

# Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

## Newsletter

### Eighth Month, 2019

**Monthly Query:** How do I strive to achieve harmony between my inner and outer commitments in my spiritual journey, my work, my family and my other responsibilities?

#### **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 – FORUMS RESUME 25 AUGUST**

#### **THE MEETING ROOM PASSED FINAL INSPECTION AND IS READY TO USE.**

The exceptional efforts of the Building & Grounds Committee have been rewarded with a beautiful space for worship.

- 8:30 am - early Worship
  - 11:00 am - late Worship
  - Noon - First Sunday Potluck! We welcome all (whether you have something to share or not) for a potluck meal in the schoolhouse at the rise of late Meeting. And after potluck, consider sticking around a little while for inter-generational games.
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- Please bring food and/or cash for the IFC Food Bank
  - Child Care available
  - If you are in need of transportation to Meeting for Worship or any other CHFM events, please contact the Care and Counsel committee via the Meeting website.

#### **Bench and Chair Arrangement**

From Buildings & Grounds: Years of thoughtful design planning and work have gone into the renovation of the room for Worship. The bench and chair arrangement is the result of several Forums that took place a few years ago to improve accessibility, safety and a sense of gathered community, as well as accommodating the addition of new chairs and some specific requirements of the Fire Marshall. Please do not move the chairs. We would like to try out this arrangement for two months before getting feedback or any suggestions that might benefit the gathering for worship.

#### **A Midsummer Night's Dream**

Two of our very own Chapel Hill Friends Meeting teens are performing in Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* this coming weekend. Come out and support Matilda and Henry as well as the other wonderful teens who have been working the last 8 weeks on this production! The show runs August 1st, 2nd and 3rd, at the ArtsCenter in Carrboro. Tickets are \$7 for students, \$10 for adults. For more information, or to buy your tickets in advance, here is the link:

[www.1songproductions.org/](http://www.1songproductions.org/)



## **SOLAR POWER NOW! RALLY**

SEPTEMBER 8 2018, GREENSBORO COLLEGE. This event is being co-sponsored by Greensboro Earth Quakers.

On September 8th, at 2pm the Greensboro Solar Coalition is organizing a Solar Power Now! rally at Greensboro College (front lawn, 815 West market St.) to demonstrate our community's support for solar energy and urge our local governments to commit to a goal of securing 100% of their energy needs from renewable sources. This will accelerate the transition away from fossil fuels that is needed to deal with climate change. The rally will have speakers on the clean energy imperative, climate change challenges, and progress toward the goal of 100% renewables. Visually, rally participants will hold 100+ yellow umbrellas to demonstrate support for Solar Power Now. We plan to photograph the elevated array of umbrellas by drone. A GoFundMe campaign is underway to purchase the yellow umbrellas and rally materials. Contribute at <https://www.gofundme.com/solar-power-now>. Anyone who donates \$20 or more will receive a Solar Power Now! umbrella to hold at the rally or provide for others to hold.

With this rally Greensboro Earth Quakers and our coalition partners will join with the Peoples Climate Movement call for 'a transition to a new 100% clean and renewable energy future that creates millions of family-sustaining jobs and ensures that racial and economic justice are core to action on climate in every community. Our communities, our planet, and our future depend on a climate movement that reaches all corners of this country. To change everything, it takes everyone—and with your help we can build a sustainable world for generations to come.'

Coalition partners organizing the rally also include the Sierra Club's Plateau Group and its 'Reach For 100%' campaign, Environmental Stewardship Greensboro, GreenDrinks Greensboro, and allies at Guilford College, Bennett College, GTCC, and N.C.A&T.

## **NC Earthcare Network**

In recognition of the serious problems of global climate disruption and related threats to human life and the wider natural world the Earthcare Network will serve to:

- Connect NC/Va. Beach Quakers concerned with earthcare witness, particularly with respect to global climate disruption, to share information, resources, concerns and support.
- Support each other in remaining spiritually grounded and led in our environmental witness work, and in giving each other encouragement to be hopeful and steadfast;
- Strengthen our call and witness to the care and flourishing of our interdependent human and earth communities based on our Quaker testimonies of integrity, justice, love, simplicity, equality and peace, as we seek an earth restored.

If you would like to join, or have any questions, please contact: Lauri Langham ([laurilangham@gmail.com](mailto:laurilangham@gmail.com); 919-971-2059) and Jennie Ratcliffe ([jratcliffe@mindspring.com](mailto:jratcliffe@mindspring.com); 919-682-8388).

## **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](mailto:integratedemergence@gmail.com)

## **HERETIC - The Mary Dyer Story, Sept. 13, 14, 15**

Mary Dyer (1611 – 1660) was an English Puritan turned Quaker who was hanged in Boston, Massachusetts for repeatedly defying a law banning Quakers from the colony. She is one of the four executed Quakers known as the Boston martyrs.

Production has begun for a filmed version of Heretic, to be created from live performances at historic [Spring Friends Meeting House](#), Snow Camp NC. The goal is to reach a far broader audience, expanding viewership well beyond what is possible for a one-woman stage performance. [Secure your seat](#) for any of the following performances:

- **Friday, September 13**, public performance (no filming) at 7pm.  
Spring Friends Meeting House; 3323 E Greensboro Chapel Hill Road, Snow Camp, NC
- **Saturday, September 14**, 11am-5pm, private filming  
Spring Friends Meeting House, Snow Camp
- **Saturday, September 14**, public performance *and* filming at 7pm.  
Spring Friends Meeting House, Snow Camp
- **Sunday, September 15**, public performance (no filming), 3pm-5pm  
Chapel Hill Friends Meeting School House

For Mature Audiences. No late seating. Each performance is followed by a discussion. Goodwill donations heartily encouraged. Details at: <https://www.marydyerplay.com/>.

Renowned actor-playwright, Jeanmarie Simpson journeys to North Carolina in a play about pre-First Amendment martyr, Mary Dyer. Known for her performance portraits of fierce, historical women, Simpson has distinguished herself among her peers in the entertainment industry. The author-performer says of her subject, "Speaking very personally, her life - the choices she made, the way she kept going - has helped me find the ambition to get up many a morning when all I wanted was to crawl under the covers and stay there. My insight, more a revelation, is that choices make us whole. We are powerful when we choose things. Even hard things, even being executed, when it's our choice, is a liberation. I think about that every day now, and it's a gift Mary gave to me."

## **Quaker House 50th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon, Sept. 21**

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of Quaker House. Fifty years ago Dean Holland, a Vietnam era soldier, hitched-hiked to Chapel Hill Friends Meeting and asked for help in getting a conscientious objector discharge from the military. After his plea and questions by our meeting, he proclaimed, "Quakers need to be in Fayetteville." At that, Bob Gwyn and others from our meeting, as well as other local meetings, formed Quaker House. CHFM has been a prominent supporter of this Quaker witness for peace ever since.

In honor of this anniversary, Quaker House is sponsoring a Celebration Luncheon on **Saturday, September 21, 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM**, at the Fayetteville Holiday Inn I-95 (1944 Cedar Creek Road). The celebration will feature a panel of those who have benefited from Quaker House, past and present directors, and our GI Rights Hotline and Domestic Violence counselors; a feature presentation by Monisha Rios, a military sexual assault survivor who Quaker House helped; the debut of newly made Quaker House films "Conscientious Peacemaking Since 1969" and "Stories of Gratitude;" live music; and food!

Getting tickets in advance is encouraged to help estimate attendance, but they will also be available at the door. Prices are \$0-\$10 for Limited Income; \$25 for Actual Cost; \$50+ Contribution Level; and free for service members and veterans.

For more information or reservations go to [gpr@quaker.org](mailto:gpr@quaker.org), call Quaker House at 910-323-3912, or contact Curt Torell ([curtnpatty@aol.com](mailto:curtnpatty@aol.com) or 919-968-2174) particularly for carpool arrangements.

## 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.

### Chapel Hill Friends Meeting – Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

9:00 am July 21, 2019, Chris Stanley, Clerk and Alice Carlton, Recording Clerk

Attendance: Alice Carlton, Chris Stanley, Don Hopper, Ken Grogan, Tom Munk, Pam Schwingl, Pat Mann, Asta Crowe, Max Drake, Gordon Davies, Betsy Brinson, Frank Tang, Jeff Brown, Matt Drake, Lynn Drake, Susan Inglis, Lloyd Kramer, Geoff Medcalf, Ben Ray, Buzz Borschardt, Gwynne Pomeroy, Dave Curtin, Jennifer Leeman, Jan Hutton, John Hite, Annette Broadwell, Lois Ann Hobbs, Dottie Heninger, Kitty Bergel, Edward Scott, Lamont Horne, Aaron PHSimon.

1. Opening worship and query. “How do we help each other face conflicts with patience, forbearance and openness to healing?”
2. Welcome, there were no first-time attenders who wished to be recognized, review of agenda.
3. Minutes of the June 19, 2019 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MWAB) were approved as written.
4. Alice Carlton presented a minute of appreciation for the exceptional service of Matt Drake as Clerk. We approved this minute with gratitude. (See appendix 1.)
5. Dottie Heninger presented a memorial minute for Claire Kunkel. We approved the minute with fond remembrance. (See appendix 2.)
6. Asta Crowe, Clerk, Returning Citizens Financial Assistance Committee presented the annual report. We accepted the report with appreciation. (See appendix 3.)
7. Don Hopper, Clerk Emeritus, Building and Grounds Committee, presented the annual report and an update on the renovations. Wendy Michener deserves special recognition for filling out many forms for permits for our renovations from the Town of Chapel Hill. Update: some benches have been returned, we passed the initial inspection, we will need a fire inspection before the final inspection. Fire extinguishers need to be updated. Don purchased new fire extinguishers to allow appointment with fire inspector to proceed on Monday. Indirect lighting and microphones need to be installed. Once the benches have been replaced, we will evaluate the acoustics and make adjustments as needed. Some adjustments to doors and locks will be done. We approved the report and update with much appreciation. (See appendix 4.)
8. Next MWAB will be 9 am Sunday Sept. 15, 2019.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Brad Kershner will lead a day long Meditation Retreat & Workshop on August 10. Contact Brad at [integratedemergence@gmail.com](mailto:integratedemergence@gmail.com).
- B. Quaker House will hold a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, September 21, 2019 with a luncheon at the Holiday Inn in Fayetteville, NC. Mark your calendars and watch for news about tickets for this event.
- C. Pam Schwingl invites those interested to form a book group to discuss *Nothing Lowly in the Universe* by Jenny Radcliffe, a member of Durham Friends Meeting. Those interested may contact Pam at [pswingl@yahoo.com](mailto:pswingl@yahoo.com).
- D. Matt Drake announced that Catherine Alguire has designed an arrangement of benches in the meeting room with 80 spaces allowing room for wheel chairs as needed. A map of the design is posted on the wall of the multi-purpose room.
10. We closed with worship and a circle before preparing for 11 am Meeting for Worship.

### **Minute of Appreciation for Matthias Drake**

Presented at Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business  
July 21, 2019

The meeting wishes to express our heartfelt appreciation to Matthias Drake for his service as clerk of the meeting. Matt has served as clerk in the past, and we are particularly grateful that he accepted the request from the Nominations committee three years ago for another term as clerk.

Three years in the life of a vibrant meeting such as the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting offers numerous challenges and opportunities. During Matt's clerkship, the meeting has completed renovation of the lower level of the meetinghouse, as well as the parking lot and grounds. Renovation of the room for worship on the main floor of the meetinghouse is near completion. Matt has led the meeting in a thoughtful, Spirit-filled manner in this endeavor, as well as other issues affecting the life of the meeting.

Arthur Larabee, a member of Central Philadelphia Friends Meeting and a longtime teacher of Quaker clerking and decision-making, asks all of us to be "students of clerking." Matthias Drake is a worthy example of study. He exemplifies several traits that distinguish him as a clerk of a Friends' meeting. His prayerful preparation for meetings for worship with attention to business is apparent to all. He includes the community in the preparation of the agenda, asking committee clerks and others to assist him in building the agendas for monthly meetings. To the best of his ability, he ensures that the needed information is presented to enable good decisions, thoughtful consideration of issues and respectful acceptance of reports.

Matt conducts meetings for worship with attention to business in a "listening" manner. That is, he strives to be attuned to the working of the Spirit as Friends grapple with differences, celebrate accomplishments, and seek the sense of the meeting. As a talented clerk, Matt discerns when to ask for silent worship, hold a matter over for further work before decision-making, and recognize when Friends have reached unity. He does all this in good spirits and with humor. One leaves meeting for worship with attention to business feeling more knowledgeable and appreciative of the community. One leaves with a sense of having worshiped.

Appendix 2  
**CLAIRE HOLM KUNKEL**  
**September 13, 1930 – April 27, 2019**

Claire Holm Kunkel was raised in a small Swedish enclave on the upper west side of Manhattan. She was born the youngest of five sisters and one brother to parents who had immigrated from Sweden in 1913. She was raised in the Lutheran Church and became a convinced Friend in 1957 after she and her husband Jiggs moved to Philadelphia.

Their four children, Job, Joshua, Nathan and Lise all attended Germantown Friends School, where Claire worked as Secretary to the Dean of Faculty and Students. The Germantown community was nurturing to the family, and cherished by Claire. Until moving away in 1979, she was a beloved presence at GFS, finding joy and validation in her interaction with students, faculty, and school administrators.

Claire and Jiggs later lived in Maplewood, NJ, and joined the Chatham Meeting. When Jiggs retired in 1987, they found their way to Chapel Hill and joined Chapel Hill Friends Meeting. They were both active in the life of our Meeting, serving on committees and nurturing individual members. After moving to Carol Woods, Claire regularly joined the weekly dinners with other resident Quakers.

Claire enjoyed international travel, and maintained close ties to her Scandinavian heritage with yearly trips to Denmark where Nathan and his family make their home. She remained particularly close to all her children and her dearly loved grandchildren throughout her life. Claire was famously known for combing garage sales and Carol Woods Cash and Carry. She could find a treasure anywhere and delighted in passing these (sometimes outlandish!) gifts on to her friends.

Claire was predeceased by her husband Jiggs, and by her son Joshua.

Claire's presence enriched our Meeting. Her legacy was her ability to love others in ways uniquely suited to each person. This legacy continues to inspire all who knew her.

Appendix 3

**Returning Citizens Financial Assistance Committee (Fiscal Year 2017-2018)**

The Returning Citizens Financial Assistance Committee (ReCFAC) was established in 2014 to create guidelines and oversee the disbursement of funds to assist men as they leave Orange Correctional Center and return to the community.

This past year, we provided financial assistance to six men for a total expenditure of \$962.

As in past years, most of these funds have gone to meet

men's immediate needs as they transition to the community including toiletries, clothing, phones, and bicycle helmets and locks. We were fortunate to receive a \$300 grant from TarWheels to assist us in purchasing bicycle supplies.

We are carrying \$1,114 over into the new physical year, and the Meeting has allocated an additional \$1,000 bringing our current funds to \$2,114.

This funding will help us to support two men who are returning to the community this fall and several more who we expect will be released in the near future.

Submitted by the ReCFAC: Jennifer Leeman (clerk), Asta Crowe, Nancy Milio, Gwynne Pomeroy, Pam Schwingl, and Richard Miller

Annual Report

Building and Grounds Committee

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

July 2018 to July 2019

The Building and Grounds Committee (B&G) oversees the condition and maintenance of the meetinghouse and the grounds. Most of this work is done by committee members. When there is need for professional work or larger projects B&G assesses the situation and makes recommendations to Meeting for Business. B&G screens and recommends applicants for the position of meetinghouse resident. B&G oversees and work closely with the resident. With the help of the resident B&G oversees the use of the meetinghouse and the school house by outside groups. Currently the committee members are Bill Cleaver, Kurt Hein, Dottie Heninger, Brad Kershner, Wendy Michener, David Schneider, Tom Smith and co-clerks Richard Miller and Bob Durovich.

This past year has been a busy one for B&G. With the financial assistance of Carolina Friends School the parking lot was completely resurfaced and striped professionally. A van accessible ADA-compliant parking space was installed with a sidewalk connector to the existing walkway on the south side of the building. The sidewalk from the parking lot to the ramp was widened to make it more accommodating. Business Meeting approved moving forward with a renovation of the meeting room. Demolition began in January and is coming to completion in July.

B&G thanks the Meeting for its patience and flexibility during the construction process. B&G also would like to give special thanks to John Hite, the meetinghouse resident for all of his extra work while Meeting has been being held in the Early School. John has taken it upon himself to set up and breakdown the seating for Meeting for Worship every Sunday for the past six months. He has made sure that outside groups who use the meeting room have been accommodated and that others guests have been directed to the School House on First Day mornings. Thank you John!

The CFS Early School is currently being re-roofed. This large project will leave the School House with a like new roof with new sheathing and flashing where necessary. CFS did major improvements to the playground last summer to contain the sandy area and generally spruce up the playground. Thank you to CFS for helping to maintain our facilities.

A few other items have kept B&G busy. Some of them are: the front of the meetinghouse and the wrought iron railings were painted by Corey Smith Painting, a fussy toilet was fixed by Kurt, the Memorial Garden has been maintained, Richard pruned back storm damaged tree limbs, a small party of Bill and Julia Cleaver, Don and Loretta Hopper, Matt, John, Wendy and Richard cleared away a fallen tree and vines from the rear of the School, ATT finally buried the phone line to the meetinghouse, Richard reglazed a broken window in the child care room door and the ceiling tiles and carpet were removed from the meeting room in preparation for the renovation.

We look forward to welcoming Friends back into their renovated meeting space.

Submitted for B&G by Don Hopper

Wendy Michener, Bill Cleaver, Tom Smith, Kurt Hein, Dottie Heninger, Brad Kershner, David Schneider, co-clerks Richard Miller and Bob Durovich

## **Intergenerational Games**

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

### **Chapel Hill Friends Meeting**

### **Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends**

531 Raleigh Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 (919) 929-5377

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

Clerk of the Meeting: Matt Drake (919) 968-0044

Resident: John Hite (919) 929-5377

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