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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Jan Dough*

*"So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation." Genesis 2:3*

Even God took a break! We think of summertime as a slow, relaxing, rejuvenating time. This has been a very busy summer for me. It started with a road trip to help with the Vacation Bible School at MOWA-Choctaw. What a blessing that trip was! I traveled with two of my dearest friends and it was an adventure from the beginning. I had never been to MOWA and did not know what to expect. What I found was a wonderful property, in need of some care, and wonderful, loving people in the community. My job, along with my friends, was to provide meals for the workers and attendees of VBS. Something I had never done before. The week before the trip I had doubts about getting it all together. The endless list of groceries, copying recipes, shopping, worrying about spending money, etc. all left me wondering if I had taken on more than I was capable of handling. It led to restless nights and even so, strangely enough, I felt God's presence and assurance that all would be well.

The Youth and Leaders from Yadkin Quarter that ran the VBS were amazing. They shared their love of Jesus with the youth they encountered at VBS and with each other as they worked together. They were present to share their witness, to give a hug and a listening ear, to physically give of themselves to the mission. We started as a group of 25 that didn't know each other well and ended as a group bound together by the love of Christ.

My summer will end with another opportunity to road trip with friends. YOU! Our Annual Gathering will be held September 15 at Somerton Friends in Suffolk, VA. Think of it as a time to rest and get away from it all, to take a mini vacation for your mind and spirit. Our speaker for the conference, Pam Ferguson, will be traveling from Indiana to share with us. Come join us as we seek God's guidance for our USFW. I'm looking forward to ending my summer with you.

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## PEACE AND CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS

*Esther Creed*

This will be my last article for the Carolina Woman. I will be going off the Board as Peace and Social Concerns Secretary, but there is an eager and energetic lady coming on and I'm sure you will enjoy her articles. Her name is Linda Kersey. I have enjoyed my time on the Board and if you are ever ask to serve, prayerfully consider it. It has been a joy to work with all the other ladies on the Board. There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes to help keep everything on track with all the projects. One thing I want to leave with you, keep active in your local USFW and support the various projects on the Green Sheet.

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## CHILDREN AND YOUTH EDUCATION

*Denise E. Barnes*

*“And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat”. – Genesis 8:4*

With the rains we have been receiving these last few days, I was reminded of the story of Noah. It is probably one of the most popular children’s stories of the Bible. There are so many lessons to be taken from the story of Noah, but the one that I recall from my own childhood was the rainbow. God promised that He would never destroy the earth again with water. The rainbow was a symbol of that promise.

Rainbows always occur during rain and consist of the same seven colors. They are orderly and dependable, just like our Heavenly Father. We should teach children that when they tell someone they are going to do something, they should keep their word. This how we can teach dependability and integrity in a simple way that they can understand.

When God sends the rains, He often sends the rainbow as well, to remind us of his promise. We can always rely on Him to keep His word. We should always be ready for His signs, so we don’t “miss the boat”!

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## CHRISTIAN SERVICE

*Judy Craven*

*“Out of the highways and byways of live, Many are weary and sad; Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife, Making the sorrowing glad. Make me a blessing, Make me a blessing, Out of my life may Jesus shine; Make me a blessing, O Saviour, I pray, Make me a blessing to someone today.”*

Our NC-USFW handbook summarizes Christian Service as what we do to help and encourage others as we express the desires of our hearts. We do this in many ways in our local communities and we are responsible for supporting overseas mission fields as chosen by USFWI.

For 2018 the USFWI Christian Service projects are Belize: Friends School Student Services / Ramallah: Eli & Sybil Jones’ Scholarships (K-12) / Kenya: Lugulu Hospital Adopt-a-Bed / Kenya: Turkana/Samburu Missions. These projects were scheduled for our NCUSFW offering for the month of April, 2018. PLEASE notice the offerings received for each of these very important mission fields in the treasurer’s report in this Carolina Woman issue.

Right Sharing of World Resources is supported by funds from the Quaker Mission Stamp Program. The work of RSWR is to fund micro-enterprise projects with marginalized women in Kenya, India and Sierra Leone. The new address for submitting canceled stamps (preferably commemorative and international stamps) is:

Stamps for Right Sharing, c/o Indianapolis First Friends, 3030 Kessler Blvd. East Dr., Indianapolis, IN 426220.

FEMAP also accepts canceled stamps to help fund its work. Canceled stamps for FEMAP should be mailed to 606 E. Springfield Rd., High Point, NC 27263.

With the beginning of a new school year, volunteers at FEMAP are busy assembling school kits for several destinations in the piedmont area. Additional locations can be served if referrals are made for teachers, school counselors, and schools.

Donations to FEMAP are gratefully accepted for all four kits---school, hygiene, infant and farmworkers. The volunteers who meet each week on Wednesdays (10AM -2PM) at the Allen Jay House in High Point enjoy the fellowship they share. A special blessing of FEMAP is the connections they have with volunteers from both of the new yearly meetings and some who are not affiliated with either group. ALL ARE WELCOME.

**NOTE FROM HISTORIAN**

*Adis Beeson*

**MEMORIALS**

As a way to remember those who have passed on, we take time at our Spring Conference each year to thank God for their service and faithfulness. We also remember those members who have left the Yearly Meeting but were members prior to the separation, as well as the members who may have left their meeting due to retirement or relocation in their last years. Please list names below of members who have passed away this year. Memorials will be read at the next NCUSFW Spring Conference.

Year \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## BIRTHDAYS OF WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

September 7 Dale Graves  
September 20 Christopher Wilkinson (1997)

October 5 Robert Wafula  
October 8 Joseph Wood (1995)  
October 11 Mac McDonald

November 10 Brad Wood  
November 13 Beth Moody  
November 23 Lon Fendall  
November 25 Berny McDonald  
November 29 Adrian Moody

## ADULT MISSIONARY EDUCATION

*Edith Shepherd*

*Message from Max and Jane Carter*

Fourteen participants formed the 2018 Friends United Meeting "Living Letters" service-learning group in Palestine and Ramallah from the 22nd of Sixth Month to the 10th of Seventh Month. Led by Max and Jane Carter of New Garden Friends Meeting, the group spent the first week painting at the upper school campus of the Ramallah Friends School and cleaning and gardening at the Friends meetinghouse. Funds from a \$750 grant from NCFE were used to purchase paint and cleaning supplies and provide housing for group members that exceeded the capacity of the School to offer. A \$500 grant from New Garden Friends' social concerns committee enabled us to meet with members of an organization that brings together Israeli and Palestinian parents whose children have been killed in the violence.

After the week of work, the group traveled through Palestinian villages, learning about their nonviolent resistance to the encroachment of Israeli settlements on their land; journeyed into Israel to meet with Jewish and Arab Israelis to learn about challenges to coexistence and a just peace; and visited Bethlehem and Hebron, again to meet with and learn from both Jews and Palestinian Muslims and Christians about efforts to use "beautiful resistance" in efforts to end the military occupation and bring a lasting and just peace to the region.

The group had opportunity to worship with Ramallah Friends on three First-days, and we met with staff of the Friends School to learn about Quaker education in Palestine. Time encountering the religious aspect of the region included a day in Jerusalem, a day in the Galilee, a visit to the Dead Sea Scrolls community of Qumran, and Sixth-day prayers at a mosque. Speakers who met with the group included leading political, business, religious, and civic leaders in Palestine and settlers, kibbutzniks, bereaved parents, former soldiers, educators, and religious leaders in Israel. A highlight was almost nightly meals hosted for the group by families of students who have studied at Guilford College.

We are grateful for the support and encouragement given us through local Friends organizations and individuals and welcome participation on our next FUM "Living Letters" delegation in the summer of 2019.



2018 FUM Living Letters to Palestine and Ramallah  
With Jean Zaru, Max and Jane Carter

## STEWARDSHIP

*Linda Anderson*

Have you learned what it means to give cheerfully, or do you cringe and head for the nearest exit when churches, ministries or even missionaries seek you out asking for funds? Many people, unfortunately, run away from stewardship rather than seeing those requests as an opportunity to serve; they simply do not see it the same way God does. This is a reflection of our spiritual condition! We should never separate money and finances from our spiritual life. Yet, so many Christians do, seeking to be cheerful with what they can keep, not how they can be used.

In the New Testament we learn that all believers can and should contribute to the cause of Christ. We are admonished to give willingly and cheerfully; not grudgingly or out of necessity. It is a privilege to share in the work of God, and our giving is the appropriate response to His “incredible gift”, God’s own Son.

In 2 Corinthians 8:1-15, Paul lays out a template on how to give, following the example of the Macedonians. We would do well to follow this example, also, keeping in mind that the way we handle our material wealth is a measurement of our spiritual health. The Macedonians gave:

- during affliction
- in spite of great poverty
- with great joy
- beyond their means
- freely
- they pleaded for the privilege of sharing their wealth with other believers
- they gave themselves to the Lord and to others

We should not give primarily to get something in return, but Paul makes it clear that giving does lead to abundance. Cheerful givers truly experience God’s love in a special way through the many rich spiritual blessings we receive when we are obedient to His teaching.

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### North Carolina United Society of Friends Women 2018 Greensheet Projects

*Explanations of USFWI projects are in January-February Carolina Woman*

- Sept \*Membership Apportionment**  
\$5.00 per active member  
**\*\* NCUSFW Scholarship fund**
- Oct \*Keys to the Kingdom USFWI 2018**  
1- Kenya - FTC Teachers’ Salaries/Satellite Program  
2- Triennial Overseas Travel Assistance  
3- The *Advocate* subsidy  
4- Adult Education in Belize
- Nov \*United Thank Offering USFWI 2018**  
1-Jamaica: Pastoral Care  
2-Belize: Director of Friends Center  
3-Kenya - Turkana/Samburu Pastors (32 Pastors)  
4-Kenya – African Ministries Programme Officer
- Dec \*\*MOWA Choctaw**  
**\*\*Friends Disaster Service**  
**\*USFWI Projects \*\*NC USFWI Projects**

## NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY OF FRIENDS WOMEN TREASURER'S REPORT

*Jean Christy, Treasurer*

January	Eliza Armstrong Cox Fellowship Scholarship Fund	\$1,745.25
	Interest Earned Mollie Cooper Fund CD (Jan-Dec)	\$15.78
	Interest Earned EAC Fellowship Scholarship Fund	\$1.00
	International Students Scholarship Fund	\$1,170.25
	Interest Earned International Scholarship Fund	\$1.00
February	Peace and Social Concerns USFWI 2018	
	1-Cuba: Quaker Institute of Peace	\$715.00
	2-Right Sharing of World Resources: Samson Ababu Support	\$715.00
	3-East Africa: Friends Church Peace Team: Getry Agizah	\$1,047.50
	4-Ramallah: Friends School Quaker Coordinator	\$432.50
	FEMAP-Friends Emergency Materials Assistance Program	\$945.00
March	Four Funds USFWI 2018	
	1-Love Fund: Belize Church Planter. Pastor: Oscar Siema Mmbali	\$1,155.09
	2-Faith Fund: Kenya - Robert Wafula	\$1,155.09
	3-Hope Fund: Ramallah - Adrian Moody	\$1,155.09
	4-Joy Fund: USA - Native American Center Workers (3 centers)	\$1,719.73
April	Christian Service USFWI 2018	
	1-Belize: Friends School Student Services	\$1,060.28
	2-Ramallah: Eli & Sybil Jones's Scholarships (K-12)	\$1,134.17
	3-Turkana/Samburu Missions	\$960.28
	4-Lugulu Adopt-A-Bed	\$910.27
May	Friends Homes Assistance Fund	\$1,537.50
	Spring Conference Offering - Quaker Lake	\$4,048.50
June	NC USFW Projects	\$1,080.00
July	Jamaica Building Fund-NCYM	
	Children & Youth USFWI 2018	\$2,875.00
	1- Ramallah: Amari Play Center Feeding Program	
	2-Native American Children and Youth Programs (3 centers)	
	3-Kenya: Turkana/Samburu Girls' Secondary Education	

	4-Belize Friends School Feeding Program	
August	Annual Gathering Offering	\$75.00
September	80% Membership Apportionment to USFWI	
	20% Membership Apportionment to Scholarship Fund	
	Yearly Meeting Offering-EAC Fellowship Scholarship Fund	
October	Keys to the Kingdom USFWI 2018	
	1-FTC Teacher's Salaries/Extension Program	
	2-Triennial Travel Assistance	
	3- <i>The Advocate</i> subsidy	
	4-Adult Education in Belize	
November	United Thank Offering USFWI 2018	
	1-Jamaica: Pastoral Care	
	2-Belize: Director of Friends Center	
	3-Kenya: Turkana/Samburu Pastors (32 pastors)	
	4-African Ministries Office Director	
December	MOWA Choctaw-NCYM	\$962.50
	Friends Disaster Service-NCYM	\$1,087.50
Other Contributions		
	Eliza Armstrong Cox Fellowship (50% USFWI, 50% Scholarship)	\$300.00
	Friends Theological College	\$315.00
	Robert Wafula	\$140.00
	Adopt-a-Nurse	\$150.00
	Quaker Lake to Jamaica Camp	\$90.00
	Summer Missions - Cuba	\$100.00
		\$28,799.28

It is my hope that each of you have had a wonderful summer of travels, fun and family. I will be taking my trip in September and will not join you at Somerton for the Annual Gathering. I am sure that it will be grand and I will miss seeing you all. Take good care. Jean Christy, Treasurer

**Please make all checks payable to NC USFW.** You may include all projects in one check per submission, with projects or other designations on the "for" line at the bottom of the check. It takes me much less time to prepare the deposit each month.

**Jean Christy, NC USFW Treasurer 2549 Cottage Place, Greensboro, NC 27455**

LITERATURE

Darla Anderson

Hi ladies! I hope you are having a nice summer and are enjoying reading from our new reading list. If you missed out on getting books at our Spring Conference, don't worry. I plan to have books as well as blueprints and calendars at our Annual Gathering at Somerton on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Literature secretaries, if you haven't submitted your reports for 2017/2018, please send them to me as soon as you can. I hope to have the certificates ready to be picked up at Annual Gathering. My address is: 183 Sheridan Forest Road, Goldsboro, NC 27534.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

SCHOLARSHIP

Lee Van Hughes

NC USFW members: please remember to reward your members with the Eliza Armstrong Cox Fellowship Life Membership. Also encourage young Friends to apply for a scholarship between January 1, and March 15, 2019. 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 NCUSFW. Scholarship applications are on the following websites:

FCNC: <http://friendschurchnc.org/organizations/usfw>

NCFF: <http://ncfriends.org>

Please remember that in order to continue to award scholarships, contributions to the Eliza Armstrong Cox Fellowship need to be made by the end of March 2019. One of the ways to contribute is to recognize your circle's members with an Eliza Armstrong Cox Lifetime Fellowship membership.

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**ELIZA ARMSTRONG COX LIFETIME FELLOWSHIP MEMBER.**

The Eliza Armstrong Cox Lifetime Fellowship membership is an honor and a 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.

Member(s) to be recognized:

\_\_\_\_\_

Meeting : \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address of person to receive Certificate(s):

\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose \$25.00 **per nominee** payable to NCUSFW and send to the NCUSFW Treasurer with your check. Add \$7.00 if a pin is also requested. Thank you for your support of the Eliza Armstrong Cox Scholarship Fund.

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### The Advocate Subscription Form

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