

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

Newsletter

First Month, 2023

Monthly Query: *How can I be a blessing to others?*

Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee: *Waiting in silent expectation and prayer for guidance from the Light Within is the basis for our Meeting for Worship.*



Upcoming Zoom Fora - 09:30 am <https://www.chapelhillfriends.org/zoom/online.html>

January 1: Solstice Forum with Peter and Carolyn White. Moderator: Mark Toles.

January 8 : Ronald Carnes provides a personal sharing. Moderator: Deborah Gibbs

January 15: Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

January 22: *Benjamin Lay*, presented by Tom McQuiston, with *Deborah Gibbs following*

January 29: Wayne Finegar, Quaker House director presents on recent Quaker House activities

February 5: Josh Leroy, Orange County Correctional Facility chaplain presents on program at the prison. *Deborah Gibbs following*

February 12: Nicole Nettleton Forum

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.

Announcements

Keep Up the Pressure for Congress to Act on Yemen!
Help to End the Devastating War

Our legislators need to hear from us this week. Urge Sens. Tillis and Burr, and Rep. Manning to support the Yemen War Powers Resolution (S.J. Res. 56/H.J Res 87).

For nearly eight years, unauthorized U.S. military support and weapons sales have enabled the Saudi-led coalition's participation in a horrific civil war in Yemen.

In Feb. of 2021, President Biden announced the U.S. would end its support for the Saudi-led coalition, but important aspects of U.S. complicity remain. These include ongoing maintenance and logistical support for warplanes conducting airstrikes and enforcing an air and sea blockade of Yemen. This participation has not been authorized by Congress and must not continue.

FCNL has heard that Sen. Sanders plans to introduce S.J. Res 56 any day now. The U.S. has an opportunity to have a big impact on the civil war during this lame duck session.

If congress fails to act the path forward will be significantly more challenging in the new congressional year.

Join Friends across the U.S. as we say "war is NOT the answer." Use FCNL's online system to send an email or better yet, find a phone number to call all three of your representatives -- <https://www.fcnl.org/updates/2022-12/100-national-organizations-urge-congress-support-yemen-war-powers-resolution>.

Quaker House Update for December/January

Curt Torell shares with Friends:

We look forward to a visit from Wayne Finegar, Quaker House's new Executive Director, on Sunday, January 29. He'll lead the forum at 9:30, then join us in worship at 11:00. This will be a wonderful opportunity for all us to meet with Wayne, hear about Quaker House, and reinforce the connection between our meeting and the origins of Quaker House.

Another special event will be on Monday, February 20, 1:15 at the Carol Woods Assembly Hall when Quaker House Hotline Counselors Steve Woolford and Lenore Yarger will talk about the Hotline. Anyone may attend, though masks may be encouraged.

While Wayne, Steve, and Lenore can share more about the good work of Quaker House, recently they helped an ex-GI, who identified himself as a CO, and his wife who he said was AWOL from the 82nd Airborne for several years. She had just been arrested by the military and without communication or sufficient transportation. Quaker House was there for her, helping with both so that she could face the next chapter of following her conscience. We are mindful that our donors, both individual and meetings, make this possible.

85th Joy

Dottie Heninger shares with Friends:

I picked up the cake from Whole Foods, enough to feed 50, got to Meeting and there was Pam Schwingl. She had tablecloth in hand, coffee and five cakes at the ready: vegan, stolen, and apple with thanks to our bakers, Celia Petrie, Pam, Evelyn Fender-Lee and Kate Fitch. A full complement of carbs! Perfect for our 85th anniversary celebration. And much better than the solitary cake (no beverages) I had expected. Blessings!

Sitting in Meeting I listened to Matt read the query for December. Its focus was finding light and joy amongst the travails of our world. I wondered what our founders would say, seeing us this morning. Would they say we're finding joy? As they look at us, our founders would first get past the construction project we call the porch. Zoom is set up with our ever-competent Quaker Harman at the computer. John Hite had the windows open as a nod to the pandemic, fans in place (a welcome reduced number with thanks to Peter Malone's good advice, and me wondering at the stipulations so long debated [there is no other word for it] in B&G). And the furnace was on! Hallelujah! All that said, we're in our renovated space. Hardwood floors, benches well-spaced, and the blankets brought from home on the far bench for when the furnace is turned off. Would our founders recognize us? Would they see joy?

Would our founders reflect on the many attenders – maybe 45 – this morning? Would they look back on the Meeting's accomplishments with joy? Carolina Friends School, the InterFaith Council, Quaker House, the Dispute Settlement Center, helping to found Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting. Had we done enough? Had our hearts been open wide enough? Had we loved each other fully? Do they look around and see joy and promise that our Meeting will continue for the next 85 years? This is my wish.

Indications are that our hearts remain open as we are faithful to prison ministry (with both its problems and successes) at Orange Correctional Center. Other joys reside in our children. Kathleen McNeil entered meeting silently, shuffled her feet to gather the First Day School kids. Younger folk are making ornaments with Leslie Rountree for their Christmas tree, preparing for their Christmas pageant next week. The first since the pandemic struck. At the rise of Meeting, the Alternative Gift Mart quickly sets up in the foyer, our teens ready with their hand made cards to welcome our donations to their charities of choice.

I interrupt their activities to call folks to "circle up" before we cut our birthday cake outside under the magnolia. Those surrounding the cakes were eager and the circle took place before we had all assembled. We didn't miss what was important – the fellowship that accompanied the coffee and cakes. It's cold, about 50 degrees, but our appetites for cake and friends guided us. We sang Happy Birthday to Us, and Gwynne Pomeroy took our pictures. Only a few pieces of cake and the crumbs were left as we cleaned up, licking the almost-gone buttecream icing from our fingers.

Our founders would see a joy-filled gathering today, and a hopeful time for our meeting community in its next 85 years.

Advent - Waiting in Faith

Catherine Alguire shares this poem with Friends:

There is softness in this rainy day
Inviting a settling deep within
The quiet of wet sinking deep within
to nourish new growth - yet unseen
and wash away traces of tear paths - no longer needed
Restful, healing, nurturing with just being - no more
Breathing in renewal and faith of the future
See the busy birds carry on, persevere, unquestioning
Breathe out everything previous to this very moment
This darkness, this quiet solitary is the Advent, the time of waiting,
Know the full knowledge of the joys that will come
With new growth and new light
After this time of rest and healing.
This is today, a moment in time
A gift and a blessing on the timeline of life.
Praises! For times of rest and healing. To shed despair and reach for comfort.
Praises! For hope and the promise of new life with each breath, each raindrop.
This season is of the earth, of us, of life.
Christmas is the holiday of hope in new joy, new connections.

Small Group Update

Thanks to all those who have signed up to participate in small groups starting in January and to the facilitators of each group. Please expect to be contacted by the facilitator of your chosen group sometime in December with information about the first session and to confirm your participation. If you have any questions, contact Lynn Drake (Linda.drake100@gmail.com) or Dottie Heninger (Dottieheningergmail.com).

On Racial Reckoning in Virginia

Betsy Brinson shares with f/Friends:

Margaret Edds is a member of the Richmond, VA Friends Meeting. She will present on her new book on **Thursday, Feb 7 at 6 pm at Flyleaf Books**. It would be nice to have Chapel Hill Friends there.

Here is a link to further information on the book and the historical context:

<https://www.allarts.org/programs/pbs-newshour/historic-reckoning-1671999365/>

- From the publisher's promotional notes:

The transformation of Governor Ralph Northam

Virginia Governor Ralph Northam's "blackface scandal" could have destroyed any politician. The photo of Governor Northam purportedly in blackface created a firestorm not only locally but also in every political sphere. *What the Eyes Can't See* details why Northam's career did not end with the scandal, and how it made him a better governor—and a better citizen.

In this book Margaret Edds draws on unprecedented access to the governor, his aides, and members of the Virginia Legislative Black Caucus, whose initial anger evolved into determination to mine good from an ugly episode. Both scolding and encouraging, they led Northam to a deeper understanding of the racism and pain the photograph symbolized. To Northam's credit, he listened, and more importantly learned the lessons of endemic, systemic racism and applied those lessons to his legislative agenda. Edds provides a revealing examination of race in the nation, how racism might be addressed and reckoned with, and how we all may find a measure of redemption in listening to one another.

Contributed by Betsy Brinson

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 (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."

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.

The IFC Pantry Needs Food Items

Carolyn Stuart 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 on First Days. We are no longer offering last-Wednesday food donation pickups, as Friends tend now to either support the IFC through financial contributions or bring food items to the foyer on First Days.

Thank you.

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.



Personals

Home for Sale

Perry Martin shares with Friends:

I am offering my house in Arcadia for sale . I am hoping for a family who wants to live and participate in a co-housing community. Our HOA makes decisions by consensus and has adopted values consistent with Quaker values, Contact Becky Laskody at 919 - 906-4283

One-Button Alzheimers Radio for Sale

Cecilia King shares with Friends:

I bought this one-button retro radio for my mother-in-law in September and she did not want it. We had thirty days to return it. It's brand new and costs \$135. If anyone can purchase it and put it to use that would help me recoup the loss - even at least a good chunk of my expense would be wonderful.

Cecelia King

910.651.9545

<https://www.alzstore.com/one-button-radio-elderly-p/2113.htm>



Looking for a Digital Helper

Lauren Tappan shares with Friends:

I am looking for a digital helper. This person needs to be able to type, handle emails, and web search for PC and Apple devices. Wonderful working environment, good pay, will negotiate on hours. Contact Lauren at laurenandjay@ministering.com . .

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

Minutes

9 am Sunday December 18, 2022

Online via Zoom

Ann Miller, Clerk, and Susan Inglis, Recording Clerk

In attendance: Jeff Brown, Hart Pillow, Allie Scales, Alice Carlton, Dave Curtin, Pam Schwingl, Carolyn White, Ken Grogan, Billie Grogan, Campo Larrick, Monteze Snyder, Hank Elkins, Carolyn Stuart, Hart Pillow, Julia Cleaver, Joe Groves, Ellen O'Brien, Dottie Henninger, Jennifer Leeman, Jan Hutton, David Waterman, Max Drake, John Hite, Paul Munk, Joyce Munk, Curt Torell, Lynn Drake, Matt Drake, Quaker Harmon, Emilie Condon, Wendy Michener, Rob Jones, Nancy Milio, Rebecca Estes, Ann Miller, Susan Inglis

1. Opening worship and query – clerk Ann Miller

Query: How do we look at the world around us and find the Light and find the joy?

2. Ann welcomed Friends and reviewed the agenda. There were no first-time attenders.

3. Susan had prepared the Minutes of the November Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MWAB.) Friends considered them and approved.

4. Carolyn White for the Nominations Committee presented Andrea Wood to join the Hospitality committee, and Friends approved with enthusiasm.

5. Ann shared a recently received request for membership from Susan Foster Newcomer. The letter is being referred to Ministry and Worship to form a clearness committee.

6. Pam Schwingl presented the annual report of Friends Committee on North Carolina Legislation. It is attached here as Appendix 1. Friends commented and expressed their deep appreciation of the committee's process and work. Friends accepted the report.

7. Dottie Heninger presented the Memorial minute for Jackson Alguire. It is attached here as Appendix 2. Friends accepted the minute and recalled the Conscious Objector letter Jackson wrote as he turned 18. It is housed on the CHFM website.

8. Dottie Heninger presented the Memorial minute for Alwyn Moss. It is attached here as Appendix 3. Friends accepted the minute, with appreciative comments.

9. Ann Miller reported that the transfer of membership for Ann Riggs to Annapolis Friends Meeting was accepted and is complete.

10. Ann Miller reported that Yellow Springs Friends Meeting, Ohio, sent a letter supporting the transfer of membership for Mansir Petrie to CHFM. Friends accepted the transfer with enthusiasm. A welcoming committee was formed, including Carolyn Stuart, John Hite, Monteze Snyder.

11. Matt Drake, as a trustee for the Meeting, reported that the CHFM/Carolina Friends school agreement, which was originally drawn 30 years ago, is due for renewal in April, 2023. An addendum was signed in 2002, and updated in

2010. There are some structural issues with the building, for which CFS is responsible. Friends discussed and formed an ad hoc committee of Matt Drake, Marie Hopper, Lloyd Kramer as trustees, Rob Jones as a CFS representative, John Hite, and a representative from finance committee to be decided by that committee. The committee is likely to ask for input from others in the Meeting. Matt will call the committee meeting.

12. John Hite provided a Buildings and Grounds committee project update. It is attached here as Appendix 4.

13. The Clerk called for unseasoned concerns that might have arisen and there were none.

14. The next Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business is planned for 9:00 AM on 1/15/2023.

Announcements:

1. Send recommendations for organizations to be considered in the Benevolences process to Peace and Justice
2. Carol Woods has purchased a house with a plan to use for housing refugees
3. The alternative gift mart continues
4. Christmas Eve worship via Zoom on 12/24
5. No early Meeting for Worship on 12/25, 11:00 Meeting will be held on 12/25.

Annual Report of Friends Committee on North Carolina Legislation (FCNCL) of Representatives to Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

December 18, 2022

FCNCL has been functioning since October 2019 under the care of the Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting. In 2022 FCNCL continued to educate ourselves and our participants about the NC General Assembly (NCGA) and to advocate for legislation that promotes Quaker values.

Policy Priorities and Actions. FCNCL issued nine (9) action alerts in 2021 and 2022 on the following topics: three on Medicaid Expansion, two on Criminal Justice Reform, one related to reducing fossil fuels, one on Heirs Property Law, and two on reducing PFAS forever chemicals. We have posted five Fact Sheets with background information on Action Alerts and other resources to support Quaker advocacy. We have also posted comments as an organization during public comment periods on redistricting, changes to rules regulating the activities of poll observers, and support for climate friendly energy policies. Finally, FCNCL sent a letter to Governor Cooper thanking him for his support for Medicaid expansion, and for vetoes of House Bill 398 Repeal of gun permits for pistols, and House Bill 324, the anti-Critical Race Theory bill. Last December, FCNCL, as part of its concern with criminal Justice reform, co-sponsored the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting forum on the Racial Equity Task Force in Criminal Justice. In 2022 we also engaged in our biennial process of discerning our Legislative Priorities for the two-year legislative session which will begin this coming January of 2023 and end in the fall of 2024. To provide ample opportunity for full participation and discernment we began this process in March by sending requests for recommendations to our General Committee members and to participating Monthly Meetings and Quaker organizations. The Policy Committee and the Executive Committee considered the recommendations we received and developed draft Legislative Policy Priority recommendations which were reviewed by the Executive committee and approved at the Annual GC Meeting in October 2022.

The policy priorities for the upcoming legislative session are: 1) Equal Access to Quality Public Education; 2) Protecting Participation in the Democratic Process for All; 3) Concern for the Health and Safety of All North Carolina Residents; 4) Protecting the Environment; and 5) Criminal justice reform.

Our process for putting our priorities into action is best described using the case of Medicaid Expansion.

1. Policy Committee members regularly reviewed NC General Assembly (NCGA) bills for those related to our policy priorities. Our 2021-22 priority on “Equal access to quality healthcare” led us to follow bills linked to this issue, and act accordingly.
2. We reviewed and followed 3 House bills and 2 Senate bills introduced during the session. We educated ourselves about the sponsors and cosponsors of these bills, NCGA committees where they were assigned, about organizations for and against the bills, and 1 about FCNCL members living in districts with legislators who might be influenced regarding these bills.
3. We prepared and continually updated a fact sheet on Closing the Medicaid Coverage Gap to reflect the evolving facts on the ground.
4. We set up meetings with legislators including Republicans who were known to be open to expanding Medicaid.
5. We sent three action alerts to our membership encouraging them to contact their legislators with “asks” corresponding to evolving legislative conditions.
6. We conducted a Zoom workshop with members to help them engage in the lobbying process.
7. We sat in on sessions of the House-Senate special committee on Medicaid expansion to hear those discussions.
8. In June the NC Senate passed a bill that would expand Medicaid; later that month the NC House passed a bill establishing a joint legislative study committee to study expansion.

9. The Senate proposal contained additional reforms that would increase the number of providers and services which were problematic to the NC Hospital Association and House members, and currently negotiations are going on behind closed doors.
10. **We are currently partnering with Down Home NC to influence legislators from rural districts where we have few members, and expect to join them in their lobby day on February 14, 2023. Please let me know if you would like to participate in this work!**

Anti-Racism. The Antiracism Group (AWG) formed in 2021 to support FCNCL's antiracism commitment expressed in its Minute on Antiracism. The focus of the AWG's work is to develop FCNCL's understanding and capacity to consider and implement its revised (October 2021) Minute on Antiracism across all its operations. Over the past year, the AWG has continued discipline using the queries and Minute in all our work; supported BIPOC businesses - publishing a resource which will help FCNCL members identify BIPOC businesses/suppliers whenever we need goods or services to support FCNCL activities (e.g. printing services); identified existing relationships with BIPOC organizations already pursuing work aligned with FCNCL priorities to strengthen their work and follow their lead (in our priority areas).

Training and Outreach. The Strategic Advocacy and Engagement (SAE) committee led two workshops: 1) "Working for Medicaid Expansion" and 2) "Activating Advocacy." Committee members presented what we have learned about the NCGA legislative process; and identified the current status of the bills we have been supporting, preparing participants to effectively meet with legislators by identifying and sharing personal stories related to the bills.

This past year FCNCL participated in three yearly meetings in NC: Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting and Fellowship, North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative, and North Carolina Fellowship of Friends. We have also received invitations and participated in programs on FCNCL at Monthly Meetings. We have expanded our membership on the FCNCL General Committee by contacting Clerks at Monthly Meetings who did not have GC representatives.

Contributions and expenses. The organization has no paid staff but is powered by volunteers from meetings across the state of North Carolina. The total reported contributions to FCNCL from meetings and individuals amounted to \$3790. We ended the year with a balance of approximately \$8200.

Future Plans. FCNCL is planning a state-wide FCNCL Lobby/Advocacy Day in Raleigh on March 22, early in the 2023 Legislative Session. **Meeting members and attendees are welcome to join us!** More information will be available soon.

FCNCL welcomes any who are committed to Quaker advocacy in NC to visit a committee meeting; craft policy Alerts and fact sheets; help the Communications group develop and issue announcements; send friends to FCNCL's website to grow our membership; and most importantly -- respond to Alerts and build relationships with your representatives! Recently, David Waterman from our meeting crafted a fact sheet on the environmental and human safety impacts of the hog and poultry industries in NC which is aligned with both of our environmental priorities - the safety and health of individuals, and the care of the planet. Many thanks to David!

CHFM Representatives. Pam Schwingl is currently the FCNCL representative from the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting. Two additional representatives would be warmly welcomed, as meetings are allowed to have 3 representatives to FCNCL.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Schwingl

Jackson Alguire Vickery

May 22, 1990 – May 17, 2022

Jackson was the son of Catherine Alguire, a long-time member of Chapel Hill Friends Meeting. He and his sister Erin were familial members of our Meeting. They frequently attended First Day School where Jackson learned the value of silence and of listening deeply. His life revealed his continuing commitment to the tenets of Quakerism and in adulthood, he expressed a deepening appreciation for the power of nature as a source of inspiration and renewal.

Jackson's most telling characteristics were well known to his community of friends. His most enduring trait was curiosity. He read voraciously and became the source of answers to his friends' questions. At his memorial service, his family honored his engaged mind by providing his varied library for attenders to choose a volume as a remembrance.

Jackson loved his family and friends. When he moved to Boone to attend Appalachian State University, he made life-long friends and held them close. He even became ordained to officiate at one friend's wedding.

His death came too young at age 31 when his body failed. His personality was bigger than life, but he was also modest. While his family and friends deeply mourn his passing, Jackson might summarize his life in his familiar expression "Nah, I'm good."

We were grateful to have him in our CHFM community as he was growing up.

Allyn Marilyn "Alwyn" Moss

1926 - April 21, 2022

Alwyn's life was a journey filled with adventures. One constant in her adult life was Quakerism. She joined Chapel Hill Friends Meeting in 1985. In 1987 she joined the Blacksburg Friends Meeting. She was in our Meeting for only a few years, but we remember her as someone who led a life of commitment to the values she held. The other constant in her life was her love of this Earth and all its inhabitants. She had a special appreciation for feral cats and frequently adopted them into her home in the Warm Hearth Village.

Alwyn had a variety of careers. After graduating from Antioch College and completing studies in anthropology at the University of California at Los Angeles, she started as a writer for Mademoiselle magazine. At age 36, she published her first book, Shaping a New World, a Biography of Margaret Mead. She continued writing until her last years, adjusting to the demands of changing technologies along the way. In her mature years she mostly wrote about her life. Including, at age 90, Never Love a Feral Cat. Later she added a section of personal poems to her volume of nature poetry.

Alwyn's accomplishments included helping to found the Blue Mountain School in Floyd, VA. She was also an organizing member of the Friends of the Brown Farm Group which preserved farmland as Heritage Park.

Alwyn traveled widely, living in Italy and England for extended times. Wherever she was, she was fervently involved in environmental causes. She led her life authentically, according to her own Light.

In death she chose a green burial, returning to the Earth she loved so well.

Buildings and Grounds Report to MWAB 12/18/2022

This brief covers status of two projects that B&G has had in process, the HVAC load calculations, and reconstructing the front entry patio.

1.) HVAC Load Calculations – The contract has been fulfilled; a report was delivered, has been queried, and the report was accepted. The purpose of the contract was to perform a set of calculations using an Hourly Analysis Program, in order to determine the sufficiency of the existing heating/cooling equipment as a match for the Meeting House building's heat losses in winter, and heat gains in summer, which dictates meeting the seasonal statistical extremes.

The report shows that adding the amount of outside air needed to achieve the recommended dilution and in so doing increase safety of the building occupants from room air concentrated with viral particles, will necessitate increased energy use (principally electricity, but also added gas consumption). The report illustrates the magnitude of the additional demand for energy, and tells us what to plan for in upgrading electrical service, and related wiring.

As we initially set out on this process of discovery, we worried that we would see this result, but now as the result of the study, we have the deficiency quantified, which could not have been addressed, otherwise. B&G will take steps to gather reliable cost estimates for upgrading electrical service, and also the extent to which provision of added ventilation can be managed in the interim.

2) Entry Patio Reconstruction – Since last month, some time was taken to research the permit requirements in the Town of Chapel Hill Planning jurisdiction, and it has been determined in corresponding with Town Planning and Permit Office staff that the nature of the work does not require permit and can go ahead without a Planning Review.

B&G has collected costs for materials, costs for work by Cornerstone Foundation Repair, as well as seeking labor cost quote from Ibarra Construction. The latter has all pertinent information and will likely present the quote in the coming week, after which B&G will be able to report the overall cost of the work. The work will commence after Christmas, but possibly not before New Years Day has passed. Scheduling concrete delivery is a major factor, and the delivery slot cannot be committed until initial stages of preparatory work are completed.

B&G will update when contracts are signed and mobilization dates are determined.

Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

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