

Friendship Times

Friendship Friends Meeting

Calendar

Sun July 26	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun Aug 2	9 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel, Peace and Social Concerns Committees meet 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun Aug 9	10:30 am Meeting for Worship, a potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
Sun Aug 16	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun Aug 23	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Tues Aug 25	Deadline for newsletter items
Sun Aug 30	9 am extended Meeting begins 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun Sept 6	9 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel, Peace and Social Concerns Committees meet 10:30 am Meeting for Worship

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

Ann Joy Cahill-Swenson and Jesse Garvin have birthdays this month

In this Issue

The minutes for Sixth Month's meeting for business were published in the last newsletter because they were so long. You will find the minutes from a called meeting for business along with address changes, answers to 6th and 7th Queries and some pictures of the donated house on 307 Woodlawn Ave and those helping clean and organize it.

From the Editor

My intention is to distribute the newsletter no later than the last Sunday of the month. Material should be submitted, preferably by email, no later than Tuesday, August 25.

Month's Query

Query 8: Do we observe simplicity and honesty in our manner of living? Are we careful to live within the bounds of our circumstances, punctual in keeping promises, prompt in the payment of debts, and just in all our dealings? Do we choose those activities which will strengthen our physical, mental, and spiritual life; and do we avoid those harmful to ourselves and others?

6th Month Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business - Called Meeting

June 28th, 2015

The meeting began with a brief period of silent worship.

Meetinghouse Fundraising Committee Report

- Jim Hood gave a report from the Meetinghouse Fundraising Committee.

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Ad-Hoc Committee for Donated Properties

- An ad-hoc committee to handle the disposition of the properties donated by Celia Brown was approved. Judy Reece (convener) Judy Purvis, Maureen Burns, David Brown, Mae Brown, Claire Koster, Elizabeth Judson-Rae, and Sidney Lee Kitchens were approved to serve on this committee.
- This committee is empowered to clean the property at 307 Woodlawn, dispose of or sell any personal property within the 307 Woodlawn, determine and recommend the extent of repairs (if any) to make to this property prior to sale, and negotiate for the sale of both 305 and 307 Woodlawn. The committee will report back to monthly meeting for business. A plan for repairs/renovation at 307 Woodlawn will be brought to Meeting for Business for approval, and Meeting for Business must approve the final sale of the properties.
- Expenditures will be taken from the New Building Fund. The committee will choose a clerk, who will then be approved to authorize expenditures.
- The meeting gives many thanks to Judy Reece, Mae Brown, and those who have already been helping to clean the house at 307 Woodlawn.

305 Woodlawn

- This property has long-term tenants who are interested in buying the house.
- The meeting authorized David Brown to receive an offer from the current tenants. The response will be brought back to Meeting for Business when the tenants have made the official offer.
- The meeting expressed gratitude towards David Brown for his help.

The meeting ended with a moment of silence.

email address for George and Marilyn White

geo.white15@gmail.com

Room number for Cecilia Brown at Friends Home Guilford is #809

New address for Lloyd Lee and Susan Wilson
2925 Alamance Church Road, Greensboro, NC 27406. Susan's cell 757-409-2572, Lloyd Lee's phone is 757-409-2752.

New address for Lissa Carter is 177 W. Chestnut St., Asheville, NC 28801

Amanda Szabo and David Huff are now at 2707 Valmont Rd #304D, Boulder, CO 80304

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?

Answer taken from query session on third month:

We recognize that poverty, ignorance, and injustice all contribute to war and violence and we see the meeting's activities as contributions to reconciliation and peace. These efforts reflect lives grounded in the spirit of love that takes away the occasion of war and violence.

We do maintain our testimony against all military preparations. Our concerns have widened as we see military actions increasingly involve technologies that distance us from the impact of war and that creep into civilian police work.

The meeting has participated in providing meals and fellowship to homeless families in Greensboro and spoken up on behalf of unaccompanied migrant children seeking refuge from violence in their home countries. Several members and attenders have traveled to Raleigh to join in protests of state legislative decisions that increase the burdens of poverty, decrease access to medical care, and contribute to the disenfranchisement of those on the lower end of the economic spectrum.

Friendship Meeting snippets from the past

This is a new feature on the history of the Meeting. The impetus for this was a folder given to me to go through to see what should be kept. Looking over the many items I realized that most in the Meeting do not know much about our history. This might also start some discussion about the way we handle things and how we did it in the past. If anyone has historical items or knows of something I should research for this column please let me know.

From 5th month 1983 Meeting for Business

The following minute was approved:

Friendship Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), in Greensboro, North Carolina, expresses its solidarity with those churches and other religious communities that have declared themselves sanctuaries for people who are fleeing political persecution in their homeland in Central America. We implore our national government to hear the cries of these people, our brothers and sisters, who seek a safe haven among us, and whose lives will be threatened if they are forced to return to their homes. We appeal to our leaders to end the prosecution of workers in the sanctuary movement who have sought to protect these homeless victims of violence. We beg our president and his advisors and our representatives in Congress to end the shipments of guns and other weapons that bring death to these countries. Although Friendship Meeting has not declared itself a sanctuary, we endorse the commitment of others in our country who are seeking to provide sanctuary and we offer them our support and assistance.

Some pictures by Dave taken while working on one of Cecilia's donated houses.



South end of the house



A view of the attic bedroom



Ready for the dumpster



Pricing things for the upcoming yard sale



Sorting papers, lots of papers



John was the hero of the hour – he found the title to the donated car which was promptly sold.

**September 17–20 Contemplative
Retreat**

School of the Spirit is sponsoring a Contemplative Retreat at Avila Retreat Center in Durham NC on September 17–20. The retreat will be led by Carole Treadway and Patty Levering. More details at <http://schoolofthespirit.org/programs/silent-retreats-2/avila-nc-2015/> or talk to Judy Purvis, Susan Wilson, Betty Poynton, or Anne Rouse for additional information. Contemplative retreats are a wonderful opportunity to stop for a few days and center in quiet.

Invitation from West Grove Friends Meeting

Greetings Friends,

Seventh Month 2015 marks the anniversary of 100 years of worship and service to the Lord by Friends gathered as West Grove Monthly Meeting. The first Meeting for Worship was held in the meetinghouse at 4106 Greenhill Rd. in Snow Camp on 7th Month 29, 1915. The generous mercy the Lord showed to West Grove Friends in 1915 continues to this day. On the 26th day of 7th Month 2015 (this coming First Day) we will gather in expectant waiting worship with attention to thanksgiving and praise for the Lord's provision of a meetinghouse for West Grove Friends. We extend this invitation to all interested in joyfully gathering with us on that date.

As Friends have been doing this past century, trusting in the Light of Christ to guide us, we will join in fellowship at 10 a.m. We look forward to remembering our roots, sharing in the Presence and celebrating the first meeting of Friends within the meetinghouse at West Grove.

May the Lord be our guide each day,

West Grove Friends Meeting

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