

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

Newsletter

Ninth Month, 2018

Monthly Query:

Am I aware that to build a world community requires that we all face our differences honestly, openly, and in trust?



Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee:

When taking in another's vocal ministry, take a moment to test your own reactions. Where do they come from? Are you listening through to the Light behind the message? If you find yourself struggling with another's words, search for the Love behind them.

Upcoming Forum Schedule –

Sept 2: "Summer reflections and autumn expectations." Over the summer, what new acquaintances, activities or adventures have come into our lives? How might these "seeds of change" be germinated, to sustain us or bring new growth in the seasons to come? Group sharing led by Dirk Kelder and Carolyn White.

Sept 9: "Parenting and education in the 21st Century." Brad Kershner, head of the CFS Early School will discuss a wide range of topics related to education, with an eye toward understanding what adults today must do to ensure the health of future generations and the planet they live on. He will be talking not only about schools and child development, but also about adult development and the ways in which we must take responsibility for ensuring our own ongoing growth, so that we can be the exemplars our children so desperately need.

Sept 16: MFB

Sept 23: "Clearness and support committees." Both clearness and support committees might be considered gifts from the Meeting to its members and attenders. Those attending this forum will gain a better understanding of how these committees function, how they are requested and how they are populated. We'll leave plenty of time for questions. Led by members of Care and Counsel, and Ministry and Worship committees.

Sept 30: B&G Renovation update

Clerks Retreat, Saturday 08 SEP 08:45 am

Clerks Retreat will be held in the Schoolhouse on Saturday Morning, 08 SEP 08:45-12:00

Bill Schweke Memorial Service, Saturday 08 SEP, 1:30 PM at Meetinghouse

Charleen Swanse died on 23 August, at home in Chapel Hill

A Memorial Service will be held in Autumn, in Chapel Hill. Messages to family will be received at charleenswansea@mac.com Notes may be sent to Charleen's husband, Mark Oldenburg, at 404 Deming Rd, Chapel Hill, 27514 and/or emailed to her son, Tom Whisnant at tom@tracmanagement.com

Obit: <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/charlotte/obituary.aspx?n=charleen-swansea&pid=190057200&fhid=6292>

Piedmont Friends Fall (PFF) Retreat, September 8

See <https://piedmontfriendsfellowship.org/pff-fall-retreat/>

The Fall PFF Retreat will be held on Saturday, Sept. 8 at Seven Springs Retreat in Mocksville, NC, just west of Winston-Salem in Davie County.

<http://www.sevenspringsretreatnc.com>. Friends are invited to arrive Friday evening, and stay through Sunday morning.

Seven Springs is an old girl scout camp with a large lodge and rustic cabins as well as campsites for tents. Friends who come for the entire weekend should bring their own bedding. There are hotels just a few miles away. Meeting for Worship will be held Sunday morning in the lodge.

PFF will be arranging two meals—lunch and dinner on Saturday, and provide items for self-service breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. Friends will have access to full kitchen facilities for all other meals, and are welcome to cook over campfires too. There are hiking trails and a pond for swimming, fishing and paddling. Bring a swimsuit, sturdy walking shoes, frisbees, guitars and other games.

The theme is Fellowship. During Saturday afternoon, Friends will consider queries related to the Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting's minute on climate change. A moderator will clerk and facilitate this worship sharing.

Piedmont Friends Fall Retreat Saturday, September 8, 2018

Join Friends from around the greater Piedmont in Fellowship at Seven Springs Lodge and Retreat!



The Fall PFF Retreat will be held on Saturday, Sept. 8 at Seven Springs Lodge and Retreat, just west of Winston-Salem in Davie County. Friends are invited to arrive Friday afternoon and stay through Sunday morning.

Please let your meeting clerk know if you are planning on attending.

For more information about Seven Springs Lodge and Retreat go here: SevenSpringsRetreatNC.com

Fellowship!

Saturday afternoon, Friends will gather to reflect on the recent PFFM Minute on Climate Change. A moderator will clerk and facilitate this worship sharing. Otherwise, enjoy free time in fellowship!

Details: PFF will arrange three meals—lunch and dinner on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday. Friends will have access to full kitchen facilities for all other meals and are welcome to cook over campfires, too. There are hiking trails and a pond for swimming, fishing and paddling. Bring a swimsuit, sturdy walking shoes, frisbees, guitars and other games.



NEED A RIDE? OFFER A RIDE?

If you are in need of a ride or can offer a ride to CHFM events, please e-mail

[<careandcounsel@chapelhillfriends.org>](mailto:careandcounsel@chapelhillfriends.org).

Welcome Back to First Day School Fall 2018

Dear Friends/friends,

Happy back to school season! Our start of the new school year for First Day School starts this first day, September 3rd. We have enjoyed the relaxed pace of our informal summer activities, but miss the many children and families that have been traveling. This first day, we will be starting the Quaker Unit which will last through Thanksgiving when we start our Christmas activities.

You and your family are invited to come to the Welcome Picnic as rise of meeting on **September 9th** on the school house porch. We will have a variety of sandwich materials and other foods. This is a time for families, students and first day school teachers to get to know one another better.

This year, instead of collecting paper forms at the picnic, we are piloting an online form for collecting student information (birthdays, food concerns/preferences, emergency information, and contacts). We will be sending out the link prior to the picnic! At the picnic, we will have a flyer with upcoming dates and activities including: **a Quaker fieldtrip, a family potluck, game days, a forum, teen lock-ins, and save-the-dates for winter holiday activities.**

Please let me know if you know anyone who would like to receive first day school emails who is not doing so now. As always, all questions, concerns, ideas, and comments are welcome.

Warmest Wishes for the New School Year,

Kathleen

(First Day School Coordinator)

919-448-8892

First Day School Families — Please Attend the Welcome Back Picnic

Where: School house Porch

When: Sunday, September 9, 12:15 pm

What to bring: Your lovely presence and your children. CYRE provides food.

Why: To have fun, visit with other families and the FDS teachers, and learn what we're planning for the upcoming year.

Hope to see you there!

Questions? Please contact Carolyn Stuart (stuartc@elon.edu), John Hite

(johnthequaker@yahoo.com), or Katheen McNeil (kamcneil@email.unc.edu)

A Message from Jim Palmer on Affordable Housing Organizing

"Let's have a good turnout from our meeting for the countywide leaders meeting on September the 13th at Hillsboro Presbyterian Church near the corner of Churton and Tyron Streets. Time 7pm until 9. Join leaders from across the county to vote on action for more affordable housing." ~ Jim

AN ECUMENICAL SCHOOL FOR SPIRITUAL SEEKERS - Chapel Hill and Durham

Friends of Christ School for Christian Spirituality (FCSCS) is an ecumenical school for spiritual seekers who want to explore a deeper relationship with God within an open, inviting community. Its purpose is to contribute to the spiritual formation and transformation of participants and to supplement what is already offered within their own faith communities. Beginning in September, 2018.

The School offers spiritual growth both through transmission of the common Christian tradition and in-depth experience of its core spiritual practices. Anyone drawn to discover and explore the breadth and depth of the Christian faith within a supportive community will find appealing the School's classes, gatherings, and opportunities for spiritual companionship. <http://friendsofchristschool.com/index.html>

AFSC Speaking Tour with Joyce Ajlouny in NC in September

Join AFSC General Secretary Joyce Ajlouny, as she shares about the work of the American Friends Service Committee, past, present and future, from Greensboro to Palestine. Local staff will also be present to share how you can get involved with AFSC's NC Immigrant Rights Program. Together, let's ignite inspiration to continue resisting oppression and work for freedom for immigrants and for all!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 • 6:30PM

NEW GARDEN FRIENDS Meeting

801 New Garden Rd. Greensboro

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 • 11:45AM

DURHAM FRIENDS MEETING

404 Alexander Ave. Durham

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 • 7PM

CAROLINA FRIENDS SCHOOL, DURHAM

4809 Friends School Rd, Durham

WHAT WE DO

The American Friends Service Committee is a 100 year old civil and human rights group that works to build lasting peace with justice as a practical expression of faith in action. We are an organization with Quaker roots and values that works with people of many backgrounds to nurture the seeds of change.

Locally in North Carolina, Immigrant Rights Program organizes and builds leadership within undocumented Latinx communities to win justice and dignity in the lives of members of our grassroots group Siembra ("the planting").

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Locally, we need your help to continue our work for immigrant justice. You can show up for actions, offer childcare for immigrant worker meetings, and support our immigrant crisis fund. Regionally and nationally, you can join our webinars to learn new activist skills, write letters to the editor, and visit your representatives.

WHAT WE CAN DO TOGETHER We can resist the injustices we see happening in our communities, country and world.

Join us at this event to find out more ways that you can resist and build or visit www.afsc.org to sign up. FOR MORE INFO: LKHAMALA@AFSC.ORG 336-854-0633 WWW.AFSC.ORG/GREENSBORO

A memoir of the 1990s Yugoslav Wars, written by a Philadelphia Quaker woman who traveled to Bosnia, Serbia, and environs, to join a non-violent peace effort by youth groups to bind the wounds of war, will be presented by author Lyndon Back. A memorable evening awaits! Lyndon's book, "Treading Water at the Shark Café," and her experiences preparing for and returning from this grueling yet rewarding effort, will be presented by her on Monday evening, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. at Carol Woods, Classroom 1 in Building one (750 Weaver Dairy Road, Chapel Hill; turn right at entrance, watch for Building One on left side, park, enter, go into classroom one, bottom floor). Come join us--no fee.
Kitty Bergel (919) 918-3537, cbergel@nc.rr.com

Meeting For Worship with Attention to Business Resumes 16 SEP

No Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MWAB) minutes are included in the September newsletter because no MWAB was held in August. The next MWAB will take place on Sunday, September 16 at 9:00 AM in the Meeting Room. Minutes from it will appear in the October newsletter.

Finding Freedom: White Women Take on Our Own White Supremacy

Daylong workshops titled **Finding Freedom: White Women Take on Our Own White Supremacy** will be conducted in several cities in North Carolina. The goal of organizers and participants is to move collectively toward showing up, constructively and consistently, for multiracial organizing toward racial justice.

The link to invitation below has more information about the objectives of the session. ASL-friendly, sliding scale and scholarships available. Kari Points is happy to speak with anyone directly about the content of the workshop. [Learn more about the workshop and register here.](#)

Kari Points, Nonprofit Consultant, 646-496-6754

Greensboro Finding Freedom – Friday, October 12, 2018, 9:00am - 5:00pm

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/greensboro-finding-freedom-white-women-taking-on-white-supremacy-tickets-48467694178?aff=ebapi>

Wilmington Finding Freedom - Saturday November 17, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wilmington-finding-freedom-white-women-taking-on-white-supremacy-tickets-48706853510?aff=ebapi>

Quaker House

Will be on the "Bragg Stories" on NPR. The story featuring Steve Newsome will be on this Sunday; there will be another one about QH work with Josh and incarcerated veterans at another time.

The story airs on WUNC and other NPR outlets this Sunday, at 9:35am and 5:35 pm. A print version will run in the Fayetteville Observer and on the FayO and WUNC websites.



Steve for web.mp3

(For a copy of the MP3 file, email petemalone@bellsouth.net)

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Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

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Meetings for Worship on First Days at 8:30 and 11:00 AM

Forum at 9:45am; Child Care from 9:30 AM–12:15 PM

First Day School from 11:15 AM–12:00 PM

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