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BEARING FRUIT

The Official Newsletter of Friends Church North Carolina

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WELCOME!

Welcome to your Friends Church North Carolina Newsletter!

This is a monthly e-newsletter dedicated to keeping you up to date on current events within FCNC.

We strive to highlight topics of interest such as announcements, who/what we support, recent activities, upcoming events etc.

How can you help?

Let us know if you have information that falls into these categories at an FCNC level. Email information, pictures or ideas to our Social Media Coordinator,

Jenny Gullion at: jenny@friendschurchnc.org



Quotes by Quakers

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“A GOOD END CANNOT SANCTIFY EVIL MEANS; NOR MUST WE EVER DO EVIL THAT GOOD MAY COME OF IT...LET US THEN TRY WHAT LOVE WILL DO...”

William Penn 1644-1718

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“DO NOT BE OVERCOME BY EVIL, BUT OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD”

ROMANS 12:21

A Word of Devotion

LOVE, EVEN TO THE UNLOVABLE

By: Carolyn Leslie Knight

Several weeks ago, I found a book on my shelf that I didn't recall seeing before. As I was shuffling through books, trying to declutter, I cracked the pages and read one of many personal accounts that lie beneath it's cover. It moved me to tears. It made me examine myself. It was life changing. Though it may be a sensitive subject in light of current events, I believe it holds truth. Not truth from a perspective or side but truth that is found in Love, in Jesus. The truth that helps us Love our enemies, whoever our perceived enemies may be. I hope this story moves you to overcome evil with good and to extend Jesus' love to those with whom you deeply disagree.

-Jenny Gullion (SMC)

Carolyn Leslie Knight is the author of "Persons of Peace" which is where this weeks devotion is found (pg 18-20). She was a Church Planter in East Africa for 10 years and is currently facilitating church planting in Asia with ECC. She also trains new missionaries with "One Mission Society". And last, but not least, she is the founder of "Light in Darkness Ministries", a ministry rescuing women working in the sex industry.

"A lesson I will never forget is what I learned about the search for persons of peace at an abortion clinic. I have been a sidewalk counselor for many years, and one day a group of us had gathered at a clinic to pray that it would be shut down. It was in the middle of July and very hot. We arrived around 8AM and were soon sweating profusely on the black pavement of the parking lot. One of our ladies thought ahead and brought a jug of cold lemonade and some paper cups and stored them in the backseat of her car for us to use as needed.

We had not been at the abortion clinic for very long when a van pulled up. Out climb 13 "witches" in black robes with pentagrams hanging around their necks on chains. I thought, "this can't be happening. I'm in the Bible Belt of the United States." But it was real. The witches walked in and among our group of prayers and they started praying too... but they were praying to "father Lucifer" as they called him. One witch was standing near to me and I heard her say clearly, "father Lucifer, let the blood of the babies continue to flow and let each be as a sacrifice to you and to give you more power over the city". I was furious at hearing that prayer!

The witches prayed louder and louder, trying to drown us out. We didn't know what to do but we did know that we weren't going to walk away from the battlefield, so we all just kept praying. We were calling out to Jehovah God to shut that place of death down, and the witches were calling to Lucifer for the deaths to increase. I was reminded of the battle on Mount Carmel with Elijah and the priest of Baal (1 Kings 18)

Suddenly, without warning, one of the witches just hit the ground hard and lay still. My first thought was, "Oh my goodness, God struck her dead!" Then I thought with *joy*, "Wow God has actually struck her dead!" I wanted to break out dancing. Maybe God would strike them all dead and they would start dropping like bowling pins, one after the other. Out of the corner of my eye, I saw one of my Christian brothers running by me. I wondered what he was doing, but I didn't give it much thought. I was still feeling triumphantly victorious over my enemy. Then I saw him quickly returning with a cup of lemonade in his hand. My mouth dropped open as I watched that man kneel down by the witch, take her in his arms, and begin giving her sips of lemonade. She had passed out from the heat. I watched him perform an act of love, and I was **forever changed**. You see, he didn't see an evil witch crying out for the blood sacrifice of children. He saw a fallen woman, blinded by Satan and in bondage. This gentleman was the only one in our entire group who remembered that, as lights in the world for the Master, we are to love our enemies and do good to those who persecute us.

The man continued to talk kindly to the young woman as I watched and learned from him. He even gave her a gospel tract and she accepted it – she, a practicing Satanist. She would never have taken a tract from me because I didn't show her love. I learned that our search for the lost must be lovingly done. Sometimes our acts of kindness, done in Jesus' name, may be the only tool that makes people receptive to hearing the gospel. I learned that even the one who seems to be the most evil on the outside may be ready on the inside to hear a message about Christ. I believe this young woman indicated that she was a potential person of peace in accepting the gospel tract. She was receptive in receiving the message of salvation that was contained in that little booklet. The witches left after this incident, but I know that a seed was sown in her heart that day. We prayed over the tract and asked the Lord to continue to speak to her through his Word."



Upcoming Events:

July 4

Independence Day

July 6-10

FUM field staff events
(see page 11 for more details)

July 10-13

White Plains Friends VBS
(see flyer to left)

July 10-13

Southern Quarter Revival
(more info pg 7)

July 17

Yadkin Valley Quarterly Meeting
at Deep Creek Friends

July 19-20

Archdale Friends VBS
Ages 4-10 10 AM-2PM

August 12-14

Randleman Friends
Pottery Show & Sale
(see pg 9)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

WHITE PLAINS FRIENDS MEETING

849 OLD HWY 601 MT. AIRY



JULY 10-13

6-8 pm Sunday through Tuesday nights
6:30 pm Wednesday: Cookout and Program



Light supper served Sunday, Monday, Tuesday
Information: Call Brenda 336-374-4472

August 12 & 13

FCNC Annual Sessions
(more info pg 8)

August 30

Deadline for art contest
(more info pg 10)

Attention Committee Members

Don't forget to let us know if there is any upcoming dates we should add to our newsletter by the 20th of each month

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Announcements:

USFW Fall Annual Meeting
Saturday, September 17, 2022
to be held at Centre Friends Meeting.
Look for more information and registration to
come in the following months!

NEW

EXCITING UPDATE FOR MARCH

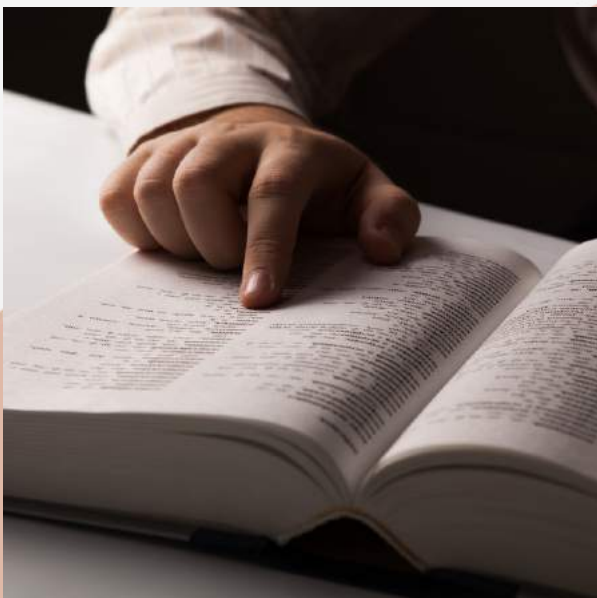
Friends World Committee for Consultation
Section of the Americas is planning to hold
their next Section Meeting in North Carolina!
Look for a letter from FWCC below (pg 6)

2023



REMINDER

[Log in HERE](#)



2022 Directory *Now available!*

Your updated version of the
directory is now available on the
FCNC website!
Access to the directory will require a
password.
Click the link provided to head over
to the website and enter the
password to view, download or print.
Password: **Directory2021!**



Friends World Committee
for Consultation
SECTION OF THE AMERICAS

Comité Mundial de Consulta
de los Amigos
SECCIÓN DE LAS AMÉRICAS

Brenda McKinney, Clerk
Friends Church of North Carolina Yearly Meeting
114 Trindale Rd
Archdale, NC 27263

Re: Friends World Committee for Consultation Section of the Americas: 2023 Section Meeting Planned for North Carolina

Dear Friends,

Greetings and best wishes on your upcoming yearly meeting. May it be productive and in good order.

Each year the FWCC Section of the Americas holds a Section Meeting where a large group of Friends from many nations in the western hemisphere (and beyond) and across the linguistic, theological, and cultural spectrum gather in fellowship, worship, and consultation. The last two years this gathering has been virtual. While all have been affected by the burdens of the pandemic, virtual section meetings have been well attended, including by Friends who could not have traveled to meet in person. While we have been grateful for that alternative, we are excited to announce that plans are underway to meet in person next year and that meeting is being planned for next spring in North Carolina.

Final plans are not yet in place, but it is our current expectation that the Section Meeting will be near the Piedmont Triad close to many of you and other Friends in the state. Some of you have been to Section Meetings before and know what an exhilarating, nourishing blessing they can provide. I hope and trust that many of you will attend next year. Some of you may be called upon to assist in planning and conducting the meeting. Such participation will be welcome.

The most important and helpful thing Friends can do is be looking for the more complete details as they develop, plan to be among the Friends who gather, and hold these efforts and those involved in the Light.

In friendship,

Robin Mohr
Executive Secretary



Southern Quarter Revival

July 10-13 2022 More info below!

Take a minute to check out the Southern Quarter Revival Schedule!

2022 SOUTHERN QUARTERLY MEETING REVIVAL: CEDAR SQUARE FRIENDS MEETING			
Sunday, July 10th	Monday, July 11th	Tuesday, July 12th	Wednesday, July 13th
7:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM
Speaker	Speaker	Speaker	Speaker
Darryl Bodie	Darryl Bodie	Darryl Bodie	Darryl Bodie
Presiding	Presiding	Presiding	Presiding
Michael Fulp, Jr.	Ray Luther	Brandon Dockery	Hugh Spaulding
Music	Music	Music	Music
Children	Children	Children	Children
Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth
Refreshments	Refreshments	Refreshments	Refreshments
Marlboro	Bethel	Cedar Square	Asheboro
Science Hill	Archdale	South Plainfield	Randleman
Back Creek			Thomasville
Offering	Offering	Offering	Offering
Food Pantries	Food Pantries	Food Pantries	Food Pantries
Kitchen	Kitchen	Kitchen	Kitchen
Host	Host	Host	Host
Greeters and Ushers	Greeters and Ushers	Greeters and Ushers	Greeters and Ushers
Host	Host	Host	Host
Musicians	Musicians	Musicians	Musicians
Host	Host	Host	Host
Nursery	Nursery	Nursery	Nursery
Host	Host	Host	Host

FCNC 5th Annual Sessions

**August 12 & 13, 2022
at Quaker Lake Camp**

Guest Speakers:

Bob & Hope Carter, M.D. & Kenyan Missionary

Diane Faison-McKinzie

**featuring her monologue of
“The Spirit of Harriet Tubman”**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Philippians 3:14

YFAC, Nursery,
Children's Program,
Camp Activities,
Adult Workshops,
Shaded Rocking Chairs.
Young or Seasoned,
we have something planned
for Friends of ALL ages!

*Visit FCNC website :
<https://www.friendschurchnc.org>
for more info & Registration

*100 Museum Quality
Native American Replications
Craven Pottery Reproductions
Original Pieces*



RANDLEMAN FRIENDS MEETING INVITES YOU TO THE WADE CRAVEN POTTERY SHOW & SALE

**RANDLEMAN FRIENDS MEETING
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

509 High Point Street
Randleman, NC

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 12 - 3:00 - 7:00 PM
SATURDAY, AUGUST 13 - 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
SUNDAY, AUGUST 14 - 1:00 - 5:00 PM**

**ITEMS MUST BE PAID FOR AT
TIME OF PURCHASE. PURCHASED ITEMS MAY
NOT BE PICKED UP UNTIL
SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, AT 3:00 P.M.**

For additional information, contact Wade Craven
336-498-4905 or wadecraven@gmail.com



Art Contest

"Rooted In Love—More Than We Can Imagine"

Sponsored by USFWI Executive Committee

One Grand Prize:

\$100 and art will be used as cover for
2023-2024 Blueprints

Prizes for each age group:

- ◆ First Prize: \$75
- ◆ Second Prize: \$50
- ◆ Third Prize: \$25

Contest Rules:

- ◆ Artist must attend a Friends Meeting
- ◆ Two age groups: 5-12 & 13-18 years of age
- ◆ Artwork should be 8.5"x11" portrait orientation
- ◆ Markers or watercolor preferred
- ◆ Only one entry per participant

*** Design the cover for the
2023-2024 Blueprints
using Ephesians 3:17b-21
as inspiration**



Entries must be received by August 30, 2022

Mail or hand deliver to any Executive Committee member or mail to :
Rita Mintmier, 6354 Lewis Davis Rd., Randleman, NC 27317



NEWS FROM FUM



There are hundreds of thousands of members of Friends United Meeting, divided among 37 yearly meetings and associations. 90% of the FUM membership is in Africa. FUM has ministries in Africa, North America, the Caribbean, and Palestine. The organization's annual budget is approximately \$800,000 for the general fund (staff ministry and overhead), \$500,000 for restricted funds (programming), and \$250,000 for field staff (staff support and ministry direct costs).

Two of our field staff will be in North Carolina in July - Rania Maayeh, Head of the Ramallah Friends School, and Nikki Holland, Director of the Belize Friends Center.

Rania will be in N. Carolina on July 5-10

July 6 White Plains Friends @ 10 am
July 6 Jamestown Friends @ 7 pm
July 7 Friends Homes Guilford @ 11 am
July 7 Friends Homes West @ 7 pm
July 10 Randleman Friends @10:30 am

Nikki will be in N. Carolina on July 7-10, so far, she only has one engagement, but she is available July 8-9 and July 10 in the afternoon and evening.

July 10 High Point Friends @ 10 am

If your monthly meeting is interested in hosting an event for Nikki, please contact Brenda McKinney, dbmckinney@surry.net or Karla Jay karlaj@fum.org



If you have any announcements

Let us know at ↓

jenny@friendschurchnc.org





NEW

What is a "Quaker Query"?

Quakers use the term Query to refer to a question or series of questions used for *reflection* and in spiritual exercises. Friends have used Queries as tools for offering spiritual challenges to the community for much of their history.

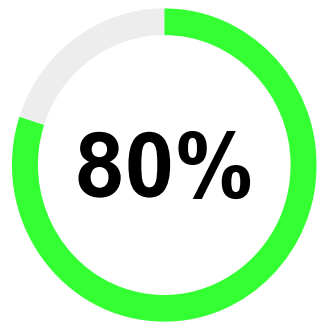
Consider this...

- How do we attend to the sufferings of others in our local community, in our state and nation, and in the world community?
- How have we been sensitive to the personal needs and difficulties of members and attenders, young and old?

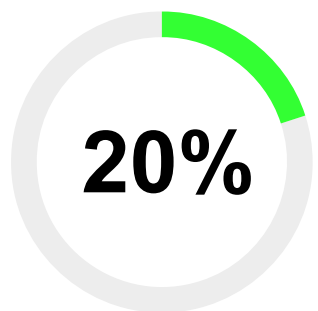
Social Media did you know?

Do you know the 80/20 rule?

Did you know that 80% of your online posting should be to inform, educate or entertain your audience?



While only 20% should be advertising/promoting your brand, or in this case, your Meeting.



Your audience is looking for you to solve a problem for them, answer a question, extend a helping hand or perhaps they simply want to know if they would be welcome and included in your Meeting. If you are posting for your Meeting, look for ways to make most of your content ABOUT your audience and in service to your audience.

Meet our Missions

Friends Theological College

One of the many Missions we support is **Friends Theological College** in Kenya.

Below is their mission statement, vision statement and statement of faith.

They have a beautiful and informative Facebook page and website. Both are linked below. Take a few moments to check out both. Become familiar with their accomplishments, their needs and their heart for God.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsTheologicalCollegeKaimosi>

Website: <https://friendstheologicalcollege.org/about/mission-and-vision/#>

THE MISSION STATEMENT OF FTC

"Friends Theological College equips pastoral ministers who will be thoughtful listeners, effective evangelists, dynamic preachers, informed educators, and models of integrity."

THE VISION OF FTC

The vision of FTC is to train and empower pastoral ministers for spiritual growth, personal development and academic excellence for global ministries.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Being a Quaker institution, FTC members believe in God as the Creator and sustainer of the world, they confess His Son Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, and submit to the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit in their worship, their personal lives, and their administration of the church. FTC upholds Quaker values namely simplicity, honesty, integrity, peace, sharing and equality of all people.





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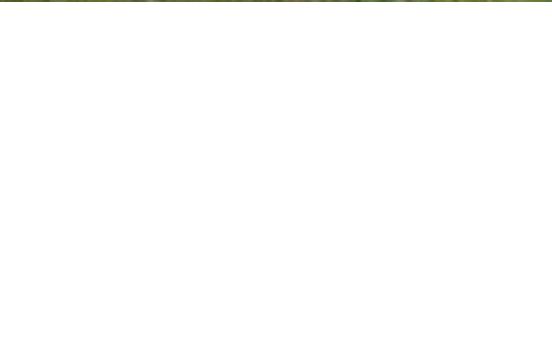
Quaker Lake Summer Camp 2022

Quaker Lake Camp is in full swing! Continue to pray for the children and staff, as there are several more weeks left. Also, enjoy these pictures from QLC Facebook page and click [HERE](#) to see even more!



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Sunday at Forbush Friends Meeting

On June 5th 2022, Mike Wall was able to worship and fellowship with Forbush Friends in their newly renovated building. It was reported that this was their first service in the renovated space!



Bible Study with White Plains Friends

White Plains Friends was able to hold a Bible study at Ray & Anneal Lamb's house. It was good to visit with them and for them to be able to join in on midweek Bible study! Please continue to Pray for Ray and Anneal as Ray continues healing.

