



# Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Newsletter

February 2008

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## **Upcoming Forums**

### **February 2008**

2/3 - Contemporary Quaker Authors - Matt Drake

2/10 - What Can Meeting Offer Me, What Can I Offer Meeting - Rene Prillaman (Ministry and Worship)

2/17 - Business Meeting - No Forum

2/24 - Is there Hope for Peace and Justice in Election Year Gridlock? - Nancy Milio

### **March 2008**

3/2 - North Carolina Quakers - Max Carter (Guilford College)

## **Passage Meditation at the Community Church**

There will be a four session introduction to passage meditation on Tuesday evenings in February from 6:30 to 9:30 PM at the Community Church (106 Purefoy Road in Chapel Hill). Passage meditation uses inspirational passages from spiritual traditions as its focus. It was developed by the late Eknath Easwaran of the Blue Mountain Center of Meditation ([www.nilgiri.org](http://www.nilgiri.org)). It is non-sectarian in orientation and compatible with all major religious traditions.

After the introductory sessions, there are meditation groups available—one meets monthly at the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting and another meets on Tuesday evenings at another location in Chapel Hill. Contact Rachel Galper at 646 241 7555 for more information.

## **Environmental Documentary Screening**

The documentary “What a Way To Go, Life At The End of Empire” will be shown on Saturday, February 23, 2008, at 6:00 PM in the School House. Run time is 2 hours. The film screening will be followed by a circle discussion.

This Documentary offers an in depth & thorough understanding of Peak Oil,

Global Climate Change, Mass Extinction, & the Stories of our Culture that have fueled the planet's unprecedented predicament, now faced by the entire community of life on Earth. With many parallels to Quaker understandings of the "seeds of war," this documentary offers crucial consciousness-raising about the "run away train" of the culture of Empire.

For more information, contact Lauren Carreto (laurencarreto@earthlink.net). If you are interested in childcare for this event, please let Lauren know ahead of time.

## **Welcome, Bryce!**

We welcome a new childcare person in the nursery - Bryce Kokoulopoulos.

## **Discussions of Meeting in Hillsborough**

The Durham Meeting has invited Friends to participate in discussions of sponsoring a preparatory meeting in Hillsborough. Anyone interested in the planning and discussion is invited to attend and fully participate in the process. An initial planning forum is planned for First Day, March 2, from 11:45 to 1:00 at the Durham Friends Meeting. Contact Talmadge Neece to confirm this at 919-401-6626 or email tneece@nc.rr.com. To read a long report on the proposal, see Jennifer Leeman.

## **Committee Clerks Reminded to Check Annual Report Dates**

Committee clerks are reminded to check the directory for the date for their Committee's Annual Report. Dates are listed next to each committee in the back of the directory, by the committee descriptions.

## **Information on Durham Fire Victims**

Melinda Wiggins is coordinating support for Lori and Khamala, Friends from the Durham meeting who lost their belongings in a house fire. Lori and her expected baby are safe, but Khamala suffered severe burns. Melinda sent the following update to guide anyone interesting in supporting Lori and Khamala. Melinda can be reached at the office of Student Action with Farmworkers (919-660-3616).

Thanks to everyone for your calls and emails. Here is the most recent update on Lori & Khamala:

### **CHECKS**

If you wish to make a financial donation, please send a check (made payable to Lori Khamala) to 3675 Guess Rd., Durham, NC 27705. Please indicate in the memo if the donation is for Lori & Khamala OR the baby fund.

### **DONATION DROP OFF**

Small donations can be dropped off during business hours Monday through Friday at the SAF office at 1317 W. Pettigrew St. in Durham (919-660-3616). Larger donations can be dropped off at the Durham Friends Meeting House at 404 Alexander Drive in Durham. To arrange a drop off at the Friends Meeting House, contact Heidi Hannapel at 919-403-3754 (h) or 919-451-9236 (c).

### **WATTS GROCERY ON WEDNESDAY**

On Wednesday, January 23rd, Watts Grocery will offer 10% of net sales to benefit Lori and Khamala. Watts Grocery is a local restaurant open for lunch and dinner and located at 1116 Broad St. in Durham, Phone: 416-5040.

### **WHERE LORI IS**

Lori is staying with a friend for the short-term. She has received several offers for longer-term stays, but it may take her some time to determine where she'll be staying and what further needs she has once she is settled.

## **CATS**

Many folks are helping to locate the missing cats—Venus & Serena. If you find them, please put them in the shed in Lori & Khamala's back yard and let me know that you have done so.

## **ONGOING COMMUNICATION**

While Lori appreciates your care and concern, it is overwhelming for her and her support network to receive so many calls and emails. Therefore we have set up a communication website through [www.carepages.com](http://www.carepages.com), where you can receive updates and email to her directly. Please check it out:

[www.carepages.com](http://www.carepages.com). The CarePage Name (visitors must have the exact name) is LoriFKhamala. Also, it would be great if Lori could receive hand written letters, cards, wishes, and blessings for her baby, so feel free to mail those to 3675 Guess Rd., Durham, NC 27705.

## **Historic Thousands on Jones Street March and Rally**

The Peace and Social Concerns Committee has endorsed the Historic Thousands on Jones Street (HkonJ) march and rally on Feb. 9th and encourages all Friends to join. The march will start at 11am in Chavis Park, Raleigh. There will be buses leaving from University Mall at 9:30am outside Dillard's Dept. Store. This historic event is initiated by the NAACP and 80 partners. The rally addresses a very broad moral agenda including civil rights, workers rights, the environment, and peace. You can read the platform of HkonJ on their website [www.HKonJ.com](http://www.HKonJ.com). Please let Miriam Thompson (370-4114) know asap if you would like to ride the bus.

## **Photo Board**

Jennifer Leeman is in the process of posting photos taken by the teens on the bulletin board in the Foyer of the Meetinghouse. If you do not see yourself or your family pictured there, please bring a photo of yourself or your family (preferably in one photograph) and post it. Thank you!

**Chapel Hill Friends Meeting**  
**Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends**  
531 Raleigh Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514

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

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To send Meeting News and In The Light announcements via email, contact [news@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.org). This and past issues of the newsletter are available online at [www.chapelhillfriends.org](http://www.chapelhillfriends.org).

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Sat. 2/2	9am-2:30	Compassionate Listening Session-Schoolhouse
Sun. 2/3	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	<b>Forum: Contemporary Quaker Authors -</b> Matt Drake
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	12pm	Potluck - Schoolhouse
Thurs. 2/7	11am-1pm	CHFM Serves Lunch at Interfaith Shelter
	7-9	Compassionate Listening Session-Schoolhouse
Sun. 2/10	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	<b>Forum: What Can Meeting Offer Me, What</b> <b>Can I Offer Meeting</b> - Rene Prillaman
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
Wed. 2/13	10am	Quaker Women's Gathering at Marnie Clark's
Sun. 2/17	8:30am	<b>Meeting for Worship with Attention to</b> <b>Business</b>
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
Sat. 2/23	6pm	Screening of "What a Way to Go"-Schoolhouse
Thurs. 2/21	7-9	Compassionate Listening Session-Schoolhouse
Sun. 2/24	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	<b>Forum: Is There Hope for Peace and Justice</b> <b>in Election Year Gridlock?</b> - Nancy Milio
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late) <i>Deadline to Turn In Items for the Newsletter!</i>
Wed. 2/27/08	10am	Quaker Women's Gathering at Marnie Clark's
Sun. 3/2/08	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	<b>Forum: NC Quakers</b> - Max Carter
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)