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And mark your calendars:

Fall Annual Gathering

Saturday September 11, 2021 at Forbush Friends Meeting

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Janet Robbins

Mother's Day is approaching as I write my article for Carolina Woman. Now that my Mom has passed, this holiday is more of a time to reflect and be grateful for her Christian example and her love of family and others.

Each time I make her special blueberry dessert in the same dish she used; I think of her. When I was younger, I could never understand why she liked that white dish with the red roosters on the side. Now that I have baked in this Pyrex dish, I completely understand how special this dish is and how it always makes the perfect dessert. Now when I make her desserts in the white dish for church dinners or even NC USFW Board meetings, I know a little part of her is with me and she is still a part of all the things she loved to do.

As I read The Advocate (March-April 2021), the article by Dinah Geiger and Jennifer Hodge made me remember what an important job a mother has in helping young daughters understand the beginning of womanhood. In this article, the sanitary pad project has been especially helpful because many girls have been struggling to have pads while schools have been out of session because of the pandemic. The article quotes from the Days for Girls website, "Around the world, girls and women resort to using rags, mattress stuffing, banana leaves, feathers and even cow dung to manage their menstruation." Katrina McConaughy, who we support as a program officer in Africa, carried a tote with 50 sanitary pad kits back to Kenya in January 2021. Katrina said the kits would be able to help the girls at Turkana and Samburu and some at Mt Elgon with whom Getry Agizah has been working. A kit contains 5 pad sets (5 shields with 2 pads and 1 water proof liner each), 2 pair of panties, 1 washcloth, 1 bar of soap, 2 quart bags, (1 for clean pads and 1 for soiled pads), and a set of instructions on use and cleaning. All of this goes into a gallon zip lock bag, which can also be used to wash the soiled pads.

We take so many things for granted. Please think about this need to help more young girls. Our Greensheet JOY fund project for March 2021 helps to support Katrina and Shawn McConaughy. We are looking for Katrina McConaughy to be our NC USFW Spring Conference speaker in May 2022 at Quaker Lake.

If your circle would like to help in assembling these kits, please let me know by emailing jrobbins1604@gmail.com. We can get you instructions on how to sew the shields and make the kits.

Upcoming news – Our Fall Annual Gathering will be held at Forbush Friends in East Bend, NC on Sat, Sept 11, 2021. More information will be coming soon. Please put this date on your calendar. Our theme for 2021 – 2022 will be Psalm 91:1-2 “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust.”

CHILDREN AND YOUTH EDUCATION

Denise E. Barnes

Being the Light in the World

“Also, people do not light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand. Then it gives light to everyone in the house. “In the same way, let your light shine in front of others. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will praise your Father who is in Heaven.”

- Matthew 5: 15-16

If you are going someplace you know will be dark, you’re going to bring a flashlight along. In this day and time, your parents’ (or your) phone has a built-in flashlight! Has the power ever gone out in your house? Flashlights are really helpful then!

Did you know that God wants us to be lights? Of course, we don’t glow like lightbulbs, but He wants us to be different kinds of lights. Like He said in the verses from Matthew above, He wants our words and actions to shine the Light of Christ. If people see that you are a good and faithful person, they will wonder what makes you that way, and that’s how you shine the light. You tell them that Jesus makes you that way!

When you shine your light into the darkness, what happens to the darkness? The light takes over and it disappears! Some people live in darkness and they do not know how to have joy and goodness. They have been without Jesus Christ and in the dark for a long time. However, if you come near them and spend time with them, you can be their “flashlight” and shine light into their darkness. Don’t ever be afraid to do this: God will always give us light.

“For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ.” -Thessalonians 5:5

“Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, “I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.” - John 8:12

SCHOLARSHIP

Bennie Burton

The Scholarship Committee had a meeting in April and all 11 applications received, were complete, and all were awarded scholarships. The committee included Bennie Burton, Chairman, Janet Robbins, LeeVan Hughes, Alicia Sharp, Treasurer, and Sherry Hylton.

The **new applicants** will receive \$200 each and those applicants were Megan Brown (Forbush Friends), Anna Garner (Hopewell Friends), Ragan Quate (Deep Creek Friends), Destine Ray (Deep Creek), and Cassidy Sharpe (Marlboro Friends). The **returning applicants** will receive \$400 each and those applicants were Jacob Brendle (Deep Creek), Trevor Collins (Deep Creek), William Coltrane (Centre Friends), Kara Frazier (Cedar Square), Mariah Hartsell (Bethel Friends), and Kaylee Shore (Deep Creek).

It was a pleasure reading over all the applications. The parents of these students should be so proud and thankful. The meetings should also be proud of their Christian guidance in the lives of these young people. The Scholarship Committee also approved \$1000 for the **International Scholarship for Friends Theological College.**

Now we have the ongoing job of replenishing the funds for the scholarships to be awarded next year. Donations of appreciation, memorials, honorariums, etc., can be ways to replenish these funds. Also, to honor the namesake of this scholarship fund, the Eliza Armstrong Cox Lifetime Fellowship membership, can be a way to fund scholarships.

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 who 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:

Meeting: _____

Name & Address of person to receive Certificate(s): _____

Date: _____

Enclose \$25 per nominee payable to NCUSFW and send the check to the USFW-NC Treasurer. Add \$7.00 if a pin is requested. Thank you for supporting the Eliza Armstrong Cox Scholarship Fund.

ADULT MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Edith Shepherd

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

Be Thankful

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire,
If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something
For it give you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times,
During those time you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations
Because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge
Because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes
They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you are tired and weary
Because it means you've made a difference.

It is easy to be thankful for the good things.
A life of rich fulfillment come to those who are

Also thankful for the setbacks.

GRATITUDE can turn a negative into a positive.

Find a way to be thankful for your troubles And they can become your blessings.

Author unknown

PEACE AND CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS

Linda Kersey

My dear Sisters of the United Society of Friends Women

You are the Peacemakers, who are concerned with social issues. The reference material that you have at your disposal is the Carolina Woman and The Advocate. In an effort to promote both of these sources of information, I give a puzzle in each issue of Carolina Woman. The last puzzle was answered by our NCUSFW President, Janet Robbins. The puzzle was as follows:

Your questions are simple, both come from Carolina Woman and the first 5 answers will receive a \$20.00 food check and a subscription to The Advocate. 1. How does Denise E Barnes end her article? (write out your answer) 2. Write out the poem that ends Judy Craven's article and tell from where it came. 3. Send your answers to Linda Kersey, linx5432@gmail.com

Here are Janet's answers in an email to me. "Good morning, Linda, I have been meaning to tell you how much I enjoy your puzzle for the Carolina Woman. I hope you get many responses to the questions. I am sending mine too late but wanted to do it anyway. Thanks—Janet."

1. "God, help us to remember that just as our bodies must be renewed by proper rest, our spirit must be renewed by spending time with YOU in prayer, Bible study and worshipping in church. In Jesus' name, Amen."

2. "The following poem is by Howard Thurman in his book, The Mood of Christmas and other Celebrations: When the song of the angels is stilled,

When the star in the sky is gone,

When the kings and princes are home,

When the shepherds are back with their flock,

The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost, To heal the broken, To feed the hungry, To release the prisoner,

To rebuild nations, To bring peace among brothers, To make music in the heart."

After Janet received her prizes, this is the email I received:

"Good morning, Linda, First of all, thank you so much for the \$20 food gift. I passed that on as *our* gift to Jamaica. Funds were being raised by the Yadkin Valley Quarterly Meeting yesterday. Jamaica is suffering severe hunger because of the shut down due to Covid. I talked to Lin Moore and Priscilla Linville from Kernersville Friends who are interested in receiving the Carolina Woman. I signed them up and Lin is the recipient of my subscription to The Advocate, since I already receive it. Thank you for this gift to her."

I quoted Janet's emails to you so you would see last month's puzzle, then see the answers, and finally see what can be done with the prizes.

Now, in the latest Carolina Woman, look for my article, in it you will find the puzzle, the answer to the puzzle and can receive the prizes for yourself.

THE PUZZLE: 1. From the Carolina Woman tell me who is in charge of Christian Service.

2. From The Advocate, the May-June 2021 issue: Who wrote the essay entitled "Choices"? And send me the last 10 lines of this essay.

The first 5 correct answers to arrive to me by email at linx5432@gmail.com will receive a subscription to The Advocate and a \$20 meal check. Good luck!

Dearly loved Sisters of USFW, use your mighty influence to promote **Peace** and be called the **Children of God**.

STEWARDSHIP

Sherry Quinn

Sacrifice in Stewardship

Sacrifice - Romans 12:1 *Therefore I urge you, brothers, on account of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.*

- We all understand what stewardship is; it is to be a steward or caretaker of something. To sacrifice means to give up something, usually at great expense or cost to ourselves. Keep in mind; God has never asked the unsaved world to sacrifice anything, but He has said that we, as believers, are to be willing to sacrifice. This is a commitment or stewardship given to all Christians.

Carrying out the Gospel with our time, talent, and treasures, while living out the challenging demands of everyday life, is not an easy task. It's not easy to find a balance. Reasons for the challenges are:

- It's taxing to be available to your church when you don't have the time.
- It takes stamina to offer your special skills and talents when you're already feeling overworked.
- And it takes a lot of juggling and discernment to give up your treasure when you're not sure you'll have enough to make ends meet.

So, we as stewards with good intentions we find ourselves making hard decisions on how much time, which talents, and how much treasure we can offer.

Time - Deuteronomy 16:17 (ESV) *Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.*

We begin by asking ourselves questions like, do I have the time? Do I have the monies needed, who will help do a certain task? All relevant, good questions, but shouldn't we be putting God first? God put us first and foremost when He gave His all so that we may have everlasting life.

With the first aspect, time it basically boils down to how much time and when. In today's lifestyle we stay so busy with things. Life, especially with children in them, is fast paced with not much time for even ourselves at times. So, it comes down to time management. Being available when you don't have the time, in addition to being physically tired, is so hard. It can barely be done without making some sort of sacrifice. Something will have to be missed, something else will have to wait, and something else will have to go undone. But with prayer, we can find comfort in our hearts and troubled minds that everything will be taken care of, that all is not that critical and that everything is not an emergency. Are we willing to give of our time to further God's plan? We must pray to God to give us the strength to get it all done as a team, in His time, not ours.

Talents are next. **2 Corinthians 9:7-8 (ESV)** *Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.*

Do we know what our talents are? How can we use them? Are we willing to use them? All great questions, but do you have the answers to them? We all have some type of talent, but do we use them? It may be as little as just being there to provide a meal, write a card, sing a song, etc. You get the picture, right? Pray that God empowers you to give of yourself so that others may see God in you. We have to be willing participants to give of ourselves and for some that is not an easy task. When you give in this way, even to the littlest acts of kindness, given in love with an open heart, God will bless you more than you will even know. Talents given in such a manner are God's way of showing others that he is with us. Have you ever thought, something happened and it seemed like God had sent an angel? That simple act, or feeling someone gives could have been an answered prayer.

Financial in stewardship. This always plays a large part as well. Do you have enough to give? We all have bills to pay and things we want. Are those earrings really needed? Do we go on that vacation

we've been planning? Tithing and missions are just a few ways to financially participate in stewardship. How much and to whom. Pray first. God will lead in this aspect of stewardship. For the mighty hand of God will give to those in need. No amount is too little. God will stretch and use it for His glory. Just like the feeding of the masses, God will multiply the smallest of amounts to take care of His people. We have to be able to listen and follow His leading, then act upon it. God will do the rest.

Although we always remain faithful in our ability to accomplish all of the tasks God wants us to do in fulfilling of His purpose through our gifts, it is important to be practical in thinking about how we use our time, talent, and treasures to His optimal glory. We can increase our chances of striking a balance between the uses of our gifts and meeting life's obligations by following these basic guidelines, supported by scripture:

- Engage in regular self-care which includes proper rest, exercise, good nutrition, and time management - 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
- Commit to regular prayer and meditation to remain focused, energized, and connected to Spirit - Philippians 4:6-7
- Set good boundaries by delegating, learning to say "no," and asking for help to avoid burnout - Ephesians 4:11-13
- Avoid the "Jack of all trades and master of none" syndrome; spreading yourself too thin can decrease efficiency and completion of projects - Romans 12:3-8

Remember to make time to take good care of yourself physically and spiritually, as you work toward being a good and faithful steward of the gifts the Lord has bestowed upon you. Make good use of your time, talents, and treasures which is also a way to display your appreciation and thankfulness of blessings received.

BIRTHDAYS OF WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

June 1 Katrina McConaughey
 June 13 Shawn McConaughey
 June 15 Oscar Mmbali
 June 25 Suzanne Livingston

July 30 Christine Wood
 August 5 Rose Afanda
 August 20 Leah Sitonik
 August 21 Samson Ababu

MEMORIALS

As a way to remember those who have passed on, we want to take time each year to thank God for their service and faithfulness. Please list names below of members who have passed away this year. Memorials for 2021-2022 will be read at the NCUSFW 2022 Spring Conference.

Year _____ Meeting: _____

Name(s) _____

email Jan Dough – jdough@triad.rr.com

or Jan's mailing address is: 2541 Old Lexington Road, Asheboro, NC 27205

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Judy Craven

So, God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good... NIV

During this global pandemic, all of mankind has been challenged by one of the smallest of all living things, a virus. We can't see it, but it has brought our usual way of life to a near-standstill. Realization of the importance of nature in our world is essential for Earth's survival. God created this beautiful, balanced world for us, gave us responsibility for it, and we must educate ourselves on how best to preserve our world.

My husband and I have tried to do our part in a couple of small ways. We began picking up the roadside trash in our neighborhood after we both retired. It gets us outside, doing some walking and improving the view along our roads. The abundance of plastic in the world and since plastic does not biodegrade, we have huge amounts of trash and the even bigger problem of “What to do with it!” I have replaced my plastic storage containers with Pyrex or Anchor glass containers for storing food in our refrigerator. The plastic packaging of many foods that we buy continues to contribute to this problem.

One blessing of the pandemic has been the weekly worship services from several Friends meetings available via YouTube or Facebook Live. One recent message shared by Wade Craven, pastor of Randleman Friends Meeting (and my brother-in-law) included discussion of our responsibility to care for this wonderful home God has given us. Included in that message was the following:

THE FOUR LAWS OF GARBAGE

1. Everything in creation is connected to everything else. Attempting to eradicate a predator, like hawks or owls, resulted in increased populations of insects that the birds consumed in their diets.
2. Everything must go somewhere. People living on islands understand this!
3. Nature knows best. Disruption in nature, like a forest fire, will result in a return of vegetation over time.
4. There is no such thing as a “free lunch”. Someone will pay.

Nature was created in balance and maintaining that balance is our responsibility. Being aware of nature, loving this wondrous gift from God, and seeking our place as caretakers of creation is our challenge. What can you do? How can you help care for the Earth?

NEWS FROM FEMAP

Becké Jones reports that the volunteers at FEMAP are staying busy assembling and delivering kits to three non-profit organizations in the High Point area. Infant, hygiene, and school kits are needed by Leslie's House (a shelter for women and children), by Open Door Ministries (a shelter for homeless people), and by Family Services of the Piedmont (help for families in crisis). Other needs distributed by FEMAP are handmade baby quilts and afghans.

Current needs at FEMAP are items for all four kits—infant, hygiene, school and farmworkers. Hooded towels for infants and light weight baby blankets are always needed.

Becké Jones sends a **BIG THANK YOU** for all the donated items and funding for purchase of kit items as needs arise.

North Carolina United Society of Friends Women 2021 Greensheet Projects *

- Jan** ****Eliza Armstrong Cox Fellowship Scholarship Fund**
****FTC Scholarship Fund**
- Feb** ***Peace & Christian Social Concerns USFWI**
1- Belize: Oscar Siema Mmbali (Church Planter)
2- Cuba: Quaker Institute of Peace
3- Right Sharing of World Resources: Samson Ababu Support
4- East Africa: Friends Church Peace Team: Getry Agizah Support
**** FEMAP (Friends Emergency Material Assistance)**
- Mar** ***Four Funds USFWI**
1-Love Fund: Belize – Nikki Holland
2-Faith Fund: Kenya- Robert Wafula
3-Hope Fund: Ramallah-Adrian Moody/replacement
4- Joy Fund: Kenya-Katrina & Shawn McConaughey
- Apr** ***Christian Service USFWI**
1-N. America: Mesquakie Friends Center
2-N. America: Friends Center (formerly MOWA Choctaw Friends Center)
3-N. America: Kickapoo Friends Center
4-Kenya: Lugulu Hospital Adopt-a-Bed
- May** ****Friends Homes Quaker Assistance Fund**
****Spring Conference Offering – Quaker Lake**
- June** ****Matamoros Mexico Missions**
****NCUSFW Projects**
- July** ***Children & Youth USFWI**
1- Kenya: Turkana/Samburu Girls’ Secondary Education
2- Belize: School Feeding Program
3- Ramallah: Eli & Sybil Jones Scholarship Fund (K-12)
4. Ramallah: Special Education Needs Students at Ramallah Friends Schools
- Aug** ****Annual Gathering Offering**
1-Friends Center: Guilford College
2-Special project (Campus Ministry)
- Sept** ***Membership Apportionment**
\$5.00 per active member
**** NCUSFW Scholarship Fund**
- Oct** ***Keys to the Kingdom USFWI**
1- Belize: Literacy Program
2- Triennial Travel Assistance /USFW YM Clerks
3- The *Advocate* subsidy
- Nov** ***United Thank Offering USFWI**
1-Jamaica: Pastoral Care
2-Kenya – Turkana Ministry Staff and Pastors (27 workers)
3-Kenya - Samburu Ministry Staff and Pastors (22 workers)
4-Kenya – E-Learning at Friends Theological College
- Dec** ****Friends Disaster Service**
***USFWI Projects **NC USFWI Projects**

NC UNITED SOCIETY OF FRIENDS WOMEN
Financial Summary 2021 AS OF April 30, 2021

		RECEIVED
January	Eliza Armstrong Cox Fellowship Scholarship Fund	\$1,335.00
	FTC Scholarship Fund	\$920.00
February	PEACE & CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS USFWI	
	1- Belize: Oscar Siema Mmbali	\$768.75
	2-Cuba: Quaker Institute of Peace	\$603.75
	3-Right Sharing of World Resources: Samson Ababu Support	\$768.75
	4-East Africa Friends Church Peace Team: Getry Agizah	\$758.75
	FEMAP-Friends Emergency Materials Assistance Program	\$920.00
March	FOUR FUNDS USFWI	
	1-Love Fund: Belize: Nikki Holland	\$842.50
	2-Faith Fund: Kenya: Robert Wafula	\$897.50
	3-Hope Fund: Ramallah: Adrian Moody	\$817.50
	4-Joy Fund: Kenya: Katrina & Shawn McConaughey	\$817.50
April	CHRISTIAN SERVICE USFWI	
	1 N America: Mesquakie Friends Center	\$502.50
	2-N America: The Friends Center (formerly MOWA Choctaw)	\$717.50
	3-N America: Kickapoo Friends Center	\$502.50
	4- Kenya: Lugulu Hospital Adopt-a-Bed	\$652.50
May	Friends Homes Quaker Assistance Fund	\$100.00
	Spring Conference Offering - Quaker Lake	\$100.00
	Spring Conference Registration/Donations	\$466.00
June	NC USFW Projects	\$25.00
	Matamoros, Mexico Missions	\$50.00
July	CHILDREN & YOUTH USFWI	
	1- Kenya: Turkana/Samburu Girl's Secondary Education	\$6.25
	2- Belize: School Feeding Program	\$6.25
	3- Ramallah: Eli & Sybil Jones Scholarship Fund	\$6.25
	4- Ramallah: Special Educational Needs Students at Friends School	\$6.25
August	Annual Gathering honorarium/expenses	
	Offering- Friends Center: Guilford College	
	Offering- Campus Ministry	
September	80% Membership Apportionment to USFWI	\$0.00
	20% Membership Apportionment to Scholarship Fund	\$0.00
	NCUSFW Scholarship Fund	\$50.00
October	KEYS TO THE KINGDOM USFWI	
	1- Belize: Literacy Program	\$8.34
	2- Triennial Overseas Travel Assistance (USFW YM Clerks)	\$8.33
	3- <i>The Advocate</i> Subsidy	\$8.33

November	UNITED THANK OFFERING USFWI	
	1-Jamaica: Pastoral Care	\$0.00
	2-Kenya: Turkana Ministry Staff and Pastors (27 Workers)	\$0.00
	3-Kenya: Samburu Ministry Staff and Pastors (22 Workers)	\$0.00
	4-Kenya: FTC Faculty Support for Satellite Campuses	\$90.00
December	Friends Disaster Service-NCYM	\$435.00
	Subtotal Greensheet projects	\$13,191.00
Other Contributions		
	EAC Fellowship	\$96.00
	Literature	\$22.80
	Total Funds Received 2021	\$13,309.80

Thank you to all the NC USFW members and friends for your continued blessing to the projects and programs *Alicia Sharp, Treasurer*

LITERATURE

Sarah Cox

Our new books have arrived!

Thanks, Mary Anna! Mary Anna McCullen is our representative to the USFWI literacy committee. She deserves many kudos for serving us so well on this committee that selects the new books for us to offer you each year. We appreciate her dedication and hard work.

You will find the booklist here. Looks like some great titles! If you were not able to attend the conference, please contact me and I will get your selections to you. Happy reading!

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UNITED SOCIETY OF FRIENDS WOMEN INTERNATIONAL READING LIST 2021-2022

“Resting in His Shadow”

PSALMS 91: 1-2

FICTION

The Stone Wall, by Beverly Lewis. Another wonderful book by the beloved Amish fiction author. Anna is seeking to start a new life with guidance from her grandmother, but the elderly woman suffers from Alzheimer’s and Anna discovers a mystery about an old stone wall that can affect her life. A romantic interest develops as she is searching to resolve potential conflict with expectations of her parents. **\$17.00**

I Was A Stranger, by Patricia Thomas. Ruthalice Michaels, campus minister at a small Quaker college in the American Midwest, is busy dispensing daily doses of pastoral care while pursuing her own suspicions about a fire in a historic campus building, Pennington Place. **\$16.00**

The Inheritance, by Michael Phillips. Loni Ford, orphaned by the sudden death of her parents, is raised by her Quaker grandparents in Pennsylvania. She is identified as the heir of a wealthy estate with a title in the Shetland Islands. The clan patriarch, Macgregor Tullock’s death has thrown the tiny island into turmoil as the true heir is sought. This is a difficult book to just read *Book 1*, so *Book 2* and *Book 3* have been included on this list. **\$16.00**

The Cottage, by Michael Phillips. The story continues as Loni visits the estate to make a decision about whether she will accept the inheritance and leave her rising career in a large Washington, DC investment firm. She falls in love with the community and meets David Tullock whom she feels should have been named heir. **\$16.00**

The Legacy, by Michael Phillips. You must read this final book in the series to find out how the story ends. Will Loni accept the inheritance, solve the mystery of the estate and find love on the island? A spellbinding series that I hope you will enjoy.

\$16.00

GROWTH AND CHALLENGE

Najilia, by Nadine Housholder The Well Women are back. After a reunion in Orlando, they plan a cruise to Ireland. As usual, they have Bible studies with interesting discussions and life experiences. Najila makes her first trip to the USA and joins the group for the Ireland cruise and tour where she meets a retired pilot and life gets interesting.

\$16.00

Prophetic Healing, by Bruce Epperly. Howard Thurman's Vision of Contemplative Activism. Published by Friends United Press this book challenges us to explore what it means to join prophetic ministry with personal and social healing.

\$18.00

Your Life, Your Purpose, Your Path, by Dan Boozman. Based on the scripture, Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" this book asks the question, "Okay, what are they?"

\$10.00

The Best Medicine, by Walt Larimere The author continues his tales of humor and hope with this inspirational book. Dr. Walt, a devout Christian, and his family have moved from a small town to Central Florida where he continues his family practice with a partner. He embarks on an adventure that will change his life and that of his family.

\$16.00

BIOGRAPHY

The Choice, by Dr. Edith Eva Eger. Edith was sent to Auschwitz along with her parents at age 16. After her parents were killed, she was forced to dance for the amusement of Dr. Joseph Mengele, a Nazi officer. Pulled from a pile of corpses when the American troops liberated the camps in 1945, she weaves her remarkable personal journey with the moving stories of those she has helped heal after she became a clinical psychologist.

\$17.00

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