

# Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

Newsletter: Eleventh Month, 2024



Monthly Query: *When difficult times arise in our civic life, how do our faith and practice sustain us?*

Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee: *Come to Meeting with neither a resolve to speak, nor a determination not to speak, but rather with an attitude of expectant waiting and openness.*

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## Monthly Calendar

First Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 8:15 - 9:15 am - <b>Early worship in the meeting room</b></li> <li>● 9:30 - 10:30 am - <b>Forum via Zoom</b></li> <li>● 11:00 am - 12:00 - <b>Worship in the meeting room</b></li> <li>● 11:00 am - 12:00 - <b>Online worship via Zoom</b></li> <li>● After meeting - <b>Potluck in the schoolhouse</b></li> </ul>
Second Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 8:15 - 9:15 am - <b>Early worship in the meeting room</b></li> <li>● 9:30 - 10:30 am - <b>Forum via Zoom</b></li> <li>● 11:00 am - 12:00 - <b>Blended Meeting in the meeting room and via Zoom</b></li> </ul>
Third Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 8:00 - 9:00 am - <b>Early worship in the meeting room</b> (reverts to 8:15 the following week)</li> <li>● 9:00 - 10:30 am - <b>Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business via Zoom</b></li> <li>● 11:00 am - 12:00 - <b>Worship in the meeting room</b></li> <li>● 11:00 am - 12:00 - <b>Online worship via Zoom</b></li> </ul>
Fourth Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Same as Second Sunday</li> </ul>
Fifth Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 8:15 - 9:15 am - <b>Early worship in the meeting room</b></li> <li>● 9:30 - 10:30 am - <b>Forum via Zoom</b></li> <li>● 11:00 am - 12:00 - <b>Worship in the meeting room</b></li> <li>● 11:00 am - 12:00 - <b>Online worship via Zoom</b></li> </ul>



## Upcoming Zoom Fora

<https://www.chapelhillfriends.org/forums.html>

**November 3:** Cathy Buckley on climate change science and expectations for the future (P&J sponsored forum)

**November 10:** Worship sharing on the election: What are your leadings, big or small, about what you're being called to do?

**November 17:** MFWAB

**November 24:** TBA

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## Upcoming Events

### National Zoom Call For Worship, Sun Nov 3, 7-8:00 PM

Pam Schwingl shares with Friends:

Please register for the NATIONAL ZOOM CALL FOR WORSHIP, SUNDAY, NOV 3, 7-8:00 PM EST. If you have NOT already registered, you can REGISTER [HERE](#) to join on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, from 7:00-8:00 PM EST for a national zoom call for worship. Join Friends and friends of Friends from across the country for a time of worship, reflection, inspiration and preparation two days before the most consequential election of our time. Early voting has already begun in a number of states! Please note: All registrants will receive a Zoom link by email the day before the event. If you don't receive the zoom link, check your spam folder.

ALSO: ACTION ALERT: Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) will host a Zoom session with Emily Provance and Diane Randall on October 30 at 7PM ET to discuss Election Violence Prevention and Friends Witness and Action for our Democracy. Register [HERE](#).

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### OCCRC Invites Us to Attend a New Play, Nov. 7-10, 13-17

Dottie Heninger and Naveed Moeed share with Friends:

Mike Wiley's new play "Changing Same: The Cold-Blooded Murder of Booker T. Spicely" will debut at UNC. November 7 - 10 in Swain Hall and later at Duke.

**November 7-10 at 7:30 pm**

At The Black Box Theatre in Swain Hall at UNC-Chapel Hill

[UNC Ticket Reservation](#)

**November 13-17 at 7:30 pm**

At Brody Theatre in Branson Hall at Duke University  
[Duke Ticket Reservation](#)

Spicely was a Black soldier during WWII, He was in uniform, passing through Durham on his way to Camp Butner. When more passengers boarded the bus, the driver told him to move to the back. Spicely protested, "I thought I was fighting this war for democracy." He never made it to Butner.

More details of Spicely's life are documented in Margaret Burnham's *By Hands Now Known - Jim Crow's Legal Executioners*. Her interview and book signing at Flyleaf were the first events in CHFM's focus on anti-racism in December 2023.

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## Announcements

### Prayers for Voting

Carolyn White shares with Friends:

Binkley Baptist Church (1712 Willow Drive, Chapel Hill) is holding its sanctuary for "Prayers for voting" on November 4 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. All are welcome.

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### No New Weapons to Israel!

Tom Munk shares with Friends:

Congress must block new weapons to the Israeli government and do everything it can to de-escalate the conflict. <https://fcn1.quorum.us/campaign/75157/>

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### AFSC Monthly Update

AFSC has released their October newsletter ([here](#)), as well as a statement to mark the one-year anniversary of the attacks on Israel and the ongoing crisis in Gaza ([here](#)). To date, AFSC staff in Gaza have provided life-saving aid to over 1.3 million displaced people, including:

- Food (hot meals, food parcels, and fresh vegetables) for 745,939 people
- Drinking water for 513,058 people

- Hygiene kits (soap, toothbrushes, menstrual products, and other critical supplies) for 54,400 people, including women and girls, seniors, pregnant women, and newborns
- Mattresses and blankets for 1,986 people
- School supplies for 1,500 children
- Recreational activities for 19,300 children

AFSC works through a number of local and international partners to respond to needs and avoid duplication of efforts. In addition to humanitarian aid, AFSC advocates for a cease-fire, humanitarian access, safe passages, and long-term work to end wars, violence, and oppression in all occupied Palestinian land and Israel. If you'd like to support AFSC efforts in Gaza, especially as another winter approaches, consider giving [here](#).

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## FCNL Urgent Ask for Gaza

Wendy Michener shares with Friends:

FCNL is laser focused on relief for Gaza and stepping back from War in the Middle East. They ask that you contact Congress via phone, email, letters or in person. Any and ALL of these methods matter and will make a difference. There are bills presently ready for action in Congress.

To reinstate funding for the ONLY fully functioning aid delivery system in Gaza click on this link: <https://www.fcnl.org/resources/restore-unrwa-funding-stop-famine-gaza>

For ending offensive weapon delivery from the USA to Israel to slow down the fighting in the Middle East: [FCNL call for the end of USA weapons to Israel](#)

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## Apartheid-Free Pledge - CHFM Proposed Signing Statement

In the last forum concerning the Pledge, we learned that many people are not in unity with CHFM being a signatory to the Pledge as written. In response, P&J has been working on a Minute to attach to our signing of the Pledge. Many other signers have also done this. Click here for the proposed Minute

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1S10TUmnZ05zy0tUDRG8uEbzwadL\\_LJFrY\\_xwSosuQW/M/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1S10TUmnZ05zy0tUDRG8uEbzwadL_LJFrY_xwSosuQW/M/edit?usp=sharing)

P&J is hopeful that this proposed Minute will be discussed at Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business or at a Called MFW with Attention to the Pledge.

Visit the website [apartheid-free.org](http://apartheid-free.org) to read the pledge. The notes for our two Anti-Apartheid forums are [here](#) and [here](#). The public statements of FCNL and AFSC are [here](#).

PFYM did a Panel Presentation by local Friends who labor in Israel/Palestine - link here  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/XdBfzCi1C2O29213mJV5biM-yen-Qkul0O0iGIGvQJl1yPhkh6ETvOTSXnkIVHt-qUOx6PJy8At1Afg\\_](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/XdBfzCi1C2O29213mJV5biM-yen-Qkul0O0iGIGvQJl1yPhkh6ETvOTSXnkIVHt-qUOx6PJy8At1Afg_)

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## Recurring Announcements

### InterFath Council Committee Is Seeking Volunteers

We invite anyone interested in becoming, or knowing more about being an IFC Committee Member to please contact Carolyn White.

We welcome volunteers to help with food preparation and service at ICF every second Thursday for lunch: 10a - 1p, and/or every second Friday for dinner 4p-6:30p. Volunteers are welcome for part of the shift, or the full shift.

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### Zoom Tech Hosts Wanted

Support Chapel Hill Friends Meeting's Zoom worship and forums by becoming a tech host. The role is much more simple than you would imagine. Trust us! We need your help and will train you. Please contact the Zoom Subcommittee if interested, or have questions:  
[zoom@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:zoom@chapelhillfriends.org).

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### Inter-Faith Council Pantry Needs Donated Food Items

Please consider IFC's needs when doing your shopping. There is a basket in the meetinghouse foyer for food donations. IFC has requested the following food items: coffee, hot chocolate, canned protein, canned pork and beans, canned soup (not vegetable), boxed cereal, cake mixes, instant foods, ramen noodles. Thank you!

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### FRIENDS, PLEASE LIMIT YOUR WEEKDAY MEETINGHOUSE VISITS.

The CFS Early School teachers, parents and guests have priority use of the meetinghouse parking lot from 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM Monday through Friday throughout the calendar year. If

you must visit the meetinghouse during weekday hours, please alert John Hite, the Meetinghouse Resident, at least one day ahead. Email: [johnthequaker@gmail.com](mailto:johnthequaker@gmail.com) or call: 919-929-5377.

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## Newsletter & eNews Reminder

Please send items for the weekly eNews email and the monthly print Newsletter to [news@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.org).

- The deadline for weekly eNews is *Wednesday* 6 pm.
- The deadline for the monthly print Newsletter is on the *last day of the month*.

To unsubscribe, email to [news@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.org) with the subject line, Unsubscribe.

**Note:** If you think that you haven't received your weekly enews or monthly newsletter, it helps to add [news@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.org) to your contacts. Otherwise it might go to your Spam folder (and likewise for other chapelhillfriends.org mailing lists such as [pfym@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:pfym@chapelhillfriends.org)).

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## Recurring Events

### Prayers for Healing/Holding in the Light, 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 7-8:30 pm

YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN Virtual Prayers for Healing/Holding in the Light on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Join us when you can for as long as you wish - from your own home.

Do you have a name or a group of people to add to - or remove from - the list of those we will hold in our hearts and prayers? If so, please send to: [prayers@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:prayers@chapelhillfriends.org). The list of names to be held in the Light will be renewed each month. Names must be resubmitted each month to be maintained on the list. We'll send an updated list on Wednesday afternoons. Thank you for joining us!

This virtual prayer service continues under the care of the Care and Counsel Committee and each week, a committee member will collect and post the names that are submitted and will read them aloud during the time of the service.

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## Meeting for Worship with Attention to Peace in Palestine. Thursdays, 5:30pm

Betsy Brinson shares with Friends:

You are invited to join Meeting for Worship with Attention to Peace in Palestine and Israel at 5:30 p.m. ET / 2:30 p.m. PT. We will continue to meet weekly on Thursdays at this time, at least through the months of January and February, or until a permanent ceasefire is reached.

Join on Zoom:

<https://afsc-org.zoom.us/j/85831333364?pwd=VEtPTUZuYk5hTHV2OGs1VzRkY0ZKUT09>

Meeting ID: 858 3133 3364

Passcode: 759311

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## Pendle Hill Worship via Zoom, Daily, 8:30-9:10am

Pendle Hill Quaker Study, Retreat, and Conference Center is now opening their daily morning worship to everyone, by way of Zoom or phone. A lovely opportunity for gathered worship every morning. "A handful of Pendle Hill residents continue to gather daily in the Barn – from 8:30am to 9:10am Eastern Time – expanding the 90-year-long tradition of daily worship here on campus. Beginning the week of March 16, 2020, we started an experiment of opening the circle of worship to YOU in your home. You can join us here via Zoom."

<https://pendlehill.org/explore/worship/join-us-online-for-worship-in-the-barn/?bblinkid=210290749&bbemailid=19903873&bbejrid=1408822779>

**Note:** The above link takes you *not* to the meeting but to a page of general instructions. Look for the sentence "You can join us via Zoom **here**, or by clicking on the image below."

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## Pray for Peace - From Friends House Moscow, Daily

Link to the Daily Meeting for Worship for Peace sponsored by FHM/FHMSA: (Friends House Moscow)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4165005614?pwd=NUtieEtqbDBYbjBrcGdMMzBKQ3drQT09>

Meeting ID: 416 500 5614

Passcode: 182805



The room opens at 8:45am Pacific time (10:45 EST); worship begins on the hour and ends an hour later. After worship there will be time to share brief thoughts that did not rise to the level of ministry. You may also want to rename yourself indicating your geographic location. There will be no audible indicator when one enters or leaves, and everyone will be muted on entry. Please leave yourself muted unless giving ministry.

Ministry may also be shared in the chat, but it is not the place for private conversations. If you are new to Quaker unprogrammed worship and wish to talk with someone about it, send a message to the host and someone can join you in a breakout room.

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## Business Meeting Minutes

### Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

#### Minutes of the Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, October 20, 2024

Ann Miller, Clerk, and Jennifer Leeman, Recording Clerk

Present: Monteze Snyder, Jennifeer Leeman, Dottie Heninger, Ann Miller, Kate Fitch, Leslie Rountree, Tom Munk, Naveed Moeed, Alice Carlton, David Curtin, Allie Scales, Hart Pillow, Marion Schoenbach, Julia Cleaver, David Waterman, Deborah Gibbs, Carolyn Stuart, Cecelia King, John Hite, Carolyn White, Jeff Brown, Wendy Michener, Lynn and Matt Drake, Susan Newcomer, Colleen Ray, Richard Shepherd, Tom Ludlow, Max Drake, Betsy Brinson, Nancy Milio

1. We opened with worship and the following query:

Do I treat conflict as an opportunity for growth and address it with careful attention? Do I seek to recognize and respect the Divine in those with whom I have a basic disagreement?

2. The minutes of the September 2024 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MWAB) were accepted as printed in the newsletter.

4. Kate Fitch, clerk of Adult Religious Education Committee, presented the committee's annual report (Appendix A). The report was accepted with appreciation for the work of the committee and a request for more personal sharings.

5. Dottie Heninger, co-clerk of Ministry and Worship Committee, presented the committee's annual report (Appendix B). The report was accepted with appreciation for the work of the committee, with particular mention of the Meeting spiritual retreat and the clerks' retreat.

6. Dottie Heninger, correspondence clerk, presented a Memorial Minute for Joyce Munk (Appendix C). The minute was approved with love for Joyce and appreciation for the minute.

7. Monteze Snyder, treasurer, presented the First Quarter financial report. The Meeting's overall financial position is good. However, we have collected only about 13% of anticipated revenue for the year, which is lower than in prior years. Friends were encouraged to contribute. Expenditures are in line with what would be expected. Committees are underspending and committee clerks are encouraged to spend to cover committee expenses and to submit their receipts. The reported was accepted with appreciation.

8. Julia Cleaver reported that a clearness committee met with Quaker Harmon and recommends her for membership in the Meeting. The clearness committee included Julia Cleaver, Jeff Brown, Dottie Heninger, and Deborah Gibbs. Quaker Harmon was approved for membership, with recognition that she is already a vital part of our Meeting. Julia read a brief biography of Quaker's life (Appendix D). A welcoming committee was appointed including Leslie Rountree, John Hite, Jennifer Leeman, and Julia Cleaver.

9. Naveed Moeed, Co-Clerk of Buildings and Grounds committee presented the committee's annual report (Appendix E). Friends accepted the report with appreciation.

10. Leslie Rountree, representative to Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting & Fellowship (PFYM), presented the PFYM annual report (Appendix F). Friends accepted the report and reflected on the value of attending PFYM gatherings.

11. Dottie Heninger: Provided an update about the Orange County Community Remembrance Coalition. Friends were encouraged to attend the play, Changing Same: The Cold-Blooded Murder of Booker T. Spicely, November 7-10 2024 at 7:30 pm at the Black Box Theatre in Swain Hall at UNC-Chapel Hill. Naveed is Assistant Stage Manager of the production.

12. Clerk: Next Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business is planned for 9:00 AM on 11/17/2024.

Announcements:

Zoom tech hosts for forums and worship are still needed—training and support are provided;

There will be a Work Morning Saturday December 7th from 9am to Noon. Friends are encouraged to join in.

## **Appendix A.**

### **ARE Annual Report 2024**

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 and attenders. Our primary task is to provide weekly forums on different topics connecting us to each other, our Quaker faith and practice, and to our role in the greater world. We ask committee clerks to suggest ideas for forum topics. We also consider suggestions from members and attenders, and ideas generated by ARE committee members.

Although forums have traditionally been suspended during summer months, we again offered a series of worship-sharings this year. Kate Fitch, Calaway Rohloff, and Campo Larrick organized an intensive series on embodiment and embodied spiritual practices, as an extension of occasional forums on these topics throughout the regular year.

We attempt to provide a rich range of topics. To help us better balance between peace and justice concerns and other topics, each first Sunday has been managed by the Peace and Justice committee over the past approximate year. During the August to June ARE year, forums included personal sharing (2), Quaker history (1), social issues (6), peace and justice (9), community nurturing (4), updates from community/Quaker organizations (7), faith and practice (9). As a community, we heard updates from Inter-Faith Council for Social Services, Carolina Friends School, American Friends Service Committee, and NC WARN. We participated in FCNL and FCNCL priority setting and discussed social issues and peace concerns including firearm violence, supporting returning citizens, peace in the Ukraine and Palestine, and green and solar energy. Our community discussed racism and anti-racism across three forums and celebrated transgender and non-binary Friends in two forums. Across 37 forums, 4 were sponsored by committees and 8 featured outside speakers.

Since March of 2020, forums nearly always have been offered by Zoom. This has allowed us to engage a wider range of outside speakers, including those shown in the attached list. Participation in these zoom forums has been robust, typically between 20 and 30 attending. We thank the Zoom Working Group for their steadfast assistance, and encourage members and attenders to consider joining the tech host group. We have conducted one blended forum to welcome Brian Blackmore of AFSC, who would not otherwise present. We plan to continue offering Zoom-only forums except in the circumstances that a speaker would not otherwise present. We thank Quaker Harmon and John Hite in particular for their support in our experimentation with the occasional blended forum.

ARE 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 forums. The committee works with the Publications Committee and Ministry and Worship Committees 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 all Meetings for Worship.

In August we welcomed new member Leslie Bassinger. Continuing members are Kate Fitch, Campo Larrick, John Bell, Mark Toles, and Calaway Rohloff. We therefore would welcome up to two additional members. Kate Fitch continues as clerk for her third year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kate Fitch

Forum name & description	Presenter/Committee	Category
Summer reflections	Worship-sharing	Community nurturing
Practical and Emotional Support for Returning Citizens	Tom McQuiston	Social issues
Woolman Hill Anti-Racism Remonstrance	Campo Larrick	Peace and justice
Carolyn White, personal sharing	Carolyn White	Personal sharing
Wealth building in low-income/asset and marginalized communities	Carl Rist and Whitney Barkley	Social issues
Celebrating Transgender & Non-Binary Friends Pt. 1	Campo Larrick and Astra Titus	Peace and justice
On Silent Worship	Ministry & Worship	Faith and practice
Celebrating Transgender & Non-Binary Friends Pt. 2	Panel	Social issues/personal sharing
The Pendle Hill Experience	Campo Larrick	Community/Quaker orgs
Firearm Violence: Personal, Spiritual, and Scientific Perspectives	Kate Fitch	Peace and justice
On Speaking from the Silence	Ministry & Worship	Faith and practice
CYRE: Thanksgiving forum	CYRE	Community nurturing
Government Money for Green Energy Options	Wendy Michener & Sally Robertson	Social issues
Embodiment worship sharing: Aging	Worship sharing	Faith and practice
Christmas worship sharing	Worship sharing	Faith and practice
Illuminating the goodness in ourselves and others	Worship sharing	Faith and practice
Peaceful Opposition in Ukraine	Filip Daza Sierra	Peace and justice
The Peace Testimony Today	Worship sharing	Peace and justice/Faith and practice
Discussion of By Hands Now Known	Lloyd Kramer	Peace and justice
Racialized Identity and Uncomfortable Conversations.	Astra Titus	Peace and justice
Embodiment: Feelings in the body during MFW	Campo and Kate	Faith and practice
MFW with Attention to Animals	Kate	Community nurturing
IFC Update	Jackie Jenks	Community/Quaker orgs

FCNL Priorities	P&J	Community/Quaker orgs
AFSC Friends Engage	Brian Blackmore	Community/Quaker orgs
Post-AFSC Discussion		Community/Quaker orgs
Prisoners of Congress: Philadelphia's Quakers in Exile, 1777-1778	Norman Donahue	Quaker history
Carolina Friends School Update	Karen Cumberbatch	Community/Quaker orgs
FCNCL Priorities	Pam Schwingl	Community/Quaker orgs
Forum about Birds	Panel	Community nurturing
Spring retreat on racial justice follow-up	Campo & Lloyd	Peace and justice
Native Plants for our Meeting Property	QEW	Social issues
Diving Deeper into Embodied Spirituality	Campo & Kate	Faith and practice
NC Warn and Solar Energy	Jim Warren	Peace and justice/social issues
Summer Embodiment Series	Worship sharing	Faith and practice

## Appendix B

### Ministry and Worship Annual Report October 2024

The Ministry and Worship Committee (M&W), made up of members of the Religious Society of Friends, supports the spiritual life of the Meeting. It also fosters understanding of Friends' principles and practices, in collaboration with other committees.

We continue to feel the emergence from the isolation of the COVID-19 pandemic. As people returned to worship in the meeting house and First Day School students showed up on Sunday mornings, we felt a sense of gratitude for each other and our community. We welcomed many visitors and new attenders both in person and online. We happily took part in monthly potlucks after 11 AM Meeting for Worship and break-out rooms on Zoom, and enjoyed blended worship. The wearing of masks became optional in December 2023. The Meeting welcomed two new members. We were happy to be together, still relishing the freedom to gather after our period of separation during Covid.

M&W continues to support a variety of ways to worship on First days, including: Meeting for Worship in the meeting room at 8:15 AM, Meeting for Worship in the meeting room at 11:00 AM, Meeting for Worship online via Zoom at 11:00 AM, and worship at Carol Woods Retirement Community at 11:00 AM. In coordination with the Zoom committee, a blended Meeting for Worship, incorporating Zoom and in-person, is available on the second and fourth Sundays of every month at 11:00 AM. Forum continues via Zoom at 9:30 AM, as well as Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business on the third First Days. First Day School has resumed in person in the school building. Until the ventilation upgrade is complete, we continue to use window fans for Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House.

The Zoom subcommittee, under the care of M&W, has consistently supported meetings on First Days, MWAB, committee meetings, and events on the Zoom platform. The subcommittee continues their research to improve the sound in both the meeting room and online. We have depended on volunteers from the Zoom committee to facilitate our blended Meetings for Worship. We continue to ask for new volunteers, while feeling great gratitude for the Zoom committee members who regularly help us, Quaker Harmon, Dave Curtain, and Jeff Brown. We are also exploring the possibility of a paid position for the blended tech host, and it is a line item in our budget.

The M&W Committee:

- Oversees the quality of Meeting for Worship and Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MWAB), mindful of the living silence and vocal ministry. This past year, we helped facilitate a special called MWAB October 29, 2023 concerning the crisis in Israel and Palestine, resulting in a corporate minute.
- Opens and closes each Meeting for Worship and organizes announcements.
- Stimulates reflection through queries, with one read each month at MWAB and once or twice a month during Meeting for Worship. It is also printed in the newsletter.

- Arranges activities (with other committees) to enhance the spiritual life of the Meeting, including small discussion groups, forums, worship groups, retreats, and workshops. This past year, we focused on the theme of anti-racism. We planned and held a half-day retreat which included a performance by life-long Chapel Hill resident Mary D. Willams who sang spirituals and provided the history and poignant context for these exuberant songs. We then provided programming with another life-long Chapel Hill resident Danita Mason Hogans who described how our Meeting could be involved in anti-racism work in our community. In a follow up forum, we learned about her Cates Scholars program for the descendants of enslaved people in Orange County. Our Meeting later raised about \$12,000 to support Mason Hogans' Bridging the Gap students. Members and attenders of Meeting also attended the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the passage of the Civil Rights bill held at the Chapel Hill Public Library. This last event was planned by the Orange County Remembrance Coalition, the local affiliate of the Equal Justice Initiative. The Meeting later agreed to become a formal supporter of this organization. We intend to follow both these groups to continue to grow our anti-racism awareness and actions. We also led two forums, one on Meeting for Worship and the other on vocal ministry.
  - Along with the Care and Counsel committee, we support Prayers for Healing/Holding in the Light twice a month. M&W is grateful to leaders Matt and Lynn Drake, Alice Carlton, and Leslie Rountree.
  - Provides responses to visitors' questions about the Religious Society of Friends and arranges clearness committees as requested by individuals seeking clearness on spiritual issues.
  - Receives letters requesting membership, convenes the related clearness committees and reports recommendations to MWAB. This year we recommended memberships for Richard Miller and Hart Pillow.
  - Attends to the needs of visitors and new attenders.
  - Participates in clearness committees organized by the Care and Counsel Committee leading to the marriage of couples under the care of the Meeting.
  - Nurtures other committees as they do the Meeting's work. This year we worked with the Peace and Justice Committee, while Matt Drake continued to serve on the School House Ad Hoc committee.
  - Plans, with other committees, celebrations of significant events in the spiritual life of the Meeting. Our annual Christmas Eve Worship was blended this year. Peter White and Margaret Vimmerstedt provided the music; Matt Drake was the reader; Quaker Harmon was the Zoom host; Susan, Carolyn and Dottie helped with set up and greeting.
  - Holds the annual Clerks Retreat, attended this year in-person in the Meetinghouse. The retreat's agenda is created in collaboration with the Clerk of the Meeting with ideas from committee clerks on topics of interest. Focus is on helping old and new clerks gain skills in the process of discernment and the spiritual nature of clerking a committee.
  - Organizes the annual Spiritual State of the Meeting gathering, held virtually. The Spiritual State of the Meeting allows us to reflect on issues while sharing deeply with others on queries from the Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting (PFYM). The committee reports the results to MWAB and PFYM. The report to PFYM includes a count of the

overall number of Friends and attenders in attendance at Meetings for Worship, Forum, and First Day School throughout one month. October 2023 we averaged 5 people inside at early Meeting, 40 inside at 11:00 AM Meeting, 14 on Zoom, and 5 in First Day School. In addition, 8 Friends worshiped Carol Woods, 34 at Forum. We are pleased that attenders from Orange Correctional Center are beginning to join us in worship, and we remain heartened by the attendance of returning citizens.

- Consults with the Zoom subcommittee, formed in April 2020, under the care of M&W.
- Oversees some of the meeting's annual expenditures on affiliations, services, and benevolences. This year M&W recommended expenditures of \$200 to Friends Journal for listing CHFM among monthly meetings in North America and support of QuakerSpeak video production, \$350 to the Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting and Fellowship (not including leadership development support for attendance at in-person events), and \$600 to Friends General Conference as a monthly meeting affiliation contribution. For benevolences, M&W recommended a gift of \$100 to Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns (FLGBTQC, <https://flgbtqc.herokuapp.com/>), is a North American Quaker faith community that affirms that of God in all people. Though the contribution is small, it affirms CHFM's practice of joyfully embracing the Light within all, made visible through the participation of all people, no exceptions.

M&W expresses gratitude to the Publications and Communications Committee for the ongoing maintenance of the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting website, weekly e-news, and In the Light messages.

We are especially grateful and appreciative for the leadership and service of Jeff Brown, who rotated off the committee this year.

We are grateful for new members Tom Ludlow, Deborah Gibbs and Julia Cleaver who began serving in July.

Julia Cleaver, Matt Drake, Deborah Gibbs, Dottie Heninger, co-clerk, Susan Inglis, Lloyd Kramer, Tom Ludlow, Jasmine McKewen, Carolyn White, co-clerk, Ann Miller, *ex-officio*.



## **Appendix C.**

### **Joyce Irene Shively Munk**

**July 29, 1929 – August 8, 2024**

Joyce Munk had a special talent: she always knew what you needed. Whether you were incarcerated at Orange County Correctional Center, you were hungry, you needed encouragement, or just a smile, she was ready to help. As a child and young woman, she was her father's "I can do it" girl. She spread her generous caring to all those around her, especially to her children, Jo Ellen Gabbert, Don Munk, Joy Smith, John Munk, Tom Munk and Melissa Mitchell, her eleven grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Sadly, she was preceded in death by her son Ron.

She learned these gifts from her mother Eva Shively and from her early attendance at Blue River Church of the Brethren. She and Paul, her husband of 75 years, lived in Indiana and raised their family there and later in New Jersey and in North Carolina. She was busy wherever they lived. Besides her own family, she cherished the many young children whom she taught in first grade in New Jersey and North Carolina public schools.

Joyce and Paul eventually moved to Chapel Hill, and then to Carol Woods Retirement Community. In Chapel Hill, they began attending Chapel Hill Friends Meeting with their son Tom and his family. They were regulars while also attending Mennonite services in the evening. Joyce became a member of CHFM in February 2019.

At Meeting, she quickly became famous for her generous potluck casseroles. Guests from OCC would be her minions, bringing the laden trays to the School House. She and Paul helped these men while they were incarcerated – they took them out on passes for visits in the community, to a restaurant, to their Carol Woods apartment – and occasionally after they were released from prison, they took them to shop for clothes. They regularly teased Paul that he was a good chauffeur, and they appreciated his help and company, but that their true love was Joyce. Her patience, humility, generosity, and kindness inspired love and affection from everyone.

We were blessed to have Joyce in our Meeting. In our lives.

## **Appendix D.**

### **Biography of Quaker Harmon**

Quaker Elizabeth Harmon was born to Bruce and Betsy Kappel in Ontario, Canada. Although she is named Quaker, her family were not Quakers. Instead, as draft resisters who had left the United States and settled in Canada, they felt an affinity for the peace testimony. Quaker grew up in Toronto, Canada. Her father was involved in the People First movement which provides support to individuals leaving institutions to self-advocate and build community support. Her mother worked for with incarcerated and recently released women through Elizabeth Fry and then for the United Way. Both parents eventually became consultants, her father continuing to find ways to support individuals and families with complex needs in the community and her mother working in DEIA before it was an acronym.

After a childhood in Toronto, Canada, Quaker attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on a Morehead Scholarship. She was active in the Campus Y and helped organize the first national student environmental conference, Threshold, and became the co-chair of the National Student Environmental Action Coalition.

Quaker returned to Toronto for medical school and then Vancouver British Columbia for a Family Practice Residency with a focus on prenatal care, women's health, HIV and harm-reduction. During this time, she married Mark Chilton and had her first son Samuel.

The family moved back to Carrboro, NC in 2000. They welcomed Alexander shortly after.

Quaker did not feel comfortable being a physician in the US health care system and instead turned to Public Health, receiving a PhD in Reproductive Epidemiology from the UNC School of Public Health. She has worked at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences in the Epidemiology Branch with a focus on women's health. She studies the risk factors for uterine fibroids, particularly in Black and African American women, as well as pregnancy outcomes with a focus on preeclampsia. She has numerous publications, and her work has been recognized both locally and nationally. She recently helped organize a 2-day conference on Environmental Health Disparities and Women's / Maternal Health.

Quaker has been attending Chapel Hill Friends Meeting since 2017. Both her children graduated from Carolina Friends School. Following her experience of Quakerism through CFS, Quaker attended Quakerism 101 under the leadership of Lynn Drake and Jan Hutton. She then started attending Meeting regularly. Quaker has been an active member of the Hospitality Committee (currently clerk) and the Zoom Sub-Committee. She also is currently serving on Nominations.

I would like to recognize some of the many people at Chapel Hill Friends Meeting who have made me feel welcome and helped me discover my gifts. Leslie Rountree introduced me to CHES when our children were 2 years old. Jan Hutton, Lynn Drake, Matt Drake, Dottie

Henniger and Bonnie Raphael were wonderful teachers through Quakerism 101. Buzz Borchardt taught me clerking and welcomed me to my first committee. John the Quaker has been a great partner in getting things done. The entire Munk-Leeman family have made me feel

welcome. It was in gratitude for Joyce Munk's role in welcoming me that I finally applied for membership.

## **Appendix E.**

### **Chapel Hill Friends Meeting**

#### **Buildings & Grounds (B&G) Annual Report for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year**

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The Building and Grounds Committee (B&G) oversees the condition and maintenance of the meetinghouse and the grounds. Most of this work is done by committee members. When there is need for professional work or larger projects B&G assesses the situation and makes recommendations to Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. B&G oversees and works closely with the resident. With the coordination by the resident, B&G oversees the use of the meetinghouse and the schoolhouse.

#### **Committee Membership**

- 2023-2024 Committee membership: Currently the committee members are: Peter Malone, Wendy Michener, Caroline Carmen (representing CHES/CFS), and co-clerks: John Hite and Naveed Moeed. New members beginning 2024-2025: Cecelia King, Ken Bassinger, & Richard Miller,
- We, as a whole, are very appreciative of the various strengths, skills and backgrounds that each member brings to the committee.
- As of the end of the 2023-2024SH fiscal year, Tom Ludlow cycled off the committee. We have great gratitude for his service to the committee.

#### **Accomplished Tasks**

- Please note that for the following indications of volunteer hours given are not sub-divided into time given by the resident, other members of Building and Grounds or other members/attenders of the Meeting. The majority of our work is done by the resident but on other projects (e.g. HVAC) significant volunteer time contribution is provided by members of Building and Grounds. In other areas the community comes together with many members and attenders of the Meeting volunteering hours on our Work Mornings.
- Removed downed White Pine which stood on the South East corner of the meetinghouse by the parking lot and porch (and two nearby smallish Privet trees by Memorial Garden). It fell close to the building and porch during Hurricane Helene and spawned tornadoes. For this work we contracted with Treeist for the removal itself and stump grinding. Preparation work was done by Building and Grounds. Caroline Carmen coordinated this which allowed for her to arrange it so it would work with the Chapel Hill Early School's schedule. The committee continues to determine that there is substantial work that needs to be done and maintained in the surrounding landscape to insure that the flora in our

grounds is healthy, not being choked out by vines or pushed out by too much bamboo. This will be work that is ongoing.

- Work Mornings (December 9th, 2023 & May 18th, 2024). The committee is very appreciative of those who come out for working together in community.
- Radon Testing performed in Early October 2024 as coordinated by Naveed Moeed.
- Various numerous tasks & repairs completed. An outside electrician and plumber were brought in for some needed work.
- Peter Malone has worked tirelessly on a completely volunteer basis on the ventilation system. He has gone above and beyond to support the CHFM community.
- Buildings and Grounds have a close working relationship with the school. Caroline Carman is a regular attender to our committee meetings. Committee members were also involved and kept closely abreast of the lease renewal discussions. Out of this agreement a process was created to have annual (or twice annual) meetings between CFS/CHES & a sub-group from CHFM to have a more proactive approach than a reactive approach.
- At the request of M&W an independent safety survey of the public areas of the meeting house was conducted. Issues from this were prioritized and addressed

### **Resident**

John Hite, as the meeting house resident, continued providing care and security for the meeting house, the meeting grounds and the Chapel Hill Friends Early School (CHES) as the pandemic continued and has abated. He has supported the work of the Building and Grounds, the Library committee, First Day School Upper Pod and since the onset of the COVID-19 Global Pandemic, has worked closely with and supported the Zoom ad hoc committee to enable hybrid Meeting for Worship. John consistently makes sure the meetinghouse and school house are set up for Sunday mornings, including affixing the window fans since the return to in-person meeting, He liaises closely with Ministry and Worship and the Hospitality committees. John served as our daily liaison with CHES assisting with a few school building issues which occurred outside of school hours. John, once again, organized and managed parking for UNC home football games which brings in monetary resources to our beloved community. This year he made the jump to raise the parking rates by 50%.

Additionally in this year, John, together with other members of the committee, has committed a number of Saturday mornings to clearing the invasive and overgrown wisteria and bamboo behind the schoolhouse.

### **Future Tasks (2024/2025)**

- Establishing a schedule of radon testing at appropriate times of the year
- Completing the HVAC project and evaluating future use of window-fans

- Ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the grounds and buildings
- Ongoing concern for holding back the wisteria and bamboo
- Consideration of **possible** new major projects in the Meeting House itself

Lovingly submitted by B & G members

## **Appendix F.**

### **Piedmont Friends – Yearly Meeting and Fellowship (PFYMF) Representatives Annual Report Tenth Month, 2024**

#### Engagement

Members and attenders of Chapel Hill Friends Meeting (CHFM) have played an active role with the Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting and Fellowship (PFYMF) in the past year. CHFM Friends have participated in the Piedmont Friends' fellowship gatherings, spiritual forums, and business meetings. Our representatives (Leslie Rountree, Brad Schultz and Lloyd Kramer) have attended both Annual Session and quarterly interim meetings. Leslie continues to serve on the Executive Committee and as recording clerk for the Yearly Meeting. She and Carolyn Stuart served on the 2024 Epistle Committee. Additionally, Chapel Hill Friends Quaker Harmon and Jeff Brown have served as technical hosts for PFYMF virtual gatherings. Jeff also completed his three-year term on the Yearly Meeting's Nominating Committee.

#### Administrative Update

In June of this year, John Shuford of Raleigh Friends Meeting joined Piedmont Friends clerking committee as Sally Freeman rotated off. Marian Beane of Charlotte Friends and Nancy Riemer of Raleigh Friends Meeting continued as members of the clerking team. Treasurer Paul Klever of Eno Friends continued to work with the Interim Finance Working Group to craft a yearly budget, financial infrastructure, and policy guardrails. As our Yearly Meeting has matured, its working groups – like the one for the Spiritual State of the Meeting – have become standing committees. We are growing with deliberation and vibrancy.

#### Communications and Outreach

Piedmont Friends has sought out ways to nurture and support our smaller meetings, our Adult Young Friends group, and to provide opportunities to work together on common concerns and for overall fellowship. Highlights of these activities include:

### Semi-annual Gatherings

Friends have had many opportunities to gather and enjoy fellowship and learning since the last report was made in June of 2023. Our 2023 Fall Gathering took place in October in Greensboro, where Friends assembled for a picnic and tour of the International Civil Rights Museum. Our Spring Gathering in April 2024 included a picnic and tour of the Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum. And most recently, our Fall Gathering in September last was held at Historic Bethabara Park in Winston-Salem, founded by the Moravians in 1753. Between 35 and 50 Friends were in attendance at these events, which provided rich fellowship and reflection of our Quaker values. The clerks and planning committee have made special efforts to make our all gatherings welcoming and of interest to Friends of all ages.

### Support of Adult Young Friends

Our Adult Young Friends (AYF) group, convened by Will Rogers, gathered in Saxapahaw last December for an improvisational singing workshop. Friends enjoyed the activities and fellowship and commented that the energy they created in improvised song felt akin to that of a gathered meeting. Adult Young Friends continue to meet occasionally in person and via Zoom. Currently, there are about 15-25 participants.

### New Website and Leadership Directory

The new Piedmont Friends Website is up and running, with a listing of each member meeting and worship group, including meeting times and contact information. In addition to the advance documents for Annual Sessions and Representative Body meetings, the website organizes and publishes a monthly list of events compiled from all member meetings that are open to all. One can also find approved Minutes of Concern from member meetings posted on the site. Thus far, PFYMF has posted minutes on reproductive rights, climate change, and the war in Gaza. Lastly, individual meeting spiritual condition reports are available on the website. One may find all this information at <https://www.piedmontfriends.org>.

Piedmont Friends Leadership Directory, which the Clerking Committee updates semi-annually, contains the names and contact information for leadership positions

within each of the member meetings as well as for Piedmont Friends. The hope is it will serve as a resource for reaching out to our peers in other meetings.

### Clerks' Calls

The Clerking Committee hosts a Zoom call for Clerks of member meetings three times a year- in May, October and January. Clerks are able to share updates and concerns from their meetings, to have informal conversation, learn about happenings with Piedmont Friends and build connections.

### Approved Minute on Gaza

After lengthy discernment and worship at the Annual Sessions, Friends found unity to support PFYM&F becoming a co-signatory to "A different future is possible: Quaker organizations share a vision for peace in Palestine and Israel," a vision statement for peace jointly drafted by American Friends Service Committee, Canadian Friends Service Committee, Friends World Committee for Consultation, Friends Committee on National Legislation, Quakers in Britain, Quaker Council on European Affairs, Quaker Peace and Social Witness, and the Quaker United Nations Office. The full statement is available on the PFYMF website.

In response to the sharings of Friends, Piedmont Friends hosted a follow-up panel discussion on Palestine-Israel on September 3 to address the query "How do we, as Quakers, face the challenge of living our values and principles as we respond to the violence in Palestine-Israel?" Panelists included: Vernie Davis (Raleigh Friends), moderator; Mark Davidson (Raleigh Friends); Jane & MA ax Carter (New Garden Friends); Kathy Kamphoefner & Paul Pierce (Raleigh Friends/Cairo, Egypt). A link to the video recording of the discussion is available on Piedmont Friends' website.

PFYMF has representatives to the American Friends Service Committee, Friends General Conference, Friends Committee on National Legislation, Friends Committee on North Carolina Legislation, Quaker House, and Friends World Committee on Consultation - Section of the Americas, who provide us with organizational updates at our quarterly meetings.

In closing, I ask that you hold in tender Light the Asheville, Swannanoa, and Celso Friends Meetings as they work to recover from the devastation wrought by Hurricane Helene, as well as our Florida Friends recovering from Hurricane Milton.

Respectfully submitted by

Leslie Rountree, on behalf of the Chapel Hill's PFYMF representatives

Group photo from 2024 Annual Sessions, Guilford College



Piedmont Friends member meetings include: Abingdon, Chapel Hill, Charlotte, Durham, Eno, Fancy Gap, Fayetteville, Friendship, New Garden, Raleigh, Rockingham County, Salem Creek, Spring, Swannanoa Valley, Upstate Friends Worship Group, Wilkes County Friends, and Winston-Salem.

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