

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Newsletter September, 2016



Monthly Query:

How do I ground myself in the understandings of my faith? Am I clear about my beliefs? How do I prepare myself to share my faith and beliefs with others?

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.

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Upcoming Forum Schedule

Sundays

9:45am in the Meetinghouse

- September 4: "FCNL Spring Lobby Weekend"**
 Speakers: Tallulah Chen and Emma Hulbert. Two of the Meeting's teens will share their experiences with the Friends Committee on National Legislation and what they learned from their lobby weekend which focused on mass incarceration. Moderator: Carolyn White.
- September 11: "Matters of Choice"**
 Led by Bonnie Raphael and Eloise Grathwohl for Care Counsel Committee. Many of us struggle with balancing our commitments. How can our choices best use our unique gifts, energies, and humanity? Moderator: Catherine Alguire
- September 25: "Michael Reinke and What's New with IFC"**
 Michael Reinke, Director of Inter-faith Council, will update the Meeting on initiatives and challenges of IFC's work to address social justice issues, including progress made on the Food First initiative. The Food First initiative is an effort to consolidate and expand IFC's efforts to provide food for those in need in our community. Moderator: Max Drake
- October 2: "Can we promote peace and justice when leaders seem willing to sell their souls?"**
 Nancy Milio will explore how and why some political people in the long electoral campaign seem willing to dramatically switch allegiances away from their previous positions and values. What does this mean for

Quakers, led by the Friends Committee on National Legislation, who seek policies that further peace and social, economic, political, and environmental justice? Nancy Milio, presenter.

First Day School Year Begins

Sunday, September 4

First Day, September 4th, will be the first day of the FDS school year. We invite children from pre-school through high school to come down to the school house with us after the first 15 minutes of Meeting for Worship in the 11:00 Meeting. We ask parents, teachers, and Friends small and large to mark your calendars for this year's FDS Welcome Picnic (September 25th) and this year's Quaker field trip to Mendenhall Homestead (October 9th). Information will be available in the next newsletter. Let the wild rumpus begin!

Orange County Justice United (JU) Fall Assembly to Advocate for Respectful Policing in Northern Orange County

Thursday, September 15

Latino drivers in northern Orange County are being targeted for stops by the police to check for drivers licenses. Legislative action in 2006 reversed a 20 year policy allowing undocumented immigrants to receive drivers licenses. Currently only those with social security numbers may apply. Advocates note checkpoints for police stops near mobile home parks and other residential areas that house large numbers of Latino families. Some families have even been stopped as they drive their children to school. The targeting of Latino families by police in north Orange County has led to distrust between Latino communities and the police force.

Justice United is holding a county-wide meeting with police and advocates to discuss specific proposals to address this problem and allow Latino families to participate more widely in the community, including their children's schools. Please put this date on your calendar and plan to attend.

- What: JU Fall Assembly to Advocate for Respectful Police/Community Relationships
- Where: St Thomas More Catholic Church, 940 Carmichael Road, Chapel Hill
- When: September 15, 7:00 to 9:00

A sign-up sheet will be posted in the meeting. Our goal is to have at least 20 Friends at this important meeting. Please speak with Dottie Henger or Carolyn Stuart for more details.

2016 NC Peace Action Peacemaker Award Dinner

"Honoring our Quaker House Peacemakers: Lynn and Steve Newsom"

Friday, September 23

Highland United Methodist Church

1901 Ridge Rd. Raleigh, NC, 6:30pm

Tickets: \$30 at the door, \$10 students; scholarships available, no one turned away

Please send check to:

NC Peace Action

PO Box 10384

Raleigh, NC 27605

Also, please note on the memo line of the check if you wish a vegetarian option. Thanks!

Call: Joe Burton, 919-520-7576

Family Picnic to Welcome All Back to First Day School

Sunday, September 25

We're back in school! Parents, please put September 25 on your calendar and plan to attend a welcome-back picnic at rise of meeting (12:30). It is always fun to re-connect with teachers, other parents and children at this annual First Day School event. The Children's and Youth Religious Education Committee will provide the picnic. Come and enjoy lunch and learn more about plans for this FDS school year. We look forward to seeing you there. If you have questions, contact Carolyn Stuart (stuartc@elon.edu), John Hite (johnthequaker@yahoo.com) or Kathleen MacNeil (kamcneil@email.unc.edu).

Opportunity: Director(s) of Quaker House

Quaker House, a landmark Friends peace witness, is seeking a Director(s) to continue an active program promoting peace and non-violence. It is located in Fayetteville, North Carolina, home of Fort Bragg, a major US military base.

Duties include: develop new programs to meet changing conditions; collaborate with Quakers, other churches and peace groups, extensive visitation among Friends and others; conduct fundraising, including fund appeals, soliciting and managing contributions from individuals or groups; supervise GI Rights Hotline counselors, Domestic Violence in the Military Counseling Program and administrative staff; counsel military personnel on conscience and discharge issues; write newsletters and respond to media inquiries; update the website, computer systems, databases, and QH archives; oversee building upkeep and maintenance.

Remuneration: beginning at \$38,000, based on experience; health and dental benefits; free housing and utilities in renovated home located in Fayetteville's historic district.

Qualifications: We seek a Director(s) who is closely aligned with and familiar with the Society of Friends and the Quaker peace testimony; and who understands the significance of upholding this light in a U. S. military setting. The position requires proven leadership, strong writing, fundraising, and management skills. Candidates must have the stamina to live for an extended period of time in a military community. Familiarity with concepts in military counseling and recruitment is desirable. The candidate(s) will preferably be available to attend some Quaker conferences during the summer of 2017 and begin full time in September of 2017.

Submit letters of inquiry in confidence to: Quaker House Search, 223 Hillside Ave, Fayetteville, NC, 28301, or by email to the Clerk of the Search Committee: quakerhouseoffayetteville@gmail.com. More information about the job description and Quaker House (www.quakerhouse.org) and at the Facebook page: Quaker House of Fayetteville. Deadline for applications: December 1, 2016. Interviews will begin after January 1, 2017.

IFC Transition Furniture Needed

The women and men moving out of the IFC shelters into housing often need assistance with furniture. If anyone is so inclined to donate furniture to this project, it would be very much appreciated! The contact person for this project is Jane Hathaway at 919-612-2759 or jhathaway1@nc.rr.com.

Call for Clothing to Support Our OCC Friends

The men at the camp (Orange County Correctional) are in need of clothing, shirts 2XL and up and pants size 38 and up. Contact Chaplain Love at chaplainjlove@gmail.com if you can donate any! Or you can contact Asta Crowe at astacrowe@gmail.com or any member of T&S who goes to Yoke Fellows at OCC. Some of these men come to our Meeting. They go for job interviews, etc. It's important that they have nice looking clothes when they go out.

Refugee Resettlement by Monteze Snyder

In May our Meeting decided to co-sponsor a Syrian refugee family. The Syrian family of six moved in their home on Saturday evening – just in time to start school in Carrboro on Monday! Over the past two and a half months, 24 people and families and contributed furniture and furnishings. That have been stored in 10 locations. Beginning with the signing of the lease Friday afternoon, 36 people from our Meeting, including our Teens, Unitarian Universalist and Unity volunteers, and more friends drove six trucks, loaded and unloaded furnishings, and assembled a dwelling to which we felt honored to welcome the family.

Calendar

(All events at Meetinghouse unless otherwise indicated.)

Sun. 9/4	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum - "FCNL Spring Lobby Weekend"
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship—Carol Woods
	11:15am	First Day School Kick Off!—Schoolhouse
	12:30pm	Potluck—Schoolhouse
Tue. 9/6	7–8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation—Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 9/9	5–6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice—E. Franklin & Elliot Rd

Sun. 9/11	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum - "Matters of Choice"
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship—Carol Woods
Tue. 9/13	7–8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation—Call Hank Elkins
Thur. 9/15	7–9pm	Justice United Fall Assembly—St. Thomas More Catholic Church
Fri. 9/16	5–6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice—E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sun. 9/18	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
Tue. 9/20	7–8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation—Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 9/23	5–6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice—E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
	6:30pm	2016 NC Peace Action Award Dinner—Highland Methodist Church
Sun. 9/25	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum - "Michael Reinke and What's New with IFC"
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship—Carol Woods
	12pm	Families and Friends Affected by Mental Illness—Schoolhouse
	12:30pm	Family Picnic to Welcome All Back to FDS—Schoolhouse
	10pm	Deadline To Turn In Items For Newsletter!
Fri. 9/30	5–6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice—E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sun. 10/2	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum - "Can we promote peace and justice when leaders seem willing to sell their souls?"
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship—Carol Woods
	12:30pm	Potluck—Schoolhouse
Tue. 10/4	7–8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation—Call Hank Elkins
Thur. 10/6	9am–1pm	CHFM Serves Lunch at Interfaith Shelter
Fri. 10/7	5–6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice—E. Franklin & Elliot Rd

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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) 537-9203 • Resident: John Hite (919) 929-5377

- Newsletter. This newsletter is published every first Sunday under the care of the Publications and Communications 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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