

# Friendship Times

## Friendship Friends Meeting

### Calendar

Sun, Feb 25	9 am Deepening the Life of the Meeting. 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, Mar 4	9 am Worship and Ministry and Care and Counsel Committees meet 10:30 am Meeting for Worship 10:30 am Meeting for Worship 12 noon Peace and Social Concerns Committee meets
Sun, Mar 11	10:30 am Meeting for Worship, a potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
March 13 – 15	PFF annual retreat
Sun, Mar 18	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Tues, Mar 20	Deadline for March newsletter
Sun, Mar 25	9 am Deepening the Life of the Meeting 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Mar 31-Apr 1	Piedmont Friends Fellowship and Yearly Meeting Spring Retreat
Sun, April 1	9 am Worship and Ministry Care and Counsel Committees meet 10:30 am Meeting for Worship

Weekly Meeting for Worship 10:30 am each First Day. 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, 7<sup>th</sup> floor Woolman Hall, Friends Homes Guilford

Bible Study at 7 pm at the Meetinghouse every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday

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

### 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, Mar 20.

### Month's Query

*Query #3 Do we follow the teachings of Jesus and seek the inspiration of His Holy Spirit in our daily lives? Are love and unity maintained among us? Do we cultivate a forgiving spirit, and do we avoid and discourage needless and destructive criticism of others? When differences arise, do we endeavor promptly to resolve them in a spirit of love, honesty, and humility?*

Minutes
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Opening Minute. At the regular meeting for business of Friendship Friends Meeting held on the afternoon of Second Month 11, 2018, at the meeting house. The meeting opened near the appointed hour with a period of waiting worship.

2018-014. Advices. Darlene Stanley read a portion of *The Advices*.

2018-015. Query Two. Friends united in the following response to Query Two.

We are faithful in our attendance at meeting for worship. We are careful both not to disturb and not to be disturbed by the late arrival or early departure of any worshipper. Our behavior in meeting for worship, whether we are engaged in thanksgiving, praise, forgiveness, or intercession, is characterized by an open submission to God in silent communion.

2018-016. Peace & Social Concerns. The meeting approved the addition of Paul Sherman to the Peace & Social Concerns Committee.

2018-017. Treasurer's Report.

Income in January 2018 totaled \$17,454 with \$547.43 to the General Fund and \$16,906.63 to the New Building Fund.

Expenses in January 2018 totaled \$1,426.56. General Fund expenses totaled \$1,045.62 which included: Operating Expenses of \$192.91 primarily for supplies;

no Supporting Contributions; and Meeting House Expenses of \$852.71 primarily for insurance and utilities.

The Year-End Financial Statements and Reports for Friendship Friends Meeting have been prepared and distributed to members and attenders. A copy has been added to the corporation's Book of Record.

Friends accepted this report.

2018-018. Fundraising Committee. Kembra Howdeshell gave the revised End-of-Year report for the Fundraising Committee. As of the end of 2017, 66% of the donations needed to meet the Matching Gift Challenge have been made or pledged.

2018-019. Meeting House Planning Committee.

The Meetinghouse Planning Committee had a joint meeting with the Meetinghouse Fundraising Committee this past First Day to update each other on our progress and discuss next steps. It was a productive meeting that helped ensure that our committees continue to work in cooperation with each other.

This past Fourth Day the Planning Committee also interviewed a third design build company, R.P.M Partners. They are a local company that has worked with several congregations in the area, including a sanctuary space for the Unitarians. Our committee will be calling references for R.P.M Partners and then meeting soon to determine design build companies we have interviewed. We will also be gathering

information about the time frame and fee schedule for our project. Once we have reached unity about our recommendation for a contractor we will bring this proposal to the meeting for approval.

2018-020. Closing Minute. No further business appearing, and hearts and minds being generally clear, Friends adjourned with a period of waiting worship, intending to meet again at the appointed time in Third Month if consistent with Divine Will.

**March Birthday**

**Imani Khamala 3/5/08**

#### **Clerks' Corner**

A newsletter feature from our Clerk where what is submitted is for the benefit of our members' continuing education on Quaker history, thoughts and practices.

We can settle into worship in a manner described by Alexander Parker in 1660:

Worship in meeting may thus begin with stilling the mind and body, letting go of tensions and everyday worries, feeling the encompassing presence of others, and opening oneself to the Spirit. It may include meditation, reflection on a remembered passage from the Bible or other devotional literature, silent prayer, thanksgiving, praise of God, consideration of one's actions, remorse, request for forgiveness, or search for direction. Even in times of spiritual emptiness, Friends find it useful to be present in worship.

Worshipping together strengthens the members of the worshipping community and deepens the act of worship itself. Such communal worship is like a living organism whose individual but interdependent members are essential to one another and to the life of the greater whole. It is like the luminous unity and individual fulfillment that arise when musicians, responding to the music before them, offer up their separate gifts in concert. Friends sometimes use Paul's image and speak of the meeting for worship as a body whose head is Christ (1 Cor. 12:27). The gifts and participation of each member are important in maintaining and enriching the spiritual life of the meeting for worship.

There is a renewal of spirit when we turn away from worldly matters to rediscover inward serenity.

Mark your calendar!

One Man Play-**THIS EVIL THING**

Hosted by Quaker House of Fayetteville

Friday, March 16 7 pm

Steinberger Auditorium Guilford College

"This Evil Thing" is a one-man play on tour from England about the experiences of a WWI conscientious objector. The play is written and performed by Michael Mears and has received excellent reviews. Please RSVP through Eventbrite

( <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/this-evil-thing-tickets-42575042097?aff=efbeventix> )

for your free ticket so QH can keep track of anticipated attendance numbers. Quaker House will be accepting donations at the door.

The Piedmont Friends Fellowship and Yearly Meeting Annual Retreat will be March 31-April 1 at the Carolina Friends School campus. Registration form at [PiedmontFriendsFellowship.org](http://PiedmontFriendsFellowship.org)

**Writing Retreat in France Coming**  
Saturday 7 April to Sunday 15  
April

Maison Quaker  
11, Avenue des Quakers  
30111 Congenies, France

Are you writing (or thinking of writing) a novel, a script, poetry, non-fiction or a memoir? Escape to the sun for 5 to 8 days and be inspired to write! 475€ for shared occupancy (595€ private room) includes 5 nights' accommodation, all meals and guidance from Kim Hope.

#### Music Week

Saturday 23 June to Sunday 1 July, 2018

Lift your spirits with 5 - 8 days of musical adventure at Maison Quaker. Experience or talent not necessary--just a desire to sing, play, learn or listen. 475€ for shared occupancy (595€ private room) includes 5 nights' accommodation, all meals and musical fun with Jeff Dershin.

#### Artist Retreats 2018

Friday 11 May to Monday 21 May

and

Friday 21 September to Monday 1 October

We invite artists (professional or amateur) to join us for 6-10 days of creating and camaraderie in the south of France. Cost: 695€ (575€ for shared occupancy) includes 6 night's accommodation, most meals, transportation and guidance from Kate Hale.

More information available from

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