

Friendship Times

January 2011

Calendar

- Sat, Jan 8 10:00 am Memorial service for Nathan Harvey-Bailey, at New Garden Friends School, followed by a pot luck lunch.
- Sun, Jan 9 9:00 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel
Peace and Social Concerns meet
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Fri, Jan 14 to Sun, Jan 16 *An Ominous Prophecy Fulfilled: The Military Industrial Complex at 50*, Frank Family Science Center at Guilford College., a conference sponsored by Quaker House and Friends Center.
- Sun, Jan 16 10:00 am Group singing, Meetinghouse
10:30 am Meeting for Worship. A potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business

3:00 pm Annual World Religion Service, New Garden Friends Meeting, sponsored by Faith Action.
- Sun, Jan 23 9:00 am Friendly Bible Study
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Tue, Jan 25 Last day to send newsletter material to Editor
- Sun, Jan 30 9:00 am Deepening the Life of the Meeting
10:30 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.

Salem Worship Group. Meeting for Worship, 9:30 a.m. First Day, at The Blessings, 823 Reynolda Road, Winston-Salem. Contact: Meg Zulick. 725-2377

In this Issue

The Minutes from Twelfth Month's meeting for worship with a concern for business are in this issue. In addition you will find a list of upcoming events of interest to Meeting members, recommended by the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, including a conference on the military industrial complex, news from the library, a message from Mary Ellen Chijioke, reports on the meeting's gift of Christmas for a local family, pictures of our meeting after the Christmas snowstorm, and updates for the *Handbook Directory*.

From the Editor

My intention is to distribute the newsletter no later than the last Sunday of the month; this will be January 30th for the February issue. Material for the February issue should be submitted, preferably by email, ***no later*** than **Tuesday, January 25th**. Thanks to everyone in advance for your help.

Cyril Harvey, cyrilhh@triad.rr.com

First Month's Query Meeting for Worship

Do we faithfully uphold our testimony for worship which is based on silent waiting, and for a free and unprogrammed ministry that may be shared by all? Is there a living silence in which we feel drawn together by the Light of Christ, the power of God in our midst; and is this inspiration carried over into our daily lives? Do we come to meeting with hearts and minds open and ready to worship in silence or in vocal ministry or prayer as the Holy Spirit leads us? Does our Meeting encourage those who may have a gift in the spoken ministry?

Minutes

FRIENDSHIP FRIENDS MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS GATHERED ON THE 12TH OF TWELFTH MONTH 2010

Friends gathered in waiting worship after a period of food and fellowship. Friends in attendance included: Claire Koster, David Barron, Dave MacInnes, John Bowles, Gay Bowles, Ray Treadway, Carole Treadway, David Bailey, David Brown, Mae Brown, Judy Harvey, Kembra Howdeshell, Marilyn White, George White, Darlene Stanley, Joan Tillotson, Darryl Waisner, Sid Kitchens (clerk), and Benji Hebner (recording clerk).

Ray Treadway presented the **Treasurer's Report** for Eleventh Month, which was accepted with gratitude. The complete report is attached; a summary follows.

<u>Eleventh Month</u>	Income	Expenses	Balance
General Fund:	\$1,535.00	\$1,532.72	\$6,845.88
All Funds:	\$1,785.00	\$7,532.72	\$12,836.74

Expenses of note during the month: conference and committee travel for FWCC and FCNL – \$150, regular donation to Quaker House of Fayetteville for operating expenses – \$100; contribution to Friends Disaster Service (NC) – \$400, contribution to New Garden Friends School – \$600, electricity – \$100.00; gas – \$46.39; and phone – \$74.48 (includes an adjustment). The Meeting received one contribution to the building fund of \$100 and one contribution to the property fund of \$100. **The Meeting has essentially depleted the property fund** (balance now \$133.05) due to replacing the roof last month **and needs specially earmarked contributions to this fund.**

For the year (eleven months) we have received slightly more than \$14,000 to the general fund in donations, which is about \$6,000 less than is needed to meet our budget for the year. Contributions to the general fund and to our special funds are urgently needed. Checks can be made out to Friendship Friends Meeting and sent to POB 8652, Greensboro NC 27419.

Care and Counsel Annual Report

Members: David Bailey, Raleigh Bailey, Gay Bowles, Judy Harvey, Hannah Logan Morris, Rebecca Sullivan, Claire Koster (Clerk)

Care & Counsel has met regularly over the last year and has had combined meetings with Worship & Ministry. Meeting with Worship & Ministry enables both committees to review the "state of the meeting" and discuss what areas of "care" and "ministry" need more attention.

Although there was a large turnover of members in this committee, Care & Counsel has consistently carried out its responsibility with regard to keeping in touch with those Friends who are not presently attending meeting for worship either for health reasons or other factors. The new committee began the year reviewing its mandate as given in the Meeting's Handbook, and discussed the need to perhaps reword this description, which is a subject being carried over for further consideration.

Another item on our regular agenda for further discussion is a proposal to be suggested to business meeting on a procedure for members in the "Inactive/Lost" category in our handbook.

While members of Care & Counsel have worked hard to keep in touch with absent Friends, we appreciate the fact that others in the Meeting also reach out with personal visits, telephone calls and sending cards.

The report was accepted with gratitude.

Judy Harvey announced that the First Month newsletter will come out a week later than usual; also, our long time newsletter editor, Cyril Harvey, has expressed a wish to retire at the end of his present term as newsletter editor. Friends have suggested that it might be prudent to nominate two Friends as co-editors.

The clerk read the Twelfth Query:

Do we welcome newcomers and non-members to our meetings? Are they encouraged to share in meeting activities and to consider membership when they are in agreement with the principles and practices of Friends? Are our younger members appointed to committees and encouraged to share in other responsibilities of the Meeting? Do we visit one another frequently, remembering those who may be lonely? Does this visitation and caring extend beyond the members of our own meeting?

Friends united in the following response:

One Friend recalled that his mother had been moved by her warm reception as a visitor. Staying in contact with absent members has been a special point of emphasis for Care and Council. It was also observed that we consistently invite younger members and attenders to involve themselves in the life and work of the meeting. Despite these positive points, it was also observed that there is always the possibility for an individual to be overlooked. It is harder to assess how well we extend our network of care to include those outside of the meeting, but many of our members are actively engaged in the care and support of persons in the wider community regardless of affiliation.

David Barron agreed to edit our response.

The clerk read our edited response to the Eleventh Query. Friends united in the following response:

Sometimes it is easier to recognize that of God in each individual than it is to recognize an individual's needs. Some of us are concerned that in our caring for the world we may overlook the needs of individuals.

There is generally strong support among us for organizations, such as Quaker United Nations Office, Friends Committee National Legislation, and American Friends Service Committee, which work toward eliminating injustice on the national and global scale, though the lack of attention that many of our political leaders pay to these issues continues to be troubling.

Sometimes our focus on these larger issues can draw our attention away from the more immediate concerns of individuals in our lives. Our Care and Counsel committee is faithful in maintaining contact with absent friends as well as seeking ways to be supportive emotionally and materially of present members. Our Peace and Social Concerns committee works hard to contribute to alleviating the misery caused by social injustice in the community in which we live.

Darlene Stanley reported on the profound gratitude of the single mother for whom our meeting has put up an angel tree, and said that the series of events leading up to it displayed the palpably moving spirit of God.

Meeting closed with a period of waiting worship.

Sid Kitchens (clerk)
Benji Hebner (recording clerk)



Friendship Meeting, Christmas, 2010

Photo by Dave MacInnes

Nathan Harvey-Bailey

Nathan Harvey-Bailey died unexpectedly January 2nd, 2011 at his family home in Virginia. Our prayers are with his parents, Raleigh Bailey and Judy Harvey, and with his many extended family members. Nate attended Friendship Meeting as he was growing up and many of us have fond memories of his presence with us along with his siblings (most often with his sister Adia).

Nate will be missed by his large family and friends. He was the kitchen manager at Coffeology and was known for creating interesting recipes. He was proud of his Irish and African American heritage. In addition to Raleigh and Judy he is survived by his wife, Jennifer Kinton-Bailey, five sisters and many nieces and nephews. Nate was looking forward to the birth of his first child in July 2011.

A memorial service, to be held at New Garden Friends School, 1128 New Garden Road, on Saturday, January 8th at 10:00 am, will be followed by a potluck lunch.

Memorial gifts may be made to New Garden Friends School scholarship fund or sent to Raleigh Bailey (914 Spring Garden Road, Greensboro, NC 27403) to help establish a trust fund for Nathan's child.

News from the Library

A list of books added to the library collection for the year 2009-2010 has been posted in the library. Some of the most recent ones are displayed on the shelves.

Three new Pendle Hill Pamphlets have arrived since the list was compiled, and all of them are outstanding.

Who Do You Say I Am, by Lloyd Lee Wilson

An Art of Small Resurrections: Surviving the Texas Death Penalty, by Walter Long

Confident Quakerism, by Ben Pink Dandelion

Check the exchange boxes for books and magazines ready to be recycled to new readers, and bring in your own for others to read.

Carole Treadway

Angel Tree Family

The mother of the Angel Tree family was thrilled when she picked up our gifts from Darlene Stanley at Catholic Services. The tree was perfect for her small apartment as was the bike for her daughter! She was very excited to see all the food and the towels! Christmas morning was going to be fun when she, her son, and her daughter would open all the wrapped gifts.

Peace and Social Concerns sends out a big, warm thank you to the entire meeting for helping make their Christmas special!!

Judy Reece

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Friendship Meeting created a giving tree this year and helped a single mom and her two children. The day after the committee asked me to find the Meeting a family to help, I received a call from this young mom who stated she was referred to my agency when she called the 211 resource line here in Guilford County. She has been out of work for some time and struggles to get by and stated she had no way to provide a Christmas for her children.

I delivered the car load of gifts to her and she was so happy and excited. She was excited to see the bike for her daughter and stated that it was just right! She was so grateful for the food items. Everything given was significant to her.

She did not recall telling me they did not have a tree or decorations and expressed gratitude for the tree and trimmings! She was excited to see the microwave and happy to know she was also getting some towels, as she said they just had two!

After loading her car, she hugged me and said, "I'm going to go cry now, please let everyone know how much I appreciate this Christmas. "

I want to thank the Meeting for their generosity and help in making a difference in this family's lives.

Darlene Stanley

The **Peace and Social Concerns Committee** would like to bring to the attention of the Meeting two important events coming in January.

Annual World Religion Service

January 16th, 3:00 pm, Faith Action will hold the Annual World Religion Service at New Garden Friends Meeting. There will be presentations by Buddhists, Christians, Muslims, Jews, Hindus and others.

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"Ike Was Right"

Free Conference on the 50th Anniversary of President Eisenhower's 1961 warning of the rise of the "Military Industrial Complex" Guilford College, Greensboro, NC January 14th-16th, 2011

In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist. . . . We must never let the weight of this combination endanger our liberties or democratic processes. We should take nothing for granted. Only an alert and knowledgeable citizenry can compel the proper meshing of the huge industrial and military machinery of defense with our peaceful methods and goals, so that security and liberty may prosper together.

President Dwight Eisenhower, January 17th, 1961

Sponsored by Quaker House of Fayetteville and Guilford College Friends Center, this program will include presentations and papers on various aspects of the Military Industrial Complex as a dominant factor in American culture, economics, politics, foreign and domestic policy, and even religion. Workshops will explore responses to the continuing presence and pervasive influence of the Military Industrial Complex.

For details on speakers, and further information see www.quakerhouse.org. or www.mic-at-50.net

Prepare for the conference by watching the award-winning documentary "Why We Fight," filmed during the Iraq War. It examines the American military through interviews with soldiers, scholars, government officials, and others to answer the question, "Why Do We Engage in War?"

Available on YouTube:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=CyxRW702Cho

News from Mary Ellen Chijioke

Mark has now joined me at my university, with a joint appointment in physics and mathematics. He's having the time of his life, especially working to equip the physics labs. Laboratories in Nigerian universities have been so poor for so many years that even the academic staff don't know what they should contain!

We're feeling quite settled here. Presently we're preparing to decamp to our village for Christmas. It will be a working vacation, since there is still a lot to be done to renovate that house. But it will be a welcome change. We'll get a more traditional holiday in late February, when we head to South Africa to visit our youngest son, Chinezi, and his new daughter Adanna.

I have found a perfect place for hosting the annual gathering of the Religious Society of Friends in Nigeria over Easter weekend. That should help bring out of the woodwork the remnants of the worship group that met not far from here. I'm hoping that we'll be able to get a more regular group organized out of that.

Greetings to all at Friendship. We'll be thinking of you on Christmas Eve, as you gather at Friends Homes.

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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Friendship Meetinghouse, Christmas, 2010

Photo by Dave MacInnes

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