

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

Newsletter

Fifth Month, 2019

Monthly Query: How does participation in Meeting for Worship contribute to my life long spiritual journey?

Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee:

If you are so led to speak during meeting for worship, please stand and speak simply and clearly in language that reflects your spiritual experience. Do not feel compelled to explore all the implications of your insight. Leave room for the Light to work through the next person, potentially building on your words and possibly extending them in an unexpected direction.



WORSHIP AND FORUMS CONTINUE IN THE SCHOOLHOUSE FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

The meetinghouse library and lower level rooms will be available for First Day school and committee use.

Upcoming Forum Schedule

Forums are offered every Sunday from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. (except the third Sunday of each month which is the 9:00 a.m. Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business). Features include a wide variety of topics related to Quaker faith and practice, social issues, personal sharing, Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Committees, outside speakers, etc. These forums are offered through the Adult Religious Education Committee to enhance and deepen our spiritual lives.

May 5 - Personal sharing

By Carolyn Stuart

May 12 - NO FORUM

Parking at CHFM is limited due to UNC graduation

May 17 - NO FORUM: Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (9am)

Intergenerational Games

Please join us on the First Sunday of each month for Intergenerational Games following potluck, after the rise of Meeting.

Members and Attenders -- Please consider what committee you would like to serve on starting July 1, 2019 and let Committee clerks or Nominations Committee members know. Committee clerks -- please report the status of your committee members and vacancies to Nominations Committee as soon as possible.

New Chapel Hill Friends Website

<http://www.chapelhillfriends.org> has now been redesigned. There are many new features, including a design friendly to mobile devices and tablets. Features that improve updating and maintenance.

Nearly all of the existing content that was on the old host was migrated. If you have comments or concerns please send a note to webspinner@chapelhillfriends.org.

Many thanks to Finn James for his huge effort in creating the new website.

Justice United Public Assembly

Thursday, May 9, 7:30 - 9:00 PM

Lattisville Grove Missionary Baptist Church

1701 Jimmy Ed Rd, Hurdle Mills

We will focus on

- Diversity in hiring in Orange County Schools with Supt. Todd Wirt and Board Chair Brenda Stephens
- Celebrating and expanding our initial success for more inclusive and affordable housing in Chapel Hill and Orange County

[Confirm your attendance here](#)

http://www.ocjusticeunited.org/public_assembly?utm_campaign=assembly_1&utm_medium=email&utm_source=ocjusticeunited

Friends General Conference Summer Gathering

June 30-July 6, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa.

Registration now open. Financial support available from the Shotts/Leadership Development Committee (shotts-leadershipfunds@chapelhillfriends.org)

Beloved Community Tour - Exploring Civil Rights Struggles, Past and Present, in the South

Saturday 6 July - Thursday 11 July 2019.

This six-day/five-night experience is open to individuals within and beyond the Carolina Friends School community, including educators in schools and colleges as well as members of Friends meetings and other interested adults. Experience civil rights history in Atlanta, Tuskegee, Montgomery, Selma, and Birmingham; explore contemporary issues of race in our country; and meet change-agents working to make a difference.

The goal is to bring together:

- CFS staff and community members
- educators from other schools and colleges and universities
- members of our local and other Friends Meetings
- other interested adults

Spouses and partners are welcome. We'll travel together, see where history happened, meet foot soldiers in past and present struggles for social justice, and return to our homes, classrooms, and offices with deeper self and community awareness, new relationships, and more tools and confidence to be even more effective advocates of our values in the world. For more information, see www.cfsnc.org/BelovedCommunityTour

Free Wills Workshop, May 22

You are invited to a FREE WILLS WORKSHOP sponsored by Carolina Friends School in our schoolhouse, Wednesday, May 22, 6-8:00 PM. For details see:

<https://www.cfsnc.org/wills-registration>

FGC Gathering Workshop by Kindra Bradley, Quaker House Executive Director

As you register for this summer's FGC Gathering workshops, please consider registering for *Changing Militarism to a Focus on Peace*, facilitated by Kindra Bradley, Executive Director of Quaker House.

A brief description appears below, while a longer description can be found at

<https://www.fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering/workshops/changing-militarism-peace-focus-recharging-along-way>

FGC Workshop #10: This workshop will explore the pervasiveness of militarism in our culture, building spiritual resiliency ourselves and in our families, and methods of nurturing increased focus on peacebuilding within our society. This workshop will maintain a welcoming atmosphere for all, including for those with military experience personally and/or in their families.

Claire Kunkel

Please hold the family of Claire Kunkel in the Light. Claire died on Saturday 27 April in the Carol Woods Health Center. She is survived by her three children, Job, Lise, and Nathan and their families. There will be a memorial service in July. Claire and her late husband Jiggs were active members of the Meeting in the late 80s and 90s.

WORSHIP SHARING WITH ATTENTION TO ANIMALS

by Robin Harper

Five canis familiaris and 35 homo sapiens turned out for our annual Worship Sharing with Attention to Animals on April 28. We also shared photos and stories and about fish, birds, snakes, lions, and more. Messages were given by Friends from age 3 to 83 on the joy and companionship animals bring to our lives. It is a particular source of joy for me that this event has become an opportunity for children to give voice to their special relationship with animals. Our kinship with other species is often diluted as we approach adulthood and are subtly if unconsciously urged to focus on "more important" things. At this event, while we made note of the danger that many species face at our own hands, we also celebrated the gift of unconditional love that they give us. I urge each of you to consider ways that you might lessen your impact on the other species on the planet--whether it's by eating less meat, adopting a homeless cat, or looking for the "leaping bunny" symbol on home and health care products--it is a constant challenge for me, and I hope you will all join me in the effort.

Many, many thanks to everyone who attended! Thanks also to all the folks who helped make it happen, including Ministry & Worship Committee, the Animal Welfare Committee, Adult Religious Ed Committee, John Hite, and the folks who helped put away chairs. I hope I didn't miss anyone, but if so, thank you, too!!



Chapel Hill Friends Meeting
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
7 pm April 18, 2019

Attendance: Alice Carlton, Matt Drake, David Curtin, Jan Hutton, Tom Munk, Monteze Snyder, Maura Murphy, Karen Porter, Jasmine McKewen, Wendy Michener, Richard Miller, Carolyn White, Annette Broadwell, Buzz Borchardt, Tom Ludlow, Carolyn Stuart, John Hite, Deborah Gibbs, Emilie Condon, Gwynne Pomeroy, Julia Cleaver, Hank Elkins.

1. Opening worship and query—Matt Drake, Meeting Clerk. Query: “How do I affirm and support the presence of God/Spirit in the process of discernment and reaching a decision?”
2. Welcome, recognition of first time attenders (none), review of agenda.
3. The minutes of the March 17, 2019 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MWAB) were approved as written.
4. Friendship Friends Meeting writes that they unite with our request to transfer the membership of Lori Fernald Khamala and Imani Fernald Khamala from their meeting to Chapel Hill Friends Meeting.
5. Tom Munk for the Peace & Justice Committee (P&J) presented the report on proposed benevolences held over from last month. Two Friends expressed a concern about the reduction in the benevolence for Interfaith Council given that the needs are great and will stand aside. Another Friend proposed we give set amounts yearly for the organizations created by Friends in our meeting: Carolina Friends School, Interfaith Council, and Quaker House. After some discussion about possible changes in the process for next year, we approved the benevolences as proposed by P&J this year.
6. Matt shared a report by Don Hopper of the Building and Grounds Committee that the permit has been received from the Town of Chapel Hill to allow renovations to continue. Work has begun.
7. Nominations Committee requests another member be appointed to serve on it. We need to form an ad hoc naming committee for short term work on this task. Tom Ludlow and Hank Elkins agreed to serve.
8. Maura Murphy, Treasurer, presented the financial report. We are three quarters through the budget year and doing well. We accepted her report with gratitude (see attached appendix 1).
9. Carolyn White, Meeting Recorder, presented the report of statistics for Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting (PFYM) for 2018, collected last October. We accepted her report with gratitude (see attached appendix 2).
10. Julia Cleaver, Clerk of Archives Committee, gave a final update on their efforts to collect, organize, and maintain information about our Meeting and requested that the Archives Committee be laid down due to the difficulty of convening the committee. Julia shared the accomplishments of the Archives Committee (See attached appendix 3). Dottie Heninger is doing the memorial book, Julia works on the plaques for the memorial garden with help from James Harper. We accepted the report with gratitude and agreed to lay down the Archives Committee. We considered what we need to do going forward. Nominations Committee will address these issues.

11. Jasmine McKewen, Meeting Representative to Piedmont Friends Fellowship (PFF), reminded us that the annual retreat begins Friday through Sunday at Carolina Friends School. The theme is peace work. Friends who have not registered may do so when the retreat opens. The Shotts/Leadership Development Fund will cover the cost of registrations.

12. Tom Munk reported on his April 16 visit to Congress to address the following issues: ending US involvement in the Yemen war, preventing war in Venezuela, and getting rid of the Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF). He is attempting to develop relationships with staff members in the offices of Representative David Price and Senators Richard Burr and Tom Tillis. Our advocacy team is learning how to be an effective Quaker advocate with the guidance of Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL). We accepted his report with appreciation.

13. Next Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MWAB) will be held 9 am Sunday May 19, 2019.

14. Announcements:

A. Forums: April 28: **“Worship Sharing with Attention to Animals,”** Robin Harper, coordinator – the forum will take place on the playground with well behaved pets, weather permitting, otherwise in the schoolhouse without pets.

May 5: **Personal Sharing** by Carolyn Stuart.

May 12: **No Forum** (parking at Chapel Hill Friends Meeting (CHFM) is limited due to UNC graduation).

B. PFF/YM retreat April 19-21 at Carolina Friends School. The theme of the weekend is Peace Work. We will recognize and celebrate the 50th anniversary of Quaker House of Fayetteville and the 51st anniversary of Piedmont Friends Fellowship. The cost of the retreat will be covered by the Shotts/Leadership Development Committee for all Friends from CHFM. From Gary Hornsby, clerk of PFYM: please hold in the light the PFF/YM Retreat and Annual Sessions as we gather in a spirit of love and faithfulness to our vision of *“fostering a loving community of affiliated monthly meetings and worship groups by increasing and strengthening connections among members, attenders, and seekers and with other Friends’ organizations.”*

C. Friends General Conference Summer Gathering, June 30-July 6, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa. Registration is now open. Financial support is available from the Shotts/Leadership Development Committee (shotts-leadershipfunds@chapelhillfriends.org).

D. Justice United Meeting May 9 in Hurdle Mills 7:30 pm. See Hank Elkins for more information.

E. Richard Miller announced that First Aid kits have arrived.

15. We closed with worship and a circle.

(Appendices Follow)

Appendices Appendix 1

5:49 PM
03/31/19
Cash Basis

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Budget v. Actuals July 2018 through March 2019

	Jul '18 - Mar 19	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Building Rental	722.90	300.00	241.0%
Contributions	60,775.37	67,535.00	90.0%
Parking space rental	3,950.00	5,200.00	76.0%
Total Income	<u>65,448.27</u>	<u>73,035.00</u>	<u>89.6%</u>
Gross Profit	65,448.27	73,035.00	89.6%
Expense			
Benevolences			
Archives Benevolences	0.00	150.00	0.0%
M&W Benevolences	0.00	1,400.00	0.0%
P&J Benevolences	50.00	24,450.00	0.2%
Total Benevolences	<u>50.00</u>	<u>26,000.00</u>	<u>0.2%</u>
Committees			
Adult Religious Ed	0.00	100.00	0.0%
Archives	0.00	25.00	0.0%
Building and Grounds	8,463.98	11,000.00	76.9%
Care and Counsel			
Meeting for Suffering	0.00	110.00	0.0%
Care and Counsel - Other	100.00	200.00	50.0%
Total Care and Counsel	<u>100.00</u>	<u>310.00</u>	<u>32.3%</u>
Children's/Youth Religious Ed			
Southern Appl. Young Friends	180.00		
Children's/Youth Religious Ed - Other	112.11	1,500.00	7.5%
Total Children's/Youth Religious Ed	<u>292.11</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>19.5%</u>
Finance			
Contingency Fund	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
Finance - Other	221.36	350.00	63.2%
Total Finance	<u>221.36</u>	<u>1,350.00</u>	<u>16.4%</u>
Friends Transition & Suppt-Yoke	351.24	1,700.00	20.7%
Hospitality	315.54	400.00	78.9%
IFC	125.00	200.00	62.5%
Library	188.00	400.00	47.0%
Ministry and Worship	452.97	800.00	56.6%
Nominations	0.00	10.00	0.0%
Peace and Justice			
National Quaker Service	872.84	1,500.00	58.2%
Peace and Justice - Other	291.98	300.00	97.3%
Total Peace and Justice	<u>1,164.82</u>	<u>1,800.00</u>	<u>64.7%</u>
Publications and Communications	<u>486.65</u>	<u>1,750.00</u>	<u>27.8%</u>
Total Committees	<u>12,161.67</u>	<u>21,345.00</u>	<u>57.0%</u>
Obligations			
Bank Fee	15.00	50.00	30.0%
FDS Coordinator/Childcare	3,447.76	6,000.00	57.5%
Insurance	350.00	5,900.00	5.9%
Software License Fee	299.00	1,000.00	29.9%
UBIT, Storm Fees	1,215.55	1,240.00	98.0%
Utilities	3,003.49	5,000.00	60.1%
Total Obligations	<u>8,330.80</u>	<u>19,190.00</u>	<u>43.4%</u>
Transfers to other accounts			
Care and Counsel	0.00	500.00	0.0%
Leadership Development	0.00	200.00	0.0%

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting
Budget v. Actuals
 July 2018 through March 2019

	Jul '18 - Mar 19	Budget	% of Budget
Physical Plant Fund	0.00	4,000.00	0.0%
Returning Citizens	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
Youth Service Trip	0.00	800.00	0.0%
Total Transfers to other accounts	0.00	6,500.00	0.0%
Total Expense	20,542.47	73,035.00	28.1%
Net Ordinary Income	44,905.80	0.00	100.0%
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Misc Income			
Building Renovation Donation	13,350.00		
Interest income	2,051.24		
Misc Income - Other	829.30		
Total Misc Income	16,230.54		
Total Other Income	16,230.54		
Other Expense			
Building Renovation			
Lower level furnishing	1,993.18		
Upstairs renovation	12,948.00		
Building Renovation - Other	12,226.17		
Total Building Renovation	27,167.35		
CLPEQL Bates	2,647.88		
Credit Card Fee	142.02		
Refugee Project Expenses	1,128.11		
Returning Citizens	422.16		
Shotts Leadership	373.00		
Total Other Expense	31,880.52		
Net Other Income	-15,649.98		
Net Income	29,255.82	0.00	100.0%

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting
Balance Sheet
As of March 31, 2019

	<u>Mar 31, 19</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
BB&T-2699 Community Checking	54,732.00
BB&T-3430 Refac (Return Citz)	783.11
BB&T-3597 Youth Service Trip	1,515.56
BB&T-4039 Building Renovat Fund	51,068.79
BB&T-4071 Care and Counsel	2,385.76
BB&T-4593 Shotts Leadership	3,598.83
BB&T-9737 Money Rate Savings	20,029.79
Total Checking/Savings	<u>134,113.84</u>
Other Current Assets	
FF- Bequest Fund	1,437.23
FF- General Fund	21,807.67
FF- Physical Plant Reserve Fund	25,965.92
Total Other Current Assets	<u>49,210.82</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>183,324.66</u>
Other Assets	
FF- Shotts Endowment	<u>34,300.19</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>34,300.19</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>217,624.85</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	<u>91.82</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>91.82</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>91.82</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>91.82</u>
Equity	
FF Unrealized Gain/Loss	15,764.23
Opening Balance Equity	134,376.03
Unrestricted Net Assets	38,136.95
Net Income	29,255.82
Total Equity	<u>217,533.03</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>217,624.85</u></u>

Notes at the Laying Down of the Chapel Hill Friends Archive Committee, April 2019

The Archives Committee was formed for two reasons; 1) to collect, organize and maintain physical and electronic records related to the Meeting, and 2) create policies and practices to ensure that core information about the Meeting be routinely collected, organized and maintained.

Accomplishments

- Record Book brought into the modern world
 - Servant Keeper
 - Raised questions, which prompted creation of a taskforce with Archives, M&W and CYRE. With final outcome of MWAB approving a new definition of Familial Membership, and a way to maintain our relationship with adult children of members.
- Memorial Garden Plaque built and mounted on porch wall
 - Current with names and dates of those in the Memorial Garden
- Memorial Book
 - This record of our departed Friends had been neglected for many years. Archives offered to take it on, but we never got it done. We did collect information about people that was ready when Dottie took this on this year.
- Paper Files
 - Membership records, sorted and filed
 - Papers related to history of Meeting in folders
 - Alphabetical files to keep items of interest about people in our community, like letters to the editor and news stories on social justice actions.
- Conscientious Objector and Quaker House documents
 - Worked with Curt to make sure that we have all CO letters submitted to Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business on file.
- Electronic Files
 - Began archiving Meeting records – Finance Minutes, MWAB Minutes, M&W Minutes, items of interest on people in Meeting community –in an Archive Dropbox account.
- Strengthened our relationship with Friends Historical Collection (FHC) at Guilford College, who have kept our membership and other records since our founding. We learned that the FHC depend on donations from Meetings, and that we have not been donors in the past. Archives recommended, and MWAB approved a small benevolence accordingly.

Considerations

- Who will “own” the Friends Historical Collection benevolence, so we don't stop contributing to FHC?
- Who will “own” the Memorial Book and keep it going when Dottie is ready to pass it on?
- Who will manage the Dropbox account? What will happen to those files? Do we want to add other committee minutes (like Peace and Justice?)
- Who will the Recorder go to when she has questions? What is the home committee of that position, or is it directly with the Clerk, like the recording clerk?
- Do we need a Meeting Archivist? Who will ensure that the pieces of the story of the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting are preserved.

A call to good stewardship

The Finance Committee invites you to consider Electronic Giving. It is a convenient, consistent way to help our Meeting year-round. The **NEW eGiving** option makes it easy. eGiving allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions or a one-time gift. Also, you will be able to view your complete online giving history at your convenience. Simply follow these easy steps:

1. Visit the Meeting website at [<http://www.chapelhillfriends.org>],
2. Click the **Donate** button, then click the "Making a contribution online by credit or debit card" link
3. Click the Create Profile button, then
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring or one-time contribution.

Many thanks for your generosity to our community and various ministries!

The Finance Committee ~ Ann Miller, co-clerk

Intergenerational Games

Please join us on the First Sunday of each month for Intergenerational Games following potluck, after the rise of Meeting.

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

531 Raleigh Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 (919) 929-5377

Meetings for Worship on First Days at 8:30 and 11:00 AM

Forum at 9:45am; Child Care from 9:30 AM–12:15 PM

First Day School from 11:15 AM–12:00 PM

Clerk of the Meeting: Matt Drake (919) 968-0044

Resident: John Hite (919) 929-5377
Newsletter. This newsletter is published every first Sunday under the care of the

Publications and Communications Committee. Paper copies are available at the Meetinghouse and a PDF is posted on the Meeting website, www.chapelhillfriends.org. The deadline for submissions is 10 PM on the last Sunday of the month. Email submissions to news@chapelhillfriends.org. Please include "newsletter" in the subject line.-news. To send a news or "In the Light" announcement in the Meeting's e-news, contact news@chapelhillfriends.org. Please include "e-news" or "in the light" in the subject line. This e-news goes to about 280 people. Do not submit personal information about someone else unless you know he/she wants to share. Subscribe to the e-news at www.chapelhillfriends.org/contact.html. Website. To get items posted on our website, send them to news@chapelhillfriends.org.