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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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"I FEEL COMPELLED BY THANKSGIVING NOT ONLY TO "COUNT MY BLESSINGS" BUT TO ADJUST MY POSTURE TOWARD OTHERS. TO OPEN MY HANDS, MIND, AND HEART. TO LISTEN TO WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING. TO ADMIT MY LIMITATIONS AND AFFIRM OTHERS' ABILITY TO ASSIST ME. TO THANK GOD FOR THE ACTUAL AND POTENTIAL GIFTS TO ME THAT OTHERS ARE AND CAN BE."

-MATT BOSWELL QUAKER PASTOR AND CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY SCHOLAR

A Word of Devotion:

"GRATITUDE"

By: Matt Boswell



This months devotional is lengthy, but worthy of the time it takes to read it. The first half will be in the newsletter, but I encourage you to follow the link to finish reading it in it's entirety. "You know, you're just our pastor." I've heard that more than once from members of my congregation, trying to put me in my place. Always spoken with a twinkle in their eyes, of course.

Though really, it's less about sending me a humbling message and more something they are telling themselves as a form of self-elevation. And rightly so.

When people tell me I'm just their pastor, they're not saying I'm unimportant. I do matter. But this is taken for granted in Christianity, that a pastor matters to the spiritual experience of a community. A pastor needs to be cared for, of course.

But in my experience, people don't need to be told that their pastor is a gift to them. People need to know that they are gifts to one another. People who are often overlooked as "gifts" need to be told and treated like they are gifts.

I think gratitude is a pervasive theme in Quaker spirituality. That might seem unremarkable, since most religious traditions might be said to have a fundamental emphasis on gratitude. What makes Friends (Quakers) unique?

Gratitude, to me, is the virtue that enables a person to recognize and receive the goodness that others possess in a way that transforms us. It is about awareness but also openness and receptivity and willed dependence.

Ample studies have shown that gratitude can increase personal happiness and health. But there's more at stake than this. Gratitude is important because it is essential to love. The more grateful we are, the more we are able to participate constructively, helpfully, and respectfully in the lives of others. And the more we welcome their participation in our lives. I see gratitude in many elements of Quaker spirituality. Some of this is based on personal experience. Some of this is based on idealism: what I see the Quaker tradition could be if its people were a little less flawed. We are all flawed yes, but that's no excuse to not work toward being less flawed.

I see gratitude in some of our communal practices. Open worship allows participants in worship to have the opportunity to speak out and listen to one another, typically after and followed by lengthy periods of silence. A fitting response to what is spoken is gratitude: to recognize the spoken words as a gift, whether it warms your heart or makes your blood boil.

Corporate discernment encourages open-hearted listening, challenging the temptation I might feel to enter a decision-making process or a conflict with my mind made up, ready to defend a side. Clearness committees invite the gentle prompting and nudging of others to discover what next steps I ought to take on a particular matter. Both practices require receptivity to the gifts of others—their wisdom, their vision, their voice.

The Quaker concerns for peace and justice reflect gratitude. Peace is more than a surface-level calmness or lack of conflict that exists because people are avoiding thorny subjects or insulating themselves from such conversations.

Peace is about a reality where both parties are heard, valued, and allowed to contribute. Peace does not typically give equal weight to two "sides" of an issue but gives preferential treatment to the bullied, not the bullies, since the bullies are the ones most thwarting the possibility of peace and thus the ones who most need to listen, withdraw, or make more sacrificial compromises."

<u>CLICK HERE</u> to continue reading.



CHECK OUT THE NEXT

FEW PAGES FOR MORE

INFORMATION ABOUT

THESE EVENTS

<u>Upcoming Events:</u>

November 4th 2023 NCYM Inc Annual Meeting

November 3rd-5th 2023 Young Friends Retreat

November 5th 2023

YFAC logo contest deadline

November 5th- 10th 2023 New Bern Rebuild trip

November 17th 2023 Young Adult Trip deadline

November 23, 2023 Thanksgiving Day







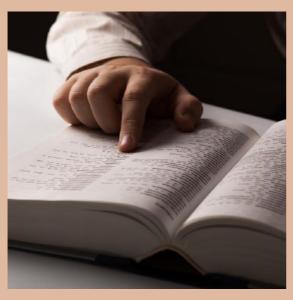
Attention Committee Members

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









Log in HERE

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. <u>Password</u>: **Directory2021!**

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 <u>HERE</u> TO VISIT FCNC WEBSITE TO READ THE FULL JOB DESCRIPTION.



Concord Friends Meeting has an opening for a part time youth leader. <u>TAP HERE</u> to see more information on this position and to apply

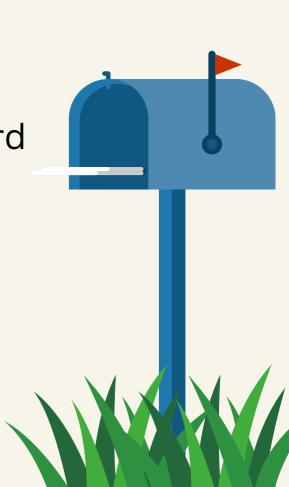




ADDRESS

FCNC has a new mailing address! P.O. Box 4240, Archdale, NC 27263

It is also the new mailing address for NCYM INC. as well as to Judith Cranford



<u>Friends Church of North Carolina Annual Sessions, 8/11-12/2023</u> Quaker Lake Camp and Conference Center, Guilford County, Climax, NC *Epistle to Friends Everywhere*

The sixth Annual Sessions of Friends Church of North Carolina were held at Quaker Lake Camp and Conference Center at Climax, in Guilford County, North Carolina on the 11th and 12th days of the 8th month, 2023.

The sessions were opened by Presiding Clerk Roger Holt with for our Lord's blessings on the gathering.

Superintendent Mike Wall reported that there was good news and bad news across the Yearly Meeting. While we are beginning to return to normal following a couple of rough years due to the COVID Pandemic, we find that some small Meetings are struggling. Also, over the past few years we are losing more old members than we are gaining young members. There also continues to be a need for more pastors as our pastors age and retire or pass away.

On the bright side of the equation, the Superintendent introduced three pastors who were new to the Yearly Meeting and allowed them to address the gathering – Georgianne Hartline at Winthrop, Dusty Ball at White Plains, and John Voncannon at Back Creek. He also reported that conditions were improving with two of our Meetings who were recovering from crisis with assistance from the Revitalization Committee.

Worship on our first night opened with spirit filled songs from the ladies trio from Concord Friends. Jay Marshall, Dean Emeritus of Earlham School of Religion, brought a message referring to our theme for this year's gathering: Ephesians 2:10: "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Dean Marshall pointed out that our past can weigh heavily on the present. Sometimes that can be helpful, while sometimes detrimental. He reminded us that we live in the present, and that our long Quaker history brought us here. We have a future to prepare for, and we must live in ways that show a sense of who we are and our core values. Jay reminded us that we are God's handiwork – therefor we are God's beloved children. As we try to discern what we are to do and say to the world in this time and place, we must not let the past stop us from what God calls us to do now!

The second day of sessions started with a "*devotion on the porch*" of the Quaker Lake Lodge led by Valli Chilton which centered on our need to worship in Spirit and in Truth.

Later as approximately 130 Friends gathered on day two of our annual sessions we received reports from affiliated organizations that included the great things that are happening in Kenya, Tanzania, Mexico, Belize, and Jamaica. These reports truly reminded us that God is good and God is in control. Reports were also received on the work being done by the Young Friends Activities Committee, Friends Campus Ministries, the Ministers' Association, and Quaker Lake.

Following lunch, a Memorial Service was held for Friends who had passed away since our last gathering. A number of Friends gave touching testimonies to the faith and service of the departed.

A recognition of the retirement of longtime Pastor Harold Salmons after a half-century of service was followed by a reception hosted by Winthrop Friends.

Members of Friends Church Baltimore who had generously prepared and shared some Kenyan treats throughout the day shared from their worship traditions. Friends were engaged and edified by the spirit filled worship, praise, songs, and message.

Following the evening fellowship meal, Samuel Crews of Forbush Friends provided a period of inspirational music and song.

Dean Jay Marshall brought the message for our closing worship. He pointed out that church is more than a social club. We were reminded of two basic Quaker tenets:

God calls us all to something and equips each of us with at least one gift of ministry.
 All life has sacramental potential.

Jay pointed out that the faithful life includes listening to God's leading, preparing ourselves to respond, and then responding to God's call. How you served in the past is not necessarily how you are called going forward, and that is okay. He pointed out that our faith communities shape the values we display and our path forward. Our life needs to reflect our values by doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with God. (Micah 6:8).

The Friends gathered at the Sixth Annual Sessions of Friends Church of North Carolina share this message with Friends around the world with the hope that we may all approach the coming year with the knowledge that "we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Prepared by Roger Greene, Southern Quarter. Read and Approved 10/14/2023, FCNC Representative Body, Asheboro, NC, Roger Holt, Clerk

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Dear Friends,

As I hope you have heard already, a gathering for Young Adult Friends from around the world will be held from 1 – 5 August 2024, immediately before the FWCC World Plenary Meeting, from the 5 - 12 August 2024 in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Inspired by the Southern African word ubuntu, the theme will be based on Galatians 3:28 : "There is neither Jew nor Greek, neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

The event is intended to improve mutual understanding of Quaker diversity amongst Young Adult Friends worldwide, to reinforce international Quaker identity, and to re-establish the Young Adult Friends global network, leading to joint actions and plans. The event is planned by an international team consisting principally of Young Friends from Africa, with some representation from elsewhere, supported by elders from Southern Africa Yearly Meeting and the Africa Section.

This letter is to encourage young adult Friends, ages 18-35, to attend both conferences. Registration is open now at FWCC World Plenary Meeting. The cost for both conferences, all 12 days including room, board, and program, is \$1300 for Friends from higher income countries like the US and Canada. For lower income countries, the cost is \$130. Airfare and other expenses are separate.

Direct any questions to: <u>travelingministry@fwccamericas.org</u> In Friendship, Robin Mohr Executive Secretary

NCFDS NOVEMBER Trip to New Bern 5th-10th

Steven Hicks and Kathy Williamson were living at 3945 NC Highway 101 Havelock NC when Hurricane Florence hit on September 13, 2018. They purchased the property in March of 2010. The storm damaged their roof. Steven and Kathy filed for help with FEMA and were awarded \$1900. They did not have homeowners insurance or flood insurance. Steve started doing the repairs himself and repaired the front half of the roof. However, Steve broke his back when he fell off the ladder from the attic and was unable to complete the repairs on the back half of the roof.

On February 17, 2023, Craven County Disaster Recovery Alliance approached Baptists on Mission New Bern Rebuild Center to help with supplying the materials needed to complete the roof. World Renew Organization was able to complete the roof repair February 24, 2023.

On June 6, 2023, another tragedy struck this family. Their home was destroyed by fire and Steve received third degree burns from this fire. Steve was sent to UNC Burn Center in Chapel Hill NC while Kathy lived in temporary housing in Chapel Hill, NC. After Kathy's free housing ended, she made an attempt to drive back home to Havelock because she had nowhere else to stay. Her car started having problems on her drive home but she was able to limp it back to Havelock where she slept in her car. Her car has been deemed unrepairable. Once again, they did not have homeowners insurance. Steve is in rehab in Greenville NC. Kathy is staying wherever she can find

temporarily.

Craven County Disaster Recovery Alliance and Baptists on Mission New Bern Rebuild Center have agreed to try to help this family. A structural engineer has examined the home and said that it can be repaired. At this time, there is not a grant to help this family. We are looking for any and all donations to try to put them back into their home.



Submit your design by November 5, 2023 Send to: paul@friendschurchnc.org

VOUNG FRIENDS LOGO CONTEST

Beat Terr

esign our new logo and win \$100 Visa Gift Card!

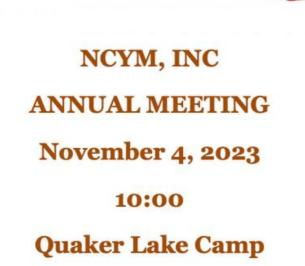
Requirements:

- Include the words: Young Friends
- No more than two colors

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Submit as PDF, JPEG, PNG file

Voting online will end December 31, 2023 https://forms.gle/TwjpHfEYmDrpBa5M7



Please join us as we recognize Don <u>Farlow</u>, Clerk (2018-2022), and the members of the boards of **NCYM**, **Inc. and NCYM Trust Funds** for their service to Quakers in North Carolina and Virginia. There will be an opportunity for folks to speak on their behalf as they feel led.

Light refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP to Judith Cranford by October 6

336.875.8615 jcranford.ncym@gmail.com

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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

By: Bennie Burton

Now is a good time to reward your members with the Eliza Armstrong Cox Fellowship Life Membership which helps fund our scholarships. Also, it is important to begin talking to the high school seniors in your congregation about applying for the Cox Scholarship between January 1 and March 15, 2024. Students are eligible to receive a scholarship for a maximum of four years and must be a participating member of a meeting that actively participates in NC USFW. Scholarship applications are on the following website,

https://www.friendschurchnc.org/usfw



All contributions to the scholarship fund need to be made by the end of March 2024. One of the ways to contribute is to recognize your circle's members with an Eliza Armstrong Cox Lifetime Fellowship membership.

ELIZA ARMSTRONG COX LIFETIME FELLOWSHIP MEMBER

Eliza Armstrong Cox Lifetime Fellowship membership is an honor and recognition for service and dedication to the meeting and NC-USFW. Circles will submit \$25 per nomination, (\$12.50 to USFWI and \$12.50 to the EAC Scholarship Fund). A certificate signed by the USFWI President and the NC- USFW President is sent to the circle that submits the name for recognition. Nominations can be made at any time of the year. Members are recognized at the Annual Gathering in the fall each year.

MEMBER(S) TO BE RECOGNIZED: _____

NAME & ADDRESS OF PERSON(S) TO RECEIVE CERTIFICATE(S):

DATE_

Enclose \$25 per nominee payable to NC-USFW and send the check to the USFW-NC Treasurer. Contact the Treasurer to see if pins are available if one is desired. Thank you for supporting the E.A. Cox Scholarship Fund.



Patches, My Quaker Kitty

We have one children's book that we are offering for \$15. It is written by Joy Britt Reavis (our Stewardship Secretary). It is a precious story about her two cats and how one cat, Patches, displays many of our core Quaker values (SPICES). Beautifully written and illustrated, it would make a great gift for your child or grandchild. The title of the book is Patches, My Quaker Kitty. Joy has graciously donated the proceeds from these books to the Eliza Armstrong Cox Scholarship Fund.



"I am Joy Britt Reavis, a ninth generation Quaker. Many mornings while I prepared my morning coffee, my cat, Patches, would sit and wait patiently at my feet to be fed. In contrast, the other cat, Bella, would meow loudly and demand to be fed. I became inspired to write about Patches when I realized how well she exemplified the Quaker core values or "SPICES." This book is appropriate for children of all ages, whether Quaker or not. If you are interested in having more copies, you can reach me at:

joyreavis@gmail.com

FEMAP - Friends Emergency Material Assistance Program

FEMAP volunteers gather at the Allen Jay House in High Point every Wednesday (10am-2pm) to assemble donated items into the various kits—Hygiene, Infant, School and Farmworkers. School kit items are needed as school begins this fall, especially spiral bound notebooks and rulers.

Once each quarter FEMAP holds a business meeting where reports of kit distributions are given along with sharing of sewing projects for producing baby blankets, youth and adult quilts, and making small bears. Interesting programs are enjoyed by all in attendance, like the recent presentation by Brenda Haworth. She told the history of The Model Farm, a project of the Baltimore Association from Maryland Quakers concerned for the Quakers in North Carolina following the Civil War. She put us right there in the late 1860s, speaking about the destruction of farmland, loss of all farm animals and no schools for many years. The next FEMAP business meeting is scheduled for Oct. 18, 2023 at 10:30 am. We meet in the fellowship hall at Springfield Friends Meeting. Everyone is welcome, ladies and gents! Come join us and enjoy a carry-in lunch together.

Update about the fire at the Allen Jay House (where FEMAP assembles kits, etc.)

In the early morning hours of July 31, 2023 there was fire that seriously damaged the Allen Jay house, a post-and-beam frame house built in the 1840s. The main area where the materials and assembly for the FEMAP kits was done was destroyed. Already assembled kits in the bags had to be repackaged; but all of the other supplies, yarn, fabric for quilts, storage boxes, etc. could not be salvaged.

We are very thankful for the firefighters at High Point Station 6 and the other two companies which responded. FEMAP continues their work; they have moved temporarily into the old Fellowship Hall (under the chapel) at Springfield Friends Meeting which is across the street from the Allen Jay house.

History: Allen Jay (1831-1910) lived here from 1868 to 1877 as superintendent during the rebuilding of the Southern Quaker community following the Civil War. His impact on the area was so great that the whole neighborhood in High Point is named after him. (source: Max Carter)

The last page of this issue of the <u>Carolina Woman</u> has the types of items needed for the kits, yarn, fabric, etc. Any and all of the items of all kits are needed; yarn can be "small balls" or skeins, fabric can be remnants, small safety pins and one- and two-GALLON plastic zip lock bags! THANKS FOR ANY DONATIONS







FEMAP KITS

Friends Emergency Material Assistance Program

Any

		FARMERWORKER'S KIT
		1 Tube toothpaste
HYGIENE KITS		1 Adult toothbrush
1 Tube toothpaste	1	2 Disposable razors
1 Adult toothbrush		1 Deodorant
1 Bottle shampoo		1 Wide-toothed comb
1 Bar bath soap		1 Foot fungus powder or cream
1 Wide-toothed comb		1 Band-Aids (assorted bag or box)
1 Hand towel		1 Hand towel
1 Washcloth		1 Washcloth
1 Deodorant		1 Bandana or Sweat band
		1 Tylenol or other OTC pain killer
		1 Pair work gloves
		1 Shaving cream

INFANT KITS

- 2 Receiving blankets
- 4 Baby washcloths
- 1 Baby towel

- 1 Bar baby soup (lvory)
- 1 Bottle baby shampoo
- 1 Small tube or jar petroleum ielly
- 2 Pairs infant socks

SCHOOL KITS

- **4**Unsharpened pencils
- 1 Ruler (plastic or wood)
- 1 Block eraser

1 Bar bath soap

- 1 Small pencil sharpener
- 2 Spiral wide ruled composition
- books

PLEASE PACK EACH KIT IN A 2-GALLON PLASTIC ZIP-LOCK BAG

WE CAN ALSO USE (to replace what lost in fire)

YARN any weight, (little/leftover balls too!) FABRIC FOR QUILTS : small remnants, too!! SMALL SAFETY PINS **1 & 2 GALLON PLASTIC ZIP LOCK BAGS**



WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT REGISTRATION FOR OUR UPCOMING FRIENDS SUMMIT YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE IS NOW LIVE!

This conference only happens every four years (unless there's a global pandemic) and is an opportunity for leaders both young and old within the evangelical Friends Movement to come together and have conversations about the Kingdom, Mission, and Passion of the Friends Church and each other. Plan on joining us no matter your age and be a part of a conversation that could change your life.

To learn more details <u>CLICK HERE</u> TO REGISTER <u>CLICK HERE</u>

QUAKER ARCHIVES



By: Gwen and Beth

Decluttering? If you have issues of the **Friendly Newsletter**, please donate them to the Quaker Archives at Guilford College. We are trying to fill gaps in our collection and are especially missing issues from the early 2000s. Contact us at <u>archives@guilford.edu</u> for more information.



Bumper Harvest at FUM's Ambwere Farm

In Kenya's Trans-Nzoia County lies an expansive farm located between Kitale and the West Pokot area. It is known as the Ambwere Farm and has been leased to Friends United Meeting for a sustainability project. In its first year, the project has produced a bumper harvest, despite having its share of challenges.

The maize is currently being stored at the silo in Kitale town while the sustainability committee proceeds to the last step of delivery to the end users. In the spirit of thanksgiving, Richard Sitati, who is the chairperson of the Farm Committee, has suggested that a donation from the proceeds might be made to those who are fighting hunger and drought in Kenya's semi-arid areas.



QUAKERS IN HISTORY

Isaac T. Hopper 1771-1852

Isaac Tatem Hopper (1771-1852) was an American Quaker abolitionist and social reformer known for his tireless efforts in aiding fugitive slaves and advocating for their rights. He was born in New Jersey and raised in a Quaker family that instilled in him a strong sense of justice and compassion.
Hopper began his activism in the late 18th century, joining the Society for the Relief of Free Negroes Unlawfully Held in Bondage, an organization dedicated to assisting enslaved individuals in gaining their freedom.

He later became a prominent figure in the Underground Railroad, a network of secret routes and safe houses that helped enslaved people escape to freedom.

Hopper's approach to aiding fugitive slaves was characterized by creativity, resourcefulness, and empathy. He employed various strategies to outsmart slave catchers and assist escaped slaves, such as using disguises, providing financial support, and offering legal assistance.

Hopper also established a network of safe houses and worked closely with other abolitionists to facilitate successful escapes.

Beyond his work with the Underground Railroad, Hopper was a staunch advocate for the rights of African Americans and other marginalized groups. He fought against racial discrimination and was instrumental in establishing organizations that provided education and support for freed slaves. Hopper's commitment to justice extended beyond the issue of slavery. He was involved in various social reform movements, including prison reform, mental health reform, and the rights of Native Americans. He advocated for fair treatment of prisoners, improvements in prison conditions, and the abolition of capital punishment.

Hopper's efforts were guided by his Quaker beliefs in the inherent worth and equality of all individuals. He saw his work as a manifestation of his faith and a way to put into action the principles of peace, justice, and compassion.

Isaac T. Hopper's contributions to the abolitionist movement and social justice continue to be celebrated. His unwavering commitment to freedom, equality, and human rights serves as an inspiration for generations of activists and reformers striving for a more just and inclusive society.

...for November

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...

This months queries were taken from an 1880's Yearly Meeting Book of Discipline out of Ohio. I enjoyed the wording and thought process and hope you will too.

-Does thee observe simplicity in thy manner of living, sincerity in speech, and modesty in apparel?

-Does thee guard against involving thyself in temporal affairs to the hindrance of spiritual growth?

-Is thee just in thy dealings and careful to fulfill thy promises? -Does thee seek to make thy Christian faith a part of thy daily work?



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>)

Quaker Query

2) follow FCNC's Facebook Page (click <u>HERE</u>)

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. <u>But what about those in our Meetings who still haven't heard about or seen the newsletter?</u> 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 <u>ienny@friendschurchnc.org</u>





You are invited!!

In September we said that an idea was submitted that we were excited about, and that idea has come to life!

We have created invitations!

These invitations can be customized by your meeting and made available to all members to give out as they see fit. Have you ever wanted to invite someone to church but weren't sure what to say? Maybe you wanted to show someone what "Friends" were all about but couldn't find the words. Thats where the invitations come in! Not only are these invitations, but on the back, there's a simple explanation for WHO the Friends are, with a "QR code" to scan for more information.

There are three formats. Youth/teen, young adult/adult and traditional adult. Below you will find all three formats. There are links that you can follow to download and get them printed at your local Staples. If you are unable to do that, I can have them made and shipped straight to your meeting.

Simply e-mail me at: jenny@friendschurchnc.org_

To go to Canva and download these designs Youth/Teen: <u>Click HERE</u> Young adult/Adult: <u>Click HERE</u> Traditional Adult: <u>Click HERE</u>

Front

YOU'RE INVITED TO



Where: When: Additional Info:

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Friends are NOT: Amish. The Quaker Oats guy. And no... they're not a cult.

Friends/Quakers are similar to other Protestant denominations but offer these unique differences:

Centering: Our lives are busy. That's why we find it important to stop and "center" ourselves.

No Sacraments: We believe in a direct communion with God. And baptism is not physical but rather a baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Open Worship: During worship, we give others a chance to share

Core Values: We attempt to live a life of SPICES! Simplicity-Peace-Integrity-Community-Equality-Stewardship

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

Front



Back

Friends are: Christ Followers. Community leaders. They are people who love others just as they are.

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You belong here.

Come Join us!

Where:

When:

Additional info:

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Meet our Missions Belize



Historically, FUM's work in Belize focused primarily on providing a second-chance education option for urban at-risk youth on the verge of failing within their school system. Founded by Sadie Vernon in 1994, the Belize Friends School gives boys and girls the encouragement, tools and instruction needed to succeed, all within a loving, Christian environment. Now under the leadership of Belizean educators, the school continues to impact the lives of students and their families.

More recently, a new and expanded vision for Belize has emerged and begun to bear good fruit. A large new facility allows for the growth of the school and the launch of new types of community-based ministries. With a church planting pastor now on-site, a multi-generational worshiping community of Christ-followers is starting to flourish and consider how they are being called to minister within the Southside of Belize City. Programs for teaching peace and conflict resolution, literacy education for adults, and police-community mediation are increasingly integral to the mission presence of Friends in Belize.



Le How can we pray for you?

Prayer:

Pray for the family and friends of Mary Kirkman Routh. She went to be with Jesus on October 25th 2023

Pray for all of those suffering in the Middle East during this time of war and violence. Pray for Peace and safety.

Praise:

As the season for giving thanks draws closer, be mindful of our faithful God and his many blessings and gifts which he bestows on us liberally.



Here are a few pictures from the Steven Ackley Workshop , Saturday October 14th at Asheboro Friends



Visit to Asheboro Friends

On October 15th Mike Wall was able to Preach at Asheboro Friends.



Trunk or Treat at White Plains

White Plains Friends had a great turn out at their community Trunk or Treat!







