

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

Newsletter

Ninth Month, 2019

Monthly Query: In what manner, and how often does our meeting engage in a self-examination of its attitudes and actions regarding race, ability, gender, sexual orientation or class?



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 8 - Justice United - Join Justice United lead organizer Devin Ross to learn how religious and secular leaders across Orange County are organizing to strengthen their communities and to make change on their top concerns.

September 15 - No Forum - Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business at 9:00 a.m

September 22 - The Book of Revelation - Wes Daniels, Director of Friends Center at Guilford will discuss his new book Resisting Empire: The Book of Revelation that outlines a different reading of Revelation for today.

September 29 - Earth in Crisis - How to Respond? We will explore how to adapt to the serious threat the climate crisis poses to the earth and our existence. Led by Hart Pillow, Dirk Kelder and Betsy Downing, members of the local Citizens Climate Collaborative group.

First Day School Welcome Picnic, Sept. 8

On September 8th, we will hold our annual welcome back picnic. Students, Families and Teachers are invited to meet on the school house porch to meet FDS teachers, share fellowship, collect updated student information, go over rules for the school house and playground, and generally enjoy a frolicking good time! A picnic lunch will be served. (Gluten-free, sugar-free, and vegan options will be available.)

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

Radical Quaker martyr Mary Dyer was called "heretic," "mother of a monster," and after her execution in 1660 likened to "a flag for others to take example by." Her crime? Advocating for freedom of religion against 17th Boston's Puritan theocrats. They made that a matter of life and death. Mary Dyer didn't blink, or did she? Dyer was also a loving wife and mother. Jeanmarie Simpson's brilliant, searing play, "Heretic," brings Mary Dyer's story to life, and it's coming to Friends Meetings in central North Carolina, September 13-15. Friday September 13 & Saturday 14, it will be performed at Spring Friends Meeting, live at 7 PM. On Sunday Sept. 15, the final live performance will be at Chapel Hill Friends Meeting, at 3 PM. Space is definitely limited. Admission is by reservation & donation. Reserve seats now at: <https://tinyurl.com/y5hpq9my>

Spring Friends Meeting
3323 East Greensboro Chapel Hill Road
Snow Camp, North Carolina, 27349
Directions at: <http://quaker.org/legacy/springfriends/>

Gun Give Back, Sept. 14

On Saturday, September 14th from 2-4 pm, a gun giveback program will be held by a private citizen in the parking lot of the Community Church of Chapel Hill at 106 Purefoy Road, Chapel Hill. The Stuart and Cindy Good Memorial Fund and anonymous individuals have made the Gun Give Back event possible by generously donating funds necessary for this event. Your gun will be cut up with a chop saw on site. It will then be taken to a recycler that week where the gun will be melted down and the material will be recycled.

To ensure safety, please do the following:

- Make sure that the gun is not loaded and does not have bullets in any chamber or magazine. Ammunition cannot be taken at the Gun Give Back event.
- Have all guns placed in your trunk or rear storage of your vehicle.
- When you arrive at the parking lot, open up the trunk or rear storage area.
- Trained security personnel will take the gun out, check its serial number, and take the gun.
- On the following Monday, gun pieces will be taken to a recycler and the metal will be melted.

Join Quaker Earthcare Witness and the Global Climate Strike on September 20

On September 20, three days before the United Nations Climate Summit in New York City, young people and adults will strike all across the United States and world to demand transformative action be taken to address the climate crisis.

For more information see

<https://www.quakerearthcare.org/article/join-climate-strike-september-20-2019>

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, call Quaker House at 910-323-3912, or contact Curt Torell (curtnpatty@aol.com or 919-968-2174) particularly for carpool arrangements.

CHFM offers CPR/First Aid/defibrillator trainings

The Ministry and Worship Committee is offering CPR (child and adult)/First Aid/Defibrillator trainings to both members and attenders who are interested. A very qualified instructor will provide 3-hour trainings, of 10-12 people each, depending on interest. By focusing on training only, and not certification, the cost will be \$10 a person. The first training is scheduled on Saturday, October 26, from 9-12 PM. (CHFM has purchased a defibrillator, also called an AED.) Location to be announced. If you'd like to attend the first training, email Janhutton1@gmail.com

Quaker Cottage Belfast currently have vacancies
for one year volunteer internships.

Sitting on the mountain overlooking Belfast, Quaker Cottage is a cross-community family support day centre serving mothers and their children in the divided communities of North and West Belfast, areas that are among the most deprived in all of the Europe.

This is intensely personal work. When our mums hand their children over to us, they not only trust that we will keep them safe but that we will love them like our own.

The primary job of our volunteers? To love the children of the families we work with and make sure they and their mums know it.



Volunteer

to be part of
something...

life- Changing



As part of a dedicated and professional childcare team, you will be making a profound difference in the lives of those in real need. Accommodation, transport and allowances are provided.

Take the opportunity to be part of a service that will change the lives of those you support, set in a truly unique part of the world.

**Contact Grant at quakercottage@quakerservice.com to have a chat
about this opportunity**

For local knowledge and a sharing of his own experience, you can speak with John Hite at CHFM about the internship program in Belfast. johnthequaker@yahoo.com

ENDING ENDLESS WAR - This is an important time to contact Rep. Price, Senator Tillis, and Senator Burr in the cause of peace. Congress has made first steps to take war-making powers back from the President. The Constitution placed war-making powers in the hands of Congress, not the president. The 1973 War Powers Act -- passed over President Nixon's veto -- clarified that fact. These remain in effect, but the "War on Terror" changed the legal terrain. The 2001 Authorization for the Use of Military Force gave the president advance permission to use military force against anyone who planned, authorized, committed, or aided the 9/11 attacks, or who harbored such groups. This meant the Taliban and al-Qaeda in Afghanistan. Since then, three administrations have interpreted it to include more than half a dozen groups around the world. The 2002 AUMF authorized the 2003 invasion of Iraq to "defend the national security of the United States against the continuing threat posed by Iraq." The Trump administration now claims this authority for war against ISIS in Iraq, Syria, and elsewhere.

We have a chance to end these endless wars. All three of NC's Democratic Representatives co-sponsored H.R. 1274 (Repeal 2001 AUMF), just days after our meetings with Price and Butterfield. Even more promising, the language of the resolution is included in the House version of the must-pass Defense Appropriations spending bill.

H.R. 2456 (Repeal 2002 Iraq AUMF) is a newer bill. It currently has co-sponsors, but its text has been included in the House version of another must-pass piece of legislation: the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

The legislative action is now in a House-Senate conference committee. FCNL and your CHFM Advocacy Team ask you to

- thank Rep. Price or Butterfield for co-sponsoring H.R. 1274. (202) 224-3121
- ask Rep. Price or Butterfield to co-sponsor H.R. 2456. (202) 224-3121
- ask Rep. Price or Butterfield to encourage Adam Smith, chair of the House Armed Services Committee, to retain the 2002 Iraq AUMF repeal in the NDAA. (202) 224-3121
- Senator Tillis will probably be a conferee for the National Defense Authorization Act, and shares our concerns about overreaching presidential power. Ask him to retain the 2002 Iraq AUMF repeal in the NDAA. 202-224-6342

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.

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; 919-971-2059) and Jennie Ratcliffe (jratcliffe@mindspring.com; 919-682-8388).

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.

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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Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

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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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