

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Newsletter

August, 2013



Monthly Query:

When disagreements arise, are they recognized, discussed, and resolved with loving patience and forbearance? Are we able to celebrate our diversity without reservation?

How can your committee help the Meeting become more diverse and more inclusive of youth, young adults, and young families this year?

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Upcoming Forum Schedule

Forums will begin August 25.

The August 18 forum with Lynn and Steve Newsome, Co-Directors of Quaker House, has been **postponed** due to a scheduling conflict. Lynn and Steve will give a talk about their work. They will tell us about their new projects and how they are reaching out to the Fayetteville community and beyond.

Discussions with Friends from OCC

Discussions with Friends from Orange County Correctional facility will continue to be held at the meeting house each First Day at 9:45 when there is not a Forum.

Monthly EnviroTip from the ECC

Composting is easy to do and well worth doing – even if you don't garden, or you live in an apartment! Food waste in landfills (anaerobic decomposition) creates methane, one of the worst methane gases. For more info on how to compost look in the CHFM library for a new notebook on composting in the environment section, or go to <http://www.composting101.com/>

IFC News: Chris Moran's Retirement

After almost 30 years of service to the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service (IFC), 17 as its first full-time Executive Director, and following time for reflection after a recent health scare and time away on medical leave, Chris has notified the Board of Directors of the IFC that the time for his retirement has come. He requested the Board's permission to seek the conclusion of his term as Executive Director effective July 1, 2013. With regrets and heaviness, the Board of Directors has accepted Chris' resignation and retirement.

Among Chris' many accomplishments are the development of Project HomeStart for homeless women and children; the new Community House for homeless men; the proposed FoodFirst to combine the Community Kitchen & the Food Pantry and the Robert Nixon Free Clinic for the Homeless, which now includes a mental health clinic. As a partner agency of the United Way of the Greater Triangle, Chris pushed the IFC to achieve the Agency of Excellence designation. Chris has guided the IFC through good economic times and bad, always seeking services and funds for those in need.

Chris and the IFC continue to join together in support of the IFC and of the capital campaign to make the new Community House a reality. John Dorward, the Associate Director, will serve as the Interim Executive Director while a search is completed for the IFC's second Executive Director. For over 10 years, John and Chris have worked together to address the needs of the poor and marginalized in our community. With the acknowledgment that Chris has left big shoes to fill, the IFC is ready for the challenge of continuing to serve our community.

Upcoming FDS Events and Activities

Friday, August 9 to Sunday, August 11

It's our annual First Day School camping trip! Some of us will be returning to the beautiful Grayson Highlands campground in southwest Virginia. For those who are in town, there will be FDS.

Saturday, August 17 TEEN LOCK-IN

Attention CHFM teens! Please mark your calendar for our second lock-in. We will be FINISHING the CHFM documentary we have worked on the past year, incorporating the last of our interviews, and polishing any rough spots. We are slated to present the finished

documentary at a special forum in September. Bring your toothbrush and sleeping bag to the school house anytime after 5 pm. We'll get takeout and get to work.

Sunday, August 18

Currently, we are looking for someone to lead the kids in an activity. Any volunteers?

Sunday, August 25

Folks from the Environmental Concerns Committee come to the rescue again! This week, they will be leading everyone on a nature hike. This week marks the END of summer group activities for CHFM kids.

Sunday, September 1

Welcome back to First Day School! We'll sort everyone into their FDS pods, and kick off the new First Day School Year. It's also Potluck Sunday. YUM!

Upcoming Quaker House Events

Tuesday, August 20, 2-5 pm and 7-9 pm: Alternatives to Violence Project informational workshops: the AVP is a training program enabling participants to deal with potentially violent situations in new and creative ways. AVP started in prisons in the USA in 1975, and now also operates in communities, schools, colleges, refugee camps and conflict situations worldwide. AVP workshops can help a participant manage strong feelings such as anger and fear, deal more effectively with risk and danger, build good relationships with other people, communicate well in difficult situations, recognize the skills you already have and learn new ones, be true to yourself while respecting other people, and understand why conflict happens. Please RSVP to Quaker House, 910-323-3912 or qpr@quaker.org, space is limited. For more about AVP: www.avpinternational.org. Donations accepted.

Friday, August 23, 7:30 pm: Dana and Susan Robinson in concert at Quaker House: Dana and Susan Robinson, from Asheville, NC, are two guitar-playing, banjo-frailing, fiddle-sawing, and harmony-singing troubadours, interpreting the American experience. Their unique blend of contemporary songwriting and traditional Appalachian music bring to their performance a deep understanding of America's musical heritage. Suggested donation: \$15, children: \$5. More information on Dana and Susan: <http://robinsongs.com>

Wednesday, August 28, 7:30 pm: Medea Benjamin: "Building Peace in the Age of Drone Warfare:" Medea Benjamin is the co-founder of the peace group CODEPINK and the international human rights organization Global Exchange. She has been an advocate for social justice for more than thirty years. Her books include *Drone Warfare: Killing by Remote Control* and *Stop the Next War Now: Effective Responses to Violence and Terrorism*. The Los Angeles Times has described her as "one of the high profile leaders" of the peace movement and in 1999, San Francisco Magazine included her on its "power list" of the "60 Players Who Rule the Bay Area." For more information about Medea: <http://www.codepink4peace.org>

Friend Looking for Temporary Housing

Young Quaker Tristan Green is looking for temporary housing in the Chapel Hill-Durham area for the month of September. If you can help contact Tristan at thubsta@gmail.com.

Forward from Moral Monday

Submitted by Jan Hutton

For the near future, Moral Mondays end on July 29 – the NC General Assembly has adjourned for the summer. The North Carolina NAACP, Moral Monday’s organizer, plans to take Moral Monday-like demonstrations on the road to different NC cities over the course of a number of weeks. If you’d like to keep abreast of next steps by the NAACP, please sign up for their alerts at this email address: info@naacpnc.org. You can also visit their website, <http://www.naacpnc.org/>, for specific information. Friends, let’s continue our journey of slowly, but with heart and persistence, reclaiming our humanity in North Carolina.

"I saw that there was an ocean of darkness and death; but an infinite ocean of light and love, which flowed over the ocean of darkness." George Fox

Upcoming School of the Spirit Events

Silent Retreat, Sept. 27-30, St. Raphaela's, Haverford, PA - Registration Open
Spiritual Renewal Retreat, Nov. 14-17, Avila, Durham, NC - Past program participants should have already received their invitations. If not, contact us: info@schoolofthespirit.org

Book Review: Does Jesus Really Love Me? A Gay Christian’s Pilgrimage in Search of God in America by Jeff Chu

Submitted by Emily Buehler

Note: I don’t think the local libraries have this book. I’d be happy to lend my copy as long as it is returned to me.

Jeff Chu grew up in a Baptist church with a preacher for a father. When he accepted his homosexuality and came out, he felt rejected by both his church family and his gay friends, who could not understand why he was “hanging on” to his religion. He had a lot of uncertainty about being both gay and Christian and decided to go on a pilgrimage, visiting people and places in America that might provide insight.

His memoir is a chance to experience all kinds of Christianity, from the Westboro Baptist Church (infamous for their use of slogans like “God Hates Fags”), to churches that seek to “rehabilitate” gay people, to mainline denominations that are struggling to find unity on the issue, to churches like Highlands in Denver that are not following any proscribed rules. It was interesting to get a first-hand glimpse into many communities and lives. Also, as

Calendar

(All events at Meetinghouse unless otherwise indicated.)

- Sun. 8/4** 8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)
9:45am Discussion with Friends from OCC
11am Meeting for Worship (Late)
11am Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
12:30pm Potluck & IFC donations
- Tue. 8/6 7-8pm Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
- Fri. 8/9 4:30-5:30pm Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
- Fri. 8/9 - Sun. 8/11 FDS Camping Trip (see page 2)
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9:45am Discussion with Friends from OCC
11am Meeting for Worship (Late)
11am Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
- Tue. 8/13 7-8pm Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
- Fri. 8/16 4:30-5:30pm Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
- Sat. 8/17 Teen Lock-in (see page 2)
- Sun. 8/18** 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
noon Families and Friends Affected by Mental Illness - Schoolhouse
- Tue. 8/20 7-8pm Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
2-5, 7-9pm Quaker House event (see page 3)
- Fri. 8/23 4:30-5:30pm Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
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- Sun. 8/25** 8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)
9:45am Forum tbd
11am Meeting for Worship (Late)
11am Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
12:30pm Environmental Concerns Com. - Schoolhouse
10pm Deadline To Turn In Items For Newsletter!
- Wed. 8/28 7:30pm Quaker House event (see page 3)
- Fri. 8/30 4:30-5:30pm Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
- Sun. 9/1** 8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)
9:45am Forum tbd
11am Meeting for Worship (Late)
11am Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
12:30pm Potluck & IFC donations – Schoolhouse
- Tue. 9/3 7-8pm Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins

Thur. 9/5 9am-1pm CHFM Serves Lunch at Interfaith Shelter
 Fri. 9/6 4:30-5:30pm Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd

WHO TO CONTACT WITH VARIOUS QUESTIONS AND ISSUES

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| --I have an idea; how best to bring it to Meeting | Clerk of Meeting (clerkofmeeting@chapelhillfriends.org), or appropriate committee |
| --I'm interested in joining a committee | Nominations (nominations@chapelhillfriends.org) |
| --I have an idea for a Forum | Adult Religious Education (are@chapelhillfriends.org) |
| --I have a desire for Clearness for Marriage or need a clearness or support committee for a personal issue | Care and Counsel (careandcounsel@chapelhillfriends.org) |
| --I can't get into the Meeting House or the Schoolhouse | Buildings and Grounds (buildingsandgrounds@chapelhillfriends.org) |
| --I have a problem with one of the buildings | Buildings and Grounds (buildingsandgrounds@chapelhillfriends.org) |
| --I have questions about Quakerism | Ministry and Worship (ministryandworship@chapelhillfriends.org) |
| --I'm considering becoming a member | Ministry and Worship (ministryandworship@chapelhillfriends.org) |
| --I'm requesting membership | Letter to Clerk of Meeting (clerkofmeeting@chapelhillfriends.org) |
| --I'd like to make a donation or to get a tax receipt | Finance (finance@chapelhillfriends.org) |
| --I need a travelling minute, a letter of introduction, or a letter of transfer | Clerk of Meeting (clerkofmeeting@chapelhillfriends.org) |
| --I'd like to undertake some Quaker service (e.g. FCNL, AFSC, QEW) and need some financial help for travel | Peace & Social Concerns (peaceandsocialconcerns@chapelhillfriends.org) |
| --I'd like some spiritual or leadership development and need some financial help | Shotts/ Leadership (shotts-leadershipfunds@chapelhillfriends.org) |
| --I have a short term request for food or visitation | Hospitality (hospitality@chapelhillfriends.org) |
| --I need to report the death, injury or illness of a Meeting member | Clerk of Meeting (clerkofmeeting@chapelhillfriends.org) or Care and Counsel (careandcounsel@chapelhillfriends.org) and Publications and Records for "In The Light" IF YOU HAVE PERMISSION (news@chapelhillfriends.org) |
| --I have some information I would like to get out to the Meeting | Publications and Records (news@chapelhillfriends.org) for newsletter, listserv, In The Light, and webpage |

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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
First Day School from 11:15am-12:00pm
Clerk of the Meeting: Tom Munk (919) 929-9135
Resident: John Hite (919) 929-5377

- Newsletter. This newsletter is published every first Sunday under the care of the Publications and Records Committee. Paper copies are available at the Meetinghouse and a PDF is posted on the Meeting website, www.chapelhillfriends.org. The deadline for submissions is 10pm on the last Sunday of the month. Email submissions to news@chapelhillfriends.org or call Emily Buehler, (919) 475-5756. Please include “newsletter” in the subject line.

- Listserv. To send a news or “In the Light” announcement on the Meeting listserv, contact news@chapelhillfriends.org. Please include “listserv” or “in the light” in the subject line. This listserv goes to about 280 people. Do not submit personal information about someone else unless you know he/she wants to share. Subscribe to the listserv at www.chapelhillfriends.org/contact.html.

- Website. To get items posted on our website, send them to news@chapelhillfriends.org.