

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Newsletter



April 2008

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April Forums

April 6 - What are we teaching our children and youth about the Hebrew Bible?--Mark Hulbert, Carolyn Stuart, Sarah White

April 13 - Quaker Theology

Free Books

Books culled from the library will be set out on the benches in the library April 6 & 13 to allow members and attenders to take any they would like for their own libraries before they are given to the Chapel Hill Library's book sale.

Living Faiths: What Do Religions Have to Learn from One Another?

A panel discussion with Muslim Imam, Jewish Scholar and Christian Activist Tuesday, April 8, 7:30 p.m. Freeman Center for Jewish Life, 1415 Faber St., corner of Campus Drive and Swift Avenue, Duke Campus. Admission is free.

The panel will include three religious leaders, W. Deen Mohammed, an American Muslim leader and director of The Mosque Cares, Peter Ochs, professor of modern Judaic studies at UVA, and Ronald Sider, professor at Palmer Theological Seminary and founder of Evangelicals for Social Action, and will be moderated by Duke Chapel Dean Sam Wells. Following the discussion there will be break out groups with each of the speakers.

“This conversation will be an incredible opportunity for each of us to explore more fully the gift of our own faith traditions and to receive the gifts of other religious traditions,” said Craig Kocher, Associate Dean of Duke Chapel and Director of Religious Life.

Sponsors for this year's discussion include the Faith Council, Duke Chapel, the Interfaith Dialogue Project, Kenan Institute for Ethics, Jewish Life at Duke, Muslim Student Association, Duke Islamic Studies Center, Duke Divinity School, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Westminster Presbyterian Fellowship, Congregation at Duke Chapel, Duke Lutherans, Center for Jewish Studies, Durham Congregations in Action, Office of the Provost, Self Knowledge Symposium, Duke Episcopal Student Center, and Division of Student Affairs.

NC Sustainable Energy Conference

April 8-9, 2008, McKimmon Center NC State University

This year's conference will focus on current forces driving energy efficiency and alternative energy, the role of infrastructure and carbon emissions and how new technology is making sustainable energy resources available and affordable. An exhibit hall featuring businesses and agencies doing work in these fields and an alternative fuels "Car Corral" will be available, as well an awards luncheon and an evening reception. <http://sustainability.unc.edu/Default.aspx?tabid=59>

Lectures on Jesus's Parables

Two scholars from the Jesus Seminar will be presenting lectures on "Jesus's Parables" on April 11-12, in Brevard, NC, at the Unitarian Universalist Church. For those unacquainted with the Jesus Seminar, it is for the most part made up of professors in departments of religious studies in colleges and universities all over the country. They are scholars of faith who came together originally not only to detect the voice print of the historical Jesus, but also to report their findings to the public for candid and critical discussion. Put another way, they are advocates for religious literacy (Prof. Bart Ehrman at UNC happens to not be a Fellow of the Jesus Seminar).

Jesus taught in parables and there are some 45 of them to be found in the New Testament and the Gospel of Thomas. This Parables Seminar costs \$60.00. Since the first lecture is at 7:30pm of the Friday evening and the last lecture on Saturday ends at 4:00pm, a 2-night motel reservation is necessary. Marilyn Dyer and Ann Kessemeier have their reservations confirmed for the seminar at the Holiday Inn. There is room for 3 more car-poolers to travel with them. Call Marilyn at 918.3622 or Ann at 942.2844. Join us for a wonderful opportunity to do some in-depth Bible study.

Panel Discussion of Funeral Regulations

"Do state regulations for funerals and cemeteries protect us?"

Please join us for a panel discussion of this topic at the annual meeting of Funeral Consumers Alliance of the Triangle (FCAT). Formerly known as the

Memorial Society, FCAT, a chapter of the national FCA, was formed to promote aggressive protective state and federal regulations and to educate the average consumer. Take advantage of an opportunity to avoid possible future heartbreak and unexpected money drain by attending FCAT's annual meeting, where the speaker panel will include a member from each of the two state regulatory commissions and a genealogist with detailed knowledge of area cemeteries. The date is Saturday, April 12, 2:00 to 4:00 PM at Durham Friends Meeting, 404 Alexander Drive, Durham.

April Events at Carolina Friends School

The Main Event: An Evening Celebration of Local Food

Wednesday, April 16, CFS Quaker Dome and Gym, 5:30-8:30 pm

A community potluck featuring local ingredients, followed by a panel discussion featuring leaders in the Triangle active in growing, distributing, and consuming locally grown food. (This event opens the Friends Environmental Educators Conference hosted by CFS April 16-18.)

Alumni Gathering

Attention all CFS alumni from the classes of 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, and 1990. This includes those who graduated from CFS during those years and those who didn't remain at CFS to graduate, but would have graduated with these classes. All are encouraged to attend an Alumni Gathering held the evening of Saturday, April 26th, at Josh Lozoff's home, just down the road from CFS. James Ellis ('88) is coordinating the reunion. You can email him at james@stoneandchristy.com for more information.

Farm Tour

The Environmental Concerns Committee invites everyone to join us on the Farm Tour on April 19 & 20, from 1-6 pm, to visit local farms & learn more about our local food supply. Eating locally grown food is one way to decrease the fossil fuel use & carbon footprint of our food. Eating local is one way we can impact global climate change. Let's all ride together with our Friends - advance tickets are only 25\$ carload! Please RSVP to laurencarreto@earthlink.net.

Vegetarian Potluck

The next Vegetarian Potluck will be at the home of Chip and Kara GrawOzburn (1212 Tallyho Trail in Chapel Hill) at 6:30 pm on Saturday, April 19th, 2008. Please bring a veggie dish to share along with a recipe so that we can spread the wealth. For directions, phone 933-4396. There is now a page on our website of recipes shared at recent Veggie Potlucks. That link is www.chapelhillfriends.org/veggierecipes.html.

Conversations About Peace

This event on April 21 from 7:30 to 9:30pm, organized by the Peace and Social Concerns Committee and cosponsored by 22 local organizations, will feature Jim Neal, a leading candidate for the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate, and Lindsey Neas, the military legislative assistant to Elizabeth Dole, the leading candidate for the Republican nomination for the position and our current representative in Washington. The two will each speak for 30 minutes on six Friends Committee on National Legislation questions about peace. They will each also have 30 minutes of question and answer. The event will be held at the Carolina Friends School. Please contact Tom Munk (tommunk@westat.com; 474-8158, 929-9135) if you can help with publicity in any way. The questions follow:

Questions About Peace for candidates for Federal Office

1) The U.S. needs a new policy in Iraq. The bipartisan Iraq Study Group chaired by former Rep. Lee Hamilton and former Secretary of State James Baker recommended a new U.S. policy based on negotiations with all of Iraq's neighbors, support for reconciliation inside Iraq, and a clear commitment to a complete withdrawal in consultation with Iraqis and the neighboring states. Will you support legislation to make these recommendations U.S. policy?

2) A huge portion, about 95 percent, of what the U.S. spends to engage with the rest of the world is allocated to the military budget. A tiny amount, about five percent, is devoted to diplomacy, development, and supporting international institutions that can help to solve problems before they turn into deadly conflict. Will you support the U.S. paying its full, fair share of United

Nations dues and commit to increasing funding for the State Department and U.S. Agency for International Development?

3) Cluster bombs disperse smaller “bomblets” that can kill all living creatures within a specific area often as large as several football fields. In the last 10 years, the U.S. has used cluster bombs in civilian-populated areas of the former Yugoslavia, Afghanistan and Iraq. Will you support legislation in the House (H.R. 1755) and the Senate (S. 594) that would ban the use of cluster bombs in civilian populated areas?

4) The U.S. Army has established firm policies—written into the Army Field Manual—that prohibit torture. Yet the Justice Department insists the CIA should be exempt from these Army requirements and have the right to torture some prisoners. Would you support legislation requiring all U.S. government personnel - including the CIA - to ban torture and abide by the definitions in the U.S. Army Field Manual?

5) As Senator, would you make it a priority to pursue the goal of a “world free of nuclear weapons,” as was envisioned by former Secretaries of State Shultz and Kissinger, former Senator Nunn, and former Defense Secretary Perry? How would you work towards this goal?

6) In November, 2007, 30 Senators signed a letter “emphasizing that no congressional authority exists for unilateral military action against Iran.” As a Senator, would you sign such a letter? What else would you do to ensure that Congress takes back its responsibility to protect our nation and the people of the world from an aggressive President?

Earth Day Event

On April 22 from 7:30-9:00pm at Carroll Hall Auditorium come hear David Orr, chair of the Environmental Studies Program at Oberlin College and author of almost a dozen environmental books, speak at UNC-Chapel Hill about the state of our environment. The title of his talk is “Some Like it Hot, but Lots more Don’t: The Changing Climate of US Politics.” Other Earth Day/Week events can be seen at <http://sustainability.unc.edu/Default.aspx?tabid=59>

Piedmont Friends Fellowship Annual Retreat

The Piedmont Friends Fellowship Annual Retreat will be held this year over the weekend of April 25 - 27, 2008 at Camp New Hope (<http://www.newhopeccc.org/>) just north of Chapel Hill. The theme of this year's retreat will be Building Community. PFF is in the process of putting together a flyer and registration materials which should be available within the next few weeks. We have set the cost at \$45/adult or \$35/adult (1 night and 3 meals). Kids attend free of charge as usual.

Since this event is in our backyard, Chapel Hill Friends is taking on more of the work of organizing the Retreat than is typical. We will be handling the registration for the retreat. We will be working with New Garden Friends meeting to provide programming for both the high school and middle school youth. Durham Friends will be handling the food, but we may be asked to provide them with some assistance. Anyone who feels led (even a little bit) to help out with any of these tasks should contact Terry Mehlman (tdmehlman@gmail.com; 919.644.6491) who will lavishly express her appreciation for the assistance.

Earth Action Day Celebration

Saturday, April 26, 2008 11 AM - 4 PM

The Town of Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department will present a new Earth Day Celebration on the plaza atop the James C. Wallace Parking Deck.

Newcomer's Lunch

On Sunday, April 27, at the rise of Late Meeting, you are welcome to a Newcomers' Lunch. If you are a relative newcomer to Chapel Hill Friends Meeting, please join us for lunch after the 11:00 meeting. We'd like to get to know you. Even if it has been a while, but you still feel new and would like to get to know some of us better, please come. All old timers are welcome to join us, too.

Environmental Concerns

April Meeting Cancelled

Our regularly scheduled meeting for 4th Sunday in April will be cancelled due to the Piedmont Friends Fellowship Conference where we will all be Sunday, April 27th. In the meantime, here's some food for thought from the EC Committee: *A Carbon Footnote: The energy needed for a load in your dryer is equivalent to that used to go 70 miles in your car.*

Student Benefit Concert for Heifer International Project

On Friday, May 2, at 7:30pm, Sara Gabrielson will hold a benefit concert at the Center Building at Carolina Friends School. She writes:

“The Heifer International Project is a non-profit organization that uses donations to buy animals for needy families in developing countries. The Project also teaches the people to care for the animal so that they can receive as much benefit as possible. Since I was a kid of eight or nine I have been donating money to buy animals for the Project. I have bought flocks of chickens for \$20 and honeybee hives for \$30, but my dream has always been to buy an Ark. An Ark is two of every animal the Project sells from water buffalo to bees and costs \$5,000. I am a senior in high school and decided that there wasn't a better time to pursue that dream. I am organizing an evening performance of music and dance. The dance will be mostly student choreographed and performed focused in contemporary. Some of the music will also be student composed. Please join us for a night of fun to help others around the world. There is no set fee but donations are accepted. If you cannot make it to the performance, but would like to donate, or if you have any questions feel free to contact me. I hope to see you all there!”

Sara Gabrielson, 919-636-1747

Stewardship Investing: Aligning Our Faith and Investments

Presentation by Mark A. Regier
Stewardship Investing Services Manager
MMA/MMA Praxis Mutual Funds

This is an event being offered by the Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship, which meets here in our Meetinghouse. It will be held on Sunday evening, May 4, at 6:30 p.m., beginning with a worship service at 5:00 p.m.

Our investments bear witness to our faith. Discover the many practical ways we can integrate our faith with our investment choices. Explore the world of faith-based, socially responsible investing and learn how our financial decisions have an impact on the people, communities and environments around the world. How do we balance our fiscal responsibilities to our families, churches and institutions, while following Christ's call to be stewards of our social impact as well? Understand how the tools of careful company selection, corporate engagement, proxy voting and community development investing can ensure your faith and investments are aligned. MMA's efforts to influence the practices of some major American corporations at shareholder meetings will be reported.

Friends needed to host traveling Quakers--May 16 - 18

Raleigh Friends Meeting is hosting the first meeting of the FGC 2009 planning committee and is looking for local Friends to host attendees. Please let Jennifer Leeman (jleeman@email.unc.edu) know if you are able to house someone overnight on May 16 and 17. Also let her know if you are going to attend the planning meeting in Raleigh.

Peace-Builders Delegation

Michael Brown, son of Edwin and Nickey Brown, will be co-leading an American Friends Service Committee/Interfaith Peace-Builders delegation to Israel and the occupied West Bank from May 25-June 7. Information for those interested in joining the delegation can be found at www.ifpbdel.org.

Conference on Hearing Accessibility

A conference for clergy and laity on “Hearing Accessibility” will be held on May 31 from 10am - 3pm at Garner UMC in Garner, NC. Registration is required by May 23. Lunch is included in the registration fee.

More than 1,030,000 people in North Carolina have hearing loss, the majority of whom are hard of hearing or late-deafened. Only 20% of those who need hearing aids use them. This can result in isolation and being disconnected from the life of the church. Very few have been won to Christ because far too often the church is the hardest place to hear.

The May 31 Hearing Accessibility Conference is an effort to educate and provide resources to reach out to people with all levels of hearing loss, their families and friends. Both clergy and laity will find their membership care and outreach strengthened by attending this Conference.

Call John Crowe at (919) 759-2146. This conference is being sponsored by Committee on Disability Concerns of the NC Conference of the United Methodist Church. The early bird registration fee is \$15 for those who sign up by May 1. After May 1, the registration fee goes up to \$20.

Mini Couple Enrichment Workshop

Mike & Marsha Green are looking for couples in committed relationship to join them for a “mini couple enrichment retreat” on Saturday, May 31. They will be offering a week-long Couple Enrichment workshop at Friends General Conference this summer and wish to prepare some new exercises stimulated by their recent annual Couple Enrichment leaders retreat at the Quaker retreat center in Ben Lomond, CA.

Committed relationships need constant attention and intention. Come renew and deepen the love in your relationship in a setting that is safe, supportive, and holy. The retreat will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting schoolhouse and will cost \$15 per couple. (\$10 of this goes to the Couple Enrichment program of FGC). Everyone is asked to bring their own bag lunch. If childcare is needed, please let us know by May 15.

This workshop is under the care of the Care & Counsel Committee of the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting. Couple Enrichment for Friends is a part of the Traveling Ministry Program of Friends General Conference. Mike and Marsha

have been nurturing relationships through workshops at FGC Gathering and at meetings near and far since 1998. They are a certified leader couple under FGC and the Association for Couples in Marriage Enrichment.

This workshop is open to all couples who view themselves as committed partners regardless of their marital status or gender orientation. The workshop is about “enrichment,” not therapy, counseling, or encounter. We would love to have young couples, old couples, newly-weds, oldie-weds, or any other couples committed to enriching their relationship.

For questions or to register, call (919) 929-2339 or email mgreen@mindspring.com.

Obituary for Alice Carver Cramer

Alice Carver Cramer of Englewood, NJ, and formerly of Chapel Hill died February 25. She was 96. After a long career teaching English, she retired to Chapel Hill in 1973 and was a member of the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting. A memorial service is planned. Survivors include two sons, Owen Cramer of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Browning Cramer of Nyack, NY; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the NC Botanical Garden.

Application Information for Shotts or Leadership Development Funds

Applications for funds from the Shotts or Leadership Development Funds should be sent to: shotts-leadershipfunds@chapelhillfriends.org

Messages can also be sent directly to: astacrowe@gmail.com, with copy to: mgreen@mindspring.com and jcleaver@nc.rr.com.

**Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of
the Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
March 16, 2008
Minutes**

Jennifer Leeman, clerk and Susan Inglis, recording clerk

Query: Does our Meeting adequately support and participate in regional, national, and international Quaker institutions and organizations, and also in other organizations with similar goals of non-violence and social justice? Do we actively increase understanding of Quaker history, traditions, and testimonies among ourselves and the community at large?

1. The Clerk welcomed Friends and recognized Jasmine McKewen as a first-time attender. She then reviewed the Agenda and made requested adjustments.

2. Review of Minutes for February 17 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. Friends approved the Minutes as written.

3. Treasurer's Report

Giving her first Treasurer's report, Judy Purvis started with several big-picture points:

- As of this meeting, Judy is taking over the nuts and bolts of the meeting's finances.
- She prefers that questions, requests for reimbursements, etc now go directly to her, as a single point of contact for the meeting on all financial matters.
- Requests for reimbursement should go to Judy through the committee clerk, so that it is clear which committee budget the money comes out of.
- We have a very good sense of our deposits over the last year since Terry has kept excellently detailed accounts of deposits. Judy noted that having a good sense of the money coming in facilitates our having a good sense of what is possible in use of our resources.
- Finance committee will do a report soon on the complete budget, to get us all back up to a thorough understanding of how we operate financially.

On budgets in general, Judy noted how things feed each other, how

our sense of what the budget is defines what we believe is possible. Perhaps when we see that a budget is balancing, we may not feel a strong need for our individual contribution and decide to put our money elsewhere; similarly, when committees see that they only have a certain amount of money to work with they may not allow their imaginations free rein in conceiving of programs to implement or in addressing their agenda items. This is a circle we may want to break out of. The Treasurer invites us to consider how we can do more, to be encouraged to think about the meeting's financial responsibilities as they relate to the priorities of our faith and practice.

She then reviewed the attached Treasurer's Report.

Returning to the big picture, Judy pointed out that we have not paid our benevolences recently. We will be caught up by mid-April, so next month the meeting will see a leaner bottom line. On average our benevolences are \$4000/month, approximately matching our average income, so we need to think about income. Friends are cautioned that this is an upcoming issue we need to resolve. The Finance Committee, responsible for how the meeting manages our finances, will be making an effort to involve Friends in the discussion. The Treasurer and the committee plan to close the books completely on June 30 and start fresh on July 1, not holding things over.

Friends noted that it is apparent we must all give more. When we increase the budget by 10%, for example, not all friends can increase their giving by that percentage, so Friends who can give more must be encouraged to do so. A Friend commented that given the stock market's decline, perhaps when we are given funds we will use fairly promptly, we should not put them in the stock market. Friends expressed appreciation for the new bare-bones structure of the Treasurer's Report, and accepted the report with profound appreciation.

4. Annual Report, Youth Religious Education Committee

John Hite presented the report because Beth Kurtz-Costes, Clerk, and our youth are in Nashville TN this weekend, currently traveling back from a trip longer than they usually make. The report is attached here.

Friends accepted the report with appreciation, expressing particular gratitude to John Hite and to Wren Hendrickson for the ways in which they develop youth leadership – trusting and giving space while also providing the needed guidance. Friends also expressed their delight at seeing all the youth in meeting for worship recently.

5. Annual Report, Care & Counsel Committee

Lynn Drake, Clerk, presented the report, attached here.

Friends asked questions about the logistics of the effort to provide rides to Friends, which has evolved to serve the need, but which also builds relationships within our meeting. Friends also asked about the relationship of the Hospital/Home Visitation Committee to the Care & Counsel Committee. Since Kay Eager, who served as a link on the two committees, is no longer on the Hospital/Home Visitation Committee, the committee, and/or Nominations Committee needs to be mindful to establishing a link between the two committees. Friends are reminded that when they are aware of others' needs they should contact Care & Counsel committee members. Lynn noted that the heart and soul of the work of the committee is confidential, so this report is only on activities. Friends accepted the report with gratitude and appreciation for the committee's good work.

6. Requests for Input on FCNL Priorities

At the request of the Friends Committee on National Legislation, Peace & Social Concerns Committee has reviewed FCNL's list of priorities and has identified the priorities they consider of greatest concern. Hank Elkins of Peace & Social Concerns provided an update on the committee's work and requested that Friends provide input by email. The draft identified priorities are:

- Actively support the United Nations and international law.
- Drastically reduce military spending.
- Restore the rightful role of government as the promoter of the public good by providing adequate resources to alleviate poverty and address pressing human and community needs, such as healthcare, education, employment, housing, nutrition and public transportation.
- Halt the explosion of the prison industrial complex by supporting alternatives to incarceration.
- Fully support the International Declaration of Human Rights and comply with its respective covenants.
- Establish equitable and sustainable use of the world's natural resources by participating in and complying with multilateral environmental agreements.

Hank noted that some of these are new, and that we have been assured by Nancy Milio, current clerk of FCNL, that the committee pays attention to all the input they get from all meetings. Friends voiced concern about the careful use of language and the importance of being constructive

rather than inflammatory. One Friend shared her current practice of sending care packages to soldiers (at specially offered postal rates) as a way of supporting the troops without supporting the war.

7. Conversation for Peace

Tom Munk expressed appreciation for the support the meeting provided at our last business meeting, and reported on the growing list of groups joining together in the effort. There are currently 16 groups currently co-sponsoring the effort.

Tom requests that all who have ideas on who they could contact to be added as sponsored to let him know. At this point, the group's focus is on Elizabeth Dole, Kay Hagan, and Jim Neal. It is not yet clear which of these candidates (or which of their staff) will attend. As of now, Elizabeth Dole can't come on those dates, but her military advisor may be able to come; Kay Hagan has expressed objection to sharing a microphone with the military advisor, and with lesser candidates; Jim Neal has said yes, but not been specific. Friends expressed their appreciation for Tom's efforts and one Friend commented there may be room for taking this sort of discussion to other candidates in other races.

8. Announcements:

- There will be a memorial service for Tim Heninger at the Meeting House at 2:00 on March 22.
- Meeting for Worship with Attention to Graduation will be June 1. We have 12 graduating this year.
- Meeting for Worship Times for the Summer will remain 8:30 and 11:00.
- Adult Religious Education is beginning to work on a plan for forums.
- Nancy Martin announced that Library Committee has culled through the books in the Library and asks for Friends' help in checking the books they have chosen to remove to affirm their judgment. Friends are asked to look through the boxes in the Library and let the committee know which of these should be kept by putting them in the "keepers" box with a note. After this process, the others will be given to whoever wants them and/or donated to another meeting.
- Nominations Committee is identifying members for the Meetings Committees. Please let a member of Nominations know if you feel led to join a committee or have a suggestion. (Faye Stanley, Polly Ulin, Annette Broadwell, Susan Inglis, Tom Munk, John Hite, Jeff Brown).

- The Piedmont Friends Fellowship Retreat will be April 25-27 at Camp New Hope. Our meeting has been asked to help with the middle and high school program and with registration. Please let Terry Mehlman know if you can help. We particularly need help with the middle and high school programs.

- Friends General Conference will be June 28 - July 5th in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with a large group of Friends. Many of us would be willing to tell you about FGC if anyone has any questions (Judy Purvis, Hank & Nancy Elkins, Mike, Marsha, & Tristan Green, Jennifer Leeman, Tom Munk, Rachel Leeman-Munk, Terry Mehlman, to name a few). FGC, PFF, and our Meeting all have scholarship money available to help you attend. Learn more about FGC at <http://www.fgcquaker.org/>

Annual Report of the Care and Counsel Committee 3-16-2008

With the responsibility for the oversight of the pastoral care of each Meeting member and attender, the Care and Counsel Committee is concerned with each one's spiritual and physical welfare while being mindful of the need for privacy and confidentiality.

This past year, members of Care and Counsel served on or convened eight different clearness committees for a variety of purposes. In addition, several members also served on support committees for members and attenders serving the Meeting.

There have been several initiatives begun this year as well. Marilyn Dyer was instrumental in starting the First Day morning worship at Carol Woods. This 11:00 gathering has continued to faithfully meet every week. All are invited to join them in worship. In addition, Marilyn distributes Meeting Newsletters to Friends at Carol Woods.

We have been talking about transportation needs in the Meeting for several years. Robin Harper volunteered to coordinate those friends offering rides with those requesting rides. As situations and needs change, we realize that adjustments will need to be made so everyone who wants to get to Meeting for Worship is able. Robin will continue as our contact person for the "Holy Rollers."

The photo board of Meeting members and attenders has been a work in progress for the past two years. With the assistance from our teen photographers, some digital photos are now posted on the board in the foyer. We are encouraging all who are not on the board to bring in a photo to be added.

This display will help us all to learn each other's names.

Other activities include Marilyn Dyer and Lynn Drake assisting Pat Mann and Jim Bartow in planning the Spiritual State of the Meeting retreat. Members of Care and Counsel met with members of the Hospitality Committee to consider the difficulty of addressing long-term needs of some in our Meeting while continuing to provide assistance to those with short-term needs. Lucille Hawk provided consultation and advice on social services that would be appropriate for referrals for those with long-term needs. We have supported the special work of Jan Hutton and Mike and Marsha Green by having Jan's Compassionate Listening and Mike and Marsha's Couple Enrichment programs be offered under the care of the Care and Counsel Committee.

At the extremes of life's journey, Care and Counsel organized a Baby Welcoming in October, and participated in the end-of-life preparation series held in January and February. We were pleased to welcome Caitlyn Fulp and Eric Sheaves into our fellowship with certificates prepared by our calligrapher, Robin Harper, and signed by all who were present at the October 7th Meeting for Worship. Kay Eager represented the Care and Counsel Committee as a participant in a Forum on January 13th on end-of-life preparations. She joined Catherine Elkins, Buffie Webber, and Matt Drake. This Forum was followed by three post-meeting sessions in January and February designed to help participants prepare their end-of-life documents. We need to follow these sessions with some minor edits to the documents that are on the Meeting's website and then with encouragement of Friends to complete these forms and file them with us. We appreciate the work of Catherine, Buffie, Matt, and Kay in helping us get prepared.

It is with sadness that we record the deaths of Ruth Koster in March, June Spruyt in June, Robert Heckel in June, infants Emmanuel and Caleb Schaefer in December, and Tim Heninger in February.

We are grateful for the long and faithful service of Marnie Clark, Deborah Gibbs, and Martha Gwyn who completed their second terms on Care and Counsel in June. Martha served as committee convener for many of those years.

Lynn Drake, convener, for David Brower, Marilyn Dyer, Kay Eager, Robin Harper, Perry Martin, Jim Palmer, Bonnie Raphael, and Jennifer Leeman, ex-officio.

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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

Clerk of the Meeting: Jennifer Leeman (929.9135)
Resident: John Hite (929.5377)

This newsletter is published every first Sunday under the care of the Publications and Records Committee. The deadline for submissions is evening, last Sunday of the month. Please email submissions to news@chapelhillfriends.org, or call James and Robin Harper at 919.768.9870.

To send Meeting News and In The Light announcements via email, or to get your name on our listserve, contact news@chapelhillfriends.org.

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	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	12pm	Potluck - Schoolhouse
Thurs. 4/10	7-9pm	Compassionate Listening Session - Schoolhouse
Sat. 4/12	2-4pm	Funeral Regulations Discussion - Durham Friends
Sun. 4/13	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: Quaker Theology
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
Wed. 4/16	10am	Quaker Women's Gathering - Marnie Clark's
	5:30pm	Celebration of Local Food - CFS
Sat. 4/19	6:30pm	Vegetarian Potluck - Kara & Chip GrawOzburn's
Sun. 4/20	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:30am	Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
Mon. 4/21	7:30pm	Conversations About Peace - CFS
Thurs. 4/24	7-9pm	Compassionate Listening Session - Schoolhouse
Fri. 4/25-Sun. 27		PFF Annual Retreat - Camp New Hope
Sat. 4/26	evening	CFS Alumni Gathering - Josh Lozoff's
Sun. 4/27	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum:
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
		Rise of Late Meeting - Newcomers' Lunch
	10pm	<i>Deadline to Turn In Items for the Newsletter!</i>
Fri. 5/2	7:30pm	Heifer Project Benefit Concert - CFS
Sun. 5/4	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum:
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	6:30pm	Stewardship Investing - Meetinghouse