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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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“THIS IS TO ME THE HOUR OF
GREATEST JOY I EVER HAD IN THIS
WORLD. NO EAR CAN HEAR, NO
TONGUE CAN UTTER, AND NO HEART
CAN UNDERSTAND THE SWEET
INCOMES AND THE REFRESHINGS OF
THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD, WHICH I
NOW FEEL.”

MARY DYER
1611-1660

”

A Word of Devotion:

PRACTICING PEACE

By: Cathrine Whitmire

You are about to read an excerpt from
“Practicing Peace: A Devotional Walk Through the
Quaker Tradition”

This is a Quaker Devotional filled with unique quote
and motivating stories. To purchase your copy

[CLICK HERE](#)

Quakers have been practicing peace as a spiritual discipline since the 1650s. Their well-worn path to peace begins in prayer and worship, leads to recognizing God in all people, includes practicing nonviolence, and endeavors to make love the guiding force in all they do. This path, which is available to everyone, celebrates life's highest joys and witnesses life's deepest tragedies amidst the beauty, uncertainty, and violence surrounding us. While practicing peace is not always easy, it is a spiritual discipline that expands love, generates hope, and satisfies our soul's deep longing for peace.

I took my own first tentative steps along the path of practicing peace in the manner of Friends at an unlikely time in my life. I was the mother of a preschool-age son and was employed as a health care administrator, feeling overburdened, working long days, and yearning for a more peaceful personal life. It wasn't that I didn't care about the state of the world; there was simply no time for peace work in my already overscheduled days. So, in an attempt to alleviate the stress induced by my busyness, I began meditating every morning and listening within to discern what my next direction in life should be.

As a first step, I was led to simplify my lifestyle, which created more space for meditation, and over time I slowly began to experience more inner peace. However, as I continued to listen within, I grew increasingly spiritually disturbed. Through prayer I was more aware of the world's problems and saw that potential nuclear and biological holocausts were hovering over my son's future. I felt overwhelmed, powerless, and did not know how to educate, prepare, or protect my son in a world filled with so many weapons of destruction.

No one had warned me, however, that praying and meditating regularly might change my life in unexpected ways. One morning as I meditated I was surprised by a spiritual nudge to organize a candle-light prayer vigil for peace. I was astonished! I was a new Quaker and had not grown up among peace activists, so I had never attended a prayer vigil, let alone organized one!

I kept praying and listening within, hoping that this spiritual nudge to take action (also called a leading) for which I felt so abysmally unprepared, would be lifted from my path. I was already practicing peace through daily meditation, making my family a priority, and working for a nonprofit agency. So why was God asking for more? Soon most of my prayer time was being spent plaintively explaining to God that I was too busy to take on anything else, and pointing out (in case God hadn't noticed) that I was not spiritually prepared or qualified to plan a public prayer vigil.

If truth be told, though, my real motives for resisting this leading were suspect. The thought of holding a candle and praying in public filled me with dread. I was afraid of being embarrassed. What if I looked foolish to people on the sidewalk? I lived in a small town.

Would my conservative neighbors stop being friendly? I was afraid of financial repercussions. Would I have to pay a price professionally? Many of my friends were secular and skeptical of prayer. Would they shy away from me for praying in public? I was new at following leadings. If I organized this vigil, what might God ask me to do next? These questions kept arising and I kept procrastinating in the hope that someone else more prepared than I would come forward.

Finally, I began to wonder if perhaps God was reminding me of a prior spiritual commitment. Five years earlier, when I was pregnant, I had watched Golda Meir, Prime Minister of Israel, praying on the evening news that every child born that year be born into a generation of peace. I was living in a house surrounded by tall pines and bordered by a whitewater river.

As I listened to her words co-mingle with the rushing waters and rustling pines, I felt the new life of my child stir in me, and I was flooded with a profound sense of God's compassionate presence. In feeling God's love, I accepted the fact that I was a pacifist and I dedicated myself to trying to make a peaceful world for children everywhere. In that moment of dedication I also experienced a deep sense of promise: God would never leave me alone in my practice of peace. What transpired that evening felt like a private covenant just between God and me.

Until I felt led to organize the peace vigil nothing out of the ordinary had been required of me. But now my private commitment to God was about to become public. When I finally accepted the fact that my spiritual integrity was hanging on the slim thread of my willingness to make this public witness, I reluctantly began organizing. I tentatively shared my leading with friends, who immediately encouraged and supported me in planning the event.

When the day for the vigil arrived I was filled with anxiety, but my fears were unfounded. As I held my candle outside the federal building in a circle with others beneath a soft, gray sky and gently falling snow, I was released from a false sense of social propriety, and I experienced a deep sense of calm.

A picture of our prayer vigil showed up on the front page of the next day's newspaper, and I was surprised and pleased that our message had been acknowledged. But more important to me personally, my relationship with God had been transformed through my reluctant, but faithful spiritual obedience in acting on what I heard while listening within.

Quakerism is sometimes described as an experientially based religion because by acting in faith, Friends often discover what it is they believe. Through my experience of organizing the vigil, I came to believe that God really does lead us through prayer and invites even the unsuspecting, imperfect, and unprepared among us to practice peace.



Upcoming Events:

March 10th - 15th 2024

Eastern N.C. Disaster Relief

March 16th, 2024

QLC flashlight egg hunt

[click here](#) to register

March 16th 2024

FWCC online Section Meeting

[CLICK HERE](#) to register

March 17th- 20th 2024

White Plains Friends Revival

Beginning Sunday at 11 AM

Continuing 7PM Nightly

Speaker: Randy Quate

March 23rd 2024

Community Easter egg hunt

hosted by Concord Friends

March 23rd 2024

Mid-Year Gathering

10AM at Deep Creek Friends

(lunch will be served)

March 24th 2024

Cedar Square Young Mens Drama Event

"Lord, is it I?"

March 26th 2024

Quaker Trustees Training Series

****April 12th-14th 2024**

Fort Caswell Youth Retreat

March 30th, 2024

Deadline for sign up**

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

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

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)

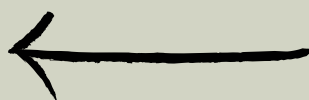
September 20-23, 2024

SAVE THE DATE!

Kaleo Youth Workers Retreat

(See flyer below)

[CLICK HERE](#) to register
for the youth retreat



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

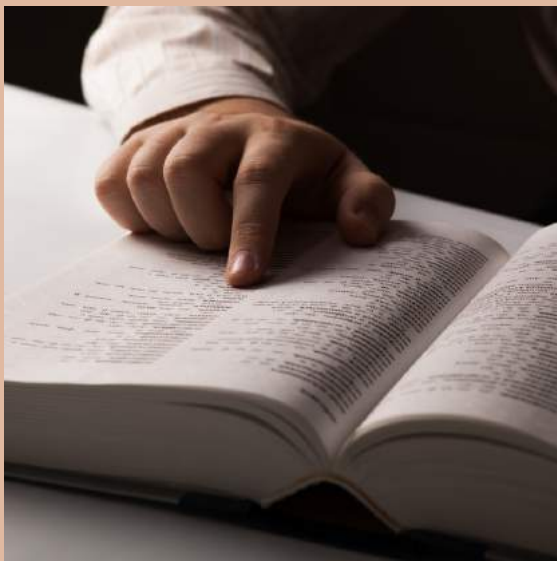
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Announcements:



REMINDER

Directory *still available!*



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

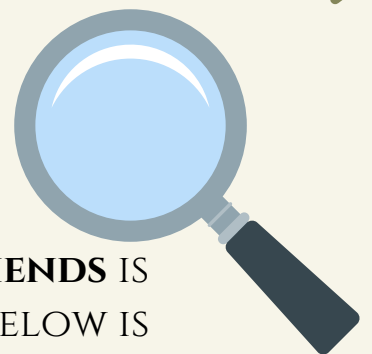
Access to the directory will require a password.

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**





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

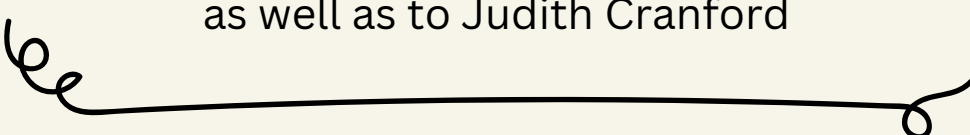
Mailing address:
Science Hill Friends
c/o Tammy Garner
PO Box 1386
Asheboro, NC 27204

New **ADDRESSES**



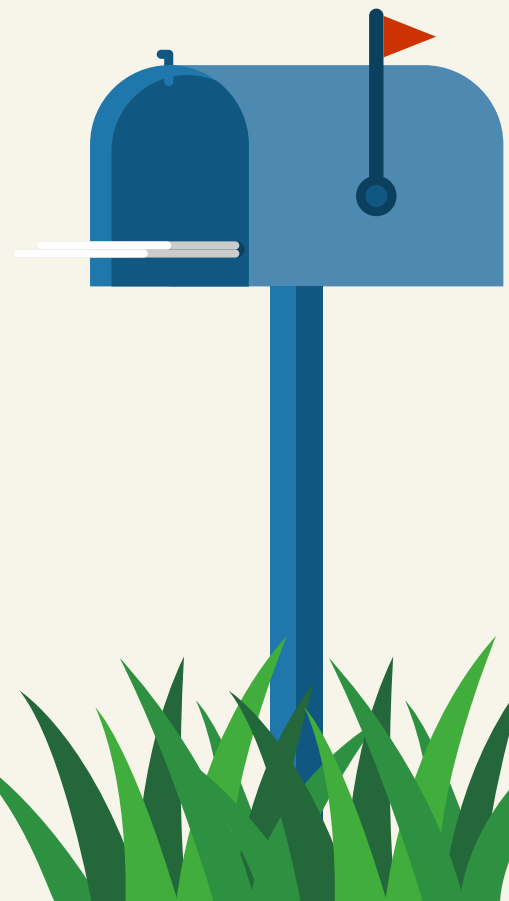
FCNC
**P.O. Box 4240,
Archdale, NC 27263**

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.





North Carolina Friends Disaster Service

AN OUTREACH MINISTRY OF N.C. FRIENDS

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Eastern N.C. Disaster Relief March 10th - 15th , 2024 New Bern, North Carolina

We are planning on starting this new year of 2024 with a March rebuilding trip. This March rebuilding trip to New Bern will be a continuation of our past rebuilding trips. We will be helping families that have had their homes damaged by weather disasters including some families that have been completely displaced from their homes. Some of these families have been homeless for years. We will be continuing to help these people by changing their lives forever.

As we have done in the past, we will be working with the Baptists On Missions Disaster Group. We will be staying at their New Bern Rebuild Center. The accommodations will be dormitory style with women in one area and men in the other. If you would like to participate, please contact one of the Co-Coordiators listed above as soon as possible.

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

Meals will be provided by the Baptist on Missions group.
(Prepared by our wonderful cooks !!!!!)

**Plan on meeting Sunday afternoon, Mar 10th at 5:00 PM at Moore's BBQ 3621
MLK Blvd New Bern NC for a group meal.**

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

[?] Thank You for your continued support of the

North Carolina Friends Disaster Service

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



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

*The Young Men of
Cedar Square Friends Meeting
present*

Lord, Is It I?



*A dramatization of Christ's
last night with his disciples*

Please join us

**March 24, 2024
6:00 PM**

**7546 Harlow Rd.
Archdale, NC 27263**

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

Community Easter Egg Hunt

Hunt Times:

11:30 1 year old-Pre K
12:00 Kindergarten-2nd grade
12:40 3rd-5th grade

**JOIN US MARCH 23RD
FROM 11:00AM – 2:00PM
AT SUMNER CIVITAN CLUB**

Free Food
Free Prizes
Bouncy House
Face Painting
Petting Zoo
Crafts

Free event!

Canned food donations
accepted at entrance for
Concord Food Cupboard.

Hosted by
Concord Friends
Meeting





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

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

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*



Members of the Ambwere Farm committee and other Friends pray over new equipment that was purchased this month for the farm sustainability project, near Kitale, Kenya.



The canola harvest has begun at Friends United Meeting's Ambwere Farm sustainability project near Kitale, Kenya.

For more information and to subscribe to FUM weekly newsletter
[CLICK HERE](#)

QUAKERS IN HISTORY

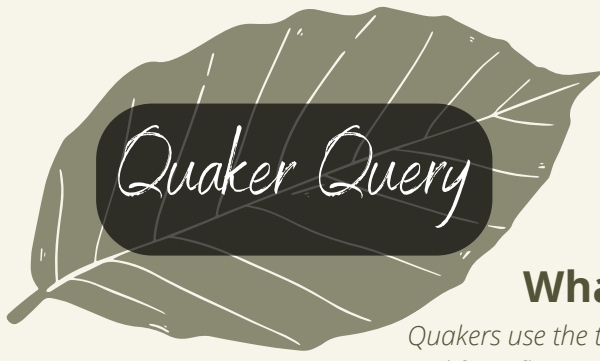
The Pease Family 1665



At the beginning of the eighteenth century the Pease family were wool producers, dyers and weavers in Yorkshire, in the North of England. Most of them were Quakers. A century later they were prominent Quaker industrialists, who played a key role in the development of railways. They also produced the first Quaker MP and later, eight others.

Joseph was a popular name in the Pease family. First generation Quaker Joseph Pease (1665 - 1719), here called Joseph I, was in the business of buying and selling wool in the Darlington area in Yorkshire. In 1711 he moved to Hull where he introduced a new industry of linseed crushing. Joseph II (1737-1807), his grandson, began in this business too. However he was so well liked and respected by his customers that it was not long before they turned to him for advice and help with financial matters. Many asked him if they could leave their money and valuables with him for safekeeping. This eventually led him to establish the very first bank in Yorkshire, in Hull, in 1754. It was known as Pease Partners Bank.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the full article



...for March



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...

-Does your inward faith turn outward? Do you pray for your friends and associates and for those engaged in spreading the Gospel?

-Have you examined your beliefs and prepared yourself to share them, with sensitivity and humility, as the Holy Spirit leads?

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!!

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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Simplicity-Peace-Integrity-Community-Equality-Stewardship

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

Meet our Missions

Friends Theological Seminary



Friends Theological College(FTC) is dedicated to the training of Friends pastors, as well as to the academic progress, personal development, and spiritual growth of the students whom God is calling to other ministries.

Founded as Friends Bible Institute in 1942, College trains both men and women to pastor and to lead. The College's principal, Robert J. Wafula, serves at the center of this vibrant,exciting community of learners. Together, the FTC community seeks to integrate faith, scripture, and theology in training the present and future leaders of Quaker churches in East Africa; and to foster in individual hearts and lives the process of maturing in Christ.

The main campus of Friends Theological College rests at the top of a wooded slope of land in Kaimosi, where the Friends movement in Kenya first began. The college also operates satellite campuses in Nairobi, Lugulu, Lugari, Samburu, and Chebuyusi. Students are drawn from the east and central African countries where Friends are found: Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more info!



Prayer **CORNER**

How can we pray for you?

Prayer:

Pray for our leaders.

Pastors.

Youth Leaders.

Presidents.

Local government leaders.

Committee leaders.

...leaders at every level.

Praise:

Praise God for our leadership.

God has placed order and leadership in our lives so that we do not live aimlessly to ourselves, but with direction.

Thank God for His design and provision of leadership.

February RECAP

Visit to Science Hill Friends

Superintendent, Mike Wall, was able to worship with Science Hill Friends on February 18th, 2024.



The congregation



Pastor John Porter preaches



David Briles presides over the service



Monthly Mtg after Worship, Mr. Garner presides

Southern Quarterly Meeting

On Sunday afternoon, February 18th Thomasville Friends hosted the Southern Quarterly Meeting. Superintendent, Mike Wall, reported that 8 out of the 10 Meetings had representatives present. Pastor Hugh Spaulding presided over the Quarterly Meeting Ministry & Counsel.



Pastor's Retreat at Fort Caswell

Thanks to Colin Saxton associated with Everence Financial for sponsoring the Retreat this year! Colin spoke with us on Tuesday about helping churches think about being generous! Chad Campbell with Everence Financial spoke to us about Financial prep for the future. Worship was led by a local couple from a Baptist church. Some braved the cold to play golf while others braved the ladders to climb to the top of Oak Island Lighthouse! But all enjoyed dinner at the local Fishy Fishy Seafood Restaurant. Encourage your pastor to participate NEXT FEBRUARY!!



