



New Garden Meetinghouse, 1791

NEW GARDEN FRIENDS MEETING

Established 1754

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Pastoral Minister Emeritus

MARC ALLEY
Music Director

First Day Schedule

9:00 a.m.	Un-programmed Meeting for Worship
9:45 a.m.	First Day forums and classes for adults
10:00 a.m.	First Day School - Children
10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
11:00 a.m.	Semi-Programmed Meeting for Worship

What do Quakers say?

There is something sacred in all people.

All people are equal before God.

Religion is about the whole of life.

We meet in stillness to discover a deeper sense of God's presence.

True religion leads to respect for the earth and all life upon it.

Each person is unique, precious, a child of God.

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263 Years of Continuous Quaker Ministry and Presence
in the New Garden / Greensboro Community
28th Day, 5th Month 2017

PLEASE ENTER THE MEETING IN WORSHIPFUL SILENCE

Each item in the order of worship arises out of the silence, which encompasses the whole hour. As a Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), we value these quiet moments in the presence of the Divine Spirit and our gathered congregation.

Worshipful Music

Music of Johann Krieger

Welcome

Announcements

Hymn # 320 "Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race"

Reading Acts 8: 26-40

Hymn # 324 "How Could Anyone"

Offering

"Adante Cantabile" P. I. Tchaikovsky

Message Margaret Webb

Exploring Faith Through Diversity

COMMUNION AFTER THE MANNER OF FRIENDS

After the planned message we enter into a period of worship that is based upon silent, expectant waiting. It is a distinctly Quaker form of worship. It is slightly different from meditation. This kind of worship (about 30 minutes) may be completely silent, or there may be those who are led to stand and speak. When we hear a speaker, regardless of whether we agree with what is said, or whether we understand what is being said, we hold that speaker in the LIGHT (pray for them) and consider that we may learn valuable lessons or be moved spiritually by what is being said. After the speaker finishes, we return to the silence and continue to worship expectantly. Friends are encouraged to allow a period of silence between speakers so that we may reflect on the message which has just been given. Early in the silence we may use our minds to think about words and music we have just heard, but hopefully we will get beyond the process of thinking to a place where the Divine Spirit leads and guides us into a deeper level of worship.

GREETING AFTER THE MANNER OF FRIENDS

Friends extend the hand of fellowship (or hugs) in recognition that we are all children of God.

First Day at New Garden Friends

As we begin our new fall schedule, some of the schedule has changed.

Please make a note of this.

9 a.m. Open Worship	Meeting Room (no childcare available)
9:45 a.m. Adult Classes	Forum, Brotherhood, Spiritual Disciplines
10 a.m. 1st Day School Fellowship	Meeting Room (move to class at 10:15)
10:15 a.m. First Day Classes	Children
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time	Friendship Hall
11 a.m. Semi-Programmed Worship	Meeting Room

Regarding childcare:

9:30 - Noon Room 112 Infants-until toilet trained

10:30 - Noon Room 004 Toilet trained and up

- NGFM encourages all children to attend Meeting for Worship. Please choose the option that is best for your family. (Available to newcomers: "Helping Children Learn to Worship" pamphlet found in Meeting Room foyer).

- Sunday June 4 -

- Carry-in Meal and Monthly Meeting for Business -

Schedule This Week

Monday: May 29

7 p.m. Nominating Committee / Room 109
7:30 p.m. Meditation / Parlor

Tuesday May 30

4 p.m. Ukestra Practice / Room 109

Wednesday: May 31

11 a.m. Healing Prayer Group / Friends Home
7 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation / Meeting Room

Today's volunteers:

Please hold in the Light:

<i>Ushers</i>	<i>John Furnas</i>	<i>Kenny Houston</i>	<i>Chris Johnston</i>
<i>Jerry Thompson</i>	<i>Rex Adelberger</i>	<i>Cheryl Hopkins</i>	<i>Jim Alley</i>
<i>Randy Shiflett</i>	<i>Joan McNamara</i>	<i>Betty Holjes</i>	<i>Sharyn Carwile</i>
<i>Molly Maynard</i>	<i>Marshall (Dinah Flippin's brother)</i>		
<i>Hayes Ratledge</i>			

Birthdays this Week:

<i>Sound Team</i>	<i>May 28</i>	<i>June 1</i>
<i>Tom Lassiter</i>	<i>Danielle Heider</i>	<i>Muriel Prevatt</i>
	<i>May 29</i>	<i>June 2</i>
<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Sue Mengert</i>	<i>Barbara Farran</i>
<i>John Martinez</i>	<i>Colleen Paterson</i>	<i>June 3</i>
	<i>May 30</i>	<i>Molly Scott</i>
	<i>Susan Watson Dorn</i>	
	<i>May 31</i>	
	<i>Jean Bills</i>	

Thank you for the cards, thoughts and holding Chris in the Light.

Chris and Jan Johnston

The flowers are shared today by Kate Hood.

Reminders:

- > If you'd like to bring flowers for the Worship Room for any Sunday morning, you may sign up at the hallway bulletin board
- > The name tag system is to help folks get to know one another.
If you would like to get one please sign up at the table in the foyer.



If you choose to speak during the silence

please stand or raise your hand and wait for delivery of a microphone by an usher. Then hold it as shown in this photo. .

From the Nominating Committee:

Volunteer opportunities are still open in several NGFM committees. Most committees operate from July 1 to June 30, and our nominations for July 2017 are due to Monthly Meeting at the beginning of June. That's very soon. Some especially interesting openings that we're still looking to fill include:

- Quaker Relations.

Celebrate our Quaker affiliations and activities by representing New Garden with Piedmont Friends Fellowship and Yearly Meeting, American Friends Service Committee, or Shepherd's Center. This committee also includes members who aren't representatives but help our Meeting understand and assist the Quaker programs and groups that we support.

- Finance and Stewardship.

Help our Meeting match resources to needs, and work to assure our financial stability for the future. Interest, not professional experience, is the qualification needed. We thank the people who have signed on for this role, but we still need another three or so participants. Please don't be shy!

- House.

We have some dedicated volunteers who care for the Meetinghouse and parsonage, but we still need someone with a flexible daytime schedule who can help manage special situations.

- Investments.

We would appreciate one more person willing to help oversee our long-term investments. This spot needs you to understand how investments work, but it is not a time-consuming commitment.

- Special Events.

Pitch in on refreshments and hospitality for some of our favorite annual events, including Christmas Eve and the progressive dinner. We need a couple more party-makers to fill out this committee. Many hands make light work.

- Nominating.

We would like to have a couple more folks to join us in the March-to-June process of matching people to Meeting's opportunities. We also seek a co-clerk to work with Alan Spiewak in organizing next year's work.

If you have been looking for a way to contribute to NGFM, and the list above doesn't speak to you, do not despair. We have a few other choice spots we can offer you. For these or other volunteer opportunities, contact co-clerks Marie Brown (336-817-2249) and Alan Spiewak (336-297-0363) or any of the other members of the Nominating Committee (as listed on the Meeting website).

Graveyard Tour - May 29

A tour of the New Garden Friends graveyard will be held on Memorial Day (as the world calls it) at 10 a.m. on Second-day, the 29th of Fifth Month. Along with the usual "Decoration Day" homage to those buried there, special emphasis will be given this year to those associated with the work of the American Friends Service Committee on this, the AFSC's centennial year. Come learn about those who have served in both conventional and unconventional ways! The tour will be led by Max Carter.

News from Quaker House

We will be honoring our war dead on Monday but I would like to also draw attention to those who have fought for our country and survived. There are many men and women who have served us in war and come home broken. They suffer not only from physical damage, but mental and emotional damage as well. We can see the physical damage and the VA is able to help to rehabilitate those victims. I hope we can also recognize and support those who suffer from PTSD and those who suffer from Moral Injury which has resulted from seeing and doing things that violate their deepest moral principles. These injuries are not so apparent. There are many veterans who are incarcerated due to actions they committed after returning home while still affected by their wartime experiences. There are many veterans who are homeless. The suicide rate for veterans is high. Domestic violence in military families is also high. Are we doing all we can to support these veterans? Quaker House, a manifestation of the Friends' peace testimony near Fort Bragg, is working to ensure that veterans get the care that is due to them. They provide domestic violence counseling, support incarcerated veterans, spread the word about Moral Injury, and support a hotline for service members needing help (877-447-4487). If you are a veteran or know a veteran who is suffering, Quakerhouse.org may be the place for you to find help.

Sara White
Quaker House Board Member

The Friendship Community Partnership Cookout - July 30, 2-4 p.m.

Help is requested from each congregation in the FCP - we need volunteers willing to do any of the jobs listed below at Collins Grove United Methodist Church on July 30:

Set up : 1 - 2 p.m. (actual event is from 2-4:00 p.m.)
Serving (three shifts): 2-2:30/ 2:30-3:00/ 3:00-3:30 pm
Clean up: inside AND outside - after 4:00 pm

Let Cathie Holcombe know if you can do one of these jobs - call (336-288-7555) or email: (holcombecatherine@yahoo.com).

AFSC has arrived!

At the April 2 Monthly Meeting, NGFM approved welcoming the NC office for American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) to use space at our meetinghouse. This is an exciting opportunity for new growth and to help build an even stronger connection between our Meeting and the work of AFSC. They moved their office on May 25 and are settling in!

Doing Our Work!

The Guilford Antiracism Alliance (GARA)'s program "Doing Our Work" continues on Tuesday evening in June:

"Implicit Bias: Where Does It Come from and What Do We Do About It?"

June 6: 7 - 8:30 p.m.

First Baptist - 1000 West Friendly, Greensboro 27401

Please note!

- *Flea Market Notice:* A notice will be posted when items for the next scheduled flea market will be accepted.
- Donations for Styrofoam re-cycling, Urban Ministries, etc., should be left in containers located in the foyer outside Friendship Hall.

Please help us keep the Connector free of clutter!

2017 Calendar: Carry-In Meal and Monthly Meeting for Business

June	4
July	9 *
August	6

* - *delayed one week because of holidays*

