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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](mailto:jenny@friendschurchnc.org)





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A Poem of Devotion:  
**THE BLESSING  
OF SPRING**

By: Deborah Ann Belka

**THERE ARE MANY BLESSINGS,  
THAT EACH NEW SPRING BRINGS  
YOU CAN SEE IT BLOOM ABOUT  
AND HEAR THE SONG IT SINGS.**

**WITH WINTERS BLEAKNESS OVER,  
AND BRIGHTER DAYS AHEAD  
COMES PROMISES OF NEW LIFE  
SPRINGTIME LOVES TO SPREAD.**

**AS GOD UNFOLDS THE FLOWERS,  
AND THEIR BUDS BEGIN TO SHOW  
HE GIVES TO US THE ASSURANCE  
GRACE IN OUR HEARTS WILL GROW.**

**HE SENDS US THE ROBIN'S SONG,  
WITH THE PROMISE TO PROVIDE  
A SHELTER UNDER HIS MIGHTY WING  
WHERE IN HIS LOVE WE CAN ABIDE.**

**HE MELTS THE SNOWY COVERS,  
AND SENDS THE REFRESHING RAIN  
SPRINKLING US WITH HIS MERCIES  
TO HEAL WINTER'S ACHE AND PAIN.**

**GOD'S GIVEN TO ALL HIS SON,  
TO SHED UPON US A NEW LIGHT  
AND THE REAL BLESSING OF SPRING ...  
IS KEEPING JESUS IN OUR SIGHT!**





## Upcoming Events:

**MARCH 5-8 2026  
FCNC YOUTH PASTORS RETREAT**

**MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> 2026  
MID YEAR GATHERING  
AT CEDAR SQUARE FRIENDS  
@10AM**

**MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> 2026  
CENTREFRIENDS COUNTRY BREAKFAST  
7AM-10AM**

**MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> 2026  
QLC FLASH LIGHT EASTER EGG HUNT  
[CLICK HERE](#) FOR INFO & REGISTRATION**

**MARCH 22-27TH, 2026  
FDS TRIP TO WESTERN NC  
FOR DISASTER RELIEF  
OF HURRICANE HELENE**

**MARCH 28TH 2026  
EASTER EGG HUNT  
WITH CONCORD FRIENDS  
@11 AM  
(MORE INFO BELOW)**

**MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup> 2026  
CENTRE FRIENDS EASTER EGG HUNT  
11:30AM- 1PM**

**APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup> 2026  
CENTRE FRIENDS  
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE @6PM**

**APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> 2026  
CENTRE FRIENDS  
SUNRISE SERVICE & BREAKFAST @7PM**

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

**APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup> -26<sup>TH</sup> 2026  
"BOLD" YOUNG FRIENDS SPRING RETREAT  
@ FT CASWELL  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 20TH  
[CLICK HERE](#) TO REGISTER NOW!**

latest  
**NEWS**

**MAY 2ND 2026  
USFW SPRING CONFERENCE  
CHECKIN STARTS: 9AM  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 20TH  
(MORE INFORMATION BELOW)**

If you have any announcements

Let us know at

[jenny@friendschurchn.org](mailto:jenny@friendschurchn.org)

\*\*Attention Committee Members\*\*

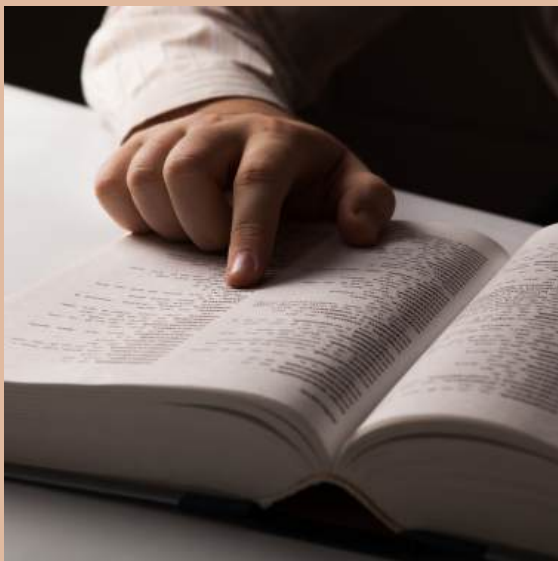
Don't forget to let us know if there is any upcoming dates we should add to our newsletter by the 20th of each month

# Announcements:



REMINDER

## Directory *still available!*



There was 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](mailto:paul@friendschurchnc.org)

[Log in HERE](#)

### 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](mailto: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:

[dallasavesta@yahoo.com](mailto:dallasavesta@yahoo.com)  
Dallas Brooks, Clerk of Ministry and Counsel  
Rocky River Friends Meeting

**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](mailto: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 that calling
- 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

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**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 courses
- 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 concerns
- 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**  
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRIES JOB DESCRIPTION

Overview

This is a part-time (15–20 hours per week) Director of Student Ministries ("Director") position. The Director reports to the Christian Education Committee. The Director is responsible for providing spiritual leadership, mentorship, and support to the school-aged children (K–12) 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 Director of Student Ministries position at Deep Creek Friends Meeting, submit the following:

- 1) 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;
- 3) A typed statement detailing:
  - a. Your relationship with Jesus Christ;
  - b. Your desire to minister to kindergarten through twelfth student; *and*
  - c. Any other information you deem relevant and want to share.

These materials should be submitted via email to [jcbrendle0812@email.campbell.edu](mailto:jcbrendle0812@email.campbell.edu) AND [randrmoran@gmail.com](mailto: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 \$28,000.00 per year. Additionally, the Director will be provided housing by Deep Creek Friends Meeting, in our student ministries parsonage. The Director 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 Director will have off any days the church is closed for approved holidays or inclement weather. The Director 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 ministering to students

- 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

Preferred 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

Basic Responsibilities

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

Centre Friends Meeting  
325 East NC 62  
Greensboro, NC 27406  
Mailing Address: PO Box 632, Randleman NC 27317  
(336) 674-5081

#### 2022 Full-Time 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 and have an understanding and agreement with FCNC Friends Faith & Practice.
- To be recorded or work towards being recorded as a Quaker minister in the Friends Church of North Carolina.
- Good communication and organizational skills are a must.
- While not required, previous training and/or experience as a pastor in a church setting is preferred.
- Will be expected to develop a presence in the community — while living in the area.

##### RESPONSIBILITIES

- Overall objective is to seek to lead lost souls to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.
- Responsible for all Sunday morning services as well as having a presence at church functions.
- 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.
- Maintain a regular office schedule to be available for contact and ministry needs. The position requires great flexibility in time schedule. The pastor should be available for evening and weekend activities. The pastor should take one to two days off each week depending on the needs of the congregation

- Realizing that service to Centre Friends should be first and foremost, it would also be good for our pastor 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.
- Circumstances may occur which require additional responsibilities.

##### MINISTRY OF THE WORD

- Must believe in the absolute authority of Scripture and be convinced of the Bible's relevance to the life and faith of the Christian.
- Should allow ample time for prayer, study of Scripture, and meditation in preparation for teaching and preaching ministry.
- 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.

##### ACCOUNTABILITY

- Pastor will be subject to the oversight of Ministry and Counsel to include an annual evaluation
- Prepare and present a monthly ministry activity report to Ministry & Counsel.

##### PACKAGE

- Compensation package will be commensurate with the individual's education and experience.
- Parsonage is available.
- Two (2) weeks paid vacation.
- Release days can be approved for outside ministries.
- Travel and meeting expenses for Yearly Meeting activities will be paid by the Meeting.

Please send resume to:

Julie Hatchel, Clerk  
Centre Friends Ministry & Counsel  
PO Box 632  
Randleman, NC 27317  
(336) 674-5081  
julie@iveyeggleston.com

If your meeting has a position filled please e-mail Paul Routh at [paul@friendschurchnc.org](mailto:paul@friendschurchnc.org) or Jenny Gullion at [Jenny@friendschurchnc.org](mailto:Jenny@friendschurchnc.org) so that we can remove the job description from the newsletter and the website. To see a full list of job openings and ministry opportunities [Click Here](#).



Everyone is warmly invited to join us as we gather to honor Charlie Routh for his lifelong dedication and faithful service to the North Carolina Friends Disaster Service. For many years, Charlie has generously given his time, strength, and heart to serve those in need, helping communities rebuild and offering hope in the midst of hardship. His quiet leadership, steady commitment, and servant spirit have made a lasting impact on countless lives across our state. The celebration will be held on Sunday, March 8th at 2:00 PM at the Friends Home, located at 925 New Garden Road, Greensboro, NC 27410. We will gather on the second floor in Woolman Hall to share memories, express our gratitude, and celebrate a life devoted to service. Please join us for this special time of fellowship as we recognize and give thanks for Charlie's extraordinary contributions.  
Thanks, NCFDS



# **North Carolina Friends** **Disaster Service**

**AN OUTREACH MINISTRY OF N.C. FRIENDS**

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Co-Coordinator  
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Sophia N.C. 27350  
Phone 336-736-0845

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Co-Coordinator  
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Phone 336-908-2229

Allen Gibson,  
Co-Coordinator  
8225 Charlbert Ct.  
Apex N.C. 27539  
Phone 919-656-9030

## **Western N.C. Disaster Relief** **Mar 22nd – 27th, 2026**

### ***Spruce Pine, North Carolina***

*Our first volunteer trip to Spruce Pine will focus on helping local families rebuild after the damage caused by Hurricane Helene. We are seeking volunteers with a wide range of abilities, including general construction, hanging and finishing drywall, flooring installation, electrical, and plumbing skills. Just as importantly, we welcome individuals without construction experience who are willing to lend a hand wherever needed, whether assisting skilled crews, handling cleanup, or supporting the overall effort. Every willing heart and helping hand will play an important role in restoring homes and hope in the community.*

*We will be working with the Baptists on Missions Disaster Group. We will be staying at the Spruce Pine Rebuild Center. Volunteers will need to bring personal toiletries and bed linens. Our meals will be prepared by our wonderful volunteers who work in the kitchen. If you are a first-time volunteer with Baptist on Missions, you will need to complete a volunteer background check. Go to Lifeway Church and Ministry Background checks.*

**Lodging : Baptists on Missions – Spruce Pine Rebuild Center  
308 Harris St. 28777  
Spruce Pine N.C.**

Plan to meet Sunday afternoon Mar 22nd at 5:00 PM at  
Western Sizzlin, Hwy NC-226, Spruce Pine NC 28777 for a group meal.

**Please contact one of the coordinators as soon as possible if you are planning on volunteering so we will be able to plan the meals for the group.**

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

➤ Thank You for your continued support of the

**North Carolina Friends Disaster Service**

**NC USFW Spring Conference Registration**

**Saturday, May 2, 2026**

**Quaker Lake Camp**

**Climax, NC**



*Traci Hjelt Sullivan is the Executive Director of Right Sharing of World Resources. For more than 50 years, RSWR has held a concern for global wealth inequality -- both the burdens of poverty and the burdens of materialism. Since the beginning of 2025, Traci has traveled to each of RSWR's partner countries -- Guatemala, India, Kenya, and Sierra Leone. Women are changing their lives and communities! She looks forward to sharing from her experiences with NC-USFW. Together, women in the U.S. and in RSWR partner countries can witness the abundance of God's love while working toward equity and lives of dignity.*

*Traci has served Friends organizations throughout her career, including Co-Director of Ben Lomond (CA) Quaker Center, Manager of the FGC Gathering, and Interim Director of Pendle Hill. Her passion for the work of RSWR is fed by her childhood in eastern and southern Africa, and her desire to live more fully into the Simplicity and Equality testimonies*

**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 April 20 or sooner, 2026** to Mary Anna McCullen, [deetsmaryanna@gmail.com](mailto:deetsmaryanna@gmail.com)  
**If you can't attend, please watch the live stream video on YouTube- search for Paul Routh.**  
**If you have questions**, please contact Sherry Hylton (336) 339-8058 or email [sbhylton3@yahoo.com](mailto:sbhylton3@yahoo.com)

**Memorials to be read at Spring Conference on May 2, 2026**

*Mary Anna McCullen, Historian*

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5: 4 NIV*

**It is time to begin sending in names of our NC USFW members who have passed away since our memorial service at Spring Conference on May 3, 2025.** Please send names and date of death of beloved members of your local USFW to me by email at [deetsmaryanna@gmail.com](mailto:deetsmaryanna@gmail.com) or by mail to Mary Anna McCullen, 6100 W. Friendly Ave., Apt. 5005, Greensboro, NC 27410. Names should be submitted by April 20, 2026, or earlier, if possible.

**Memorials**

Name _____	date of death _____
Name _____	date of death _____
Name _____	date of death _____
Name _____	date of death _____
Submitted by _____	Meeting/church _____

**Names are Due to Mary Anna McCullen by/before April 20, 2026**

**NC USFW Spring Conference at Quaker Lake**  
Please clip and send by **April 20, 2026**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Lunches at \$15.00 each \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach this form with check written to NC USFW and mail to:  
Alicia Sharp  
908 Scottish Rite Dr., Apt 219  
Greensboro, NC 27407

# Community Easter Egg Hunt

**Be Entered to Win a Door Prize Upon Arrival**

**Join us March 28th Starting at 11 at Sumner Civitan club**

**Free Food & Prizes**



**Ages 1 years old to 5th grade**



Scan to register.

**Free event!**

Canned food donations accepted at entrance for Concord Food Cupboard.

Hosted by **Concord Friends Meeting**



Join us for our 4th Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt!  
One participant will win a Nintendo Switch!  
Register now at this link: [CLICK HERE](#)

# FUM UPDATE

An excerpt from our new  
Turkana Friends Mission  
newsletter

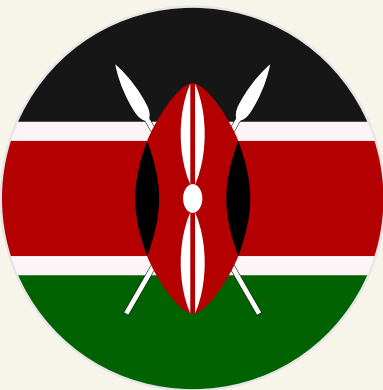
"Before pastor Richard Lomase came to Katapakori village in 2003," says the current Katapakori pastor, John Ereng Lokol, "life in our village was natural and traditional. The area was wild. There were no water sources, no schools, no roads. People were dependent on their livestock for food and everything else..

"John Ereng Lokol, who was a herdsman at the time, and is now the current pastor, was among Moru's first class. He got to know how to read and write. Then he was able to attend Kiswahili classes in town, and later enrolled in a local college for pastoral classes. Now he has a diploma and pastors Katapakori Friends Church.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the full letter!



## Meet our Missions Kenya Friends Meeting



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

To learn more about Kenya [CLICK HERE](#).

Excerpts from:  
Some Fruits of  
**SOLITUDE**

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



Quotes on  
"Religion":

503- "For death is no more than a turning of us over from time to eternity."

504- "Nor can there be a revolution without it; for it supposes the dissolution of one form, in order to the succession of the other."

505- "Death then, being the way and condition of life, we cannot love to live, if we cannot bear to die."

506- "Let us then not cozen ourselves with the shells and husks of things; nor prefer form to power, nor shadows to substance: pictures of bread will not satisfy hunger, nor those of devotion please God."

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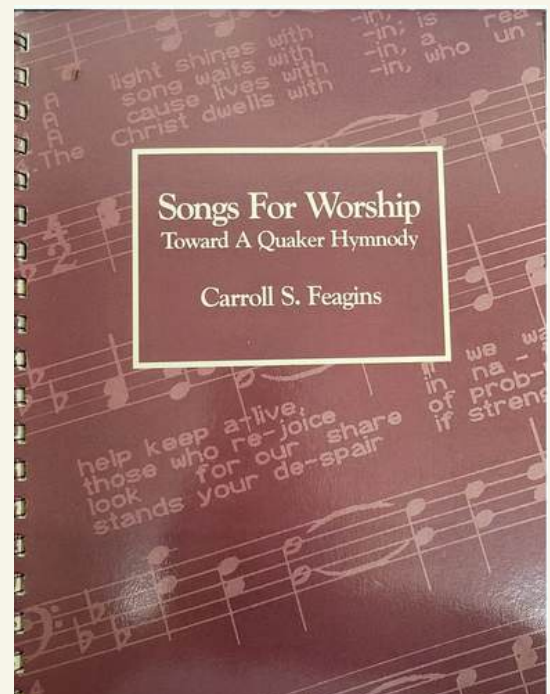
## FCNC BOOKSTORE HIGHLIGHTS

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!

Songs for Worship: Toward a Quaker Hymnody

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE](#)

Songs for Worship contains a brief history of Quakers as well as a selection of Quaker-based





# Quaker Query



## ...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...*

Is thy home a place of peace, joy, and contentment? Does thee seek to be an influence for good in thy neighborhood, community, and country? Does thee set a good Christian example for thy children to follow? Is thee, as a Friend careful that thy children realize that our loving Savior will faithfully guide them through life, as they are willing to accept and obey Him? Does thee help thy children to read and appreciate the Bible?

[-Ohio Yearly Meeting Query Page](#)

## Social Media

### Comm-Tech Committee Statement

Hello from your FCNC Comm-Tech Committee!

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 don't receive 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](mailto:jenny@friendschurchnc.org)

# Prayer CORNER



How can we pray for you?

*Prayer:*

Pray for those in danger in the Middle East.

Pray that by some means, all will come to know Christ, and that lives will be spared and Peace will come soon.

*Praise:*

**THE ABILITY TO WORSHIP**

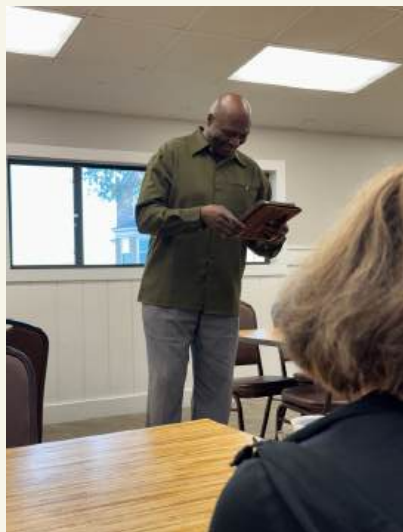
**We have the freedom to worship Jesus every day of the week (Psalm 100:4). We sing lullabies to our children and belt out our favorite music in the car, why would we not sing out to our Savior?**

# February RECAP

## Pastors Retreat @ Fort Caswell

Enjoy a few pictures from the Pastor's Retreat at Ft. Caswell from February 16-19, 2026

It was reported that it was a great retreat and 31 people were present!



# Visit with Randalman Friends

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Superintendent, Mike Wall, was able to visit with Randleman friends meeting on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
New Pastor, Bob Shakleford, was present as well as their previous Pastor, Wade Craven.



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# Ebenezer's 220th year

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Centre and Ebenezer Memorial Chapel had a joint service March 1, 2026 at 2 pm to celebrate Ebenezer's 220th year. Over these years they have jointly been associated with the Quakers through the Underground Railroad and support to one another. They also have connections to: Cedar Square, Springfield, Marlboro, Centre and possibly other Friends meetings. There is a lot of shared history between their church and Quakers.

