

# Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Newsletter

February, 2012



## Monthly Query:

*How does our Meeting recognize, develop, and nurture the gifts of our members and attenders of all ages?*

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## Upcoming Forum Schedule

### **2/5 - 75th Anniversary Forum: Enhancing Communication Among Us**

A panel of CHFM committee members will launch a discussion about how our Quaker faith & practice inspires, invigorates, and informs our work in the Meeting. How, as a faith community, do we discern truth and reveal Spirit through our actions and interactions?

### **2/12 - Geechee to Quaker: One African American Journey**

Presenter: Bill Jenkins

“My first book was a Quaker reader. It was a book used by my great-grandmother, Serena Wilson, as she was taught at a Quaker run school for former slaves, Laing School. Quakerism is the first and the last faith I have known.”

### **2/26 - FCNL Updates with Nancy Milio**

## *Monthly EnviroTip from the ECC:*

*For many people, compassion is a large part of their concern for the environment. That compassion can extend beyond endangered species or species being deprived of habitat through human exploitation of land—it can also include the millions of unseen animals that suffer for the safety of products we purchase.*

*Now there’s a website where you can check out your favorite companies’ stand on this issue: [aavs.org](http://aavs.org). This is the website for the American Anti-Vivisection Society, whose goal is “Ending the use of animals in science through education, advocacy, and the development of alternative methods.” Go to the site and click on the orange “Shop with Compassion” button in the top right-hand corner. There you will find a loooooong list of companies listed A-Z, with information about them and their parent companies. You can even request a cruelty-free shopping guide!*

*So remember the impact of compassion when you think about the environment, and add that to the mix when you’re considering the power of your discretionary dollars!*

## Important Email Notice

The clerk of Ministry & Worship now receives emails sent to [news@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.org). This address is now the place to send ALL your Meeting announcements: for the listserv, In The Light, the newsletter, the webpage, and/or for announcements at the close of meetings. Please use this email address to ensure that the correct person(s) receive your message.

## **Care & Counsel Forms Small Group**

**Begins (possibly) on February 16**

In order to foster a sense of community and deeper relationships, Care and Counsel offers an opportunity to be part of a small group sharing our personal and spiritual journeys. We will meet bimonthly and participants are encouraged to commit to 6 meetings. Perry Martin will facilitate the group which will meet from 7:30 to 9 pm either first and third Tuesdays, beginning February 21 or first and third Thursdays, starting February 16. There is also a possibility of a daytime group. If interested, contact Perry Martin at 919-967-4746 or email [perryvrs@msn.com](mailto:perryvrs@msn.com). There will also be a sign-up sheet on the Meeting House door. Group size will be limited to 8.

## **Save the Date: CROP Walk**

**March 25**

Mark your calendar: The annual CROP WALK will be held on Sunday, March 25 at 2 pm. Chapel Hill Friends Meeting is one of the sponsors for this walk and we always have a good group of walkers and sponsors. So please think about walking, encourage our children to walk, and for those who don't walk, do sponsor a walker. More information will follow closer to the date.

## **Save the date: PFF Annual Spring Retreat**

**March 16-18, Carolina Friends School**

Save the date for the annual Piedmont Friends Fellowship Spring Retreat. For more information, please contact the Meeting's PFF representatives: Anne Filiaci, Jeff Brown, or Annette Broadwell.

## **Bridging the Faith Divide Articles Online**

The Bridging the Faith Divide Committee suggests Friends read the following articles:

This is an article on the development of CHFM's Muslim engagement in a short version, published in *Sojourners* [for which the Meeting received \$100]:

<http://www.sojo.net/magazine/2012/02/friends-and-neighbors>

This longer version is on the FCNL website:

[http://fcnl.org/issues/religious\\_freedom/muslim\\_engagement/](http://fcnl.org/issues/religious_freedom/muslim_engagement/)

It was also reported by FCNL in its Newsletter to Contacts, which goes to hundreds of Meetings, churches, and Quakers organizations.

## Let Us Believe

*Kay Cameron, a widow of a Methodist minister who lives at Carol Woods, received this poem from her friend Bill Pearson. She shared it with the Carol Woods Quaker group, which she regularly attends. They appreciated it and asked her to have it printed in our newsletter.*

Let Us Believe

That the human adventure on planet earth  
Will not end in ashes  
But result in jubilation.  
That the imperative to love our neighbors  
Will come as naturally as breathing in and breathing out.  
That the smiles of infants  
Will endure to become the radiance of elders.  
That people of all colors, races, and creeds  
Will live together in triumph,  
Celebrating their common humanity,  
Rejoicing in the bounty of the earth,  
Exulting in sunrise and sunset,  
In majesty of mountain and rapture of ocean,  
In wonder for all life,  
All good, all connected, all essential.  
That animosities and ignorance  
Will dissolve like mist in the morning,  
And no one will have reason to hate  
Because we will know at last  
That we are one people, one planet.

Bill Pearson

## Obituary for Mary Bastin

**Published in The News & Observer from January 12 to January 15, 2012**

Mary Wood Bastin

Nov 24, 1934 - Jan 9, 2012

Pittsboro

Mary Wood Bastin lived in Louisville KY before moving to Fearrington Village NC in 1995. In 2011 she moved to Pueblo CO.

She held a graduate degree in Community Development from the University of Louisville. She was CEO of Osprey Marketing, a member of the Chatham County Chamber of Commerce, Siler City Rotary Club, Siler City Merchants Assn, and Pittsboro Merchants Assn. She was a founder and first President of Chatham Citizens For Effective Communities. She was a member of the Chatham County Transportation Board. She was a member of the Chapel Hill Meeting of the Society of Friends (Quaker).

She is survived by her sons, Stuart Bastin of Pueblo, Colorado; Alan Bastin of Dubai, United Arab Emirates; her daughter-in-law Karen Bastin of Dubai and four grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at Primrose Retirement Community in Pueblo Colorado. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of gifts to the ALS Association, 7403 Church Ranch Blvd Ste 109, Westminster CO 80021.

## **ECC Movie Night – The Last Mountain**

**February 25, 6:30pm, Schoolhouse**

The Environmental Committee invites you to our next movie night Saturday February 25th, at 6:30pm in the Early School building. To launch our move toward clean energy through NC Greenpower, we will be showing the film, *The Last Mountain*. This film showcases our nation's current relation to coal and what our possibilities are for a cleaner, brighter future. The Environmental Committee will provide both childcare & supper (soup and bread). Please come, learn about why we are all so inspired and learn how you can easily take steps toward Loving your neighbor through clean energy!

## **Excerpt from Quaker House Meeting**

**Submitted by Pam Schwingl**

*At the January 28 Board Meeting at New Garden Friends Meeting, Steve Woolford, Quaker House GI Rights counselor reported on the work of the hotline in 2011. Here is an excerpt:*

In this past year, despite record high levels of unemployment, more people contacted Quaker House for help getting out than in the previous three years. Furthermore, conscientious objection was our top reason for calls, and applicants we work with have been successful in getting out with honorable discharges, although many of the cases which began in 2011 are still open. The process takes 6-12 months.....we currently have applicants at nearly every stage of the process....We are excited to see an increase in the number of people interested in getting out for reasons of conscience. We have worked with men and women officers and enlisted including members of each branch of service and from national guard components. Their beliefs span the political spectrum. Some of these have applied for religious reasons and others don't have a religious faith and identify as atheists. The common factor is their objection to making war against other people.

A recent case illustrated the different paths that lead to objection. The applicant was a Christian when he joined. Fighting in war was no problem for his military family's version of Christianity. However, as time went on, he had trouble believing in a God that would endorse killing. He abandoned his faith and identified as an atheist. But he felt he needed to define his own terms to live by. He decided he needed to treat others as he would wish to be treated. And since he could see himself possibly fighting for the other side had he been born there, he felt he could not justify killing someone for an action he could see himself choosing, even if those choices would appear mistaken to others. (To us his new "atheist beliefs" sounded a lot more Christian than his previous "Christian" beliefs had seemed). His case will likely not be resolved for a few months.

In another recent development, QH counselors have been able to "teleconference In" to CO hearings in places we've been previously unable to attend. While our first choice is to be physically present, this new use of technology has enabled us to greatly expand our geographic outreach. CO applicants throughout the country are now able to have expert counsel "present" at the hearings. Furthermore, having teleconferenced into several hearings to date, sets a precedent to argue why we should be allowed in future cases where there may be resistance.

Finally, Steve reported that they are beginning to get calls from drone pilots living in the U.S. "working" during the day, and going home to their families at night. One pilot called reporting he was experiencing PTSD. Typically, one thinks that as the distance between the "switch" and the "target" increases, there is less sense of the killing that the action is causing. However, the cameras on the drones have very high resolution and can show the victims being hit very close up, resulting in a very clear sense of the results of the pilot's actions.

## **Compassionate Listening: Healing Our World from the Inside Out**

**Saturday, February 11, Fearington Village, Pittsboro**  
**Submitted by Jan Hutton**

Compassionate Listening is an act of personal, social and spiritual transformation. Strengthen your capacity to connect with the humanity of each person whose path you cross, whether or not you share the same values and behaviors.

Explore the Core practices of Compassionate Listening, [www.compassionatelistening.org/](http://www.compassionatelistening.org/)

- Humanize and connect with people who "trigger" you
- Shift from reactivity to compassion
- Suspend judgment
- Nurture compassion for yourself and others

A one-day training will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2012, 9am-5pm, in Fearington Village, Pittsboro, NC: <http://www.compassionatelistening.org/calendar/introductory-trainings/2232/pittsboro-nc-jan-hutton-2>

Suggested donation is \$35 -\$75, based on your ability to pay (if money is an issue, please talk to me!) Contact Jan Hutton for information: [janhutton@earthlink.net](mailto:janhutton@earthlink.net), 919.967.1959. Contact Education hours for Social Workers will be available.

I'm a member of the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting and am very grateful to have a minute of support from the Meeting for my ministry with The Compassionate Listening Project. Over the last 40 years, I've served as a community organizer, social worker in hospice and hospital settings, meditation teacher, and I hope, a 'kind' person.

## **FGC Gathering: Plan Ahead**

**July 1-7, Kingston RI**

It's not too soon to get excited about next summer's FGC Gathering, "All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir" in Kingston, Rhode Island. Evening programs include The Spirit of Mediation: Conflict Transformation in Divided Societies; All Together Now: A community sing for all ages; Interest Groups (consider submitting an interest group proposal by May 7); A Land Twice Promised: a moving story of Israeli and Palestinian women; and The Fire and the Hammer, a performance of a Quaker choral composition featuring readings from George Fox's journal, and choral pieces based on the readings (consider joining the choir!)

There is no tent camping on campus at the 2012 Gathering, and public campgrounds fill up since Rhode Island is a major tourist destination. Tent campers should make reservations now.

A list of workshops with short descriptions and the 2012 fee schedule are coming in January. Read about the gathering at <http://www.fgcquaker.org/gathering/>. Sign up for emails updates at <http://www.fgcquaker.org/subscribe>.

## **Friend Looking for Work**

**Submitted by Asta Crowe**

Our friend Reggie has recently been released for Orange Correctional Center and is looking for work. Several Friends have worked with Reggie, helping him get back on his feet. Many Friends will have met him on Sunday mornings when he attends Meeting for Worship. He is living in Carrboro and needs work. He's done yard work and general assistance for several people in the community and comes with high praise for his enthusiasm and hard work.

If you have any yard work or odd jobs that you'd like help with, please keep Reggie in mind. He's looking for full time work but jobs are hard to find in this economy, and it's especially challenging for people with criminal records. You can contact him through Asta Crowe (933-4564; [astacrowe@gmail.com](mailto:astacrowe@gmail.com))

## **Directory Updates**

Jason Morris writes that after a busy time traveling and looking for work, he got a PhD position and visa at the University of Leicester in November. His email remains the same: [caecus@earthlink.net](mailto:caecus@earthlink.net). His new address and phone number are Nixon Court Flat H-005, 33 Putney Road, Leicester, LE2 7TG, UK; +44 0116 383 7118.

Emily Harper's email is [emilygharper09@gmail.com](mailto:emilygharper09@gmail.com).

Polly and Dick Ulin's phone number should be 207-563-3375.

**Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends**  
**Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**  
**Jennifer Leeman, clerk pro tem, Robin Harper, recording clerk**  
**January 15, 2012**

**Worship and query:** How do I identify, develop, and use my particular gifts for the good of all?

**1. Welcome, recognition of first time attenders, review of agenda**

We welcomed first time attender Kathleen McNeil.

Regarding temperature of the meeting room, Buildings and Grounds is aware of temperature issues and is working on it.

**2. Review of minutes for December Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**

Approved.

**3. Annual Report for Children's Religions Education Committee—Kathleen McNeil (Attached)**

Kathleen answered questions from Friends:

\* Do the children have Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business? The middle school/high school combo has planning meeting. They plan what forums they want to attend, how to share the parking work, and how to manage the alternative gift mart. They are learning about consensus.

\* How is combing of Children's and Youth Religious Education going? Really well—the integration has been good for the little ones and less isolating for the small teen group.

\* One Friend spoke to joy of the presence of children in meeting, and their speaking in meeting.

Accepted.

**4. Update on the status of the early school addition and the ad hoc committee for renovations—Don Hopper**

The early school addition has been put on hold by inspectors who discovered some accessibility issues. A ramp will need to be installed, and at least one bathroom needs to be made wheelchair accessible. Don will soon be meeting with Jeff Reilich with Quality Environmental Control regarding the insulation and HVAC work in the downstairs area.

The ad hoc committee (Brian Stuhmuller, Emily Nelson, and Tom Smith) will identify a list of components for improving accessibility and energy efficiency in the meeting room, exterior, and foyer. Some of these may include a sound system, better lighting, replacing the carpet with some eco-friendly surface, treating the ceiling for sound improvement, improving access from the parking lot to the ramp outside, tightening the windows in the foyer and library, and dampening the sound bouncing off the walls in the stairwell. The last item was determined to be one of the biggest contributors to noise in the meeting room.

Accessibility issues will take priority in the timeline of renovations, and furnishings downstairs are not being considered as part of the renovations. A rough estimate for the work is \$75,000. Brian Stuhmuller is gathering more concrete estimates.

B&G is working to further integrate the ad hoc committee with other committees to improve communications to the Meeting as a whole. Friends are encouraged to contact Brian ([bstuhlmuller@triad.rr.com](mailto:bstuhlmuller@triad.rr.com)) with suggestions.

## **5. Mid year finance report and update on fundraising—Judy Purvis and Matt Drake (Attached)**

Based on what has been received or pledged, there is as of yet a gap between what we want to raise and what we have raised. In January, Finance looks at budget and talks to committees and advises them about spending trends. Soon they will be asking committees to think about their budgets for next fiscal year. This month they will also be sending out tax letters to donors.

Matt pointed out that the Treasurer's job has gotten more complex. She must submit state and federal forms for employees, withhold social security and Medicare from employee pay, and submit these payments to the government.

Matt answered questions from Friends:

\* Where is UBIT (Unrelated Business Income Tax) in this report? The UBIT is reflected in Footnote D, which shows what we've paid, including penalties and interest for back payments of this tax.

\* Are we now paying into NC Greenpower? Our donation to NC Greenpower is now in place to happen automatically each month. The Environmental Concerns Committee has offered use of its budget for payment of this; it remains to be seen if this needs to happen.

The report was accepted with great gratitude and appreciation to our Treasurer.

## **6. Update on newsletter—Emily Buehler**

It's been a very smooth transition to the new printer. The price has actually been lower than expected and is lower than what we were spending at FedEx (formerly Kinko's). A newsletter that cost \$120 at FedEx is \$110 in the new format at the new printer. It would still be cheaper at FedEx (in the new format), but keeping it at the new printer is still under budget.

Emily answered questions from Friends:

\* Is the new directory out? It is, and is available in paper and as a PDF that the committee can send by email to anyone who requests it.

\* Is it possible to make all newsletters searchable at once? Probably not, but we'll find out.

\* Are copies of our newsletters still going to Guilford College? Yes, but we are behind on the binding of these newsletters.

\* Are there enough copies of the newsletter getting to Carol Woods? Yes.

Friends expressed appreciation for the new format, and also for the availability of the newsletters on the website.

## **7. Messages and Announcements:**

- Piedmont Friends Fellowship representatives planning meeting, Jan. 29 at CHFM, at rise of meeting, 12:15 to 4:00pm.
- PFF Spring Retreat March 16, 17 and 18 at CFS.

- Jan. 22 Forum: Deborah Shaw, faculty member at Guilford and minister at Friendship Meeting, is coming to help us kick off our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary activities. Her topic is “Spiritual Nourishment.” Children from middle school and up are welcome.
- Feb. 5 Forum: Panel of committee clerks will consider the query, “As we go about the work of the Meeting, how does (might) my committee contribute to its spiritual nurture and accompaniments?” This will be the kick off for our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, with potluck.
- Celebrate MLK, Jr., Day by going to CFS at 10:30am, Jan. 16, for a program involving students, music, etc.
- Also for MLK, Jr., Day, 9:00am at Peace & Justice Plaza, people will gather to march up to First Baptist Church for a meeting there.

## **Worship and greeting**

**Attending:** Kathleen McNeil, Jeff Brown, Brian Stuhlmuller, Ken Grogan, Emilie Condon, Dottie Heninger, Ann Kessemeier, Dirk Spruyt, Perry Martin, Bill Flash, Max Drake, Carolyn Stuart, Richard Miller, Judy Purvis, Ann Miller, Emily Buehler, Francis Coyle, Bettie Flash, Tom McQuiston, Ryan Jarrell, Don Hopper, Tom Munk, Julia Cleaver, Lynn Drake, Matt Drake, Jennifer Leeman (clerk pro tem), and Robin Harper (recording clerk).

## **Children’s / Youth Religious Education Committee Annual Report** Covering January 2010–2011

The Children’s Religious Education (CRE/YRE) Committee provides guidance for the First Day School (FDS) program for children from pre-kindergarten through the high school, as well as the care for infants and toddlers in the nursery. With our teachers and FDS coordinator, Leslie Rountree, the committee develops the curriculum, selects materials, and monitors the overall health and progress of our First Day School. Our aims are threefold: to build a vibrant spiritual community within the First Day School for families with young children, to strengthen links between our youth of all ages through coordinated curriculum and activities, and to nurture First Day School’s integration into the Meeting at large.

### **Committee Membership**

In July 2010, Leslie Rountree passed to Kathleen McNeil the clerkship of the committee. Also in July, Lauren Hart passed onto Leslie Rountree the duties of FDS Coordinator. We would like to give a special thanks to both of them for a smooth transition and the hard work they have done in organizing us, keeping minutes, maintaining our FDS teacher and parent listservs, and supporting the teachers on a weekly basis. In that the Youth Religious Education Committee was laid down earlier this year, we welcomed former YRE members John Hite and Wren Hendrickson, as well as Lauren Hart, as new committee members. Eloise Grathwohl, Meredith Tomlinson, Andrea Wuerth, Jochen Wachter, Bill McDonnell, and Kathleen McNeil continue on the committee, with Leslie Rountree serving in an ex officio capacity.

## **First Day School Curriculum**

Since our last official report, we have finished both a spring and a fall semester. There are three classes within the First Day School: the pre-K pod for children ages 3 through 5, the K-2nd grade pod, and the 3rd-5th grade pod. We have been blessed with wonderful, dedicated teachers in each pod who provide continuity, consistency, and creative energy to our children. Current teachers include (for pre-K): Nancy Martin, Eloise Grathwohl, Lauren Hart and Jochen Wachter; (for K-2nd grade): Wendy Richesin-Dodd, Margot Stern, and Cecilia Carver-King; and (for 3rd-5th grade): Kathleen McNeil, Herbert Struemper, and Mark Hulbert. All three pods continue to follow a tried but true curriculum format throughout the academic school year: the first twelve weeks cover Quaker testimonies and history; late November through the New Year brings community building and outreach activities revolving around the holidays; beginning in early January, twelve more weeks cover the Old or New Testament (in alternating years); lastly, in the remaining twelve weeks the children learn about world religions. Each pod tailors these themes with lessons and activities appropriate to the ages of their children. Many teachers continue to incorporate the Godly Play or Faith and Play stories in the Quaker or biblical units; we have had guest speakers from other faiths (Islam, Judaism, and Buddhism) come to talk to the children about their beliefs during the multicultural unit.

## **Field Trips**

Two years ago, we decided to initiate visits, or “field trips” to other religious communities as part of our study of world religions. In spring of 2011, we visited the beautiful Hindu Sri Venkateswara Temple of North Carolina in Cary. Many thanks to Margot Stern for arranging the tour for our FDS children and teachers. In May of 2011, a large group of FDS students of all ages walked to the former Chapel Hill Museum to see a sand mandala created by Tibetan Monks from the Drepung Gomang Monastery. These trips have proven so popular that this past October, we took some of the older children to a traveling exhibit entitled “Race: Are We So Different?” at the NC Museum of Life and Science in Durham, during our study of Quaker values. This excellent, thought-provoking exhibit, which sought to explain how race is a purely social construct, proved a wonderful springboard for discussions in our various pods.

## **Teacher Inspiration**

Last February, Leslie Rountree led a teacher retreat for FD teachers. She shared some published materials, helped everyone learn about available resources within our curriculum library, and gave the teachers time to share lesson and activity ideas. We are planning to have another teacher retreat in February. We are grateful for Leslie’s hard work and dedication. Indeed we are grateful for the dedication of all our teachers. We have some concern that we are frequently understaffed and non-parental volunteers have not been forthcoming from the Meeting as a whole.

## **Holiday Activities**

During the holiday season in 2011, FDS children delighted in making handmade ornaments for a Christmas tree in the multipurpose room. We also made and wrote cards to shut-ins, inmates, and children in a Haitian orphanage (treasures that were delivered

by Lauren Hart in her visit to Haiti over Christmas), and rehearsed and presented a Nativity play for the Meeting's annual holiday party. We were particularly pleased to have the middle-schoolers provide instrumental accompaniment to the play and carols. On December 12<sup>th</sup>, several children went caroling at Carol Woods Retirement Community and sang to resident Meeting members, staff, and anyone who wanted to stop and listen. Kudos goes to teen Michael Grathwohl, who accompanied us on guitar for the entire outing. This was our second year caroling, and we plan on continuing the tradition. Additionally, in the spring we held our annual Easter egg hunt, which pairs older and younger children in both dyeing eggs and hiding them from one another.

### **Summer Activities**

During the summer, Friends who are not FDS teachers are invited to lead classes for children of all ages. The purpose is twofold: it gives our regular FDS teachers a much-needed break, and it introduces to Meeting members an opportunity to share their passions and interests, and to have fun with our wonderful children. Last summer, volunteer teachers offered game playing, nature walks, crafts, cooking, and storytelling. Thanks to Lauren and Leslie's organizational efforts, we were able to find plenty of volunteers to lead these classes. We are extremely grateful to all Friends who participated.

### **Nursery Care**

UNC student and CFS Early School staffer Brittany Allen provides loving childcare to the youngest Meeting attendees in our nursery. Our recent steps to ensure consistent coverage have made nursery care more available for both Forum and Meeting for Business.

### **Additional Fellowship Activities**

Last March, our middle school students had their first-ever retreat at the Ringwalt cabin at Hyco Lake. Eight youth and three chaperones spent two days and nights enjoying nature, quiet and fellowship. In June of 2011, we wrapped up the FDS year by taking an overnight camping trip, organized by Jochen Wachter and Herbie Struemper at Falls Lake in Wake County. In November, two adults and six middle-schoolers returned to Hyco Lake. Boats were ridden, a fire built, organic marshmallows tasted, and Apples to Apples played by one and all. Additionally, FDS continues a series of sporadic family potlucks hosted by various members, and open to the Meeting at large. These potlucks give families a chance to get to know each other better in a kid-friendly (and often extremely noisy) atmosphere. Other activities we organize include a kick-off family picnic after the rise of Meeting at the return of FDS classes in the fall. CRE/YRE feels that these gatherings encourage a sense of belonging to the Meeting community for both young and old.

### **The Year Ahead**

While our elementary and middle school groups are healthy in number and vibrancy, we see a challenge in the small numbers currently attending our pre-K pod. This is by no means a reflection on our teachers; rather, it reflects the ebb and flow of the young families in our midst. CRE/YRE has focused on attracting more little ones in the past

year, and we have picked up a few new regular attendees in the fall. We are making a special effort to integrate our young people into the life of the meeting as well as to integrate our adult members into the lives of our youth. We would be very grateful to see some new faces volunteer for teaching. In addition, we would like to see more adult members without children in FDS attend our potlucks, outings, and activities. To further this goal, just last week the children of FDS led a forum on Quaker Heroes. We are also planning on having a Godly play lesson delivered during a forum in March or April. In addition, this school year we have asked parents to bring their children to the meeting for worship for the first 15 minutes instead of going straight to the FDS classroom. So far, this effort has been quite successful in getting our young people integrated into meeting (for as long as they can keep from bursting with noise and excitement! ☺) We will continue to encourage our families to attend meeting for worship before coming to FDS in the year to come.

In summary, the Children’s/ Youth Religious Education Committee strives to foster spiritual nourishment, friendship and fellowship among our Meeting’s children and members, and to deepen the connection and sense of belonging between these young attendees, their families, and the Meeting at large. We look forward to the joy the children bring to the Meeting, and to the lessons they teach us.

Respectfully submitted by the CRE/YRE committee:

Eloise Grathwohl, Lauren Hart, Wren Hendrickson, John Hite, Bill McDonnell, Kathleen McNeil (clerk), Leslie Rountree (ex officio), Meredith Tomlinson, Jochen Wachter, and Andrea Wuerth

### **CHFM Treasurer’s Report, July to January 15th, 2011–2012**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>July 1–Jan 15</b>	<b>Other Income</b>
Contributions <sup>a</sup>	37,404.28	
Building rental		1650
Parking space rental		5665
Miscellaneous		910
	<b>\$37,404.28</b>	<b>\$8,225</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>2011–2012 budget</b>	<b>Expenditures to date</b>	<b>Amount Remaining</b>
<b>Committees:</b>			
Adult Religious Educ.	200.00	0	200
Buildings & Grounds <sup>b</sup>	17,020.00	8,506.73	8,513.27
Care & Counsel	100.00	0	100
CRE/YRE <sup>c,d</sup>	5,350.00	2,346.88	3,003.12
Environmental Concerns	650.00	0	650
Finance	300.00	227.18	72.82
Hospitality	450.00	0	450
Library	400.00	88.94	311.06
Ministry & Worship	500.00	134.50	365.50
Nominations	25.00	0	25
Peace & Social Concerns	550.00	226.59	323.41
Publications & Records	2,000.00	1,233.42	766.58
<b>Total Committee Expenses<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>\$27,545.00</b>	<b>12,764.24</b>	
<b>Special Funds:</b>			
National Quaker Service	2,000.00	1000-	\$1,000
Meeting for Suffering	135.00	0	\$135
Contingency Fund	1,000.00	0	\$1,000
<b>Future Needs of Meeting</b>			
Leadership Development	100.00	-	\$100.00
Physical Plant Replacement	4,000.00	-	\$4,000.00
<b>Wider Q Comm'ty Benev's</b>		-	
	\$29,220	0	\$29,220
<b>Local/Regional Org Benev's</b>		-	
<b>BUDGET TOTAL</b>	<b>\$64,000.00</b>	<b>\$13,764.24</b>	<b>\$50,235.76</b>

<sup>a</sup>Includes CFS OWASA rebate

<sup>b</sup>Includes insurance, maintenance, utilities, and landscaping..

<sup>c</sup>Primarily compensation for First Day School Coordinator and Nursery Care person.

<sup>d</sup>YRE income=\$5665; \$5665-(707.27+1709.46) = \$3248.27 remains w/out budget funds; *not included in totals.*

# Calendar

*(All events at Meetinghouse unless otherwise indicated.)*

- Sun. 2/5** 8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)  
9:45am Forum: 75th Anniversary Forum  
11am Meeting for Worship (Late)  
11am Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods  
12:30pm Potluck & IFC donations
- Tue. 2/7 7-8pm Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
- Fri. 2/10 4:30-5:30pm Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
- Sat. 2/11 9am-5pm Compassionate Listening Workshop (see page 6)
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- Sun. 2/12** 8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)  
9:45am Forum: From Geechee to Quaker  
11am Meeting for Worship (Late)  
11am Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods  
12:30pm Peace & Social Concerns Com. - Schoolhouse
- Tue. 2/14 7-8pm Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
- Wed. 2/15 10am-12pm Quaker Women's Gathering - Bettie Flash Home
- Fri. 2/17 4:30-5:30pm Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
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- Sun. 2/19** 8am Meetinghouse open for worship  
8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)  
**9:00am Meeting for Worship w/Attention to Business**  
11am Meeting for Worship (Late)  
11am Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
- Tue. 2/21 7-8pm Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
- Fri. 2/24 4:30-5:30pm Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
- Sat. 2/25 6:30pm ECC Movie Night - Schoolhouse (see page 5)
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- Sun. 2/26** 8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)  
9:45am Forum: FCNL Updates by Nancy Milio  
11am Meeting for Worship (Late)  
11am Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods  
12:30pm Environmental Concerns Com. - Schoolhouse  
10pm Deadline To Turn In Items For Newsletter!
- Thur. 3/1 9am-1pm CHFM Serves Lunch at Interfaith Shelter
- Fri. 3/2 4:30-5:30pm Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
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- Sun. 3/4** 8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)  
9:45am Forum: tba  
11am Meeting for Worship (Late)  
11am Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods  
12:30pm Potluck & IFC donations – Schoolhouse
- Tue. 3/6 7-8pm Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
- Wed. 3/7 10am-12pm Quaker Women's Gathering - Bettie Flash Home

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**Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends**  
531 Raleigh Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 (919) 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  
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