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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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“IN ALL THIS WORK WE HAVE KEPT ENTIRELY FREE OF PARTY LINES OR PARTY SPIRIT. WE HAVE NOT USED ANY PROPAGANDA, OR AIMED TO MAKE CONVERTS TO OUR OWN VIEWS. WE HAVE SIMPLY, QUIETLY, AND IN A FRIENDLY SPIRIT ENDEAVORED TO MAKE LIFE POSSIBLE FOR THOSE WHO WERE SUFFERING. WE DO NOT ASK WHO IS TO BLAME FOR THE TROUBLE WHICH MAY EXIST OR WHAT HAS PRODUCED THE BAD SITUATION. OUR TASK IS TO SUPPORT AND SAVE LIFE AND TO SUFFER WITH THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING.”

– RUFUS JONES SPEAKING TO NAZI LEADERS IN GERMANY IN 1938 AS HE SECURED PERMISSION TO EVACUATE ~10,000 CHILDREN.

[CLICK HERE](#) TO READ MORE

”

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith.

Philippians 3:8-9

A Word of Devotion:

JOY IN LETTING GO

By: Lydia Brownback

Nothing measures up to knowing and living with Jesus. Do we really believe that? We must, because it is what we were created for. That's why nothing else brings lasting satisfaction and joy. If we trust God's word, we know the truth of this. Why then, do we strive so hard to find fulfillment elsewhere? It never works! Certainly not in any lasting way! Paul knew the secret to possessing and enjoying the blessings of earthly life is to hold them loosely. Paul held all his blessings loosely because he had found something that mattered even more...He had found life in Christ to surpass the best that this life can offer. That's why he sought to get rid of anything that would hinder or water down a deeper intimacy with his Lord.

The value we place on Christ can be measured by what we are willing to forgo or give up in order to safeguard our relationship with him. It can also be measured by how we react when God takes away something we value. Do we get angry with God? Do we get depressed about it? He removes from us only what he knows will impede our spiritual growth. If we fight against his providences, inwardly or outwardly, it is an indicator that Christ is not our all. If he were, we would be eager to hunt down and set aside any interference. Paul gave up prestige, power, authority, friends, the comforts of prosperity, and eventually his very own life. Is there something in our lives that we know is a spiritual hindrance but have been unwilling to lose for the surpassing worth of knowing Christ better?

For some, it might be a relationship. For others, it might be a particular calling, or a home, or an education. For others, it might be good health. Whatever it is, letting go of it will lead to joy! Many of us are familiar with the now famous words pinned by missionary Jim Elliot months before he was murdered for his faith: "He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

Jim knew what Paul did and what we can too – those who leave precious things to follow Christ have no regrets!



Upcoming Events:

May 6th 2024

Quaker Men's Spring Fling
At Deep River Meeting @ 5:57PM
\$10 per meal
Kelly Kellum, General Secretary of FUM,
will be the guest speaker.

May 17th- 19th 2024

Stoking The Fire - Save The Date!
[CLICK HERE](#) for more information
and registration.

May 18th 2024

USFW Spring Conference at QLC

May 18th 2024

QLC Golf Tournament
[CLICK HERE](#) to register a team
or to become a sponsor
leave a donation

May 28th 2024

@1pm

Quaker Trustees Training Series
(more information below)

June 2-7 2024

NCFDS trip to New Bern
(see flyer below for more info)

Date TBD

Online Young Adult Bible Study
(college age to under 40)
For a brief description [CLICK HERE:](#)
To register [CLICK HERE](#)
(see flyer below)

September 20-23, 2024

SAVE THE DATE!

Kaleo Youth Workers Retreat
(See flyer below)

CHECK OUT THE NEXT
FEW PAGES FOR MORE
INFORMATION ABOUT
THESE EVENTS

April-May 2024 (see flyer below)

The FCNC Missions committee is once again asking all of the Churches to have a special offering to collect donations for the Yearly Meeting Mission projects. We would like for churches to target a special Sunday in

April or May to give attention to our missions. It doesn't have to be one of these months but to please schedule this any Sunday that it is convenient. There is a bulletin insert attached that can be distributed that list where the money goes. 100% of all donations go directly to one of these missions.

If you have any announcements

Let us know at

jenny@friendschurchnc.org

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

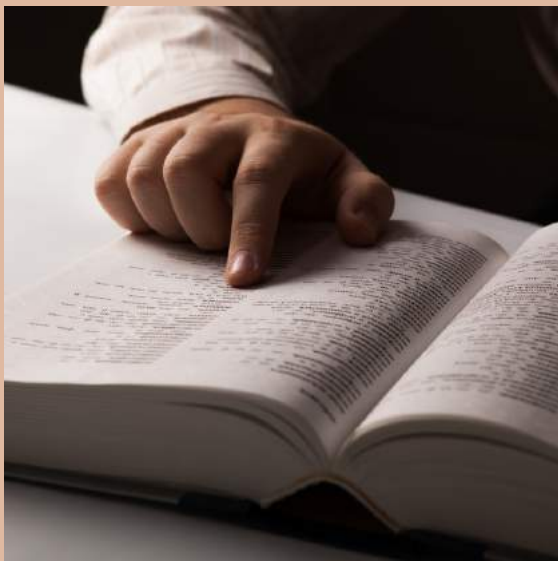
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Announcements:



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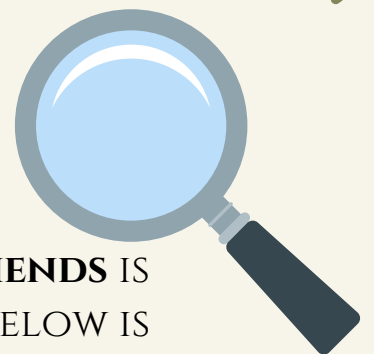


There was recently a possible data breach in our directory. Therefore the password has been changed. Please reach out to Paul Routh to learn how to regain access.

paul@friendschurchnc.org

[Log in HERE](#)

In Search of a Pastor & Youth Pastor for Centre Friends



WE RECEIVED AN E-MAIL ANNOUNCING THAT **CENTRE FRIENDS** IS LOOKING FOR A FULL TIME PASTOR AND YOUTH PASTOR. BELOW IS A LINK TO THE JOB DESCRIPTIONS THAT WILL GIVE INTERESTED APPLICANTS A GOOD IDEA OF WHAT CENTRE IS LOOKING FOR. PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER THIS AND REACH OUT TO THOSE THAT MAY QUALIFY, IF THE LORD SHOULD SO LEAD.

CLICK [HERE](#) TO VISIT FCNC WEBSITE TO READ THE FULL JOB DESCRIPTION.

Youth Leader Position Opening



Concord Friends Meeting has an opening for a part time youth leader. [TAP HERE](#) to see more information on this position and to apply





IN SEARCH

of a full time Pastor
Science Hill Friends Meeting

2421 Lassiter Mill Road
Asheboro, NC 27205

In rural Randolph County, right off of New Highway 49
If you are interested in applying or visiting please contact
Tammy Garner @ 336-460-4421 or garnerseed@rtmc.net

Mailing address:
Science Hill Friends
c/o Tammy Garner
PO Box 1386
Asheboro, NC 27204



IN SEARCH

of a Pastor *Bethel Friends Meeting*

2519 Bethel Church Road
Asheboro, NC. 27203

We are a small, but active meeting. Our average attendance for morning worship is between 35 and 40. Our USFW attendance is around 14 ladies for each of our monthly breakfast meetings. The USFW is very involved in community and mission projects. Our Quaker Men meet once a month for breakfast, fellowship and devotions.

Our meeting serves 1000+ people at our Pig Picking fundraisers in April and October each year. We also have various other activities that reach out into our community.

We want our pastor to participate in our meeting activities.

We want our pastor to lead us in studying God's word, reaching others for Christ and helping us to grow in our own walk with Christ. We want a pastor who will care for our meeting as we will care for them, with love, compassion and concern.

We want them to be a close part of our Bethel family.

For more information contact Sarah Cox Clerk of Ministry and Council
336-963-2710



IN SEARCH

of a full time Pastor
Centre Friends Meeting

325 HWY 62 E
Greensboro, NC

Centre Friends Meeting is searching for a full time Pastor. Check out the Pastor job description on the next page

Send resume to:
Centre Friends Meeting Ministry and Counsel
Attn: Julie Hatchel, Clerk
PO Box 632
Randleman, NC 27317
julie@asheborolawyer.com

Centre Friends Meeting
325 East NC 62, Greensboro, NC 27406
Mailing Address: PO Box 632, Randleman, NC 27317
(336) 674-5081

PASTOR JOB DESCRIPTION

PRIMARY FUNCTION:

- The Pastor's major concern should be for the spiritual well-being and growth of the whole church and prospective members.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, having accepted Him as Savior and Lord
- Have an understanding and agreement with FCNC Friends Faith and Practice
- Good communication and organizational skills
- Previous training and/or experience as a pastor in a church setting is preferred

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Overall objective is to seek to lead lost souls to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ
- Responsible for all Sunday morning services
- Prayerfully seek to bring Biblical and practical messages to the congregation each week
- Sensitive, during Open Worship, to the Holy Spirit's leading so that there may be opportunity for free expression of the Lord's message through the congregation's voice
- Encouraged to be present at church functions and outings, outside of the Sunday morning worship hour, to build and strengthen relationships with members of the congregation
- Available and willing to perform wedding and funeral services
- Participate in visitation of shut-ins, hospital, nursing homes, and other crisis situations while helping to develop ministries that will provide care to a growing church family in times of need
- Provide spiritual direction through listening, prayer, and counsel to members who desire to give attention to their spiritual and personal lives
- Must maintain confidentiality of members as they share personal burdens and concerns
- Support and build up present leadership in the church through prayer and encouragement while mentoring other potential leaders
- Be available by phone for contact and ministry needs, while set office hours are not required
- Encouraged to take part in a variety of activities on the Quarterly Meeting and FCNC levels as well as in the wider body of Friends United Meeting

ACCOUNTABILITY:

- Prepare and present a monthly Ministry Activity Report to Ministry and Counsel
- Pastor will be subject to the oversight of Ministry and Counsel, to include regular and timely performance evaluations

Compensation package will be commensurate with the individual's education and experience. Bi-vocational and part-time position applicants are also encouraged to apply.

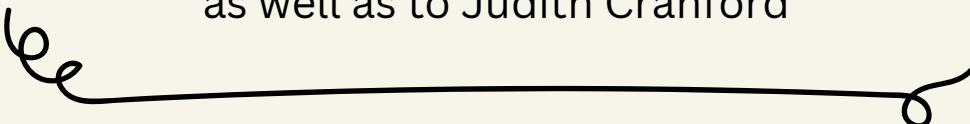
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New
ADDRESSES



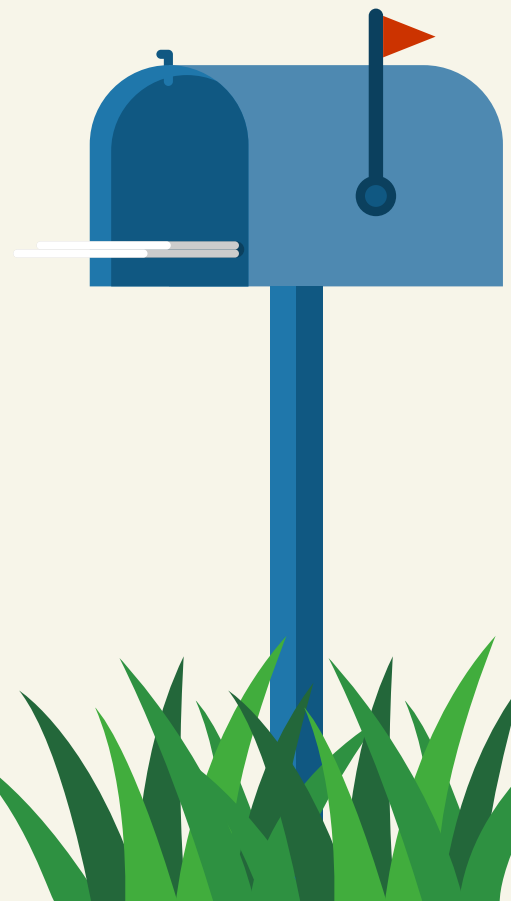
FCNC
P.O. Box 4240,
Archdale, NC 27263

It is also the new mailing
address for NCYM INC.
as well as to Judith Cranford



Treasurer NC USFW:
Alicia Sharp
908 Scottish Rite Dr.
Apt 219
Greensboro, NC 27407

Please send correspondence
and NC USFW project
donations here.



USFWI PRESENTS:
**A DRAWING
COMPETITION FOR KIDS**

DESIGN THE COVER FOR THE
2025-2026 *BLUEPRINTS* using
the theme:

“Love in Many Languages”

based on
I Thessalonians 2:8



FOR 5-12
YEARS OLD
AND
13-18 YEARS
OLD

LET YOUR CREATIVITY BE SEEN THROUGH THIS COMPETITION !

One Grand Prize \$100

PRIZES FOR WINNERS IN BOTH AGE GROUPS

1ST PLACE

\$75

2ND PLACE

\$50

3RD PLACE

\$25

CONTEST RULES:

- ARTISTS MUST ATTEND A FRIENDS MEETING
- ARTWORK MUST BE 8 1/2" X 11"-- PORTRAIT ORIENTATION
- PENCIL OR BLACK INK (NO COLOR)
- ONLY ONE ENTRY PER PARTICIPANT
- OPTIONS FOR ENTRY SUBMISSIONS:
 - MAIL OR HAND DELIVER TO ANY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER
 - MAIL TO RITA MINTMIER, 6354 LEWIS DAVIS RD., RANDLEMAN, NC 27317 USA
 - Scan and email to rmintmier@yahoo.com

**ALL
ENTRIES
MUST BE
RECEIVED
BY
AUGUST
30, 2024**



North Carolina Friends Disaster Service

AN OUTREACH MINISTRY OF N.C. FRIENDS

Gary Dodson, Co-Coordinator
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Sophia n.c. 27350
Phone 336-495-6790

Walter Shore, Co-Coordinator
2324 Shore Rd.
Yadkinville, N.C. 27055
Phone 336-244-0527

Allen Gibson, Co-Coordinator
8225 Charlbert Ct.
Apex N.C. 27539
Phone 919-656-9030

Eastern N.C. Disaster Relief June 2nd – 7th , 2024

New Bern, North Carolina

In March, we made a rebuilding trip to New Bern. While on this trip we helped families in tremendous need of help from devastating natural disasters. We continued to see families who have been out of their homes for years and have no financial means to repair their homes. There is still a tremendous need for volunteers in this area of North Carolina. Without volunteers to help these families they will continue to be homeless. During this June rebuilding trip, we will be doing repair work on homes with the goal of getting as many families back into their homes as possible. All volunteers of any skill level will be welcomed.

We will be working with the Baptists on Missions Disaster Group as we did in March. We will be staying at their New Bern Rebuild Center, and they will be providing us with our meals prepared by our wonderful volunteers who work in the kitchen.

**Lodging : Baptists on Missions – New Bern Rebuild Center
2108 Old Cherry Point Rd.
New Bern N.C. 252-571-6347**

Plan on meeting Sunday afternoon June 2nd at 5:00 PM at Moore's BBQ 3621 MLK Blvd. New Bern NC for a group meal.

Please contact one of the coordinators as soon as possible if you are planning on volunteering so we will be able to plan the meals for the group.

Please share this information with everyone at your meeting/church.

➤ Thank You for your continued support of the

FCNC Missions Sunday

The Missions Committee of Friends Church of North Carolina contributes to many ministries, including missionaries, Friends' Meetings in underprivileged areas, and the ministries of Friends United Meeting. What we do depends on you!

You can:

- Pray for the missionaries and ministries.
- Give financial support.
- Go on a mission trip, VBS, work group, etc.
- Grow your knowledge with newsletters.
- Get the word out to other Friends.

Missionaries

- Bob and Hope Carter, medical and spiritual ministry in Kenya
- Oscar Mmbali, Director of the Belize Friends Center

Ministries supported by N.C. Friends

- Jamaica Yearly Meeting – Vacation Bible School, Leadership Training & Building Projects
- Matamoros, Mexico Missions- Pastoral Support and Building Repairs
- Friends Center in Alabama (formerly MOWA)
- Friends Campus Ministry
- Africa – Friends Theological College, Lugulu Hospital, Turkana and Samburu missions
- Middle East – Ramallah Friends School
- Bolivia- Friends International Bilingual Center
- Mesquakie Friends Church
- Kickapoo Friends Center
- Cuba Friends
- FUM Emergency Relief Fund
- Quaker Lake
- FEMAP

Any amount of money donated is appreciated. If you can't support financially, please keep these missions in your prayers.

Missions Sunday

The special collection today goes to support these ministries. As you feel led please send checks to FCNC, with Missions on the memo line. Mail to the NCYM, Inc. office at 600 E. Springfield Rd., High Point, NC 27263.

Maybe you can't go; but you can help send others!!

MARK 16:15 He said to them, "Go into all the World and preach the gospel to all creation."

Youth Workers Retreat

This fall Kaleo Academy, the Youth Ministry Department at Barclay College, and MidAmerica Yearly Meeting are partnering together to host the first-ever National Friends Youth Workers Retreat. This will be an opportunity for those who work with youth within the evangelically minded Friends Church to gather together for some training, encouragement, and rest. We will be gathering at the beautiful Quaker Ridge Camp in Colorado on Sept. 20-23, 2024 and we invite any youth workers in FCNC to join us!

The cost is \$250 plus travel expenses.

More information coming soon!

NATIONAL FRIENDS YOUTH WORKERS RETREAT

SEPT. 20-23, 2024
QUAKER RIDGE CAMP IN COLORADO
\$250 PER PERSON



Stoking

THE FIRE

MAY 17 - 19, 2024

Faith, Imagination, Reverence, and Enthusiasm

This annual retreat is for those a fire with the Holy Spirit, who seek deeper faith and bolder witness. Through worship, learning, and fellowship, we will open ourselves to Christ's presence, and allow the Spirit to work within us as we seek God's power. We hope you'll consider joining us as we seek to stir up the embers of our faith—both as individuals and as Friends. This year's Stoking the Fire will be a hybrid event, with in-person and virtual options.

STOKING THE FIRE MAY 17-19TH 2024

Quaker Hill Conference Center
Richmond, Indiana
&
Online Everywhere

[CLICK HERE](#) to register
Check out the schedule on the next page!

Stoking the Fire—May 17–19, 2024

Fire: Faith, Imagination, Reverence + Enthusiasm

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8:00am		Breakfast	
9:00am		Unprogrammed Worship	
9:30am		Morning Worship	COAL
10:30am		Break	
10:45am		COAL	Morning Worship
12:00pm		Lunch	
1:00pm	Check-In	Workshop I	Departure
2:00pm		Workshop II	
3:00pm		Break	
4:45pm	Welcome & Gather		
5:00pm	Dinner		
6:30pm	Worship		
7:30pm	COAL		
8:30pm	Fortifying the Flame		

NC USFW Spring Conference Registration

Saturday, May 18, 2024

Quaker Lake Camp



Karla Jay will be our guest speaker for the 2024 NC USFW Spring Conference. Karla serves as the FUM Coordinator of Global Ministries. She was born in Guatemala and raised in the United States. Karla says, “I have had the privilege to be in a multicultural setting for most of my life. My passion is seeing unity within the Friends Church so that we can be what God has called us to be, to bring the good news of Christ to the poor and oppressed.”

Karla’s role with FUM is to provide direct oversight of FUM’s growing Latino ministry programs and liaison with African ministries. In addition to these important roles, Karla will coordinate the Living Letters Programs and administer Global Ministry finances. She has served at FUM for three years.

Please join us to hear Karla’s story and learn about all that has happened while serving at FUM. Her own personal story will show how her life has been “Rooted in Love” by following Jesus.

9:00 – 10:00 am Registration and Bookstore with light refreshments

10:00 am – 12 noon Welcome, Music, Program and Business

12:00 noon Luncheon – catered lunch @ \$15.00 each

Please send memorials by May 1, 2024 to Mary Anna McCullen, deetsmaryanna@gmail.com

If you can't attend, please watch the live stream video on You Tube- search for Paul Routh.

If you have questions contact Sherry Hylton 336-339-8058 or sbhylton3@yahoo.com

NC USFW Spring Conference at Quaker Lake

Please clip and send by May 1, 2024

Name(s) _____

Meeting _____

Number of Lunches at \$15.00 each _____ Total \$ _____

Please attach this form with check written to NC USFW and mail to:

Aicia Sharp
908 Scottish Rite Dr, Apt 219 Greensboro, NC 27407

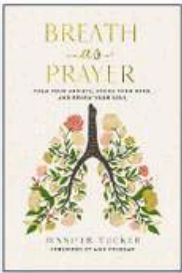
Please send the names of the USFW members from your meeting who have passed away since May 2023 to Mary Anna McCullen, NC USFW Historian by May 1, 2024. We will have a special memorial service at our Spring Conference at Quaker Lake on May 18, 2024, to honor those precious ladies who have died since our last Spring Conference.

Send to Mary Anna McCullen at www.deetsmaryanna@gmail.com or mail to her at 108 Northview Drive, Goldsboro, NC 27530 . Thank you.

USFWI 2024-25 reading list

www.barclaypressbookstore.com/USFWI-2024-25

growth & challenge



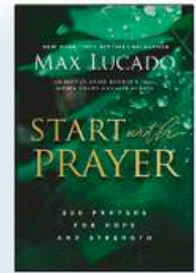
Breath as Prayer
Jennifer Tucker
\$20.00



Forgiving What You Can't Forget
Lysa TerKeurst
\$30.00



Please, Sorry, Thanks
Mark Batterson
\$22.00



Start with Prayer
Max Lucado
\$20.00

fiction



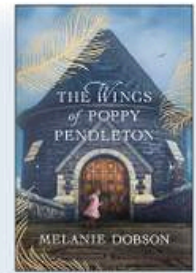
The Light Among Us
Jill George & John Diring
\$18.00



Lost and Found
Suzanne Woods Fisher
\$18.00

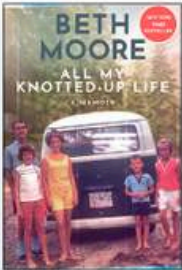


To Every Season
Nancy Learned Haines
\$17.00



The Wings of Poppy Pendleton
Melanie Dobson
\$17.00

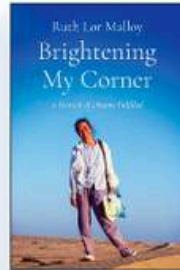
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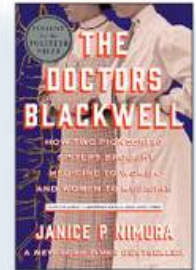
All My Knotted-Up Life
Beth Moore
\$28.00



Being Elisabeth Elliot
Elen Vaughn
\$25.00



Brightening My Corner
Ruth Lor Malloy
\$25.00

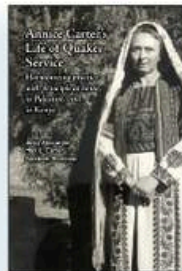


The Doctors Blackwell
Janice P. Nimura
\$17.00

biography



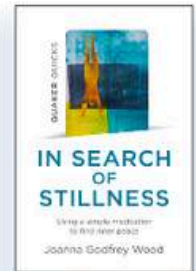
Befriending the Prophets
Howard R. Macy
\$16.00



Annicke Carter's Life of Quaker Service
Max L. Carter, Sarabeth Marcinko, & Betsy Alexander
\$20.00



Light in Gaza
editors: Jehad Abusalim, Jennifer Bing, & Mike Merryman-Lotze
\$25.00



Quaker Quicks: In Search of Stillness
Joanna Wood
\$11.00



Friends United Meeting (FUM)

has a renewed focus on North American Ministries and wants to try something new this year for Young Adults (college age to under 40).

Goals:

- Educate young people about the Quaker core values and how to live them
- Introduce them to Quakers around the globe
- Expose them to FUM and some field staff.

The group will meet monthly via Zoom.

It would be great if we had a good representation from North Carolina!

Support for North American Ministries is provided by the Billy Britt Fund. Billy Britt was a former NC Yearly Meeting Superintendent who cared deeply about our youth and young adults. Nearly 75 donors have contributed to the Fund to help sustain North American Ministries programs.

[CLICK HERE](#) to Register

KALEO ACADEMY

Kaleo Academy is now accepting applications for our program which will happen in the summer of 2024. Students and their mentors will meet on the campus of Barclay College for our theology camp to learn about what God is calling them to do. If you know a high school student who would be a good fit please have them fill out the application by

[CLICKING HERE](#)

The Quaker Leadership Center (QLC) is a resource for Friends across the branches of American Quakerism. It is a ministry of the Earlham School of Religion. In this time of rapid cultural and congregational change, the Quaker Leadership Center (QLC) equips Quaker leaders to faithfully adapt and innovate by:

- cultivating new connections among diverse Quaker expressions
- collaborating with existing partners to revitalize leaders and their Meetings & churches
- curating relevant resources
- creating spaces for Friends leaders and congregations to discern their unique vital future

In January the QLC will be offering a series for Quaker Trustees, facilitated by Emily Provance.

Quaker Trustees Training Series



Do you serve as a Quaker trustee or have another role with particular responsibility for the financial, property-related, or legal concerns of a Friends group?

This new online series from the Quaker Leadership Center, facilitated by Emily Provance, is designed to weave together practical tips, spiritual conversation, guest experts, and networking to help Friends who are working through some commonly held concerns.

Each Zoom gathering is free and 90 minutes long and will include lots of opportunities for you to ask questions and receive resources.

January 30 (1:00 PM ET): *Quaker Trustees*

February 27 (1:00 PM ET): *Policies*

March 26 (1:00 PM ET): *Legal Structure*

April 30 (1:00 PM ET): *Rentals*

May 28 (1:00 PM ET): *Investments*



“Bathed in Prayer”

This year’s Stoking the Fire retreat will be bathed in prayer. We will be looking at the ways in which we can use prayer to encourage our faith, strengthen our imagination toward what God is calling us to, ignite in us a reverence and awe for holy power, and then send us out into the world afterwards with enthusiasm and excitement. Jennie Isbell-Shinn will be leading us through a series of vignettes between Jesus and the apostle Peter. After each session we will have dedicated time to focus together in small groups reflecting on what we have heard.

On both Friday and Saturday evenings, Lakshmi Piette will lead us in relaxing and centering Taizé worship. Workshops on Saturday will focus on prayer and healing as we examine potentially new forms and styles of prayer.

—Michael Sherman, Coordinator for North American and Caribbean Ministries

There are only 2 week left to registerer this event.
[CLICK HERE](#) to register!

Excerpts from:

SOME FRUITS OF SOLITUDE

Proverbs, Wisdom & Principles for Better Living

By: William Penn

NEW!



Quotes on Temporal Happiness:

237- Do good with what thou hast, or it will do thee no good.

238- Seek not to be rich, but happy. The one lies in bags, the other is content: which wealth can never give

239- We are apt to call things by wrong names. We will have prosperity to be happiness. Adversity to be misery; though that is the school of wisdom, and oftentimes the way to eternal happiness.

240- If thou wouldest be happy, bring thy mind to thy condition, and have indifference for more than what is sufficient.

241- Have but little to do, and do it thyself: and do to others as thou wouldest have them do to thee: So, thou canst not fail of temporal felicity.

QUAKER

QUESTIONS

NEW!

Taken from "Questions Quakers are Asking"

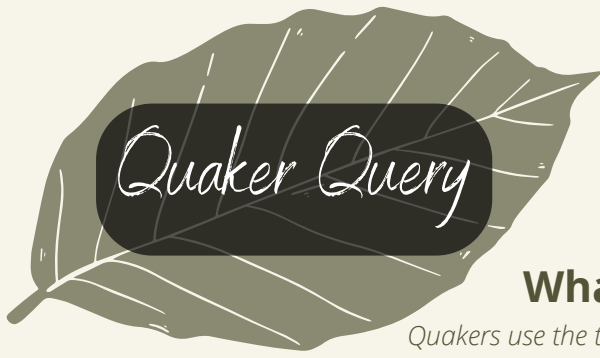
By: Seth B. Hinshaw

What are the essentials of the Quaker Faith?



The quaker faith is simply our understanding of the life, mission and teachings of Jesus Christ, and our sincere effort to live in accordance with the divine will as expressed in the New Testament.

- 1) First-hand personal religious experience.
Matthew 11:28–30
- 2) Simple direct worship, without ritual or ceremony.
Micah 6:8; John 4:23 & 34
- 3) Continuing divine guidance and revelation.
John 16:12 & 13
- 4) The equality of all people before God.
Acts 10:34 & 35; Ephesians 3:6
- 5) The dignity and sacredness of human life.
Genesis 1: 27
- 6) Goodwill toward men at all times.
Matthew 6:44–48
- 7) Concerned, caring service for those in need.
Luke 10:25–37
- 8) Opposition to violence, war.
Luke 6:27–36
- 9) A life of simplicity, honesty, moral integrity.
Romans 13:13
- 10) Baptism of the Holy Spirit as a continuing experience.
John 14:15–17



...for May



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...

What are we doing as a Friends meeting within our communities:

To recognize and correct the causes of violence?
To work toward overcoming separations and restoring wholeness?
To increase the understanding and use of alternatives to violence?
To support the constructive use of authority?

- *Do I treat personal conflict as an opportunity for growth?*

Social Media

Comm-Tech Committee Statement

Hello from your FCNC Comm-Tech Committee!

Many members within FCNC are still unaware that we have a newsletter!

The best way for Friends to stay up to date and aware of news & events is to get connected.

There are 3 great ways to do that:

- 1) subscribe to *Bearing Fruit* (click [HERE](#))
- 2) follow FCNC's Facebook Page (click [HERE](#))
- 3) join FCNC's Facebook group (click [HERE](#))

Social Media isn't for everyone, and we completely understand, so that's where "Bearing Fruit" is a great option.

But what about those in our Meetings who still haven't heard about or seen the newsletter?

That's where YOU come in!

Pastors, announce to your congregations on Sundays.

Friends, ask your friends if they've seen the newsletter.

Committee leaders, consider printing off copies to hand out to those who are less likely to use technology.

Together, we can get the word out! Thank you for your help

Click here to send me an e-mail
jenny@friendschurchnc.org

Social Media

Comm-Tech Committee

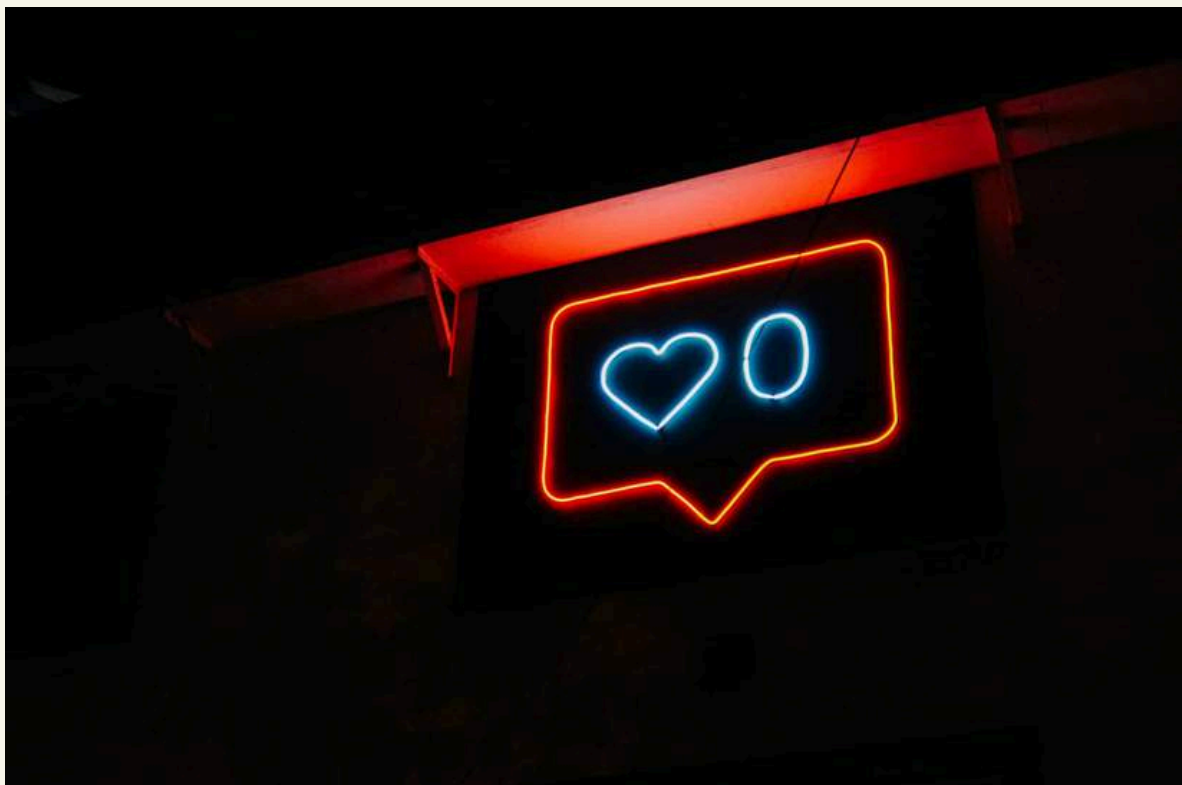
Wish You Had a Stronger Social Media Presence? Try This.

I just read one of the best and most relatable articles on building a social media presence that I have ever seen, thanks to a Bearing Fruit subscriber!

Trying to reach our community through social media leaves many of us confused and trying the same things over and over again with little to no results. Yes, there are strategies that are helpful, but there is also a mindset that goes with it. A mind set of helpfulness and making your posts be about your audience.

[CLICK HERE](#)

to read the article. Make sure your Social Media team at your Meeting sees this article. I promise, it's worth your/their time!



Meet our Missions

Turkana Friends Mission



Friends Lugulu Mission Hospital was established by Quaker missionaries in 1913. Now a 100-bed hospital, the hospital provides emergency, medical, and surgical services in a densely populated region where such resources are scarce. All patients are welcome, and compassionate care is offered to all patients—including those with HIV/AIDS. Friends Lugulu Mission Hospital provides services with dedication and compassion—treating the body, mind, and spirit. Chaplaincy services include spiritual and mental health care, devotional messages, and prayer and counsel with patients and their families. Social workers treat HIV/AIDS patients with respect and honor.

To learn more [CLICK HERE.](#)



Prayer **CORNER**

How can we pray for you?

Prayer:

Pray for the Friends at Nahunta Friends Meeting as they mourn the loss of their Pastor of 15 years.

Eric Woods faithfully served his congregation and passed from death unto eternal Life on April 11th, 2024

Keep this body of believers in mind as they try to regain footing and search for leadership.

Praise:

Praise God for the gift of eternal life. Rather than building a kingdom here, we are simply pilgrims, passing through on this brief journey. Before long we will reach our destination. Our home, with Jesus.

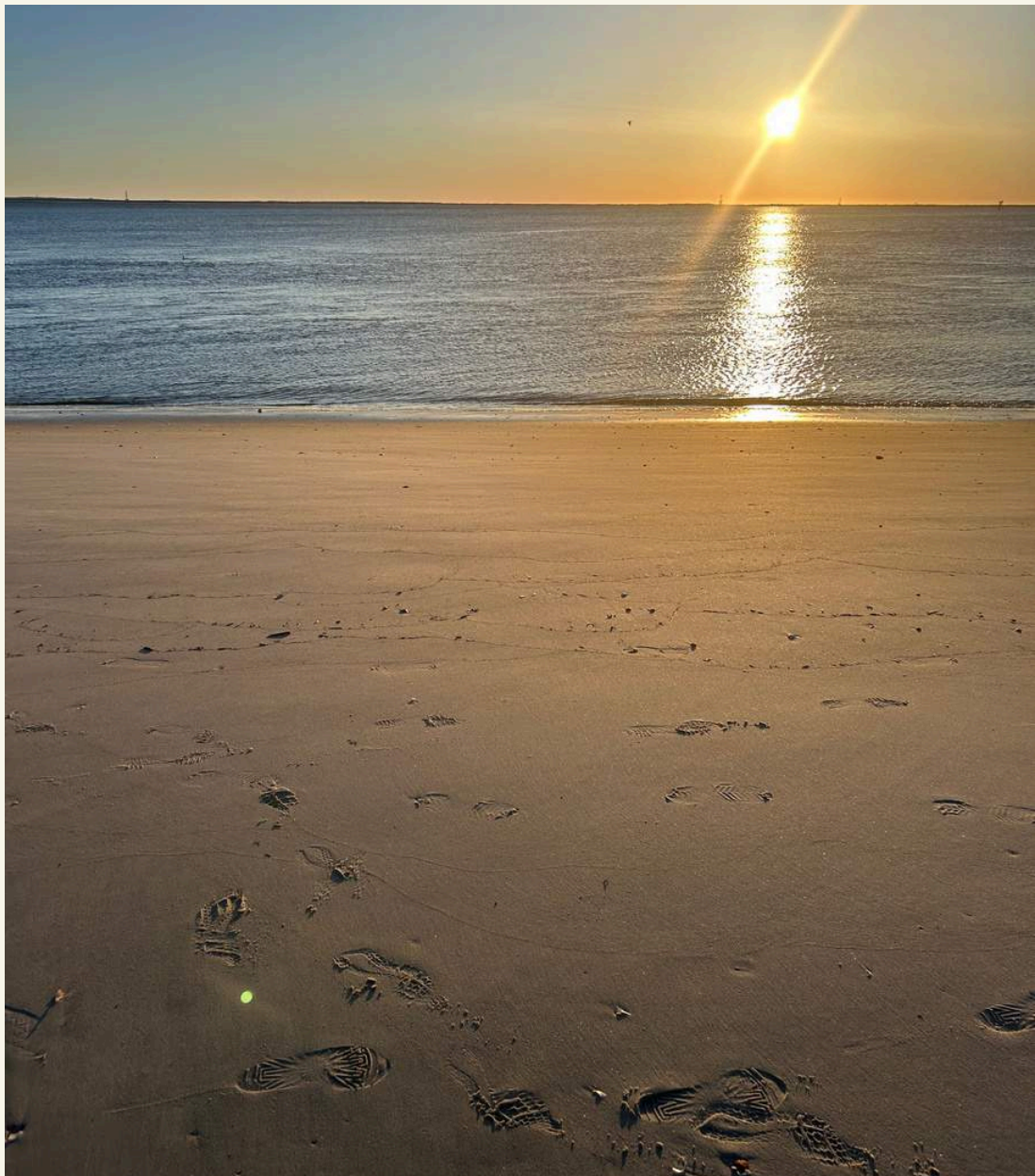
April

RECAP



Youth Conference at Fort Caswell

“God Carried Us!”









Visit to Winthrop Friends Meeting

On March 3rd Superintendent, Mike Wall, was able to visit with our Friends at Winthrop Friends Meeting.



Visit to Cane Creek Friends Meeting

On April 15th Superintendent, Mike Wall, was able to worship with the faithful congregation at Cane Creek Friends Meeting.

