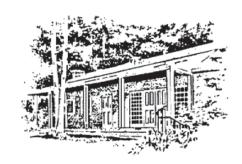
# Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Newsletter



January 2009

# **Monthly Query:**

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#### **Forums**

- **Jan. 4:** "How can our inner light change our lives and the world in the new year?" Hank Maiden will be leading a discussion on how one might resolve to begin the new year.
- **Jan. 11:** "Immigration in the U.S." Dan Pollitt will discuss the history of immigration in the U.S., and Heide Kober will discuss some of its current challenges.
- Jan. 25: "Iran." Debra Dillard of AFSC will talk about her recent visit to Iran, and Miriam Thompson and Hank Elkins will discuss their visit with Iranian President Ahmadinejad.
- **Feb. 1:** "The State of the Union." Nancy Milio will lead this discussion.

# **News From Carolina Friends School**

Monday, January 5 School closed for staff workday

**Tuesday, January 6** School resumes

Wednesday, January 7 DES Bagel Wednesday, 8:15am at the Durham

Early School

PSA Meeting, 6:40pm in the US Meeting Hall

# **State of the Meeting Gathering**

Thursday, February 12, 700-9:00pm

We will gather for our annual evaluation of the State of the Meeting at the Meetinghouse. All members and attenders are urged to attend. Child care will be provided. We will consider two queries to be sent out in advance: How is your spiritual life nourished by our Meeting Community? What are your desires for deepening and strengthening the spiritual life of our Meeting? Those who cannot attend are invited to send their responses to these queries to the Ministry and Worship Committee. A written report will come out of this meeting which will be kept in the Meeting records. We want as wide a response as possible to this important time of self-reflection.

# Progress for Working People: A Step Toward Equality.

Recently the Black, Brown, and White workers at the Smithfield Hog Slaughter plant in Bladen County voted overwhelmingly to join the United Food and Commercial Workers Union. This gives the workers a voice in the organization that controls their life. It is a step toward the economic, political, and spiritual equality for which we Quakers have always struggled. The Chapel Hill Meeting played a small piece in this victory through our support for the HKonJ (Historic Thousands on Jones Street) agenda, one of the points of which is support for the organization of North Carolina workers through unions. The three next items on the HKonJ workers' rights agenda are to strike down North Carolina's illegal ban on union organizing by state workers, support for housekeepers at UNC, and support for the workers at the Moncure Plywood plant in Chatham County. To participate in these efforts, please check out the HKonJ website: <a href="http://carolinajustice.typepad.com/hkonj/">http://carolinajustice.typepad.com/hkonj/</a>. Contact Tom Munk or Miriam Thompson for more information.

# Help IFC Clients In Need Through Your OWASA Bill

Are you an OWASA customer? Did you know that you could be helping families in need with their OWASA bill? The Taste of Hope program works by rounding up your OWASA bill to the nearest dollar—so it costs you only a few cents a month. When an OWASA customer becomes a donor, her or his monthly bill is automatically rounded up to the nearest dollar, and the added amount goes to the IFC to help local families pay their water/sewer bills. Now about 5% of OWASA customers are monthly Taste of Hope donors, and contributions total about \$7,000 per year. This has enabled IFC (the Inter-Faith Council) to temporarily help about 200 families per year with water and sewer bills. The number of families in need has significantly increased in recent months. The IFC is hoping that many more OWASA customers will be able to support the Taste of Hope program. OWASA customers are invited to get more information and to sign up as Taste of Hope donors by calling

OWASA Customer Service at 537-4343, sending an e-mail to webmaster@owasa.org, or using OWASA's on-line form at https://maxima11.abac.com/owasa\_org/CustCare/TasteofHope.aspx. Thank you for your support of people in need through IFC.

### **Email Letter from Jason Morris**

(Editor's note: words in [brackets] are mine.)
Dear Friends.

I am writing to let you all know that I am alive and well here in New Zealand. And to wish each and every one of you a very Happy Christmas! I know that many of you won't see this until long after the fact, but that does not change the fact that I am thinking of all of you and wishing that you could enjoy the warm weather, flowers, and sunshine I have had the last two days. Actually to be honest, it rained on Christmas Eve and made all celebrations rather soggy. I think everyone had a good time anyway. I have had fun celebrating no less than three times since the festivities start here around December 10th and end around January 5th. From the 23rd through the 5th almost everyone is on vacation so not much gets done. Indeed, the only people here in the department at the moment are a few of us hard-working grad students scratching away at our thesis work. In any case, my first Christmas celebration was on December 11th when the department had its party. How we all managed to survive is something of a mystery given the amount of wine on hand, still everyone made it. However, the younger members of the department were much the worse for wear the next day; many looking and acting like they were run over by a very slow moving train. That same weekend, my apartment complex held a party for all the students, which had the novelty of being held in a manner not very different from the way the 4th of July is celebrated back in the States. Finally, I spent Christmas itself with the Master of Everton. He and his family gave me a thundering great lunch and dinner combined. Festivities started at around 1:00 and lasted to about 6:00 with three full courses. At the end everyone had to get up and walk around to avoid passing out from food and drink. Christmas in New Zealand is not for anyone who doesn't drink like a fish. For my part, I've seen all the turkey, stuffing, and crackers I

care to see for the next year or so. I had a good time, but it's time to get back to work on the old thesis.

My work on the project is going, though not as fast as I would like. The necessity of learning my way around town and getting the basics of life set up have rather eaten into my work time. It is this and the Christmas season that have prevented me from writing until now. In addition, my Eudora [program] isn't working with the University's network and thus I am limited to web mail. This means that my abilities are rather limited. For reasons best known to the people who made [the] JAWS [screen-reading software], I can only see one line of text at a time in Earthlink's web mail system and what is more, I can only look at the line I am writing at the moment. No going back, which makes it hard to check for typos and other textual problems. If you add to this the number of people to whom I am trying to write, it becomes a real change to both get work done and email. I am hoping to have my Eudora up and running in the new year, and will write more frequently. In the mean time, please write to my earthlink address as it's the one that most people have in and outside of New Zealand. Those of you who have skype, can contact me at claudius.caecus. If I'm in my office and free I'll answer. In calling, please remember that I am about 16 hours ahead of you.

There is far to much for me to talk about for me to put it all in an email. I will just say that the transition to life here in NZ has taken awhile, but it has more or less been good for both Vinny and I. There are many things that make life for the blind hear much better than life back in the states. The main one being that people care. I know that sounds odd, and I can't exactly explain what I mean by that, but it's the best way I can express the attitude of people here. There are other things like tactile marks at the street crossings and buzzer buttons you push to cross the street. The second are a must as there [is] no such thing as an intersection in Wellington. At the least they aren't intersections as Vinny understands them. It's been interesting retraining him to locate the buzzer boxes since he is inclined to avoid the light poles as a major hazard to my health. On the other hand, he loves the wide-open sidewalks with their flowering bushes and trees all along. He is also in love with the strong sea-breeze which blows through the city. I'm not sure he is going to want to leave when it comes time. Come to think of it, I'm not sure I will either. I never thought I would find a place I would rather live in than the U.S., but I think I have. Sigh, not being a native I can't stay.

Well, like I said, there is just too much to say for it to go into an email right now. I am hoping that you are all having a happy holiday, and I will try to write again soon. I look forward to hearing from you all in turn. Back to work now.

Cheers, Jason

# **Directory Updates**

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#### Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends Minutes of Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business December 21, 2008

#### Attending:

Jennifer Leeman, clerk, Alice Carlton, recording clerk sub, James Harper, Robin Harper, Max Drake, Perry Martin, Dirk Spruyt, Jan Hutton, Mike Green, Marsha Green, Dirk Kelder, Bettie Flash, Ann Kessemeier, Emilie Condon, Ken Grogan, Curt Torell, Michael Jokinen, Terry Mehlman, Judy Purvis, Lynn Drake, Matt Drake, Anne Smith, Miriam Thompson, Nancy Elkins, Hank Elkins, Buffy Weber, Hank Maiden, Nancy Milio, Don Hopper, Michael Smith.

#### Query

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One friend said that last week when she asked for help, she received it a thousand fold. She is grateful and answers a resounding "Yes!" to the query.

The clerk asked that we hold in the light Friends with health concerns: Sue Fletcher, Marnie Clark, Bob Cooper, and Susan Inglis

#### **Minutes**

of last month's meeting were approved.

#### Clerk's report

Claire Williams has submitted a letter requesting transfer of membership to Spring Friends Meeting. Her request was approved.

Dirk Spruyt and Perry Martin requested a letter of introduction to accompany them as they travel west for the holiday. We approved their request. The clerk will write it.

#### **Peace and Social Concerns**

Hank Elkins shared a draft minute proposal for Chapel Hill Friends Meeting on "Engaging American Muslims." After discussion, we agreed to distribute the draft proposal widely to the meeting community for consideration and response then bring the issue back to Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business next month. Friends with questions may contact Curt Torell (email: <a href="mailto:curtnpatty@aol.com">curtnpatty@aol.com</a>) or Nancy Milio (email: <a href="mailto:nancy\_milio@unc.edu">nancy\_milio@unc.edu</a>) who submitted the proposal. (See attached.)

Miriam Thompson reported that TIMELEAP met with Rep. David Price on Wednesday December 17, 2008. TIMELEAP (Triangle-Triad Interfaith Middle East Legislative Education and Advocacy Project) is a coalition of over 20 organizations joined in an effort to bring diplomacy to middle east problems. David Price was very responsive. TIMELEAP goals include: 1.) lift the Gaza blockage due to the humanitarian crisis, 2.) end the wall between Palestine and Israel, 3.) stop the growth of new settlements, 4.) redirect military aid for peaceful purposes, 5.) bring all to the table for peace talks including Hamas, as well as a concern to stop US covert activity in Iran. They have met with Rep. Brad Miller and intend to meet with Senators Kay Hagen and Richard Burr. They are working closely with FCNL.

#### Treasurer's Report

was accepted. (See attached.)

#### **Finance Committee Report**

The finance committee continues to be concerned that we will not collect enough money this year to meet our planned budget. The committee has suspended paying benevolences until it has a clearer sense of the projected income for the year. The committee sent a letter

to all members and attenders in October asking for pledges of financial support, made follow-up phone calls, and then sent another letter in December. Out of 215 letters sent, 87 have responded, some saying they cannot contribute, others sending a one-time financial gift, and others sending pledges for ongoing support. We currently have 41 individuals or families who have completed giving plans. The end of the year is typically the time when the Meeting receives more donations. The committee will report to the February quarterly meeting how pledges and end of year donations relate to the funds needed to meet our budget.

#### **Building and Grounds Committee**

Don Hopper, committee clerk, submitted the annual report. It was accepted with great appreciation. (See attached)

#### **Announcements**

Ruth Zalph is returning to our community to live at Carol Woods. Her son, Barry, and his wife request hospitality of someone who may have a spare room when they visit December 31, 2008-January 3, 2009.

The Christmas Eve candlelight service will be Wednesday, December 24, 2008 at 5:30pm.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be Thursday, February 5, 2009 at 7:00pm.

The State of the Meeting will be Thursday, February 12, 2009 from 7:00-9:00pm. More information and queries will be sent out ahead of time.

The meeting closed with a moment of silence.

Respectfully submitted, Alice Carlton, recording clerk Standing in for Susan Inglis

#### Draft Minute of Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Engaging American Muslims, Dec.21 presentation Submitted by Nancy Milio and Curt Torell

We have inherited a large house, a great "world house" in which we have to live together—black and white, Easterner and Westerner, Gentile and Jew, Catholic and Protestant, Moslem and Hindu—a family unduly separated in ideas, culture and interest, who, because we can never again live apart, must learn somehow to live with each other in peace."

--Martin Luther King, Jr., in Where Do we Go from Here?, 1967

We practice our faith in a time of challenges that demand extraordinary effort. Among myriad concerns, one underplayed urgent issue is the profiling and sometimes abusive treatment of American Muslims.

As Quakers, we seek a nonviolent and just global household. Our work begins with ourselves and our own community and country. This work must include our embrace of the "other", replacing "tolerance" with acceptance, sustained relations, and collaboration on issues of mutual concern. African-, Latino-, and Asian-Americans have long experienced racial/ethnic and economic discrimination. Today, American Muslims, especially since 9/11, have joined them in a triple-edged stereotype: foreigner, infidel, terrorist-sympathizer. Recent polls alert us to this fact.

Shared service and policy activities, as well as exchange of worship delegations, with Muslim and other minority organizations could make a long term contribution to peace and justice and better address shared community and legislative concerns. Irreplaceable "know-how" learning comes from everyday experience, a learning with, rather than learning about, and working with rather than helping out stereotyped others.

Such proactive engagement by us at CHFM offers another way to practice our faith in equality, justice, and community; enhance our understanding of American Muslims and theirs of us; raise American Muslim visibility and voice in a positive way (of special importance to Muslim youth); encourage similar efforts by others; and make our public education and advocacy more effective.

Intercultural teamwork does not just happen. It requires planned and coordinated effort to extend ourselves as Quakers and as Americans to our American Muslim sisters and brothers. CHFM is beginning to reach out. Numerous American Muslim organizations voice readiness to collaborate in efforts to promote public and media education, civil liberties, voter participation, and advocate meeting human needs, immigration reform, and conflict resolution particularly in the Middle East and Africa. Some of these groups work in our community.

Accordingly, we at the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting affirm that Quaker values compel us to:

- 1. Commit to implement this initiative in a purposeful way by forming a small *ad hoc* committee, under the care of Peace and Social Concerns, that will:
  - (a) develop an inclusive outreach outline or plan that explores opportunities among secular and religious Muslim organizations, as well as other disenfranchised groups, for collaborative work, while gaining an under standing of our shared truths;
  - (b) interpret, support, and report on progress of this initiative to our Meeting. The *ad hoc* committee could help each of our committees explore ways it might link up with its Muslim counterpart (see the attached appendix for specific examples). The outreach outline or plan could also supply contact numbers of a variety of Muslim and other diverse groups for longer term outreach efforts, relevant websites, and other background resources.
- 2. In 2009, commit to look for and engage American Muslim secular and religious organizations with which to learn together and collaborate on issues of common interest and concern.
- 3. By the end of 2010, fold the *ad hoc* outreach committee into the normal fabric of Peace & Social Concerns so that this effort becomes an ongoing part of its work and that of the Meeting.

Appendix: Examples of ways our Meeting's committees might work with their Muslim counterparts.

- Children's and Youth Religious Education—with the Youth Committee at Islamic Center of Raleigh [ICR] and/or its sister Freedom Foundation of the Muslim American Society [MAS] [or other Muslim organizations], for educational and recreational activities; with Stronger Ties [the joint CFS-ICR/MAS initiative], including Claire Freda of the ICR's primary and middle schools.
- Quaker Young Adults—with the UNC Muslim Student Association, et al.
- Adult Religious Education—with individuals like Mona Dakouri and Mesa of the ICR and with the ICR Educational Committee to enhance mutual understanding and forums.
- Ministry and Worship—contact with the Executive Committee of ICR, perhaps to plan exchanges of worship delegations, etc.
- Women's Reading Group—with the Women's [Sisters'] Committee of ICR, for perhaps joint readings and discussion.
- Hospitality—with the Sisters and/or the Kitchen [public/member food service] group at ICR for education-through-experience, with perhaps lunches and/or potlucks for the congregations, groups, or schools, etc.
- Care and Concern—with the Social Service and Welfare Committee at ICR.
- Environmental Concerns—with the ICR committee that oversaw the new Islamic Center mosque and schools.
- Peace and Social Concerns— with the Freedom Foundation of MAS, where they are thinking of forming a Muslim outreach committee; with the ICR Da'wah [outreach] Committee; and with TIMELEAP [Triangle-Triad Interfaith Middle East Legislative Education and Advocacy Project]

# **Treasurer's Report for November 2008**

	This month	2008-2009 budget	Cumulative total from 7/1/008	Budgeted funds to be raised
Unrestricted Income Unrestricted personal Unrestricted building use Total Unrestricted Income	6672 ***850 <b>7522</b>	72,280	22,643.16 1718 <b>24,361.16</b>	47,918.84
Restricted Income* Football parking (YRE) Total Restricted Income	2460 <b>2460</b>	_	6150 <b>6150</b>	
<b>Committee Expenses</b>	This month	2008-2009 budget	Cumulative total from 7/1/08	Budget remaining
Adult Religious Educ		300	772700	300
Buildings & Grounds**	2987.14	14,350	6567.58	7782.42
Insurance	1519.52	5,350	2299.20	3050.60
Utilities	342.82	5,250	2088.31	3161.69
Maintain & Improve	1124.80	2,750	2180.07	569.93
Landscaping Care & Counsel		1,000 100		1000 100
Children's Religious Educ	229.86	4,800	1349.11	3450.89
Environmental Concerns	229.00	650	1349.11	650
Finance	179.46	400	204.57	195.43
Hospitality	117.18	250	320.19	(–70.19)
Library	117.10	400	320.19	400
Ministry & Worship	95	1,750	418.04	1331.96
Nominations	93	25	410.04	25
Peace & Social Concerns		300		300
Publications & Records	350.31	1,800	838.59	961.41
Youth Religious Educ	1498.12	2,500	3274.82	0*
Total Committee Exp	5457.07	2,500 27,625	13,581.63	15,656.78
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Total Expenses	5457.07	72,280	15,434.04	58,459.37
<b>Total Benevolences</b>		44,655	1852.41	42,802.59
External		32,020	1500	30,520.00
Internal Discretionary		4,500	352.41	4147.59
Internal Planned		8,135		8135.00
Benevolences				

<sup>\*\$774.82</sup> from football parking; \$5375.18 remain in this account

#### **Buildings and Grounds Committee Annual Report** to the Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business December 2008

The Buildings and Grounds Committee is charged with the care of the Meeting's building and grounds, coordination of repairs, organization of work mornings, supervision of professional work, oversight of users of the buildings, and the procurement and support of the resident.

LEADERSHIP - The committee is made up of Don Hopper as clerk since July 2008, Matt Drake, our recorder and liaison with Carolina Friends School, Margie Brache, Chip Grawozburn, Peter de Leeuw, Max Drake, Tom Smith, who is also our liaison with the Environmental Concerns Committee. We are grateful for our newest members, Daniel Hilgenberg and Bill Cleaver. We are glad to have for our teen members who are especially available for work days, Austin Stanion, Micheal Grathwohl, and Tristan Green. Catherine Alguire will continue as a consultant for landscape design and handicap accessibility issues. Dave Schroeder continues on as a consultant for construction questions. John Hite is the Meetinghouse resident and our ex-officio member. All committee members willingly share in the work of the committee by accepting responsibilities and carrying them out.

<sup>\*\*\$3851.52</sup> from Bequest Fund will be transferred to General Fund at FFC for remainder of new window sashes.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Includes \$775 from Mennonites

THE RESIDENT - John Hite serves the Meeting well as our resident. He continues to fulfill a list of expected tasks including vacuuming and raking, preparing the building for Sunday Worship, receiving requests for rentals, keeping track of meetinghouse users and renters, and occasionally hosting groups. John is also a wonderful leader of the Meeting's high school group. He is an excellent overseer of the meetinghouse's various needs. The committee seeks to support him through regular email contact, by annual evaluations, and by the purchase of helpful tools.

USERS OF THE MEETINGHOUSE AND SCHOOLHOUSE - The committee utilizes a rental agreement that clearly identifies each group, the contact person responsible for the group, and the cost of the rental. John has developed and maintained a list of all user groups, the dates and times of their meetings, and the names of the contact people as well as a list of "friendly reminder" expectations for the groups. Meeting committees and other Meeting groups are asked to check the calendar on the side of the mailboxes in the library and to check with John Hite before scheduling new meetings in the meeting-house and schoolhouse. We are currently considering posting the schedule on the CHFM website.

REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS - Our most noticeable repairs out of our extensive list this year were the new gutter all along the back of the building, the new storm door on the resident's room, the new keyless lock for improved security, the repairs to the parking lot drain and sink hole, as well as the unseen improvements in insulation and duct work. This seemed to be the year of the unending need for door repair, gratefully all the doors are still closing and locking. We recently have beautifully waxed floors and clean library carpet and windows.

GROUNDS WORK - The drought has taken out some of the newer bushes. We are waiting on the community garden project under the care of the environmental concerns committee to get under way to determine if we need any replacements. On work mornings a dedicated group of gardeners always turns up to weed, mulch, plant, lop, trim and rake. We always are grateful for raking volunteers in the fall for a few weeks in late October thru late November.

WORK MORNINGS - We are grateful to all those who participate in our 4 work mornings a year. We enjoy the fellowship, fun, and fantastic food and as well as accomplish many tasks, indoors and out.

GREETERS - The Committee happily continues to provide a greeter for the later meeting on the second first day of the month.

MEETING ROOM - In August 2003, Meeting for Business asked us to consider the renovation of the meeting room. We have been weighing the needs of energy efficiency as well as the cosmetic needs as we consider the improvements needed to the meeting room. We are in the process of replacing the single pane leaky windows in the next few weeks to new tightly sealed double paned energy star windows. We are still seeking ways to improve the lighting and the heat/AC loss associated with our current set up. We have decided to temporarily seal flue the fireplace until the way opens for further action. The outer look of the fireplace will not change. The flooring, ceiling tile, and crown molding will be addressed as we continue to "seal the envelope" of the room to prevent continued loss of heating and AC. Eventually after all the structural work is done we will paint the walls and trim.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY - We have obtained a report from a Heating and AC mechanical engineer on the priorities for improving our energy usage and conservation. We have installed new sealed insulated plenums and ductwork for the foyer and meeting room, added a cold air return in the Library, installed a new storm door on the Residents room, added insulation to the attic, built a cover over the attic stairs to better seal the attic air space from the living space, and determined the best way to insulate the basement walls to avoid moisture and, and mold problems. We are waiting on bids to upgrade the storm windows that are in the library and downstairs. We will be sealing the non-

working downstairs fireplace permanently.

BUDGET - B&G stayed under budget by \$3700 this year due to the tight Meeting finances. This year we have budgeted 10,600 for utilities and insurance and an additional 3,750 for maintenance and repairs. This does not include funds for renovations, which will come from bequest money and \$3,000 from the physical plant reserve fund. There is \$12,232 in that fund as of July 2008.

# Addendum to Annual Report of Building and Grounds 21 December 2008

Report on B&G's use of \$7,950 in bequest money plus \$3,000 from the Physical Plant Reserve Fund for a total of \$10,950 to improve the environmental efficiency of the meetinghouse.

Project Add insulation to attic HVAC mech. engr. consult Replace resident apt. storm door Replace meeting room sashes Upgrade storm windows Close both fireplaces	Status Mostly done Completed Completed Completed Getting bids Getting bids	Cost \$2,625 \$630 \$624.88 \$5,851.85 ? ? \$9,731.73
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Since this report was drafted the Committee has overseen the installation of energy star rated replacement sash in the Meeting Room. There was a work morning on November 1st where some of the sash were painted, leaves were raked and moved, the main hedge and other sundry plant material was trimmmed, the drainage catchbasin in the parking lot was cleaned and some interior cleaning was accomlished in the Meeting House.

# Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

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Meetings for Worship at 8:30 and 11:00am
Forum at 9:45am
Child Care from 9:30am-12:15pm
First Day School from 11:15am-12:00pm

Clerk of the Meeting: Jennifer Leeman (929.9135) Resident: John Hite (929.5377)

This newsletter is published every first Sunday under the care of the Publications and Records Committee. The deadline for submissions is evening, last Sunday of the month. Please email submissions to <a href="mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.org">news@chapelhillfriends.org</a>, or call James and Robin Harper at 768.9870.

To send Meeting News and In The Light announcements via email, or to get your name on our listsery, contact <a href="mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.org">news@chapelhillfriends.org</a>.

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#### Calendar:

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Sun. 1/4	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: Inner Light in New Year - H. Maiden
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
	12:30pm	Potluck & IFC Sunday - Schoolhouse
		Environmental Concerns Com Schoolhouse
Wed. 1/7	8:15am	Bagel Wednesday - Durham Early School
	10am	Quaker Women's Gathering - Marnie Clark's
Thu. 1/8	4:30-5:30pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - Post Office
Sun. 1/11	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: Immigration in U.S Pollitt & Kober
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
Thu. 1/15	4:30-5:30pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - Post Office
Sun. 1/18	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:30am	Meeting for Worship w/Attention to Business
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
Wed. 1/21	10am	Quaker Women's Gathering - Marnie Clark's
Thu. 1/22	4:30-5:30pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - Post Office
Sun. 1/25	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: Iran - Dillard, Thompson, Elkins
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
	10pm	Deadline To Turn In Items For Newsletter!
Thu. 1/29	4:30-5:30pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - Post Office
Sun. 2/1	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: State of the Union - N. Milio
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
	12:30pm	Potluck & IFC Sunday - Schoolhouse
		Environmental Concerns Com Schoolhouse
Wed. 2/4	10am	Quaker Women's Gathering - Marnie Clark's
Thu. 2/5	11am-1pm	CHFM Serves Lunch at Interfaith Shelter
	4:30-5:30pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - Post Office
20	7pm	Quarterly Mtg for Worship w/Atten. to Bus.
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