

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

Newsletter

Seventh Month, 2019

Monthly Query: Do I examine myself for aspects of prejudice that may be buried?

Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee:

When one is moved by the Light to speak, such ministry is often preceded by a physical uneasiness, a “heart pounding weakness,” from which our name Quaker is derived.



WORSHIP AND FORUMS CONTINUE IN THE SCHOOLHOUSE FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

Upcoming Forum Schedule – FORUMS RESUME 25 AUGUST

Seeking Volunteers for Summer Programming

The last of the First Day school year was June 9th. After that, we will have a play based summer program for all ages led by volunteers. A sign-up poster is posted in the school house near the entrance. In the past volunteers have led crafts, games and nature activities. We encourage you to sign-up and share your gifts with our children.

Memorial Meeting for Claire Kunkel, July 6

Lynn Drake shares with Friends:

The family of Claire Kunkel invites you to attend her memorial meeting for worship on Saturday, July 6, at 10:00 am in the Carol Woods assembly hall. A reception will follow in the social lounge. Claire and her late husband Jiggs moved to Chapel Hill in 1987 and transferred their membership from the Chatham Meeting in New Jersey. Please join us in celebrating the life of Claire Kunkel.

Daylong Meditation Retreat and Workshop, August 10

Brad Kershner, a Head Teacher at Carolina Friends School and frequent attendee at Chapel Hill Friends Meeting, is leading a daylong retreat on August 10. The day will offer a unique combination of shared inquiry and dialogue in conjunction with meditation instruction and practice. Participants will be offered conceptual frameworks and meditation practices to help them nurture their psychological and spiritual development in a way that is responsive to the complexity and urgency of our time. There is much to do and understand together, and the time is now to wake up, grow up, and show up!

For more information, and to register, email: integratedemergence@gmail.com

Quaker House Spring Newsletter

For those who would like to view the latest Quaker House newsletter online go to: <https://conta.cc/2NfmXkw>. It has an overview of articles with sections to read, pictures and more. Enjoy and keep mindful of this special peace work.

Recommended Reading/Viewing/Listening 2019

At the final forum before summer break, Friends shared books, movies, podcasts, etc that they had read or viewed and would recommend to others. Below is a varied list for reading and viewing to get you through the hot summer days. Enjoy and happy reading, viewing and listening!

Spiritual

- Faith and Practice, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, 2018 edition (6 copies to borrow from library)
- Learning to fall: the blessings of an imperfect life by Philip Simmons
- On the brink of everything by Parker Palmer
- Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu
- The Gospels (King James version)
- Why religion by Elaine Pagels
- Books by Annie Dillard and Anne Lamott
- What we may be by Piero Ferrucci
- The Sages's Tao Te Ching by William Martin

Fiction

- Death of the Mantis by Michael Stanley and others
- Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens
- Still Life by Louise Penny and others
- News of the World by Paulette Jiles
- Milkman by Anna Burns
- Portrait of the artist as a young man by James Joyce
- Overstory by Richard Powers
- The Immortalists by Chloe Benjamin

Nonfiction

- Master Plan by Chris Wilson
- An Odyssey by Michael Mendelsohn
- Amish Faith
- Becoming by Michelle Obama
- The woman behind the new deal: the life and legacy of Frances Perkins by Kirstin Downey
- Women Rowing North by Mary Pipher
- Places in between by Rory Stewart
- Crisis of the modern world by Rene Guenon
- Short history of progress by Ronald Wright
- Ascent of Humanity by Charles Eisenstein
- The most beautiful world our hearts know is possible by Charles Eisenstein
- The great work: our way into the future by Thomas Berry
- Books by Ashleigh Brilliant (I feel much better now that I've given up hope and others)

Movies

- Toy Story 4
- Amazing Grace
- Biggest Little Farm
- Mudbound
- If Beale Street could talk
- The Hate u Give
- Surviving Progress

Podcasts

- Steal the stars

Magazines

- Funny Times
Yes (all good news)

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting – Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
9:00 am, June 16, 2019, Matt Drake, Clerk, and Alice Carlton, Recording Clerk

Attendance: Alice Carlton, Matt Drake, Carolyn White, Ruth Zalph, Don Hopper, Carolyn Stuart, Buzz Borchardt, Chris Stanley, Faye Stanley, Monteze Snyder, Richard Miller, Gordon Davies, Betsy Brinson, Ken Grogan, Hank Elkins, Tom Ludlow, David Curtin, Jan Hutton, John “the Quaker” Hite, Lynn Drake, Ernest Pichard, Thomas White, Edward Scott, Paul Munk, Joyce Munk, Julia Cleaver, Catherine Alguire, Tom McQuiston, Annette Broadwell, Wendy Michener, Ann Miller.

1. Opening worship and query – Matt Drake, Meeting Clerk. Query: How does our meeting nurture members in all stages of life?
2. Matt – Welcome, recognition of first time attenders, Betsy Brinson and Gordon Davies, review of agenda.
3. The minutes from the May 19, 2019 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business were approved.
4. Hank Elkins reported for the ad hoc Naming Committee, consisting of himself and Tom Ludlow, the recommendation of Kathleen McNeil to join the Nominations Committee. We approved Kathleen McNeil for the Nominations Committee.
5. Don Hopper, Clerk, Building and Grounds Committee (B&G), gave an update on the meeting room renovations. The ceiling and walls have been finished and painted. Next the floor will be installed. The HVAC system has been adjusted to fit the new ceiling and passed inspection. Emergency lights outside have been installed as required by the Town of Chapel Hill. The painting crew moved the benches to the multi-purpose room on Friday, and Meeting volunteers cleaned them Saturday morning. Thanks to the volunteers. A next possible project will be renovation of the library and foyer. We thank Don Hopper for his service to the B&G Committee and to the Meeting as he steps down as Clerk of B&G and for shepherding us through the renovation project over many years. We will be able to return to worship in the meeting room in mid to late July. We accept Don’s report with great appreciation.
6. Carolyn White, member of Nominations Committee, presented the proposed nominations for Meeting officers, committees and appointees, service to start July 1, 2019, listing a few additions since last month. Betsy Brinson will join the Quaker House Board and the Library Committee. Quaker Harmon will join the Hospitality Committee. We approved these nominations with gratitude. The full initial report was included with the May minutes.
7. Ann Miller, Co-clerk of Finance Committee, presented the proposed 2019-2020 budget for the Meeting, starting July 1, 2019. The only change from last month is to add \$150 to the Library Committee to cover archives. Money was transferred from the physical plant fund to cover the cost of an Automated Emergency Defibrillator (AED), a one time purchase. We approved the budget with appreciation. The full initial report was included with the May minutes.
8. Dave Curtin, Clerk of Library Committee, requested that \$150 be contributed to the Quaker Historical Collection at Guilford College. We currently send our newsletters to their archives. The Archives Committee, now laid down, has made this contribution in the past. It is now requested that it be transferred to the Library Committee. We approved this contribution to now come through the Library Committee.
9. Matt shared a request from Betsy Fenhagen to be considered for membership. She writes: “I am writing to ask if I might formally become a member of the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting. For several months I have attended meetings here where I found the words “We enter to worship and go forth to serve” inspiring and an expression to which I would be honored to contribute.

Thank you for considering my appeal,
Betsy Fenhagen”

(Her request will be referred to the Ministry & Worship Committee to set up a Clearness Committee for Membership. M&W receives and saves these letters in a library file cabinet.)

10. Buzz Borchardt, Clerk of Hospitality Committee, raised the question of where to hold the July 7 potluck given the presence of the benches in the multi-purpose room. We agreed to ask Friends to bring extra finger food and forego potluck until the meeting house renovations are complete. We gave appreciation to Hospitality Committee for performing their duties so well during our time in the Multi-purpose room.

11. Hank Elkins, member of the Peace & Justice Committee, reported success in getting US Representatives Price and Butterfield to co-sponsor HR 1274 which would repeal the Authorization for Use of Military Force Act from 2001.

12. We extend our deep appreciation for the service of Matt Drake as Clerk of Meeting.

13. Next MWAB will be 9:00 am July 21, 2019 when we will welcome Chris Stanley as Clerk of Meeting.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. Forum - June 23: Friendly Summer Perusals Redux. Have you read something recently that you think others would enjoy? How about a film or series? Come ready to share what inspires you! We will compile a list of recommended reads and views to share with all. This will be the last Forum for 2018-2019.

B. June 30 – July 6: Friends General Conference Summer Gathering, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa.

C. The Children's and Youth Religious Education Committee is seeking volunteers to teach First Day School this summer. There is a sign-up list on the chalk board in the hallway.

D. The first organizational meeting of newly forming Friends Committee on North Carolina Legislation General Committee will take place June 22. Karen Porter will attend as our representative and invites others to join her.

E. Brad Kershner will lead a day long Meditation Retreat & Workshop August 10. Contact Brad at integratedemergence@gmail.com.

F. Jan Hutton has new buttons that read "Kindness is Contagious". Free to all.

G. To send items for the weekly eNews email news@chapelhillfriends.org. Put "for eNews" in the subject line. Deadline is each Wednesday at midnight. For the monthly print newsletter, email news@chapelhillfriends.org. Put "for Newsletter" in the subject line. Deadline is the last Sunday of the month.

15. We closed with worship, circle and preparation for 11:00 am Meeting for Worship.

Intergenerational Games

Please join us on the First Sunday of each month for Intergenerational Games following potluck, after the rise of Meeting.

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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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