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WELCOME!

Welcome to your Friends Church North Carolina Newsletter!
This is a monthly e-newsletter dedicated to keeping you up to date
on current events within FCNC.

We strive to highlight topics of interest such as announcements,
who/what we support, recent activities, upcoming events etc.

How can you help?

Let us know if you have information that falls into these categories
at an FCNC level. Email information, pictures or ideas to our Social
Media Coordinator,

Jenny Gullion at: jenny@friendschurchnc.org



Quotes by Quakers

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“THESE THINGS WE DO NOT LAY UPON YOU AS A RULE OR FORM TO WALK BY, BUT THAT ALL, WITH THE MEASURE OF LIGHT WHICH IS PURE AND HOLY, MAY BE GUIDED; AND SO IN THE LIGHT WALKING AND ABIDING, THESE MAY BE FULFILLED IN THE SPIRIT, NOT FROM THE LETTER, FOR THE LETTER KILLETH, BUT THE SPIRIT GIVETH LIFE.”
-BALBY ELDERS, 1656

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A Word of Devotion:

PROMISES

From: God

Sometimes life is hard. We're blindsided and like a landslide, it knocks us down and carries us away. When we don't have the power to change our circumstances, the promises from our Heavenly Father bring the most comfort. Because even when everything around us can change, he doesn't, and His promises stand forever.

God always keeps His promises (Num. 23:19, Ps. 146:6)

God created us and knows us (Ps. 139)

God chose us (Ps. 33:12, 2 Pet. 2:9)

God is always with us (Deut. 31:8)

God never forgets us (Is. 49:15-16)

God watches over our lives and keeps us from harm (Ps. 121)

God has plans to prosper us and give us hope (Jer. 29:11-13)

God strengthens us and helps us (Is. 41:10)

God fights for us (Ex. 14:14, Deut. 1:30, Deut. 3:22, Neh. 4:20, 2 Cor. 10:4-5)

God rewards us when we love our enemies (Lk. 6:35)

God is kind and cares for us (Ex. 34:6-7)

God always teaches and guides us (Ps. 32:8)

God is our hiding place and refuge (Ps. 32:7, Ps. 46:1)

God keeps us safe while we sleep (Ps. 4:8)

God protects us from the Evil One (2 Thess. 3:3)

God provides a way out of temptation (1 Cor. 10:13)

God comforts us (Is. 66:13, 2 Cor. 1:3-4)

God keeps us in peace (Is. 26:3, 12)

God exalts the humble (Jam. 4:10)

God meets all our needs (Phil. 4:19)

God gives us rest (Mat. 11:28)

God always forgives us when we confess to Him (1 John 1:9)

God give us eternal life (John 3:16-17)

God gives us victory over death (1 Corin. 15:3-4, 54-57)

Jesus is “yes” to all of God’s promises (2 Corin. 1:20-22)



Upcoming Events:

October 5th 2024

Rocky River Friends Fall Festival
at 4pm - More info below

October 19th 2024

Pumpkin Festival at QLC
2:00pm- 6:30PM

October 19th 2024

Bethel Friends Pig Picking
11AM-6PM

October 26th 2024

Representative Body
Science Hill Friends Meeting

October 27th 2024

Trip to New Bern for FDS

CHECK OUT THE NEXT
FEW PAGES FOR MORE
INFORMATION ABOUT
THESE EVENTS

THE BOOK ROOM ONLINE

[CLICK HERE](#) to check out the
online bookstore on the
FCNC website. A great
resource for many friends
books!



If you have any announcements

Let us know at ↓
jenny@friendschurchnc.org

Attention Committee Members

Don't forget to let us know if there is any upcoming dates we should add to our newsletter by the 20th of each month

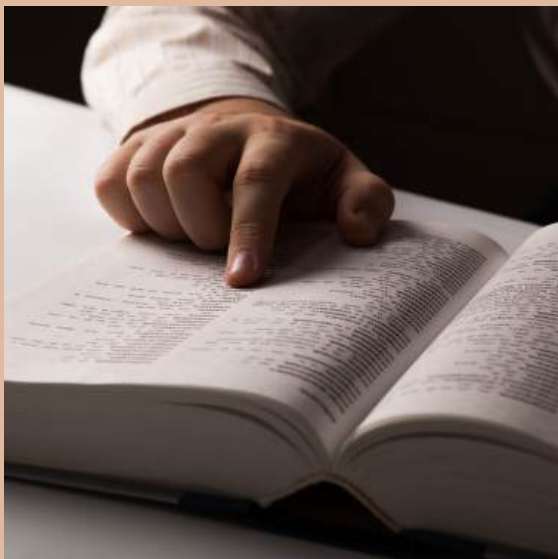
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Announcements:



REMINDER

Directory *still available!*



There was recently a possible data breach in our directory. Therefore the password has been changed. Please reach out to Paul Routh to learn how to regain access.

paul@friendschurchnc.org

[Log in HERE](#)

In Search of a Pastor & Youth Pastor for Centre Friends



WE RECEIVED AN E-MAIL ANNOUNCING THAT **CENTRE FRIENDS** IS LOOKING FOR A FULL TIME PASTOR AND YOUTH PASTOR. BELOW IS A LINK TO THE JOB DESCRIPTIONS THAT WILL GIVE INTERESTED APPLICANTS A GOOD IDEA OF WHAT CENTRE IS LOOKING FOR. PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER THIS AND REACH OUT TO THOSE THAT MAY QUALIFY, IF THE LORD SHOULD SO LEAD.

CLICK [HERE](#) TO VISIT FCNC WEBSITE TO READ THE FULL JOB DESCRIPTION.

Youth Leader Position Opening



Concord Friends Meeting has an opening for a part time youth leader. [TAP HERE](#) to see more information on this position and to apply



IN SEARCH

of a full time Pastor
Science Hill Friends Meeting

2421 Lassiter Mill Road
Asheboro, NC 27205

In rural Randolph County, right off of New Highway 49
If you are interested in applying or visiting please contact
Tammy Garner @ 336-460-4421 or garnerseed@rtmc.net

Mailing address:
Science Hill Friends
c/o Tammy Garner
PO Box 1386
Asheboro, NC 27204



IN SEARCH

of a Pastor
Bethel Friends Meeting

2519 Bethel Church Road
Asheboro, NC. 27203

We are a small, but active meeting. Our average attendance for morning worship is between 35 and 40. Our USFW attendance is around 14 ladies for each of our monthly breakfast meetings. The USFW is very involved in community and mission projects. Our Quaker Men meet once a month for breakfast, fellowship and devotions.

Our meeting serves 1000+ people at our Pig Picking fundraisers in April and October each year. We also have various other activities that reach out into our community.
We want our pastor to participate in our meeting activities.

We want our pastor to lead us in studying God's word, reaching others for Christ and helping us to grow in our own walk with Christ. We want a pastor who will care for our meeting as we will care for them, with love, compassion and concern.

We want them to be a close part of our Bethel family.

For more information contact Sarah Cox Clerk of Ministry and Council
336-963-2710



IN SEARCH

of a full time Pastor
Centre Friends Meeting

325 HWY 62 E
Greensboro, NC

Centre Friends Meeting is searching for a full time Pastor. Check out the Pastor job description on their website.

<https://www.centrefriends.org>

Send resume to:
Centre Friends Meeting Ministry and Counsel
Attn: Julie Hatchel, Clerk
PO Box 632

Randleman, NC 27317
julle@asheborolawyer.com

New

ADDRESSES

FCNC
P.O. Box 4240,
Archdale, NC 27263

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

Treasurer NC USFW:
Alicia Sharp
908 Scottish Rite Dr.
Apt 219
Greensboro, NC 27407

Please send correspondence
and NC USFW project
donations here.



Rocky River Friends Meeting

1795 Staley Snow Camp Rd.
Siler City, NC 27344

Job Description for Pastor of Rocky River Friends Meeting

Rocky River Friends Meeting Vision/Mission Statement:

- To tell the story of Jesus based on his teachings
- To further the work of Christ in the world
- To encourage and treat all human beings with love, dignity, and respect through humanitarian service and social justice
- To promote peace in the world

Pastor Job Description:

- The pastor's primary concern should be the spiritual well-being and growth of the Meeting's members and prospective members

Desired Qualifications:

- Knowledge and understanding of Quaker history
- A belief in Jesus Christ, having accepted him as Savior and Lord
- An understanding and agreement with FCNC(Friends Church of North Carolina)
- Training and/or experience as a pastor

Responsibilities:

- Leading people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ
- Responsible for all Sunday morning services bringing Biblical and practical messages to the congregation each week
- Attend and participate in the Meeting's activities other than the Sunday morning service
- Available to perform special services, including weddings and funerals
- Provide support for members as needed and visitation of shut-ins, people in the hospital and in nursing home facilities as well as those in crisis situations
- Participate and support activities of Western Quarterly Meeting and FCNC

*Compensation package will be commiserate with education and experience.

*Persons interested in this position should send resume in PDF to:

dallasavestal@yahoo.com

Dallas Brooks, Clerk of Ministry and Counsel
Rocky River Friends Meeting

Fall Fun Festival

Saturday October 5, 2024

At Rocky River Friends Meeting

Come and have fun 4:00 pm



Games
Hayride
Pizza



And then at about 7:00 pm



1795 Staley Snow Camp Road
Siler City, NC

DELICIOUS
BARBECUE
FOR OVER
50 YEARS



BETHEL FRIENDS MEETING PIG PICKIN'

OCTOBER 19, 2024

Serving 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

Pulled Pork Barbecue with
Bethel's Famous BBQ Sauce
Pintos • Slaw • Hushpuppies
\$10.00 Per Plate

2519 BETHEL FRIENDS ROAD • ASHEBORO

DRIVE THRU TAKE OUT ONLY



North Carolina Friends **Disaster Service**

AN OUTREACH MINISTRY OF N.C. FRIENDS

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Phone 919-656-9030

Eastern N.C. Disaster

New Bern, North Carolina

Oct 27th–Nov 1st, 2024

We are planning our fourth and final rebuilding trip of 2024 to New Bern from 10/27 – 11/1. During 2024, we have helped many families in the New Bern area return to their homes that have been damaged by storms. During this last trip, we are planning on completely framing a new home for Ms. Sondra Hicks. Ms. Hicks is bedridden and confined to a hospital bed. She is living in a home that was flooded up to the floor joists and her roof and ceilings are collapsing and leaking. Her roof is leaking to the point she must place buckets throughout her home when it rains.

Many families in eastern North Carolina have no financial means of repairing their homes damaged by storms. With the help of many volunteers, we are slowly helping many families return to their homes and start to resume a normal life. All volunteers of any skill level are welcome to come and help!

We will be working with the Baptists on Missions Disaster Group as we did in September. We will be staying at their New Bern Rebuild Center, equipped with beds and hot showers. All meals are prepared by our wonderful volunteers who work in the kitchen.

Lodging: Baptists on Missions – New Bern Rebuild Center
2108 Old Cherry Point Rd.
New Bern, N.C. 28560 Phone: 252-571-6347

Arrival: Sunday afternoon, Oct 27th
5:00 PM - Moore's BBQ (group meal)
3621 MLK Blvd.
New Bern, NC 28560

Departure: Friday around noon

Please contact one of the coordinators as soon as possible if you are planning on volunteering so we will be able to plan the meals for the group.



Friends Theological College-Kaimosi Supports a Well-Managed Self-Sustaining Farm

Ever wonder what it would be like to walk out of your backdoor with a basket in hand and pick fresh food from the farm? This isn't just a dream but an attainable reality at the Friends Theological College-Kaimosi with a well-managed self-sustaining farm. Living off nature's bounty with minimal trips to the grocery market is the order of the day in Kaimosi.

The agricultural set-up at the institution says "No, thank you," to external resources as much as possible, but rather embraces nature's cycle and biodiversity. This has been achieved by careful planning and efficient use of space, raising livestock as well as growing high-yield crops.

The FTC farm nurtures a diversity of crops ranging from maize, beans, and kale to onions, arrowroot, sweet potatoes, local greens, and bananas, among many other crops. The crops grow side by side helping each other out, like the beans climb maize stalks while their roots fix nitrogen in the soil.

For more information [CLICK HERE](#)

Meet our Missions Cuba



Cuba Friends is a small, vibrant and rapidly-growing group of Friends who are busy ministering to their communities and establishing a vision for outreach to others. Through FUM's Living Letters program, visitors from across our global fellowship make twice-annual trips to learn from, work alongside and fellowship with Cuban Quakers. With continuing restrictions on travel to Cuba, these trips provide life-sustaining and spirit-nurturing connections for everyone involved. In addition, FUM partners with the Cuban Quaker Peace Institute, a training center for pastors and other leaders, teaching Quaker theology and history, Bible and peacemaking.

To learn more about the possibility of a mission trip to Cuba [CLICK HERE](#).

Excerpts from:

NEW!

SOLITUDE

Proverbs, Wisdom & Principles for Better Living

By: William Penn



Quotes on "Clean Hands":

384- The taking of a bribe or gratuity, should be punished with as severe penalties as the defrauding of the state.

385- Let men have sufficient salaries, and exceed them at their peril.

386- It is a dishonor to government, that its officers should live of benevolence; as it ought to be infamous for officers to dishonor the public by being twice paid for the same business.

387- But to be paid, and not to do business, is rank oppression.

QUAKER QUESTIONS

NEW!

Taken from "Questions Quakers are Asking"

By: Seth B. Hinshaw

Is all human life really sacred? Holy?

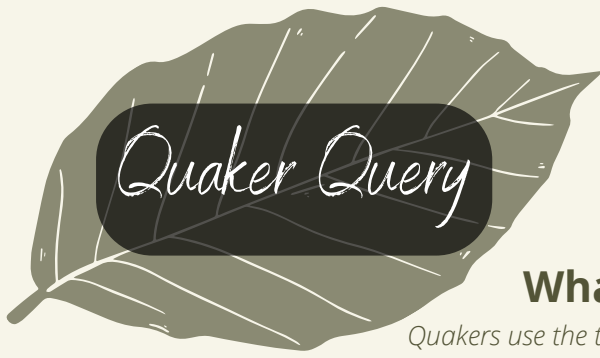


The sacredness of human life is sometimes accepted as a lofty sentiment with little serious consideration. Quaker honesty requires us to examine this concept in a realistic way. In today's world there are some difficult questions which we cannot ignore:

1. This year problem of numbers. With 4 billion people in the world, how could each single individual have special divine significance?
2. When human life sinks to its lowest possible level, how much sacredness remains?
3. Why is human life so "cheap" today? Are all marriages holy?

Having begun with the most negative aspects, let us turn to the most positive – God's love. Some meaningful questions may help or thinking:

1. Is Gods love universal? Does God love a person "while he has yet to sinner", or is love withheld until the person is "saved"?
2. Does not some form of sacredness exist where God's love abides? In what way?
3. Why should we not despise any person whom God loves?



...for October

What is a "Quaker Query"?

Quakers use the term Query to refer to a question or series of questions used for reflection and in spiritual exercises. Friends have used Queries as tools for offering spiritual challenges to the community for much of their history.

Consider this...

-Do you cultivate your spiritual growth through prayer and Bible reading and through attendance at meetings for worship and study? Are you finding joy in the Lord?

-Do you acknowledge God's ownership of all that is under your care? Do you give of your time and abilities in service to church and community and gratefully use your possessions as a trust to honor God?

-Is Christ's presence evident in your life?

Social Media

Comm-Tech Committee Statement

Hello from your FCNC Comm-Tech Committee!

Many members within FCNC are still unaware that we have a newsletter!

The best way for Friends to stay up to date and aware of news & events is to get connected.

There are 3 great ways to do that:

- 1) subscribe to *Bearing Fruit* (click [HERE](#))
- 2) follow FCNC's Facebook Page (click [HERE](#))
- 3) join FCNC's Facebook group (click [HERE](#))

Social Media isn't for everyone, and we completely understand, so that's where "Bearing Fruit" is a great option.

But what about those in our Meetings who still haven't heard about or seen the newsletter?

That's where YOU come in!

Pastors, announce to your congregations on Sundays.

Friends, ask your friends if they've seen the newsletter.

Committee leaders, consider printing off copies to hand out to those who are less likely to use technology.

Together, we can get the word out! Thank you for your help

Click here to send me an e-mail
jenny@friendschurchnc.org



Prayer **CORNER**

How can we pray for you?

Prayer:

- Pray for Emory Langley, our FCM student pastor, in Boone. She lost her home and vehicle in the recent floods in Boone, NC.
- Pray for all of those who have been affected by the devastation in Western NC and the surrounding areas because of recent storms.

Consider joining with your Meeting to organize relief efforts.

Praise:

Praise God for
His promises.
His steadfast presence.
His grace.
His peace in the face of
fear and danger.

September RECAP

Visit to Cane Creek Friends Meeting

Superintendent, Mike Wall visited with Cane Creek Friends on September 17th for their Fall Revival.



Visit to Rocky River Friends

Visit to Rocky River Friends Meeting. September 22, 2024.



USFW Fall Gathering

If you missed the USFW Fall Gathering, don't worry! It was live streamed on Youtube and is available for you to watch now!

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch it!



Concord Friends Golf Tournament

We had a great day on the course at our annual golf tournament!!
We would like to thank everyone who participated as a player,
sponsor, or volunteer.

-Taken from Concord Friends [Facebook page](#)

