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BEARING FRUIT

The Official Newsletter of Friends Church North Carolina

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WELCOME!

Welcome to your Friends Church North Carolina Newsletter!

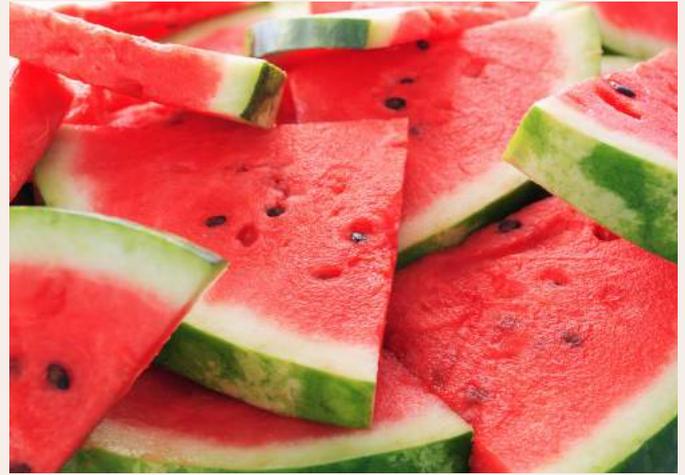
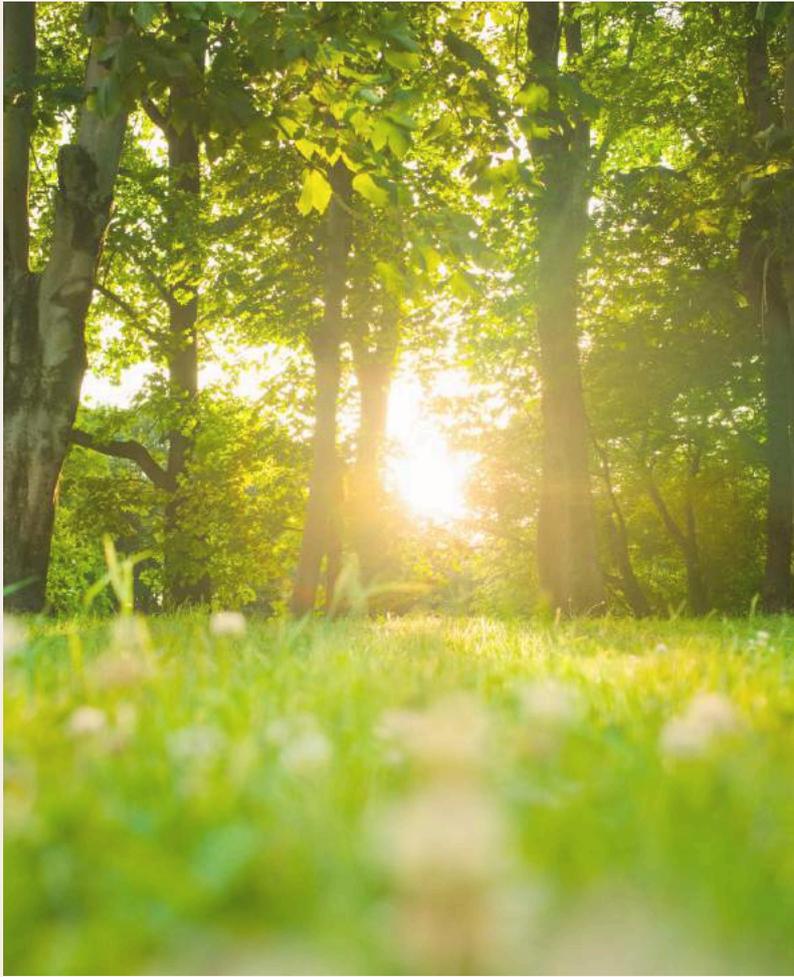
This is a monthly e-newsletter dedicated to keeping you up to date on current events within FCNC.

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

How can you help?

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

Jenny Gullion at: jenny@friendschurchnc.org



Quotes by Quakers

“

“GOD’S LOVE ENABLETH ME TO CALL
EVERY COUNTRY MY COUNTRY AND
EVERY MAN MY BROTHER”

– DANIEL WHEELER

[CLICK HERE](#) TO READ MORE ABOUT DANIEL WHEELER

”

A Word of Devotion:

STORY OF SUMMER

By: Sarah Lundgren

*“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.”*

Galatians 5:22-23

As I look back at past summers, I see a trail of beautiful and bittersweet memories. There have been summers that overflowed with joy and summers filled with deep sadness and pain. The common thread is that every summer was unique and had its own tale to tell.

Just as every natural summer has a story, so does every spiritual summer.

We will each walk through the spiritual seasons many times. Autumn is a time of change. Winter is a time of barrenness and preparation. Spring is a time of rebirth. And summer is a time for bearing fruit and embracing the abundant life that surrounds us.

The key to embracing our spiritual summer, no matter what time of year it is in the natural, is to remember to seize the joy of the season. This is a time to feel the heavenly warmth on our face and revel in the beauty that surrounds us. Relax, have fun, celebrate, and abide in gratitude for the blessings that surround. Fall and winter will come, but don't let thoughts of the unknown rob you of the joy of the moment.

Summer is a season known for cultivating and bearing good fruit. Oh goodness, there is just nothing like a sweet, sun-ripened, summer strawberry. It is like a taste of heaven on earth! Our spiritual fruit of love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control must also be cultivated and ripened so it can taste even sweeter than the best summer strawberry. There is one sure way to do this, and that is to remember *who* our spiritual gardener is and to remain in him always.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5 NIV)

The seasons may change, but our good and loving Father does not.

Let's celebrate our summers, both the natural and the spiritual, and embrace every story being written, because God's hand is in each one. *Lord, thank you for the gift of summer. Thank you for ice cream cones, backyard barbecues, and sun-drenched memories. May we seize each moment of joy and remember that you are the true cultivator of our harvest and author of our stories. Amen.*



Upcoming Events:

June 2-7 2024

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

June 22, 2024

Concord Friends blood drive
Saturday, 9:30 am - 2pm
sign up online at:

<https://concordfriends.com/>

June 23- 27 2024

VBS with Concord Friends

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)

**SUMMER TIME IS UNDERWAY
AND TIME IS FLYING WITH SO
MANY ACTIVITIES!**

**DON'T FORGET TO LET US
KNOW ABOUT
YOUR MEETINGS ACTIVITIES,
VBS, OUTREACH,
FUNDRAISERS AND MORE!**



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

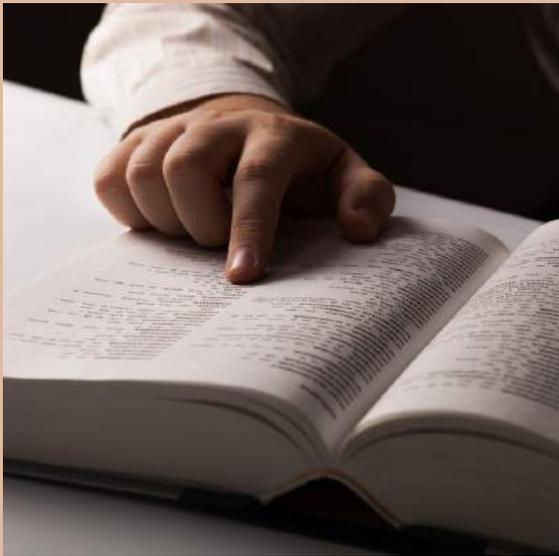
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Announcements:



REMINDER

Directory *still available!*



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.

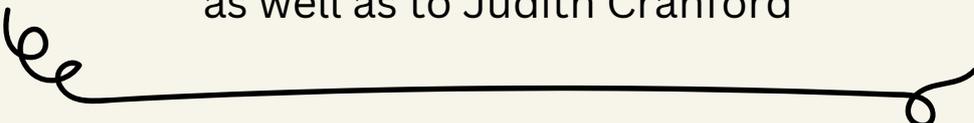
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New
ADDRESSES



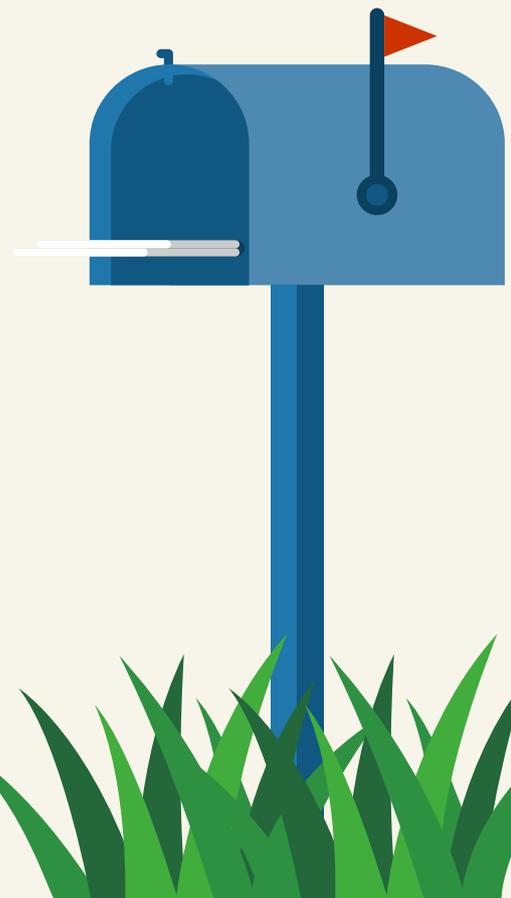
FCNC
P.O. Box 4240,
Archdale, NC 27263

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**

CONCORD FRIENDS MEETING

AGE 3-5TH
GRADE

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 23 - 27, 2024
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

5000 OLD RANDLEMAN RD
GREENSBORO NC 27407

SCUBA

diving into friendship with god

*CLASS

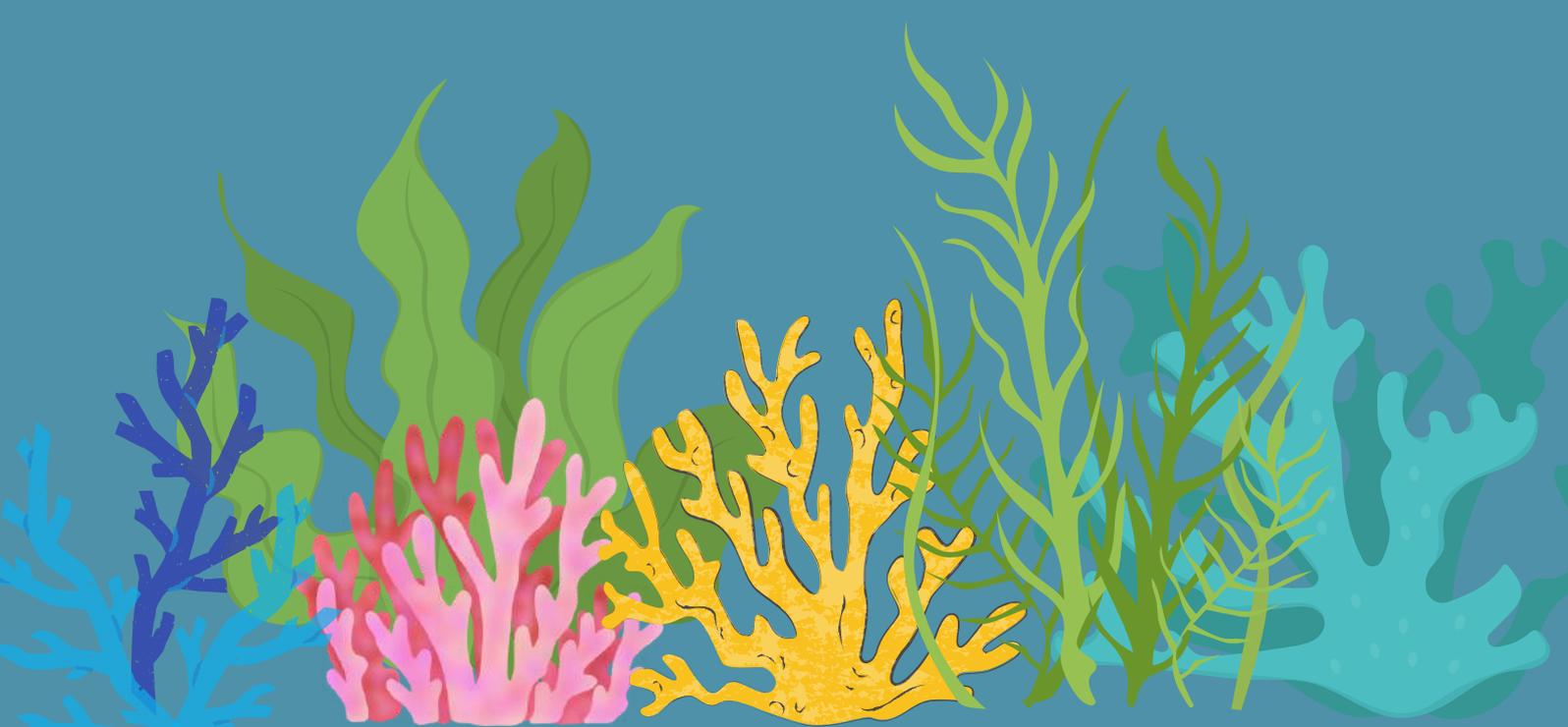
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*FOOD

*GAMES

*PRIZES



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



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](#)



Record-Breaking Flooding in Kenya

Recent floods have wreaked havoc in Kenya, causing death, destruction of homes, bursting bridges, and rendering main highways impassable.

In addition, more than 200 people have died, thousands have been displaced, and nearly 2,000 schools have been destroyed. All remaining schools have been shut down until further notice, while the schools on higher water table lands have become homes for internally displaced families. Flooding has especially affected the area around the town of Mai Mahui, in Nakuru County, where it has claimed the lives of at least fifty-two people, eighteen of whom were children. In Turkana, the main highway that connects Kitale and Lodwar was washed away amid the heavy rains.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read more!

Excerpts from:

SOME FRUITS OF SOLITUDE

Proverbs, Wisdom & Principles for Better Living

By: William Penn

NEW!



Quotes on Respect:

244- Neither make nor go to feasts, but let the laborious poor bless thee at home in their solitary cottages.

249- Too few know when they have enough; and fewer know how to employ it.

251- Act not the shark upon thy Neighbors; nor take advantage of the ignorance, prodigality or necessity of any one: For that is next door to fraud, and at best makes but an unblessed gain.

253- Never esteem any man, or thy self, the more for money; nor think the meaner of thy self or another for want of it: virtue being the just reason of respecting, and the want of it, of slighting any one.

254- A man like a watch, is to be valued for his goings.

256- Unless virtue guide us, our choice must be wrong.

QUAKER

QUESTIONS

NEW!

Taken from "Questions Quakers are Asking"

By: Seth B. Hinshaw

Some basic Quaker Freedoms:



Freedom to think:

Friends are free to think for themselves, in honesty and sincerity. This freedom is likely to be taken for granted, and therefore not fully appreciated.

Freedom to interpret Scripture:

Friends have no hierarchy or Authority figures who make pronouncements as to what individuals may believe. Each individual with his Bible and with the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit may seek for truth and light as it may be revealed to him.

Freedom to make moral decisions:

Friends respect the dignity of the individual before God, and the dignity of his conscience. Since no one is infallible, group wisdom and group guidance may be needed. Individuals have the responsibility of helping one another.

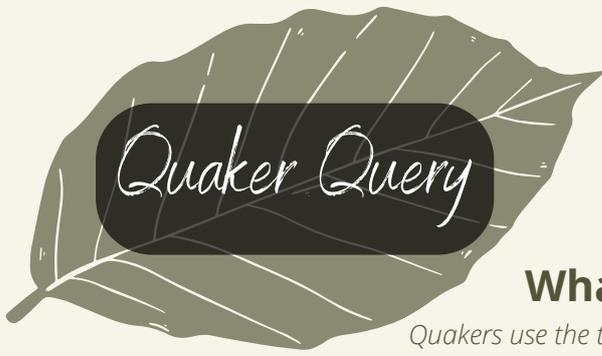
Individual Responsibility

One cannot rightly talk about freedom apart from responsibility.

The Quaker way is not an easy way. Apparently multitudes of people stand in dread of too much personal responsibility, and want some outside authority to tell them what to think, what to believe, and just what they may and may not do.

At any rate, religious freedom such as friends enjoy, is actually scarce in the world.

Some religious groups hold the dire threat of perdition over the heads of any who deviate in belief or action.



...for June



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...

Do you encourage in yourself and in others a habit of dependence on God's guidance for each day?

How can we make the meeting a community in which each person is accepted and nurtured, and strangers are welcome?

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

Meet our Missions

Samburu Friends Mission



The Samburu people are nomadic pastoralists who keep cattle, sheep, goats, camels, and donkeys. Recently, huge swaths of collectively-held range land in the Samburu region have been privatized, leading to extreme disruption of grazing and migration patterns. This, in turn, has led to an increase in violent conflict with neighboring communities. Education and literacy training for the Samburu are crucial at this time, as capable leadership is needed in negotiating these conflicts, and only 6% of Samburu adults have a secondary school education.

Building the Friends Church in Samburu involves building communities, not building buildings. As early Friends knew, it is the body of Christ that matters, not the building in which Christ is housed. Worship is often shared under a tree with indigenous songs, spirited dancing, and readings from the Bible.

To learn more [CLICK HERE.](#)



Prayer **CORNER**

How can we pray for you?

Prayer:

Pray for former pastor, Loyd Pugh, as he has entered hospice care with terminal cancer.

Praise:

Praise God for growth!
For physical & spiritual growth.

The growth that comes with the
changing seasons.

For the good fruit that comes from
growth.

May

RECAP

USFW Spring Conference

**Pictures from our NC USFW Spring Conference
May 18, 2024 at Quaker Lake**



**NC USFW President
Sherry Hylton**

**NC USFW members
Listening and
Learning**



**MORE Pictures
from our NC USFW
Spring Conference
May 18, 2024 at
Quaker Lake**



**FEMAP
Friends Material Assistance Program**

**Linda Kersey
“Read your ADVOCATE!”**

**MORE Pictures from our NC
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May 18, 2024 at Quaker Lake**



**Devotions
Edith Shepherd**



**Buying books ...
New 2024-25 USFWI Reading**



**Quaker Lake report
Heather Varner**



Music with Bob Spencer

QLC Golf Tournament

