

BEARING FRUIT

The Official Newsletter of Friends Church North Carolina

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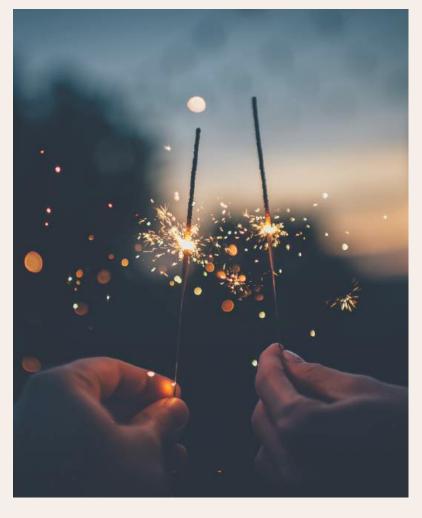
WELCOME!

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



"Our life is love, and peace, and tenderness; and bearing one with another, and forgiving one another, and not laying accusations one against another; but praying one for another, and helping one another up with a tender hand."

-Isaac Pennington



A Word of Devotion:

CALLED TO FREEDOM

By: Lysa TerKeurst



'So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed!' -John 8:36 Labels are awful. They imprison us in categories that are hard to escape. Maybe you are familiar with labels too ...

I am a wreck.

I am a people-pleaser.

I am unglued.

I am an insecure mess.

And the list goes on.

With all the struggles my family has been through this past year, it's hard to look at social media and not feel the weight of life looking so different than I thought it would.

I labeled our situation as a mess and then resigned myself to never feeling normal again.

But one day, I found hope in an unexpected memory that came to mind.

I don't often visit museums. However, I'd read some fascinating facts about Michelangelo's David, and made it my mission several years ago to go and see the original at the Accademia Gallery in Florence, Italy.

Sources say the artist never left his David. For more than two years, he worked on and slept beside the 6-ton slab of marble whose subject called to him from inside the unchiseled places. When at last the 17-foot David emerged, Michelangelo is reported to have said, "I saw the angel in the marble and carved until I set him free." When asked how he made his statue, Michelangelo answered, "It is easy. You just chip away the stone that doesn't look like David." After a two-hour wait in a long line of tourists, I was about to see it for myself. I stopped just inside the narrow corridor, still 30 feet from the David. This was not where everyone else wanted to stop, and so I caused a bit of a traffic jam.

I understood why everyone rushed past me. Why would anyone stop to stare at the unfinished sculptures lining the hallway? Why attend to blocks of stone with roughly hewn, half-completed figures when sculpted perfection stands just a short walk away? Who would stop?

A woman captivated by seeing her interior reality vividly depicted in stone, that's who. I stood in the shadow of one of the unfinished sculptures that's part of this collection aptly titled Prisoners. And I stared.

I tilted my head and let it soak in. This less-noticed sculpture was me — an unfinished prisoner locked inside my self-imposed labels.

Then, I turned and looked down the corridor at the David, the statue fully chiseled by a master artist. As I walked toward it, I whispered, "O God, chisel me. I don't want to be locked in my hard perceptions forever. I want to be all that You have in mind for me to be."

It is beautiful when the Master chisels. God doesn't want us to label ourselves and stay stuck. But He does want to make us aware of the chiseling that needs to be done. So, instead of condemning myself with statements like, I'm such a mess, I could say, Let God chisel. Let Him work on my hard places so I can leave the dark places of being stuck and come into the light of who He designed me to be.

God is calling us out — out of darkness, out from those places we thought would never get better, out of being stuck. And with His call comes His promise that He will complete the good work He began in us. (Philippians 1:6)



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

<u>Upcoming Events:</u>

"SAVE THE DATE"

ANNUAL NC USFW GATHERING

AT DEEP RIVER FRIENDS

SEPTEMBER 13TH 2025

RECURRING MOVIE NIGHT

JUNE-OCTOBER

(SEE FLYER BELOW FOR MORE INFO)

© ROCKY RIVER FRIENDS MEETING

CONCORD FRIENDS MEETING
VBS JULY 20TH-24TH
6PM-8:30PM
(SEE FLYER BELOW FOR MORE INFO)

CENTRE FRIENDS MEETING
FCNC MINISTRY & COUNSEL MEETING
JULY 26TH AT 9AM
FOCUS: ONE ACTION ITEM FOR ANNUAL SESSIONS
AND SETTING ACTION STEPS FROM THE
"ITS TIME TO TALK" GATHERING.
CONTACT TOMMY SLUDER, 336-580-0947
FOR MORE INFO

CONCORD FRIENDS MEETING
JULY 26TH FROM 5PM-7PM
SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER
(SEE FLYER BELOW FOR MORE INFO)

SCIENCE HILL FRIENDS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 7TH
FROM 1:30PM-4:30PM
BIBLICAL NUTRITIONAL TALK
(SEE FLYER BELOW FOR MORE INFO)

USFWI INC ART CONTEST
DEADLINE: AUGUST 30TH
(FOR MORE INFO SEE FLYER BELOW)



AUGUST 8 & 9

ANNUAL SESSIONS @ QLC
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JULY 28TH
(SEE FLYER BELOW FOR MORE DETAILS)

THE LINKS PROVIDED BELOW WILL ALLOW YOU TO REGISTER AND WILL ALSO TAKE YOU TO MORE INFORMATION, INCLUDING A SCHEDULE! ADULT REGISTRATION WEBPAGE:

CLICK HERE

YOUTH REGISTRATION WEBPAGE:

If you have any announcements

Let us know at

iennv@friendschurchnc.org

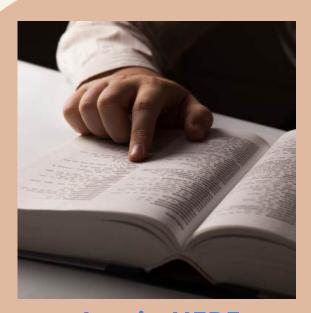


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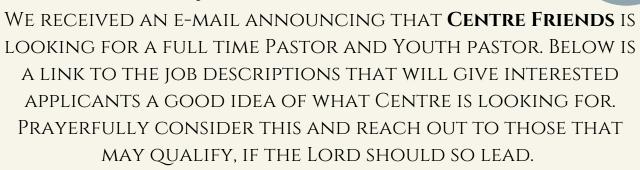


Log in HERE

There was a possible data breech in our directory. Therefore the password has been changed. Please reach out to Paul Routh to learn how to regain access.

paul@friendschurchnc.org

In Search of a Pastor for Centre Friends



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







IN SEARCH

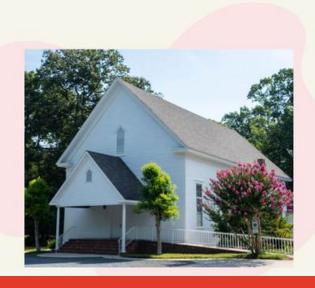
of a full time Pastor Centre Friends Meeting

> 325 HWY 62 E Greensboro, NC

Centre Friends Meeting is searching for a full time Pastor. Check out the Pastor job description on their website.

https://www.centrefriends.org

Send resume to:
Centre Friends Meeting Ministry and Counsel
Attn: Julie Hatchel, Clerk
PO Box 632
Randleman, NC 27317
julie@asheborolawyer.com



POSITION FILLED!!

Science Hill Friends Meeting

ALVIN BATTLE HAS ACCEPTED THE CALL TO SERVE AS INTERIM PASTOR UNTIL ANDY GARNER IS TO BECOME OUR FULL TIME PASTOR IN AUGUST!



Join us for a moive and popcorn the first Saturday of each month starting at dusk around 8:30pm







Rocky River Friends Meeting





Job Posting Part-Time Pastor

Mar Mac Friends Meeting 1954 Old Grantham Road Goldsboro, NC 27530

Mar Mac Friends Meeting is seeking to fill the position of a Part-Time Pastor. We are an evangelical, conservative Quaker Meeting in rural Wayne County, North Carolina. We are a member of Contentnea Quarterly Meeting, Friends Church of North Carolina and Friends United Meeting.

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 Friend Church of NC Faith and Practice
- Previous training and/or experience as a pastor
- Recorded as a Quaker minister is desired.

A more detailed job description is available if requested.

If interested please contact:

Connie Seymour, Clerk of Ministry and Counsel 116 Perkins Drive Goldsboro, NC 27530

919-922-0441 email: connieseymour@msn.com

Rocky River Friends Meeting

1795 Staley Snow Camp Rd. Siler City, NC 27344

Job Description for Pastor of Rocky River Friends Meeting

Rocky River Friends Meeting Vision/Mission Statement:

- -To tell the story of Jesus based on his teachings
- -To further the work of Christ in the world
- -To encourage and treat all human beings with love, dignity, and respect through humanitarian service and social justice
- -To promote peace in the world

Pastor Job Description:

-The pastor's primary concern should be the spiritual well-being and growth of the Meeting's members and prospective members

Desired Qualifications:

- -Knowledge and understanding of Quaker history
- -A belief in Jesus Christ, having accepted him as Savior and Lord
- -An understanding and agreement with FCNC(Friends Church of North Carolina)
- -Training and/or experience as a pastor

Responsibilities:

- -Leading people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ
- Responsible for all Sunday morning services bringing Biblical and practical messages to the congregation each week
- -Attend and participate in the Meeting's activities other than the Sunday morning service
- -Available to perform special services, including weddings and funerals
- -Provide support for members as needed and visitation of shut-ins, people in the hospital and in nursing home facilities as well as those in crisis situations
- -Participate and support activities of Western Quarterly Meeting and FCNC
- *Compensation package will be commiserate with education and experience.
- *Persons interested in this position should send resume in PDF to:

dallasavestal@yahoo.com

Dallas Brooks, Clerk of Ministry and Counsel

Rocky River Friends Meeting



The Quaker organizations Right Sharing of World Resources is hiring a <u>Director of Community Development</u>. We are looking for a trainer or facilitator with cross-cultural and management experience who is called to partner with women in improving their lives. Remote, full-time. Open until filled.

The Quaker organization Right Sharing of World Resources is hiring an Executive Assistant. We are looking for a detail-oriented person who likes to improve administrative systems; who enjoys working independently and as part of a team; who wants to contribute to global equity. Remote, 28 hours/week.







Job Description for Pastor of Randleman Friends Meeting

Randleman Friends Meeting is a traditional programmed Quaker meeting that also incorporates elements of un-programmed worship.

The pastor's primary focus is the spiritual well-being and growth of the Meeting's members and prospective members.

The pastor reports to Ministry and Council and the Monthly Meeting and adheres to guidelines presented in FCNC (Friends Church of North Carolina) Faith and Practice.

Desired Qualities:

- Energetic and motivational
- Knowledge and understanding of Quaker history
- Applies Quaker practice, testimonies, and doctrine in messages and in life specifically peace, equality, and continuing revelation
- · Interest in growth of the meeting
- Interest in Missions
- Provides thought provoking, challenging messages
- Incorporates logic and reason in decision making
- Positive and cooperative leadership

Responsibilities:

- Provide leadership and spoken messages for Sunday morning worship services
- · Oversee special services, including weddings and funerals, as needed
- · Attend and participate in the Meeting's activities
- Support Monthly Meeting committees
- Provide contact and visitation with members and prospective members
- Provide support for members as needed
- Participate and support activities of Southern Quarterly Meeting and FCNC

Persons interested in this position should send resume to randlemanfriendsmeeting@gmail.com

DEEP CREEK FRIENDS MEETING PASTOR JOB DESCRIPTION

Overview

This is a full-time pastor position. The pastor reports to and is subject to the oversight of Ministry & Counsel. The pastor is primarily responsible for the spiritual well-being and growth of the whole church and its prospective members. Bi-vocational applicants are encouraged to apply.

Application Instructions

To apply for the pastor position at Deep Creek Friends Meeting, submit a résumé to:

Angie Brendle

angiebre25@gmail.com

(336) 244-8791

Applicants will receive an email indicating receipt of their application materials. Once materials have been reviewed, applicants should expect an email if they are eligible for an interview(s)

Compensation and Benefits

This is a salaried position. The salary range is \$50,000 to \$58,000. Salary will be determined commensurate with the applicant's qualifications. The pastor will be provided a 6% IRA contribution. Housing is available for the pastor near the meeting. The pastor will receive two weeks of paid vacation per year, which is nontransferable from year to year. The pastor will have opportunities each year to attend Christian conferences/retreats, which are to be paid for by Deep Creek Friends Meeting in accordance with the approved annual budget.

Minimum Qualifications

- · Possess a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, having accepted Him as Lord and Savior
- A call to the pastorate and the desire for personal growth and development in
- The ability to clearly articulate the Christian faith for the whole church and prospective members
- An understanding of the Friends Church of North Carolina (FCNC) Faith and Practice, or a willingness to learn
- The ability to establish and maintain an effective working relationship with other staff and Ministry & Counsel

DEEP CREEK FRIENDS MEETING

PASTOR JOB DESCRIPTION

- · Recorded, ordained, or equivalent, and if not, willingness to become recorded as a pastor
- A high school diploma or equivalent
- A valid driver's license in the State of North Carolina
- · Pass a background check

Preferred Qualifications

- · An educational background in ministry, including but not limited to, seminary
- Pastoral experience in the church setting

Basic Responsibilities

- · Responsible for all Sunday morning worship services
- Responsible for all Wednesday Night Bible Studies
- Be present at church functions and outings to build and strengthen relationships with members of the congregation
- Be available by phone for contact and ministry needs
- Be available and willing to perform weddings and funeral services
- · Participate in visitation of shut-ins, hospital patients, nursing home residents, and others in crisis situations
- · 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
- · Maintain confidentiality of members as they share personal burdens and
- · Support and build up existing church leadership through prayer and encouragement while mentoring potential leaders
- · Meet once per month with other church ministerial staff
- Attend Ministry & Counsel Meetings each month
- Attend churchwide business meetings
- Prepare and present a Ministry Activity Report each month to Ministry & Counsel

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DEEP CREEK FRIENDS MEETING YOUTH MINISTER JOB DESCRIPTION

Overview

This is a part-time (15-20 hours per week) youth minister position. The youth minister reports to the Christian Education Committee. The youth minister is responsible for providing spiritual leadership, mentorship, and support to the middle school and high school youth of Deep Creek Friends Meeting. This position will involve fostering a welcoming environment for young people to grow in their Christian faith and to become committed followers of Jesus Christ who participate in worship, fellowship, and discipleship.

Application Instructions

To apply for the position of a part-time youth minister at Deep Creek Friends Meeting, submit the following:

- A current resume that includes your qualifications and work history;
- 2) A list of three non-family references to speak to your character and work performance;
- A typed statement detailing:
 a. Your relationship with Jesus Christ;
 - b. Your desire to be a youth minister; and
 - Any other information you deem relevant and want to share; and
- 4) One typed lesson plan for a youth meeting one hour in length.

These materials should be submitted via email to

jcbrendle0812@email.campbell.edu AND randrmoran@gmail.com. Once materials have been reviewed, you should expect an email response indicating receipt of your materials. If eligible for an interview(s), you should expect a phone call. Appropriate steps will then be taken to schedule a time and place for the interview(s).

Compensation and Benefits

This is a salaried position. Salary will be determined commensurate with education and experience. The youth minister will receive 20 hours of vacation time/personal time per year (equivalent to one week per year), which is nontransferable from year to year. Additionally, the youth minister will have off any days the church is closed for approved holidays or inclement weather. The youth minister will have opportunities each year to attend Christian conferences/retreats which are to be paid for by Deep Creek Friends Meeting in accordance with the approved annual budget.

Minimum Qualifications

- An active and growing relationship with Jesus Christ
- · The ability to articulate clearly the Christian faith

- A call to youth ministry
- The ability to establish and maintain an effective working relationship with other staff and the Christian Education Committee
- A high school diploma or equivalent
- Experience working with youth and children
- 21 years of age
- Must have a valid driver's license in the state of North Carolina
- Must pass a background check

eferred Qualifications

- An educational background in ministry
- Experience in youth ministry, children's ministry, and/or Christian education
- Experience in planning and executing events and programs
- Experience in public speaking

asic Responsibilities

- Youth Ministry
 - o Lead and coordinate weekly youth meetings for two age groups:
 - Third through sixth grade
 - Seventh through twelfth grade
 - o Develop Bible-based lessons and activities that nurture spiritual growth
 - Provide mentorship to youth members
 - Provide support for youth members and their families
 - 0 Encourage youth participation in church services, ministries, and outreach
 - Plan and execute a Christmas program each year involving the youth
 - Plan and execute one youth outing per quarter
 - Plan and execute one youth service project per quarter Attend Christian Education Committee meetings (one per month)
 - Timely submit articles and relevant activities for publication in the church newsletter
 - Contribute to the growth of the youth ministry by maintaining relationship with current youth members and building connection with prospective youth members
- · Missions and Outreach
 - Organize and/or participate in youth mission trips and service projects
 Work with other staff and the Christian Education Committee to plan
 - and execute Vacation Bible School
 - Support additional events sponsored by Christian Education Committee including but not limited Easter events and Trunk n' Treat
- Church Involvement and Collaboration
 Attend Sunday School and Sunday Worship each week
 - o Attend Wednesday Night Bible Study each week
 - Attend church-wide business meetings (one per month)
 - Communicate regularly with the congregation about youth meetings, activities, events, and projects
 - Support other church activities and events 0



Concord Friends Meeting

QUAKER MEN & USFW LADIES ARE HOSTING A FUNDRAISER



WE ARE HAVING A SPAGHETTI AND SALAD FUNDRAISER DINNER FOR THE HUMBLE FAMILY TO HELP OFFSET THE COSTS THEY HAVE INCURRED BETWEEN LIZ'S COLON CANCER TREATMENTS AND MICKEY'S HEART FAILURE SURGERIES.

DESSERTS BY THE USFW LADIES!
"DONATIONS ONLY"

SATURDAY JULY 26TH FROM 5-7 PM



CONCORD FRIENDS MEETING 5000 OLD RANDLEMAN RD. GREENSBORO, NC 27406











Science Hill Friends Meeting 2421 Lassiter Mill Road Asheboro, NC 27205

invites you to a presentation by Annette Reeder, the Biblical Nutritionist Sunday afternoon Sept. 7, 2025 1:30 - 4:30 pm with breaks including light refreshments

Annette Reeder is on a mission to share with you God's recipe for excellent health for the family

Annette holds a B.S. in Nutrition plus a Diploma of Biblical Studies. She has been studying food, nutrition and medical science for over 30 years. "I am here for one purpose, to awaken you to the simple vibrant health that God has designed for you!"

> If you don't take care of your Health who will? If not now, when?

ART CONTEST Sponsored by the United Society of Friends Women International, Inc.

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"FLOURISHING IN FAITH, LOVE AND



Design the cover of the 2026-2027 Blueprints using Psalm 143:8

PEACE"

ONE GRAND PRIZE:

\$100 AND ARTWORK WILL BE USED AS COVER FOR THE 2026-2027 BLUEPRINTS

PRIZES FOR EACH AGE GROUP:

- FIRST PRIZE \$75
- SECOND PRIZE \$50
- THIRD PRIZE \$25

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 30, 2025

Contest Rules:

- · Artist must attend a Friends Meeting (Church) or School
- Two age groups: 5-12 & 13-18
- Artwork must be 8 1/2" x 11" portrait orientation
- Use pencil or black ink (no color)
- Only one entry per participant

Mail or hand deliver to any Executive Committee member or mail to: Rita Mintmier, 6354 Lewis Davis Road, Randleman, NC 27317 USA



Hope, Healing, and Witness in East Africa

Friends in East Africa are offering hope to children seeking safety and education, healing and reconciling communities, and bearing witness to the possibilities of peace. Join Getry Agizah, Programme Officer for Friends United Meeting, to learn more and offer support.

In addition, July 3–22, New York Yearly Meeting Friends are offering twenty-three different Virtual Interest Groups to the New York Yearly Meeting community, covering a broad range of subjects and experiences.



CLICK HERE to read more!

Meet our Missions Cuba





Cuba Friends is a small, vibrant and rapidly-growing group of Friends who are busy ministering to their communities and establishing a vision for outreach to others. Through FUM's Living Letters program, visitors from across our global fellowship make twice-annual trips to learn from, work alongside and fellowship with Cuban Quakers. With continuing restrictions on travel to Cuba, these trips provide life-sustaining and spirit-nurturing connections for everyone involved. In addition, FUM partners with the Cuban Quaker Peace Institute, a training center for pastors and other leaders, teaching Quaker theology and history, Bible, and peacemaking.

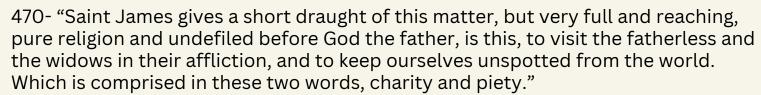
Excerpts from: Some Fruits of

SOLITUDE

Proverbs, Wisdom & Principles for Better Living By: William Penn

Quotes on

"Religion":



471- "They that truly make these their aim, will find them their attainment; and with them, the Peace that follows so excellent a condition."

472- "Amuse not thyself therefore with the numerous opinions of the world, nor value by self upon verbal orthodoxy, philosophy, or the skill in tongues, or knowledge of the fathers; (too much the business and vanity of the world) but in this rejoice, that thou knowest God, that is the Lord, who exerciseth loving kindness and judgment and righteousness in the Earth."



FCNC BOOKSTORE

HIGHLIGHTS

In this portion of the newsletter we will highlight books that can be purchased through the FCNC online bookstore! A link will be provided where you may purchase your own copy and add to your library at home!

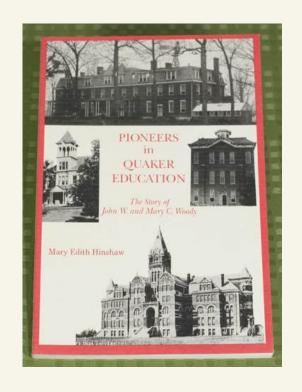
Pioneers in Quaker Education: The Story of John W. and Mary C. Woody

By: Mary Edith Hinshaw

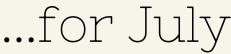
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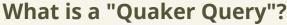
Pioneers in Quaker Education: The Story of John W. and Mary C. Woody (1992).

A granddaughter tells the story of a couple instrumental in the founding of six Quaker colleges.









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 cherish an understanding and forgiving spirit? Do you avoid unkind gossip and the spreading of rumour? Do you avoid damaging the reputation of others? Do you cultivate an appreciation of each individual's worth?

-Quakers in Ireland Religeous Society of Friends

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 <u>HERE</u>)
- 2) follow FCNC's Facebook Page (click HERE)
- 3) join FCNC's Facebook group (click <u>HERE</u>)

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



Le How can we pray for you?

Prayer:

Don't hesitate to reach out and let us know how we can pray for you!

- -Individual needs
- -Meeting needs
- -Social concerns
- -Spiritual Concerns

Nothing is too big or too small for God!

jenny@friendschurchnc.org

Praise:

Thank God for true friends. Community. Church family. Coworkers. Neighbors. Community Service members.

A friend loves at all times Proverb 17:17 ESV



QLC 75th Anniversary

Quaker Lake Camp celebrated 75 years of camping on Saturday with over 600 people coming out for an afternoon of camp activities. Thanks to everyone who joined us! We loved seeing campers, staff and friends of QLC from the 1950s through today. Attendees enjoyed canoeing, swimming, hiking, making friendship bracelets, singing camp songs, and worshipping around the camp fire. We're excited for the next 75 years!

CLICK HERE to follow QLC on Facebook and to see more pictures of this event.

















Visit to Goldsboro Friends

Superintendent Mike Wall was able to visit with Goldsboro Friends on May 11^{th} 2025



Pastor Tim Grant preaches



Persons present on a Rainy Day



Visit to Rocky River Friends

June 29th Superintendent, Mike Wall, was able to visit with Rocky River Friends for David Hobson's Retirement service. Worship at Rocky River Friends was David Hobson's final service as pastor after 30 years!



A nearly full parking lot!



David greets folks who are coming in.



The church was nearly full!



Thank you for 30 years of service and ministry in the church and community