

Friendship Times

Friendship Friends Meeting

Calendar

Sun, May 28	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, June 4	9 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel, Peace and Social Concerns Committees meet 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, June 11	10:30 am Meeting for Worship, a potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
Sat, June 17	2 pm Welcoming Party for Judy Williams and Ash-Leigh Brown at the Meetinghouse
Sun, June 18	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, June 25	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, July 2	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, July 9	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
July 12-16	NC Yearly Meeting at Wilmington
Sun, July 16	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, July 23	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Tues July 25	Newsletter deadline
Sun, July 30	9 am Extended meeting for worship (5 th first day) 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, Aug 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. Business Meeting is the second First Day of the month. Child care is available for Worship and Business Meetings.

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 and 5th Thursday

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

June and July Queries

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?

JULY birthdays

Swenson, Sean 7/24/05

**Reports from 5th Month Meeting
for Worship with Attention to
Business**

Treasurer's Report: Fifth Month Report for Fourth Month Income and Expenses in 2017

Income in April 2017 totaled \$3,400.75 with \$1,855.00 to the General Fund, \$1,445.75 to the New Building Fund, and \$100 to the Property Fund. Expenses in April 2017 totaled \$3,953.63. General Fund expenses totaled \$3,165.25 which included: Operating Expenses of \$2,047.31 with \$1,600 for scholarships to Broken Vessels Ministry and New Garden Friends Summer Camps; no Supporting Contributions; and Meeting House Expenses of \$1,117.94 with \$816.37 for Equipment and Maintenance and the remainder primarily for utilities. Special Uses Fund expenses totaled \$82.20. Property Fund expenses totaled \$706.18 for a new refrigerator.

Care and Counsel Report

1. Request for Membership: Ash-Leigh Brown

The Clearness Committee for Membership for Ash-Leigh Brown has met with Ash-Leigh and would like to ask monthly meeting to approve membership for her.

2. Requests for the laying down of membership

Jessica Bailey and Rob Bailey have requested that their membership at Friendship Meeting be laid down. Care and

Counsel requests approval of these two terminations of membership.

3. Welcome Event

A welcome event is being planned on June 17 at 2:00 pm at the meeting house for Judy Williams. Ash-Leigh Brown will also be welcomed at that time once the monthly meeting has approved her request for membership.

4. Guidelines for Emergency Assistance Requests.

Care and Counsel brings a proposal to monthly meeting regarding the use of the Emergency Assistance Fund. The proposal reads as follows:

CARE AND COUNSEL COMMITTEE GUIDELINES FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE REQUESTS

1. The name of this fund will be the Emergency Assistance Fund
2. A description for the use of this fund will appear in the Handbook (See section C)

3. Description of The Emergency Assistance Fund

- A. Requests for assistance in emergency situations are to be considered by the Care and Counsel Committee.

Care and Counsel defines a crisis as a sudden, urgent, usually unexpected occurrence requiring immediate action.

This implies that once the emergency has been dealt with, the crisis will come to an end and normalcy will return. Following are some possible crises that might occur:

- i. An unforeseen medical condition or medical expenses
- ii. Death of a family member
- iii. An accident
- iv. A burglary
- v. Car/appliance repair

B. Who is eligible to receive assistance from this fund?

Members of the FFM community

C. Who decides when a request for assistance in an emergency situation comes to the meeting?

When the meeting receives a request for assistance, the request is passed to the Care and Counsel Committee for discussion and resolution. The Clerk of Care and Counsel will consult with members of the committee to determine how the request will be handled. If the Committee approves monetary assistance, the Clerk of Care and Counsel will notify the treasurer.

Report from the Nominating Committee

This report is a DRAFT, with intent to present a full and complete report at the

6th month meeting for business. >Contact a member of the Nominating Committee if there are changes/concerns/errors.
Nominating Committee: Susan Wilson, Elizabeth Judson-Rea

Note to Friends: Nominating Committee has assigned a person to serve as convener for each committee. The sole task of the convener is to call together the first meeting of the committee in 8th month.

The first order of business for the committee then is to select its clerk, if needed, to serve from 8th month 2017 - 7th month 2018. >After the convener's name, all persons serving on a committee are listed in alphabetical order. > Darlene Stanley

Clerks – Committees – Representatives
Friendship Friends Monthly Meeting 8th month 2017 - 7th month 2018

Clerk: Susan Carlyle Co-Clerk: Recording Clerk: Lloyd Lee Wilson Treasurer: Stephen Holland Assistant Treasurer: Ray Treadway Membership & Statistics Recorder: Claire Koster Assistant Membership & Statistics Recorder: Miriam Biber-Peterson

COMMITTEES Calendar Coordinator Susan Carlyle Care & Counsel Betty Poynton (convener), Gay Bowles, Maureen Burns, Rachel Knight, David MacInnes, Janet Nagel, Judy Williams, Clerk of Meeting - ex officio Communications Dave MacInnes (convener), Chris Nelson, Judy Purvis Finance Stephen Holland (convener), Kim

Carlyle, Hannah Logan Morris, Lisa Ross, Ray Treadway Handbook Claire Koster (convener), Ted Benfey, Miriam Biber-Peterson Hospitality Judy Reece (convener), Maureen Burns, Brad Chance, Christy Hopkins, Brian Poynton, Susan Wilson Greeters Coordinator: Judy Harvey House & Grounds Kim Carlyle (convener), Chris Biber-Peterson, Ash-Leigh Brown, Jim Fernandes, Hanna Hobson, Jeffrey Hobson, James Hood, David Parsons, Carey Reece Cleaning List Scheduler: Seannie Cahill-Swenson Supplies Purchaser: Phayth Myer Internal Review David MacInnes (convener), David Bailey Library Carole Treadway (convener), Lloyd Lee Wilson Meetinghouse Fundraising Kembra Howdeshell (convener), David Brown, Jim Fernandes, Cyril Harvey, James Hood, Mel Zuck Meetinghouse Planning Neil Swenson (convener), Daniel Amstutz, Mae Brown, Janet Nagel, Richard Phillips, Carey Reece, Don Smith Nominating Elizabeth Judson-Rea, Darlene Stanley, Susan Wilson Pathways Lisa Ross Peace & Social Concerns Raleigh Bailey (convener), Josh Brown, Anne Casebaum, Brad Chance, Sheri Grace, Joan Tillotson Religious Education Kembra Howdeshell (convener), Ash-Leigh Brown, Sheri Grace, Hanna Hobson, Elizabeth Judson-Rea, Anne Morris Worship & Ministry Darlene Stanley (convener), Judy Purvis, Deborah Shaw, Neil Swenson, Carole Treadway, Susan Wilson, Clerk of Meeting - ex officio Representatives NCYMc Nominating Committee: Carole Treadway NCYMc Records Committee: Claire Koster Quaker House Board: Bonnie

Parsons, Joan Tillotson FCNL: David Parsons PFF:

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

NONPROFIT CORPORATION OF FRIENDSHIP FRIENDS MEETING

These Articles of Incorporation are for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation under and by virtue of Chapter 55A-2-02 of the laws of the State of North Carolina.

1. The name of the Corporation is Friendship Friends Meeting.
2. The Corporation is a charitable or religious corporation as defined in the North Carolina General Statutes Section 55 A-1-40 (4).
3. The period of duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.
4. The street address and county of the registered office of the corporation is: 1103 New Garden Road Greensboro, North Carolina 27410, Guilford County.
5. The mailing address of the registered office is: Post Office Box 8652, Greensboro, North Carolina 27419.
6. The name of the registered agent is: Ray Treadway
7. The name of the corporation treasurer is: Stephen Holland

8. The corporation will have members.

9. (a) The Corporation shall have all the powers granted nonprofit corporations under the laws of North Carolina.

(b) No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members,, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of purposes set forth in these Articles of Incorporation. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or (b) by a corporation, contribution to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code.

10. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the members shall, after paying or making provision for payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable,

educational, scientific or literary purposes as shall at that time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of Code as the members shall determine, or to federal, state or local governments to be used exclusively for public purposes. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Superior Court of the County in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization, as such court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes, or to such governments for such purposes.

11. The officers of the corporation shall be chosen as provided by the bylaws. No officer or member shall have any personal liability for monetary damages arriving out of an action of the corporation or otherwise for breach of any duty as officer or member.

12. Any other provisions which the corporation elects to include are attached as our bylaws.
These articles will be effective upon filing.

This is the _____ day of _____, 2017.

Ray Treadway_____

Stephen Holland_____

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Upcoming Forum

Peace and Social Concerns is adjusting its proposed forum schedule to address the

pressing issue of Sanctuary. There will be a P&SC forum on the AFSC theme of "SANCTUARY EVERYWHERE" with a presentation by Lori Fernald Khamala in preparation for the AFSC Centennial celebration which is being held in early September. This special forum will begin with a pot luck at 6 PM on Friday, June 23 and will include a discussion on how Friendship Meeting can respond to the call for Sanctuary Everywhere. We hope you can attend.

Answers to Fifth Month query taken from this years query workshop

Query 5. Do we regularly attend our meetings for business, and are they held in a spirit of love, understanding, and forbearance? Do we seek the right course of action in humble submission to the Authority of Truth and in the patient search for a sense of unity under Divine guidance?

As we continue the process of planning to build a new meetinghouse, our meetings for business have been infused with a particular sense of purpose and the need to move patiently under the guidance of the Divine. Many faithfully attend meetings for business, though others find it difficult to do so, given their work and other commitments. The meetings themselves are held in a deep attention to the spirit, guided by our thoughtful and thorough clerk, who faithfully distributes matters for consideration in a timely manner, provides an inspirational or educational opening at each meeting for business, and guides our decision-making in right order, focusing us on the business at hand and keeping the motion of love first among us.

We have had threshing sessions as a means of providing and allowing for the free discussion of ideas and possible actions, utilizing these also as a way of gauging the leadings our members in the critical decisions we are making. We try to move forward with deliberate efficiency, never rushing decisions when the sense of the meeting is scattered, nor moving too slowly when it is clear that hearts and minds have found unity.

We are blessed by the presence in meeting for business of many well-seasoned Friends, whose familiarity with our Quaker practice both assists us in coming to a spirit-guided sense of the meeting and teaches others the way by their example. We seek way to encourage younger members and attenders to participate in our meeting for business.

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 July. Material should be submitted, preferably by email, no later than Tuesday, July 25.

The registration form for **Yearly Meeting sessions** is now on the Yearly Meeting website: NCYMC.org

Upcoming events

June 4 Young Friends Ice Cream Social. See George Fox newsletter for time

June 17 2 pm - Welcoming party for Judy Williams and Ash -Leigh Brown

Clerks' Corner

A new newsletter feature where every month or so something will be submitted from our clerks for the benefit of our members' continuing education on Quaker history, thoughts and practices.

"The period of waiting worship which precedes meeting for business is a time of personal centering down into that Life which guides us, and a time of prayer for the faith community which is about to seek to know and carry out the will of God. This opening worship should therefore never be allowed to become perfunctory, nor should it be hurried by the burden of difficult decisions ahead. On the contrary, it often seems that the meeting's ability to find unity in the Spirit is enhanced by a deeper opening worship, and more time spent in worship at the beginning of meeting for business means less is needed later on to reach unity on matters that had previously seemed quite difficult."

- Lloyd Lee Wilson "Essays on the Quaker Vision of Gospel Order" pg. 133.

Excerpt from a letter of appreciation sent by the House & Grounds Committee to New Garden Friends School: submitted by Kim Carlyle

"Thank you for providing the teams of energetic young volunteers who did so much good work at Friendship Friends Meeting during the New Garden Friends School service days of February 23, March 30, and April 20.

"Our recently acquired property was in need of cleanup and maintenance. These volunteers pruned much of the overgrown vegetation on the grounds, bundled it, and hauled it to the street for pickup. They also prepared a neglected fence for painting by scraping and washing it, and finally they finished up by completing the paint job.

"We have received a number of favorable comments from residents of Friends Homes Guilford, which overlooks our property. They have told us how much improved their view has become since all the work has been done....thanks to all of you at New Garden Friends School. We'll remember your gift of service for quite some time."



Hailey Pyu Han graduates from Guilford College. Photo by Bonnie Parsons

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