

# Friendship Times

## Friendship Friends Meeting

### Calendar

Sun, May 25	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, June 1	9 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel, Peace and Social Concerns Committees meet 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sat, June 7	High Tea for new members at 4 pm
Sun, June 8	10:30 am Meeting for Worship, a potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
Sun, June 15	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, June 22	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Mon, June 23	6 pm dinner at Pathways
Sun, June 29	9 am fifth Extended Meeting for worship. 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
July 9-13	NC Yearly Meeting at Guilford College
Sun, July 13	Meetinghouse closed, our 10:30 am Meeting for Worship is held at the college with attendees of Yearly Meeting
Tues July 22	Newsletter deadline
Sun, Aug 3	10:30 am Meeting for Worship

Weekly Meeting for Worship 10:30 am each First Day. Child care available for Worship and Business Meetings., Midweek Meeting for Worship is on Wednesday, in the Prayer Room, 7<sup>th</sup> floor Woolman Hall, Friends Homes Guilford, occasionally followed by discussion at 8 pm

### From the Editor

The newsletter covers both June and July. My intention is to distribute the Eighth Month newsletter no later than the last Sunday of that month. Material should be submitted, preferably by email, no later than Tuesday, July 23.

### Month's Query

*Query 6 Do we endeavor by example and precept to cultivate in our children a sense of openness and expectancy about life, and to aid them in their growth in spiritual understanding and moral discernment? Do we share with them the faith that guides the practice of Friends, while encouraging them to develop their religious insights as the Spirit of God may lead them?*

*Query 7 Do we endeavor to live in the life and power that takes away the occasion of all war, seeking to do our part in the work of reconciliation between individuals, groups, and nations? Do we faithfully maintain our testimony against nuclear and all other military preparations, the bearing of arms, and all participation in war?*

**5<sup>th</sup> Month Meeting for Worship  
with Attention to Business**

Meeting began with a brief period of silent worship.

**1. Treasurer’s Report**

- Stephen Holland presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month of April.

Expenses of note in April were \$99.76 for Operating Expenses and \$807.93 for Meeting House expenses (primarily \$250 for Bain Oil contract and \$109.50 for Robert Swink service call for electricity). No supporting contributions were paid in April.

Income in April was \$2,046 to the General Fund and \$50 to the New Building Fund.

During April, a late fee was assessed from Piedmont Gas. Piedmont Gas kindly agreed to refund the late fee and the bill will be paid by direct deposit in the future.

I now have access to the Wells Fargo statements online. This allows me to verify the month’s transactions before the report is submitted.

Summary for April 2014

	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$2,046	\$908	\$10041
All Operating Funds	\$2,096	\$908	\$20202

**2. Meetinghouse Planning Committee Report**

- Carey Reece gave an update on the Meetinghouse Planning Committee’s work.
- The committee has determined that Friendship will be unable to acquire nearby properties, and will continue with the plan to pursue building a new meeting room on our current property.
- The committee will be meeting with the Meetinghouse Fundraising Committee this month to bring a more concrete plan to the June Meeting for Business.

**3. House and Grounds Annual Report**

- Jim Hood gave the annual report for the House and Grounds Committee.

**4. Nominating Committee Report**

- Deborah Shaw presented a draft of the Nominating Committee Report.
- Two ad hoc committees were approved for this year:
  - Ad Hoc Meetinghouse Emergency Procedures Committee
  - Ad Hoc Quaker Organizations Donations Review Committee

**FRIENDSHIP FRIENDS MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS**

**AUGUST 2014 - JULY 2015**

**OFFICERS, REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEES**  
**OFFICERS**

- Clerk.....Sidney Lee Kitchens
- Co-Clerk.....Neil Swenson
- Treasurer.....Stephen Holland
- Assistant Treasurer.....Ray Treadway
- Recording Clerk.....Hannah Logan Morris
- Membership/Statistics Recorder.....Claire Koster
- Assistant Membership Recorder.....Hannah Logan Morris

**FRIENDSHIP FRIENDS MEETING  
INCORPORATED**

**OFFICERS**

President....Sidney Lee Kitchens  
Vice President.....Neil Swenson  
Treasurer.....Stephen Holland  
Secretary.....Hannah Logan Morris

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

David Brown  
Judith W. Harvey  
James Hood  
Darlene Stanley

**REPRESENTATIVES**

Nominating Committee of NC Yearly Meeting-  
Conservative(NCYM-C) ....Sidney Lee Kitchens

Piedmont Friends Fellowship (PFF), and  
Friends General Conference

(FGC)..... Joan Tillotson

Quaker House Board, Fayetteville, North  
Carolina..... Joan Tillotson

Meeting's contact with Friends Committee on  
National Legislation (FCNL)....

Meeting's representative on NCYM-C Records  
Committee ... Claire Koster

**COMMITTEES**

**AUDIT:** David MacInnes, Convener; George  
White

**CARE & COUNSEL:** Ray Treadway, Convener;  
Lissa Carter, Judith W. Harvey,  
Bonnie Parsons, Mae Brown  
Ex officio, Sidney Lee Kitchens

**COMMUNICATIONS:** David MacInnes -  
Newsletter, Chris Nelson – Web, Judy Purvis

**FINANCE:** Ray Treadway, Convener; Stephen  
Holland, George White, Jim Rouse

Ex officio, Sidney Lee Kitchens

**HANDBOOK:** Claire Koster, Convener; Ted  
Benfey, David MacInnes

**HOSPITALITY:** Judy Reece/convener; Christy  
Hopkins, Claire Koster, Maureen Burns, Gay  
Bowles

Greeters Coordinator:.....Judith W. Harvey

**HOUSE AND GROUNDS:** James Hood,  
Convener, Richard Phillips, Carey Reece, Mike  
Scott, David Parsons,

Cleaning Meetinghouse Schedule

Coordinator:.....Anne Morris

Supply Purchaser:.....Deborah Shaw

**LIBRARY:** Carole Treadway, Convener, Anne  
Rouse

**MEETINGHOUSE FUNDRAISING:** Kembra  
Howdeshell, Convener; James Hood,

**MEETINGHOUSE PLANNING:** Carey Reece,  
Convener; Mae Brown, Richard  
Phillips, Juliet Smith, Don Smith, Neil Swenson,  
Claudia Dinep

**NOMINATING:** Deborah Shaw, Convener;  
James Hood, Bonnie Parsons

**PEACE AND SOCIAL CONCERNS:** Sheri Grace,  
Convener; Anne Cassebaum, Dennis Dressler,  
Judy Reece, Joan Tillotson, Marilyn White,  
Raleigh Bailey

**Pathways**.....Susan Carlyle, Grace Sullivan,  
Howard Taylor, Susan Wilson

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Kembra Howdeshell, Convener; Sheri Grace, Hanna Passmore Hobson, Anne Morris

**WORSHIP AND MINISTRY:** Darlene Stanley, Convener; Deborah Shaw, Carole Treadway, Anne Rouse, Neil Swenson

Ex officio, Sidney Lee Kitchens

**CALENDAR COORDINATOR:** Sidney Lee Kitchens/Neil Swenson

#### **AD HOC MEETINGHOUSE EMERGENCY**

**PROCEDURES COMMITTEE:** Rebecca Valla, convener; Susan Carlyle, Merritt Bussiere-Nichols

#### **AD HOC QUAKER ORGANIZATIONS**

**DONATIONS REVIEW COMMITTEE:** Kim Carlyle, convener; Judy Purvis, Carey Reece

### **5. Care and Counsel Report**

- Ray Treadway presented a report from Care and Counsel.
- A Clearness Committee for membership for Juliet Smith, including Raleigh Bailey, Jim Hood, Kembra Howdeshell, and Lissa Carter, was approved.
- A High Tea to welcome newly transferred and sojourning friends will take place June 7<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at the meetinghouse.
- Al Carwile is no longer a member of Friendship Friends and is now a member of New Garden Friends Meeting.
- Care and Counsel would like to provide more visitation opportunities for Friendship's members who are in long-term care facilities, open to all members and attenders. Bonnie Parsons will facilitate this.

### **6. Piedmont Friends Fellowship**

- Piedmont Friends Fellowship will move forward on forming a yearly meeting associated with FGC.
- Friendship Meeting is being asked whether we want to continue our current association with PFF, or whether to formally join their yearly meeting.
- Friendship could maintain a dual membership with PFF and North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative), or leave NCYM-C and join only PFF.
- Worship and Ministry will organize a forum to give members and attenders more information about PFF and what membership in their yearly meeting would mean, as well as information about our yearly meeting NCYM-C, and why a monthly meeting needs to belong to a yearly meeting.

### **7. Yearly Meeting**

- Ray Treadway, Deborah Shaw, and Sidney Lee Kitchens attended Representative Body.
- NCYM-C has raised the registration fee of Yearly Meeting so they can continue to fund young friends attending Yearly Meeting. They are also seeking additional donations.
- Yearly Meeting is July 10-13 at Guilford College.

The meeting ended with a period of silent worship.

## Announcements

Chris Benfey - Ted's son - is working on his next book - about the years the poet Rudyard Kipling spent in Vermont. That's where he wrote the Jungle books, the Mowgli stories. **On Saturday May 24 at 10.30 am** Chris will be speaking in the Friends Homes Living Room on "Wolves, Rudyard Kipling, and Vermont."

*The Experience of War* is a series of booklets in which inhabitants of Friends Homes and their families relate their memories. Three volumes, edited by Ted Benfey, have been in the Friendship Meeting library and volume 4, focusing on "9/11" has now joined them. Claire and Henry Koster's son Lloyd tells of his work in the New York subway system when the World Trade Center towers were demolished. Richard Miller, son of Friends Homes residents Patrick and Margaret Miller, was coming to a conference in a building next to the towers and presents an 11-page, single spaced account. A Delta crew member found his plane re-routed to Gander, Canada, where his passengers were looked after on a moment's notice. Two of Ted's grandsons were in school two blocks from the towers. They soon moved to Chapel Hill.

**Answer to Sixth Month query** taken from the query workshop on First month 18, 2014

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We are blessed to have a growing number of young friends in the meeting and the presence of the children has strengthened the meeting.

For the first time in many years we have been challenged to differentiate age groups between the youngest and school aged children in our First day school program. We are very fortunate to have an active and dedicated Religious Education Committee working on a curriculum that aids the children's growth in spiritual understanding and shares with them the faith that guides the practice of friends.

Through the First Day School, the children are active members of Friendship Meeting taking part in meeting for worship and social action projects. On the 5<sup>th</sup> first day of the month the young friends are the greeters, sit at head of meeting and make the announcements at the rise of meeting. They have recently formed their own young friend's business meeting purposing to meet on second first days of the month. The Religious Education committee also supports parents in upholding these Quaker values at home.

## LESSER KNOWN QUOTATIONS

*Each month you will see a lesser known quotation or two from early and more recent Friends that remind us of the Quaker message as it came to Friends in the seventeenth century and as it's lasted to today.*

*Selected by our member Patricia Loring, they are to stir your own reflection, meditation and discussion of what we are about at this time in our history.*

The prime object of Quaker religious education is this: that children should use it to arrive at the religion of their judgment, and not stay content with what they have received at second hand.

Howard Loukes: *Friends and Their Children*, 1969

The dogwood tree in our backyard blessed us with exceptional flowers this year.



**Meeting sponsored meal at Pathways Center**

We will be preparing a simple meal to be served at 6 pm on Monday June 23rd and will provide some simple children’s activities while we are there as well.

Members are also encouraged to share the meal with the families on our chosen meal date and to engage in conversation together.

**Peace and Social Concerns  
ACTION BOX**

Please bring in the following food item to go to First Friends Food Pantry during the month of June

*Canned fruit*

**July birthday**

Morales, Yoari (Son of Kathe Rodriguez)  
7/22/08

Swenson, Sean 7/24/05

**High Tea to welcome new members**

Please save the date: on June 7th at 4 pm, join us on the Meetinghouse lawn for an elegant herbal high tea in honor of our new, sojourning, and transferring members! Come enjoy fragrant tea, delicious finger foods, and wonderful fellowship as we welcome new and old Friends.

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