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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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“WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO
BUILDING THE PEACE THAT
PASSETH ALL UNDERSTANDING,
TO THE REPAIR OF THE WORLD,
OPENING OUR LIVES TO THE
LIGHT TO GUIDE US IN EACH
SMALL STEP.”

KABARAK CALL FOR PEACE
SIXTH WORLD CONFERENCE FRIENDS, NAKURU,
KENYA
FWCC WORLD CONSULTATION ON GLOBAL CHANGE

”

A Word of Devotion:

A PROMISED HOPE

By: Rebecca Heys

The people walking in darkness have seen a great
light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a
light has dawned.

Isaiah 9:2

December 25th is Christmas, the day when Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus. The prophet Isaiah tells us why the birth of Jesus is such great news for the world.

This good news comes to people who were “walking in darkness.” But now those same people “have seen a great light.”

In the prophecy of Isaiah, darkness and light are used to represent sin and salvation. Without Christ, we are lost in the darkness of sin. But because of the birth of Jesus, we have hope in God’s light, his victory over sin and death.

God promises us salvation in Jesus!

In our world and in our lives, it can sometimes feel as though the darkness is overwhelming. It can seem as though sadness and sin have the upper hand, while the light of goodness and joy are hidden in the shadows.

But God’s Word promises us that light is coming to the world in Jesus. Isaiah promises a Savior who will rule the world. “He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” His reign will bring peace and joy to the world. “Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.”

Jesus rules the whole world, and his rule is one of peace. That news is light for a darkened world.





Upcoming Events:

December 2nd 2023

Friends Home Open House

December 8th- 10th 2023

Centre Friends
Drive-Thru Nativity
(see flyer below)

December 9th 2023

Drive through Nativity at
White Plains Friends at 5PM

[CLICK HERE](#) for more info

December 10th 2023

QLC Candle Light Service at 5PM

[CLICK HERE](#) for more info

December 17th 2023

White Plains Friends
Christmas Play at 6PM

[CLICK HERE](#) for more info

December 31st 2023

Last day to vote on
Young Friends logo

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



December 25th 2023

Christmas Day



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

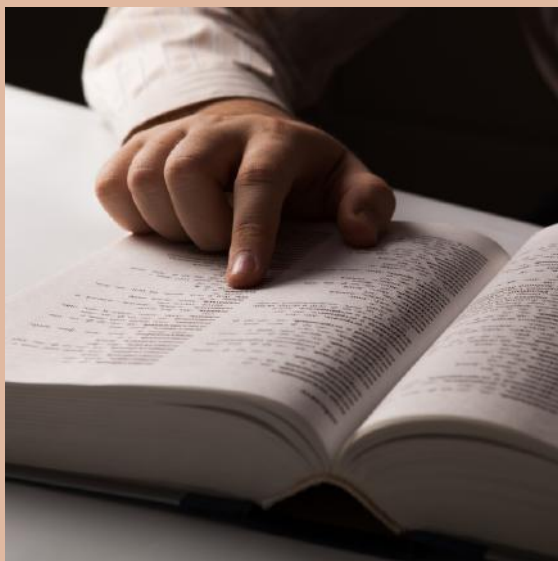
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Announcements:



REMINDER

2022 Directory *still available!*



Your updated version of the directory is now available on the FCNC website!

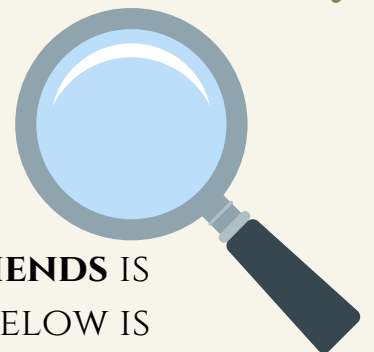
Access to the directory will require a password.

Click the link provided to head over to the website and enter the password to view, download or print.

Password: **Directory2021!**

[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**





Job Posting

Part- Time Pastor
Goldsboro Friends Meeting
700 Guilford Street
Goldsboro, NC 27530

Goldsboro Friends Meeting is seeking to fill the position of Part-Time Pastor. We are a member of Contentnea Quarterly Meeting, Friends Church of North Carolina and Friends United Meeting. We are a small Quaker Church established in 1906 with 32 members and an average attendance of 14 including members' families and a few visitors from the community at worship services on Sunday morning.

Primary Functions

- Prepare and lead Sunday Morning worship service
- Provide pastoral leadership to the meeting

Qualifications

- Must have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, having accepted Him as Savior and Lord and have an understanding and agreement with Friends Church of NC Faith and Practice
- Previous training and/or experience as a pastor
- Recorded as a Quaker minister is desired
- Good communications skills are a must

Responsibilities

- Conduct and bring prepared message at Sunday morning worship services in the manner of Friends and have presence at church functions
- Perform funerals or weddings if requested
- Visit a few shut-ins, hospital, nursing homes and other crisis situations
- Seek to help grow our church

Compensation

- Compensation will be commensurate with the individual's education and experience.

A more detailed job description is available if requested.

If interested please contact: W.E. Bud Andrews, Clerk of Ministry & Counsel
717 Crescent Drive
Smithfield, NC 27577
919-934-3388
webarea73@gmail.com

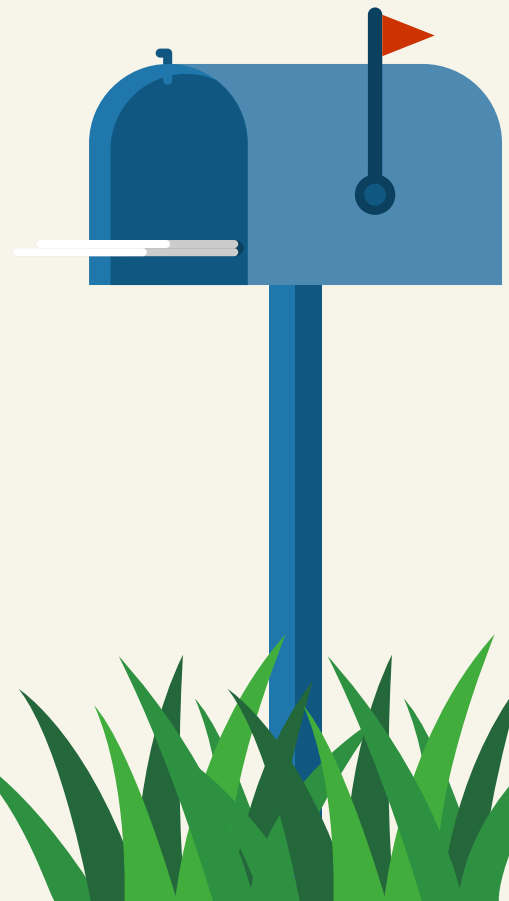
New
ADDRESS



FCNC has a new mailing address!

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

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





Dear Friends,

As I hope you have heard already, a gathering for Young Adult Friends from around the world will be held from 1 – 5 August 2024, immediately before the FWCC World Plenary Meeting, from the 5 - 12 August 2024 in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Inspired by the Southern African word ubuntu, the theme will be based on Galatians 3:28 : “There is neither Jew nor Greek, neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

The event is intended to improve mutual understanding of Quaker diversity amongst Young Adult Friends worldwide, to reinforce international Quaker identity, and to re-establish the Young Adult Friends global network, leading to joint actions and plans. The event is planned by an international team consisting principally of Young Friends from Africa, with some representation from elsewhere, supported by elders from Southern Africa Yearly Meeting and the Africa Section.

This letter is to encourage young adult Friends, ages 18-35, to attend both conferences. Registration is open now at FWCC World Plenary Meeting. The cost for both conferences, all 12 days including room, board, and program, is \$1300 for Friends from higher income countries like the US and Canada. For lower income countries, the cost is \$130. Airfare and other expenses are separate.

Direct any questions to: travelingministry@fwccamericas.org

In Friendship,

Robin Mohr

Executive Secretary

YOUNG FRIENDS LOGO CONTEST

Use the QR Code or link to
have your youth vote!

Youth and all Young
Friends help us pick out a
logo from these choices!



Voting online will end December 31, 2023
<https://forms.gle/TwjpHfEYmDrpBa5M7>

[CLICK HERE](https://forms.gle/TwjpHfEYmDrpBa5M7) to vote today!



PRESENTED BY CENTRE FRIENDS MEETING

MIRACLE IN THE BARN DRIVE-THRU LIVING NATIVITY

DECEMBER 8 6:00-8:00PM

DECEMBER 9 6:00-8:00PM

DECEMBER 10 2:00-4:00PM

GRAND ARBOUR FARM
1457 GREGSON ROAD
PLEASANT GARDEN



CANNED FOOD
COLLECTED
AT THE GATE

BRING SMARTPHONE
TO HEAR THE STORY
OF JESUS' BIRTH

OPEN HOUSE

Come and celebrate with us as we honor our heritage and commemorate 65 years of remaining committed to seniors and fostering lifelong friendships.



DECEMBER

SATURDAY

2nd

2 P M - 4 P M

West Campus Living Room

6100 West Friendly, Greensboro, NC 27410

To inaugurate the event, we shall partake in some delightful appetizers and tour the recently updated amenities, including our new Wellness Center.

Please RSVP by November 27th - 336-369-4313

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1979-1988

**A Riddle: What's red,
has 265 doors and was
really needed?**

Friends Home Inc. adding to complex

By JO SPIVEY
Record Business Writer

Work is under way on a 60-unit residential-care building at Friends Homes Inc., 925 New Garden Road, to house residents able to live with minimum assistance.

G.W. Pleasants, administrator of the Guilford College complex for older citizens, said today the building, to cost an estimated \$2 million, will be completed about July 1982.

"With the completion of the building, we will be able to provide all recognized levels of care for our residents except hospitalization," Pleasants said. "This is provided through contracts with Greensboro's four hospitals."

The new building will bring the value of the complex to more than \$8 million. The institution has applied for a certificate of need for 30 additional beds for its 50-unit intermediate and skilled care nursing facility, which will complete the master plan for Friends Homes.

Also part of the complex are three buildings with 194 apartments which house 215 people.

The new residential care building will have two floors with most of the

rooms private. Nursing assistants will assist residents, if needed, with medications, personal hygiene, housekeeping and laundry.

Dining facilities will be expanded to accommodate residents of the new building.

After more than a decade of planning, the Quaker facility opened in 1968 with 24 retirement apartments. The 60-bed nursing home and a seven-story building with 106 apartments were completed in 1975. A four-story building with 64 apartments was opened in 1978.

Three meals a day are served in the dining room. Laundry and housekeeping services are provided. Transportation is available to enable residents to come and go as they please. A program of leisure activities has been set up. Many residents take advantage of programs and educational opportunities at adjacent Guilford College.

Friends Homes is open to all faiths. While most residents are from the Greensboro vicinity, a number come from other areas of North Carolina and other states.

The construction contract for the residential care building was awarded C.J. Kern Contractor Inc.



Answer: The completed Residential Care Building at Friends Homes.

The Residential Care Building was really needed because not every older person is able to live independently in an apartment. Nor, is that person who needs some assistance necessarily ready for the Nursing Unit where intermediate and skilled care are available.

Thanks to your financial help, Friends Homes now has an option. The completed Residential Care Building, home for 60 residents, is that option. Nursing is available to provide needed assistance for these residents.

Now, Friends Homes is a complete retirement community. The recent addition of

this level of care makes us better able to serve our current residents and those coming to live with us in the future.

Our service and our outstanding reputation is dependent on your support each year through the Annual Giving campaign. It is this financial support that sets Friends Homes apart and enables us to maintain a standard of excellence within a reasonable price range.

You've seen your dollars at work providing an additional level of care. Support the Annual Giving campaign and watch your dollars continue to make a difference.

Article from the Greensboro Record.
March, 1981

Photos of the addition to Whittier Hall.



The new Residential Care Building was named Elizabeth Fry Hall, in honor of the English prison reformer, social reformer, Quaker, and Christian philanthropist.



An aerial photo of Friends Homes from the mid-1980s.



2023 NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY HONOREES

Lifetime Achievement in Philanthropy **Charlie and Mary Kirkman Routh**

Nominated by Brightspire, Friends Homes and Guilford College

Today's award is presented posthumously to Mary Kirkman Routh, who passed away on October 25, 2023. Her legacy of caring is celebrated by her husband, Charlie, and family members, friends and the many organizations she graciously supported.



Charlie and Mary Routh have been making a positive difference on the campus of Friends Homes since before they moved into the community in 2005. They have been involved on campus, supporting staff and residents since Charlie began to serve on the Friends Homes Board of Trustees in 1968.

Charlie and Mary were moved by the Friends Homes mission and worked diligently to support it. Guided by Quaker values, Friends Homes offers a Life Plan Community that encourages a sense of wholeness, wellness, purpose and security at a fair cost, so that each resident may live a fulfilling life.

Friends Homes has benefited from the hard work and generosity that the Rouths have provided for decades. Over the years, they have been the first to step up when there is a need on campus. In 2001, they offered a generous lead gift challenge that was met with overwhelming support, raising over \$1.7 million for Friends Homes.

The Rouths have often directed their donations to partner with Friends Homes in providing financial assistance for residents who, without this help, could not afford to continue living at Friends Homes. With over 700 senior adults living at Friends Homes, the need for resident financial assistance is more than \$1 million each year. The Rouths gifts to support the Friends Homes Resident Financial Assistance Endowment provided peace of mind and security for residents in need.

When Friends Homes launched the Bridges to the Future Capital Campaign in 2020 to build a bridge to connect the two Friends Homes campuses and bolster the endowment, the Rouths graciously agreed to serve as honorary co-chairs of the campaign and once again provided a matching lead gift to ensure the success of the campaign. Their generosity ensured that Friends Homes passed their capital campaign goal of \$1.2 million. They have inspired others to consider setting aside a portion of their estate for charity and have been active members of the Friends of Friends Homes Legacy Circle.

Beyond Friends Homes, the Rouths have made significant commitments to other organizations such as Guilford College, the NC Friends Disaster Service, Shepherd's Center of Greensboro, and Centre Friends Meeting. Their generosity and dedication to helping others have made a lasting impact on the greater Greensboro community.

In the early years of our marriage, when we could not have children, we decided to devote ourselves to charity work. We traveled throughout the country to help others whenever we could, and we loved seeing the results of giving and helping. We are grateful for all the positive examples that we have had during our lives. We are thankful to have had so many opportunities to help others.

-Charlie Routh

[CLICK HERE](#) to read more about the
Philanthropy Day Honorees.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

By: Bennie Burton

Now is a good time to reward your members with the Eliza Armstrong Cox Fellowship Life Membership which helps fund our scholarships. Also, it is important to begin talking to the high school seniors in your congregation about applying for the Cox Scholarship between January 1 and March 15, 2024. Students are eligible to receive a scholarship for a maximum of four years and must be a participating member of a meeting that actively participates in NC USFW.

Scholarship applications are on the following website,

<https://www.friendschurchnc.org/usfw>



All contributions to the scholarship fund need to be made by the end of March 2024.

One of the ways to contribute is to recognize your circle's members with an Eliza Armstrong Cox Lifetime Fellowship membership.

ELIZA ARMSTRONG COX LIFETIME FELLOWSHIP MEMBER

Eliza Armstrong Cox Lifetime Fellowship membership is an honor and recognition for service and dedication to the meeting and NC-USFW. Circles will submit \$25 per nomination, (\$12.50 to USFWI and \$12.50 to the EAC Scholarship Fund). A certificate signed by the USFWI President and the NC- USFW President is sent to the circle that submits the name for recognition. Nominations can be made at any time of the year.

Members are recognized at the Annual Gathering in the fall each year.

MEMBER(S) TO BE RECOGNIZED: _____

NAME & ADDRESS OF PERSON(S) TO RECEIVE CERTIFICATE(S):

DATE _____

Enclose \$25 per nominee payable to NC-USFW and send the check to the USFW-NC Treasurer. Contact the Treasurer to see if pins are available if one is desired.

Thank you for supporting the E.A. Cox Scholarship Fund.



Patches, My Quaker Kitty

We have one children's book that we are offering for \$15. It is written by **Joy Britt Reavis** (our Stewardship Secretary). It is a precious story about her two cats and how one cat, Patches, displays many of our core Quaker values (SPICES). Beautifully written and illustrated, it would make a great gift for your child or grandchild. The title of the book is Patches, My Quaker Kitty. Joy has graciously donated the proceeds from these books to the Eliza Armstrong Cox Scholarship Fund.



"I am Joy Britt Reavis, a ninth generation Quaker. Many mornings while I prepared my morning coffee, my cat, Patches, would sit and wait patiently at my feet to be fed. In contrast, the other cat, Bella, would meow loudly and demand to be fed. I became inspired to write about Patches when I realized how well she exemplified the Quaker core values or "SPICES." This book is appropriate for children of all ages, whether Quaker or not. If you are interested in having more copies, you can reach me at:

joyreavis@gmail.com

FEMAP - Friends Emergency Material Assistance Program

FEMAP volunteers gather at the Allen Jay House in High Point every Wednesday (10am-2pm) to assemble donated items into the various kits—Hygiene, Infant, School and Farmworkers. School kit items are needed as school begins this fall, especially spiral bound notebooks and rulers.

Once each quarter FEMAP holds a business meeting where reports of kit distributions are given along with sharing of sewing projects for producing baby blankets, youth and adult quilts, and making small bears. Interesting programs are enjoyed by all in attendance, like the recent presentation by Brenda Haworth. She told the history of The Model Farm, a project of the Baltimore Association from Maryland Quakers concerned for the Quakers in North Carolina following the Civil War. She put us right there in the late 1860s, speaking about the destruction of farmland, loss of all farm animals and no schools for many years. The next FEMAP business meeting is scheduled for Oct. 18, 2023 at 10:30 am. We meet in the fellowship hall at Springfield Friends Meeting. Everyone is welcome, ladies and gents! Come join us and enjoy a carry-in lunch together.

Update about the fire at the Allen Jay House (where FEMAP assembles kits, etc.)

In the early morning hours of July 31, 2023 there was fire that seriously damaged the Allen Jay house, a post-and-beam frame house built in the 1840s. The main area where the materials and assembly for the FEMAP kits was done was destroyed. Already assembled kits in the bags had to be repackaged; but all of the other supplies, yarn, fabric for quilts, storage boxes, etc. could not be salvaged.

We are very thankful for the firefighters at High Point Station 6 and the other two companies which responded. FEMAP continues their work; they have moved temporarily into the old Fellowship Hall (under the chapel) at Springfield Friends Meeting which is across the street from the Allen Jay house.

History: Allen Jay (1831-1910) lived here from 1868 to 1877 as superintendent during the rebuilding of the Southern Quaker community following the Civil War. His impact on the area was so great that the whole neighborhood in High Point is named after him. (source: Max Carter)

The last page of this issue of the Carolina Woman has the types of items needed for the kits, yarn, fabric, etc. Any and all of the items of all kits are needed; yarn can be “small balls” or skeins, fabric can be remnants, small safety pins and one- and two-GALLON plastic zip lock bags! THANKS FOR ANY DONATIONS



FEMAP KITS

Friends Emergency Material Assistance Program

Any

HYGIENE KITS

- 1 Tube toothpaste
- 1 Adult toothbrush
- 1 Bottle shampoo
- 1 Bar bath soap
- 1 Wide-toothed comb
- 1 Hand towel
- 1 Washcloth
- 1 Deodorant

FARMERWORKER'S KIT

- 1 Tube toothpaste
- 1 Adult toothbrush
- 2 Disposable razors
- 1 Deodorant
- 1 Wide-toothed comb
- 1 Foot fungus powder or cream
- 1 Band-Aids (assorted bag or box)
- 1 Hand towel
- 1 Washcloth
- 1 Bandana or Sweat band
- 1 Tylenol or other OTC pain killer
- 1 Pair work gloves
- 1 Shaving cream
- 1 Bar bath soap

INFANT KITS

- 2 Receiving blankets
- 4 Baby washcloths
- 1 Baby towel
- 1 Bar baby soap (Ivory)
- 1 Bottle baby shampoo
- 1 Small tube or jar petroleum jelly
- 2 Pairs infant socks

SCHOOL KITS

- 4 Unsharpened pencils
- 1 Ruler (plastic or wood)
- 1 Block eraser
- 1 Small pencil sharpener
- 2 Spiral wide ruled composition books

PLEASE PACK EACH KIT IN A 2-GALLON PLASTIC ZIP-LOCK BAG

WE CAN ALSO USE (to replace what lost in fire)

YARN any weight, (little/leftover balls too!)

FABRIC FOR QUILTS : small remnants, too!!

SMALL SAFETY PINS

1 & 2 GALLON PLASTIC ZIP LOCK BAGS



مدرسة الصداقة RAMALLAH FRIENDS SCHOOL



Dear f/Friends,

The Israel-Hamas war continues to rage as the death toll rises, striking fear in all who live in the surrounding areas.

As many of you are aware, there is a Friends school in Ramallah that is located in the West Bank near the Gaza Strip, and they need our help.

I serve on the Advancement Committee for Friends United Meeting (FUM) and we are trying to build awareness of the dire situation at Ramallah Friends School, located in the West Bank near the Gaza Strip, and ask for support. For those unaware, this Quaker school was started by Americans in the late 1800s; it has 1,600 students and 184 staff members but only 4 counselors. The anxiety level and fear are high, and they need (at least) two more counselors.

FUM's General Secretary, Kelly Kellum, has given us a list of ways that Friends can help:

- Pray for their safety, pray for a miracle
- Write: Join the RFS students and write a letter to the president and your representatives. Appeal for a ceasefire now! [CLICK HERE](#)
- JustGiving Page: Listen to a message from the Head of School, Rania Maayeh with an opportunity to donate, if you feel led to do so. Right now, they are attempting to raise \$7,000 to provide financial aid to families who have lost their jobs but wish to keep their children enrolled, as well as to hire 2 more counselors. [CLICK HERE](#)

It is our hope that local meetings will share the video on the JustGiving Page with their congregations and help spread the word about their situation. If meetings wish to create their own fundraising page, there is an orange box labeled "Start Fundraising" that can be used.

For more information about the Ramallah Friends School, visit: [CLICK HERE](#)

With gratitude,
Joy Britt Reavis

QUAKERS IN HISTORY

Thomas Paine
1737-1809



Thomas Paine was an influential political activist, philosopher, and writer who played a crucial role in shaping the ideals and ideologies of the American and French Revolutions. He was born in England and later became a prominent figure in both the American and European Enlightenment movements.

Paine's most famous work is "Common Sense," published in 1776, which advocated for American independence from British rule. The pamphlet made a compelling case for the principles of democracy, individual rights, and the idea that governments should derive their power from the consent of the governed.

"Common Sense" had a significant impact on public opinion and helped rally support for the American Revolution.

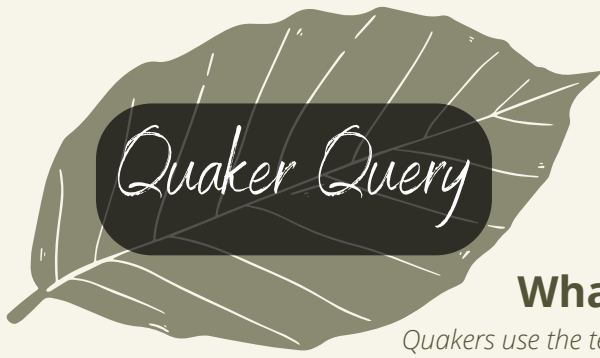
In addition to "Common Sense," Paine authored other influential works, including "The Rights of Man" and "The Age of Reason." "The Rights of Man" defended the principles of equality, human rights, and the need for political reforms in the face of aristocratic privilege and monarchical rule.

"The Age of Reason" criticized organized religion and advocated for individual spiritual beliefs based on reason and natural law.

Paine's writings were characterized by their straightforward and accessible language, making his ideas accessible to a broad audience. He believed in the power of reason and common sense to guide political and social change.

Paine's ideas also extended beyond the American Revolution. He traveled to France during the French Revolution and actively supported its ideals of liberty, equality, and fraternity. Paine became a member of the French National Convention and was a vocal critic of the monarchy and the abuses of power.

Thomas Paine's books can still be purchased today on websites like Amazon. Click [HERE](#) to pick up a full collection of Thomas Paine's works for yourself!



...for December

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...

-Are you ready to respond to any concern God may lay upon you, large or small?

-What does love require of you?

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



**DON'T
FORGET!**

You are invited!!

In September we said that an idea was submitted that we were excited about, and that idea has come to life!

We have created invitations!

These invitations can be customized by your meeting and made available to all members to give out as they see fit. Have you ever wanted to invite someone to church but weren't sure what to say? Maybe you wanted to show someone what "Friends" were all about but couldn't find the words. That's where the invitations come in!

Not only are these invitations, but on the back, there's a simple explanation for WHO the Friends are, with a "QR code" to scan for more information.

There are three formats. Youth/teen, young adult/adult and traditional adult. Below you will find all three formats. There are links that you can follow to download and get them printed at your local Staples.

If you are unable to do that, I can have them made and shipped straight to your meeting.

Simply e-mail me at: jenny@friendschurchnc.org

To go to Canva and download these designs

Youth/Teen: [Click HERE](#)

Young adult/Adult: [Click HERE](#)

Traditional Adult: [Click HERE](#)



Front

YOU'RE INVITED TO



Where:

When:

Additional Info:

Back

Friends are: Christ Followers. Community leaders.
They are people who love others just as
they are.

Friends are NOT: Amish. The Quaker Oats guy.
And no... they're not a cult.



**Friends/Quakers are similar to other Protestant denominations
but offer these unique differences:**

Centering: Our lives are busy. That's why we find it important to stop and "center" ourselves.

No Sacraments: We believe in a direct communion with God. And baptism is not physical but rather a baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Open Worship: During worship, we give others a chance to share

Core Values: We attempt to live a life of **SPICES!**
Simplicity-**P**ease-**I**ntegrity-**C**ommunity-**E**quality-**S**tewardship

For more information visit: www.friendschurchnc.org/discover

Front



YOU ARE INVITED TO

WORSHIP WITH US

Where:

What Time:

Additional info:

WHO ARE "THE FRIENDS"?

We're so glad you asked!

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Meet our Missions *Kenya*



The Quaker church in Kenya started in the early twentieth century with the arrival of three young Quaker missionaries from Ohio whose work came to be supported by Five Years Meeting (now Friends United Meeting). In 1902, Arthur Chilson, Edgar Hole, and Willis Hotchkiss settled in Kenya's Western region, at Kaimosi. By 1946, East Africa Yearly Meeting was established as a self-governing body, including Meetings from Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania. In 1963, the year of Kenyan independence, Friends United Meeting turned over ownership and control of all mission-originated projects to East African Friends. Since then, FUM has been a partner in ministry with the African Yearly Meetings to provide oversight and financial support for multiple ministries and partners.

In the late 1970s and early 1980s, East Africa Yearly Meeting split into several different Yearly Meetings within Kenya, while the Tanzanian and Ugandan churches formed their own Yearly Meetings. Within Kenya, what was once East Africa Yearly Meeting has become more than twenty individual Yearly Meetings.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about Kenya!



Prayer **CORNER**

How can we pray for you?

Prayer:

Pray for all of those suffering in the Middle East during this time of war and violence.

Pray for the Ramallah Friends School.

Continued prayer for Ray Lambe as he continues to heal and gain strength from recent medical complications.

Praise:

God's name, Emmanuel, comes to mind during this Holiday season.

"God with us"

What a comfort in this world where darkness seems to deepen at times.

Praise Him for his unspeakable gift of Jesus and His nearness to us.

November RECAP



QLC Pumpkin Festival

These are a few pictures from the Pumpkin Festival this year.
[CLICK HERE](#) to watch the QLC 2023 Pumpkin Festival video!



(left) A local Farmers cows are the clean up crew of all of the smashed pumpkins from the Pumpkin Festival.

Young Friends Retreat

There was great attendance for the Fall 2023 "Finding Your Purpose" Youth Retreat. They talked about Spiritual Gifts and how God can use things you don't realize to expand his kingdom.





Friends Church Baltimore

Baltimore Friends Meeting held Revival in October.
Superintendent, Mike Wall and a few others were able to attend.



