

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

Newsletter

Eighth Month, 2018

Monthly Query:

Am I mindful of how my lifestyle and my investments can contribute to the improvement of the human condition, or to the exploitation of others?



Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee:

Your silent prayer and openness to Spirit are themselves a form of ministry that enriches the Meeting community.

Upcoming Forum Schedule –

There will be no Fora over the summer. Weekly forum will resume on August 26th.

Aug 26: “Breaking the Barriers to Accessible and Affordable Housing: Master Leasing in Orange County, Subletting with a Social Conscience.” Led by Hank Elkins and Ronald Carnes of the Peace and Justice Committee.

Sept 2: “Summer reflections and autumn expectations.” Over the summer, what new acquaintances, activities or adventures have come into our lives? How might these "seeds of change" be germinated, to sustain us or bring new growth in the seasons to come? Group sharing led by Dirk Kelder and Carolyn White.

Sept 9: “Parenting and education in the 21st Century.” Brad Kershner, head of the CFS Early School will discuss a wide range of topics related to education, with an eye toward understanding what adults today must do to ensure the health of future generations and the planet they live on. He will be talking not only about schools and child development, but also about adult development and the ways in which we must take responsibility for ensuring our own ongoing growth, so that we can be the exemplars our children so desperately need.

Sept 16: MFB

Sept 23: “Clearness and support committees.” Both clearness and support committees might be considered gifts from the Meeting to its members and attenders. Those attending this forum will gain a better understanding of how these committees function, how they are requested and how they are populated. We'll leave plenty of time for questions. Led by members of Care and Counsel.

Sept 30: B&G Renovation update

Sanctuary immigrants speak out on border crisis

Immigrants fighting deportation from within sanctuaries in North Carolina came from the very countries behind the refugee crisis currently pushing thousands of immigrants to the U.S./Mexico border.

See details at

<http://spectrumlocalnews.com/nc/triad/news/2018/06/24/sanctuary-immigrants-speak-out-on-border-crisis>

Family Movie Night: "My Life as a Turkey"

Saturday, August 11

6:30pm in the Schoolhouse

Based on a true story, this beautiful, charming, funny, sad, and thought-provoking film explores one of those rare moments when man and animal unwittingly become more closely linked than nature normally allows.

Deep in the wilds of Florida, Joe Hutto, wildlife artist and naturalist, was presented with a rare opportunity. It had long been his hope to learn about the secret world of wild turkeys by having young turkey poults imprint on him, but obtaining wild turkey eggs, or young poults, had proven to be next to impossible; so when he arrived home one day to find a bowl filled with wild turkey eggs on his doorstep, he went out immediately to obtain an incubator, determined to become their mother. It was an experience that would change his life in ways he could never have imagined. He began speaking with them even before they hatched, and bonded with them in their first moments. Then, day after day, for over a year, he lived as a turkey mother, taking on the full-time job of raising 16 turkey chicks. It was a role he would learn from scratch and leave him caught up in wonder. The level of awareness and sensitivity of his young family to the world around them simply transcended anything he had experienced before. He learned their language and their ways, and in time, he became about as close to being a turkey in human skin as nature permits. Eventually, his children grew up, and Hutto had to let them go off on their own. It was harder than he ever imagined.

The film is 60 minutes long. We will have finger snacks, but feel free to bring your own to share, if you wish. This is a great opportunity for an inter-generational experience of animals and nature!

Contact members of the Animal Welfare Committee (Robin and James Harper, Annette Broadwell, Richard Miller, Pam Schwingl, Jennifer Leeman) if you have any questions.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE NEW MEETING DIRECTORY

Has any of your contact information changed over the last year? Have you moved or have a new email address or cell phone number, for example? Publications and Communications Committee plans to publish a new Meeting Directory early this fall and wants the information to be as accurate as possible. Your current Directory information is on a paper on a table in the schoolhouse hallway. If you have a change, please make the correction there. If no change, just check or write OK by your name. Contact information can also be emailed to: matthiascdrake@gmail.com

HELP WITH A SHORT-TERM WORKING GROUP

Publications and Communications Committee and other volunteers plan to work during the last two weeks of August to produce the Meeting Directory. Contacting Friends, editing, and other skills will be helpful. If you can assist, contact Sean Chen or Matt Drake soon.

PLAN TO WORSHIP IN THE MEETINGHOUSE STARTING AUGUST 12.

On Sunday, August 12, meetings for worship will return to the meetinghouse. . . . according to current plans.

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Minutes of Worship with Attention to Business

July 15, 2018 – Matt Drake, Clerk, and Alice Carlton, Recording Clerk

Present: Alice Carlton, Matt Drake, Lynn Drake, Ryan Jarrell, Kurt Hein, Gwyn Hein, Jan Hutton, Julia Cleaver, Ken Grogan, John “the Quaker” Hite, Curt Torell, Richard Miller, Hank Elkins, Carolyn Stuart, Dave Curtin, Ben Ray, Dottie Heninger, Lois Ann Hobbs, Gwynne Pomeroy, Chris Stanley, Faye Stanley, Tom Munk, Ronald Carnes, Paul Munk, Joyce Munk, Thomas E. Wahrheil, Robert Ormiston, Catherine Alguire, Tom McQuiston, Michael Sullivan, David Penny.

1. We opened with worship and consideration of the query: “Do I examine myself for aspects of prejudice that may be buried?”
2. We welcomed Alice Carlton as the incoming Recording Clerk and said “thank you” to Jennifer Leeman for serving as Recording Clerk for the past two years. There were no first time attenders at this point in the meeting.
3. **We approved the June 17, 2018 Minutes of Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, Jennifer Leeman, Recording Clerk, as written.**
4. Don Hopper, clerk of Buildings and Grounds Committee, presented the annual report (attached) which summarized the extensive efforts the committee made for the renovation of the downstairs of the Meetinghouse in addition to the committee’s ongoing responsibilities. **We accepted the report with great appreciation.**
5. Don Hopper updated us on the renovation of the Meeting room now beginning. Ceiling sheetrock and blown-in insulation will need to be removed before replacing with material yet to be decided. The floor where the rug once was will be cleaned and glue from the rug sanded on July 23. The room will be cleaned, and we will then be able to return there for worship. Final floor surface is yet to be decided. Painting and electrical work will also need to be done. Accurate Concrete has done a good job on the parking lot.
6. Matt read a letter from Beth Kurtz-Costes requesting for her and her daughter, Lydie, to be removed from membership after not attending Meeting for five years. She wrote of her great appreciation of the Meeting for the two decades she attended with her daughter. **We accepted their requests to be removed from membership with sadness and with appreciation for their years as part of our Meeting.**
7. Tom Munk, co-clerk, Peace and Justice Committee, asked for volunteers to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee on Benevolences for benevolences overseen by the Peace and Justice Committee. He described the duties of this Ad Hoc Committee and requested that interested Friends contact him by August 31. Two from Peace and Justice Committee and two from the wider Meeting community serve on this committee. **Lynn Drake and John Hite volunteered. We approved the service of these two Friends on the Ad Hoc Committee.** Richard Miller has assembled a notebook with information about some of these benevolences and would like to complete it with similar information about the rest of the benevolences. Friends were invited to submit relevant information to him. A Friend asked if we could also put information about our benevolences on our website.
8. Matt Drake reported for Sean Chen, Clerk, Publications and Communications Committee, with a request to assemble a working group during the last two weeks of August to produce the Meeting Directory. Friends willing to help please contact Sean or Matt.
9. The Committee Clerks Retreat will take place Saturday, September 8, 2018 from 9 am to noon. Committee clerks, co-clerks and other interested Friends are invited to participate. Contact Jan Hutton, Faye Stanley, or Matt Drake.

10. Matt Drake requests that committees let him know who will serve as Committee clerks and/or co-clerks this coming year as soon as these roles have been determined.

11. There will be no Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business in August. The next MWAB will take place Sept. 16, 2018 at 9 am.

12. Other announcements:

A. Forums will resume in September.

August 26: "Justice United Housing Efforts" led by Hank Elkins and Ronald Carnes

Sept. 2: "Summer Reflections and Autumn Expectations" led by Dirk Kelder and Carolyn White

Sept. 9: "Parenting and Education in the 21st Century" led by Brad Kershner, head of CFS Early School

Sept. 23: "Clearness and Support Committees" led by members of the Care and Counsel Committee

Sept. 30: "Renovating the Meeting Room" led by Don Hopper

B. Sat. Oct. 20, 10 am-12 noon Spiritual State of the Meeting will take place. All Friends are invited to attend.

C. Richard Miller reported that last Sunday's Meeting for Worship at Orange Correctional Center went well. The next opportunity for worship at OCC will be Sunday evening, August 12, 2018.

D. Don Hopper informed us that Alan Price, President of Earlham College, has resigned. The college is facing severe financial difficulties.

E. Quaker House: Curt Torell announced that Quaker House is dealing with a new problem regarding immigrants promised citizenship if they serve in the military being denied what they were promised.

F. Carolyn Stuart encouraged Friends to go to the email address cited in our recent E-News about Bill Schweke, a member of our Meeting who died recently. The site describes Bill's contributions to economic justice.

G. Tom Munk reported that Friends Committee on National Legislation is organizing volunteer opportunities to lobby Congress on many issues Friends support. He plans to spend a day in September visiting Congressional offices. See him for more information.

H. Matt described initial efforts to produce the Meeting Directory. He asked Friends to check their Directory contact information displayed on hallway tables and add or change as needed.

I. Matt raised the question of whether it is time to retire the blue metal chairs, the ones without padding. He asked for feedback.

Friends from OCC who attended MWAB for the first time and arrived late introduced themselves. They were: Thomas E. Wahrheil, Robert Ormiston, Michael Sullivan, and David Penny. We welcomed them.

13. We closed with worship.

Annual Report of Building and Grounds Committee
Chapel Hill Friends Meeting
July 2018

The B&G Committee currently includes as members: Bill Cleaver, Dottie Heninger, John Hite (ex-officio), Don Hopper (clerk), Richard Miller, David Schneider, Tom Smith and Wendy Michener. Brad Kershner and Kurt Hein have joined the committee this year.

The Meeting contracted with Trinity Design Build(TDB) to manage the demolition and renovation of the downstairs of the Meetinghouse. B&G worked closely with TDB on the project. Demolition started last May with volunteers removing the fireplace. TDB obtained building permit from Town of Chapel Hill in mid June and obtained a Certificate of Occupancy on February 13th 2018. The Resident is comfortably set up in the new apartment with contiguous kitchen and bath. Teens, committees and the child care have been breaking in the newly configured space. The "Design Committee" is fleshing out furnishings to complete the project. Thanks to the Meeting, the Early School and our Resident for their cooperation during the process. B&G also thanks the ARE Committee for arranging space in the Forum schedule for information about and discussion of the renovation project and its process. And a large thank you to Richard Miller for the year long use of his shed.

In order to improve access to the Meetinghouse B&G contracted with Accurate Concrete to install an ADA compliant parking space with a walkway to the existing sidewalk that accesses the ramp to the Meetinghouse. The existing sidewalk from the parking lot to the ramp was widened to 5 feet. Completed July 6, 2018

Resurfacing of the parking lot is scheduled for the week of July 23rd. A&B paving will prepare and resurface the lot. The catch basin at the NE corner of the lot was removed and replaced with a concrete flume to channel away rain water, Paving will be done to level up the asphalt with the concrete at the flume and the ADA lot.

B&G contracted with Heritage Strip and Finish and Furniture Repair Specialists to refinish the Meeting room benches. Benches have been a three year project with funds from the B&G budget. The rest of the benches will be refinished this year.

Following the renovation Corey Smith Painting painted the downstairs exterior windows ,cleaned the downstairs storm windows and pressure washed the building.

In July volunteers removed acoustical tiles, HVAC chase and carpet in Meeting room in preparation of renovation.

Among other tasks accomplished:

Fluorescent lights in the Library were replaced with LED lights

The Memorial gardens were successfully protected from encroaching Wisteria, Honeysuckle etc.

The elevator's battery pack was repaired after being powered down during the downstairs renovation

Volunteers cleared out downstairs prior to construction Loaded a large rental truck and dropped off goods at TROSA, and loaded Richard's shed with items to be returned to the downstairs.

Held work mornings and after rise of 2nd Meeting leaf raking sessions

Arranged to carry out tasks in John's absence over the summer: mail, trash, recycling, cleaning

Submitted by Don Hopper for Building and Grounds

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Meetings for Worship on First Days at 8:30 and 11:00 AM

Forum at 9:45am; Child Care from 9:30 AM–12:15 PM

First Day School from 11:15 AM–12:00 PM

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