

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Newsletter

August, 2015



Monthly Query:

Do I have the patience to let the mud settle, and the water run clear, and the right answer arise by itself?

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Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee

Your silent prayer and openness to Spirit are themselves a form of ministry that enriches the Meeting community.

Upcoming Forum Schedule

August 30: Teen trip to Haiti

Directory Update

IMPORTANT: Missing Meeting Members and Attenders

Many people have not responded with their current information for the directory, so we need volunteers to call and see what's up. If you can make some phone calls, email news@chapelhillfriends.org or call James at 919-606-4613. If you forgot to let the directory folks know that your information this year is the same or has changed, it is not too late to fill out the handy form at <http://chapelhillfriends.org/DirectoryUpdate.html> or email directory@chapelhillfriends.org with your current information. (You can save someone from having to track you down; or, we might have to send the teens after you.)

FGC Gathering Update

For those who were not able to attend the Gathering or for those interested, there is video from evening plenary events at the Gathering (held at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, NC) on the web:

<http://www.fgcquaker.org/resources/recordings-2015-gathering>

Sunday, July 5th: This Is Holy Ground: <https://youtu.be/A6PMjaboggc>

Monday, July 6th: Daryl Atkinson and Scott Holmes: <https://youtu.be/loNDffGIZo4>

Monday, July 6th: Daryl Atkinson and Scott Holmes, Pt 2: <https://youtu.be/KJDANbmdesc>

Thursday, July 9th: Parker J. Palmer: <https://youtu.be/rSuRY94sBzA>

Friday, July 10th: Dr. Tieraona Low Dog: <https://youtu.be/nXV1nq4Kb8Ua>

The general schedule: <http://www.fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering/2015-schedule-glance>

CNA Availability

CNA Rena Zarate is will be available for weekday care as of August 1st, 2015. We recommend her highly. Her care is considerate and excellent. You may call Rena at 1-336-264-7159; we would be happy to speak to you, too. From Ani and Bill Flash, 919 542-0866.

Quaker House: Seeking Input on CO Curriculum

Quaker House is seeking input on nurturing conscientious objector conscientious among our youth.

Quaker House is adapting into a curriculum the process we use at our meeting to help young men and women discern, decide, and document a position as conscientious objectors at Selective Service registration time (turning 18 years old). Our goal is to provide materials for meetings across the country, as well all faith or support communities, to implement these practices and bring new life to the Testimony of Peace.

We learned over the years that what started out as a way to “protect” our young people should a draft ever get reinstated evolved into a profound awakening that has led many of our young people to articulate their convictions about nonviolence and abhorrence to war. Their CO letters have influenced them long after turning 18 years old, and reading them at our meetings for business has had an impact on the entire meeting.

As we pilot tested our curriculum at SAYMA, FGC, and other meetings, we also realized that declaring a conviction as a CO should not fall only on the 18 year old. We all have a corporate responsibility to stand with each one of our 18 years olds as he or she faces the potential to fight the wars that our nation engages in.

With that background, if any of you have any personal thoughts about what this process has meant for our young people or our meeting, PLEASE send them to me, Curt Torell, curtnpatty@aol.com. We’d like to include these impressions in the promotion of our materials. Thank you.

Carlton-Curtain Marriage

Alice Carolyn Carlton and David Ferris Curtin invite you to share our joy as we join our lives in marriage.

Saturday, August 15, 2015, 11 am
Chapel Hill Friends Meeting, 531 Raleigh Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514
Reception to follow on site.

In lieu of gifts, please consider a donation to any of the following organizations:

American Friends Service Committee: www.afsc.org
Friends Committee on National Legislation: www.fcni.org
New Hope Audubon Society: www.newhopeaudubon.org
Interfaith Council for Social Services: www.ifcweb.org
Quaker House: www.quakerhouse.org

Reminder: Hillsborough Worship Group

The Hillsborough Worship Group meets on Sundays at 11am at the Hillsborough Yoga Downtown studio at 121 West Margaret Lane. There is parking next door at the library. This group is under the care of the Durham Meeting and has a minute of support from our meeting.

**Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**

Minutes

July 19, 2015

Jan Hutton, Clerk Pro-Tem; Robin Harper, Recording Clerk

Worship and Query: *How do I express my appreciation for the children, Young Friends and Young Adult Friends in our Meeting and recognize the gifts and the ministry they bring?*

A Friend shared that some of the best memories of the Meeting that she has involve the children. Their help with the time capsule created for the 75th anniversary; their trip to Haiti, after which they were transformed; their CO letters—they bless us with their presence.

1. Welcome, recognition of first time attenders, review of agenda—Clerk

We welcomed first time attenders Lily Struemper and Vivian Scimone.

2. Approval of June minutes—Clerk

Approved.

3. Review of final downstairs floor configuration—Don Hopper, for Buildings & Grounds

The B&G subcommittee of Dottie Heninger, Wendy Michener, Don Hopper, and Lynn and Matt Drake helped B&G with this final configuring. Most of the changes were to improve movement and light, to add some cabinetry, and to make a change to the HVAC system, which will be a ductless system, allowing for more closet space. Don and Wendy Michener shared the drawings of the plan via projector, and answered questions.

Q: What has been considered for flooring material?

This is still to be determined. The condition of the floor that is revealed when the old carpet is removed will inform this decision. Some of the options being considered are engineered wood, linoleum, and laminate.

Q: What is a ductless HVAC system?

It's called a "mini-split" heat pump system which can feed several small air handlers from one external compressor. This blows conditioned air into a space with a system of oscillating fans. It is a highly efficient, electric-powered heat pump system. Wall-mounted condensing units will be placed in the common space, the nursery, and in the teen alcove. A separate ceiling-hung mini-split system will provide conditioned air to the resident's apartment. This system is more expensive. It has a similar life expectancy to conventional systems, and is more efficient.

Q: Does it contain a dehumidifier?

Only the basic dehumidification of the condensing units is included in the plan at this time. B&G has considered an additional dehumidifying unit, but has not included one at this point.

Don then pointed out some of the highlights of this final drawing:

- B&G had been considering a movable wall between the teen alcove and the common space, but has since decided that French doors (half glass) would be more useful and less cumbersome.
- The teen alcove will be slightly reduced, to the benefit of the common space, creating room for a small closet to house folding tables.
- A hospitality space (microwave, dishwasher) will be in the common space, for use by Hospitality and other groups.
- The sinks will be removed from hallway, and replaced in a small bathroom and an ADA accessible bathroom.
- The resident's quarters contain a full kitchen.

- There will be a pocket door installed, with a window for transparency, and to allow the nursery to be opened into the teen alcove if needed.

There was some discussion around making the resident's bath fully accessible. In this plan it very nearly is so, except for the bathroom being a little small. B&G has spent a lot of time on discussion of this very thing, and has concluded that it would be difficult structurally to do so, involving moving a cinderblock wall.

Many compliments were expressed for B&G's careful consideration of the Meeting's needs and especially the attention given to accessibility and the teen alcove.

The plan was approved.

4. Approve spending \$1600 for creation of construction drawings—Don Hopper and Kitty Bergel

Professional drawings (beyond the scope of the design drawings that Wendy has already done) are needed for city regulations (for permitting) and to get bids on the project from contractors. B&G would like to commission Wendy, who is an architect, to do these drawings, at the rate of 40 hours at \$40/hour for a fixed cost of \$1600. We would pay her \$1000 at outset, and \$600 upon completion of the drawings. Finance Committee has agreed to this in advance of today's MWAB, with funds coming from the Building Renovation Fund.

Approved.

Great thanks were expressed to B&G and Finance for all their work to bring us to this point in the project.

5. Nomination of Julia Cleaver and Allie Scales as co-Recorders—Carolyn Stuart

Carolyn reported that Julia and Allie wish to share the role of Recorder, which is facilitated by the fact that they are both on the Archives Committee.

Approved

6. Report from teen Haiti trip—Grace Schneider, Finn James, Vivian Scimone, Kathleen McNeil, Catherine Alguire, Will Stanley)

The teens let us know of the forum they will be holding on Aug. 30, which will feature all 7 teens who went. They expressed love and thanks to their chaperones.

In today's report, they shared stories about some of the gifts they'd experienced, as well as the challenges. One common gift that all expressed was the sense of community they gained as a result of time spent together in close quarters and difficult conditions. Others expressed joy at getting to know each other better; spending time with the teens; watching them grow, learn, and adapt; and being in a culture that is so connected to the earth and to being outdoors. Some of the challenges experienced include missing the creature comforts such as air conditioning, witnessing such dire poverty while knowing of their own good fortune back home, and the difficulty of little or no common language. Several upon returning to the US experienced the shock of our great plenty and the insidious nature of pop culture.

They were surprised at the wonderful and plentiful food they were offered, and felt great gratitude to the Meeting for its very tangible support, and the real sense of being held.

7. Announcements from e-news—Clerk

- Directory updates—we need to hear from YOU! Give us your updates via the paper slips in the Foyer, or email news@chapelhillfriends.org
- FGC plenary speeches are available as video presentations via a link from our e-news
- Wedding of Alice Carlton and David Curtin, Aug. 15 at 11:00am, at Meetinghouse
- Matt Drake updated us on the health of their daughter-in-law

- Meeting for Worship with Attention to Healing that was held this past Thursday was well attended and a moving experience
- Affordable Housing Training by AME Church will be held on Aug. 31 at 7:00pm at the Church of the Advocate
- Curt Torell is seeking input on the CO curriculum he is working on for Quaker House
- Memorial meeting will be held for Bob Cooper today at 2:00pm at Meetinghouse

We closed with worship.

Attending: Wendy Michener, Marilyn Dyer, Richard Miller, Carolyn Stuart, Kitty Bergel, Dottie Heninger, Nancy Milio, Ken Grogan, Will Stanley, Dave Schneider, Catherine Alguire, Lynn Drake, Matt Drake, Kathleen McNeil, Finn James, Ann Miller, Grace Schneider, Vivian Scimone, Don Hopper, Andrea Wuerth, Herb Struemper, Lily Wuerth, Chris Stanley, Faye Stanley

Calendar

(All events at Meetinghouse unless otherwise indicated.)

Sun. 8/2	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
	12:30pm	Potluck & IFC donations
Tue. 8/4	7-8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 8/7	5-6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sun. 8/9	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
Tue. 8/11	7-8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 8/14	5-6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sun. 8/16	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. 8/18	7-8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 8/21	5-6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sun. 8/23	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
	noon	Families and Friends Affected by Mental Illness - Schoolhouse
Fri. 8/28	5-6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
	7pm	Intergenerational Games - Schoolhouse
Sun. 8/30	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: Teen trip to Haiti
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
	10pm	Deadline To Turn In Items For Newsletter!
Tue. 9/1	7-8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Thur. 9/3	9am-1pm	CHFM Serves Lunch at Interfaith Shelter
Fri. 9/4	5-6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sun. 9/6	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

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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: Tom Munk (919) 537-9203
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.

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