

# Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

Newsletter: Third Month, 2025



Monthly Query: *How do I contribute to our shared responsibility for the upkeep and improvement of the meetinghouse and grounds?*

Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee: *If you feel moved to speak in meeting for worship, take a moment to test your message. Is it from the Inward Light? Is it meant only for me, or for the entire Meeting?*

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## Monthly Calendar

First Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 8:15 - 9:15 am - <b>Early worship in the meeting room</b></li><li>● 9:30 - 10:30 am - <b>Forum via Zoom</b></li><li>● 11:00 am - 12:00<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Worship in the meeting room</b></li><li>○ <b>Online worship via Zoom</b></li></ul></li><li>● After meeting - <b>Potluck in the schoolhouse</b></li></ul>
Second Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 8:15 - 9:15 am - <b>Early worship in the meeting room</b></li><li>● 9:30 - 10:30 am - <b>Forum via Zoom</b></li><li>● 11:00 am - 12:00 - <b>Blended Meeting in the meeting room and via Zoom</b></li></ul>
Third Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 8:00 - 9:00 am - <b>Early worship in the meeting room</b> (reverts to 8:15 the following week)</li><li>● 9:00 - 10:30 am - <b>Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business via Zoom</b></li><li>● 11:00 am - 12:00<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Worship in the meeting room</b></li><li>○ <b>Online worship via Zoom</b></li></ul></li></ul>
Fourth Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Same as Second Sunday - <b>Blended Meeting</b></li></ul>
Fifth Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Same as First Sunday, but without potluck</li></ul>



## Upcoming Zoom Fora

<https://www.chapelhillfriends.org/forums.html>

**March 2:** Israel and Palestine, with Joe Groves

Joe has worked in Israel/Palestine for decades. He will give us history and the current situation in 40 minutes! There will be a short time for questions. (Peace and Justice sponsored forum)

**March 9:** Introducing Local Sharing Groups for deep spiritual sharing and listening

**March 16:** Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (no forum)

**March 23:** Library committee sponsored forum (tentative)

**March 30:** David Haines on NC Quakers relationship with slavery (official title forthcoming)

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## Upcoming Events

**Legacies of Lynching: An Inaugural Gathering, March 1, 8-5 pm**

Dottie Heninger shares with Friends:

An Orange County Remembrance Coalition Program. "Legacies of Lynching: An Inaugural Gathering," March 1, 8-5:00, Friday Center,

Free (includes breakfast and lunch). Registration required: [evenbrite.com](https://www.evenbrite.com). Program details: [nchumanities.org](https://www.nchumanities.org).

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**Life After Prison: Three Men Share Their Experiences, Fri. March 7, 11:15 am**

Asta Crowe shares with Friends:

This presentation will focus on the program Success While in Transition (SWIT), an organization established to assist formerly incarcerated individuals as they transition from prison to society.

The panelists, William (Mecca) Elmore, Tommy Green, Edward Scott, who have served 25–30 years in prison, will share their experiences and will discuss the tools and support needed for success, as well as the consequent reduction in the rate of recidivism.

Friday, March 7, 11:15 am  
Fellowship Hall, Church of Reconciliation  
110 North Elliott Rd, Chapel Hill

All three individuals work closely with the NC Dept. of Public Safety, local law enforcement, mental health agencies, and community leaders. SWIT not only provides access to the necessary resources but also provides the returning citizen with the tools needed to navigate the system and achieve success.

This event is free and open to the public. However, since there is limited seating available in Fellowship Hall, advanced registration is required for Shared Learning members as well as the general public. You can easily register (one individual) by clicking on [this link](#) or by visiting <https://sharedlearning.us> and navigating to the Liberman Lectures tab. Early registration is encouraged.

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## Friends Gathering at Quaker House, April 12, 10 to 3

There will be a gathering of Friends from four NC Yearly Meetings this spring at Quaker House in Fayetteville:

- Friends Churches of North Carolina
- North Carolina Yearly Meeting - Conservative
- North Carolina Friends Fellowship
- Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting and Fellowship

Friends from across the Yearly Meetings are invited to gather for a day of fellowship, communion, and learning.

The gathering will be in the style of the Piedmont Friends spring and fall gatherings. We'll gather before lunch for icebreaking conversations and queries, enjoy lunch together (bring your own), and then we'll have a program about Quaker House. A great opportunity to get to know Friends in our own yearly meeting and Friends from other yearly meetings across NC and beyond!

More details and registration information will come later. For now, just save the date!

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## Announcements

### Funding AVAILABLE For Leadership And Quaker Growth

The Shotts Memorial and Leadership Development funds are available to help you grow as a Quaker and as a leader. We offer grants (no need to repay) helping to grow your gifts and provide service opportunities. Our committee discerns a brief application and gets back to you. Are you ready to participate in a program/class/training of your choosing that will enhance your gifts as a Quaker and/or as a leader? Funds are available for Adults and teenagers in our meeting family.

For more information about applying: <https://www.chapelhillfriends.org/committees.html> and scroll down to Shotts and Leadership Funds.

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### What to Do If ICE Shows Up at Your Quaker Meeting

Dottie Heninger shares with Friends:

[Advice](#) from the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

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### Update re: Quakers vs. Trump Immigration Policy

Jan Hutton shares with Friends:

Judge blocks Trump immigration policy allowing arrests in churches for some religious groups  
<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/trump-judge-immigration-arrests-places-of-worship-quakers-baptists-sikhs/>

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## Recurring Announcements

### InterFath Council Committee Is Seeking Volunteers

We invite anyone interested in becoming, or knowing more about being an IFC Committee Member to please contact Carolyn White.

We welcome volunteers to help with food preparation and service at ICF every second Thursday for lunch: 10a - 1p, and/or every second Friday for dinner 4p-6:30p. Volunteers are welcome for part of the shift, or the full shift.

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### Zoom Tech Hosts Wanted

Support Chapel Hill Friends Meeting's Zoom worship and forums by becoming a tech host. The role is much more simple than you would imagine. Trust us! We need your help and will train you. Please contact the Zoom Subcommittee if interested, or have questions:

[zoom@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:zoom@chapelhillfriends.org).

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### Inter-Faith Council Pantry Needs Donated Food Items

Please consider IFC's needs when doing your shopping. There is a basket in the meetinghouse foyer for food donations. IFC has requested the following food items: coffee, hot chocolate, canned protein, canned pork and beans, canned soup (not vegetable), boxed cereal, cake mixes, instant foods, ramen noodles. Thank you!

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### FRIENDS, PLEASE LIMIT YOUR WEEKDAY MEETINGHOUSE VISITS.

The CFS Early School teachers, parents and guests have priority use of the meetinghouse parking lot from 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM Monday through Friday throughout the calendar year. If you must visit the meetinghouse during weekday hours, please alert John Hite, the Meetinghouse Resident, at least one day ahead. Email: [johnthequaker@gmail.com](mailto:johnthequaker@gmail.com) or call: 919-929-5377.

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## Newsletter & eNews Reminder

Please send items for the weekly eNews email and the monthly print Newsletter to [news@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.org).

- The deadline for weekly eNews is *Wednesday* 5 pm.
- The deadline for the monthly print Newsletter is on the *last day of the month*.

To unsubscribe, email to [news@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.org) with the subject line, Unsubscribe.

**Note:** If you think that you haven't received your weekly enews or monthly newsletter, it helps to add [news@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto: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](mailto:pfym@chapelhillfriends.org)).

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## 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](mailto: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 Care and Counsel Committee and each week, a committee member will collect and post the names that are submitted and will read them aloud during the time of the service.

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## Meeting for Worship with Attention to Peace in Palestine. Thursdays, 5:30pm

You are invited to join Meeting for Worship with Attention to Peace in Palestine and Israel at 5:30 p.m. ET / 2:30 p.m. PT.

Join on Zoom:

<https://afsc-org.zoom.us/j/85831333364?pwd=VEtPTUZuYk5hTHV2OGs1VzRkY0ZKUT09>

Meeting ID: 858 3133 3364

Passcode: 759311

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## 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."

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## Pray for Peace - From Friends House Moscow, Daily

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.

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## Business Meeting Minutes

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

Minutes

9 am Sunday February 16, 2025

Online via Zoom

Ann Miller, Clerk, and Susan Inglis, Recording Clerk

In attendance:

Marion Schoenbach, Jeff Brown, Monteze Snyder, Hart Pillow, Hank Elkins, Tom Ludlow, Kate Vinita Fitch, Susan Newcomer, Carolyn White, David Waterman, Herb Struemper, John Pilgrim, Jan Hutton, Allie Scales, Traci Hjelt Sullivan, Julia Cleaver, Alice Carlton, Dave Curtin, John Hite, Wendy Michener, Anthony Hickey, Carolyn Stuart, Dottie Heninger, Curt Torell, Jasmine McKewen, Betsy Brinson, Quaker Harmon, Gwynne Pomeroy, Nancy Milio, Lloyd Kramer, Tori Toles, Buzz Borchardt, Max Drake, Emilie Condon, Paul Munk, Ann Miller, Susan Inglis

1. Ann Miller as Clerk opened the meeting with worship and then read the month's Query: How do I share my spiritual life with others?
2. The Clerk welcomed Friends and reviewed the agenda. There were no first-time attenders
3. The Clerk presented the Minutes of the January 2025 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MWAB). They were considered and approved.
4. The Clerk reported that the Naming Committee, which has been engaged in finding a new member for Nominations Committee, has not identified anyone willing to come forth. The Nominations Committee has determined they have enough people for this year's work but notes that we can expect to have several seats to fill next year.
5. David Waterman spoke for the Finance committee to ensure that Friends are aware that we can include the meeting in your bequest plans. There are useful documents on the [Donate](#) page of our website, and Finance Committee members and our Treasurer are happy to answer questions.
6. The Clerk reported that Friends General Conference has joined a multifaith coalition group in litigation to oppose the recission of the ICE sensitive location policy. With

discussion and appreciation for what an extraordinary step this is for FGC to take, Friends decided to send a minute of support. Hart Pillow will draft the minute and bring it to our next MWAB.

7. Susan Inglis reported for Nominations committee. The committee brought forth Linda MacKichan to serve on the Finance committee, beginning immediately. She has experience with finance through various boards she has served on and is a long-time Quaker. Friends approved her joining the committee.

She noted that our Nominations committee has begun the season's work. The committee reminds Friends that all the work of our Meeting is accomplished by committees and that there are over 20 opportunities for service.

This year opportunities include: Carolina Friends School Board (1 seat), Coalition of Clergy (1 seat), Adult Religious Education (at least 1 seat), Buildings & Grounds (1 seat), Care & Counsel (2 seats), Children & Youth Religious Education (2 seats), Finance (2 seats), Hospitality (at least 1 seat), Inter-Faith Council (2 seats), Library (2 seat), Ministry & Worship (1 seat), Peace & Justice (at least 3 seats)

Out of threshing sessions and prayerful discussion with Ministry & Worship and Care & Counsel Committees, the committee returns to our practice of expecting Friends to rotate off a committee after 2 consecutive terms. The practice is held to ensure that all Friends have the opportunity to make acquaintance with all committees that interest them. Committees with meetings open to all CHFMs and attenders include Peace and Justice and Inter-Faith Council. All committees are described on our website, and all follow the customary deliberation and decision-making process in the manner of Friends.

The Peace & Justice Committee is working on a new vision. Here are the points in their current draft:

1. It will be a space to nurture clearness and provide support for Friends' activity regarding peace and social justice.
2. It welcomes friends who want to better understand how aspects of social injustice and violence affect others and themselves.
3. With the participation of friends who are linked to other peace and social justice groups, it will explore and recommend ways CHFMs might support and connect with these groups.
4. When led by the Spirit, it will draft statements of conscience and intent for consideration by CHFMs Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business.
5. Based upon, and leading from, CHFMs statements of conscience, the Committee will propose action for the CHFMs and/or individuals to take.

Any Friend interested in committee service should speak to a member of the Nominations Committee: Susan Inglis, John Hite, Alice Carlton, Emilie Condon, Matt Drake, Lori Khamala, Quaker Harmon.

8. Wendy Michener for Peace & Justice committee brought a request that the meeting sign letters to our Senators Tillis and Budd and Representative Foushee asking them to

support legislation restoring the funding for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). Friends supported the request. With discussion, it was decided that the letters will be edited by Tom Munk, Curt Torell, Wendy Michener, then sent to Ann Miller for signature and sending to the legislators. The letter to Foushee will add appreciation for support last year and request she co-sponsor legislation in the House. Final letters will be shared via In The Light, and sent to legislators both by email and USPS.

9. The Clerk requested Friends' consider members for the Benevolence subcommittee for this year. Friends were reminded of the criteria for selection of organizations and the spirit of the previously approved Benevolence Minute (2020-21) which specifies a simplified, and focused process that allows us to move away from the often competitive, and divisive process". With discussion, Jeff Brown and Dottie Heninger were approved to serve as the Benevolences sub-committee. They will report to MWAB next month. Friend reminded us that though it is not easy to choose, we will trust this subcommittee to bring us a good list.
10. Clerk called for other concerns of members. None were brought, but Friends expressed appreciation for our community and our way of working together

11. Clerk noted that our next Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business is planned for 9:00 AM on 3/16/2025.

Announcements:

- Save the date for Piedmont Friends spring gathering, Saturday 4/12/25 at Quaker House, 10am-3pm (all regional Friends will be invited and assist with planning, including NC Yearly meeting conservative, Friends Church NC, etc);
- Finance committee is beginning the budgeting process and will be reaching out to co-clerks for information on the budgets they would like for next year
- Friend recommended a movie: From Ground Zero: Stories from Gaza, which is showing now at the Chelsea.
- Friend recommended the Substack Chop Wood Carry Water as an easy-to-follow guide.

March 1 is International Women's Day, and there will be buses going from our area to DC to demonstrate

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