

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

Newsletter

Tenth Month, 2018

Monthly Query: *What opportunities have I taken to know people from different backgrounds, and to work with them on common concerns?*



Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee:

Friends who set aside time each day for meditation, personal prayer, or reflection often find it strengthens and deepens their experience with the living silence of meeting for worship. Such preparation readies the mind and opens one's heart and spirit to engage in deep communion with others.

Upcoming Forum Schedule –

Oct 7: **“Historic Eno Burying Ground.”** A review of the history of the Eno Quaker burying ground and some context. Volunteers Larry Barker of the Eno Friends Meeting (Hillsborough), and John Bell of the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting will present on recent efforts to protect and maintain this historic site. As of July 2018 Orange County is researching the burying ground with the possibility of establishing it as a County Landmark. Moderator: Carolyn White

Oct 14 : **“Quakers challenging Trumpism”**. Nancy Milio will focus on Trump foreign and domestic policies that are having damaging effects on Americans, on U.S. relations with other countries, and on the environment. She will highlight how Quakers and allies are challenging these policies and the progress that has been made. Moderator: Andrea Wuerth

Oct 21: **Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business - 9:00 a.m.**

Oct 28:” **How can we help the IFC feed vulnerable families in our community?”** Come learn about the Food First Project. Jackie Jenks, Executive Director of IFC, will update the Meeting on progress toward meeting Food First goals, and other initiatives of the Inter-Faith Council. Moderator: Dirk Kelder

Nov 4:” **A View of Iran from A Persona non Grata.**” Dr. Kadivar, Professor of Religious studies, and exiled Reformist academic leader from Iran, will provide his analysis of conditions in Iran in light of the US pull-out from the nuclear deal and subsequent sanctions on trade, currency, and oil. Introduced by Nancy Milio. Moderator: Carolyn White

Nov 11: **“Sanctuary.”** Join CHFM members Lori Fernald Khamala and Karen Porter in a Peace & Justice Committee-sponsored-forum on the growing Sanctuary movement and how our meeting can get involved in this important way of resisting oppressive immigration policies. Lori, the national coordinator of the Sanctuary Everywhere Initiative and the director of the NC Immigrant Rights Program Director for the AFSC (Greensboro), will provide a brief overview of Sanctuary efforts locally and nationally. Karen will share her experiences as a local Sanctuary volunteer and then they will lead a discussion on how other Meeting members might participate in this area's only Sanctuary host, the Church of Reconciliation in Chapel Hill, and its guest, Rosa. Moderator: Deborah Gibbs

Monthly Pot Luck 07 OCT, 12:00 – Followed by 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).

Meeting For Worship with Attention to Business Resumes

No Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MWAB) minutes are included in the October newsletter because no MWAB was held in September, due to storm conditions. The next MWAB will take place on Sunday, October 21 at 9:00 AM in the Meeting Room. Minutes from it will appear in the November newsletter.

Subcommittee on Benevolences Invites Proposals

The Subcommittee on Benevolences invites proposals for the inclusion or removal of an organization to receive a contribution from the Meeting this fiscal year 2018-2019. The invitation, with Instructions for submission, is posted on the Meeting's website. If you wish to resubmit a proposal for an organization you submitted last year, please include any major changes in program, policy, personnel or finances. The deadline for submission this year is November 15.

A Book Group hosted by the Animal Welfare Subcommittee

"The Way We Eat: Why Our Food Choices Matter" by Peter Singer

This book is described as "A thought-provoking look at how what we eat profoundly affects all living things—and how we can make more ethical food choices."

Singer outlines five principles for making conscientious food choices:

1. Transparency: We have the right to know how our food is produced.
2. Fairness: Producing food should not impose costs on others.
3. Humanity: Inflicting unnecessary suffering on animals is wrong.
4. Social Responsibility: Workers are entitled to decent wages and working conditions.
5. Needs: Preserving life and health justifies more than other desires.

Peter Singer, the groundbreaking ethicist who *"may be the most controversial*

philosopher alive" (*The New Yorker*), now sets his critical sights on the food we buy and eat: where it comes from, how it's produced, and whether it was raised humanely. Teaming up once again with attorney Jim Mason, his coauthor on the acclaimed "Animal Factories," Singer explores the impact our food choices have on humans, animals, and the environment. We know this will be a difficult book for many people to read! So, if you are interested in the topic, but are daunted by reading the book, we hope you will join the book group anyway. Eating is something we all do, and we all have thoughts about food and how we come by it. So please join us! Group meeting dates and times will be decided in early October. We expect to meet once a month. Contact Robin Harper at robinwharper@gmail.com if you have questions or to join!

Sonny Kelly monologue, "The Talk" *Asta Crowe shares with Friends:*

Thursday, October 11, 6:30 reception, 7 pm presentation at Smith Middle School, Sewell School Road. Sonny Kelly, the author and star, is a terrific young professional actor (currently PhD candidate in UNC's Department of Communications) whose autobiographic monologue is at once funny, heartbreaking, sobering and exhilarating. However much you may already have reflected on this topic, you'll walk out with new food for thought and new ideas about how to engage with the questions Sonny raises.

Tickets are just \$10, and can be purchased a

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-talk-tickets-49618546408>.

If you've ever loved someone else wholeheartedly and yearned for the world to see that person the way you do -- in all the fullness of their humanity -- this evening is for you. And when you go, you'll be supporting **Boomerang Youth**, a place where any young person in our community can count on being seen in just that way. Contact Asta Crowe (astacrowe@gmail.com) for information or go to: www.sonnycrowe.com/the-talk

EMMA'S REVOLUTION CONCERT –

THE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF CHAPEL HILL UU 106 Purefoy Road, Chapel Hill NC

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH AT 7:30PM Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door

Tickets Available Online: www.emmasrevolution.com/concerts/

Facebook: www.facebook.com/emmasrevolution

Facebook Concert event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/442456152915540/>



People protested the nomination of Judge Kavanaugh outside the Supreme Court on Monday.

Ruth Zalph, a Chapel Hill Friend, is pictured here in head cover with other protesters.

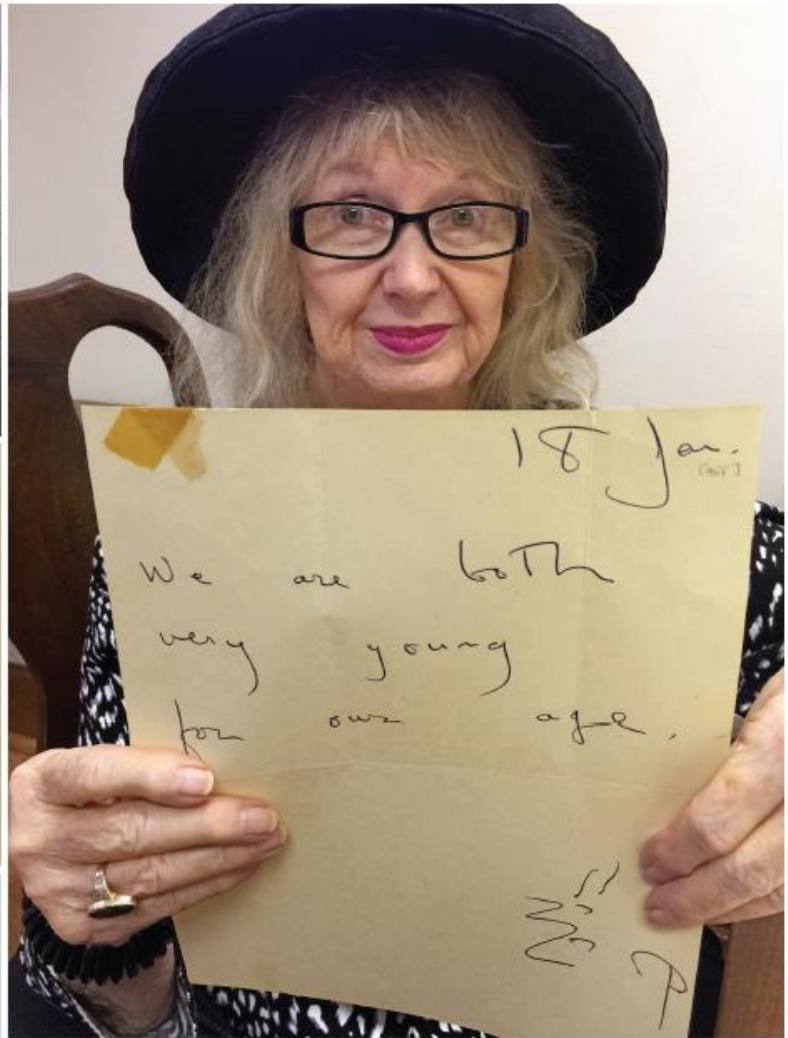
(Kavanaugh received confirmation 50-48)

Credit Erin Schaff for The New York Times

Charleen Swansea memorial



Photo right: Charleen holds a note written to her by Ezra Pound in 1955. While a student at Meredith College, Charleen drove herself to the Washington, D.C. hospital where Pound had been committed after he was declared mentally unfit. Once there, Charleen contrived to get in to meet Pound by saying she was his daughter. Over time, a friendship was formed and Pound gave her the pet name, Dandelion, which was the inspiration for the name her beloved grandchildren called her — Dandie. Charleen and Pound's correspondence and Charleen's other papers and works are now part of the Special Collection Library at UNC-Chapel Hill.



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>

Spiritual State of the Meeting - Saturday, October 20

Please join us for fellowship and deep worship at CHFMs annual Spiritual State of the Meeting. We will gather to consider and record what has been on the hearts of our meeting this past year on Saturday, October 20, from 9:30 until 11:30 am. Our sharing will form the basis of CHFMs annual epistle to Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting. Coffee, tea, and light refreshments will be available. Doors to the schoolhouse will open at 9:15 am. Leslie Rountree lesroutree@fastmail.com

Save the date for a Field Trip to New Garden Friends Meeting in Greensboro

Now part of the National Park Service's National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program, **New Garden Friends Meeting** has invited our meeting to attend their semi-programmed meeting at 11:00 AM on 04 November, and then join them for a "carry-in" lunch as well as a tour of the historic cemetery. Car-pooling and logistics coming soon! Look for updates on the list serve emails, or ask Kathleen McNeil

FEMA assistance for those impacted by Hurricane Florence

Information for how North Carolinians impacted by Hurricane Florence, with any immigration status or no status at all, qualify for emergency and short-term assistance provided by FEMA.

FEMA Benefits For Immigrants and Tenants - <https://www.ncjustice.org/immigrants-and-refugees/factsheet-fema-benefits-immigrants-and-tenants-beneficios-de-fema-para>

Rights of Tenants After a Natural Disaster - <https://www.ncjustice.org/consumer-and-housing>

MEETING DIRECTORY CHOICES AVAILABLE. The new Meeting Directory is scheduled be printed and distributed in October. Two questions: do you want a Directory mailed to you rather than pick it up at the meetinghouse? Do you want to receive a large print copy? If so, please contact Matt Drake at 919-968-0044 or matthiascdrake@gmail.com

Hospitality Committee mission statement

The mission of the hospitality committee is to help all feel welcome at CHFMs and to support deepening connections among Meeting members and attenders. The committee helps foster supportive social functions through direct management and participation, or through facilitating the response of members and attenders to what is needed.

Duties of the Hospitality Committee include making arrangements for:

- everyone to be welcomed as they arrive for the 11:00 AM worship and for visitors to be provided with information about Quaker worship. The visitors sign-in book offers the option to request a personal follow-up.
- refreshments to encourage fellowship after the rise of meeting, including making coffee and tea and providing snacks
- setting and cleaning up the monthly potluck with the help of volunteers on the first Sunday of the month.
- setting up and providing beverages for the Children's Christmas program
- communicating and coordinating Meeting response to food needs of Friends who are homebound due to illness or injury
- connecting Friends who would like to share their Thanksgiving meal with other members and attenders of Meeting
- coordinating with Meeting members and attenders to provide refreshments for functions such as welcomings, celebratory events, and memorial services.

Attendance at committee meetings is open to all.

Tom McQuiston, Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Member, and Senior Advisor to Reintegration Support Network (RSN), wants readers of the CHF News to know about important activities of the RSN Organization.

Please take time to check in with Tom, and to read and learn about the vital mission of RSN.



Reintegration Support Network

September 2018

OUR UPDATED MISSION The Reintegration Support Network provides youth with a sense of belonging and the skills and capacities for self-advocacy, positive relationships, long-term sobriety and positive engagement in the community. In doing so, RSN works to be a part of stopping the school to prison pipeline.

WHO WE SERVE RSN works with youth suffering from substance use disorder (SUD) and/or mental health issues (MHI) and/or encounters with the justice system (JS).



Pics from the overflow gathering for RSN's August 14, 2018 volunteer training.

RSN needs volunteers! Here are some ways that YOU can help our communities youth.

- Become a RSN volunteer mentor and work directly with youth
- Help youth with school and academics (serve as a tutor)
- Help youth find and succeed at a job, internship or apprenticeship
- Engage with youth in community service
- Engage with youth in religious, spiritual or belief communities
- Help youth get connected with recreation, play or expressive activities
- Help RSN transport youth to appointments and events
- Meet with youth over coffee, tea or lunch to explore other ideas.
- Help youth make appointments, stay in touch with RSN and enroll young people in activities.

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering for RSN please reach out to William Elmore, Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator, at: william.elmore.RSN@gmail.com or call: 919.564.8424

Soteria Shepperson, RSN Program Director: soteria.shepperson.RSN@gmail.com; 804.363.2543

The Adult Religious Education Committee works to enhance the spiritual life of the Meeting community and to nurture the spiritual and intellectual growth of Meeting members. One of our main functions is to provide weekly forums on different topics connecting us to our Quaker faith and practice and to our role in the greater world. We ask committee clerks to suggest ideas for forum topics and also consider suggestions from members and attenders. We attempt to provide a rich range of topics and spend a part of each committee meeting analyzing them. This year, we had fewer forums due to weather and holidays (Dec 24). Some forums fall into several categories. Over the past year, forums fell into these categories: personal sharing (4), Quaker Faith and practice (16), small group sharing (1), timely topics (7), outside speakers (5), social focus (8), wider community focus (8), CHFM committee (9), and community nurturing (8). Forum attendance ranges from 20 to 50 people with an average of 28 attending on a given Sunday.

The committee works with Publications Committee and Ministry and Worship Committee to ensure that forums are announced in a timely fashion. Forums are listed in the newsletter, on the Meeting's website and announced at the rise of both Meetings for Worship. Upcoming forums are also listed above the donation box in the foyer. In the past, the committee taped each forum and burned some of them to CD's, making them available for checkout from the library. The committee decided to phase out this practice, instead only taping personal sharings or other ones that might have historical significance. Reasons included: little check out of CD's in the library and to free the moderator to focus on the sound system, the projector and moderating the forum. We have a backlog of recorded forums that have not been burned to CD which we will preserve on a flash drive.

The committee welcomes suggestions for forum topics as well as suggestions for improvement. We thank the committee clerks and Meeting members for their forum suggestions as well as their willingness to prepare and lead. We invite Friends to attend the forums as a handy and valuable way to enrich their spiritual lives. Child care is available during forum time.

ARE members(2017/18): Catherine Alguire, Max Drake, Dirk Kelder, Perry Martin, Chris Stanley, Carolyn White (clerk), Andrea Wuertl

Aug 27: **"Meeting House Renovation."** Don Hopper

Sept 3: **"Meeting Benevolences."** Led by Tom Munk and Naveed Moeed, Peace and Justice committee

Sept 10: **"Friends House Moscow."** Karen Porter, board member and past clerk for Friends House Moscow

Sept 24: **"Quakerism, Anarchism and Pacifism."** Casey Webber

Oct 1: **"American Friends Service Committee - current events."** Lori Khamala will discuss her work at AFSC involving immigrants.

Oct 8: **"Entering and Centering: Preparing for Meeting for Worship."** Led by Ministry and Worship Committee.

Oct 22: **"Quakers Face the Challenge of the Trump Agenda."** Nancy Milio

Oct. 29: **"A gift for the animals."** The Ad Hoc Animal Welfare Committee will present their ideas for a new CHFM Benevolence recipient.

Nov 5: **"What's new with the Interfaith Council?"** Jackie Jenks, IFC director

Nov 12: **A Personal Sharing** - by Leslie Rountree.

Nov 26: **"Sharing Blessings and Gratitude for Thanksgiving"**, led by participants in the First Day School program.

Dec 3: **"Carolina Friends School: new head, Karen Cumberbatch."**

Dec 10: **"Kindra Bradley, the new Quaker House director."**

Dec 24: No forum

Dec 31: **"Endings and Beginnings: the Solstice and the turning of the year."** Led by Perry Martin, Peter White and Carolyn White.

Jan 7, 2018: **"The Quaker Way of Reaching Decisions in the Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business."** - the essentials, challenges and rewards. Led by Matt Drake

Jan 14: **"Making Our Voices Heard Through Letters to the Editor."** Led by Curt Torrell.

Jan 28: **2017-18 Benevolences Proposal. A Listening.** Led by Tom Munk and members of the Peace and Justice

Feb 4: **Seeking Carolina Quakerism "Outside the Bubble"**. Chuck Fager

Feb 11: **CHFM Building renovations update:** Led by Don Hopper and Building and Grounds Committee members.

Feb 25: **Personal Sharing: Perry Martin.**

Mar 4: **"Cognitive Diversity": a tool for understanding ourselves and others and the world.** Led by Dirk Kelder.

Mar 11: **Who Comes First? Trump Priorities and Quaker Responses.** Nancy Milio

Mar 25: **Let's talk about the Birds & the Bees.... and the Plants!** Barbara Driscoll, from the New Hope Audubon Society

April 1: Easter & PFF weekend. **What Does Being a Quaker Mean to Me? What Does Easter Mean to Me as a Quaker?** QuakerSpeak videos. Led by Carolyn White.

April 8: **To Join or Not to Join?** Presented by the Ministry and Worship Committee.

April 22: Earth Day: **Replacing Fossil Fuels Quickly and Economically Across North Carolina.** Jim Warren, executive director of NC WARN

April 29: **Passing on our Stories: Meeting elders talk about the Sixties and Seventies.**

May 6: **Worship Sharing with Attention to Animals.** The Animal Welfare Subcommittee

May 13: Mother's Day and UNC Graduation - No forum

May 27: **The Protestant Reformation and Why it Matters for Quakerism.** Lloyd Kramer

June 3: **Meeting for Worship with Attention to Graduation.** Led by Finn James, High School senior, CHFM teens, and John Hite.

June 10: **Friendly Summer Perusals: Reading suggestions**

Looking for Room - I am new to NC and Friends meeting I am looking for room to rent in house with peaceful people. I am quiet, read a lot, keep tidy common space and am a good cook. I am a Childcare professional also looking for family that wants support. Learn more about me at www.bern nanny.com

Home for sale in Kirkwood, off Weaver Dairy Road, Chapel Hill.

Compact starter home, retirement or share house - great space for young kids or dog family, single with teen!

Renovated to high standard, all new heating, air, duct work. Kitchen and breakfast room, awaiting your personal touch, but no hurry. Large loft den, playroom, or guest sleeping, with storage area.

Robust and attractive easy clean flooring in living space, ready for comfy rugs. New carpet in bedrooms. Small diverse community. Beautifully landscaped, with intimate pool, tennis, basketball, kids' play courts. Direct run to UNC CH, hospitals, CHFMs, close to 1-40, schools, minutes from varied retail, restaurants, coffee with wifi. Responsive HOA management company; all siding, roof, and landscaping care included. Call or email Allie Scales for more info, for self, or others outside CHFMs.

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

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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Resident: John Hite (919) 929-5377

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