

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Newsletter



January 2010

Monthly Query:

“Is our meeting a loving community in which respect and care for one another are so deep that we recognize and respond to one another’s needs?”

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Forums

9:45am in the Meetinghouse

January 3: Music & Arts-Quaker Celebration of Life

January 10: Hollister Knowlton

January 24: Pilgrimage to Mecca: Hajj 2009 - Zeba Kahn

January 31: Personal Sharing - Buffie Webber

February 7: Update on FCNL Initiatives - Nancy Milio

Hollister Is Coming! Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream Symposium

Saturday, January 9

9:30am in the Schoolhouse

Where on Earth are we going? And what can we do about it? These are two of the questions at the heart of the Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream Symposium. The Symposium originated in response to an indigenous tribe in Ecuador who made a call to the people of the North to become more aware of their interactions with the Earth. Through the Pachamama Alliance their voice is being heard globally. The Symposium is a profound inquiry into a bold vision: to bring forth an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling, and socially just human presence on Earth. Come, listen to their call and be a part of this important movement. Explore what this vision means for you, and partake in this opportunity to create an inspiring future.

We invite you to join Hollister Knowlton, former clerk of Quaker Earthcare Witness, at the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting school house on January 9 from 9:30am – 5:00pm. Bring a sack lunch, and contact tommunk@westat.com for child care. \$20 is the recommended donation to support the cost of the workshop and Hollister's travel and ministry. Please donate what you can; all additional proceeds will go to the Pachamama Alliance.

To pre-register please contact jacksem@earlham.edu and for additional information go to www.awakeningthedreamer.org.

Exploring Quakerism

Sundays, January 10, February 14, March 14

1:00-2:30pm in the Meetinghouse

Lloyd Kramer's class on the history, spiritual traditions, and current directions of Quakerism continues this month. These discussion meetings will include an introductory overview of key themes and small group conversations, and each session will focus on a chapter in the concise book by Pink Dandelion, "The Quakers: A Very Short Introduction." Contact Lloyd Kramer for more information (lskramer@mindspring.com).

Women's Voices Chorus Concert

Sunday, January 24

3:00pm at University United Methodist Church in Chapel Hill

"Ain't I a Woman!" is a winter concert by Women's Voices Chorus. The concert's title comes from the famous words of Sojourner Truth at the Ohio Women's Rights Convention in 1851, and features songs about heroines through the ages. From Old Testament heroines to the Virgin Mary, from Abraham Lincoln's mother to unnamed women toiling at factories and homes, this concert sings of the strength and grace of women, both young and old.

For more information contact (919) 684-3855, allan@duke.edu, or www.womensvoiceschorus.org. Tickets available at the door; \$15 adults, \$5 students, and discount rate available for groups of 10 or more if you arrange in advance.

Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns Midwinter Gathering

Friday, February 12 to Monday, February 15

All Friends are warmly invited to the 2010 Midwinter Gathering of Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns at the Graymoor Spiritual Life Center in the Hudson Valley of New York State. Friends for Les-

bian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns is a North American Quaker faith community that affirms that of God in all people. Gathering twice yearly for worship and play, we draw sustenance from each other and from the Spirit for our work and life in the world. We are learning that radical inclusion and radical love bring further light to Quaker testimony and life.

We intend our theme of “Stitching Our Quilts, Waving Our Banners” to be an opportunity for us to explore the diverse ways we build relationships and communities, how we build and claim pride in that diversity, and how we build mutual support and accountability with our wider communities. We will have a keynote speaker and a panel to speak about the variety of our relationships and how our Meetings support us in that diversity. There will also be a threshing session and time in our Meetings for Worship for Business to consider how to bring to life the FLGBTQC Midwinter Gathering 2009 epistle, which speaks of “bringing Quakers together to help us all understand what is meant by ‘that which God joins together.’”

The weekend will also include the opportunity to participate in small-group worship sharing each morning, workshops and interest groups, evening social activities, free time to relax and explore the beautiful grounds, and all-community worship each day.

Details on childcare, financial aid, transportation, our program, and the site are available online at <http://sites.google.com/site/midwinter2010> or by contacting us at nymidwinter@gmail.com, 410-236-3372. Registration materials are also available at that website. Register early to ensure on-site housing!

Forgiveness as a Spiritual Practice: A Workshop Facilitated by Sue Regen

**Sponsored by the Chapel Hill Meeting and
the Spiritual Enrichment Committee**

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, February 26, 27, & 28

Life brings to each of us, experiences of anger, fear, hurt, and pain. What we do with these is up to each individual. Choosing to practice forgiveness can bring healing and inner peace. Forgiveness work helps us reconnect with our selves and others in more loving ways. Research shows that it's great for our physical health, too!

Come and join with others who are willing to take some steps along this spiritual path. Focus is on tools and techniques, not on therapy. Workshop will include presentations, quiet worship, guided meditation, practicing techniques, and group and individual time.

Sue Regen, a member of Rochester Friends Meeting, has been working in the area of forgiveness since 2002. It is part of her personal journey. She has led forgiveness workshops at Attica Prison, Friends Conference on Religion and Psychology (Annville, PA), Friends General Conference Gathering 2005 (Blacksburg, VA), Rochester Friends Meeting, and at Powell House Conference Center (Old Chatham, NY).

Details and CUT OUT REGISTRATION FORM on the next page!

CUT OUT AND RETURN TO MIKE GREEN

Dates:

OPEN TO EVERYONE: Friday, February 26, 2010, 7:00 to 9:00pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Saturday, February 27, 9:00am to 5:00pm

FIRST-DAY FORUM (OPEN): Sunday, February 28, 9:45am to 10:45am

Place:

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Schoolhouse, 531 Raleigh Rd., Chapel Hill, NC

Cost:

Friday: FREE.

Saturday: \$10 (includes materials and food). Make checks payable to “Chapel Hill Friends Meeting.” Scholarships available from the Meeting’s Leadership Development/Shotts Funds.

Register:

For Saturday only by Sunday, February 21 (details below).

Limit:

Saturday workshop is limited to 30 people.

Meals:

Lunch, drinks, and snacks will be provided.

Childcare:

Provided upon request. Please indicate need on registration form below.

Questions:

Contact Mike Green at (919) 929-2339 or email to mikequaker@gmail.com.

Suggested book:

“A Little Book of Forgiveness” by D. Patrick Miller, Fearless Books

Please cut out and mail or hand in the below:

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WORKSHOP REGISTRATION - FORGIVENESS AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE
(required only for Saturday, February 27, 2010)

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Childcare ages: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Enclose \$10.00 per participant. Make checks payable to “Chapel Hill Friends Meeting.” Send to Registrar Mike Green, 1010 Wells Street, Durham, NC, 27707. (919) 929-2339. mikequaker@gmail.com.

Mr. Munk Goes To Washington

On December 8, I traveled to Washington with a message from the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting to our Representative and Senators:

“Our Quaker testimonies of equality, community, and simplicity tell us that health care is a human right. We ask our representatives in Washington to ensure that all of us receive the health care we need just as the citizens of other wealthy nations do. We particularly endorse Medicare for All or, at minimum, a robust public option.”

I went to bring this message and to hear their responses. I had, via email, arranged appointments with legislative aides for our two Senators and with Representative Price at 2:30, 3:30, and 4:30. I arrived at Senator Hagan’s office at 2:30 precisely, a bit flustered and out of breath, hauling with me my laptop, small suitcase/backpack, and overcoat. The Meeting’s conversation with Kay Hagan had begun in September. The Peace and Social Concerns Committee and other interested individuals had initially had an email correspondence with the coordinator of her Greensboro office, Sue Wink, who did a good job of addressing our statement and our concerns. Sue arranged a November conference call with Michelle Adams, the Senator’s legislative assistant on health care. Five of us joined that conference call, speaking with the well-informed Ms. Adams at some length about universal health care (the Senator was not ready to push that far), budget neutrality (the Senator was firm that any health care proposal must be budget neutral, but is not willing to apply that same standard to our occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan), and about the robust public option (the Senator had supported the HELP committee’s reasonably robust public option as part of the package from which the uninsured, small businesses, and others could choose, but was also open to ideas that would weaken that option, such as triggers and co-ops.) Michelle was not available on the day of my DC visit so I met with Devan Barber, legislative correspondent for the Senator. I asked her whether there was any scenario under which Senator Hagan would join the Republican filibuster, which some anti-public-option Democrats had been threatening to do. Devan assured me that she could not envision that. She also assured me that it was unlikely the Senator would vote against the final package, although she felt that there was always a chance that some amendment would be attached to the bill which would make it impossible for the Senator to support. Finally, I asked

her to thank the Senator for her support of health care reform, said the bill was already far from our ideal, but that we wanted it to pass without further compromise. I asked her also to support Senator Sanders' amendment, which would allow states that wished to to institute single-payer systems of their own.

I next arrived at Senator Burr's office for my 3:30 appointment to meet with Anna Abram, Senator Burr's public health policy director. I shared our statement with her and told her I wanted to let the Senator know that my experience of North Carolina voters was different from his. All the North Carolina voters I had spoken with wanted health reform now. I explained that we were not satisfied with this bill, but we were much less satisfied with the status quo and were very unhappy with the Senator's clear intent to delay the bill and to filibuster it to death. Anna explained that the Senator had not had time to read the massive bill yet, and that he was looking for a sustainable fix to our health care problems. She said that his commitment to health care reform was demonstrated by his Patients' Choice Act, which I had read summaries of on the train ride from North Carolina. The Patients' Choice Act is designed to give citizens money with which to buy their own health insurance. Going back to our original statement, I wondered whether Senator Burr had a philosophical difference with us regarding the idea of health care as a right. She said she did not know and would get back to me. I thanked her for her time and hurried on to Rep. Price's office.

I arrived at Rep. Price's office just about 4:30 where I met with Rep. Price and Laura Thrift, one of the Representative's legislative assistants. Rep. Price supports single-payer health care in principle, but said it has no traction, largely because the Clinton reform effort showed that many, many voters just want to keep what they have. Rep. Price was comfortable with our statement, although he said he prefers to speak about meeting human needs instead of about health care as a human right. Regarding the public option, Laura said she believed that, for both political and policy reasons, it was good to start with a small public option in the health care exchange. She feared that going too big too fast could lead to a disaster that would besmirch government-sponsored insurance for decades to come. I asked them both how we could help make our wishes come true. They said that calls matter; that passion is important. One anti-health-care-reform advocate has called the Representative one hundred times. Laura said that Rep. Price could be counted on to vote the right way, and that she felt buoyed by

calls and visits such as ours.

On my way to Union Station, I happened by a candlelight vigil supporting health care reform and a strong public option. It was fairly small, but, like Laura, I felt buoyed.

Tom Munk

Bill Moyers's Journal

If Friends wish to access Bill Moyer's journal (the current interviews are extremely pertinent), they may do so at www.pbs.org. Francis Coyle will be happy to send the transcript as an attachment by email, too; contact him at panchonc1@hotmail.com.

Environmental Book Section in Library

The Environmental Concerns Committee invites you to peruse their shelf in the library and borrow books that interest you. The shelf is to the left of the coffee/tea service bar, if you're standing with your back to the Meeting room.

“Kilowatt Ours” Tip: Thermostats

(courtesy of ECC)

Thermostats. Do you have one? They come in many shapes, sizes and technologies. In a recent meeting with NES (Kilowatt Ours's local power company), we had a long discussion about thermostats. The topic was, “does it save energy to turn down my thermostat at night, or when our home is empty during the day?” Answer: YES, this does save energy. And YES, if you have an electric heat pump, and you crank up the heat after having it set down for a few hours it may turn on your emergency resistance heat and end up consuming more energy than you saved. So, it does matter “how” you bring the temp back up.

Rule of thumb

There is a rule of thumb to keep your savings: when you are ready to crank the heat back up, turn up your thermostat one degree at a time to prevent your system from kicking on the emergency heat. (If you have natural gas heat, this doesn't matter). In other words, turn your thermostat up one degree. When the

room has reached this temp and the heat pump clicks off, turn it up another degree. And so on until you are back in your comfort zone. This will keep your savings in place.

Stay warm. Keep it at 68 or lower for greatest savings (and put on a sweater, or do some jumping jacks).

Update on the Finance Committee

With Friends' financial support last year, the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting paid all its bills and benevolences. Combined with gifts from others and frugal spending by our committees, the Meeting ended last fiscal year with more income than expenses.

The Finance Committee invites Friends' support in the new year. The Meeting budget for 2009-2010 totals \$68,730. (The budget can be viewed online.)

Letters were sent including "giving plans" for the new fiscal year. Friends are encouraged to continue turning in plans. Anyone who still needs a "Contribution Response Form", please contact Matt Drake (mattdrake@mindspring.com) or a member of the Finance Committee.

Friends Journal in Need

Friends Journal is in a grave state now. It actually costs \$112.24 for each one-year subscription, but subscribers are charged only \$39.95. The Journal has been drawing on its principle to meet the gap, but now no longer can. Only 15% of subscribers have ever made a donation beyond the price of their subscription.

In the last ten years, Friends Journal has been recognized as a leader among religious magazines, and has received numerous awards. In today's world, subscription and advertising revenue cover only 52% of the Journal's costs. It is remarkable that this magazine's predecessors began publishing in 1827. Friends have found its ministry worth keeping alive.

Marilyn Dyer

Greener Newsletter in the Works

Emily Nelson of the Environmental Concerns Committee has taken the initiative to look into greening our newsletter. She is in the process of negotiating the

price for 100% recycled paper with our current publisher, FedEx/Kinko's. We have also requested using soy or vegetable based ink. Kinko's does not offer such ink at this time, but we are continuing our research and looking into using other vendors. Incidentally, we'd like to encourage Friends to also "Buy Recycled" for their own printing needs, and to print on the blank backs of used paper when permissible (reports passed out at Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business are often done this way already!).

Another way we would like to lessen the amount of paper and ink used would be to print fewer copies of the newsletter, and encourage Friends to try reading the online version, which can be accessed at chapelhillfriends.org. Please note that even though we would like to dramatically reduce the number of copies we make, we will NOT ELIMINATE THE PAPER NEWSLETTER entirely. We recognize that there are many Friends who do not have access to the online version, or who really prefer the paper version. We also want to have paper copies for visitors, as well as for the Meeting archive.

The Publications and Records Committee seeks your input regarding these efforts. Please contact James or Robin Harper (768.9870 or news@chapelhillfriends.org) if you have thoughts about it.

**Chapel Hill Friends Meeting
Appointed Meeting for Worship
with Attention to Business
Thursday, December 3**

The meeting opened with worship.

Crop Walk Request

The clerk brought forward a request from our IFC representatives to approve \$125 from the Meeting's discretionary fund to pay for the Meeting to be a sponsor of the Crop Walk. This would pay for having the Meeting's name on T-shirts. Friends Approved.

PFF Consideration

The clerk then read the letter from PFF requesting that all member meetings of PFF respond to a set of queries about PFF becoming a yearly meeting. (queries attached). Friends were reminded that Terry Mehlman and Annette Broadwell are our current PFF representatives. Friends were asked to engage in a discussion with the understanding that a formal response to the queries will be prepared by the clerk and recording clerk and brought back to the next business meeting for approval before being sent on to PFF.

There followed a wide-ranging discussion in which Friends asked questions, spoke of their own experiences, and shared concerns.

The discussion centered on two issues:

- 1) Do we think PFF should consider being a yearly meeting, and
- 2) Do we think that Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting should affiliate with a yearly meeting.

After some discussion, the clerk voiced the sense of the meeting that Friends did not feel any leading to endorse asking PFF to move forward with considering being a yearly meeting. There was a lack of clarity about what being a yearly meeting would enable PFF to do that it can't already, and concerns about lack of energy in PFF and how making PFF a Yearly Meeting would affect current PFF member meetings who are already affiliated with yearly meetings. Friends recognized that as one of the largest meetings, CHFM would be expected to give a lot of energy and resources to a Yearly Meeting. One Friend felt strongly that unless we were certain we were willing to make that commitment, we should not ask PFF to move forward toward becoming a yearly meeting. Another friend asked what PFF meetings would like more of (such as support for small worship groups) and whether PFF can provide these things without becoming a yearly meeting.

Although Friends were not comfortable endorsing PFF moving forward in considering being a yearly meeting, there was some energy and excitement about CHFM considering affiliating with an existing yearly meeting. Individual Friends shared a sense that being involved in a yearly meeting could expand our community and give a sense of accountability through working with other Quakers to define who we are and how we act as a yearly meeting in the world. Friends also raised the concerns of whether we have enough members who are committed to engaging with a wider body of Friends as well as being

committed to engaging with the local meeting.

Friends recognized that although our youth have strong connections with Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association (SAYMA), most of the adult members of our meeting do not have much sense of what a yearly meeting is, or what the theological/cultural/historical differences are between various yearly meetings in our area (North Carolina Friends United Meeting [FUM], North Carolina Conservative, Baltimore, and SAYMA).

Friends asked Ministry and Worship to continue this conversation, and consider ways to engage the wider meeting in education and discussion about what affiliating with a yearly meeting would mean.

Memorial Meeting for Marnie Clark

Friends reported that the Meeting for Worship at Carol Woods on Dec. 1 in celebration of the life of Marnie Clark was well attended and meaningful.

Announcements

Announcements were made about the following upcoming events:

- * Environmental Concerns Committee invites everyone to hear Hollister Knowlton on January 9.
- * There will be a Meetinghouse work morning on December 5.
- * The Christmas Party will be December 13 from 4:30 – 6:30pm.
- * The older youth will be hosting an Alternative Gift Mart over the next few Sundays and at the Christmas Party.
- * The attempts at conversation with Senator Hagan and her staff about health care issues continues. Tom Munk will be travelling to Washington DC to continue the conversation with our elected officials and their staffs on December 8.

The meeting closed with worship.

Attending: Jennifer Leeman (clerk), Marsha Green (recording clerk), Dirk Spruyt, Perry Martin, Jeff Brown, Tom Munk, Jan Hutton, Wren Hendrickson, Pat Mann, Pam Schwingl, Buffie Webber, Dottie Heninger, Anne Smith, Lynn Drake, Matt Drake, Terry Mehlman.

PFF Queries

- (1) Is your meeting interested in PFF considering the question of becoming a Yearly meeting?
 - (2) How important is this question to your meeting?
 - (3) How do you see Yearly meeting affiliation strengthening your meeting?
 - (4) If PFF were to become a yearly meeting, how do you see that affecting your meeting?
 - (5) What concerns does your meeting have about PFF becoming a yearly meeting?
 - (6) Are there further concerns or issues that your meeting would like to bring forward to this discussion?
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Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Sunday, December 20

Opening worship

The meeting opened with worship on the query: Is our meeting a loving community in which respect and care for one another are so deep that we recognize and respond to one another's needs?

One friend responded with thanks for the cards, calls and hugs expressing sympathy when his mother died and said if this is an example of how we care for each other, then he can answer yes to the query.

Welcome to first time attenders

Welcome to Kitty Burgill, from Orange County CA.

Minutes from Nov.15, 2009

Friends approved the minutes from the November 15, 2009, Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business.

Update on Nominating Committee

The clerk announced that because Polly and Dick Ulin are moving, there is a need to identify a third new member for nominating committee.

Care & Counsel Annual Report

Lynn Drake read the Care & Counsel annual report (attached). Friends accepted the report with great appreciation.

Treasurer's Report, YTD through November 30, 2009

Judy Purvis, treasurer, provided the treasurer's report (will be in Feb. newsletter). She noted that income is up, as it generally is at the end of the year, and that football parking has been quite lucrative this year, which has made the youth program self-sufficient. Friends accepted the report with appreciation.

Peace & Social Concerns

1. Hank Elkins reported on Peace & Social Concerns's leading to urge David Price to sign on to a letter to President Obama asking him to take steps to ease the suffering in Gaza. On Thursday, Price was the first NC representative to sign this letter. Peace & Social Concerns asked the meeting to send a letter thanking David Price for supporting this effort. Friends approved having the clerk to send this letter on behalf of this meeting.

2. The meeting approved the recommendation from Peace & Social Concerns that we, as a Meeting, affiliate with JUICE (Justice United in Community Effort) and contribute our annual dues for FY2009-10 of \$200 from our discretionary fund. This affiliation will allow all meeting members to be on action teams and take part in leadership training with this local, non-partisan social justice group. Currently JUICE has teams working in six areas: environmental justice, jobs and wages, education, immigration, rural Orange County, healthcare, and affordable housing. The dues support small local staff.

The clerk noted that the Meeting has designated \$1325 to be spent from our discretionary fund: \$1,000 for ARE, \$125 to IFC (to be a crop-walk sponsor) and now \$200 for JUICE.

Announcements:

- * Dirk Kelder is selling a Christmas story he wrote, with all proceeds going to Chapel Hill Friends Meeting.
- * The new directory is now available.
- * The Christmas Eve service begins at 5:30pm, December 24.
- * Hollister Knowlton, former clerk of Quaker Earthcare Witness, will be leading a workshop at the Meeting on January 9.
- * The teens and middle schoolers are offering the alternative gift mart again today.
- * Hank Maiden is in the UNC hospitals.
- * Nick Mann graduated from Trinity College in Ireland last week with a master's degree.
- * Tom Munk has written a report about his meeting with representatives in Washington DC and placed it on the meeting website (www.chapelhillfriends.org). *(It is also available elsewhere in this newsletter.–Ed.)*

The meeting ended with a circle of worship.

Attending: Jennifer Leeman (clerk), Marsha Green (recording clerk), Hank Elkins, Nancy Elkins, Mike Green, Dirk Kelder, Max Drake, Ann Kessemeier, Pat Mann, Pam Schwingl, Lloyd Kramer, Judy Purvis, Carolyn Stuart, Ken Grogan, Larry Tabor, Dottie Heninger, Kitty Bergel, Miriam Thompson, Lynn Drake, Matt Drake, Anne Smith, Dirk Spruyt, Perry Martin, Wren Hendrickson, Tom Munk, Bettie Flash

**Annual Report of the Care and Counsel Committee
12-14-2009**

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

Early in this calendar year, the members of Care and Counsel agreed to guidelines to help us define support committees and clearness committees.

This was an attempt to gain an understanding of our capacity to meet short-term and long-term needs in the Meeting. In fulfilling our committee responsibilities, members of Care and Counsel participated in four clearness committees for membership and ten support committees that met for a variety of purposes, and many of these are continuing.

At each meeting of the Care and Counsel Committee, we review the needs of our Meeting community, averaging 20 individuals who merit our attention each month. We recently invited Steven Warnock from Project Compassion to give us an orientation to their organization and programs and 11 people from the Meeting attended. This is an initial step to help us get better prepared to meet visitation needs among our community.

We note with appreciation the responsiveness of James and Robin Harper in adding a contact button on the Meeting's website to make it easy for those who would like to be visited.

We have taken a hiatus from the weekly announcement nagging for pictures for our photo board in the foyer. We receive occasional end-of-life instructions from our community of worshipers for our file although we have not been actively promoting this effort this year. We continue to add to the Meeting's Memorial Book and welcome remembrances that you would like to contribute.

We are pleased to support Jan Hutton's ministry in Compassionate Listening. Jan offered two intensive one-day Compassionate Listening workshops under the care of the Care and Counsel Committee.

We note with sadness the deaths of these Meeting members and attenders or familial loved ones: Elizabeth Cooley, Nickey Brown, Ian Quick, Marcia Hawk, John Woodbury, and Marnie Clark.

We celebrated the birth of Elias Lawson Schaefer born to Brian and Joslyn Schaefer on January 15, 2009.

We are grateful for the faithful service of Kay Eager, Jim Palmer, and Bonnie Raphael who each completed their terms on the Care and Counsel Committee in June. We welcome new members Julia Cleaver, Beth Kurtz-Costes, and Chris Stanley.

Lynn Drake, convener, for David Brower, Julia Cleaver, Marilyn Dyer, Robin Harper, Beth Kurtz Costes, Perry Martin, Chris Stanley, Carolyn White, and Jennifer Leeman, ex-officio.

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting
Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious
Society of Friends

531 Raleigh Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514
929.5377

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 768.9870.

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

This and past issues of the newsletter are available online at www.chapelhillfriends.org. To get items posted on our website, send the information to news@chapelhillfriends.org.

Calendar: (All events at Meetinghouse unless otherwise indicated.)

Sun. 1/3	8:30am 9:45am 11am 11am 12:30pm	Meeting for Worship (Early) Forum: "Music & Arts/Quaker Celebration of Life" Meeting for Worship (Late) Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods Potluck & IFC (spaghetti) - Schoolhouse
Tue. 1/5	7:30-8:30pm	Environmental Concerns Com. - Schoolhouse
Wed. 1/6	10am	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 1/8	4:30-5:30pm	Quaker Women's Gathering - Bettie Flash's Home
Sat. 1/9	9:30am	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Sts.
Sun. 1/10	8:30am 9:45am 11am 11am 1-2:30pm	Awakening the Dreamer - Schoolhouse Meeting for Worship (Early) Forum: Hollister Knowlton Meeting for Worship (Late) Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods Exploring Quakerism - Lloyd Kramer
Tue. 1/12	7:30-8:30pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 1/15	4:30-5:30pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Sts.
Sun. 1/17	8:30am 9:30am 11am 11am	Meeting for Worship (Early) Meeting for Worship w/Attention to Business Meeting for Worship (Late) Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
Tue. 1/19	7:30-8:30pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Wed. 1/20	10am	Quaker Women's Gathering - Bettie Flash's Home
Fri. 1/22	4:30-5:30pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Sts.
Sun. 1/24	8:30am 9:45am 11am 11am	Meeting for Worship (Early) Forum: Pilgrimage to Mecca: Hajj 2009 - Zeba Kahn Meeting for Worship (Late) Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
Fri. 1/29	4:30-5:30pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Sts.
Sun. 1/31	8:30am 9:45am 11am 11am 10pm	Meeting for Worship (Early) Forum - Personal Sharing: Buffie Webber Meeting for Worship (Late) Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods Deadline To Turn In Items For Newsletter!
Tue. 2/2	7:30-8:30pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Wed. 2/3	10am	Quaker Women's Gathering - Bettie Flash's Home
Thu. 2/4	11am-1pm	CHFM Serves Lunch at Interfaith Shelter
Fri. 2/5	4:30-5:30pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Sts.
Sun. 2/7	8:30am 9:45am 11am 11am 12:30pm	Meeting for Worship (Early) Forum: Update on FCNL Initiatives - Nancy Milio Meeting for Worship (Late) Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods Potluck & IFC - Schoolhouse Environmental Concerns Com. - Schoolhouse