

Friendship Times
Friendship Friends Meeting

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Calendar

Sun, Aug 28	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Fri, Sept 2	7 pm – Progressive Dinner for Guilford College students at the Meetinghouse – bring dessert
Sun, Sept 4	9 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel, and Peace and Social Concerns committees 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, Sept 11	10:30 am Meeting for Worship, a potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
Sun, Sept 18	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Tues, Sept 20	Last day to send newsletter material to Editor
Sun, Sept 25	9 am Deeping the Life of the Meeting 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, Oct 2	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, Oct 9	12:30 pm Corporation Meeting

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

Weekly events

Tuesday, 12:00–4:30 PM: Quiet Tuesday at the Meetinghouse

Midweek Meeting for Worship, on Wednesday at 7 pm, in the Prayer Room, 7th floor Woolman Hall, Friends Homes Guilford

Bible Study at 7 pm at the Meetinghouse every 2nd and 4th Thursday

Men's group meets at 6:30 pm at the Meetinghouse every 1st and 3rd Thursday

From the Editor

My intention is to distribute the newsletter no later than the last Sunday of the month; this will be September 25. Material should be submitted, preferably by email, no later than Tuesday, Sept 20.

Month's Query

Are we mindful of Friends' testimonies against alcoholic beverages, tobacco and other harmful drugs; and do we refrain from using them or dealing in them, realize that abstinence is the clearest witness against overindulgence? Do we seek to avoid all kinds of gambling and places of diversion that tend to be demoralizing? Do we keep in mind how diverse and widespread are the temptations to grow richer at the expense of others? Are we faithful to our testimony against taking oaths?

Young Friends Ninth Month Birthdays

Artan Hebner,	9/2/07
Laurel Holland	9/6/03
Katia Efremoff	9/7/08
Kerry Liam Hobson	9/12/08

Minutes

At a meeting for business of Friendship Friends Meeting held at the meeting house on the afternoon of Eighth Month 14, 2016. The meeting began near the appointed hour with a period of waiting worship.

2016-2. Transfer of Care of Marriage. The clerk read a letter for Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting, Pacific Yearly Meeting, concerning care of the marriage of Stephen Holland and Hilary McCormick. Stephen and Hilary requested that this care be transferred from Strawberry Creek to Friendship Friends Meeting. Strawberry Creek approves the transfer, and commends them to our tender care. The meeting accepted this transfer. Friends agreed to appoint a clearness committee to explore next steps with Stephen and Hilary. Judy Purvis, Dave MacInnes and Gay Bowles agreed to serve.

2016-3. Welcoming Guilford Students. The clerk announced that the traditional progressive dinner to welcome new Guilford College students will take place on 9/2/2016. The Hospitality Committee will coordinate arrangements.

2016-4. Interim Body Fall 2016. Friends agreed to offer to host Interim Body on 10/22/2016. Claire Koster, Judy Reece, Kembra Howdeshell, Carole Treadway and Judy Williams agreed to coordinate hospitality. Claire will be the contact person for arranging overnight hospitality.

2016-5. House & Grounds. Prudent improvements to our HVAC system and energy efficiency improvements overall will cost \$16,000. The report follows.

House & Grounds Committee Report to Monthly Meeting — August, 2016

At our last business meeting, Friends approved the expenditure of \$8,000 for new heating and air conditioning equipment. At that time a request was made for the new system to have zoned control.

Conferring with our contractors, they also recommended zoned control since it would be more energy efficient and less demanding of the equipment — not to mention that it would improve the level of comfort in the First Day School rooms. It does, however, increase our costs by about \$2,500.

Also, during the last two months we have had our building assessed for energy efficiency. According to the Building Performance Institute Home Tightness Chart rankings, our meetinghouse is rated as “Leaky.” Much of our conditioned air leaves our living spaces. We were advised that it would be foolish to replace the equipment without tightening up the building.

Energy Reduction Specialists, who did the assessment, provided us with a list of tasks — such as adding insulation, replacing deteriorated duct work, and plugging holes — and a quote for doing the work. Our committee reduced their original estimate for this “energy reduction investment” by almost \$2,000 by taking on many of the tasks ourselves. Still, the cost for the specialized contractor work will be \$5,411.

The House & Grounds Committee met last week to consider all the information that we have gathered over the last few months and we bring this recommendation to Monthly Meeting: To address our heating and cooling needs most effectively and efficiently, we need both to fix the building and to replace the equipment. The total cost will be \$16,000— this is \$8,000 in addition to what Meeting has already approved.

Friends received this report with appreciation for the careful work of the committee. The meeting approved the additional budgeted expense and the use of the Building Reserve Fund, as needed, to pay for the work. Friends are encouraged to donate to the Property Fund to help offset this expense.

2016-6. Fundraising Committee. The meeting received a report from the Fundraising Committee with gratitude. The report follows.

Pledges and payments paid on pledges through July 31, 2016:

Pledges made: \$155,520

Payments paid on pledges: \$ 41,350

Percentage of payments received on pledges: 27%

Donor Match Campaign has begun! Charles and Mary Routh, members of Centre Friends Meeting and residents of Friends Homes, have made a challenge gift to Friendship Friends Meeting to be used for the new building program. The Meeting is challenged to raise \$150,000 in new gifts between now and October 20, 2018. When the meeting raises that amount, the Rouths will match our success with \$150,000.

David Brown, Cyril Harvey and Judy Harvey mailed letters requesting contributions to our fundraising effort to 8 North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative) monthly meetings and 3 local Friends United Meetings (New Garden Friends Meeting, First Friends Meeting and Jamestown Friends Meeting).

David Brown, Cyril Harvey and Judy Harvey are contacting individuals about contributions to the Building Fundraising Campaign who are not currently attending Friendship Friends Meeting, but who have a connection with our meeting in the past. To date, they have mailed 46 letters to potential donors.

Jim Fernandes is looking into possible funding from sources outside of Quaker organizations.

1. Jim Hood and Kembra Howdeshell are revising letters to send out to active members and attenders, and out of town members. Jim and Kembra will also be acknowledging pledges as they are fulfilled as well as special donations to the Building Fund.

2016-7. Meetinghouse Planning Committee. The meeting received a visual report from the Meetinghouse Planning Committee with gratitude for all their work. The committee recommends that the meeting approve *Proposed Plan C* for development into a master plan by our present architects.

The meeting approved this recommendation.

2016-8. Treasurer's Report. Friends accepted the Treasurer's report with gratitude. The summary report for two months follows.

Income in June 2016 totaled \$11,467.39 with \$1,084.10 to the General Fund and \$10,333.29 to the New Building Fund, and \$50.00 to the Contingency Fund.

Expenses in June 2016 totaled \$1,407.74. The operating expenses totaled \$919.86 including \$270.00 for Religious Education; \$241 for Conference/Travel (Yearly Meeting) plus other minor expenses. No supporting contributions were paid. Meeting House expenses totaled \$338.10 primarily for maintenance and utilities. Additional expenses were \$300.00 from the Contingency Fund and \$187.88 from Emergency Assistance.

Treasurer's Report: Eighth Month Report for Seventh Month Income and Expenses in 2016

Income in July 2016 totaled \$2,121.41 with \$718.00 to the General Fund; \$703.41 to the

New Building Fund; \$300.00 to the Contingency Fund; and \$400.00 to the Property Fund.

Expenses in July 2016 totaled \$8000.05. The operating expenses totaled \$290.84 including \$201.00 for Religious Education (which now has exceeded its budget) plus other minor expenses. All supporting contributions totaling \$5,450 were paid in July. Meeting House expenses totaled \$262.11 primarily for utilities.

2016-9. Brokerage Account. The Finance Committee has established a brokerage account with Wells Fargo Bank to facilitate gifts of stock and other financial instruments. Their report follows.

Brokerage Account for Friendship Friends, Inc.

Friendship Friends Meeting has opened a brokerage account at Wells Fargo, allowing for donation of stocks and similar instruments to Friendship Friends Meeting, Inc. We are working with Zachery Edwards, Financial Advisor at the Wells Fargo branch at the corner of College Road and W. Friendly Avenue. His telephone number is 336-856- 7147. Ray Treadway is the contact with Mr. Edwards, if necessary.

2016-10. NCYM-(C) Annual Sessions. Darlene Stanley, our representative this year to our yearly meeting sessions, reported on the events of that gathering last month. As outlined in the Summary of Exercises, the sessions were blessed in many ways.

2016-11. Discipline Review Process. Darlene Stanley has replaced Sidney Lee Kitchens as the Friendship Friends Meeting liaison to the Discipline Revision Committee of the yearly meeting. A link to the new Interim Discipline will be posted on our monthly meeting web site (<http://www.friendshipmeeting.org>).

2016-12. Ad Hoc Committee for Refugee Resettlement. Friends were in unity to

establish an Ad Hoc Committee for Refugee Resettlement composed of Rachel Knight, Aleks Babic, Lisa Ross, Sheri Grace, Raleigh Bailey and Bonnie Parsons. At the current time this committee will be helping a newly arrived Syrian refugee family.

2016-13. Audio-Visual Equipment. The Communications Committee proposed to acquire audio-visual equipment for the meeting house. Their report follows.

We propose that the Meeting purchase a large screen smart TV to be mounted in the community central room behind the Quilt or another more appropriate wall. Its major uses would be for forums, presentations and by the First Day School. Those wanting to use the screen would have to bring in a computer/laptop which had an HDMI connection. Those needing to stream a show or access the internet would have to provide a hotspot, either through their cell phones or a personal hotspot they had purchased.

Friends accepted this report and laid the matter over until our next meeting for business.

2016-14. Yearly Meeting Intervisitation. The clerk of the Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Oversight is organizing a program of intervisitation among our monthly meetings. Consideration of how Friendship Friends might participate in this program was laid over to a later date. This information will be included in the meeting newsletter.

2016-15. Closing Minute. With hearts generally clear and no further business appearing, Friends adjourned the meeting, intending to gather again for business on the 11th of Ninth Month 2016, if consistent with God's will.

Susan Carlyle
Lloyd Lee Wilson

Clerk
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Meeting response to Query 8 taken from the March query workshop

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?

As a meeting, we strive to live up to this testimony. Our meetinghouse is a simple, welcoming structure. Most of our furnishings can serve many purposes.

We have activities in the meetinghouse that strengthen us spiritually, mentally and physically. We hold weekly quiet Tuesday afternoons in the meetinghouse for the purpose of individual quiet contemplative activities, monthly gatherings for deepening the spiritual life of the meeting, twice monthly bible study groups, and twice monthly meetings of a men's group. We also have occasional intergenerational game nights for fun and fellowship as well as work days to challenge many of us physically, regardless of age.

Our meeting examines yearly our contributions to outside organizations as we prepare for the financial impact of a new planned meeting space. Our treasurer is prompt in making these donations and in the payment of our bills.

The foods at our monthly potluck meals are prepared mindfully, often with a listing of the ingredients. More vegetables and fruits have been presented over the last year requiring fewer of our planet's irreplaceable resources.

Meeting participants strive to lead lives whose daily activities nourish them and do not distract them from the guidance of the Spirit. Discerning the right level of financial support we should offer to the many outside organizations whose missions we support is also

a challenge. We do not want to outrun our Guide by spending beyond our means, but also don't want to lag behind through timidity or undue anxiety over finances.

Dear Friends,

Our member and friend Patricia Loring died on Sunday afternoon August 21st, 2016 at Golden Living Center-Starmount. Her passing was peaceful. Plans for a memorial service will be announced later.

Susan Carlyle, clerk

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An Invitation to Quakers in Pastoral Care & Counseling (QPCC) Conference

Quakers in Pastoral Care & Counseling - F/friends are invited to attend the 26th Annual Conference of *Quakers in Pastoral Care and Counseling* (QPCC) at Quaker Hill Conference Center in Richmond, Indiana, from Thursday evening, 9/15, through midday Sunday, 9/18. QPCC involves those who are called into a wide variety of ministries, including pastoral care, counseling, chaplaincy, massage- and aromatherapy--to name a few.

This year's conference will be led by Stephanie Ford, former ESR professor of Christian

Spirituality and current associate pastor at Binkley Baptist in Chapel Hill. For more information and to register for the conference, go to www.qpcc.us. An early bird discount rate is available through August 23rd. Feel free to email Cheryl Bridges locally if you have specific questions: cbridgesmdiv@gmail.com.

Cheryl Bridges QPCC Steering Committee

A Report on NCYM-C at Guilford College July 14-17, 2016 from Judy Reece

This year Carey and I had the pleasure of our granddaughter joining us at yearly meeting as she did three years ago in Wilmington. Hannah Jane, 12, is a member of Deep River Friends Meeting in High Point. As a result, I often found myself in the youth program, which will be the main focus of this report.

The youth group, under the guidance of Andrew Wright of Durham Meeting and Goldie Walton of Wilmington Meeting, has grown in the past few years. Wilmington's location near the beach has always been a good draw. I think the bonding done there in the past few years by the children and their families has spilled over into our sessions at Guilford College. Though a few additional children came in on Seventh Day, from Fourth Day night to Seventh Day, we had one four-year-old, six elementary schoolers, six middle schoolers, and four high schoolers (though one has had a year of college) for a total of 17! (Six years ago we had a total of two children.)

The first night we took three carloads to a Greensboro bowling alley only to find there were no open lanes. So off we went to another alley to learn they were closing all lanes in 33 minutes. By then we might have had bowling

shoes on all 17 children! With no grumbling, we all piled back in the cars to return to campus where they played games and visited in the second floor lounge of Bryan Hall.

On Fifth Day, the children went to Janis and Charlie Ansell's Wings of Dawn Farm in Liberty. Directions to wear closed-toe shoes and sun screen were followed. The packed lunches from the cafeteria were not ready when they left, however, so Deborah Shaw took them later, arriving at lunch time. This was greatly appreciated because the children had been digging potatoes! They also visited the pigs that were treated with the bad potatoes. When they checked out the laying hens, the rooster would not let them near! The children and adults came back hot and tired but with a better understanding of where potatoes – if not words – come from.

Sixth Day morning found the children at the 8:00 Bible Study. They presented two short skits on parables: the rich man who was asked to give away all his worldly goods and the threading of a camel through the eye of a needle. The latter skit had a specially-made huge needle that a mural-drawn camel tried unsuccessfully to go through. The children's presentations were then followed by discussions led by Patti Levering on the parables. Both children and adults were fully included in this.

The swim plans for that morning were moved to the afternoon since the pool did not open until eleven. The morning was spent preparing for some activities to take place on the following days. With the hot weather of the week, the pool at Bur-Mil Park was greatly enjoyed by all who went.

A tour of the International Civil Rights Museum in downtown Greensboro was the Seventh Day morning activity. For me it was an excellent review of current events in the sixties but all new for these youngsters. Only one had been to the museum before. Our tour guide was very thorough so a lot of information was shared both verbally and visually. It was overwhelming for some – including me! Though it was two hours long, again there was no grumbling. The tour led to discussions in the cars on the way home.



The Yearly Meeting children at the International Civil Rights Museum photo by Judy Reece

That night Mark Wutka led an intergenerational activity named, “The Music Lesson.” He passed out percussion instruments of all kinds to the children on the floor and to many of the adults. Comparing music notes to words and the space between notes to listening in worship, he put everyone through a number of noisy exercises. As he worked us, the noise became closer and closer to music just as words and silence come to create deepening worship.

In Meeting for Worship on First Day, the children shared their views of God in three short groups. It was an unexpected form of ministry!

During all the sessions, the children had projects to keep them busy during their unscheduled time, including the two presentations I have shared with you. They also planned interview questions and then interviewed some of the members present to learn each Quaker’s history. These taped interviews will be housed in the Quaker Collection at Guilford College. Be prepared to be interviewed in the years to come!

The children were often seen playing games on Mary Hobbs’ front lawn, sometimes with an AFSC Frisbee! One night there was a birthday cake for Liam as he turned eight.

The high school group, known as the Young Friends, asked to be given the freedom to plan their own activities. This being granted, they promptly showed up in business meeting on Fifth Day, and one of them volunteered to be the reading clerk for the morning. It was a time slot full of readings! Sometimes these young Friends were found with all the other youth in activities, and sometimes they planned their own outings. They were instrumental in having the interviews run smoothly so that they are saved for posterity.

By First Day, all the children knew each other and most of the adults knew them. It was a very fulfilling time. The returning of children year after year speaks to the depth of the experience they have at yearly meeting.

Ted Benfey was honored at a symposium in Philadelphia entitled “A Salute to Ted Benfey at 90: Science, History, Culture and a Commitment to Humanism”. Sponsored by the History of Science Division of the American Chemical Society, there were 9 speakers among which were Dave MacInnes, “Ted Benfey and three Quaker Colleges: teacher, mentor and colleague”; Phillip Benfey “Biting snakes and other tales: Growing up with Ted Benfey”; and Ted Benfey “Reflections on nine stimulating and fascinating decades.” Also present was David Harvey, son of Judy and Cyril. It was an inspiring and fascinating afternoon and finished with a great meal at a local Israeli restaurant.

The arrival of the refugee family at the airport



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