

# Friendship Times

## Friendship Friends Meeting

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### Calendar

Sun, Sept 30	9:00 am Extended Worship 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, Oct 7	9 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel Committees meet 10:30 am Meeting for Worship 12: Peace and Social Concerns Committee meets 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, Oct 14	10:30 am Meeting for Worship, a potluck meal follows
Sun, Oct 21	9 am Deeping the Life of the Meeting 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Tues, Oct 23	Last day to send newsletter material to Editor
Sun, Oct 28	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, Nov 4	9 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel Committees meet 10:30 am Meeting for Worship 12: Peace and Social Concerns Committee meets

Weekly at 10:30 am each First Day, Meeting for Worship. 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>, 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, October 23.

### Month’s Query

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Query #10: *Do we endeavor to live in harmony with nature? Are we careful in our stewardship of the world’s irreplaceable resources?*

### Young Friends Tenth Month Birthday

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## Minutes

2018-096. Opening Minute. at the regular meeting for business of Friendship Friends Meeting, held on the afternoon of Ninth Month 9, 2018, at the meeting house. The meeting opened near the appointed hour with a period of waiting worship. The following Friends and attenders were present:

2018-097. Judy Purvis read a portion of the Advices from NCYM-C.

2018-098. Query Five: *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?*

Friends united in the following response:

We do our best to hold our meetings for business in a spirit of love and expectation. We have patiently sought Divine guidance as we move forward with plans for our new worship space. We desire that a larger portion of our members and attenders would attend meeting for business, and recognize that those who do attend come faithfully

2018-099. Internal Review Committee. The Finance Committee recommends they will take over the internal review and lay down the Internal Review Committee. In addition, one other person who is not on the Finance Committee will serve on the internal review, appointed by the Finance Committee.

- Friends approved this recommendation.
- Ray Treadway will write wording for the Handbook.

2018-100. Report on Drinking Water. The ad-hoc committee on drinking water will meet in November to plan a learning and threshing session on the subject of drinking water at the meeting house in early 2019.

2018-101. Report on Progressive Dinner. Claire Koster and Judy Williams reported on the Progressive Dinner. Several Guilford students who attended have also come to Meeting for Worship.

2018-102. 50th Anniversary Celebration and Funding Needs. Dave MacInnes gave a report on the planning for our Meeting's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. The report follows.

1. The Ad Hoc committee on planning for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration would like to propose that we have our celebration on October 21, 4-6 pm at the Meetinghouse. Our reasons for choosing this date are three-fold. The first Monthly Meeting for Business was held on the third First Day in tenth month, 1968, the Meeting calendar is usually clear on the third First Day of the month and Fall Break ends at Guilford College so our prospective caterer can supply the food.

2. If the celebration is approved the committee would like to request up to \$600 for a catered meal (the week before was business meeting and a potluck). We think 50 or more would attend and we have a quote from the Guilford College dining

services for a nice menu for \$9.90 a person. We will save money by picking up the food and providing dessert (sheet cake and ice cream).

- The meeting approved holding the celebration on October 21 from 4-6pm, with a catered meal, and approved up to \$600 to the ad hoc committee from the Special Uses fund.
- Friends need to sign up for the celebration, and the committee will spread the word through the George Fox and monthly newsletters, as well as weekly announcements at meeting.

2018-103. Draft of a Memorial Minute for Maureen Burns. Dave MacInnes shared a beautiful draft of a memorial minute for Maureen Burns reflecting her love for and service to the meeting. The draft memorial minute with revisions was approved, and will be forwarded to Yearly Meeting by the Clerk. The minute is attached.

#### **Memorial Minute - Maureen Burns**

Maureen Burns, beloved member of Friendship Friends Meeting for over 19 years, died at the age of 74 in Greensboro, North Carolina on July 4, 2018. Maureen and her husband Al Burns moved to Greensboro from Brooklyn, New York, where she had been a member of Brooklyn Friends Meeting. Not a birthright Friend, she and Al began attending Brooklyn Friends after they enrolled their eldest daughter at Brooklyn Friends School. She also worked as a nurse at the school for a period of her career.

Maureen was an active and contributing member of Friendship Friends Meeting. She

served on many important committees, including Care and Counsel, Hospitality, and Nominating. She served on clearness committees for membership, most recently for Ash-Leigh Brown. Maureen warmly welcomed newcomers to the Meeting. She was a very good listener, but was not afraid to speak her mind on important issues. Maureen was a regular attender of our monthly meetings for worship with a concern for business and often helped the Meeting come to unity on an issue. She attended many NC Conservative Yearly Meeting events and represented the Meeting at Interim and Yearly Meeting gatherings.

Her generous nature was, perhaps, most profoundly exemplified by her abundant offerings of cooking and baking for Meeting events. She supported the Hospitality Committee with the largess of her pantry and made sure our children's food needs were addressed by that committee. Maureen regularly prepared plentiful offerings of home-baked items for the Quaker Progressive Dinner for Guilford College students at the start of each Fall semester. The Friendship Meeting Christmas parties were made extra special by Maureen's dessert offerings and their enticing presentation. She always provided more than one food offering for our monthly potluck meals to ensure that there was sufficient food for regulars and visitors, alike. The Nominating Committee will always remember the wonderful meal she cooked for their last committee meeting, just prior to her recent illness and passing.

Maureen was quietly observant, noticing and attending to problems that others had not seen. For example, she was a good

friend and mentor to one of our teenagers during some challenging times and helped them get back on their feet. This person notes that Maureen taught them about Quakerism and introduced them to a close friend in Meeting. She and her good friend Claire Koster frequently lent a listening ear to our late Friendship Friends member, Darryl Waisner, as he faced the realities of caring for his aging parents and his own health challenges.

Maureen was a cheerful, fun-loving person who was passionate about life. She loved to shop and knew how to bargain! Indeed, she used these skills to organize and run 2 yard sales for Friendship Friends Meeting, including one in 2015 that raised money to build a new meeting room. She also worked hard to help clean up a house donated to the Meeting, so it could be sold toward the same meeting room fundraising goal. She was very spur of the moment, supporting a Friendship Friends member by driving with them to Alexandria, Virginia for a professional workshop. She and her husband opened their home to Meeting events, such as hosting a New Years Eve gathering. Maureen also reached out to the Greensboro community in many ways, serving on the Newcomers Club, the Symphony Guild, the Italian American Society, and organizing a bridge club. Everyone loved Maureen and she loved everyone. Maureen will be sorely missed

2018-104. Treasurer's Report. Stephen Holland presented the Treasurer's Report for Eighth Month.

Income in August 2018 totaled \$10,424.81 with \$868.30 to the General Fund and \$9,556.51 to the New Building Fund.

Expenses in August 2018 totaled \$7,350.39. General Fund expenses totaled \$7,350.39 which included: Operating Expenses of \$147.56 primarily for Religious Education; no Supporting Contributions; Meeting House Expenses of \$102.83 primarily for utilities; and the New Building Corporate Contribution of \$7,100.00

2018-105. Fundraising Committee Report. The report follows and was accepted with great appreciation and excitement for the work of the committee.

1. Pledges and payments paid on pledges through Sept. 2, 2018:
  - a. Payments made in YTD 2018  
\$ 15,420.00
  - a. Pledges made (prior to MGC): \$ 154,920.00
  - b. Payments paid on pledges: \$ 122,315.00 (79%)
  - c. Outstanding pledges:  
\$ 32,605.00 (21%)
  
2. Progress toward the \$150,000 Matching Gift Campaign (as of Sept. 2, 2018):
  - a. Pledges made (MGC):  
\$ 19,990.00
  - b. Total outstanding pledges (MGC)  
\$ 2,650.00
  - c. Total donations YTD 2018  
\$ 54,408.14
  - d. Total donations (with Yard Sale)  
\$145,871.87 (97%)
  - e. Amount needed\* to reach MGC goal  
\$ 4,128.13 (3%)
  
3. We anticipate receiving the response to two grant applications under consideration toward our meeting room fundraising efforts. We requested \$7,500

from Friends General Conference and \$4,000 from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting; however we anticipate that any funds that we receive will be considerably less than the total possible grant request.

4. The committee will be contacting all individuals with outstanding pledges toward the Matching Gift Campaign and the original pledges to update them on their payment status. We need to have all Matching Gift Campaign pledges page by early October to meet the October 20<sup>th</sup> deadline.

#### 2018-106. Meeting House Planning Committee.

Last month the Meetinghouse Planning Committee presented two different site plan options for the meeting's consideration and received some valuable feedback and questions. In the intervening time, our committee has met multiple times as a committee and also with our contractor, Andrew Wells of RPM Partners. As a result, we are returning today with some new information in response to the questions and concerns raised last month and also a new recommendation for the meeting's consideration and possible approval.

One important new piece of information is that Richard Phillips and Janet Nagel met with Billy Matthews, an arborist from the Davey Tree Expert Service for an evaluation of the large red oak tree. Billy estimated that the tree is about 80 years old and is in good health and should be expected to live approximately 200 years. He also predicted the tree would not be seriously impacted by construction in the area as long as only a small portion of the outermost root system would be disturbed.

We also requested from Andrew of RPM Partners a site plan showing a drop-off area near the southwest corner of the new meeting room that was requested at last month's meeting for business.

While this plan requires less asphalt than other site plan options and does not put any paved surface in front of the welcome room, it also requires a rather significant walk to the welcome room door, and therefore it continues to not be the recommendation of this committee.

As a result of this new information, as well as the feedback we received at last month's meeting for business, the committee met to consider other possible site plan options that honored both the meeting's concern for easy drop-off access and also a desire to preserve the old trees on our property. As a result, we are bringing a new option to the meeting today, which is our new recommendation for consideration and possibly approval.

In this new site plan option we are proposing that instead of the loop road that we discussed last month there be a one-way connecting road that passes from the new parking lot in front of the welcome room and connects to the existing parking on the east side of the meetinghouse. Since this connecting road can pass close to the meetinghouse the arborist believes that the red oak would not be seriously impacted by this construction. This paved connecting road would allow for easy drop-off directly in front of the welcome room entrance. This plan also provides several handicapped parking spaces on the east side of the building where after drop-off drivers could enter the meetinghouse from the current door on the east side. Alternatively, drivers

could exit on New Garden Road and loop around and park in the new parking lot off of Arcadia Road if they preferred. Additionally, this site plan moves the entrance off of Arcadia to the west end of the parking lot. Andrew recommended this for better traffic flow and it also moves the entrance farther away from the busy intersection of New Garden and Arcadia. Finally, this site plan provides a gravel overflow parking area to the northwest of the new parking area that will not count against our impervious surface ratio.

We feel that this new site plan does a better job of responding to the meeting's twin concerns of easy access and environmental stewardship. In addition, the connecting road would place less asphalt in front of the meetinghouse than the previous loop road plan. Also, since the city will require the meeting to maintain the paved area to the east of the meetinghouse for emergency purposes, this allows us to take advantage of this space for a limited number of vehicles.

Therefore, for all of these reasons the Meetinghouse Planning committee is recommending this site plan to the meeting for questions, feedback and consideration for approval. Once we have approval from the meeting on both the initial floor plan and site plan designs RPM Partners can submit them to the city for the first formal review, which is a significant step in the process.

- Friends approved that we adopt "Parking Exhibit 11."

2018-107. Poor People's Campaign and other Racial Justice Work. Lloyd Lee Wilson gave a report on the Poor People's

Campaign and other work for racial justice as discussed at Yearly Meeting sessions. The report follows.

The following minute from this year's yearly meeting sessions calls for us as a monthly meeting to consider what we are doing in the area of racial justice generally and specifically regarding the work of the Poor People's Campaign [see **boldface** sentences]. A report back to Interim Body next month is requested.

### **33. Poor People's Campaign**

*Lloyd Lee Wilson was asked to address the body to provide information on the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call to Moral Revival, in which he has a role. This campaign seeks to redress poverty, racism, the war economy, and ecological devastation and sees these as interrelated. The strategy is to change the moral narrative of our nation. The new narrative draws on the moral authority from two sources: our nation's values, as expressed in such documents as the Constitution, and the core values of our faith traditions.*

*Friends responded at length.*

*Those at our yearly meeting sessions clearly feel called to support the mission and goals of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call to Moral Revival. The yearly meeting is in discernment regarding what steps and direct actions to take. We encourage both individual members and our monthly meetings to discern how they may participate in the Poor People's Campaign and other work for racial justice. **Monthly***

***meetings are asked to report in advance of 10th mo Interim Body regarding what they are doing as monthly meetings and what actions they feel might be taken corporately by the YM. In 10th mo the Interim Body will engage in discernment regarding any actions in support of the goals of the Poor People's Campaign. These actions may include financial support of organizations involved in this work. We recognize that this work is ongoing and may last beyond our lifetimes.***

- Friends ask the clerk of Peace and Social concerns to write a report to Interim Body regarding the various activities of the meeting in regards to racial and economic justice.

2018-108. Report of Representatives to Yearly Meeting Sessions. The clerk will share the "Summary of Exercises 2018" from this past summer's Yearly Meeting gathering, along with other reports for next month's meeting for business.

#### Summary of Exercises 2018

The 321st annual gathering of North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative), met on the campus of Guilford College in Greensboro, North Carolina in Seventh Month 2018, from Fourth Day the 11th to First Day the 15th. We arrived to find a number of construction projects underway across the campus, making changes to what for many is a very familiar space. We engaged with each other in the course of meetings for worship, addressing business, times of contemplation, eating and play. We found familiar relationships and

practices while also constructing new relationships and receiving new guidance.

Our sessions were attended by several visitors from beyond our yearly meeting, including from Georgia, Indiana, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and other communities in North Carolina. We were grateful for the fullness of participation of these visitors and the added richness they brought to our gathering. We also welcomed new participants from our own monthly meetings with joy.

On the first afternoon we began with grounding worship and continued in the evening with a gathering of the body that cares for the ministry and nurture of monthly meetings. That body shared mostly informal reports among the monthly meetings regarding how meetings are being cared for by those taking that responsibility.

At 6:00 AM each morning Friends gathered for coffee and spiritual conversation with Lloyd Lee Wilson in the lobby of Hobbs Hall. These gatherings were so well attended this year that we ran out of chairs.

Bible study this year was led by David Hobson of Rocky River Friends Meeting, exploring biblical passages in song. This was an intergenerational experience when the youth participated in the singing and in the selection of the songs.

A concern had arisen in Interim Body about our need to address social injustice. In response to this felt need we began our business sessions by sharing each monthly meetings' response to the eleventh query which challenges us to consider these issues. In our final regular business session

on Seventh Day we wrestled to discern how our yearly meeting, our monthly meetings, and individuals should actively and urgently respond to inequities. The focus was to recommend uniting with the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival for those who can.

Other sharing during business sessions included reading state of the meeting reports and the remainder of the query responses from each of the monthly meetings. The body shared reflections upon hearing query responses, which as always was a time of depth of Spirit.

In the course of business we heard reports from Virginia Beach Friends School, AFSC, FCNL, the Travel in the Ministry Trust Fund, and other groups. We have lost contact with some of the organizations dedicated to Native Americans that we have supported in the past. Eric Ginsburg has looked into this and reported back on what he had found. He challenged us to consider our intention with regard to supporting Native Americans and presented some alternative actions that we will explore.

We heard a report from Bill Geary on the Southern State Worship Group in New Jersey, including an invitation to write messages to the participants in that prison community, as well as an epistle from that group. In response, Friends were led to write an epistle specifically for this worship group, recognizing the deep and long-term friendship between the two communities.

We also received a report from the Discipline Review committee and gave second approval to two more sections for

the revised explanation of our faith and practice.

In interest groups, the Discipline Review committee received feedback on the introduction to queries with a need for some new changes, and also got people to brainstorm about possible queries. Other interest groups included: AFSC describing the local "Siembra NC" program focused on caring for undocumented immigrants, particularly Latinx immigrants, by strengthening leadership, engagement with surrounding community, and resisting deportations through mutual support; William Penn House presentation; Quaker Earthcare Witness; and Quaker House of Fayetteville. For the past few years those named by their monthly meetings as ministers or elders have met together to share stories and experiences. This year the meeting was opened up to any interested Friend

Twenty-four Friends showed up and they found the time for sharing too short.

Evening presentations included some terrific experiences. Barbara Gosney developed a presentation and acted as narrator while 14 other friends gave dramatic (and some not so dramatic) readings of historic letters and journal entries written by Friends in North Carolina during challenging times of slavery. We also heard from Diane Randall, Executive Secretary of Friends Committee on National Legislation, a talk held in the meeting room of New Garden Meeting across the street, sharing the experience with others beyond our yearly meeting. The youth program organized a talent show for Saturday night, which was a fun experience for participants and the audience. This was preceded by a

time of worship reflecting about how the theme and organization of the yearly meeting sessions had impacted those participating. Every night ended with snacks and fellowship, enjoyed by all.

In addition to organizing the talent show, the youth got to experience time together and fun with outdoor games, a visit to the Elsewhere museum, bowling, ice cream making, swimming, and jigsaw puzzle assembly. The “adults” got to encounter their lively presence throughout the sessions and were grateful. We left the campus inspired by the experience, each other, and the Light, and look forward to gathering again in a year, if consistent with Divine Will

#### 2018-109. Handbook Committee Report.

The Handbook Committee meets informally and electronically throughout the year. As a new committee, we are grateful for advice from the former Chair of this committee, Claire Koster and find that having the Handbook as a Google document has greatly facilitated the editing process.

Two changes were made to the Handbook this year. Committees are still listed. However, as of this year, the Membership Committee will send out a complete list of committees with named clerks and members throughout the year. Additionally, the Handbook has retained the events calendar. However, the clerk will electronically and in Meeting inform the membership of the dates for specific events.

Distribution of the 2018-19 Handbook will be sent out electronically by Judy Purvis. 12 hard copies of the Handbook were printed and distributed 9<sup>th</sup> month, first day for those members who had requested a hard copy. Five additional copies were printed to be distributed throughout the year as needed. The Fedex cost of printing 18 copies of the Handbook came to \$35.79 (1.99 ea).

2018-109. Report from Piedmont Friends Fellowship.

On June 24, 2019, Piedmont Friends Fellowship representatives met at Raleigh Friends Meeting; Judy Williams represented Friendship Meeting at this gathering.

1. PFF events for the coming year include:

- September 7-9, 2018 Fall Retreat, Seven Springs Camp (near Mocksville) The weekend will feature camping, hiking, swimming, and light programming on Saturday afternoon and evening. Friends are welcome to attend only part of the weekend if they wish (for example, just coming for the day on Saturday). Registration information will be available soon; meanwhile feel free to contact Judy with questions.

- April 19-21, 2019 Spring Retreat Carolina Friends School The theme of this weekend will be a celebration of Quaker House’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Mark your calendars!

Individuals and meetings are invited to consider the following report regarding the

*possible* development of a state-level lobbying organization, to be called “FCNCL” – Friends Committee on North Carolina Legislation. Friends who are interested in being part of the working group may contact Judy Williams for more information.

**PYFM Working group: Friends Committee on NC Legislation:**

**Background:** In February, PFYM Quarterly Meeting established a working group to study the feasibility of and interest in developing a state-level Friends Committee on North Carolina Legislation (FCNCL) among both PFYM and PFF NC meetings. The work group was created based on a report to PFYM Quarterly Meeting on the four states that have state legislative advocacy organizations. (See below).

The current working group membership includes representatives from Raleigh Friends Meeting, Charlotte Friends Meeting, New Garden Friends Meeting and Durham Friends Meeting. Salem Creek has an ad hoc member. Our current members have met three times. The advocacy organization would be open to PFYM and PFF members initially. We have reviewed the organizational structure and mission of the four state advocacy organizations and considered how such an organization might be organized and function in our unique NC circumstances. Based on these discussions, the working group sees merit in the establishment of such a group and believes it may be feasible. Next steps would be (i) to hear from more PFF meetings and learn if they generally agree and whether this is a direction they deem worthy of further

exploration; and (ii) add some additional PFF members to the working group.

**Draft Mission Statement:** Friends Committee on North Carolina Legislation (FCNCL), guided by Quaker testimonies, advocates for NC state laws and policies that are just, compassionate and respectful of the inherent worth of every person and the Earth upon which we live.

**Report to PFYM Quarterly Meeting - 02/03/18:**

The following has been prepared based on both discussion with and/or research of websites on statewide efforts of Quakers in support of state legislative advocacy. All are led by the Quaker Testimonies, are nonpartisan, and have an advocacy network.

1. **Friends Committee on Legislation of California** ([www.fclca.org](http://www.fclca.org)) 916-443-3934:

This group was organized in 1952. It employs three staff members, one of whom is the registered lobbyist and legislative director. The organization is a 501(c)4, which is a lobbying organization and donations are not tax deductible. In addition, the organization as a 501(c)3 education fund, which is a tax deductible fund. This is the same model that FCNL uses.

The organization is governed by a General Committee made up of representatives of Quaker meetings and at-large members, both Quakers and non-Quakers. They meet quarterly. The General Committee selects the legislative priorities every two years. In addition to meeting participation, there is an action network of individual who are

sent action alerts on legislative actions as needed. The organizations support is 90% from individuals and the rest from Meetings.

## 2. **The Indiana Friends Committee on Legislation** ([www.quakerifcl.org](http://www.quakerifcl.org))

This group was formed in 1972. It employs one staff member who is both the director and lobbyist. They lobby on both state and federal issues. On federal issues they work with FCNL and led an Advocacy Team on mass incarceration.

The organization is governed by a policy committee that makes its decisions using Quaker process and values. It is a 100% Quaker organization but works with other organizations depending on the issue. Annually the organization holds a policy meeting to determine legislative policy priorities. All Indiana Quakers are invited to attend. The organization does not speak for all Quakers, only the organizations and individual Quakers that support it. It is open to all Quakers. It depends on its support from Yearly meetings, Quaker meetings and individuals.

## 3. **Quaker Voice on Washington Public Policy** ([www.quakervoicewa.org](http://www.quakervoicewa.org))

This organization is about 15 years old. It is governed by a steering committee of representatives of many of the unprogrammed meetings in Washington who are members of the Pacific Northwest Quarterly Meeting. It is a nonprofit corporation and has a paid lobbyist and technical managers. Quaker process is used to determine policies recommendations.

Many of the supporters and donors are not members of Quaker meetings but support Quaker values and process. (Waiting on call for more information)

## 4. **Friends Committee on Maine Public Policy** (no website)

This 30-year-old organization is composed of members from Quaker meetings from across the state. They meet every other month in a different location or by phone. The representatives determined two policy priorities at inception and work in coalition with other like-minded organizations. They may add some policy work if urgent. They have no paid staff. They are supported by donations from meetings and individuals for speakers, candidate questionnaires and forums

- Friends would like to know more about the working group and ask that our PFF representative keep us informed on the development of an "FCNCL."
- There is interest for Friendship Friends to have a representative to work with this group, and encourage other Friends to approach Judy Williams if they are interested.

## 2018-110. Library Annual Report.

The library continues to be well used, both for its resources and its space, which serves as office and committee room. Lloyd Lee Wilson compiled and analyzed circulation data and made the following observations:

Popular Authors: Jim Hood was the most popular Quaker author for books and pamphlets checked out of the library over the past year, and William Barber was the most popular non-Quaker author.

Popular Subjects: Quaker Faith & Practice books and pamphlets were checked out most often this past year, followed closely

by publications about Spiritual Life in general.

We now have over 800 titles in our library. Fifteen titles were added this year, mostly gifts and Pendle Hill pamphlets.

Lloyd Lee Wilson and Carole Treadway comprise the Library Committee.

2018-111. Closing Minute. No further business appearing, and with hearts and minds generally clear, Friends adjourned, intending to meet at the appointed time in Tenth Month, if consistent with Divine Will.

#### Quaker House update

We are happy to report that Quaker House came through Tropical Storm Florence (as she was known, by the time of her arrival here) very well. Fayetteville is still inaccessible by major interstates, rivers are still cresting, and grocery stores remain hard hit, but, set on a hillside, we were spared the major effects of the storm. Our hearts go out to those still recovering and those who have suffered irreplaceable losses.

**Quaker Tea:** Worship and Ministry Committee invites all members of the meeting, particularly those newer to the meeting to a Quaker Tea on **October 7<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 6 PM**. Come enjoy cookies, ice cream, and fruit as we share about our experiences in Meeting for Worship: what does it mean to have a “gathered meeting,” how do various Friends prepare for the experience, etc.? Child care will be provided, although children are also

welcome to join the discussion. We look forward to sharing this time together.

Our **FFM 50th Anniversary Celebration and Dinner** will be held at the meetinghouse Sunday October 21 from 4-6 pm. We will have a time of celebration in remembrance, reflection and storytelling, and share a prepared meal. We need everyone to sign up for the dinner, so we will know how much and what type of food is needed. You may sign up on the sheets in the orange folder in plain view at the meetinghouse or email Susan Wilson at [swilson27897@gmail.com](mailto:swilson27897@gmail.com). Please let us know if you are vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, or omnivore.

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