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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jan Dough

“God will strengthen you with His own great powers when troubles come so that you will not give up, but you will be patient.”

Colossians 1:11

It's impossible to avoid storms. We have been in the eye of the storm these past few months. The hurricane season has been especially hard on North Carolina. It's wise in the face of a storm to move off the beach, to head inland, but despite this, the storms will still come. Hurricane strength wind will blow. Water levels will rise and even the strongest foundations will feel the strain. The first storm in the last month rocked physical foundations leaving so many homeless, jobless, powerless. The second storm which moved much quicker had stronger winds and left an additional path of destruction. We are constantly faced with storms in our lives. Days when we have so much on our plates that we don't know if we are coming or going, jobs that require all our time and energy, and family members that need our help – whether it's our spouse, children or aging parents. It's a lot and we often feel exhausted and alone in the storm of life. It would be nice to not have these storms in our lives but many times it's in these storms that we find our strengths and our blessings. I heard a speaker last week talk about the trials of having an autistic son. She stated that, “in the *messy* of life we find our joy.” The storms left devastation, but it also brought communities together. Neighbors are helping neighbors, friends near and far are opening their hearts and pocketbooks to help those in need. We are reminded what is truly important in life – our relationship with Christ and the people around us.

Each year USFWI selects a scripture and theme for our USFW and each year God sends us exactly what we need most. Our new theme for this year is “Great is Thy Faithfulness.” Our scripture comes from

Lamentations 3:22-23, *“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end: they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness.”* In these times of troubled waters, it’s reassuring to know that he is always there, that His love is steadfast. Many of our great hymns are written after life changing experiences, however, the hymn, *“Great is Thy Faithfulness,”* was written about the author’s daily routine. Thomas Chisholm, an ordinary man that wrote over 1,200 poems – several that were put to music, wrote this to remind us that God is at work in our lives daily not just in the face of a storm. He reminds us that Jesus has never failed us in the past, is with us in the now and will be with us in the future. Great is His Faithfulness! May we ever be mindful of the needs of those around us and to look for the blessings and joys in the face of the storms.

PEACE AND CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS

Linda Kersey

Esther Creed did a magnificent service with this job before me and the same loving God who led her is leading me. Therefore; as long as my mind is set on Him, I shall not lead you wrong.

The theme of my column will always be focused on this verse: Mark 5:9 (any version) **BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS: FOR THEY SHALL BE CALLED THE CHILDREN OF GOD.** This is the best promise in the whole Bible....that God calls us **HIS CHILDREN.** This is the reward for **PEACEMAKERS--us.** Let’s claim it and go about spreading **PEACE** until it rings in the hearts and minds of men (male and female) all over our country. Our wonderful country needs it now more than ever.

FYI: Jan Dough, our president did a program for our combined circles here at Concord Friends. She was a fantastic, inspirational and informative speaker. She offered to go to any circle no matter how small or large and bring her information from the **MOWA CHOCTAW WORK.** She and her sister cooked, cleaned and nourished the children for a week of VBS this summer. She is a USFW asset, willing and waiting to get an invite from your circle. She will encourage your ladies.

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We have two pieces of information that help us be more effective. One is **THE CAROLINA WOMAN** which is provided to you by your president. You are reading it now.

The other is **THE ADVOCATE** which most of us don’t have. It comes by subscription and every member of your circle should have a copy. It is full of information from our missions. It should be used to enhance your monthly USFW programs. Remember, these mission works were started by the USFW ladies who went before us. They have flung their “mantles” to us. **WE MUST** pick them up and do all that we can to make their work our work. **WE MUST** strive to enlarge their work around the world. To make it prosper by bringing **LIGHT, PEACE AND ENCOURAGEMENT.** This is how your circle can get the **ADVOCATE.** Send me the name and address of **ONE** officer who does not receive the **ADVOCATE** and I will subscribe and pay for it for your circle to share.

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I will send your address to Etta Florence Winslow and pay for each subscription. She will send you your very own **ADVOCATE** pronto. You will now have the secret to becoming an informed stateside missionary, enlarging the work our grandmothers began.

God Bless and Godspeed. You are a child of God, therefore; **SPREAD PEACE!**

CHILDREN AND YOUTH EDUCATION

Denise E. Barnes

Cultivating an Attitude of Gratitude

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.” Psalm 118:1

The holiday season is quickly approaching. The old cliché, “’tis better to give than to receive”, still rings true. As parents, grandparents, and caregivers to young people, we need to instill an “attitude of gratitude” by our own actions.

I recently received a beautiful card in the mail from a young bride. I had helped her in-laws with a reception for her and her husband. As busy as she is, it was nice that she took the time to send me an acknowledgement of her thankfulness and I was grateful for that.

Jesus healed ten people who were sick with leprosy. They were so happy they ran up and down the streets, singing and dancing. Only one of them went back to express his thanks for being healed. Jesus said, “Weren’t there ten who were healed? Where are the other nine?” Stories such as this one should be shared with our children to show that even our Heavenly Father desires to be thanked. Do we, as adults, show our children how grateful we are for what God has done for us and continues to do every day? God provides us with everything we need: food, clothing, and a place to live. He also gave us the Greatest Gift we could ever receive: his only Son. During these seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas, encourage the young ones to say “thank you” and be grateful for what others do for them, but most importantly, to thank God for all he does for them every day.

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CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Judy Craven

After our challenging times with two hurricanes in North Carolina, I hope all of you are well, housed, and looking forward to the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. As we all count our blessings, may we be aware of those in need. I applaud the ladies of NCUSFW for the many ways you share the love of Christ, especially by supporting FEMAP. You can now find weekly postings of most-needed items on the FACEBOOK page for Friends Emergency Material Assistance Program. Click on [Like](#) and [Follow](#).

We’re quite good at helping those who are hungry, need clothing, and housing—supporting NC Friends Disaster Service, but what about those among us who are simply lonely or discouraged? Do I know what to say? Can I help improve their situation? The most important thing we can give each other is our *attention*. Our most basic way of connecting with another is to *listen*. Resist the impulse to add our own experiences to the conversation, giving value to the person’s story. “A loving silence often has far more power to heal and to connect than the most well intentioned words.” [Kitchen Table Wisdom](#)

One of the songs in the Christmas cantata that our choir is learning has this beautiful message.

From foreign lands to hometown streets, we’ll go where you lead.

Move us from complacency to see a world in need.

We will share the love of Christ with everyone we meet;

We’ll bring hearts of service Lord, to be Your hands and feet.

Servant hearts, Open hands, willing feet - His love demands.

Move us, Lord, to Kingdom plans, with Servant hearts—and Open hands.

“Go, Tell It! The Story of Christmas for All the World”

NOTE FROM HISTORIAN

Adis Beeson

MEMORIALS

As a way to remember those who have passed on, we take time at our Spring Conference each year to thank God for their service and faithfulness. We also remember those members who have left the Yearly Meeting but were members prior to the separation, as well as the members who may have left their meeting due to retirement or relocation in their last years. Please list names below of members who have passed away this year. Memorials will be read at the next NCUSFW Spring Conference.

Year _____

Meeting: _____

Name(s) _____

Mail or email Adis Beeson, Historian - 4305 Beeson Farm Road, Sophia, NC 27350
abee123@northstate.net.

Copy this form as needed, thank you ...

BIRTHDAYS OF WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

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| December 5 | Gillian Moody | January 2 | Nancy Wafula |
| December 13 | Sylvia Graves | January 15 | Muna Khleifi (Play Center Director) |
| December 14 | Getry Agizah | January 27 | Catherine (Kate) Gunza |
| December 27 | Kaitlyn Wilkinson (1992) | | |

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North Carolina United Society of Friends Women 2019 Greensheet Projects

- Jan** ****Eliza Armstrong Cox Fellowship Scholarship Fund**
****FTC Scholarship Fund**
- Feb** ***Peace and Social Concerns USFWI 2019**
1- Cuba: Quaker Institute of Peace
2- Right Sharing of World Resources: Samson Ababu Support
3- East Africa: Friends Church Peace Team: Getry Agizah support
4-Belize:Director of Friends Center
****FEMAP (Friends Emergency Material Assistance Program)**
- March** ***Four Funds USFWI 2019**
1- Love Fund: Belize – Oscar Siema Mmbali
2- Faith Fund: Kenya – Robert Wafula
3- Hope Fund: Ramallah – Adrian Moody
4- Joy Fund: Kenya – Katrina & Shawn McConaughey
- April** ***Christian Service USFWI 2019**
1- N. America: Mesquakie Friends Center
2- N. America: MOWA Choctaw Friends Center
3- N. America: Kickapoo Friends Center
4- Kenya – Lugulu Hospital Adopt-A-Bed
- May** ****Friends Homes Quaker Assistance Fund**
****Spring Conference Offering – Quaker Lake**
- June** ****NCUSFW Projects** (Including printing of the Handbook and *Carolina Woman* Newsletter expenses)
**** Matamoros, Mexico Missions**
- July** ***Children & Youth USFWI 2019**
1- Ramallah: Amari Play Center
2- Kenya: Turkana/Samburu Girls' Secondary Education
3- Belize: Feeding Program
4- Ramallah: Eli & Sybil Jones Scholarship Fund
- Aug** ****Annual Gathering Offering**
1 - Friends Center: Guilford College
2 – Special Project TBD (Campus Ministry or other)
- Sept** ***Membership Apportionment**
\$5.00 per active member
**** NCUSFW Scholarship fund**
- Oct** ***Keys to the Kingdom USFWI 2019**
1- Belize: Student Services
2- Triennial Travel Assistance (USFW YM Clerks)
3- The *Advocate* subsidy
4- Adult Education in Belize
- Nov** ***United Thank Offering USFWI 2019**
1-Jamaica: Pastoral Care
2-Kenya – Turkana/Samburu Missions
3-Kenya - Turkana/Samburu Pastors (32 Pastors)
4-Kenya – Friends Theological College Extension Program
- Dec** ****MOWA Choctaw**
****Friends Disaster Service**

NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY OF FRIENDS WOMEN TREASURER'S REPORT

Jean Christy, Treasurer

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| January | Eliza Armstrong Cox Fellowship Scholarship Fund | \$1,745.25 |
| | Interest Earned Mollie Cooper Fund CD (Jan-Dec) | \$26.37 |
| | Interest Earned EAC Fellowship Scholarship Fund | \$1.91 |
| | International Students Scholarship Fund | \$1,370.25 |
| | Interest Earned International Scholarship Fund | \$1.92 |
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| February | Peace and Social Concerns USFWI 2018 | |
| | 1-Cuba: Quaker Institute of Peace | \$715.00 |
| | 2-Right Sharing of World Resources: Samson Ababu Support | \$715.00 |
| | 3-East Africa: Friends Church Peace Team: Getry Agizah | \$1,047.50 |
| | 4-Ramallah: Friends School Quaker Coordinator | \$432.50 |
| | FEMAP-Friends Emergency Materials Assistance Program | \$945.00 |
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| March | Four Funds USFWI 2018 | |
| | 1-Love Fund: Belize Church Planter.Pastor: Oscar Siema Mmbali | \$1,155.09 |
| | 2-Faith Fund: Kenya - Robert Wafula | \$1,155.09 |
| | 3-Hope Fund: Ramallah - Adrian Moody | \$1,155.09 |
| | 4-Joy Fund: USA - Native American Center Workers (3 centers) | \$1,719.73 |
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| April | Christian Service USFWI 2018 | |
| | 1-Belize: Friends School Student Services | \$1,060.28 |
| | 2-Ramallah: Eli & Sybil Jones's Scholarships (K-12) | \$1,134.17 |
| | 3-Turkana/Samburu Missions | \$960.28 |
| | 4-Lugulu Adopt-A-Bed | \$910.27 |
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| May | Friends Homes Assistance Fund | \$1,537.50 |
| | Spring Conference Offering - Quaker Lake | \$4,048.50 |
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| June | NC USFW Projects | \$1,305.00 |
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| July | Jamaica Building Fund-NCYM | |
| | Children & Youth USFWI 2018 | \$4,635.00 |
| | 1- Ramallah: Amari Play Center Feeding Program | |
| | 2-Native American Children and Youth Programs (3 centers) | |
| | 3-Kenya: Turkana/Samburu Girls' Secondary Education | |
| | 4-Belize Friends School Feeding Program | |
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| August | Annual Gathering Offering | \$1,000.00 |
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| September | 80% Membership Apportionment to USFWI | \$652.00 |
| | 20% Membership Apportionment to Scholarship Fund | \$163.00 |
| | Yearly Meeting Offering-EAC Fellowship Scholarship Fund | \$1,150.00 |
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| October | Keys to the Kingdom USFWI 2018 | |
| | 1-FTC Teacher's Salaries/Extension Program | |
| | 2-Triennial Travel Assistance | |
| | 3- <i>The Advocate</i> subsidy | |
| | 4-Adult Education in Belize | |
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| November | United Thank Offering USFWI 2018 | |
| | 1-Jamaica: Pastoral Care | |
| | 2-Belize: Director of Friends Center | |
| | 3-Kenya: Turkana/Samburu Pastors (32 pastors) | |
| | 4-African Ministries Office Director | |
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| December | MOWA Choctaw-NCYM | \$962.50 |
| | Friends Disaster Service-NCYM | \$1,087.50 |
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| Other Contributions | | |
| | Eliza Armstrong Cox Fellowship (50% USFWI, 50% Scholarship) | \$375.00 |
| | Friends Theological College | \$405.00 |
| | Robert Wafula | \$180.00 |
| | Adopt-a-Nurse | \$150.00 |
| | Quaker Lake to Jamaica Camp | \$90.00 |
| | Summer Missions - Cuba | \$200.00 |
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| | | \$34,191.70 |

As I prepare this Financial Report, I realize that my life is getting more complicated. I'm close to retirement and yet I seem to be doing more rather than less. I have some of your checks that still need to be deposited and money that I need to pass on to USFWI. It is my promise to get that done, asap. So, I would like to request that each Treasurer please get your final 2018 check to me by December 15th so I can close my books and pay everything owed out by December 20th. Thank you for all that you have worked so hard to share. I wish you a great holiday season,

Jean Christy, NCUSFW treasurer 2549 Cottage Place Greensboro, NC 27455

ADULT MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Edith Shepherd

Fall has arrived, and with it, we see changes happening. The colors of the leaves are beginning to change, mornings are cooler, and it gets dark earlier. Soon we will be celebrating Thanksgiving, later Christmas, and we begin to plan family gatherings and many Meeting activities.

As we enter the time of thankfulness and expectancy, may we remember those who are in need of our material and spiritual encouragement and support.

As we pray to the Prince of Peace when we gather with family and friends to enjoy the abundance of food and gifts, may we also become active in discovering the ways to be better neighbors to those around us and around the world.

As the hymn says, "We are pilgrims on a journey.
We are travelers on the road.
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load"
- Richard Gillard

LITERATURE

Darla Anderson

Greetings, ladies of NCUSFW! I am sorry we were not able to have our Annual Gathering, thanks to Hurricane Florence. I hope each of you came through that ordeal okay. Unfortunately, not having Annual Gathering has hurt our book sales. If you are in need of any books, I still have a good number available. I also still have a few calendars and blueprints. Just let me know and I will send them to you.

On a personal note, we have moved to Greenville. We have two children and six grandchildren here. We're looking forward to seeing more of them.

My new contact information is: Darla Anderson
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Greenville, NC 27858
Telephone: 252-689-3424

Literature Secretaries, I haven't forgotten about your reading certificates. I hope to get them out to you sometime in the next couple of weeks. As you might imagine, moving out of a house that we've lived in for 47 years has pretty much consumed my life for the past couple of months, and we're not through yet, but we're getting close. Be glad when it's over! Anyway, I'll get the certificates to you soon. Happy Reading!

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SCHOLARSHIP

Lee Van Hughes

NC USFW members: please remember to reward your members with the Eliza Armstrong Cox Fellowship Life Membership. Please remember that in order to continue to award scholarships, contributions to the Eliza Armstrong Cox Fellowship need to be made by the end of March 2019. One of the ways to contribute is to recognize your circle’s members with an Eliza Armstrong Cox Lifetime Fellowship membership.

The Eliza Armstrong Cox Fellowship Scholarship applications may be received beginning January 1, 2019. ALL candidates must be participating members of a Friends meeting that is an active member of the North Carolina United Society of Friends Women (NCUSFW).

NEW applicants need to fill out an updated application form, write a brief personal information Letter **and** send three reference forms. Application form: <https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/ncymwebsitefiles/USFW/Scholarship-Application.pdf>

PRESENT/Continuing recipients need send only the one page application form and a college transcript. Scholarship renewal application form: <https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/ncymwebsitefiles/USFW/Scholarship-renewal-Info.pdf>

Scholarships are awarded for a maximum of four (4) years.

Any of the forms may be folded and must be postmarked on or before March 15, 2019. All should be mailed to: Mrs. Lee Van Hughes, 1470 Pinefield Drive, Sophia, NC 27350.

ELIZA ARMSTRONG COX LIFETIME FELLOWSHIP MEMBER.

The Eliza Armstrong Cox Lifetime Fellowship membership is an honor and a recognition for service and dedication to the meeting and NCUSFW. Circles will submit \$25 per nomination. (\$12.50 goes to USFWI and \$12.50 goes to the Eliza Armstrong Cox Scholarship Fund). A certificate signed by the USFWI President as well as the NC USFW President is sent to the Circle who submits the name(s) for recognition. Nominations can be made at any time of the year but members are recognized at the Annual Gathering in the fall each year.

Member(s) to be recognized:

Meeting : _____

Name and Address of person to receive Certificate(s):

Date: _____

Enclose \$25.00 **per nominee** payable to NCUSFW and send to the NCUSFW Treasurer with your check. Add \$7.00 if a pin is also requested. Thank you for your support of the Eliza Armstrong Cox Scholarship Fund.

Copy this form as needed, thank you

STEWARDSHIP

Linda Anderson

The author, C. S. Lewis wrote in his book entitled Mere Christianity, “Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service, you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already.”

Those words should make us stop and think, especially in these days of abundance, which many of us take for granted. Not that we’re ungrateful for the bounty; we’ve simply come to expect it day by day, and as such, we give little thought to the source. In fact, many people believe that they earned everything they have through hard work and perseverance. Scripture disagrees. Moses wrote in Deuteronomy 8:17 & 18: “...*you say in your heart ‘my power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth’. And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.*” (NKJV)

Sadly, many North Carolinians recently lost their homes and all their possessions as a result of Hurricane Florence. While this disaster took away so very much, it is heartening to see and hear some of their stories on the news channels, and hear how they now have a better understanding of this scriptural principle of ownership. This type of catastrophe does seem to put matters into perspective. I am reminded of the first words of Psalm 24: “*The earth is the Lord’s and all its fullness.*”

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