Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Newsletter

January, 2014

Monthly Query:

How does my life reflect the joy of living in the spirit?

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Upcoming Forum Schedule

January 5: Workers Rights Naveed Moeed will speak on Workers Rights. After his presentation there will about 20 minutes for questions.

January 12: Small Groups Are you interested in making deeper connections with others in the Meeting? Joining a Small Group is one way to do this. Come hear from a panel of Friends who have participated in a variety of Small Groups. We'll then explore ideas for new Small Groups, with the opportunity to sign up for a group of your choosing. January 19: Meeting for Business

January 26: Building and Grounds Members of Building and Grounds will present proposed renovations to the Meetinghouse. Come and be educated! Building and Grounds promises to be clear, concise, and informative.



Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee

Quiet your mind and open your way into your inward silence and into the shared silence of the Meeting. If you do no more than start to quiet your mind again and again, the hour will have been fruitful.

IFC News and Volunteer Needs

At the December Meeting for Business your faithful IFC committee proposed that every First Day could be an IFC Day. Our goal is to collect 150 non-perishable food items each month (or financial contributions, with \$5.00 = one food item). We're counting on you -- and we're counting the food donated so we can let you know how close we are to meeting our monthly goal. **Tuna and peanut butter** are the most needed items now. Please put them on your shopping list!

Food Pantry Needs

- ANY KIND OF SOUP!
- TUNA, TUNA, TUNA!
- · Cereal/Oatmeal
- · Canned fruit
- · Peanut butter
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste

Volunteer Needs

Community Services is in need of :

- o Client Interviewers (in SPANISH) on Monday and Thursday afternoon
- o Pantry Helpers on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning

Community Kitchen is in need of:

- o Volunteers Monday-Friday from 9-11am to help with loading and unloading food
- o Food Pickups Tuesday and Thursday morning
- o Morning and afternoon kitchen help (must be able to lift 50 lbs.)

Home Start is need of:

- o Female receptionists, afternoons and evenings
- o Case managers
- o Prepared meal donations or groups that wish to take a meal each month

Community House is in need of:

- o Receptionists afternoons and evenings
- o Social Workers
- o Data Entry 3-4 hours per week (can be flexible once trained)
- o Psychiatrist one Tuesday evening per month

To volunteer with IFC or inquire about volunteer needs please contact Karen Carr at 929-6380 ext. 30 or volunteer@ifcmailbox.org

Compassionate Listening: Healing Our World From the Inside Out February 14-16, A weekend workshop with Jan Hutton at Pendle Hill, Wallingford, PA

Developed by Quaker Gene Knudsen Hoffman, the Compassionate Listening Project evolved in grassroots peace-building efforts in the Middle East and elsewhere. Compassionate Listening is a practice that reaches deep into the heart of discord, teaching people to listen with a different 'ear' to those around them. For registration: www.pendlehill.org

Jan is a member of the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting (NC)

This I Believe, Quaker Style

January 9, February 13, 7 to 8:30pm, in the Schoolhouse

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting is a gathering of people who have diverse beliefs, practices, and experiences about what is spiritual, about "God," and about the "Light." However, most of us can only guess, or really don't know much, about the spiritual beliefs and practices of one another. We are creating an opportunity to begin conversations with each other in a safe and non-judgmental environment at the Meetinghouse. We will begin with worship, then a Query which those attending can discuss in small groups and end with worship sharing, leaving space for any vocal ministry resulting from your time in groups. We hope you can join us for this ongoing journey, meeting the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Contact Jan Hutton (919-967-1959), Pat Mann (919-489-1802) or Robin Harper (919-768-9870) if you have questions.

Quaker House Training: Alternatives to Violence

January 18-20, at Quaker House, 223 Hillside Ave., Fayetteville, NC, 28301

Quaker House will be hosting a training in Alternatives to Violence on Martin Luther King, Jr. week-end. The times are tentatively from 9-6 on Saturday, 12-8 on Sunday and 9-12 on Monday. This is a unique opportunity to be trained as a future facilitator or as a self-help workshop for yourself. AVP is an international volunteer program that offers conflict resolution workshops to transform lives and our society. The first AVP workshops were held in prisons, but proved so effective that they are now offered throughout the world where ever there is conflict.

The training is free of charge, though donations are appreciated. For further questions, contact Lynn Newsom at 910-323-3912.

"Love is the First Motion"

Strengthening the Spirit and Practice of Our Peace Testimony in the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Community

John Woolman said, "Love is the first motion" to express what is most fundamental in our lives, beneath the oh-so-many different words humans use.

"When I became a Quaker twenty-five years ago, I had a deep yearning for peace - inner peace and peace in the world. And I became involved in various peace ventures. While I yearned and worked for peace, I wasn't a particularly peaceful person." (Anthony Manousos, Quaker author and former editor of "Friends Bulletin", now "Western Friend.")

Do these words speak to you? How many of us can truly say we practice peace both inwardly and outwardly? How does each of us recognize and take ownership of conflict in our own lives, so that we truly embody peacemaking personally, as well as in the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting, and in the world? The Ministry and Worship Committee is offering a year-long initiative to support our members' and attenders' immersion in the rich and challenging peace testimony both inwardly and outwardly.

This still-forming initiative will include monthly experiential pop-up sessions at the rise of meeting, a historical overview of Quakers and peacemaking, a gratis April 5, 2014 Compassionate Listening training in the Schoolhouse (http://

www.compassionatelistening.org/), a Fall workshop offered by the New York Yearly Meeting Conflict Transformation Committee (http://www.nyym.org/sites/default/files/ WhenConflictsArise-FJ-2013-04.pdf), reflections on the process of decision-making in Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, monthly (or more frequent) "Love is the first motion" blog posts on personal peacemaking, etc.

We invite you to further enrich your life and the life of our meeting by joining in this initiative's activities, as you are able.

"Love is the first motion," Ministry and Worship subcommittee: Lynn Drake, Isdrake@email.unc.edu Jan Hutton, janhutton@earthlink.net Naveed Moeed, naveed.moeed@physics.org Pam Schwingl, pschwingl@yahoo.com

Anthony Manousos article: http://laquaker.blogspot.com/2010/09/coming-to-unity-through-harmony-dealing.html

2014 Directory

The 2014 Directory will be available electronically (hopefully) at the end of January. If you do not have access to a computer, please write or call Emily Buehler and she will send you a printed copy. Directories will now be printed in July each year.

Volunteers Needed: Fathers' Day at OCC Saturday, January 25, approximately 9 to 3, OCC in Hillsborough

Saturday, Jan. 25, 2014 has been set as Fathers' Day at the prison in Hillsborough, with snow/ice date Feb. 1. Please mark your calendars and consider volunteering to provide:

Activities for the children and their fathers Desserts and salads for the children/fathers as well as caregivers Help with providing activities for caregivers (mothers, grandparents, friends who have brought the children)

The event will be at the prison. The caregivers will be at one or two of the churches, unless they want to go off on their own. Some of them have driven a distance to get to Hillsborough. Lunch and snacks are provided for both venues--fathers/children and caregivers.

If you are not currently an approved volunteer at OCC, you can either volunteer to help with the caregivers (no prison access involved) or you can get a one-day pass (one per year) to allow entry. This is a really fun event and is very meaningful and important for the children and their fathers. The bonding that goes on is wonderful to watch. Events in the past have included painting birdhouses, making greeting cards (both of which the children take home), fun games, reading (the children each get to take a book home that they have read with their father). The children love art projects; they played "corn hole toss" last year and loved it. You can volunteer for all or part of the day. It's a lot of fun and very rewarding.

Contact astacrowe@gmail.com (933-4564) for more information and to sign up. If you don't have current access (a volunteer card), you will need to register with the Chaplain and complete a form. Asta can help you.

Seeking Tins

Linda Graham's dad Thomas Graham makes art out of reclaimed tins. He started out making small ornaments and then larger 3-D pieces, and has recently been making elaborate tin collages depicting plants and animals. Thomas has entered his artwork in fairs and art shows, and is now selling a few pieces at the Saxapahaw Mercantile. He is always looking for tins that have images and/or words printed on them in colors. Things like olive oil tins, cookie tins, tea tins, etc. (anything where the printing is not on paper that would peel off, but directly on the metal.) If you have any tins you would like to get rid of, or acquire any over the holidays that you do not want, please give them to Linda and she will pass them along to her Dad for his art. You can find her at meeting or email her at lgraham@gmail.com about your tins. Thank you!!

Moral Monday Update The following is from an email from Scott Holmes of DFM

Participating as a volunteer attorney for the Moral Monday movement has been an inspiring and healing process. It is not often attorneys get to represent heroes.

http://www.newsobserver.com/2013/10/11/3272841/two-charges-dismissed-against.html

http://www.newsobserver.com/2013/12/04/3431738/judge-dismisses-one-charge-against.html

http://wunc.org/post/moral-mondays-defendants-receive-varying-verdicts-court

In other news, after a year of handling cases for people charged in violation of the panhandling cases most of them were dismissed yesterday. We organized a community life court to help connect service providers to folks in need of services. 14 people made progress toward getting help, and 44 charges of panhandling were dismissed. I was not able to be in Court when it happened because I was in a Moral Monday trial in Wake County. But my good friend, Civil Rights Attorney, Ian Mance, was able to handle the cases and get them dismissed.

http://www.heraldsun.com/breakingnews/x1388439961/Panhandling-charges-dismissedin-court

http://www.newsobserver.com/2013/10/29/3323923/court-gives-durham-panhandlers.html

There is still work to do politically to get the city council to adopt the changes we have recommended to the city ordinance prohibiting panhandling.

I am hoping to organize another Public Meeting and Discussion on race in our courts of February 21st, from 3 to 5 pm at the Durham Friends Meeting, with a continued focus on racial profiling and mass incarceration.

Calling for Book Reviews

Have you read an inspiring book from the Meeting library lately? Or have you read a book we don't have in the library that you feel would be worthwhile to have in the collection? The Library committee would like to invite members and attenders to consider writing brief book reviews for the newsletter. Share the insight or inspiration you received from your readings. Please send a copy of your review to the library committee as well at library@chapelhillfriends.org. We are always looking for suggestions for new books to add to our library. Thank you. The Library Committee

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

15 December 2013

Tom Munk, clerk

Jennifer Leeman & Susan Inglis, substitute recording clerks

In attendance:

Marilyn Dyer, Ruth Zalph, Beth Kurtz-Costes, Naveed Moeed, Carolyn Stuart, Dan Darnell, Julia Cleaver, Ann Smith, Ken Grogan, Pam Schwingl, Pat Mann, Dottie Heninger, Madelyn Ashley, Ryan Jarrel, Emilie Condone, Richard Miller, Deb Gibbs, Jeff Brown, Linda Graham, Lynn Drake, Matt Drake, Bill Flash, John Hite, Bettie Flash, Buffie webber, Susan Inglis, Joyce Munk, Paul Munk, Maria Darlington, Wendy Michener, Barbara Williamson, Tom Munk, Jennifer Leeman, Lawrence Schafer, Anthony Farwell, Maleek Maynard.

- 1. Worship query: How well do we apply the testimony of simplicity to our individual lives, to the responsible use and the distribution of natural resources, and to the protection of the planet from the ravages of exploitation and pollution? Do we have reverent respect for all forms of life on the earth we share?
- 2. Welcome
- 3. Minutes from the November Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business were approved.
- 4. Last month, the Naming Committee (Allie Scales and Jennifer Leeman) nominated three individuals to the Nominating Committee. The meeting approved Jennifer Leeman, Carolyn Stuart, and Ken Grogan as new members of the Nominating Committee.
- 5. Jimmy Malone and Zach Lawhon's letter requesting marriage after the manner of Friends was read. The request has gone to Care and Counsel. Jennifer Leeman, Tom Munk, Buffie Webber, and Andrea Wuerth will serve on a committee to join Jimmy and Zach in seeking clearness. The meeting accepted the request with joy.
- 6. Dan Darnell presented the Adult Religious Committee's annual report. The report was accepted with appreciation, especially for good management of the logistical load that the committee bears.
- 7. Nominations Committee Carolyn White was approved for service on Children's Religious Education Committee, and Allie Scales was nominated for service as the Meeting Recorder.
- 8. Archives -- Julia Cleaver showed the record book, and noted that a more modern, electronic version is being designed by the archives subcommittee as a supplement. Dottie Henninger spoke about record keeping and appreciated the committees that have cleaned at out their files. The job of tidying our records continues.
- 9. Report from the Interfaith Council Committee Dottie reported that there is expanded participation, that forums are planned for early in 2014, that the committee has set a donation goal

of 150 cans per month. Donors were encouraged to choose BPA-free cans whenever possible. The report was accepted with great thanks for the revitalized committee.

- 10. Report on "Clerking, Serving the Community with Joy and Confidence" Tom Munk and Dottie Henninger both attended Arthur Larabee's Clerks' Retreat at Pendle Hill. They were supported by the Schotts Fund. They shared generously from their experience there, and Tom led Friends through one of the exercises they participated in there. Discussion included much about the process of being a clerk, and what nurtures the acceptance of a clerking role. The question was raised whether we might need an assistant clerk of the meeting. Ministry and Worship was asked to take up that consideration. Friends appreciated the sharing.
- 11. Announcements: The Peace & Justice Committee is currently considering benevolences and seeks Meeting's input. Friends are asked to share their thoughts with co-clerks Bill Jenkins and Naveed Moeed.

Letter Requesting Marriage

We, Jimmy Malone and Zac Lawhon, request the approval of the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting to hold a Meeting for Worship marriage ceremony after the manner of Friends on Saturday, June 28, 2014 in the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting House. The Chapel Hill Friends Meeting is Jimmy's spiritual and cultural home, where he plans to continue being a familial member of the Meeting. Emilie and Peter, Jimmy's parents and members of the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting, have welcomed Zac as a member of their family. Jimmy seeks to share his familial Meeting House with the newest member of his family, Zac, by way of holding this ceremony.

Because of the contrast in same-sex marriage laws in the states of North Carolina and Maryland, we will be signing a marriage license in Maryland on a date prior to the requested ceremony.

We have lived together in Baltimore, Maryland since 2007, and we are seeking a marriage ceremony after the manner of Friends, rather than seeking marriage under the care of the Meeting, because of our continued desire to live in Maryland. We have occasionally attended Meeting for Worship at Stony Run Friends Meeting in Baltimore, but have not yet developed a sense of community with Friends who live closer to us. Jimmy identifies as being Quaker, and Zac, though he does not identify as being a Quaker, finds the Quaker manner of Worship to be compatible with his spirituality. While examining various traditions of marriage ceremonies, we decided marriage after the manner of Friends to be the most spiritually agreeable to both of us.

We maintain an open dialogue in our relationship about concerns relevant to our happiness and fulfillment. Included in our ongoing dialogue are the queries recommended by the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting to those seeking marriage under the care of the Meeting. Although we are not certain of how the process for seeking marriage after the manner of Friends varies from seeking marriage under the care of the Meeting, we are certain that we seek guidance from the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting in achieving further clearness on queries and concerns relevant to our request for marriage.

If our request for marriage in the manner of Friends at the Chapel Hill Meeting House is accepted, we ask that the Care and Counsel Committee assemble a clearness committee to help us continue an open,

mindful discussion regarding our relationship. Although we will continue to live in Baltimore through the coming year, we are willing and able to travel to North Carolina periodically for meetings with a clearness committee, marriage committee, and wedding oversight committee, should they be formed, and, while in the area, attend First Day Meeting for Worship.

Thank you, Jimmy Malone and Zac Lawhon

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2012-2013

The ARE committee been very conscious of supporting the spiritual strivings and social justice work of members of the Meeting by creating a diverse and representative forum schedule. The committee's discussions have often addressed how inner spiritual work and outward social action are entwined. Many of the same themes that have been represented in the past were evident in this past year's forum schedule. As usual the personal sharings by members are very enriching as they allow us to get to know each each at the deeper level of our spiritual journeys. There have been continued opportunities for small group and large group sharing in forums around matters such as spiritual reading, belief in God, and empathy. A book club in the Meeting also presented at forum their experience discussing how to live and eat simply.

Another perennial theme was what it means to be Quaker. In the fall the 75th anniversary of the meeting was celebrated at forum. Friends also shared their experiences at the annual Friends General Conference. ARE coordinated with Ministry and Workshop to present on the meaning of membership. The ARE committee sponsored a workshop by Richard Barnes about how within our own Meeting we find unity among a diversity of beliefs.

Forums spoke to Friends' involvement in peace and social concerns such as the work of Quaker House, political action through the FCNL, grass roots initiatives with food banks, and reaching out to our Muslim neighbors and their experiences of injustice. The ministry of members reaching out, getting to know, supporting, and learning from inmates at the Orange Correctional Center who attend our Meeting was also represented at forum. Pragmatic and spiritual aspects of environmental concerns were presented also.

ARE continued to support inclusion of our youth in the work of the meeting and coordinated with Children's Religious Education to have forums that the children presented. As is now tradition a forum on graduation was held to honor our youth transitioning from high school.

Members during this year were Barbara Williamson, Dirk Kelder, Max Drake, Marilyn Dyer, Ryan Jarrell, and Dan Darnell, convener.

ARE FORUMS 2012 - 2013

Aug 26 How to Grow as a Quaker and a Leader, and Let Our Meeting Help Fund You – Claude Shotts Memorial Funds Sept 2 Report on the Friends General Conference, Past and Present Sept 9 No forum Sept 23 No forum (Quaker Tapestry postponed) Sept 30 Personal Sharing – Susan Inglis

Oct 7 Meet the New Directors of Quaker House Oct 14 Friends Face Two American Futures – Nancy Milio Oct 28 Environmentalism and the Christian Canon

Nov 4 Do you believe in God? Do you pray? – perspectives from Einstein Nov 11 Follow up to Ben Pink Dandelion workshop Nov 25 CRE program – alternative gift mart and skit on consensus

Dec 2 Iranian Theocracy: Stories of a Leading Exiled Family – Dr. Mohsen Kadivar Dec 9 75th Anniversary wrap-up Dec 23 Quaker music and hymn book, Fay Stanley Dec 30 Quaker Botanists – Peter White

Jan 6 Quaker House and our Meeting's testimony to peace – Curt Torrell, Pam Schwingl, Maria Darlington, Quaker House board members Jan 13 "Empathy: the challenge of meeting people where they are" – Dirk Kelder Jan 27 Dirk Spryt – personal sharing

Feb 3 Quaker Tapestry (cancelled again) Feb 10 The Mis/Match between Administration & Quaker Agendas - Nancy Milio Feb 24 Meaning of Membership – Minstry and Worship

Mar 3 "Radical Simplicity" - a book club reports on its discussions of Jim Merkel's book and views on sustainable eating.

Mar 10 "The Care Relationship: Friends Schools and the Religious Society Friends" - discussion of the findings of the Friends Council on Education

Mar 17 Needing Each Other: Fruitful Discoveries of Friendship - this Meetings efforts and personal impact on the ministry of prisoners in Orange County Correctional Center Mar 31 Ruth Zalph presents on her Witness for Peace service in Columbia, South America

Apr 7 Finding Unity Amidst a Diversity in Beliefs – Richard Barnes Apr 14 Forum on Earth Day – Peter White and Dirk Spruyt Apr 28 cancelled

May 5 Food, Faith, and Farming in NC: how do we connect in direct service to the hungry around us – Francesca Hyatt and Ralph Jones May 12 Emily Harper graduation forum May 26 Spiritual Readings that Inspire Me

Jun 2 Living in and Leaving Tehran: A Journey of Love and Anxiety - Nikoo Roodi Jun 9 Another Crow: Jim Crow is illegal but it's Alright to Discriminate Against Felons – Paul Munk 10

Calendar

(All events at Meetinghouse unless otherwise indicated.)

Sun. 1/5	8:30am 9:45am 11am 11am 12:30pm	Meeting for Worship (Early) Forum: Workers Rights Meeting for Worship (Late) Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods Potluck & IFC donations
Tue. 1/7 Thurs. 1/9 Fri. 1/10	7-8pm 7pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins This I Believe, Quaker Style - Schoolhouse (see page 3) Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sun. 1/12 Tue. 1/14	8:30am 9:45am 11am 11am	Meeting for Worship (Early) Forum: Small Groups Meeting for Worship (Late) Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 1/17	7-8pm 4:30-5:30pm Mon. 1/20	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd Quaker House Training (see page 3)
Sun. 1/19	8am 8:30am 9:00am 11am 11am	Meetinghouse open for worship Meeting for Worship (Early) Meeting for Worship w/Attention to Business Meeting for Worship (Late) Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
Tue. 1/21 Fri. 1/24 Sat. 1/25	7-8pm 4:30-5:30pm 9am-3pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd Fathers' Day at OCC (see page 5)
Sun. 1/26	8:30am 9:45am 11am 11am noon 12:30pm 10pm	Meeting for Worship (Early) Forum: Building and Grounds Meeting for Worship (Late) Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods Families and Friends Affected by Mental Illness - Schoolhouse Environmental Concerns Com Schoolhouse Deadline To Turn In Items For Newsletter!
Fri. 1/31	4:30-5:30pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sun. 2/2	8:30am 9:45am 11am 11am 12:30pm	Meeting for Worship (Early) Forum: tbd Meeting for Worship (Late) Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods Potluck & IFC donations – Schoolhouse
Tue. 2/4 Thur. 2/6 Fri. 2/7 11	•	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins CHFM Serves Lunch at Interfaith Shelter Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd

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> 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: Tom Munk (919) 929-9135 Resident: John Hite (919) 929-5377

• Newsletter. This newsletter is published every first Sunday under the care of the Publications and Records Committee. Paper copies are available at the Meetinghouse and a PDF is posted on the Meeting website, www.chapelhillfriends.org. The deadline for submissions is 10pm on the last Sunday of the month. Email submissions to news@chapelhillfriends.org or call Emily Buehler, (919) 475-5756. Please include "newsletter" in the subject line.

• Listserv. To send a news or "In the Light" announcement on the Meeting listserv, contact news@chapelhillfriends.org. Please include "listserv" or "in the light" in the subject line. This listserv goes to about 280 people. Do not submit personal information about someone else unless you know he/she wants to share. Subscribe to the listserv at www.chapelhillfriends.org/contact.html.

• Website. To get items posted on our website, send them to news@chapelhillfriends.org.