

Friendship Times

October 2008

Calendar

- Sun, Oct 5 9:00 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel, Peace and Social Concerns meet
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Sun, Oct 12 10:00 am Group singing, Meetinghouse
10:30 am Meeting for Worship, A potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
- Sat, Oct 18 11:00 am Apple Trek, Whites' mountain cabin
- Sun, Oct 19 10:00 am Group singing, Meetinghouse
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Tue, Oct 21 Last day to send newsletter materials to Editor
- Sat, Oct 25 3:00 pm Baby Shower for Kathe Rodriguez
Bonnie & David Parsons' house
- NCYM Conservative Representative Body,
meets at Rich Square Meeting, Woodlawn, NC
- Sun, Oct 26 10:30 am Meeting for Worship

Child care available for Worship and Business Mtgs.
7:30 pm Fourth Day, Midweek Mtg. for Worship, in Prayer Room, 7th floor Woolman Hall, Friends Homes, occasionally followed by discussion at 8 pm.
9:00 am fifth First Day (when there is one), Extended Meeting for Worship.

Winston-Salem Worship Group. Meeting for Worship, 9:30 a.m. First Day, at The Blessings, 823 Reynolda Road, Winston-Salem.
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In this Issue

Minutes from in Ninth Month's meeting for worship with a concern for business are in this issue. In addition there are messages from Louise Harris, Gene Torbert and Nan Bowles, a birth announcement, upcoming events including a meeting of the Representative Body of NCYM-C, the Whites' annual Apple Trek and a baby shower, a report from FWCC concerning Cuban Quakers, and updates for the *Directory*.

From the Editor:

I regret that this issue of *Friendship Times* is late. This is the result of two unfortunate situations. First, very little material was submitted before the published deadline. Second, once enough material arrived my ill health prevented my working at the computer. I hope we will all do better next time.

My intention is to distribute the newsletter two weeks before Monthly Meeting, which will be October 26th for the November issue. Material for the newsletter should be submitted, preferably by email, ***no later*** than Tuesday, **October 21st**. Thanks to everyone in advance for your help. Cyril Harvey, cyrilhh@triad.rr.com

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http://www.geocities.com/friendshipmeeting/friendshiptimes_newsletters.html

Provided by Chris W. Nelson - Web Clerk

Tenth Month's Query Manner of Living

*Do we endeavor to live in harmony with nature?
Are we careful in our stewardship of the world's irreplaceable resources?*

Minutes

FRIENDSHIP MONTHLY MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS GATHERED ON THE 14TH OF NINTH MONTH 2008

Meeting began with silent worship. In attendance were: Lisa Waldman, Gay Bowles, John Bowles, Sandy Bowles, David Brown, Mae Brown, Judith Harvey, Martha Lang, David MacInnes, Chris Nelson, Ray Treadway, Sidney Lee Kitchens, Judith Harvey, Steve Hayes, Christy Hopkins, Kembra Howdeshell, Claire Koster, Don Smith, Darlene Stanley, Rebecca Sullivan, Darryl Waisner, George White, and Marilyn White.

Clerk David MacInnes read Query 9 from *Faith and Practice* out of the silence:

Query 9: Are we mindful of Friends testimonies against alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and other harmful drugs; and do we refrain from using them or dealing in them, realizing that abstinence is the clearest witness against overindulgence? Do we seek to avoid all kinds of gambling and places of diversion that tend to be demoralizing? Do we keep in mind how diverse and widespread are the temptations to grow richer at the expense of others? Are we faithful to our testimony against taking oaths?

Several Friends responded out of the silence. The following minute serves as a summary of what was said:

Friends noted that the overall themes of the 8th and 9th query are interrelated and that our discussion of the ninth query is in many ways a continuation of our discussion of the eighth. Do we go gently with the earth and humanity? Are we truthful? How do we live in a way that allows our witness to speak for us in everyday life? One friend noted that the words of the prophet Joel worked well with this query. What is good and what does the Lord require of thee? Living humbly means abstaining from substances that were not put here for us and/or may inhibit our spiritual lives. We must practice mercy with those who owe us money or have debts due to poverty and other financial pressures. To walk humbly with our God means living in simplicity and integrity to the best of our ability, repaying our own debts and living the example of our faith.

David MacInnes volunteered to revise this query for next month's business meeting.

Final approval of our response to 8th month query, revised by Worship and Ministry Committee

We believe the meeting is prompt in the payment of our debts and deliberate in care of the building and grounds, thanks largely to the diligence of our Treasurer and House and Grounds Committee. We are aware that we face challenges to our simplicity testimonies in this society where there is a tendency

to live beyond one's needs, especially with easy availability of credit cards, and to use more than one's share of the earth's resources. How do we live within our means right now while honoring the needs of all members of our community? How can we live within the needs and resources of our earth right now? Friends also noted that actions of simplicity can often move beyond traditional definitions and into complex solutions to make our impact on the world as simple as possible.

Friends approved this response.

Treasurer Ray Treadway read the **Treasurer's Report** for the month of August which was accepted. The complete report is attached to the minutes; a summary follows:

<u>Eighth Month</u>	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund:	\$1,195.00	\$ 1,729.89	\$ 5,083.78
All Funds:	\$1,325.00	\$ 2,464.89	\$ 15,410.89

Expenses of note during the month: travel to committee meeting for a Quaker organization – \$100; subscriptions to the *Pastoral Care Newsletter* – \$119.02; and donations to Friends Center – \$600, Friends Historical Collection – \$300, Guilford College – \$150, North Carolina Friends Society – \$50, and Quaker House of Fayetteville for operating expenses – \$100. The Meeting received contributions of \$5 to the Building Fund and \$25 to the emergency assistance fund. We used \$735 from the emergency assistance fund to help a member of the meeting and received a loan repayment of \$50. Currently we have overspent our emergency assistance fund by \$78.84.

After eight months of the budget year, the Meeting has received contributions of nearly \$10,400 but has expended more than \$17,000 from the general fund. **Contributions to the general fund and additional special contributions to the emergency fund would be very much appreciated. We are also looking for contributions to the building fund as we consider major renovations to our meetinghouse.** Checks can be made out to Friendship Friends Meeting and sent to POB 8652, Greensboro, NC 27419.

Friends received the report with gratitude.

Worship and Ministry Committee

Darryl Waisner presented the following report, including some proposed *Handbook* changes in requirements for committee and officer membership:

A concern was addressed to Worship and Ministry regarding membership in the Monthly Meeting and service on some committees and other roles. Currently in the *Handbook*, only members of Care and Counsel and Worship and Ministry have to be

members or sojourning members of the Monthly Meeting.

After discussion on this issue, Worship and Ministry felt that with the previously referenced committees, the following need also be members of the Monthly Meeting: Clerk, Co-Clerk (when this position is utilized), Treasurer and Director. It was felt that the Recording Clerk may just be a Friend.

Contact has been made through the Monthly Meeting from a group of Friends meeting in Abingdon, VA. These friends are seeking information on NCYM-C. Worship and Ministry has been in contact with this group and is working on scheduling a visit to worship with these Friends and discuss NCYM-C and their possible affiliation. This information came through the Yearly Meeting's website. It was also passed along to Sid Kitchens as Clerk of YM.

Plans are under way for a retreat of Worship and Ministry and Care and Counsel in Sixth Month. The committee looks forward to a fruitful time together.

Questions were raised whether clerks of committees and members of the Nominating Committee should also be members of the meeting. This question was fielded back to Worship and Ministry. Worship and Ministry was also asked to create a clearly articulated statement of the reasons for appointing only meeting members to specific positions. They were also asked to craft a clearly articulated list of membership requirements for each committee.

Friends accepted this report with gratitude.

Care and Counsel Committee

Steve Hayes reported that Care and Counsel has recommended a membership Clearness committee for Neil Swenson. A committee of Gay Bowles, Maureen Burns (convener) and Dave MacInnes was approved by the Meeting.

The report is attached to these minutes and received by meeting with gratitude. Special appreciation was expressed for the clarity of communication from Care and Counsel.

Nominating Committee

Lisa Waldman reported that Martha Lang has requested to be released from her responsibilities as Recording Clerk. The Committee nominated Claire Koster as an interim recording clerk as of 12th month. Friends approved this nomination. Friends also minuted their appreciation for Martha's service during her tenure as Recording Clerk.

Welcoming Committee for Sheri Grace

Clare Koster delivered the following report:

On Saturday, August 30th, a welcoming was held for

our new member Sheri Grace. Due to uncertain weather conditions, the barbeque/pot luck was held indoors, and, although Cary Reece with his assistants were ready to brave the elements to prepare our hamburgers and frankfurters, the weather turned out to be a perfect fall day.

Sheri Grace brought her husband and sons and Friends were pleased to meet them and are looking forward to getting to know the whole family better. Bonnie Parsons introduced Sheri to everyone and provided a time-line of some of the important milestones in Sheri's life.

Around 45 F(f)riends enjoyed a bounteous meal, fellowship and later many took part in games thoughtfully brought by Kembra Howdeshell and Don Smith.

The Welcoming Committee – John Bowles, Maureen Burns, Claire Koster, Bonnie Parsons

Friends received the report with thanks.

Announcements

Friends were reminded of the Progressive Dinner September 26th and the upcoming Fall forums.

Upcoming Forums:

September 28th, Don Smith: "Working for Peace through Science and Education in Russia"

October 19th, Martha Lang: "Living and Ministering Through Chronic Illness"

November 16th, Mary-Ellen Chijioke: "Evolution of the Friends Peace Testimony"

The Corporation will meet next month.

After a brief period of silence Friends adjourned, purposing to meet, God willing, 10th Month 12th 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha E. Lang, recording clerk

David MacInnes, clerk



Letter from Gene Torbert

Dear Friends,

Bobbie had a series of falls on the 26th, 27th, and 28th of September.

She has been in Forsyth Medical Center since 10:00 am on the 28th.

We are hoping she will be discharged on Monday. She bruised her arms and legs as well as the top of her head. After several CAT scans and x-rays we determined that she had no broken bones. Because of pain medications and generic nerve medications she has been having problems with either suddenly falling asleep or perhaps a sudden loss of awareness and subsequent falls on the floor, mainly in the bathroom. I have not seen any of these falls which seem to happen between 4:00 am and about 7:00 am. The docs seemed to have ruled out orthostatic hypotension.

Even though she has been in a lot of pain, which is mainly due to her lumbar spine and left leg, since Sunday her speech has returned to normal, after being slow and kind of dopey for some time because of medications. We suspect generic forms of Neurontin which she takes for nerve pain. Their strength and efficacy seem to fluctuate.

She is able to take a few steps now. Through all of this she has been her usual positive self, always kind and gracious with other people.

Physical therapists will be seeing her here at home. She will also continue with her usual treatments.

We thank everyone for their kind thoughts and prayers. Her phone number at Forsyth is (336) 718-7428. She welcomes calls from friends.

Gene Torbert

Letter from Louise Harris

To Friends in Friendship Meeting

When I was given the news that I have pancreatic cancer, I felt that God was with me, within all my cells and that God was within all the elements of the universe, such as hurricanes, beautiful sunsets, smiles on the faces of friends and strangers, pain and joy everywhere. There is no separation between God and any part of my body or spirit. There are no "good" parts or "bad" parts, only a wholeness.

My outlook toward life has changed to bring me to a deeper appreciation of my husband John, my sister

and my father. I have been blessed to be close to all of them all along, but now love binds us together.

Each day brings new information, new wisdom and new knowledge about my body. For instance, my appetite has gone haywire! I tire more quickly so I have learned to pace myself, slow down, and take naps. I am not in extreme pain, just some discomfort, especially when I get tired. I will start radiation and chemotherapy treatments this coming week since the cancer is so far localized. I feel very optimistic, yet realistic about my treatment and survival. I still am exploring complementary and alternative treatments.

I feel all of your prayers, Light, good thoughts beaming toward me daily. I have had a stream of wonderful visitors and delicious food filling our refrigerator. Thoughtful, beautiful gifts have been hand-made for me or chosen with care. Many people have been giving me rides to the hospital or for other errands. One neighbor even mowed our lawn, unannounced — twice!

I am moving my office to my home before October 1st (we hope!). John tore down a tin shack in our back yard and is building a sturdy wooden house from a kit for my filing cabinets. He has had two fellows helping this weekend, devoting lots of time and sweat equity. It is a big job.

New contact information: We have disconnected our former home phone and any Bellsouth email addresses. (We're getting Time Warner internet soon.) You may reach us at:

Louise: (336) 287-6630 cell
louiseharris17@gmail.com

John: (336) 978-3061 cell

Our home phone will be the same as my office phone (336) 761-0222

John needs lots of your love and support, too, though he is handling this pretty well. Thank you for all the cards and letters and just keep that Light flowing our way.

Louise Harris
2423 Hoyt Street
Winston Salem, NC 27103-4313

Upcoming Events

NCYM Conservative Representative Body will meet Seventh Day, Tenth Month 25th, at the Rich Square Meeting held at the Cedar Grove Meeting House in Woodlawn, NC. Worship begins at 11:00 am. Lunch will be served at noon. Meeting for worship with a concern for business meets 1:00 to 3:00 pm. If folks want overnight hospitality please call Bob and Barbara Gosney. For further information contact Sid Kitchens, Clerk of NCYM Conservative.

Apple Trek: Saturday, October 18th

Friends are invited to join George and Marilyn White at their family cabin at the Levering Orchard for an "Apple Trek." The Orchard is located north of Mt. Airy just below the Blue Ridge Parkway, about 1 1/2 hours from Greensboro. We will gather at the cabin around 11:00 am, in time for lunch, which will be pot luck. Beverages, utensils, etc. will be provided. Many varieties of apples will be available for purchase at the orchard pack house, and activities will include hiking, fellowship with other Friends and enjoying the view. Maps and directions will be provided. RSVP is not necessary, but call the Whites at (336) 315-7689 with any questions.

Shower for Kathe Rodriguez



**BABY BOY
YAORI**, now almost 7 pounds. All members of Friendship are invited. Kathe would appreciate any gifts. She has a special need for basics like diapers, and warm things for winter.

**PARSONS' HOUSE 1502 NATHAN HUNT ROAD
OCTOBER 25th, 3:00 — 4:30 pm**

Tenth Month Birthdays
of our Young Friends
Wortman, Zachary — 10/1/90

Our Thoughts and Prayers are with

Louise Harris, who is facing an illness and treatment over an extended period of time. Louise welcomes contacts from Friends. Her address is 2423 Hoyt Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27103. Our prayers for healing and our love are with Louise at this time.

Richard Phillips, who is recovering well from corrective knee surgery.

David Bailey, whose hip replacement surgery went well. He is now recovering at home. His mother, Mary Margaret Bailey, is here for the month to help with his therapy and recovery. David would appreciate calls and cards.

Cyril Harvey is recovering well from non-cancerous prostate surgery in early September.

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro
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FREE Open University Talk

The U.S. in Conflict

**Johan Galtung; dr, hc, mult
Professor of Peace Studies**

Founder, International Peace Research Institute, Oslo.

Friday, 17 October 2008

Elliott University Center (EUC) Auditorium

6-8 p.m.

Reception Follows

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Galtung has served as Professor of peace studies at the Universities of Hawaii, George Mason, Witten/Herdecke (Germany), Tromsø Norway), American, Granada (Spain), Ritsumeikan (Japan), Sichuan (China) and the European Peace University (Austria). He established the International Peace Research Institute, Oslo in 1959 and the Journal of Peace Research in 1964.

Schedule for Cleaning the Meeting House October 2008 — March 2009

The new schedule for late fall/spring cleaning of the meeting house is now posted on the Friendship Website. A copy of the list is also posted on the bulletin board in the meeting room.

Letter from Nan Bowles

Dear members of Friendship Meeting,
 Autumn greetings from the marsh community of Ward's Creek.

The Autumn Equinox has just passed. A time of equal days and equal nights. A time of holding the tension between opposites. Acknowledging opposites as part of the same whole. Energy moving into root, where nutrients are stored, where touch is the prominent way of being. I think of how humans are so afraid of touching one another, of becoming intertwined and involved in the life of another. And yet we already are whether we see it, feel it, live it or not.

In the midst of all the human created turmoil and suffering, the goldenrod gathers and blooms a mass of abundant golden yellow. I breathe in yellow until I become and am part of the community gathering of yellow. Stars shine everyday and we see their pulsing light of beauty every night. The half moon waning rises. The Earth continues to spin. Hawks float on air currents, free to see the whole picture and I celebrate life. The impermanent beauty of it all. I feel in my heart that, if I live perfectly who I am celebrating the Earth, on some level that celebration and joy will be felt in the midst of the worst human violence. It is what I know how to do to help there be more abundant joy in our world. What is important is how much love I put into my actions.

Take care of yourselves,
 Peace be with you,
 Nan Bowles

Birth Announcement

Kerry Liam Hobson
 was born on Friday, September 12th at 7:05. He



weighed 7lb 14oz, and was 20 inches tall. Kerry, Richard and Hanna came home Sunday, and we are all doing well, although a bit tired. Our three cats are not quite sure what to make of this new little addition to the family, but are adjusting well.

Hanna Passmore Hobson



Committee Retreat Worship and Ministry Care and Counsel

Saturday, October 4th

David and Mae Brown's mountain cabin.

International News from FWCC

Cuban Quakers feel force of Hurricane Ike

News is slowly coming to US based Friends with ties to Cuba about the destruction that Hurricane Ike has now leveled on areas such as Gibara, Holguin, and Las Tunas where most Cuban Friends live. Ruthie Vallejo, Miami Monthly Meeting of Friends, writes: *We have not been able to reach anyone but pray they are OK. We do know that the church in Holguin's roof caved in and Puerto Padre (church) has serious damage as well as the roof. Until we have communication with Gibara we won't know what kind of damage they have, all we know is that a lot of people were evacuated from their homes and went to the church in Gibara for safety.* Ruthie's cousin, Ramón González Longoria, is pastor and clerk of Cuba YM. Ruthie notes that the church facilities *"...were made possible by donations and voluntary work from many members of various Meetings in the USA and is a strong building."*

Ruthie continues to explain the concern many Friends in Miami have: *"Since there are a lot of people here in Miami from Gibara whose families/friends were at the church at the time Hurricane Ike hit, my phone has not stopped ringing and I regretfully have no news for anybody. My entire family was gathered at the same place. We only hope God has brought them out of the storm. The pictures of Gibara on the web and newspaper are very devastating."*

Walter Tamayo, former FWCC representative, also writes, *"the northern coast of the western region of Cuba has been hit by an enormous hurricane, a category 4 monster, something that has not occurred for more than 100 years. Banes, Gibara, Puerto Padre, Velazco and Holguin, among others cities, have received the brunt of the 135 MPH winds and sea swells that have left destruction in their wake..."* Walter asks for our prayers, and for help in the aftermath, once the full consequences of this hurricane are known in the days to come.

Current FWCC representatives Jorge Luis Peña Reyes and Kenya Casanova Sales are from Puerto Padre, and María Armenia Yí Reyna lives in Holguin.

Friendship Meeting has lost touch with two of its members. Their last known addresses and phone numbers are as follows:

Kitty Allen

1509 Daniels Farm Road
Mebane, NC 27302
(336) 565-9446

Peter Seiler

3322 Big Pine Road
Marshall, NC 28753
(828) 649-9676

If anyone knows how to get in touch with either of these members, please contact:

Steve Hayes

Clerk, Care & Counsel Committee

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Directory Changes

Please call Claire Koster (766-9769), clerk of the Handbook Committee, if you have questions about the *Handbook*. Give corrections, additions, or deletions for the *Handbook* to Claire, or email them to the editor, cyrilhh@triad.rr.com.

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