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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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“TROUBLE OF SOUL CAN TEACH US THINGS
THAT RAPTURES NEVER COULD – NOT ONLY
PATIENCE AND PERSEVERANCE, BUT
HUMILITY AND SYMPATHY WITH OTHERS.”
~EDWARD GRUBB, 1933

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A Word of Devotion

FALL: DEATH MADE BEAUTIFUL

By: LAUREN PAVKOV

I love everything about the fall season. I love the smell and feel of it when the air turns cool and crisp. I love the sound of it when I walk through our woods and everything crunches. I love the taste of it in warm apple pies, hearty soups, and cinnamon spiced coffee. And I love the colors of fall... the corn fields all turned golden, the brilliant yellows, reds, and orange of leaves splashed against the backdrop of a grey blue sky...

My family has a good house for fall too (if that can be a thing). I say that because every wall in every room of our home has at least one large window, which in the summer makes it hotter and in the winter makes it colder – but in the fall... in the fall it simply means that no matter where we are in our home, we are never lacking for an incredible view of God's splendor.

However, as I sat admiring the work of His hand this morning... I thought, it's ironic that we admire the beauty of leaves most as they are dying. Death is rarely (if ever) something that we think of as beautiful. Yet as I looked at the magnificence of the dying leaves outside my window, I couldn't help but think of the parallel to our life in Christ. The amazing reality for believers is... that because of Christ's own glorious death (and resurrection), death for us has been made a beautiful thing.

Like Leaves in the Fall, We are Made Beautiful Through Our Death in Christ

As His redeemed we have no fear of death and can long for the day when we will see our Savior face to face. And for that reason, for us... to die is only gain (Philippians 1:21)! Beyond our physical death, however, there is a death we are called to in this life. A death to self. Like the leaves in fall, our lives grow ever more brilliant as we embrace the crucified life, dying to ourselves and reflecting the glory of the cross and Christ's resurrection.

Leaves in the fall must die, but in their death they are beautiful! Similarly, there is beauty in the crucified life.

A.W. Tozer describes this life in his book, *The Crucified Life*, as "a life wholly given over to the Lord in absolute humility and obedience: a sacrifice pleasing to the Lord".

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me:

and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20

A crucified life is a life in constant pursuit of Christ – a life always wanting to look more like Christ, think more like Christ, talk, act and love more like Christ. It is a wife humbly submitting to her husband, honoring and serving him because she knows it is that which magnifies Christ and the Church. It is a mom's selfless and continuous giving of her time, energy, attention, and self to love her children with patience, gentleness, and grace all to live out the Gospel to the little ones God has entrusted to her. It is a daughter honoring and respecting her parents because it is this that brings God delight. It is women clothed in strength and dignity and grace, walking in humility and faith... women who when they open their mouths, speak wisdom and teach kindness (Proverbs 31:25-26).

Exchanging Our Lives for His Grace.

It is a hard calling, but one that we are enabled to live by God's grace and Christ's power in us. Without Him it is impossible. Yet, as we abide in Christ and seek to be "wholly given over to the Lord in absolute humility and obedience" He will give us the strength to daily die to ourselves... to die to our own wants, needs, selfishness and pride – and joyfully reflect Christ in our whole surrender. For it was "for the joy set before Him" that Christ endured the cross (Hebrews 12:2).

And it is for the joy set before us that can willingly exchange our lives for His grace. The crucified life does not end until we are face to face with our Savior... but it is a life that does not disappoint. Just as people stop to marvel at the vibrant beauty of leaves in the fall, so also should others see our lives as followers of Christ as beautiful. Not because of anything of our own doing, but because of the way we pursue and reflect the glory of Christ's life in us... as we fade through our death to self and His glorious life to radiates more and more through us. To die to ourselves and wholly pursue Christ is always worth it all.



About the Author: Lauren is simply a daughter of a King who pursued her, broke her, and made her His own...and it is her prayer that her life is Christ's story magnified. After spending 2 1/2 years as a missionary in the Philippines, Lauren returned home and married her incredible husband, Luke. She is now a full-time wife and mama to their two precious children. Together, she and Luke seek to walk in the truth of John 15:5, knowing the power of abiding in the Lord's strength each day and that apart from Him we can do nothing.



Upcoming Events:

September 10th

10 AM- 2:30 PM

Blood Drive at Concord Friends

September 9th & 10th

9 AM- until

Work Day at Harmony Grove Friends

September 17

USFW Fall Annual Meeting

At Centre Friends

September 24-25

Somerton Friends

Celebration of 350 years

(more info pg 8)

September 25-30

FDS Trip

(more info pg 12)

October 1

Representative Body & Workshop

at Forbush Friends

9 AM

October 15

QLC Pumpkin Festival

2 PM - 6:30 PM

<https://www.quakerlakecamp.org/contact>

Check out the next few
pages for more
information about
these events



****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:

DON'T FORGET...

USFW Fall Annual Meeting
Saturday, September 17, 2022
to be held at Centre Friends Meeting.
You won't want to miss it!

The Program for our Annual Gathering will be presented by The North Carolina Friends Disaster Service. The NCFDS welcomes all volunteers. The Mission of FDS is:

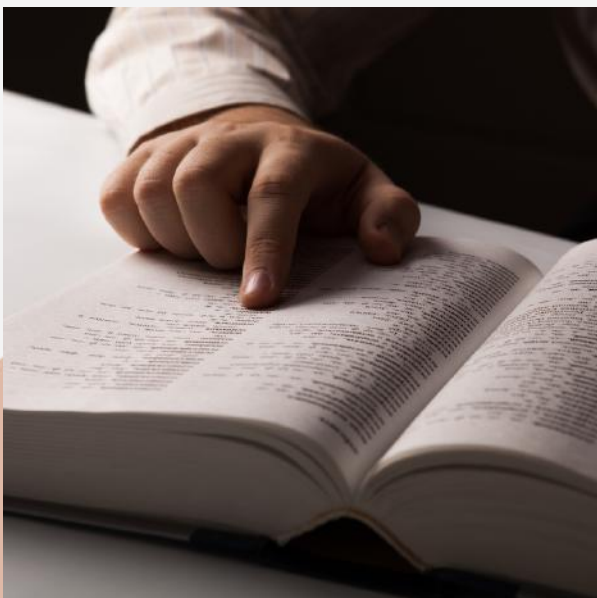
- To provide food, clothing, and shelter as resources are available to fellow human beings who are victimized by trouble or disaster.
- To provide labor, equipment and materials for rebuilding and restoring victims' homes and property.
- To demonstrate the love of Christ in such a way that others might seek Him as Lord.

If you cannot attend, please join us on YouTube. Paul Routh will be livestreaming from Centre.



REMINDER

[Log in HERE](#)



2022 Directory

Now 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!**

FEMAP Education Kits

School Year 2022-2023



School supplies are on sale in stores every where right now,
and that means it's times to put together FEMAP
educational kits again!

FEMAP welcomes your contributions of:

***Spiral Bound (70 pg) notebooks (wide ruled)**

***Pencil sharpeners**

***rulers**

***pencils (#2)**

***crayons**

All donations can be taken to the FEMAP office in the Allen
Jay House across from Springfield Friends Meeting in High
Point on Wednesdays from 10AM- 2PM

OR

Bring them to USFW fall conference



Revitalization Committee: Friends Church of North Carolina

Friends, for 350 years Friends Meeting have through our ministry sought "To know God and make Him known". This is not about Tradition, Culture, or Emotions it is the Revelation of truth revealed in the Word of God and the atonement of Jesus Christ. To do what is right you have to know what is right and that has to start from within each of us. Friends we cannot allow the world to distract us from our Fathers work ,which is Evangelizing a world that has lost direction .

Friends Church of North Carolina is a Christian organization that believes Jesus is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. In John 17, over and over in the space of only three verses Jesus emphasized unity, saying, "May they all be one, as You, Father, are in Me and I am in You. May they also be one in Us, so the world may believe You sent Me. I have given them the glory You have given Me. May they be one as We are one. I am in them and You are in Me. May they be made completely one, so the world may know You have sent Me and have loved them as You have loved Me" If unity is important to Jesus it should be important to us, friends it is time to get off the bench and into the game.

In an ideal world, everyone in FCNC should have the desire to be a thriving and successful group going forward. To do this, we must submit to a sense of God's vision allowing our Ministry to developing new goals and vision along the way. With our Lord's guidance our meetings should reflect a new purpose, allowing us to ENGAGE,EMPOWER, AND ENCOURAGE OTHERS. Will it be easy all the time, never is. I hope friends are encouraged with the work in the last year, many hours by several friends have gone into post Covid 19, reengaging Ministries within our Churches and the Communities they serve. As the body of Christ, we must be unified in our common mission. We have worked so hard to get here, let's be faithful and unite in ministry. It is my prayer that we will demonstrate and evangelize the Grace of Jesus, through our words and deeds as we move among our friends and neighbors this coming year.

*That brings us to this point, October 1, 2022 Representative Body will be held at Forbush Friends Meeting. There will be a very short business session starting at 9:00am followed by a workshop starting at 10:00am. There will be a morning an afternoon session both different, with a lunch between sessions. The workshop is sponsored by the Revitalization Committee. Dr. Darryl Bodie retired Director of Doctoral Studies Carolina Graduate School of Divinity will be our facilitator. The topic is; Revitalization through Evangelism Dr. Bodie has been sharing and teaching among Friends for several years and has a great ministry. His leading is from the Holy Spirit and has a very engaging personality with all groups. **This is your save the date reminder, please come if you can, a wealth of knowledge will be shared, that might change your world. Everything is FREE workshop and Lunch all we need is a number for food prep, please email Mike Fulp Sr, chickenhouse@yadtel.net or 336-469-1414.***

Presiding Clerk Ministry and Counsel FCNC

Registration for USFW Annual Gathering

NC USFW Annual Gathering at Centre Friends
Please clip and send by Sept 4, 2022

Name(s) _____

Meeting _____

Number of Lunches at \$ 12.50 each _____ **Total \$** _____

Please clip / mail with check written to: Friendly Workers Circle :

Centre Friends Meeting - FWC
PO Box 632 Randleman, NC 27317



9:00–10:00am

Registration and Bookstore with light refreshments

10:00 am – 12 noon

Welcome, Music, Business and Program

12:00 noon

Luncheon – catered lunch @\$12.50 each

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL

2PM - 6:30PM

10.15.22

QUAKER LAKE CAMP

PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

\$4 Admission Includes: Inflatables, Live Music, Canoeing, and Games for Kids of All Ages (with Prizes)

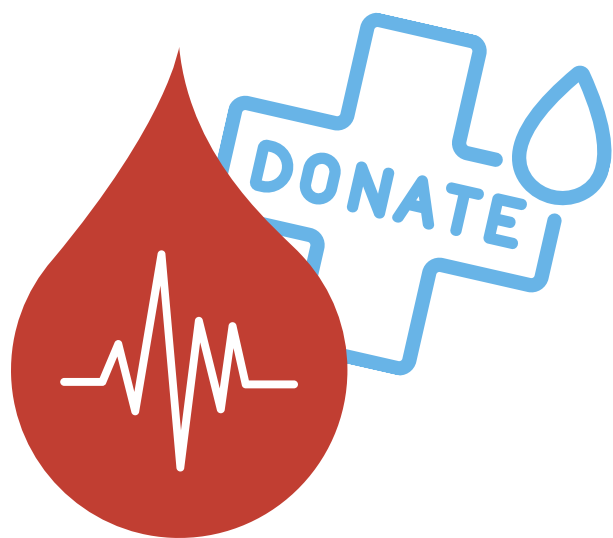
The Pumpkin Festival at Quaker Lake Camp offers many fun activities for all ages including hayrides, pumpkin painting, inflatables, canoeing, pumpkin smashing, and live music! Fill up on all your festival favorites including hot dogs, pizza, funnel cakes, popcorn, cotton candy, fried oreos and more!



~\$4 Admission, additional activities, and food are all cash only~

*Quaker Lake does NOT allow alcohol, tobacco products (including smokeless cigarettes), pets, or concealed weapons.

quakerlakecamp.org



Blood Drive *at Concord Friends*

September 10th

10 AM- 2:30 PM

Register [HERE](#) to donate!
Walk-ins also welcome!

5000 Old Randleman Rd.
Greensboro, NC 27406



North Carolina Friends Disaster Service

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Eastern N.C. Disaster Relief **September 25 - 30, 2022** **New Bern, North Carolina**

Earlier this year, we made two building trips to New Bern. In each of these trips, we saw there is still a need for volunteers to help with families dealing with homes damaged by multiple hurricanes. There are many families with no insurance or funds to repair their homes. These families are depending on volunteers to help them get their homes repaired. We committed to make another trip to New Bern in September to help additional families with desperately needed home repairs.

We will continue to work with the Baptists On Missions Disaster Group as we did in the spring. We will be staying at their New Bern Rebuild Center and they will be providing us with all our meals. 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-Coordination 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.

Plan on meeting Sunday afternoon, September 25 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



to Harmony Grove Friends

September 9th & 10th beginning at 9 AM
will be a work day at Harmony Grove
Friends Meeting!

We welcome anyone that can come to be
a part of this service.

If you have a large pickup that could haul
a piano and other materials to the dump
please drive that over.

If you have questions please feel free to
be in touch with me.

Blessings and see you soon!

Judy- jcritter@yadtel.net

Anniversary CELEBRATION 350 Years

Please join us to celebrate the 350th anniversary of
Somerton Friends Meeting

24th and 25th 9th Month 2022

5329 Quaker Drive
Suffolk, VA 23437

RSVP to Richard Wilcox at 757-719-3060
(mudlakefarms@yahoo.com) or Nancy Daughtery at
757-705-0979 (hollywood3204@gmail.com)

by 21st day 8th Month 2022

Please indicate number of adults and number of
children. For meetings, please indicate
approximate number of members attending.

Somerton Friends
September 24-25
350 years strong
celebration!



RSVP to: Richard Wilcox
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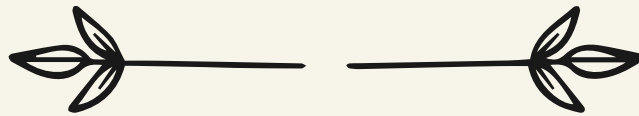
Nancy Daughtery
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QUAKERS IN

HISTORY

Mary Hughes 1860-1941

Below you will find pages dedicated to the memory of Mary Hughes from
"The book of Christian discipline of the Yearly Meeting of the Religious
Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain"



Mary Hughes (1860–1941) was a daughter of Judge Thomas Hughes, author of *Tom Brown's Schooldays*. In her late thirties she started to live in the East End of London. She identified herself completely with those around her, sharing their poverty, their privations and their lack of opportunities for cleanliness.

She joined the Society of Friends in 1918 and Friends long remembered the stirring of conscience that was felt in Yearly Meeting when her white-haired, red-cloaked figure was present:

The longest journey Mary Hughes made was in spiritual conception. In her youth she took part in work on behalf of the poor and unfortunate. You drove to that work in a carriage and when the work was done you drove back to a beautiful house... Mary Hughes was never a one for condemning the way in which other people lived their lives; she was too busy with the way in which she chose to lead her own.

If she had ever consciously wondered why this way, which she saw in her youth, was not satisfactory to her, she could have found the answer ... in those words when the work was done. It became clear to her that what she had to do could never be done, not even for an hour. Her life itself must be her work, but it could be her work only if it were lived in the appropriate circumstances. She didn't want to visit the poor. She wanted to be with the poor and to be poor herself...

She had no set schemes. She founded no institution. Neither did Jesus... 'He went about doing good.' So did Mary Hughes... It was a question of being rather than of doing. You trusted to the contagion of goodness rather than to homily or sermon. Necessarily, such a personality, linked as it was to endless sources of spiritual strength, became a magnet, and there again one hears the echo of an old phrase: 'I will draw all men unto Me.' As this magnet drew the poor and dispossessed, there was plenty to do; and Mary Hughes went about the doing of it in her own idiosyncratic way... She never turned down man or woman who had duped or bamboozled her. It was in the nature of things that the world contained sinners, and she wished above all to live close to the nature of things. This she could confidently do because of her belief that the overriding reality is spiritual. She would have thought herself most faithless if a few sinners had shaken her... Burning with shame, radiant with love, she set her course and followed it... The whole point of her life will be missed unless we can share her faith that 'the things that are seen are temporal, the things that are unseen are eternal'. Looked at from that point of view, this shabby and sometimes verminous woman becomes one of the few, 'of whom the world is not worthy'.

Howard Spring, 1949



FUM UPDATE



Getry Agizah

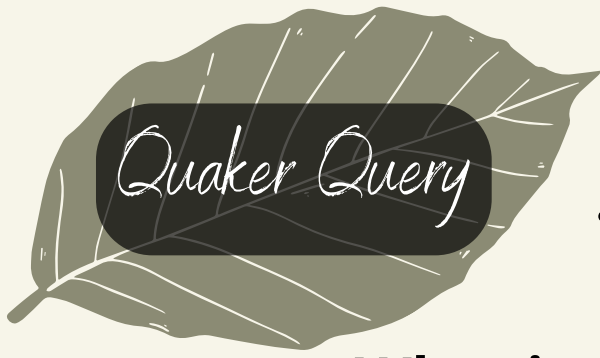
Getry Agizah, who has long served as Coordinator for Friends Church Team, is now the Programme Coordinator in the Africa Ministry Office. She continues her peace work and oversees the Girl Child Education Programme and FUM's relationship with Turkana and Samburu missions.

Getry has worked hard to prepare for another contentious election in Kenya. She describes a pattern in which there may be less ethnic tension than previously but in which there is rising tension between socioeconomic classes.

Political narratives originating in the US contribute to political tensions in Kenya, which has led to a rise in inflammatory rhetoric. The isolation and economic instability of the Covid-19 crisis has caused an increase in sexual and gender-based violence.

Getry has worked with yearly meeting leaders to discover potential hot spots and organize community conversations, particularly with identified agitators and those vulnerable to the influence of agitators. She engages directly with such individuals about the Quaker peace testimony and equipping them in alternative ways to respond to political tension. As of this writing the election results have been contested. Odinga supporters who are contesting the results battled police and burned tires in Kisumu and in the Kibera slum in Nairobi. Calm returned by the next day. Kenya's Supreme Court is deciding the winner.





...for September

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 I make my home a place of friendliness, joy, and peace, where residents and visitors feel God's presence?
- Do we provide our children and young adults with a framework for active, ongoing participation in the Meeting?

Social Media

Comm-Tech Committee



Hello from your FCNC Comm-Tech Committee!

You are currently reading the 10th issue of "Bearing Fruit"! We've heard plenty of good feed-back over the past 10 months, and we are so glad you've been enjoying the encouraging stories, news, events, information and more. So many of you have reached out with information, stories and content in general; it's been awesome!

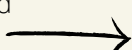
...BUT

There is always room for improvement!

We want to hear from YOU! What are some key categories that you would like to see in "Bearing Fruit"? Are there subjects that could make it more informative? More interesting? More educational? As you read over this issue and even past issues, look over them and ask yourself, "What is missing?" and then... LET US KNOW!

I (Jenny Gullion) would love to get an e-mail from you! Whether you are the head of a committee, a Pastor, a youth leader, maintenance person or simply someone's grandma; we can't wait to hear from you!

Click here to send
me an e-mail



jenny@friendschurchnc.org

Meet our Missions

-Turkana Friends Mission-



The Turkana people are semi-nomadic animal herders who are particularly vulnerable to drought and food insecurity, as well as to violent conflict with neighboring people-groups. Only 3% of Turkana adults have a secondary school education.

Turkana County in northwest Kenya is a desert landscape. As part of their daily life, girls and women walk great distances to fetch water. One priority of the Turkana Friends Mission is providing access to water through boreholes, tanks, and biosand water filters. Once water becomes accessible in a community, girls can pursue education at school. The Mission operates three primary schools and four nursery schools.

In addition to water access and education, the Mission offers adult literacy classes, training in small business development, women's self-help groups (in partnership with Right Sharing of World Resources), refugee ministries, peace building (in partnership with Friends Church Peace Team).

Kakuma Refugee Camp, one of the UN's largest camps in Africa, is located in Turkana County. Turkana Friends Mission oversees the Kakuma Friends Church, whose members come from many other African countries.

FUM's financial support of Turkana Friends Mission helps pay the salaries of pastors, evangelists, teachers, church planters, and support staff. The mission owns several properties which generate revenue for the ministry, and they are planning to build a retreat/conference center to further diversify the mission's income and decrease dependence on donors. Under the direction of the TFM Board, John Moru Losike serves as Director of Turkana Friends Mission. He is the first Turkanan to hold this position.

Other Ways You Can Give

- Assist with general operating of the mission
- Contribute to the Girl-Child-Education fund
- Support FUM's clean water initiatives





Prayer **CORNER**

SINCE THIS IS A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER, THIS PRAYER REQUEST SECTION MAY NOT BE AS THOROUGH AS WE WOULD LIKE, AND I'M SURE MANY REQUESTS WILL WILL COME UP BETWEEN NEWSLETTERS.

BUT THE LORD KNOWS!

WE WILL TRY TO UPDATE WITH REQUESTS AND PRAISE REPORTS IN THE FOLLOWING ISSUE.

THAT BEING SAID, PLEASE LET US KNOW OF ANY PRAYER REQUESTS THAT WE SHOULD BE BRINGING BEFORE GOD TOWARD THE END OF EACH MONTH.

Prayer:

Please pray for Viola Britt,
who is still in the hospital
with pneumonia.



Pray for our shut-ins across
FCNC.

Pray for strength and
encouragement for them.

Praise:

Praise God for a break
through for Ray Lamb!!
He has been able to walk
and has improved much
recently!

August RECAP

Annual Sessions 2022

And it's a wrap! Many of you were able to attend Annual Sessions 2022, but for those who were unable to attend, here are a few pictures!

Trio from Friends Church Baltimore



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Bob & Hope Carter Spoke



Recording Ceremony for Sterling Brown



Kenyan group from Friends Church Baltimore who wish to join with FCNC



Brenda McKinney Clerk



Dianne Faisen-Mckenzie portrayed Harriet Tubman on Saturday night



Western Quarter Revival

Aug. 13-17 held at Concord Friends Church



Musician Robin Williams



Pastor David Hobson (Rocky River)



Pastor Greg Creed (Concord)
presided and prayed



Trio from Concord



Ice Cream sharing after final service