

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

Newsletter

Eight Month, 2022

Monthly Query: *How do I treat personal conflict as an opportunity for growth?*

Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee:
Your silent prayer and openness to Spirit are themselves a form of ministry that enriches the Meeting community.



Upcoming Zoom Fora -

SUMMER FORUMS: August 07 & 14.

Worship-sharing fed by quotes from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice. Led by Tom Munk and Kate Fitch.

August 7: Tom leads, Kate tech hosts. Faith Reflected in Our Organization. Advices, II

<https://www.pym.org/faith-and-practice/faith-reflected-organization/>

August 14: Tom leads and tech hosts. God and Christ at the Center. Advices, I

<https://www.pym.org/faith-and-practice/experience-and-faith/>

Small Group Worship at the Meetinghouse

After listening carefully to our community and giving thoughtful consideration to ways to meet the needs of our community, the Ministry & Worship Committee received permission from the Meeting to begin offering responsible opportunities for small group worship in a variety of settings. We invite the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting community to try and help us evaluate options for small group worship over the coming weeks.

In this unprecedented time, the committee is not pursuing the perfect answer to how to worship together, and we do not know the lowest risk way to proceed.

Note: To promote safety and reduce the possibility of Covid 19 transmission and infection, the completion of **vaccination protocol** and the **wearing of masks** around others on meeting property is lovingly expected. A risk assessment tool is available as well (<https://www.microcovid.org/tracker>). To keep the small group worship simple, there will be no refreshments available (bring your own water), indoor participants will be urged to go outside at the rise of meeting to limit time in the building, and the building will be closed between early and late meetings. Friends are asked to not go downstairs (except for the nursery), for simplicity in preparation and maintenance of safe spaces..

Children older than 3 are encouraged to attend the first 15 minutes of worship and will be led down to the playground for First Day School, which is on the playground during Covid. However, there will be at least one adult on the playground starting at 11:00 for those who are nervous about indoors. For children under 3, the nursery is open downstairs if needed.

Upcoming Events



350+ Years of Quakers in NC, Thurs Oct 13, 7pm

We hope you will join us at Guilford College for a plenary session exploring the topic of "Reassessing George Fox: 350+ Years of Quakers in NC." The evening keynote address will be delivered at **7pm Thursday, October 13th in the Carnegie Room at Hege Library on Guilford's campus by Dr. Noeleen McIlvenna**, Professor of History at Wright State University and author of "A Very Mutinous People: The Struggle for North Carolina, 1660-1713." The event will be open to all who are interested, but please RSVP if possible.

For more information, you can visit the webpage here: <https://friendscenter.guilford.edu/fox-350/> or to register for the event, you can fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/8ea7aPyfugphFYfz7>. This event is sponsored by the Friends Center, Quaker Archives, and the Curry-Coffin Commission. Please reach out to Liz Nicholson, nicholsonea@guilford.edu if you have any additional questions.

Vocal Ministry: Friends Journal

Jan Hutton shares with Friends:

Collected in this issue of Friends Journal are essays on vocal ministry you may find illuminating and practical, whether you're new to Quakerism or not. (You do not have to be a subscriber to access the issue online.) <https://www.friendsjournal.org/speaking-spirits-words/>

Art from Residents at OCC, July 27-Aug 21, Reception July 30

Sally Freeman, of Eno Friends, shares with Friends:

Dear Chapel Hill Friends,

We are excited to announce the 2022 "Something to Say" art exhibit, featuring art of residents at Orange Correctional Center (OCC) is coming up next month, opening July 27th and continuing until August 21, at the [Margaret Lane Gallery](#). Details [here](#):

https://www.newsfororange.com/arts_and_entertainment/article_ce1ba4e8-f05f-11eb-9bd4-ab9533da0946.html

The IFC Pantry Needs Food Items

Dottie Henniger shares with Friends:

The Inter-Faith Council pantry continues to need donations of food items. Please think of the IFC as you do your grocery shopping! The basket in the meetinghouse foyer is available to receive your contributions. For attenders who worship on Zoom, plastic bins will be put on the front porch on the last Wednesday of each month for your donations. Please also remember that financial gifts are always welcome. You can make your contributions online at the IFC website, ifcweb.org. Thank you! - Dottie

Quaker Call to Action

Pam Schwingl shares with Friends:

To Friends Throughout the United States:

Greetings in the Spirit of Love.

We write to share with you a call to action in response to the current extensive threats to our U.S. democracy. We are led to speak out against the lies, extremist movements, and anti-democratic actions that are the opposite of our Quaker understandings of integrity and Truth. This Call was prepared by a group of nineteen Friends.

We encourage your prayerful discernment of this “Urgent Call” and ask you as individuals, monthly meetings, yearly meetings, and Friends organizations to consider how you might be called to act with integrity in response to these concerns.

The next call will be 18 August - National Zoom Call. Host: Pendle Hill Quaker Retreat & Study Center. Thursday, August 18, 7-9PM EDT

You can find more details and register at quakercall.net.

We are an ad hoc group of Quakers who believe in the power of Truth and who have faith in the witness of Friends. We know that the individual and collective actions of Friends and friends can have a powerful impact in our communities and in our individual faithful journeys. We welcome your questions, suggestions, and resources at info@quakercall.net.

In faithfulness,

The Urgent Call Steering Committee

Bruce Birchard, Sam Caldwell, Gretchen Castle, Mary Ellen McNish, Diane Randall, and Michael Wajda, clerk

Visiting the Meetinghouse During Covid

Building and Grounds shares with Friends:

As you know we've curtailed use of the meeting house during the pandemic. Occasionally, people have, and needed to, gone into the meeting house to support the few essential tasks of the meeting. We appreciate that those visits have been brief and infrequent. We do ask though that anyone that needs to go into the meeting house to please notify John Hite, by phone or text, prior to going. Thank you.

Pray for Peace - From *Friends House Moscow*:

Link to the Daily Meeting for Worship for Peace sponsored by FHM/FHMSA: (Friends House Moscow)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4165005614?pwd=NUtieEtqbDBYbjBrcGdMMzBKQ3drQT09>

Meeting ID: 416 500 5614

Passcode: 182805

The room opens at 8:45am Pacific time (10:45 EST); worship begins on the hour and ends an hour later. After worship there will be time to share brief thoughts that did not rise to the level of ministry. You may also want to rename yourself indicating your geographic location. There will be no audible indicator when one enters or leaves, and everyone will be muted on entry. Please leave yourself muted unless giving ministry. Ministry may also be shared in the chat, but it is not the place for private conversations. If you are new to Quaker unprogrammed worship and wish to talk with someone about it, send a message to the host and someone can join you in a breakout room.

Diplomacy is the Only Solution

As the Russian invasion and assault on Ukraine continues, we stand in solidarity and sympathy with the people of Ukraine, the people of Russia, and all those in the region whose lives are being torn apart by war. We grieve the loss of life and destruction that war inevitably brings.

We are deeply concerned that new massive and broad sanctions imposed on Russia will not just impact Russian leadership, but further harshen the lives of ordinary people in Ukraine, Russia, and the region. The only solution is diplomacy—not further violence.

Act Now! [Tell your lawmakers that diplomacy is the best way to protect human lives and avoid further suffering.](#)

Recurring Events

Prayers for Healing/Holding in the Light, 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 7-8:30 pm

YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN Virtual Prayers for Healing/Holding in the Light on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Join us when you can for as long as you wish - from your own home.

Do you have a name or a group of people to add to - or remove from - the list of those we will hold in our hearts and prayers? If so, please send to: prayers@chapelhillfriends.org. The list of names to be held in the Light will be renewed each month. Names must be resubmitted each month to be maintained on the list. We'll send an updated list on Wednesday afternoons. Thank you for joining us!

This virtual prayer service continues under the care of the Ministry and Worship Committee and each week, a volunteer will collect and post the names that are submitted and will read them aloud during the time of the service. You can be one of these volunteers! Please contact the Ministry and Worship Committee (mw@chapelhillfriends.org) or Chris Stanley (clerkofmeeting@chapelhillfriends.org) to join the volunteers supporting this ongoing ministry.

Pendle Hill Worship via Zoom, Daily, 8:30-9:10am

Pendle Hill Quaker Study, Retreat, and Conference Center is now opening their daily morning worship to everyone, by way of Zoom or phone. A lovely opportunity for gathered worship every morning. "A handful of Pendle Hill residents continue to gather daily in the Barn – from 8:30am to 9:10am Eastern Time – expanding the 90-year-long tradition of daily worship here on campus. Beginning the week of March 16, 2020, we started an experiment of opening the circle of worship to YOU in your home. You can join us here via Zoom."

<https://pendlehill.org/explore/worship/join-us-online-for-worship-in-the-barn/?bblinkid=210290749&bbemailid=19903873&bbejrid=1408822779>

Note: The above link takes you *not* to the meeting but to a page of general instructions. Look for the sentence "You can join us via Zoom **here**, or by clicking on the image below."

Sloth Radio Is On the Air, Tues, Thursdays, 8pm

Kathleen McNeil shares with Friends:
Hi Friends/friends,

The First Day School Middle POD (the Sloths) will be sharing our Sloth Radio Hour every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 8PM. You don't need to be in the middle pod to join us. All are welcome. We are

reading the first book of the Harry Potter series. We will read for 30-60 minutes depending on interest level. The program will continue to be on zoom at the same address.

Zoom: <https://unc.zoom.us/j/9194488892>

Please spread the word if you have any friends that you think would like to join us!

~ Personals ~

Two Lost Kittens Looking for a Home



Annette Broadwell and Buzz Borchardt share with Friends:

Annette found these two abandoned male kittens in a wooded area coming back from her mother's house. One is recovering from an eye puncture, another from a nasty paw wound. With two dogs and an older cat, we can't adopt them; but we are keeping them at our house while fostering them through Orange County Animal Services.

The black cat is a real pistol – a complete extrovert. He is vocal, climbs all over you, and wants to explore. He's a 3-pound powerhouse. The gray cat is still a bit of a mystery. Presumably because of his eye injury, he has been shy and retiring. But, with his eye recovering, he has begun playing and roughhousing with his much bigger brother and to tolerate, even enjoy, being petted. He has made so much progress in very few days that it won't be long before his full personality appears. It would be wonderful if someone can adopt both kittens and keep the two siblings together. Contact Annette, annettebroadwell@gmail.com or 919-260-1995, or Buzz, buzz.borchardt@gmail.com or 919-593-7280.

Newsletter & eNews Reminder

Note: If you think that you haven't received your weekly enews or monthly newsletter, it helps to add news@chapelhillfriends.org to your contacts. Otherwise it might go to your Spam folder (and likewise for other chapelhillfriends.org mailing lists such as pfym@chapelhillfriends.org).

Please send items for the weekly eNews email and the monthly print Newsletter to news@chapelhillfriends.org. **Note:** The eNews is formatted using Google Docs, so submissions in that format are most welcome!

- The deadline for weekly eNews is *midnight on Wednesday*. Please put "**for eNews**" in the subject line.
- The deadline for the monthly print Newsletter is on the *last Sunday of the month*. Please put "**for Newsletter**" in the subject line.

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