

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Newsletter

September, 2015



Monthly Query:

In what ways do I keep my life uncluttered with things and activities, and avoid commitments beyond my strength and light? How do I stay informed about the effects our style of living is having on the global economy and environment?

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Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee

When taking in another's vocal ministry, take a moment to test your own reactions. Where do they come from? Are you listening through to the Light behind the message? If you find yourself struggling with another's words, search for the Love behind them.

Upcoming Forum Schedule

September 6 – “How Was Your Summer?” A sharing in small groups led by Wendy Michener. Moderator: Catherine Alguire

September 13 – “Gleanings from the FGC Summer Gathering.” Experiences of first-time attenders, reports on workshops, ideas for our Meeting. Moderator: Carolyn White

September 27 – “C.O. Letters Nurture the Peace Testimony.” Curt Torell and John Hite present videos of excerpts from the C.O. letters and of our young people discussing what they value from their letter-writing experience. Moderator: Matt Drake

IFC Needs

The IFC collects items for its Pantry, the Community Kitchen, the Community House (men’s residential facility), and Project Homestart (women’s residential facility). For a complete list of items needed by each facility, visit the IFC website at www.ifcweb.org/foodneeds.html.

The IFC can always use bags. Brown bags with handles are best, but they can use other types as well. Bring your extras to Meeting any Sunday.

Middle School Retreat

Middle schoolers (5th–8th grade) and friends are invited to a Middle School Retreat under the care of Durham Friends Meeting with the theme of Centering in the Light. Participants will travel to Falls Lake Campground to spend the night. Activities include games, water activities, silence, s’more-making, a campfire, and more. Dates: September 12–13. Registration deadline: September 6. For more information, contact Andrew Wright - BarnhillWright@hotmail.com, Elizabeth Wintermute - ewintermute@gmail.com, Goldie Walton - gwalton2@ec.rr.com, Toby Berla - toby.berla@gmail.com.

Parents/Fathers' Day at OCC

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, October 3 for Parents/Fathers' day at OCC. This event is one of the highlights of what is provided for the men at OCC, an opportunity to spend part of a Saturday with their children. Volunteers are welcome and needed both at OCC to be with the children/fathers and to be with the caregivers at a local church. It's an incredibly rewarding experience. If you have a special talent in the arts you'd like to share, now is the time! Contact Asta Crowe (astacrowe@gmail.com) or Melissa Radcliffe (ourchildrensplace@gmail.com) if you can volunteer. Times are approximately 9 am to 2 pm and any time in between, but at least an hour and best for two hours or more. Lunch is provided. Those who do not have a volunteer card for OCC need to get signed up ahead of time, so don't let this slip! Let Asta or Melissa know by the middle of September, and plan on a very rewarding event.

First Day School Updates

From Leslie Rountree, FDS Coordinator:

Tentative roster of 2015 FDS teachers and their pods:

Nursery Care

Stacey Seawell (plus, if needed, an adult volunteer)

Pre-Kindergarten Pod and the Kindergarten–2nd Grade Pod

These two pods have always shared conjoined rooms, separated by a collapsible partition. As we did last year, we will open the partition and each week there will be three adults present: a lead teacher for each age group and a shared assistant. These two pods will share a roster of veterans--Jasmine McKewen, Allie Scales, and Carolyn Stuart (and Stacey Seawell, when available). We also welcome newbie teacher Laura Young (Scarlet's mom). Many thanks to all our volunteer assistants as well!

3rd–5th Grade Pod

Mark Hulbert, Kathleen McNeil, and Andrea Wuerth.

Middle School Pod

Leslie Rountree, Herbert Struemper, and Cecelia King.

High School Pod

Sean Chen, John Hite, Lauren Hart, and (once a month) Jennifer Leeman.

Upcoming events

Sunday, September 6 Potluck Sunday

This being Potluck Sunday, the middle and high school teens will combine for a cooking project/simplicity lesson led by Jennifer Leeman in the multipurpose room. If your family is staying for potluck, please remember to bring your own plates, cups and utensils if possible!

Saturday, September 12: Football Parking begins

Attention middle and high school student families! It's kick-off time for...(drum roll please) Football Parking Saturdays! The dates and times for UNC's home games this year are: September 12 (NC A & T), September 19 (Illinois), September 26 (Delaware), October 17 (Wake Forest), October 24 (Virginia), November 7 (Duke), and November 14 (Miami). I will set up a Doodle poll this week for teens (and parents) to sign up for parking duty. Please plan on helping with parking on at least TWO or more of the season's weekends. This activity raises hundreds of dollars for our teens' and other programs in a very, very short time, as the lot fills usually way before game time. The more kids that come, the merrier it is for all!

September 12–13 Durham Friends Meeting Middle School Retreat

Durham Friends invites all 5th through 8th graders to join them in the first of a series of retreats they will hold this year for middle schoolers. They will be camping at Falls Lake, which is north and east of Durham. See more information above.

September 18–20 SAYF retreat, Asheville Friends Meetinghouse

Calling all SAYFERS! SAYF (Southern Appalachian Young Friends) retreats are open to middle and high school teens in 7th grade and above. These are a great way for your teen to get to know the wider Quaker community. For more information, contact CHFM SAYF coordinator Margot Stern at margot@mstern.com.

Friday, September 25 Intergenerational Game Night

It's time again for our monthly Intergenerational Game Night, which is held every fourth Sixth Day. As always, snacks are optional; all ages are welcomed. The fun starts at 7 pm. Game on!

Questions? Comments? Please email me directly at lesroutree@nc.rr.com.

Opening to Grace

"OPENING TO GRACE," a Contemplative Retreat in the Manner of Friends, will be held September 17–20 at the Avila Retreat Center in Durham, led by Patty Levering and Carole Treadway. On-line reservations are available at schoolofthespirit.org. Questions about the retreat? Past participants include Lynn and Matt Drake, Pam Schwingl, and Ric Shepherd.

Video: What If Wall Street Were Honest?

The newest QuakerSpeak video features our meeting's Mark Hulbert, who offers a wonderful and authentic interview on the topic, "what if Wall Street were honest," from the Quaker perspective. There may be an upcoming forum on the topic. In the meantime, watch the video here: <http://quakerspeak.com/what-if-wall-street-were-honest/>

Pauli Murray Exhibit

The Pauli Murray Project, a community-based initiative of the Duke Human Rights Center at the Franklin Humanities Institute, is excited to announce their exhibit, "Pauli Murray: Imp, Crusader, Dude, Priest," exploring the life and legacy of human rights activist Pauli Murray. The exhibit will be on display in the Cameron Gallery at the Scrap Exchange until December 12, 2015, and the gallery is open Sunday to Friday from 11 am to 7 pm and Saturdays from 10 am to 7 pm.

A new website supports the exhibit with additional photographs and resources. The Pauli Murray Project has also created educational curriculum materials in support of the exhibit for Durham K–12 students. Field trips are encouraged to the exhibit to learn about Pauli Murray's life, accomplishments and struggles. Durham public school teachers served as

important consultants to this process ensuring the curriculum's relevance to NC state standards and innovative classroom practice.

About the Pauli Murray Project

To build a better Durham, the Pauli Murray Project engages a diversity of residents to lift up the vision and legacy of activist, scholar, feminist, poet, and Episcopal priest Pauli Murray in order to tackle enduring inequities and injustice in our community. The Pauli Murray Project envisions a Durham community that actively works toward fairness and justice across divisions such as race, class, sexual and gender identity, and spiritual practice that often divide us. We embrace the transformative power of collecting and telling our stories and our truths as a process that heals these divisions and promotes human rights. www.paulimurrayproject.org

Seeking a Nanny

From Susan Inglis:

Nanny sought for precious one- and three-year-olds, newly arrived in Chapel Hill, friends of Susan Inglis. Duties begin mid-September. To learn more or apply, contact betsylee646@gmail.com.

BYO Plate

We celebrate the often large attendance at potluck and we thank the meeting for continued help with potluck cleanup. However, large attendance does create a lot of dishes to wash. Therefore, we request that Friends bring their own plates, cutlery, and glasses to potluck and take them home to wash. We know of other groups that use this practice successfully and we propose it as another way to be environmentally friendly. We recognize not everyone will remember to do so. Those who do will be allowed to be first in line for potluck. Thank you.

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

Reminder: Hillsborough Worship Group

The Hillsborough Worship Group meets on Sundays at 11am at the Hillsborough Yoga Downtown studio at 121 West Margaret Lane. There is parking next door at the library. This group is under the care of the Durham Meeting and has a minute of support from our meeting.

Calendar

(All events at Meetinghouse unless otherwise indicated.)

Sun. 9/6	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: How Was Your Summer?
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
	12:30pm	Potluck
Tue. 9/8	7–8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 9/11	5-6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sat.–Sun. 9/12–9/13		Middle School Retreat (see page 2)
Sun. 9/13	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: Gleanings from the FGC Summer Gathering
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
Tue. 9/15	7–8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 9/18	5–6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Fri.–Sat. 9/18–9/20		SAYF Retreat (see page 4)
Sun. 9/20	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. 9/22	7–8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 9/25	5–6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
	7pm	Intergenerational Games - Schoolhouse
Sun. 9/27	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: C.O. Letters Nurture the Peace Testimony
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
	noon	Families and Friends Affected by Mental Illness - Schoolhouse
	10pm	Deadline To Turn In Items For Newsletter!
Thur. 10/1	9am–1pm	CHFM Serves Lunch at Interfaith Shelter
Fri. 10/2	5–6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sat. 10/3		Parents' Day at OCC (see page 2)

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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
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- 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.