

Friendship Times

November 2009

Calendar

- Sat, Oct 24 11:00 am Representative Body of NYCM-C
Cedar Grove Meetinghouse, Woodland, NC
- Sun, Oct 25 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Sun, Nov 1 9:00 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel,
Peace and Social Concerns meets
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Sun, Nov 8 10:00 am Group singing, Meetinghouse
10:30 am Meeting for Worship. A potluck meal
follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
- Mon, Nov 9 7:30 pm Anne Welsh speaks on her book, *Held in
the Light*. Bryan, Jr. Auditorium, Guilford College
(please refer to special announcement for details)
- Sun, Nov 15 10:00 am Group singing, Meetinghouse
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Sat, Nov 21 9:00 am **Meeting Work Day**, Meetinghouse
- Sun, Nov 22 10:00 am Group singing, Meetinghouse
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Tue, Nov 24 Last day to send newsletter materials to Editor
- Sun, Nov 29 10:00 am Group singing, Meetinghouse
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Weekly 10:30 am each First Day, 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.
Contact: Louise Harris/John Cardarelli. 750-0631

Eleventh Month Birthdays

of our Young Friends

Claire Holland, 11/3/04

Robert Bailey, 11/12/07

Hannah Washburn, 11/24/91

Meeting Workday

There will be a Meeting Workday from 9:00 until noon on Saturday, November 21st.

We expect to have lots of leaves and gumballs on the ground by then, so please show up and help if you can.

Thank you, Rodney Owen

From the Editor

My intention is to distribute the newsletter no later than the last Sunday of the month, which will be November 29th for the December issue. Material for the newsletter should be submitted, preferably by email, ***no later*** than **Tuesday, November 24th**. Thanks to everyone in advance for your help.

Cyril Harvey, cyrilhh@triad.rr.com

Suggested Reading

A thoughtful and thought-provoking article by Hannah Logan Morris, a member of Friendship Meeting, can be found the October issue of the *Friends Journal*. The essay, which begins on page 24, is entitled "Violence on the Playground: An Everyday Struggle." *Friends Journal* identifies this article with the description — [Friends Witness in Our Everyday Lives](#).

Submitted by Ray Treadway

Eleventh Month's Query Social Justice and Equality

Do we reverence that of God in every human being with concern for the needs of each individual? Are we seeking to rectify existing social injustice and racial discrimination in our local communities and in the world at large?

Meeting Reports

Treasurer's Report

<u>Ninth Month</u>	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund:	\$771.00	\$1,496.00	\$7,001.66
All Funds:	\$771.00	\$1,446.00	\$18,268.27

Expenses of note during the month: for printing copies of the directory and handbook – \$24.11, Child Care (Religious Education) – \$75.00, donation to Quaker House of Fayetteville for operating expenses – \$100, Friends Center at Guilford College – \$600, Friends Historical Collection at Guilford College – \$300, Guilford College – \$150, electricity – \$83.46, gas – \$10.00, telephone – \$60.67, and water and sewer — \$14.25. The Meeting received one loan repayment to the emergency assistance fund of \$50.00.

Contributions to the Meeting in Ninth month continued to be quite low, under \$1000 for the second straight month. Income to the general fund of the Meeting after nine months is \$11,314.20 while over \$17,000 should have been received by this time in order to meet the budget for in the fiscal year.

Contributions to the general fund and to our special funds will be gratefully accepted. Checks can be made out to Friendship Friends Meeting and sent to POB 8652, Greensboro NC 27419.

Submitted by Ray Treadway, Treasurer

Library Committee Annual Report

2008-2009
10th Month 11, 2009

Some members of the library committee met twice during the year to tend to housekeeping duties. The housing of the Pendle Hill Pamphlets was improved with new containers. Books added to the collection are posted on the bulletin board in the library and several books were removed because they were no longer serviceable or are accessed more appropriately in the Friends Historical Collection of the Guilford College Library. Some minor changes in arrangement were made to the room to accommodate First Day School.

A box for a magazine exchange was placed in the library and Friends are invited to take what they would like and leave those with which they are finished.

Members of the committee for 2008-2009 were: Gay Bowles, Janet Nagel, Judy Reece, and Carole Treadway.

Submitted for the committee,
Carole Treadway, clerk

First Day School Workshop

The Religious Education Committee held a workshop at the Meeting House on Saturday, October 17th, focused on creative activities for our renewed First Day School program. As a Meeting we are beginning to include more planned lessons and activities for the children. The Religious Education Committee has chosen monthly themes to help unify the lessons. During October, the children have been exploring nature through a variety of hands-on activities.

The arts are a great way to get children interested and engaged with the thematic material which might be presented during First Day School. During the workshop on Saturday, Hannah Morris presented an example of a creative drama activity related to the book *The Quiltmaker's Gift*. The adults present got to participate alongside the children (Max, Micah and Emma Pierce Coleman). Afterwards, Anne Morris led a visual art activity related to the book. We made paper quilt squares, which are hanging on display in the fellowship room.

Kent Logan, Hannah's father, presented examples of "children's messages" (children's sermons) and object

lessons related to Biblical and religious themes. He demonstrated how easy it is to hook the attention of children with everyday objects, which can then be used to engage the children in a short conversation about a Bible verse or religious theme, such as hiding the Light (or our gifts), giving a stone when a child asks for bread, and the responsibilities those with plenty have to those with little or none.

November's theme is food (which goes along with Thanksgiving), and December's theme is gifts--giving, receiving and sharing. If you're interested in leading or assisting with a lesson/activity, please sign up to help with First Day School and childcare during Meeting for Worship. If you'd like to help out and need some ideas, talk to someone on the Religious Education Committee (Kembra, John, Benji, Anne and Hannah). Hannah has some handouts from the workshop with suggested activities and Kent Logan's tips for creating children's messages--contact her if you'd like an emailed or printed copy.

Piedmont Friends Fellowship is sponsoring an introduction to Quaker Quest — a program of outreach for Monthly Meetings developed by British Friends and now popular in Australia and the United Kingdom. The program will be offered on November 7th at Winston-Salem Friends Meeting, 1955 Hinshaw Avenue, Winston-Salem NC 27104. The program will be from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm with a break for lunch. Registration forms will be available at meeting soon.

Our thoughts and prayers have been with

Janet Nagel who recently had surgery in Chapel Hill. She is home and recovering well. Calls and cards are welcome. Janet hopes that she and Harry will be able to be at meeting again in the near future.

Clarence Parker and Ernest Miller, who are back in their rooms in Fry Hall (the assisted living wing) at Friends Homes Guilford. Ernest has been in the Whittier nursing center for some time following hospitalization and treatment for an infection, but he is now able to return to his room in Fry. Clarence was hospitalized for a short time, returned to Whittier for care, and is now back with Helen in Fry.

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We also hold Mary Edith Abu-Saba and her family in our prayers as Mary faces the loss of her daughter Leila Abu-Saba in Oakland, CA. Leila on October 8th, 2009 following a struggle with cancer. Mary and her husband, Elias Abu-Saba, attended Friendship quite regularly in the years just before they moved west to be near their daughters. Both Mary and Elias are well know in Greensboro for their academic work and their steadfast support of Palestinians. Elias' family came from Lebanon and he and Mary often spent extended periods of time there before Elias's death several years ago.

Mary's daughter, Leila, was a gifted woman. The family is creating an award to be given annually to a Mills MFA whose work embodies the spirit of exuberance, vitality and social engagement that runs through Leila's writing. Leila was very involved with the Middle Eastern initiative "Combatants for Peace".

Mary Edith has returned to work at Rebuilding Homes /Rebuilding Homes, an organization which works with both Israeli and Palestinian citizens to rebuild Palestinian homes demolished by Israeli Defense Forces.

Current Issue for Action

The **Peace and Social Concerns Committee** will often highlight issues of current importance that we would like to bring to the attention of the Meeting. Our hope is that Friends can use this information to educate themselves and take action where they feel led.

Opportunity for a new tool for preventive diplomacy. The Senate Appropriations Committee has marked up a bill including a \$100 million Emergency Crises Fund which would be available to the Secretary of State and coordinated with USAID to prevent and respond to crises. This bill now awaits a full vote in the Senate this fall and then moves into conference with the House version. Please urge our senators to support the Emergency Crises Fund in order to provide the State Department with flexible funding in order to respond quickly to emerging and unforeseen crises, thereby preventing conflicts from turning deadly. For more information, see the September/October issue of the FCNL Washington Newsletter or see its web page at www.fcnl.org -- click on Prevent War.

Handbook Changes

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

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Corrected Title in Minutes of 8th & 9th Month:

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"assistant recorder for 2009-2010" should read:
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