

# Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Newsletter

April, 2012



## Monthly Query:

*How does my life reflect the joy of living in the Spirit?*

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## Upcoming Forum Schedule

**April 1** Piedmont Friends Fellowship Considers Becoming a Yearly Meeting - Jon Hunter

**April 8** The Listening Project, a continuation of Debra Shaw's queries so we may better know one another

**April 22** "Integrity, Ecology, and Community: The Motion of Love" - Our Earth Day forum presented by Jennie Ratcliffe, Pendle Hill author, member of Durham Friends Meeting

**April 29** A Godly Play - presented by the Children's Religious Education crew. Our First Day pre-school teachers will do a Godly play session with any children present and the adults who attend the forum. The story being told will be the Mary Fisher story. Children and Adults will join together in the reflective crafts that follow a Godly play story-telling. This opportunity will give adults in the meeting an opportunity to see Godly play in action as well as a wonderful opportunity to interact with meeting children.

**May 6** Graduation Forum - three of our high school seniors - Jessica Harper, Colyer Durovitch and Annie DiLorenzo - will present on their experience growing up in the Meeting as they prepare to transition to the next stage of young adulthood (see below)

## Graduation Forum and Worship

**Sunday, May 6, 9:45am, Meetinghouse**

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting will celebrate its annual graduation forum and worship on May 6. At 9:45 am, our young Friends will share the impact of growing up in a Quaker Meeting. Our 11 am worship will allow our community to hold these young Friends in the Light as they move out into the world. Yes, there will be cake afterward! Please join us!

### **2012 Graduates:**

Annie DiLorenzo, Colyer Durovitch, Jessica Harper

## Monthly EnviroTip from the ECC

"As it is vital for us to integrate our head, heart, soul and hand, it is now vital to integrate our science, our economics, our politics and our technological knowledge with our spiritual awareness and wisdom, to understand ourselves and the wider ecological communities on which we depend both as biological systems, governed by physical laws, and as integral parts of a single earth community, governed by the spiritual principles of unity, reciprocity and love." - Jennie Ratcliffe, "Integrity, Ecology, and Community" pg. 28

## IFC Needs

The IFC collects items for its Pantry, the Community Kitchen, the Community House (men's residential facility), and Project Homestart (women's residential facility). For a complete list of items needed by each facility, visit the IFC website at [www.ifcweb.org/foodneeds.html](http://www.ifcweb.org/foodneeds.html).

The IFC can always use bags. Brown bags with handles are best, but they can use other types as well. Bring your extras to Meeting any Sunday.

## **Help Complete Our Records and History**

**April 14, 11am - 1pm, Carolina Room at Carol Woods**

A Chance to Participate and Help Complete our Records and History:  
an Event to Celebrate CHFM's 75th Anniversary

Plan on joining us: Saturday, April 14 11:00 - 1:00 in the Carolina Room at Carol Woods.

We need to update our Records Book and complete our Meeting's timeline. We look forward to your input and research. Books of the Meeting's minutes and Newsletters will be available for you to help search out relevant information. And we want to hear your own memories. When did you first attend CHFM? What are your recollections of important times for you at Meeting? Questions? Call Dottie Heninger at 918-2622

## **Locavore Lunch**

**Sunday, April 22, noon in the Schoolhouse**

Join the Environmental Concerns Committee for a locavore lunch on Earth Day. We will gather in the multi-purpose room following the rise of late Meeting. Our Earth Day forum this year will be with Jennie Radcliffe from Durham Friends Meeting and author of the Pendle Hill pamphlet titled, "Integrity, Ecology, and Community: The Motion of Love." Come join us in fellowship and enjoy a meal made of locally grown foods. You do not need to bring any food, but it will be welcomed. Please let Jennifer Leeman or Emily Nelson know if you would like to contribute a dish.

## **Ordering "Vote Against Amendment One" yard signs, buttons, and bumper stickers**

**Submitted by Jan Hutton**

Yard signs, buttons, and bumper stickers against Amendment One can be ordered from this site, The Coalition to Protect ALL NC Families: <http://www.co-store.com/pncf>

Yard signs are \$7 each, or \$13 for two. Talk with your friends/neighbors and be the point person for a collective order. Signs are shipped by UPS, or can be picked up on Tuesdays and Fridays at a site in RTP. By the way, wearing a button is a wonderful conversation opener while standing in store lines (thanks to Bonnie Raphael for this tip.) All of these tools are wonderful ways for us, as Friends, to share our Testimony of Equality.

*"True godliness don't turn men out of the world, but enables them better to live in it and excites their endeavors to mend it; not hide their candle under a bushel, but set it upon a table in a candlestick."*

-- William Penn, 1668

## **Cassette Tapes Available in Library**

Several friends of Linda DiLorenzo brought a box of her audiotapes to the Meeting library for members and attenders to take. The tapes will be available throughout April in the library to the left of the book check-out area. The library does not plan to keep them, so please take as many as you want.

## **Compassionate Listening Workshop**

**April 14-15, Chapel Hill**

**Submitted by Jan Hutton**

### **“Compassionate Listening: Healing Our World from the Inside Out”**

**An experiential training (based on the work of the late Quaker peace activist, writer, and therapist, Gene Knudsen Hoffman)**

In Compassionate Listening (<http://www.compassionatelistening.org/>), we focus on building cultures of peace, but how do we truly embody daily compassion when the times we live in are so tumultuous? "Getting angry with another person is like throwing hot coals with bare hands: both people get burned." (Buddha) Using the crucible of your daily life as raw material, explore Compassionate Listening as an act of personal, social and spiritual transformation. Strengthen your capacity to connect with the humanity of those whose paths you cross, whether or not you share the same values and behaviors. As Martin Luther King, Jr. said "It is futile to implement ideas in the public realm unless we practice them in our personal lives."

Saturday, April 14, 2012, 9am-5pm; Sunday, April 15, 1pm – 6pm,

8 Running Deer Trail, Chapel Hill, NC 27517

<http://www.compassionatelistening.org/calendar/introductory-trainings/2250/chapel-hill-nc-jan-hutton>

Suggested donation is \$70 -\$150, based on your ability to pay (if money is a concern, please talk to me!) Contact Jan Hutton, MSW, for information: [janhutton@earthlink.net](mailto:janhutton@earthlink.net), 919.967.1959.

Social Workers: NASWNC has endorsed this program for Contact Education Hours

As a member of the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting, I'm grateful to have a minute of support from the Meeting for my ministry with The Compassionate Listening Project.

In peace, Friends, Jan Hutton

## **Summer Housing Opportunity**

Dirk and Perry offer their 2-bedroom house in Arcadia Cohousing Community in Carrboro for use from June through September. Costs are \$70 per month for Homeowners fee, 5 hours per month of work equity, and utilities used. 919-967-4746, [perryvrs@msn.com](mailto:perryvrs@msn.com)  
Thank you, Perry & Dirk

# **New Play “8” Explores Debate Around Marriage Equality**

**Monday, April 9, 7:30pm, Paul Green Theatre**

**Submitted by Tim Scales**

PlayMakers and UNC Department of Dramatic Art present new play “8”

In 2008, voters in California passed Proposition 8, which banned same-sex marriage in the state. In 2010, that amendment was ruled unconstitutional through the historic Perry vs. Schwarzenegger trial. Combining trial testimony with interviews with the participants, “8” explores both sides of the debate around marriage equality. A cast of professional actors, students and community members tackle this controversial issue in a new play by Dustin Lance Black (Milk, J Edgar).

This one-night staged reading is presented by PlayMakers Repertory Company and the Department of Dramatic Art at UNC-Chapel Hill through special arrangement with and by permission from the American Foundation for Equal Rights and Broadway Impact. The performance is made possible by private gifts to the Department of Dramatic Art.

When: Monday, April 9 at 7:30pm

Where: Paul Green Theatre, Center for Dramatic Art

Admission is free, but reservations are required. Reserve at [www.playmakersrep.org/8reading](http://www.playmakersrep.org/8reading) or by calling 919-962-7529. For more information, visit [www.playmakers.com/8reading](http://www.playmakers.com/8reading) or email [tscales@email.unc.edu](mailto:tscales@email.unc.edu).



## **New App Eliminates Junk Mail**

**Submitted by Emily Buehler**

There's a new app that claims it can reduce your junk mail – all you have to do is snap a picture of it! PaperKarma <<https://www.paperkarma.com/>> will figure out where the mail is from by using their massive database, and will find how to stop it. Paper Karma is currently a free download for iPhone, Windows phone, and Android that can stop unwanted magazines, catalogs, coupon books, credit card offers AND white and yellow pages. It's only free for a limited time!

“Do you know anyone who likes paper junk mail? We sure don't. That's why we created PaperKarma – an app that will get rid of it. In the United States alone, 100 billion pieces of junk mail are sent each year. Every household receives some 800 pieces of junk mail per year, and the ratio of wanted to unwanted mail has reached 1 to 18! Government data shows that we'll spend months of our lives dealing with this problem. The vast majority of that mail goes unopened, with much of it ending up in landfills. All this manufacturing, delivery, and disposal of wasted paper has a dramatically negative effect on our environment. Let's work together to stop this madness!”

## **Use Vinegar to Avoid Weeding**

**Submitted by Emily Buehler**

If you avoid using herbicides in your yard, here's a tip to eliminate a lot of work and the need for herbicide: you can kill weed seeds in driveway cracks and along the front walk by pouring vinegar on them.

First clear away any weeds that have grown. It helps to have the tool my mother calls the “crack tool”. (We've never been able to find the crack tool in a store, but a GoogleImage search led to the “crevice weeder” for sale on this website.)

<http://www.gardentoolcompany.com/crevice-weeder-by-red-pig-garden-tools/>

Once the weeds are gone, watch the weather report for a string of hot, sunny days. Buy large jugs of vinegar, and simply pour vinegar along the cracks. It's good to repeat the treatment mid-season. With our long spring-summer-fall of warm days, I might do the vinegar treatment three times this year. It's cheap, all-natural, and doesn't involve me bending my knees.

## **Directory Updates**

Ruth Zalph has a new email: [ragingrannieruth@yahoo.com](mailto:ragingrannieruth@yahoo.com)

Please delete the old one!

Dirk Kelder has a new address:

4478A Manns Chapel Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27516

His phone number is the same at 919-942-2112.

**Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends**  
**Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**  
**Carolyn White, Clerk; Robin Harper, Recording Clerk**  
**18 March 2012**

**Worship and query:** In what ways do we support each other to seek divine guidance and act upon our understanding of truth?

One friend responded that we support each other through our communal life, our work on committees, and in Meeting for Business, especially when we speak from within a gathered group. We need to be clearly present when seeking divine guidance and to give messages humbly.

**1. Welcome, recognition of first time attenders, review of agenda**

We welcomed Sophia Silinas, attending meeting for business for the first time.

The Clerk noted that Jeff Brown, Annette Broadwell, Anne Filiaci, Kathleen McNeil, Wren Hendrickson and many others are all busy with the Piedmont Friends Fellowship annual gathering this weekend. Carolyn gave a brief report on the activities of the weekend and the strong participation from our Meeting, including many of our children, and other nearby Meetings.

**2. Review of minutes for February Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**

Approved.

**3. Recommendation for membership of Ryan Jarrell—Jan Hutton**

Ryan submitted his request last July. His Clearness Committee has met several times over a four month period, and members of the committee have met individually with Ryan as well. Ministry and Worship recommends Ryan Jarrell for membership in the Religious Society of Friends and the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting.

Friends spoke to Ryan's strong engagement with our Meeting, including working with the prison visitation group in a deep and open way, and engaging honestly with the prisoners; participating very actively with the Occupy Chapel Hill movement; and encouraging and assisting the Finance Committee to consider a more Friendly bank for us to do business with.

Approved.

Judy Purvis, Hank Elkins (convener), Ruth Zalph, and Kitty Bergel offered to serve on Ryan's welcoming committee.

#### **4. Annual Report for Hospitality Committee—Stuart Phillips (report will be available in the May newsletter)**

Friends expressed strong appreciation for the ubiquitous presence of the Hospitality Committee, and all of the great work they do. Special appreciation was shown for the support they have given to non-Meeting folks, such as the Gulich family, who requested to use the meetingroom space for a memorial service.

One Friend asked if there were a way we could help more with newcomers, and not just leave that to the Hospitality Committee. Stuart encouraged everyone to speak to newcomers at the rise of meeting for worship, and to join them at potluck.

Accepted.

#### **5. Minute in support of NC Families Against Amendment One—Sarah Grimme**

In response to the Meeting's request last month, Sarah brought forward this minute for Peace and Social Concerns:

The Chapel Hill Friends Meeting is opposed to Amendment One and the different treatment of committed couples and families on the basis of their gender or sex.

We are mindful that it is the Spirit which unites a couple, and we are the witnesses thereof. We are convinced that faithful, loving, committed relationships, whether same-gender or opposite-gender, give evidence of divine guidance and support. As such, all loving relationships are sacred and are accepted and honored by the Meeting.

We affirm the traditional Quaker concept of marriage as a committed relationship between two people who share their lives as equal partners and reaffirm our willingness as a monthly Meeting to hold appointed meetings to celebrate and acknowledge couples' relationships, for both opposite-gender and same-gender couples, through our traditional practices.

Friends had several suggestions to make about the language of the minute, and also shared passionately about the proposed amendment and our Meeting's response to it. The law would have impact on more than just the question of same sex marriage—it would also affect children, families, unmarried opposite-sex couples with children, and others, and in reality would benefit no one. It is important that heterosexual Friends witness to the fact that gay and lesbians are people just like other people, in order to bring about change in the minds and hearts of other straight people.

The Meeting approved Judy and Carolyn working with Sarah to finalize this minute, after which it will be sent to the newspapers (Chapel Hill News, Carrboro Citizen, News & Observer, Durham Herald, Chatham Record). Someone might also

consider speaking on WCHL 1360am, on their program “Commentaries,” to share this minute.

A request was made that information about acquiring yard signs and learning to make phone calls to voters be sent out on listserv. Sarah will do this.

Great appreciation was expressed to Sarah, and we learned how to pronounce her last name! (GRIM ee)

Approved.

## **6. Update on incorporation—Matt Drake**

Ten years ago we decided incorporation was unnecessary. Lately this has become an issue again, for various reasons (increased litigiousness of society, many organizations and businesses requiring our incorporation number, etc.). Many other Friends Meetings are already incorporated. It is now recommended by the UNC law clinic with which we have been working that we incorporate. Matt, Emily Buehler, and Pat Mann have been researching what this would involve. Part of the form for incorporation requires the writing of bylaws, which Finance has been working on with a lot of discussion and discernment. They do not want to simply use standard, one-size-fits-all bylaws, but rather have our bylaws be a true description of who we are and what we stand for.

Finance Committee hopes next month to bring to meeting for business a final draft of the bylaws and a recommendation that we incorporate. This will be submitted at one meeting and held over for approval to a future one. It will also be sent out on the listserv.

Appreciation was expressed for this ongoing work.

## **7. Prison Ministry Proposal—Hank Elkins**

Our Meeting is currently doing so much work in the prisons that the Peace and Social Concerns Committee feels it is time to formalize this work and go about it in a more organized way. Hank will be bringing a formal proposal for the formation of this subcommittee next month, but wanted to inform meeting for business of this plan. Some of the work currently being done in the prisons includes:

- ❖ Yoke Fellows
- ❖ Education for prisoners
- ❖ Sponsoring prisoners to attend meeting for worship and participate in CHFM activities
- ❖ Employment assistance
- ❖ Post-release support
- ❖ Mediation
- ❖ Pre-release course

- ❖ Orange County Round Tables for community members and prisoners
- ❖ Opposing Torture and Solitary Confinement

The video “Against the Tide,” about the Meeting’s work in post–release support for prisoners, is available in the library.

## **8. Messages and Announcements:**

- ❖ Newcomers’ Lunch, March 25, rise of 11:00am Meeting.
- ❖ Group photograph, March 25, between forum and later Meeting. Looking for a photographer. Also timeline is available in the meetingroom, for Friends to add their own milestones, as part of the observance of our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- ❖ Mini work session after meeting today, to spruce up the Meetinghouse.
- ❖ Addition to the education building is finished and should have been inspected on Friday. All that remains is the installation of a solar tube.
- ❖ Friends urged to call Gov. Bev Purdue to oppose fracking. Call 800.662.7952 during business hours. More information available at [cwfnc.org](http://cwfnc.org).
- ❖ Former CIA analyst Ray McGovern will talk about Iran this Wednesday at 7:30pm at the Community Church.

## **Worship and greeting**

**Attending:** Max Drake, Perry Martin, Dirk Spruyt, Judy Purvis, Jan Hutton, Nancy Elkins, Richard Miller, Anne Smith, Ann Kessemeier, Dottie Heninger, Kitty Bergel, Tom McQuiston, Ann Miller, Ryan Jarrell, Sophia Silinas, Stuart Phillips, Ken Grogan, James Harper, Matt Drake, Lynn Drake, Ruth Zalph, Sarah Grimme, Hank Elkins, Julius G. Hart, Daniel Richter, Rodney Burrell, Quinton Steele, Paul Munk, Bettie Flash, Maria Darlington

# Calendar

*(All events at Meetinghouse unless otherwise indicated.)*

**Sun. 4/1** 8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)  
9:45am Forum: PFF Considers Becoming a Yearly Meeting - Jon Hunter  
11am Meeting for Worship (Late)  
11am Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods  
12:30pm Potluck & IFC donations  
Tue. 4/3 7-8pm Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins  
Wed. 4/4 10am-12pm Quaker Women's Gathering - Bettie Flash Home  
Fri. 4/6 4:30-5:30pm Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd

**Sun. 4/8** 8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)  
9:45am Forum: The Listening Project  
11am Meeting for Worship (Late)  
11am Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods  
12:30pm Peace & Social Concerns Com. - Schoolhouse  
Mon. 4/9 7:30pm New Play "8" - Paul Green Theater (see page 5)  
Tue. 4/10 7-8pm Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins  
Fri. 4/13 5-6pm Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd  
Sat. 4/14 11am-1pm Record Book Updating - Carol Woods (see page 3)  
Sat. 4/14 - Sun. 4/15 Compassionate Listening Workshop - Chapel Hill (see page 4)

**Sun. 4/15** 8am Meetinghouse open for worship  
8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)  
**9:00am Meeting for Worship w/Attention to Business**  
11am Meeting for Worship (Late)  
11am Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods  
Tue. 4/17 7-8pm Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins  
Wed. 4/18 10am-12pm Quaker Women's Gathering - Bettie Flash Home  
Fri. 4/20 5-6pm Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd

**Sun. 4/22** 8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)  
9:45am Forum: Integrity, Ecology, Community - Jennie Ratcliffe  
11am Meeting for Worship (Late)  
11am Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods  
noon Locavore Lunch - Schoolhouse (see page 3)  
12:30pm Environmental Concerns Com. - Schoolhouse  
Tue. 4/24 7-8pm Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins  
Fri. 4/27 5-6pm Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd

**Sun. 4/29** 8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)  
9:45am Forum: A Godly Play - CRE (see page 2)  
11am Meeting for Worship (Late)  
11am Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods  
10pm Deadline To Turn In Items For Newsletter!

Wed. 5/2	10am-12pm	Quaker Women's Gathering - Bettie Flash Home
Thur. 5/3	9am-1pm	CHFM Serves Lunch at Interfaith Shelter
Fri. 5/4	5-6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
<b>Sun. 5/6</b>	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: Graduation (see page 2)
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
	12:30pm	Potluck & IFC donations – Schoolhouse
Tue. 5/8	7-8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 5/11	5-6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd

**Chapel Hill Friends Meeting**  
**Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends**  
531 Raleigh Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 (919) 929-5377

Meetings for Worship at 8:30 and 11:00am  
Forum at 9:45am; Child Care from 9:30am-12:15pm  
First Day School from 11:15am-12:00pm  
Clerk of the Meeting: Carolyn White (919) 967-4926  
Resident: John Hite (919) 929-5377

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