

The New Garden Friend

Newsletter of New Garden Friends Meeting

November 22, 2017

News from RE

New Garden Friends Meeting is starting a Children's Choir.

Children ages 3-12 are invited to gather in the choir room at 10:30 a.m. (immediately following Intergenerational Forum) each First Day for practice. The choir room is Room 121.

The Children's Choir is part of the Religious Education program at New Garden and will be directed by Marc Alley, the Meeting's music director.

We understand that life is busy, and that many will be unable to attend each and every First Day. But this should not stop Friends from participating. We hope that children will come as often as they can, and join us in making a joyful noise.

Upcoming Forums

Sunday, December 3: Vernie Davis will discuss a chapter of the book, "Peace on Earth: the Role of Religion in Peace and Conflict Studies" (2014). The chapter, "Let Us See What Love Can Do: Quaker Contributions to Peacebuilding", was written by Vernie, and is available in print or PDF, for reading prior to the forum date. Please contact Karin Heller (karin@ngfm.org) to obtain a copy. His questions will focus on:

1. In what ways do we personally see our faith connected to our approaches to peacebuilding and conflict transformation?
2. What lessons from historical Friends do we see as most relevant to our lives today?
3. Do we see a difference between our approaches to micro (personal) level relationships and macro (global or international) level relationships?
4. What other questions arise for you?

Vernie has been a member of New Garden for over 30 years and has taught Peace and Conflict studies at Guilford College.

Sunday, December 17: Asher Kolieboi, from Friends Center at Guilford College, will lead Friends on the Underground Railroad Tour in Guilford College Woods (now a site on the Network to Freedom, as is the New Garden Cemetery).

*Please note the tour will begin at 9:30 (as opposed to 9:45), at Guilford College. Parking is difficult for a large group, so if you don't know where to park on campus or where the "trailhead" is, meet at the New Garden parking lot at 9:15 and walk over with a group. Tour is about 1-1.5 hours and 3/10 mile one way on the trail. Wear sturdy shoes!

First Day at New Garden Friends Meeting

- 9 a.m. Open Worship Meeting Room (no childcare)
- 9:30 a.m. Intergenerational 1st Day School Friendship Hall
- 9:45 a.m. Adults: Forum, Brotherhood, Spiritual Disciplines
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time Friendship Hall
- 11 a.m. Semi-Programmed Worship Meeting Room

Childcare:

- 9:30 - Noon Room 112 Infants-until toilet trained
- 10:30 - Noon Room 004 Toilet trained and up

Meetings and Events

- Wednesday November 22
- 11 a.m. Healing Prayer / Friends Homes
 - 6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room
 - 7 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation / Meeting Room

- Monday November 27
- 7 p.m. Quaker Relations / Room 109
 - 7:45 p.m. New Garden Mindfulness Group / Parlor

- Tuesday November 28
- 4 p.m. Ukestra Practice / Room 109
 - 7 p.m. Finance & Stewardship / Parlor



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Deadlines

To be considered for publication in the next newsletter, items **must be received by noon Monday**. Please include your name, phone number and email address.

Items for the New Garden Sunday bulletin must be received by noon on Thursday.

Question? Call Sharon Burton, 336-292-5487.

A message from Finance and Stewardship

I wanted to report on our financial status as we approach the end of the year. Our annual budget is about \$350,000. About two-thirds of that comes from contributions from members and attenders. As is often the case contributions are lagging as we approach the end of the year. We are currently about \$20,000 behind in contributions year-to-date with a projected annual shortfall of over \$30,000. I'm asking each of you to do what you can to help us close this budget gap before the end of the year.

Thanks for all you do. Charlie White, Clerk, Finance and Stewardship

Seekers Class set for February 2018

Seekers classes will run for four Sundays from February 4 to February 25, from 3-5 p.m. and are wonderful for newcomers and also long-time members. We will cover the basics of Quaker history, the testimonies, and Quaker faith, Quaker community practices and business practices and variations among different branches of Quakers.

Join us to learn more about Quakerism and New Garden Friends Meeting. Please complete the registration form on the last page of this bulletin. Contact: Margaret Webb - 336-292-5487 or (pastormargaret@ngfm.org).

SEEKERS GROUP REGISTRATION

Please return this form by Sunday, January 28, 2018

Yes, I / we will participate in the Seekers Group.

Name (s) _____

Address _____

Phone (H) _____ (C) _____

Email _____

Childcare needed for children:

Name	Age
_____	_____
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Sunday, December 3

After the 11 a.m. service - the Christmas tree will be decorated followed by the Carry-In Meal and Monthly Meeting for Business.

Birthdays

November 22

Patrick Lawe

Karrie Manson

November 24

Marie Brown

Emmanuel Khamala

November 25

Hannah Aileen Carroll

Ken Marion

Robert (Bob) Mers

Russell Sciandra

November 26

Lynette Edwards

November 28

Janet Mackenzie

Leisa Slensby

A Feeding Frenzy with Friendship Community Partnership

Here are two opportunities to share food with those who are hungry:

1. The Urban Ministry's large cardboard bins (which have been hiding near the kitchen door) will be waiting for your canned goods or other non-perishable foods during worship Sunday, November 26. Be a hero, and join our community giving, by bringing your offerings right into the Meeting Room. Let's see if we can make a MOUNTAIN! (If the bins are not filled by the Sunday after Thanksgiving, we will extend the collection to December 3, the final date.)

2. A large box of raw sweet potatoes has been donated to each of the five churches in the FCP, for us to use in creative ways to feed people. Feel free to take some to share with others, hand out on the corner, make dishes of your own to feed your own family, or in any other ideas you may have of using the healthiest vegetable, North Carolina's signature crop!

Contact: CH Holcombe (336-288-7555)