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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

Annual meeting: August 17, 2019
At First Friends, Greensboro

In this issue: Officers' Reports, Memorials, Scholarship Winners, Birthdays of Workers and their families "Greensheet" projects, Advocate Subscription form

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jan Dough

"And he said to them, Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation." Mark 16:15

We can't all be missionaries, right? Or can we? When I hear the word, missionary, I get a mental picture of a person in a third world country helping to feed and care for those in need and bringing the word of God to those who have not had that opportunity.

Wikipedia defines missionary as a member of a religious group sent into an area to promote their faith or perform ministries of service, such as education, literacy, social justice, health care, and economic development. Being a missionary does not necessarily mean traveling to a foreign country.

The first Thursday in May is set aside as the National Day of Prayer – an annual day of observance when Americans are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation." For the past 25 years my hometown has held a Mayor's Prayer Breakfast to coincide with this observance. The speaker for this year's breakfast was Megan Alexander a TV reporter and actress who is a correspondent on the "Inside Edition". Her message was that we should share our faith in our careers, even in ones like hers that may seem at odds with Christian beliefs. Megan shared her personal faith journey and encouraged everyone, no matter what our job is, to share our faith, be bold and share Christ in the world. In essence, be a missionary in our daily walk of life.

This week on Facebook I was touched again by Susan Coltrane's latest post. Susan is a dear friend and the Youth Minister at Asheboro Friends. She was encouraged when 11 youth attended their Wednesday night program and 10 of those were neighborhood kids. One of the three new visitors asked her if they could *sign up* to come to church. In Susan's words, "Let that sink in!" We have a mission field in our own backyard.

I've never considered myself a missionary, but I believe that is what God has called us to be. Some are called to foreign lands to serve and some are called to serve at home, but we all are called. Merriam-Webster defines missionary as relating to, engaged in, or devoted to missions. That definition describes the NC USFW. **"Be bold and share Christ in the world!"**

PEACE AND CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS

Linda Kersey

In my last article I took the reader on a mental trip to East Africa with Marian Baker. (from an article in the January February 2019 Advocate) This time I call your attention to Judy Craven's article in the Carolina Woman under Christian Service.

One of our meetings wrote and I quote, "Each month we target 2 items FEMAP is in need of. We have older youth announce the items during worship. Then our younger youth go pew to pew and collect items at the end of the month with their 'FEMAP express' wagon. Involving our youth has increased donations dramatically and the kids are excited to see all the materials add up. FEMAP is near and dear to many."

Now a QUESTION for my readers. (State Officers may not answer) Which meeting wrote this excerpt??? And what page in the Carolina Woman is it found??? The first person to send the correct answers to these 2 questions to my email: linx5432@gmail.com will receive a \$20 meal ticket to Cracker Barrel and a subscription to the Advocate for a person of your choice.

Another excerpt, this time from the Advocate, article "Girl Child Education" from Samburu, Kenya.

"In class, girls listen intently, gripping their pencils and striving to understand every word, every question, every mathematical equation, because they grasp the value of education. They know that schooling is not guaranteed. Their mothers did not go to school; just ten years ago here in Loltulelei, Samburu, only two girls graduated from the eighth grade. Last year, thirty girls graduated. This primary school is transforming the community. Editor's note: Girl's School Fees is one of our highlighted projects for April with a goal of 1,500 which would pay school fees for at least three girls."

Two questions for you readers, not our NCUSFW officers, "Who wrote the article that I took this excerpt from?" and "How many girls graduated last year from the primary school?" The prizes are the same as listed in the third paragraph.

These little questions are designed to make you familiar with The Carolina Woman and The Advocate. I firmly believe that the more we use these two sources of information the richer our USFW meetings will become and we will feel we are part of something far bigger than ourselves.

SPREAD PEACE for you are a CHILD OF GOD.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH EDUCATION

Denise E. Barnes

"School is Out!"

"Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.' So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place." - Mark 6:30-32

The end of the school year is HUGE for children. It indicates that they are growing up. When the church recognizes this time in a child's life, they feel loved and important. One of the best places to honor this event is during worship. It makes the children feel included and gives other worshipers the opportunity to reminisce on their own school days. One of the most memorable events for me was being recognized at my church when I graduated from high school. The entire congregation celebrated with us all during this milestone and pledged their support to all of us in our future endeavors.

Children of all ages look forward to being out of school for the summer, taking vacations, attending camps, Bible Schools, etc. They have worked hard and are ready for some time for fun, rest and relaxation.

In the Book of Mark, Jesus taught his disciples that it was important for them to take a vacation. They traveled from town to town telling others about God and His love for them. They traveled every day, preaching, teaching and healing the sick. They worked so hard they often didn't have time to stop to eat or sleep. When Jesus saw how tired they were, he first said, "Come with me." We need to remind children that when we take a vacation, we also take Jesus with us. The Scripture from Mark also says that the disciples went to "a solitary (quiet) place." The main reason for this was to rest and renew their strength. Giving children their summers off gives them the opportunity to do just that: rest, renew and recharge their little batteries!

It is important as a congregation, to celebrate the end of the school year with our children, to be excited with them about their summer vacation and to remind them that God is with them always, in all places and watches over them, wherever they go.

"You'll travel safely, you'll neither tire nor trip. You'll take afternoon naps without a worry, you'll enjoy a good night's sleep. No need to panic over alarms or surprises, or predictions that doomsday's just around the corner. Because God will be right there with you; he'll keep you safe and sound." - Proverbs 3: 23-26

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Judy Craven

"No matter the situation, no matter the problem, no matter the trouble, God is always with us. God is always ready and willing to receive us, redeem us, renew us, restore us, refresh us and rebirth us now and always!" Easter Sunday bulletin (Rocky River Friends Meeting)

In this season we remember the horror of Jesus's crucifixion on the cross. That Friday was a day of betrayal, hate, unspeakable suffering and death. On Easter we celebrate the cross because the story did not end on Friday. We know what happened on Sunday. Christ was victorious over death and we can celebrate renewed vision, vigor and vitality. S.M. Lockridge, a prominent African-American preacher, dynamically and passionately used this phrase—"It's Friday but Sunday is Coming" when giving his Easter message. This gives us hope for all of life's challenges. Remember whenever you are facing life's trials, "It's Friday but Sunday is Coming".

NCUSFW ladies across the state continue to be busy serving their communities in many ways. Debbie Butler, Archdale Friends USFW president spoke of many occasions they provide refreshments for their church activities, contribute to hurricane disaster relief and pack shoeboxes for Samaritans Purse. In January they sponsor a "Soup Sale" and each spring they enjoy a Sunday afternoon, wearing lovely hats while drinking tea and eating sweet biscuits with their daughters and granddaughters. A future project is to redecorate the minister's office in the meetinghouse.

Bennie Burton, White Plains Friends USFW president shared about the ways they serve their meeting and community. Items for FEMAP farmworker kits were being collected and would be delivered at the Spring NCUSFW conference in May. She contributed the following report of one of their projects. *Recently White Plains Friends USFW helped our youth with their Spaghetti Dinner fund raiser. Members made sauce, contributed noodles, bread, beverages, and desserts. The sit down dinner with table service provided by the youth netted \$1500. Carry out plates were also available. This money will help the youth with their Quaker Lake camp fees. Our active youth group is eager to experience Christian fellowship and to continue to learn of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We are so proud of them.*

Thanks to Debbie and Bennie for their help in telling the story of NCUSFW's Christian Service. FEMAP (Friends Material Aids Program)- The volunteers at FEMAP thank all of you for your continued support of this ministry. Hygiene and Farmworker kits are most-needed at this time, especially toothpaste, shampoo, foot powder, pain reliever medication and shaving cream. Watch for postings of most-needed items on FEMAP's Facebook page. Does your meeting/church have a Drop off box for FEMAP items?

ADULT MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Edith Shepherd

“Girl Child Education”

They are shy, here in the head teacher’s office, speaking softly and hesitantly in English – which is, after all, their third language. But they’ve come. They’re sharing their stories with me.

“I like to be at school,” says the first girl, age thirteen, “because at home, when I am not at school, I am cooking and caring for animals and I do not have time to read.”

“And early marriage is there,” adds her classmate, who is twelve years old and who knows that, were she not in school, she would likely be a wife and mother by now. She straightens her spine and narrows her eyes. “I want an education. It is my future.”

Between classes, I watch them giggle and chase soccer balls like the children they are. In class, they listen intently, gripping their pencils and striving to understand every word, every question, every mathematical equation, because they grasp the value of education, and they know that schooling is not guaranteed. Their mothers did not go to school; just ten years ago, here in Loltulelei, Samburu, only two girls graduated from the eighth grade.

(Last year, thirty girls did. This primary school is transforming the community.)

These girls intend to go to high school – and beyond. When asked, they tell me, “I will be a doctor ... I will be a teacher ... I will be a nurse.”

Given the financial help they need, they will absolutely do these things. That same day, I watch Stella – herself a high school graduate, thanks to an FUM Girl Child Education scholarship – stand in front of a class of sixty small students and pass on to them what she has gained. “A, B, C, D ... five, ten, fifteen, twenty ... this is my head, these are my shoulders ...” Stella is raising a baby, too, whom she will send to school.

To invest in these girls is to lift up generations. And the need is urgent; our Girl Child Education Fund is running low. \$475 can pay a girl’s school fees for a year. Will you help?

Advocate Editor’s note: This fund is one of our highlighted projects for April with a goal of \$1,500 which would help at least three girls.

This March-April 2019 *Advocate* article is shared by Edith Shepherd, with the permission of the author, Emily Provance. 2018 Living Letters Volunteer in Samburu.

North Carolina United Society of Friends Women 2019 Greensheet Projects

June ****NCUSFW Projects** (Including printing of the Handbook and *Carolina Woman* Newsletter expenses)
 **** Matamoros, Mexico Missions**

July ***Children & Youth USFWI 2019**
 1- Ramallah: Amari Play Center
 2- Kenya: Turkana/Samburu Girls’ Secondary Education
 3- Belize: Feeding Program
 4- Ramallah: Eli & Sybil Jones Scholarship Fund

Aug ****Annual Gathering Offering**
 1 - Friends Center: Guilford College
 2 – Campus Ministry (FCNC)

Sept ***Membership Apportionment**
 \$5.00 per active member
 **** NCUSFW Scholarship fund**

Oct ***Keys to the Kingdom USFWI 2019**
 1- Belize: Student Services

- 2- Triennial Travel Assistance (USFW YM Clerks)
- 3- The *Advocate* subsidy
- 4- Adult Education in Belize

Nov *United Thank Offering USFWI 2019

- 1-Jamaica: Pastoral Care
- 2-Kenya – Turkana/Samburu Missions
- 3-Kenya - Turkana/Samburu Pastors (32 Pastors)
- 4-Kenya – Friends Theological College Extension Program

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		\$1,415.25
	Interest Earned Mollie Cooper Fund CD (Jan-Dec)		\$7.81
	Interest Earned EAC Fellowship Scholarship Fund		\$0.47
	FTC Scholarship Fund		\$1,090.25
	Interest Earned FTC Scholarship Fund		\$0.48
February	Peace and Social Concerns USFWI 2019		
	1-Cuba: Quaker Institute of Peace		\$536.32
	2-Right Sharing of World Resources: Samson Ababu Support		\$636.32
	3-East Africa Friends Church Peace Team: Getry Agizah		\$653.80
	4- Belize: Director of Friends Center		\$511.56
	FEMAP-Friends Emergency Materials Assistance Program		\$1,097.00
March	Four Funds USFWI 2019		
	1-Love Fund: Belize: Oscar Siema Mmbali		\$887.50
	2-Faith Fund: Kenya: Robert Wafula		\$927.50
	3-Hope Fund: Ramallah: Adrian Moody		\$887.50
	4-Joy Fund: Kenya: Katrina & Shawn McConaughey		\$887.50
April	Christian Service USFWI 2019		\$760.00
	1- North America: Mesquakie Friends Center		
	2- North America:MOWA Choctaw Friends Center		
	3- North America: Kickapoo Friends Center		
	4- Kenya: Lugulu Adopt-a-Bed		
May	Friends Homes Quaker Assistance Fund		\$25.00
	Spring Conference Offering - Quaker Lake		\$25.00
June	NC USFW Projects		\$50.00
	Matamoros, Mexico Missions		\$25.00

July	Children & Youth USFWI 2019		\$25.00
	1- Ramallah: Amari Play Center Feeding Program		
	2- Kenya: Turkana/Samburu Girl's Secondary Education		
	3- Belize: Friends School Feeding Program		
	4- Ramallah: Eli & Sybil Jones Scholarship Fund		
August	Annual Gathering Offering:		\$50.00
	1- Friends Center: Guilford College		
	2- Special Project (TBD)		
September	80% Membership Apportionment to USFWI		\$152.00
	20% Membership Apportionment to Scholarship Fund		\$38.00
	NCUSFW Scholarship Fund		
October	Keys to the Kingdom USFWI 2019		\$50.00
	1- Belize: Friends School Student Services		
	2- Triennial Travel Assistance (USFW YM Clerks)		
	3- <i>The Advocate</i> subsidy		
	4- Belize: Adult Education		
November	United Thank Offering USFWI 2019		\$60.00
	1-Jamaica: Pastoral Care		
	2-Kenya: Turkana/Samburu Missions		
	3-Kenya: Turkana/Samburu Pastors (32 pastors)		
	4-Kenya: Friends Theological College Extension Program		
December	MOWA Choctaw-NCYM		\$732.50
	Friends Disaster Service-NCYM		\$1,082.50
Other Contributions	Eliza Armstrong Cox Fellowship (50% USFWI, 50% Scholarship)		\$150.00
	Friends Theological College		\$180.00
	Robert Wafula		\$80.00
			\$13,024.26

Jean Christy, NCUSFW treasurer 2549 Cottage Place Greensboro, NC 27455

SCHOLARSHIP

Lee Van Hughes

One of the ways to continue to award the Eliza Armstrong Cox Scholarship is to recognize your circle's members with an Eliza Armstrong Cox Lifetime Fellowship membership.

For the **Eliza Armstrong Cox Scholarship**, this year there were sixteen applicants. Receiving continuing scholarships of \$225.00 each are John Andrews (Archdale), Lane Blalock (Marlboro), Jacob Brendle (Deep Creek), Miles Caudle (Forbush), Kara B. Frazier (Cedar Square), Jarrett S. Hall (Forbush), Hannah Osborne (Concord), Heather Sharpe (Marlboro), Bailey Strider (Cedar Square), Anna Thomas (Marlboro) and Samantha Wooten (Forbush). New applicants receiving scholarships of \$125.00 each are Grace Harrell (Marlboro), Mariah Hartsell (Bethel), Whitney Robbins (Cedar Square), Rhett Steelman (Deep Creek) and Chesney Strider (Cedar Square).

The following meetings awarded **Eliza Armstrong Cox Lifetime Fellowship memberships** this year: Concord Friends: Juanita Best, Sylvia Tolbert; First Friends: Gail Phillips; Hopewell Friends: Debra Hammond, Elaine S. McPherson, Rebecca L. Gray, Rita Morton, Robin Alford; Marlboro Friends: Don Farlow, Don Gaster, Gary Dodson; Rocky River Friends: Sue Thomas Vestal; South Plainfield Friends: Margaret Smith, Pat Burcham, Vickie Trull; Up River Friends: Robin R. Winslow; and White Plains Friends: June Badgett.

Thank you for your continued support!

Lee Van Hughes
NCUSFW Scholarship Chairperson
336-318-5649

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.

Copy this form as needed, thank you

NOTE FROM NC USFW 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.

At the 2019 Spring Conference memorials from the following meetings were recognized:

- Archdale Friends: Belva Hancock
- Asheboro Friends: Bertha Kenyon, Louise Moody, Mable Kiser, Gladys Paul
- Cedar Square Friends: Bernice Davis
- Centre Friends: Gail Carroll, Polly Lawrence
- Deep Creek Friends: Hilda Warden, Donna Hutchens
- Edward Hill Friends: Betty Leonard
- Forbush Friends: Peggy Wooten
- Holly Spring Friends: Bertha Allen
- Jamestown Friends: Martha Mattocks
- Marlboro Friends: Peggy Farlow
- Mt. Carmel Friends: Dorothy Mae Carter
- Pilot View Friends: Dora Reinhardt
- Pine Hill Friends: Melva Jane Greene
- Plainfield Friends: Rochelle Moon
- Rocky River Friends: Bobbie Jean Brower
- South Fork Friends: Ruth Hazeline Zachary, Rebecca Andrew
- Thomasville Friends: Judy Peele
- Up River Friends: Elizabeth White, Faye Lassiter, Vivian Winslow
- White Plains Friends: Carolyn York
- Winston-Salem Friends: Cassie Mackie

Please list names below of members who pass away this year. Names may be sent to Adis Beeson at any time during the year; Memorials are read at the NCUSFW Spring Conference.

Year _____ Meeting: _____

Name(s) _____

Mail or email Adis Beeson, Historian - 4305 Beeson Farm Road, Sophia, NC 27350

abee123@northstate.net.

Copy this form as needed, thank you

STEWARDSHIP

Linda Anderson

A quote from Winston Churchill says, “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” Those are mere words until you pair them with the biblical doctrine of stewardship, take them into your heart, and live them out in your life day by day. This can be accomplished only when we fully grasp the fact that God is the owner of all things, great and small, and our duty is to manage and be faithful stewards of all with which we have been blessed.

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...” (Genesis 1:1). Then God created mankind; male and female, He blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth and subdue it, have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” (Genesis 1:28). From this we see that God alone is the Creator and Owner of all things; mankind’s job is to manage.

The apostle Paul wrote to the church in Corinth: “For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, you are God’s building.” (1 Corinthians 3:9). This clearly defines our purpose in very common terms. We are instruments in God’s hands; working under His watchful eye, following His command to “Go...and make disciples of all nations...” (Matthew 28:19-20).

Biblical stewardship is not God taking something from us; rather it is God’s method of bestowing His richest gifts upon His people. When we are obedient to our calling, and endeavor to carry out the stewardship responsibilities required of us, God promises to be strengthen us for the task at hand. In fact, He is the sole source of all our strength: ““I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” (Philippians 4:13).

BIRTHDAYS OF WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

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

July 30 Christine Wood
 August 20 Leah Sitonik
 21 Samson Ababu
 27 Ken Saina

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LITERATURE

Darla Anderson

Hi ladies of NCUSFW! Hope you have been enjoying your reading from our 2018/2019 reading list. It's time now, however, to wrap that up and begin a new year of reading. We have many new and interesting choices on the 2019/2020 list.

Literature Secretaries, please send your reports to me by August 5th if possible. Please use the new report forms (below) that we began using last year. I will have your certificates ready to be picked up at our Annual Gathering. My address is: 120 Oak Towne Drive, Unit C 6, Greenville, NC 27858.

Thanks and Happy Reading!

North Carolina United Society of Friends Women
Reading Report Form

Name _____ Date _____

Local Meeting _____

Books read this year:

(1) Fiction: _____

(2) Growth and Challenge: _____

(3) Biography: _____

(4) By and About Quakers: _____

One of the following may take the place of one category:

___ I regularly read the Advocate.

___ I heard the following FUM or NC Missionary speak _____

___ I attended Spring Conference or Annual Gathering.

NC USFW Annual Gathering “Finding a Way”, Ephesians 4:3 at First Friends, Greensboro

Saturday August 17, 2019



Jan McVay is the Peace and Social Concerns secretary for USFWI, United Society of Friends Women International. Being politically active is important to her. She is a member of Peace Action, FCNL (Friends Committee on National Legislation), and the Peace and Social Concerns committee of Western Yearly Meeting. She also taught art for 24 years, is a member of the local art gallery and does watercolor painting.

Mark your Calendars now

**for our NC USFW Annual Gathering at First Friends, Greensboro
2100 W. Friendly, Greensboro, NC
on Saturday August 17, 2019**

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

If you have questions please contact Jan Dough (336) 629-1689

Preregistration is requested by August 10, 2019
The cost of the meal is \$12.00 per person.

NC USFW Annual Gathering at First Friends, Greensboro Registration

Please clip and send to the address below by August 10, 2019

Name(s) _____

Meeting _____

Number of Lunches at \$12.00 each _____ Total \$ _____

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Jean Christy
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Pictures from our NCUSFW Spring Conference At Quaker Lake on May 18, 2019



Full house for a good day with friends



Pam Ferguson, Guest speaker



Books ... and more books
Have you read this one yet?

Devotions
Mariah Hartsell, Bethel Friends