

Friendship Times

Friendship Friends Meeting

Calendar

Sun, Nov 30	9 am extended Meeting for worship 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, Dec 7	9 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel, Peace and Social Concerns Committees meet 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, Dec 14	10 am Group Singing 10:30 am Meeting for Worship, a potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
Thurs, Dec 18	Last day to send newsletter material to Editor
Sat, Dec 20	4-6 pm Christmas Party - Meetinghouse
Sun, Dec 21	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Wed, Dec 24	7 pm, Christmas Eve, Friends Home Guilford living room
Sun, Dec 28	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Wed, Dec 31	9 pm – 12 New Year's Eve gathering at the Meetinghouse
Sun, Jan 4	10:30 am Meeting for Worship

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In this Issue

In this issue, besides the usual business meeting minutes you will find our monthly lesser known Quaker quotation, and several announcements of the Meeting Christmas party, Christmas eve service and our New Year's Eve gathering.

From the Editor

Because of the holidays my intention is to distribute the newsletter the next to last Sunday of the month. Material should be submitted, preferably by email, no later than Thursday, Dec 18.

Month's Query

Query 12 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?

Young Friends Twelfth Month Birthdays

Mia Jolly	12/14/04
Demitri Herold	12/15/04

Abbreviated Minutes

11th Month Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

November 9, 2014

Meeting began with a brief period of silent worship.

1. Treasurer's Report

Operating expenses in October totaled \$100.71 (Main expense was \$73.66 for Outreach). No supporting contributions were paid in October. Meeting house expenses totaled \$287.22 for October.

There was an additional expense of \$201.50 paid from the Emergency Assistance Fund to Duke Energy.

Income in October was \$981 to the General Fund and \$195 to the New Building Fund.

Summary for October 2014

	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$981.00	\$387.93	\$9,744.50
New Building Fund	\$195.00	-	\$3,695.00
All Operating Funds	\$1,176.00	\$589.43	\$20,699.86

2. Handbook Change

- The Care and Counsel committee proposed a change to their committee's description in the handbook.

- The changes specify that the clerk is a member ex-officio of Care and Counsel committee. Additionally, the new wording specifies that the meeting archives are located at Guilford College. The committee specified that part of their responsibilities is to welcome visitors.
- The changes were approved.

3. Care and Counsel Annual Report

Present members: Ray Treadway (interim clerk), Judith Harvey, Bonnie Parsons, Lissa Carter, and Anne Rouse. Member for 2013-14: Raleigh Bailey

The Care and Counsel Committee continues to meet regularly and has had occasional joint meetings with the Ministry and Worship Committee. The two committees worked on responses to several Yearly Meeting Ministry and Oversight queries. Kristin Kennedy Olsen, Clerk of Oversight and Ministry for North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative, visited Friendship Meeting on Fourth Month 6, 2014. She carried a concern for Ministry and Oversight Committees in the various monthly meetings. Worship and Ministry and Care and Counsel Committees have made plans for a joint retreat for Eleventh month 15th day, 2014.

Committee members try to be sensitive to the special needs of members and attenders with special health concerns, extended absenteeism, and difficult personal situations to discover how the Meeting community can best be supportive. C&C members visit or make

phone calls, when appropriate, and we encourage assistance from other Meeting members with this outreach. We also encourage meeting members to attend the midweek meeting held at Friends Homes.

We continue to implement a process for following up with members who have not attended for an extended period of time and to keep in contact with members who live some distance away from Greensboro. In Twelfth month of 2013, we sent them a friendly letter describing the activities of the meeting and asked recipients to be in touch with Friendship meeting to let us know how they are doing. This first letter was followed up by a more formal letter in Fifth month 2014 to those who did not respond to the first letter. In the second letter we let them know that their names would, for the time being, would be listed as inactive members in our meeting directory. As a result of following this process, one person felt it was time to transfer her membership to a local Friends Meeting. In Ninth month three additional members were moved to inactive status.

In Sixth month, 2014 Lissa Carter organized and carried out a "High Tea" to welcome new transferring and sojourning members to Friendship, namely Grace Sullivan, Howard Taylor, Kim and Susan Carlyle, Susan Wilson and Anne Rouse. Lissa Carter and Bonnie Parsons served on the planning committee as members of Care and Counsel for this event. In Seventh month, 29th day 2014, fourteen members of Friendship gathered together for a joint birthday celebration organized by Anne Rouse and Bonnie Parsons for John Bowles and Jesse Garvin at John

Bowles' rehabilitation center, Camden Place. The Care and Counsel Committee oversaw the membership process for Juliet Smith, by first forming a membership clearness committee. Following the approved procedure, Juliet was formally welcomed into membership in Tenth Month, 2014.

Since our last report, members Dorothy Nielsen, Ruth Bailey, and Clarence Parker, all in their nineties, died. Attender David Bowles also died. Family members of Dorothy planned and carried out a memorial service at Friends Homes on First month 31, 2014, with the support of members of Friendship Meeting. A memorial service was held at Friendship Meeting for David Bowles on Second Month 21, 2014. Ruth asked that there be no memorial service for her and plans for services for Clarence have not yet been completed.

We considered the description of the work of the Care and Counsel Committee printed in the current meeting handbook and have submitted some revisions for inclusion in the next edition of the handbook.

4. Christmas Party

- The meeting's annual Christmas party will be on Saturday, December 20, 2014, at 4pm.

5. Requests for Membership Transfer and Sojourn

- The clerk read a letter for request of transfer of membership from Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting for Judy Purvis.
- Judy's transfer of membership was approved.

- The clerk also read a letter for request of sojourning membership from West Grove Friends Meeting for Lloyd Lee Wilson.
- Lloyd Lee's sojourning membership was approved.
- Judy and Lloyd Lee will be welcomed at a pancake breakfast along with new member Juliet Smith on November 23, 2014, at 9am. Bonnie Parsons and Dave MacInnes have volunteered to help the existing Welcome Committee, composed of Kembra Howdeshell, Anne Rouse and Stephen Holland.

Angel Tree

The meeting ended with a period of silent worship.

FRIENDSHIP MEETING'S CHRISTMAS PARTY, DECEMBER 20, 4 TO 6 P.M.

THERE WILL BE REFRESHMENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

The committee is still looking for folks to take part in the program, so please email Claire Koster at HJKOSTER@AOL.COM, or let Sid Kitchens know.

Come with some finger foods to share.

**Peace and Social Concerns
ACTION BOX**

Please consider helping out with our Angel Tree this month where we give presents to a local family in need.

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 possibility of this experience of the Divine Presence, as a repeatedly realized and present fact, and its transforming effect upon all life -- this is the central message of Friends. Once discover this glorious secret, this new dimension of life, and we no longer live merely in time but we live also in the Eternal.

Thomas Kelly: *A Testament of Devotion*, 1941, pp 91-97

Starting again in January: Monthly Tuesday evening worship at 7:30 with John Bowles at Camden Place (day to be determined). If interested contact Ann Rouse at arouse821@gmail.com .

From our Worship and Ministry Committee

The annual Christmas Eve service will be held at 7 pm on Wednesday Dec. 24th in the living room at Friends Home Guilford. Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the service.

New address for your directory

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From Susan Carlyle: We have provided dinners for Pathways Center four times this year and now we will take a break until Spring 2015, when we'll see if we are ready to commit to quarterly dinners again.

Friends have participated in these dinners in many different ways. Some have cooked, baked, shopped, played jump rope, used chalk on the sidewalks, and just showed up to visit with residents. I am so happy to have seen so many of our young Friends there as well. The most important thing that we have done there has been to offer a friendly presence with a meal. Just sitting with someone whom you don't know and asking them about their day or their interests is a gift.

I am always interested in hearing people share their experience at Pathways at the rise of Meeting for Worship and I always am interested in suggestions for how to improve our presence there. All suggestions are welcome—what day of the week we choose, what foods that we serve, or anything else. Keep this project in your prayers.

Pictures from a pancake breakfast
welcoming new members Juliette Smith,
Lloyd Lee Wilson and Judy Purvis

Photos by Dave MacInnes



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