to avoid dominating or excluding others.
4. Take time and care to listen fully and consistently to the contributions of others.
5. Pay attention to the power dynamics of the group. Has any one group (of age, race, gender, etc.) “hogged” the time or determined the shape and flow of the sharing, thus compromising safety, respect or

mutuality?

6. Keep worship sharing and other intimate sharing within the group unless given permission from the speaker to share it with others. When each participant both speaks and listens from the heart, no one is judged.

Adult book groups can be a vital part of any monthly meeting's religious education program when the sharing is experiential, touches the heart, respectfully honors the whole person, and is conducted within a framework of clear and healthy boundaries. As each participant's experience of the numinous is expressed uniquely, the discussion of a text that invites deep reflection can provide a rich forum for enriching relationships and for coming to know one another in that which is eternal. May the Light shine in all our Quaker religious education work!

State of the Meeting Gathering

Thursday, February 12, 700-9:00pm

We will gather for our annual evaluation of the State of the Meeting at the Meetinghouse. All members and attenders are urged to attend. Child care will be provided. We will consider two queries to be sent out in advance: How is your spiritual life nourished by our Meeting Community? What are your desires for deepening and strengthening the spiritual life of our Meeting? Those who cannot attend are invited to send their responses to these queries to the Ministry and Worship Committee. A written report will come out of this meeting which will be kept in the Meeting records. We want as wide a response as possible to this important time of self-reflection.

Vegetarian Potluck

Saturday, February 21, 6:00pm

There will be a Vegetarian Potluck held this month at the home of Perry Martin & Dirk Spruyt. Bring your favorite vegetarian dish!

Spring Service Trips

Interested in doing a Service Trip this Spring Break in New Orleans? Will you be at least 16 years old? Several high schoolers have expressed interest. John will be going on a trip with the Unitarian Universalist Church High School Group, and we Quakers have an offer to go with them! [FYI, CFS Spring Break falls at the same time as Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools (Saturday April 4-Saturday April 11).] There is financing available to help make this happen. Details are below.

If you're interested, contact the following:

John (johnthequaker@yahoo.com)

Melissa Bishop from YRE (m2bish@bellsouth.net)

Marion Hirsch [Director of Religious Education, Community Church of Chapel Hill, Unitarian Universalist, 919-619-8792 (cell), 919-942-2050 (work), 919-929-9545 (home), hirsch.marion@gmail.com]

Details from Marion:

There are two trips to New Orleans. There are limited spaces for each trip and sign ups are first come, first served. We are driving this year because flying is very expensive and leaves a big carbon footprint. But that means we need adults to drive. We will rent minivans so we need to have enough folks over 25 years old who are willing and able to share the driving. The trips are contingent on drivers.

Trip A

Date: Saturday, March 28-Saturday, April 4 (Orange County Schools Spring Break)

Cost per person: \$140 (Room/ Program) All Transportation will be covered by church

Location: New Orleans Rebirth Volunteer Center at First UU Church of New Orleans

Notes: Food is not covered for this trip. There is a kitchen at the volunteer center and last year we all cooked together and put in additional \$70 per person to cover the food for the week. Trip A will be a smaller group of

people and we can talk about how to handle food.

Projects: Once everyone signs up, the volunteer center will place you with projects that interest you. I can give more details about what is offered.

Spots Available: 10

Trip B

Date: Saturday, April 4-Saturday, April 11 (Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Spring Break)

Cost per person: \$175 (Room, Food, Program) Transportation costs covered by church

Location: Annunciation Mission

Notes: This mission is very close to the place we stayed last year but is not UU. There wasn't enough room at the UU church for us. This place is Christian, is very nice and organized and they feed us. Yay! Also the UU church sends the overflow there so they are used to UUs there. Here is a link: http://www.annunciationmission.org/The_Annunciation_Mission/Welcome.html.

They feed us lunch, dinner and breakfast except for dinner on Saturday Night.

Projects: Annunciation organizes volunteer projects which you can see on the website; we can also work with the UU church but it will cost extra.

Spots Available: 20

Friend Looking for Odd Jobs

Dear Friends,

Greetings! This is Andrew Barker and I am looking for a little extra work because I'm not receiving enough shifts at my restaurant. I'm looking for anything that needs to be done, whether you need your gutters cleaned, housework or yard work. Please give me a call or email

(hexum4prezident@gmail.com). I typically charge \$12-17 an hour and anything is negotiable. My cell phone contact # is 919-699-2949. Thank you.

Notes from a Forum: How do we listen to and speak to the needs of the world

From Tom Munk

“The battle...has to begin here. In America. The only institution more powerful than the U.S. government is American civil society. The rest of us are subjects of slave nations. We are by no means powerless, but you have the power of proximity. You have access to the Imperial Palace and the Emperor’s chambers. Empire’s conquests are being carried out in your name.”

— Arundhati Roy

This quotation speaks to the imperative that led to my recent forum. I feel that I must do more than learn about the world, more than show Love to those with whom I come into contact. I must speak to the Powers of the Earth with a Godly voice. In a Quakerly manner, I must Speak Truth to Power.

I and many of those attending wrote some of the ways that we Listen and Speak.

- We pay attention to and speak with our elected representatives: David Price; Ellie Kinnaird; Elizabeth Dole’s staff; Kay Hagan and staff; Richard Burr’s staff; Joe Hackney; Verla Insko; the President.
- We talk and LISTEN to the people we meet: Chapel Hill Friends; family members and co-workers, including bosses, Republicans, conservative Christians, and the closed-minded from all parts of the political spectrum; opposing demonstrators, even the hostile ones, when we are confident that our first motion will be Love; the Carolina Friends School community; people who ask us for money. When we talk politics, we refrain from denigrating political jokes.
- We listen to our inner selves. As in all our conversations, we remain open and do not judge.
- We speak with our purchases and our choices not to purchase. In a capitalist society like ours, there are few forms of speech that are more powerful.

- We read and WRITE BACK to the print media: News & Observer; New York Times; Sojourners; Friends Journal.

- As moved, we write to companies, and feel ourselves free to write back to anyone who sends us mail, including “junk” mail.

- We learn from and converse with the world available to us on the web: Stars and Stripes, the Guardian, the London Times, the Christian Science Monitor, Al Jazeera, the India Times, the Japan Times.

- We “minister to hearts that are imprisoned...” the widow in deep grief, the depressed, those suffering from broken relationships, those who have yet to name an experience of liberation in Christ.

- We take advantage of the staff at the Friends Committee on National Legislation. We rely on their knowledge and wisdom and we share ours with them.

- We listen to and TALK BACK to the radio: National Public Radio; Air America on WCHL (1360 AM); Right-wing talk shows; Ron Stutts on WCHL

- We use the speed of interactive listservs to effectively and efficiently share our leadings with the powerful: www.fcnl.org; www.hkonj.com; www.moveon.org; www.codepink4peace.org; www.PublicCampaign.org; www.amnesty.org; www.truemajority.org; www.credomobile.com; www.peace-with-justice.org; www.soaw.org; www.naacpnc.org; www.naacp.org; www.careto.com; www.downsizedc.org;

- We speak with our bodies: On the corner of Franklin and Elliott every Friday; at HKonJ; on the picket line in Moncure; at the post office; on MLK day; in Washington.

Minutes
Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the
Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
Sunday, January 18, 2009
Jennifer Leeman, clerk
Susan Inglis, recording clerk

Query: Are our children made to feel a valued part of the Meeting, with opportunity to participate and share in its worship and work? What is the Meeting's commitment to excellent education in the larger community, including public schools and the Carolina Friends School?

1. The clerk welcomed

Friends, recognized first-time attender Tom McQuiston, & reviewed the agenda.

2. Minutes

for December 21 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business were approved as written.

3. Care and Counsel Annual Report

was presented by Lynn Drake, Clerk. It is attached here. Friends accepted the report with appreciation for the work of the committee.

4. Peace and Social Concerns

Letter to Representative David Price - Hank Elkins distributed a copy of a letter that the Peace & Social Concerns committee sent to Rep David Price objecting to his vote for Resolution 34. It is attached here.

Minute "Engaging American Muslims" - The minute was read with a request for approval. It is available at: (<http://chapelhillfriends.org/articles/EngagingAmericanMuslims-Draft.doc>). Friends asked ques-

tions for clarification. Several friends raised questions about the process for setting priorities and whether this is a priority/leading of the Meeting as a whole. The Meeting and its committees have many other issues they are working on and many are already feeling burdened and overwhelmed. Is the best next step to support the leadings of the individuals who created the minute and their establishment of an adhoc committee and then see if the Meeting feels led to make this commitment at a later point? The adhoc committee could work with committees and others in the meeting on components, one step at a time, and let momentum build as it will. Friends spoke to the importance of the work; it is Godly work that needs to be done. Even when overwhelmed, we need to trust when we have a leading and honor it, support it in ways that we can. One friend spoke about being overwhelmed by the two wars against Muslims, plus the war on terror directed against Muslims. Are these not evidence of our dehumanization of Muslims and is this minute not a way to express our desire to have the experience of living and working and sharing with our fellow humanity? The sense is that the adhoc committee already practically exists and that the commitment exists in this meeting community as well as among Friends at large. In actual practice, the adhoc committee will present opportunities and each individual and committee in the Meeting will decide whether they are led to take up those opportunities. Friends approved the minute with gratitude and blessings for the work that went into creating it. Individual friends & committees are asked to discern personally how it will live in our lives.

Friends asked the committee to consider this effort's evolving into broader outreach, and reflected that Peace and Social Concerns Committee is already and has been concerned with reaching out to individuals of other races and ethnicities. This minute is an affirmation of the good work the committee does.

Open Letter - Peace and Social concerns also distributed an Open Letter to President-Elect Obama entitled "We Need a Change in Israel/Palestine Policy" so that Friends can consider their request for the

Meeting to sign it. Decision and discussion were deferred to the February 5th Meeting.

5. Treasurer's Report

was distributed by Judy Purvis, to be addressed at our Business Meeting on Feb 5, with our consideration of our budget, mid-year. It is attached here.

Announcements

- Evening (Quarterly) Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business - February 5, 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting House.

- Spiritual State of the Meeting - February 12, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Meeting House. We will consider two queries:

1. How is your spiritual life nourished by our Meeting Community?
2. What are your desires for deepening and strengthening the spiritual life of our Meeting?

Friends are encouraged to attend and, if they cannot, to respond to the queries.

- February 1, special drive for Inter Faith Council (IFC) - bring cans of tuna to the Meeting that Sunday.

- Friends are encouraged to participate in HKOJ, Historic Thousands on Jones Street, on February 14. The initiative is sponsored by the NAACP and seeks to promote 14 points aimed at promoting justice through healthcare, a fair wage, reducing disparities in education, and more.

- There will be an FGC-supported conversation on diversity at Penn Center, St Simon's Island, SC, "Weaving Sacred Wholeness", March 3-6. Friends who are interested are encouraged to register early.

In attendance:

Max Drake, Tom Munk, Ann Kessemeier, Perry Martin, Dirk Spruyt, Jan Hutton, Ann Miller, Bettie L. Flash, Jeff Brown, Kathy Davis, Lloyd Kramer, Ken Grogan, Miriam Thompson, Tom McQuiston, Don Hopper, Pam Schwingl, Pat Mann, Judy Purvis, Matt Drake, Lynn Drake, Marilyn Dyer, Hank Elkins, Nancy Elkins, Carolyn Stuart, Richard Miller, Nancy Milio, Dottie Heninger, Ruth Zalph, Polly Ulin, Mark Fulp, Sherrie Fulp, Leon Zirkle, Alice Carlton, Dave Curtin.

**Annual Report of the Care and Counsel Committee
12-14-2008**

The Care and Counsel Committee is responsible for the oversight of pastoral care of each Meeting member and attender and is concerned with each one's spiritual and physical welfare. In its work, the committee is mindful of the need for privacy and confidentiality.

In fulfilling these responsibilities, members of Care and Counsel participated in eight clearness or support committees that met for a variety of purposes and served on clearness committees for membership for four new members.

One of the challenges that we faced this past year was to gain an understanding of the capacity of this committee and of the Meeting to deal with long-term needs for assistance. We have come to realize that our desire to help with the on-going physical welfare needs of loved ones in our community can so overwhelm us that we fail to serve the needs of all in the community. After consultations with the Hospitality Committee and some painful deliberations, we concluded that we are equipped to deal with short-term needs, especially for food or transportation, but we can not sustain this commitment beyond a month or two. We need to refer individuals with long-term needs to appropriate social service agencies.

Another challenge for the members of Care and Counsel is properly dealing with visitations. We are struggling with creating and maintaining an appropriate relationship with and oversight of the Hospital/Home Visitation Committee. We need the assistance of the

Meeting to discover who needs a visit and where they are. Frequently, folks are released from the hospital before we know that they were there. We are investigating putting a link on the Meeting's Website for people to request a visit or phone call. But just as greeting visitors to Meeting for Worship is the responsibility of everyone, we would like to share the responsibility with the Meeting at large of visiting and calling those in need. We offer this query for each of us to consider: What have I done to care for members, newcomers, shut-ins, and others in the Meeting?

Continuing business for the Committee is getting photos of members and attenders posted on our photo board in the foyer. Also, we are responsible for keeping on file the end-of-life instructions for our community of worshipers. We have few instructions in the file, in spite of having a series of sessions last winter to assist people in completing the forms that are available on the Meeting's Website. We need to find a more effective way to encourage one another to get completed forms on file. We continue to add to the Meeting's Memorial Book. If you have remembrances you would like to contribute, please contact us.

Under the care of the Care and Counsel Committee, Mike and Marsha Green offered of a couples' enrichment workshop. Also under the care of the Care and Counsel Committee, Jan Hutton offered a series on Compassionate Listening and then an intensive one day workshop.

We note with sadness the deaths of these Meeting members and attenders or familial loved ones: Tim Heninger, Alice Cramer, Lilli Mannis, Tom Perry, Ruffin Hobbs, Wendell Johnson, Matt McQuiston, Elaine Tuyn, and Elizabeth Cooley.

We celebrated the marriage under the care of the Meeting of Carolyn Stuart and Richard Miller on September 13th, a truly joyous occasion.

While the charge to the members of the Care and Counsel Committee is to oversee the well-being of our members and attenders, we know very well that this can only be accomplished with the assistance of everyone. When we are truly present for one another, we

become a blessed community.

--Lynn Drake, convener, for David Brower, Marilyn Dyer, Kay Eager, Robin Harper, Perry Martin, Jim Palmer, Bonnie Raphael, Carolyn White, and Jennifer Leeman, ex-officio.

Letter to Congressman David Price from Peace and Social Concerns

January 15, 2009

We appreciate the initiative you and 23 of your colleagues pursued in your January 9th letter to President Bush on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. The letter details the crisis in water, sewage, and medical care about which too few are knowledgeable.

In contrast, we are dismayed by your support for House Resolution 34, a resolution which clearly fails to embody your principles. Although the resolution calls for an immediate ceasefire, alludes to suffering on both sides and urges that the U.S. exercise leadership to reinvigorate the peace process, those advantages are far outweighed by HR 34's overwhelming catalog of disinformation and omissions.

We have the following major concerns about House Resolution 34.

HR 34 distorts and exaggerates Israel's humanitarian aid to Gaza: HR 34 claims that "Israel has facilitated humanitarian aid to Gaza with hundreds of trucks carrying humanitarian assistance and numerous ambulances entering the Gaza Strip since the current round of fighting began on December 27, 2008." This statement conflicts with reports of Palestinian hospital personnel, the International Red Cross and the United Nations. This clause ignores the devastating shortages of medicine, food, and fuel Israel caused even before the bombardment, through its months-long blockade of Gaza by land, air, and sea. By fostering the impression that Israel has administered effective humanitarian aid, **HR 34 contradicts your letter of January 9 describing the real humanitarian crisis in Gaza.**

HR 34 subverts the diplomatic surge and supports a military approach: HR 34 clearly subverts your efforts of promoting a diplo-

matic surge and President-elect Obama's efforts to "change" the course in the Middle East through engagement. HR 34, in contrast to diplomacy, supports the continuation of Israel's deadly military approach by asserting Israel's "right to act in self-defense." Israel's starving of the Gazan population, its overwhelming military firepower, the use of white phosphorous to light its bombing attacks, and the killing over a thousand Palestinian, most civilians, go far beyond self-defense. These acts of aggression will not bring Israel peace or permanent security.

HR 34 ignores the larger context: HR 34 makes no mention of the 40 year occupation, blockade, settlement expansion and checkpoints in the West Bank, growing settler lawlessness, continuous Israeli incursions, assassinations of Palestinian leaders and imprisonment of Palestinians.

HR 34 ignores Israel's violation of the U.S. Foreign Assistance & Arms Export Control Act: The weapons provided by the U.S. to Israel have clearly been used against civilian populations. In such a densely populated area as Gaza, there is no way Israel's attacks could spare civilians. The use of the U.S. supplied weapons violates the U.S. Foreign Assistance & Arms Export Control Act.

HR 34 isolates Hamas and focuses on a weakened Palestinian Authority: You have insisted on bringing multiple parties to the diplomatic table, and President-elect Obama has indicated he wanted to engage Hamas, even if such engagement might begin at a low level. HR 34 diplomatically ignores Hamas, considers Hamas to be a monolithic evil and puts only Israel and the Palestinian Authority at the table as if the Palestinian Authority alone represents Palestinians and as if the U.S. has any right to determine who should represent the Palestinians. Given the extra-judicial killings and imprisonments this year of Palestinians by Israel on the West Bank, the continuing expansion of the settlements and the maintenance of debilitating checkpoints, the Palestinian Authority seems unlikely to constitute the strong negotiating partner HR 34 proposes.

HR 34 places all the blame for the conflict on Hamas: HR 34 blames Hamas for launching thousands of rockets and mortars since

Israel withdrew from Gaza in 2005 and quotes Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice as holding “ Hamas responsible for breaking the cease-fire and for the renewal of violence there.” HR 34 does not mention that immediately after the cease-fire began on June 19, the Israel Defense Force established a “special security zone” within Gaza and announced that Palestinians entering that area would be fired on. Israel shot at farmers tilling their land and other civilians entering that zone. Moreover, HR 34 fails to mention the Israeli bombardment of November 4 (six Palestinians killed) and the bombardment of November 17 (4 Palestinians killed). And apart from military provocation, HR 34 mentions shortages of vital goods but fails to mention that it was the blockade, only minimally lifted during the truce that deprived the Gazans of food, medicines, and fuel.

HR 34 makes demands of Hamas and Egypt but not of Israel:

- Stop the rockets: HR 34 demands that Hamas have no capacity to launch rockets.
- Entry of food, medicine, and fuel: No where does HR 34 demand that Israel allow the entry of vital goods to Gaza by land or sea.
- Prisoners: HR 34 demands the immediate release of Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit but does not even mention ameliorating the conditions of the 8,200 Palestinian prisoners, including children, held by Israel and prohibited from seeing family members. According to the Defense for Children International, Israel imprisoned some 700 children in 2007 alone. Many of the Palestinian prisoners were arrested without charge in extra-judicial operations and imprisoned inside Israel. Israel has therefore violated the Geneva Conventions, which state that the occupied population should not be transferred out of the occupied territories. <http://www.dci-pal.org/english/display.cfm?docId=726&categoryid=1>
- Smuggling: HR 34 demands that Egypt halt smuggling into Gaza, but if the smuggling of weapons had been so effective, why does Hamas lack anti-tank and anti aircraft weapons and possess only inaccurate, primitive missiles? According to eye-witness reports, the tunnels have facilitated entry of tons of humanitarian supplies — food, medicine, and fuel – and are far from being an unmitigated evil. Is it possible that stopping the smuggling constitutes yet another way for Israel to

control the entry of food, medicine and fuel?

HR 34 makes no mention of mechanisms for independent monitoring of the cease fire and peace making process: Given the free hand Israel has had in the occupied territories, it is evident that independent third party monitoring and uncensored journalists must be in place for a cease fire to hold and peace building to begin. Israel must lift its blockade of foreign journalists.

Since HR 34 so radically undermines your own commitment to diplomacy and peace building and ignores the growing voices for peace from your local constituents and their national organizations, we are mystified that you voted to approve HR 34. We wonder why you did not at least vote "Present," since we note that 15 of your 23 colleagues who signed the humanitarian letter voted either "No" or "Present." We know it takes courage to stand against the AIPAC lobby and the House leadership, but we know you have that courage and commitment to principles of justice and peace.

We look forward to your response. We will continue to challenge the AIPAC stranglehold on congressional dialogue and continue to support your leadership in seeking a just peace and bringing all parties to the table.

Sincerely,
Hank Elkins and Miriam Thompson for The Peace
and Social Concerns Committee, Chapel Hill
Friends Meeting

cc. Rose Auman

cc. Members of TIMELEAP (Triangle-Triad Middle East Legislative,
Education, Advocacy Project)

Treasurer's Report

Income

	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Personal	2,208.00	4,340.16	6,366.00	3,057.00	6,672.00
Bldg Use	763.00	65.00	40.00		850.00
Total	2,971.00	4,405.16	6,406.00	3,057.00	7,522.00

Treasurer's Report for December, 2008

	This Month	08-09 Budget	Cumulative Total from 7/1/08
Unrestricted Income			
Unrestricted Personal	10,300.50		32,943.66
Unrestricted Bldg Use	75.00		1,793.00
Total Unrstr. Income	10,375.50	72,280.00	34,736.66

Restricted Income*

Football Parking YRE	2,460.00		6,150.00
Total Restr. Income	2,460.00		6,150.00

	This Month	08-09 Budget	Cumulative Total from 7/1/08
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Committee Expenses

Adult Religious Ed.		300.00	
Buildings & Grounds	922.88	14,350.00	7,490.46
Insurance	398.84	5,350.00	2,698.04
Utilities	433.84	5,250.00	2,522.15
Main. & Impr.	90.20	2,750.00	2,270.27
Landscaping		1,000.00	
Care and Counsel		100.00	
Childrens Religious Ed.	555.23	4,800.00	1,904.34
Environmen. Concerns		650.00	
Finance	59.22	400.00	263.79
Hospitality		250.00	320.19
Library		400.00	

08-09 total	08-09 Budget	Budget to be raised
22,643.16		
1,718.00		
24,361.16	72,280.00	47,918.84

**Budgetted Funds
to be Raised**

37,543.34

Budget Remaining

300.00
6,859.54
2,651.96
2,727.85
479.73
1,000.00
100.00
2,895.66
650.00
136.21
-70.19
400.00

Ministry & Worship	76.00	1,750.00	494.04
Nominations		25.00	
Peace & Social Con.	69.51	300.00	69.51
Publications & Records	153.14	1,800.00	991.73
Youth Religious Ed.	85.31	2,500.00	2,500.00
Total Com. Expenses	1,921.29	27,625.00	14,034.06

Benevolences

Inter. Planned Funding		8,135.00	
Inter. Discre. Funds	1,064.00	4,500.00	1,416.41
External Funds		32,020.00	1,500.00
Total Benevolences	1,064.00	44,655.00	2,916.41

Total Expenses **2,985.29** **16,950.47**

*YRE total = 4198.72; \$5239.87 remains in the YRE account

Youth Religious Education

Date	Income	Expenses	Running Total
11/1/08			\$ 6,100.00
11/30/08		\$ 774.82	\$ 5,325.18
12/9/09		\$ 85.31	\$ 5,239.87

Utilities

Month	Duke Ener.	AT&T	PSNC	OWASA	Total
July	\$141.94	\$198.02	\$17.50	\$106.50	\$463.96
August	\$ 131.13		\$ 17.50	\$ 388.00	\$ 536.63
September	\$ 156.47	\$ 138.65		\$ 66.46	\$ 361.58
October	\$ 129.46	\$ 139.87	\$ 17.50	\$ 96.49	\$ 383.32
November	\$ 80.07	\$ 149.10	\$ 19.07	\$ 94.58	\$ 342.82
December	\$ 84.55	\$ 149.10	\$ 80.97	\$ 119.22	\$ 433.84

1,255.96
25.00
230.49
808.27
*0
13,590.94

8,135.00
3,083.59
30,520.00
41,738.59

55,329.53

Total Util	Left
\$5,250.00	\$4,786.04
\$1,000.59	\$4,249.41
\$1,362.17	\$3,887.83
\$1,745.49	\$3,504.51
\$ 2,088.31	\$3,161.69
\$ 2,522.15	\$2,727.85

NC Coast Home for Rent

Vacation home for rent by the week or flexible times, sleeps up to 12, coastal NC. Call Catherine Elkins (933-1119) for more information.

Room for Rent in “Peaceful Environment” in Carrboro

Donovan Tyler and Hadley Gustafson live in a lovely house on N. Greensboro St. in Carrboro and have a bedroom available to rent. The house is non-smoking and female friendly, and is available to professional/gainfully-employed adults or graduate students. They don't want “partying” folks; maintaining a peaceful environment is paramount.

Here are the details:

- Professional/gainfully employed or graduate students strongly preferred.
- Quiet area on beautiful North Greensboro St.
- Female-friendly environment.
- Smoke-free house.
- Rent is \$460 per month.
- Basic cable and broadband Internet included.
- Utilities included.
- Weekly cleaning of common areas included.
- 6 bedroom/3 bath house at 1202 N. Greensboro St.
- Furnished, shared kitchen and living room.
- Shared washer and dryer.
- 1-2 miles from UNC campus/hospital.
- 60-day lease.
- Security deposit required.

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Chapel Hill Friends Meeting
Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
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Meetings for Worship at 8:30 and 11:00am
Forum at 9:45am
Child Care from 9:30am-12:15pm
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Monthly Query:

Are our children made to feel a valued part of the Meeting, with opportunity to participate and share in its worship and work? What is the Meeting's commitment to excellent education in the larger community, including public schools and the Carolina Friends School?

Calendar:

Sun. 2/1	8:30am 9:45am 11am 11am 12:30pm	Meeting for Worship (Early) Forum: State of the Union Address - N. Milio Meeting for Worship (Late) Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods Potluck & IFC Sunday - Schoolhouse IFC Drive - Bring Tuna! Environmental Concerns Com. - Schoolhouse Quaker Women's Gathering - Marnie Clark's CHFM Serves Lunch at Interfaith Shelter
Wed. 2/4	10am	
Thu. 2/5	11am-1pm 7pm	Quarterly Mtg for Worship w/Atten. to Bus.
Fri. 2/6	4:30-5:30pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot
Sun. 2/8	8:30am 9:45am 11am 11am	Meeting for Worship (Early) Forum: Personal Sharing - W. Hendrickson Meeting for Worship (Late) Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
Thu. 2/12	7-9pm	State of the Meeting Gathering
Fri. 2/13	4:30-5:30pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot
Sat. 2/14		Historic Thousands on Jones St.
Sun. 2/15	8:30am 9:30am 11am 11am	Meeting for Worship (Early) Meeting for Worship w/Attention to Business Meeting for Worship (Late) Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
Wed. 2/18	10am	Quaker Women's Gathering - Marnie Clark's
Fri. 2/20	4:30-5:30pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot
Sat. 2/21	6:00pm	Vegetarian Potluck - Home of Dirk & Perry
Sun. 2/22	8:30am 9:45am 11am 11am 10pm	Meeting for Worship (Early) Forum: Living Simplicity - J. Hutton Meeting for Worship (Late) Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods Deadline To Turn In Items For The Newsletter!
Fri. 2/27	4:30-5:30pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot
Sun. 3/1	8:30am 9:45am 11am 11am 12:30pm	Meeting for Worship (Early) Forum: Spiritual Book Clubs - Hutton & Darnell Meeting for Worship (Late) Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods Potluck & IFC Sunday - Schoolhouse Environmental Concerns Com. - Schoolhouse Quaker Women's Gathering - Marnie Clark's CHFM Serves Lunch at Interfaith Shelter
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