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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Janet Robbins

When I was at Meredith College, I had several posters on my dorm room wall. Back in those days, matching bedspreads, and posters on the wall signaled that you were a child of the seventies. The poster I recall most had a yellow kitten hanging from a tree limb by its outstretched arms. The words above the kitten read "Hang in there". Those words come to mind as we look to the future and prepare for our events for NC USFW. I think my poster could have added James 1:2-3. "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance."

As we continue to hang in there during this pandemic, we can certainly pause to remember a dear friend who has passed on. Mary Glenn Hadley, former missionary to East Africa and former President of USFWI passed away 7/20/20 after a long battle with cancer. Mary Glen Hadley was a true heroine and she lived each day to the fullest as a missionary, nurse, administrator, and author. Later in life she became a recorded Friends minister. She focused her life on helping others and even after returning to the USA, she returned to Ethiopia to help during a time of severe famine. She served joyfully and will always be remembered for her loving service.

In this <u>Carolina Woman</u>, please see the registration form for our Annual Gathering at Marlboro Friends on September 26,2020. We are cautiously optimistic as we plan for this meeting. Marian Beane will be our speaker to tell us more about RSWR (Right Sharing of World Resources). Jan McVay writes about RSWR in the July August 2020 Advocate that the Coronavirus pandemic has had a devastating effect on the women who depend on income to feed their families. RSWR has sent money for food relief so that the women in Kenya who have been given grants for their businesses can continue to run their business. Jan writes about the eagerness of the women to persevere, learn and increase their business. There is a special emphasis on saving and each woman puts \$3.50 into a group savings plan each month for future emergency needs. Please bring your stamps to help support RSWR.

RSWR is just one of our projects listed on our greensheet for 2020. Since most of our circles have not met since early March, I want to encourage you to continue your giving to the greensheet projects. As you review the Treasurer's report, please note that we

are down from our giving last year at this time. On the bright side, we are still contributing and helping and we haven't let the pandemic stop us. As our own Rita Mintmier, USFWI Treasurer, said "I hope we can continue to love others by feeding them, caring for them, educating them, and building relationships that show we value them. The Friends Center (formerly MOWA Choctaw) received \$1200 from NC USFW to help with their depleted food pantry during the pandemic.

We look forward to seeing you at our Annual Gathering on Sept 26,2020 at Marlboro Friends. We will be wearing our masks and we will practice social distancing to keep each other safe. At this meeting we will install our new officers, recognize Eliza Armstrong Cox Fellowship Members, and enjoy our time together. If you are unable to attend, please go to YouTube and search for Paul Routh. Paul will be live streaming our conference on **YouTube**. You can also click on this link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5i3uMJNLZXGnJiBzj_rA3Q

I asked Marian what we could do to help. Money is raised mostly from Quakers but a simple act that we can do is to collect stamps (used and new). In 2009-2017, used stamps were collected and sold for \$11,000 to support RSWR. Please bring your used stamps to the Spring Conference and learn more about this organization. The symbol for RSWR is a hand with 3 seeds. This represents the seed money that can be used to sow gratitude and help others find a way.

We hope that you will plan to be at the Spring Conference at Quaker Lake in May. Our speaker for the Spring Conference will be Nikki Holland.

BIRTHDAYS OF WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

October 5 Robert Wafula October 8 Joseph Wood October 11 Mac McDonald November 9 Isaac Holland November 10 Brad Wood November 13 Beth Moody November 25 Berny McDonald November 29 Adrian Moody

SCHOLARSHIP

Lee Van Hughes

It has been a joy and privilege to serve on the NCUSFW Executive Board as scholarship chairperson for over sixteen years. I have truly enjoyed meeting so many people and building new friendships. I appreciate all the support you have given me as well.

Please continue to remember our worthy young scholars by contributing to the Eliza Armstrong Cox Fellowship Scholarship Fund. Again, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you.

PEACE AND CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS

Linda Kersey

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God." Mark 5:9 Now all my USFW sisters, Jesus is depending on us to spread PEACE. How are USFW ladies spreading PEACE? I will tell you.

Any time a struggling person or community has a need that is met. Then PEACE comes. The struggle is over, that is until the next struggle comes along. Our USFW groups are in the business of meeting needs and bringing PEACE.

I received the following e-mail from Geraldine Brannon asking questions about the stamp collecting. I am printing her e-mail and my answer.

Hi Linda, Thank you for your report in the <u>Carolina Woman</u>. I have some questions on used stamps. Am I correct, that you do not want Forever stamps and any stamps that have the USA flag or anything that pertains to USA? This is the first time I was aware of sending 1/2 of the envelope with the stamp. (Makes it much easier on me.) Please provide me with the correct address to send the Used Stamps for those meetings who do not always attend the local USFW meetings.

Thanks for all your hard work.

Geraldine

Dear Geraldine,

Thank you for your email about the used stamps. You are a winner of one of my prizes for being a reader of my Peace and Social Concerns page. If you will send me your snail mail address, I will order <u>The Advocate</u> for you. If you already receive <u>The Advocate</u>, send me an address of a friend that would like to receive it.

Now the stamps: any stamps are good. The flag stamps are so plentiful that they don't sell. Any forever stamps are needed, also anything with USA on it is fine. Only the flag stamp won't sell because they are so plentiful.

The address to send them to is FEMAP 606 E Springfield Rd. High Point, N.C. 27263

You will notice two important things in our e-mails. First, more important information about saving old and new stamps and the address to send them to. If anyone in your group is coming to FEMAP in High Point to volunteer, just send your collected stamps by them. I have advised you to cut away ½ of the envelope with the stamp, then volunteers at FEMAP will trim the stamps to the proper size and send them on to RSWR at FUM. Again, we mainly send stamps by a person headed to FUM on other business.

The second important thing to notice is that you can get a free subscription (from me) for a paper <u>Advocate</u> or an on-line one. What you must do to get a free subscription is mention something from my article or ask a question about something I have said in my article. I will reply to you and send you the subscription. (Subscriptions go to the first five e-mails I get.)

My goal for the length of my term is to get as many women as possible to have an <u>Advocate</u> and use it in your USFW meetings. You will learn what other circles are doing, what is happening on our mission fields, what the needs are and who to be praying for. You can contact our workers by e-mail, using the addresses given in the <u>Advocate</u>.

I want to encourage the reading of the <u>Carolina Woman</u> too. It is full of information and inspiration. BTW: Geraldine Brannon let me know she will share her <u>Advocate</u> with her USFW circle. I loved hearing that. Keep up the good work ladies. You are bringing PEACE to many who are struggling with

needs too big to conquer.

I had promised to bring you information about The Mesquakie Friends Church. Their website announced their August 1 re-opening with social distancing and masks highly encouraged. An August storm did major damage to the roof of the church. Pictures are on the Facebook page Mac N Berny Mesquakie-Friends.

No quiz this time. The free subscription for sending me something from my article is the quiz this time. My e-mail address is linx5432@gmail.com.

I close with a prayer for PEACE for you and all your loved ones. PEACE is a God-given song in our hearts.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH EDUCATION

Denise E. Barnes

No Fear

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." - Joshua 1:9

In 1989, three men designed a line of American lifestyle clothing called "No Fear". It included sports apparel as well as sports drinks. This was very popular with the preteens and teens of the late 80's to early 90's. I don't know why they chose this logo but decided it was a good subject for this article.

During the last four months, our children have experienced something that is unprecedented. They have not been able to attend school with their friends, participate in extracurricular activities, attend camps, go to church activities and the list goes on. Every avenue of media is loaded with news about COVID-19 and the havoc it has wreaked on our world. This week, our coast experienced a Category 1 hurricane that has caused millions of dollars of damage and most likely interrupted many family vacations. If our children are experiencing fear during these times, there is no wonder! Adults are fearful, too!

Now, as the new school year approaches, there are so many unknowns. Will they open as usual? Will they use online learning again? Will some children change schools to meet their needs? Will they be home-schooled? "Fear of the Unknown" is a real thing for us all. As parents, grandparents and caregivers, we must do all that we can to lay these fears to rest in our children.

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." -Isaiah 41:10

The story of Jesus calming the storm in Matthew 8 is a good way to talk to children about fear. A sudden storm on the Sea of Galilee wasn't unusual, but apparently this was a big one because the experienced fishermen in the boat feared for their lives. Knowing Jesus as they did, the disciples turned to him for help. We don't know what they expected but we do know that they were amazed when he calmed the storm. Children, even five and six-year olds, experience storms in their lives. The last four months has been a storm of a different kind, one unlike any of us have experienced. The return to school, knowing the environment will be different, going to a new school, or meeting new friends are all reasons to worry and be fearful. But this story of the disciples and how they trusted Jesus to help them should show children how Jesus can calm the storms in their lives and keep them calm throughout the storms they will face. "Than he got into the heat and his disciples followed him. Suddenly a furious storms."

"Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke Him, saying, 'Lord, save us! We're going to drown!' He replied, 'You of little faith, why are you so afraid?' Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. The men were amazed and asked, 'What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!'" - Matthew 8:23-27

North Carolina United Society of Friends Women 2020 Greensheet Projects REVISED

**Eliza Armstrong Cox Fellowship Scholarship Fund

*Peace & Christian Social Concerns USFWI

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1- Belize: Oscar Siema Mmbali

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CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Judy Craven

While thinking of the many inequities in our communities, country and world, I found this declaration in Proverbs 14:31 "He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God." Our opportunities to show compassion and kindness, listen to concerns of others, and find ways to give aid are many. In the March-April-May Carolina Woman you heard from Lindsay Shore-Wright who arranged for 90 school kits from FEMAP to be sent to the "Sidewalk School". Here is her full report.

In January of this year I (Lindsay Shore-Wright) followed a leading to serve immigrant refugees. I served in the refugee tent camp at the border bridge between Brownsville, Texas and Matamoros, Mexico with an organization named Team Brownsville. I helped transport and serve meals to over 2,000 refugees sheltering in a makeshift refugee camp. I helped teach "Sidewalk School" (literally school classes taught on the sidewalk) on Sunday morning to hundreds of children with nowhere else to go. I went with an open mind and a prayer to be of service. What I saw broke my heart and still haunts my thoughts.

I met nursing mothers who had walked thousands of miles with their babies in homemade slings. I watched fathers refuse food until they had plates for their children. I met a young man who had burnt his lip and now had an infection eating the skin on his face because he couldn't get a cheap tube of antibiotic cream. I met an army veteran who served the refugees faithfully even though the camp triggered his PTSD from Afghanistan. I met mothers who brought their children to every Sidewalk School and stayed with them, never taking their protective eyes off them. Everything they owned was in a cheap tent by the side of the river.

A few dozen people lived in tents at the border before the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP) were enacted in January of 2019. After MPP, the population of the tent encampment has swelled to over 2,000. Thousands of people are living in temporary tent shelters while waiting to immigrate into the USA "the right way"- by seeking asylum. The wait to have your asylum case heard is now many months, if you are lucky enough to get a hearing at all.

The new policy was enacted before infrastructure and plans were established. Therefore, the only safe water is furnished by water filtration systems set up by nonprofits. The only consistent food is provided by churches and nonprofits. The migrants are completely at the mercy of strangers who show compassion, or those who profit off their miserable predicament. They come with nothing but their faith, desperation and courage. And I saw just one tent camp. There are numerous other refugee camps along the US/Mexico border, many of which are much more dangerous than the one in Matamoros. As a Christian it broke my heart to know how poorly we are treating our neighbors.

These refugee camps are now a perfect storm for a disease outbreak to spread uncontrollably. This Covid-19 pandemic only intensifies the need to end MPP. It highlights the absolute need to better process, shelter and move refugees into permanent protections. Immigration is a complicated political issue, but compassion is not complicated. Jesus made it abundantly clear: "...I tell you the truth, whatever you do not do for the least of these, you did not do for me." Matthew 25:45.

Friends, as I write this, Team Brownsville, Resource Center Matamoros and other nonprofits are scrambling to provide food, sanitation supplies and additional isolation areas in the midst of Covid-19. Border closures and new measures by the Mexican and U.S. governments are making this even more complicated. In recent days, the first positive cases have been confirmed in the camp. As we go into hurricane season, the camps are always extremely vulnerable to being destroyed by tropical storms. Please pray for the refugees and the people who serve them. If you want any more information about any of this, contact me. In the chaos of our own struggles it is easy to forget there are those who are vulnerable and powerless. They need us.

Lindsay Shore-Wright Centre Friends Meeting <u>shorewrightl@gmail.com</u> (336)382-7543

FEMAP NEWS

FEMAP has reopened on Wednesdays to receive donations at the door. A few volunteers come to assemble kits each week, but they are limiting the number and wearing masks. Donations for all kits are welcome, and the most-needed items are sewing thread (especially white), yarn (full skeins or odd and ends), composition books and pencil sharpeners.

A very special THANK YOU from FEMAP for the monetary donations totaling over \$1,000 from the NCUSFW "Greensheet" budget.

LITERATURE

Sarah Cox

Running out of something to do during this extended time of social distancing? Have you watched every rerun of Andy Griffith, Friends, Diagnosis Murder and Golden Girls and every Hallmark movie three or four times? Need a break from all of the cooking shows and the Covid-19 updates? It's time to find something worthwhile and enjoyable to do. It's time to read a good book or two or three!

Our book sales are going well. I have sold, over the last several months, about 60 of the new books and several of the books from past reading lists. I have mailed some books and I have gone on excursions to Walmart and Target parking lots to deliver books to some of our USFW members that live close to my home in Asheboro.

It has been fun getting to know some new friends from the various meetings.

As you can see, a good book is only a phone call away! If your group has decided on your book selections, just call me at 336-963-2710 and I will make arrangements to get your books to you. Don't forget to also order your calendars and Blue Prints for 2020-2021.

Books will also be available at the USFW Annual Gathering at Marlboro Friends on Saturday, September 26. If you will let me know ahead of time, I will have your books bagged and ready for pick up. (Checks are made to NC USFW.)

Hope to hear from you soon!

Prayers for God's blessings and protective hand.

Sarah

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 pass away this year. Memorials
for 2020 will be read at the NCUSFW Fall Annual Gathering at Marlboro on September 26, 2020.

Year	Meeting:
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mailing address is: 2541 Old	exington Road, Asheboro, NC 27205

ELIZA ARMSTRONG COX LIFETIME FELLOWSHIP MEMBER.

The Eliza Armstrong Cox Lifetime Fellowship membership is an honor and recognition for service and dedication to the meeting and NCUSFW. Circles will submit \$25 per nomination. (\$12.50 goes to USFWI and \$12.50 goes to the Eliza Armstrong Cox Scholarship Fund). A certificate signed by the USFWI President as well as the NC USFW President is sent to the Circle who submits the name(s) for recognition. Nominations can be made at any time of the year but members are recognized at the Annual Gathering in the fall each year.

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NORTH CAROLINA UNITED SOCIETY OF FRIENDS WOMEN

2020 CHECK TRANSMITTAL FORM

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NC USFW 2020 Fall Gathering

at Marlboro Friends, 2668 Marlboro Church Rd., Sophia, NC Saturday September 26, 2020



Marian Beane with a member of the Bisil Quaker Women's group

Marian Beane served as a volunteer at Ramallah Friends School (1968-1970) and the Friends Bible Institute at Kaimosi (Kenya) (1970). From 1971 until 2015 she was involved in international education at UNC Charlotte helping international students and scholars navigate the challenges of immigration and cultural adjustment. She is a member of Charlotte Friends Meeting, Piedmont Friends Fellowship/Yearly Meeting, and Friends General Conference. Currently serving on the Board of Right Sharing of World Resources (RSWR), Marian will speak about visiting some of the marginalized women's groups in Kenya, India and Serra Leone with whom RSWR has partnered through 'seed' grants that have resulted in transformation of the women's families and communities.

Please bring your cancelled postage stamps with you: RSWR collects stamps as a fundraising project

We will be doing social distancing, and using masks

9:00 – 10:00 am Registration, Bookstore, light morning refreshments 10:00 am – 12 noon Welcome, Music, Business and Program

(Officer installation, memorials and recognition of Eliza A. Cox members)

12:00 noon Luncheon (box lunch, catered)

If you have questions please contact Janet Robbins (336) 971-1212 Please send memorials before September 18 to Jan Dough, 2541 Old Lexington Rd, Asheboro, NC 27205.

Preregistration is requested by September 18, 2020 (needed due to catered box lunch)

The cost of the meal is \$12.00 per person.

If you cannot attend, please watch this conference on YouTube – Search for Paul Routh

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5i3uMJNLZXGnJiBzj rA30

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