



New Garden Meetinghouse, 1791

NEW GARDEN FRIENDS MEETING

Established 1754

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First Day Schedule

9:00 a.m.	Un-programmed Meeting for Worship
9:45 a.m.	First Day forums and classes for adults
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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264 Years of Continuous Quaker Ministry and Presence
in the New Garden / Greensboro Community
16th Day, 12th Month 2018

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
Christmas Medley

Welcome

Announcements

Hymn # 57 "The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came"

Reading Luke 1:39-56

Special Music Kathryn Troxler, Mezzo-Soprano
"Lute Book Lullaby"

Offertory
"In the Bleak Midwinter"

Message Margaret Webb
"Mary's Song"

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 MEETING

9 a.m.	Open Worship	Meeting Room (no childcare)
9:45 a.m.	Adult Classes	Forum, Brotherhood, Spiritual Disciplines
10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time	Friendship Hall
	Children's Choir	Choir Room
11 a.m.	Semi-Programmed Worship	Meeting Room

Childcare (for babies and children)
10:30 - Noon Room 004

NGFM encourages all children to attend Meeting for Worship. Please choose the option that is best for your family. Children are invited to sit on the benches, or on the blanket in the front of the meeting room for "Meeting for Wiggles". A childcare worker will be available to escort children to childcare after the programmed message.

Available to newcomers: "Helping Children Learn to Worship" pamphlet found in Meeting Room foyer.

Welcome ... to our Visitors and Newcomers

Please help us get to know you by completing a visitor card, which is located in the back cover of the hymnals.

Regular NG Meeting Schedule For This Week

- Sunday: December 16**
5 p.m. Young Friends Sunday Night Supper / Friendship Hall
- Tuesday: December 18**
4 p.m. Ukestra Practice / Brotherhood Room
- Wednesday: December 19**
11 a.m. Healing Prayer Group / Friends Home
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room
6 p.m. High School Young Friends / YF Space (downstairs)
7 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation / Meeting Room

Volunteers:

Ushers
Anya Lawe
John Martinez
Ramona Flint
Jim Flippin
Dinah Flippin
Greeter:
Dinah Flippin
Sound Team
Wiley Sykes
Jim Lancaster

Birthdays:

December 17
Barbara Dua
Heather Macemore
Tom Wright
December 19
Cheryl Bridges
Ron Pudlo
December 20
Becky Blomgren
December 22
Gennie Poe

Hold in the Light:

Sandra Wilson
Al & Sharyn Carwile
Jim Bain
Susan Kemper
Leon Petty
Hilary Flint
Joe Maguire
John White
Ellen Perry
Jim Alley
Marshall Richardson
Jessie Trottier
Susan Howes

Reminders:

- > If you'd like to bring flowers for the Meeting 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 a name tag 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.

Christmas Honor Cards - Last Chance

The sale of the Christmas Honor Cards has been extended through today! But this is the last chance to purchase these cards.

We have raised almost \$1000 for our local non-profits through the sale of these honor cards.

Thank you New Garden for your support of our expanding group of non-profits who will benefit.

Call Cathy Hamilton: 336-601-0304 or email (cathyhhamilton@gmail.com).

The Alternative Christmas Event - today after meeting until 1 p.m

We invite refugees and non-profits to display their valuable work and offer us ways to give to friends and family by buying gifts and honor cards. This then helps refugees support themselves and organizations to help others. Lunch and treats will also be available for purchase. Those participating include,

Taste The World	Turkish Crafts	Ten Thousand Villages
Urban Ministry	Nana's Treats	Renaissance Cooperative
Biz Kids	Juana's Items	Gate City Quilt Guild
AFSC	Quaker House	Ecuadorian Crafts

Today's Lunch and Learn Topic: Christmas in the Trenches"

The topic for today's Lunch and Learn will be based on Quaker singer/song writer John McCutcheon's ballad "Christmas in the Trenches." We hope this will stimulate some meaningful discussion.

Please bring your lunch and join us after the rise of Meeting for Worship. We plan to start at 12:30 p.m.

Contact Sara White, at 336-253-1319 or (sarawhite27410@gmail.com) for more information.

PFYM requests feedback on NC Working Group Proposal

Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting is asking all New Gardeners to supply feedback related to the Friends Committee on North Carolina Working Group Proposal. The FCNCL proposal can be found at www.FGCquaker.org Please. E-mail your suggestions to Mary Luckhaus at (luckhausmary@gmail.com) and Dot Mason at (hmason.triad.rr.com).

Two sessions for a group "read and review" of the FCNCL proposal are set for today, December 16, at 12:30 p.m. for those wanting to discuss the document. All are welcome.

Revised December Event Calender

- Sunday, December 16
Caroling at Friends Homes 4:45 - 8 p.m.
- Friday, December 21
Winter Solstice drumming at 5:45 p.m. / readings at 6 p.m.
- Sunday, December 23
Christmas Carols/Christmas Hymn Sing 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.
Choir will bring message in song for morning service 11 a.m.
- Monday, December 24
Christmas Eve Service music at 6:30 p.m. / service at 7 p.m.

Join us in the spirit of giving this month!

Please join us ... fill a box with non-perishable food items according to this list and bring your box to the Christmas Eve Candlelight Meeting for Worship.

Each day add an item to a box. On Christmas Eve donate the contents for a food bank.

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| 1 - box of cereal | 13 - canned beans |
| 2 - peanut butter | 14 - box of crackers |
| 3 - stuffing mix | 15 - package of rice |
| 4 - boxed potatoes | 16 - package of oatmeal |
| 5 - macaroni & cheese | 17 - package of pasta |
| 6 - canned fruit | 18 - spaghetti sauce |
| 7 - canned tomatoes | 19 - chicken noodle soup |
| 8 - canned tuna | 20 - tomato soup |
| 9 - dessert mix | 21 - can of green beans |
| 10 - jar of applesauce | 22 - can of mixed vegetables |
| 11 - canned sweet potatoes | 23 - can of carrots |
| 12 - cranberry sauce | 24 - can of green beans |

6-Week Course on Quaker Classics to start soon!

Sundays January 6 - February 10 from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

There is no "Quaker canon" (It would be tough for a pacifist group to have one!), but there are cherished texts that have inspired, informed, and guided Friends through the centuries and help define the core of Quaker belief, practice, and spirituality. Margaret Webb and Max Carter will lead this discussion-oriented course, encouraging participants to explore the literature that has not only stood the test of time among Friends but in many instances has been included in lists of the best devotional literature in religion worldwide. We'll explore excerpts from the journals of George Fox and John Woolman; read the spiritual insights of Bayard Rustin, Isaac Pennington, Margaret Fell, Elizabeth Bathurst, and Caroline Stephen; and see why Thomas Kelly's "A Testament of Devotion" has moved so many. The class will be held on January 6, 13, 20, 27, and February 3 and 10 at 6:30 p.m. at New Garden Friends Meeting.

All participants should purchase a copy of Quaker Spirituality: Selected Writings edited by Douglas V. Steere.

Several copies are also available to borrow so contact Max or Margaret if you would prefer to borrow one.

To register, contact Margaret Webb at (pastormargaret@ngfm.org) or 336-292-5487 and Max Carter at (mcarter@guilford.edu).

AFSC invites contributions!

Do you want to help local families who are suffering after having a loved one detained or deported to the Triad Immigrant Support Fund?

Go to: tiny.cc/triadcrisisfund to donate. These funds will be used to support families impacted by detention and deportation.

AFSC General Secretary to speak Saturday, January 12

Please join AFSC general secretary Joyce Ajlouny on Saturday, January 12 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at New Garden Friends Meeting.

Come meet Joyce and learn about the strategic planning process that she is leading as AFSC turns the page on a century of building peace with justice.

Prior to joining AFSC as general secretary in September 2017, Joyce worked in international development and served as the director of the Ramallah Friends School in Palestine.

A New Pictorial Directory In the Works

It's been a long time - the last directory was 2011, so we really need a new one. Gertrude Beal and Carol Cothorn have graciously agreed to organize this undertaking. We'll start taking taking pictures in February, 2019.

Sign up has begun.

In The Event of Inclement Weather ...

There are times when meetings or events need to be delayed, postponed, cancelled, or changed due to inclement weather.

Check the New Garden website - www.ngfm.org or call the Meeting Office phone 336-292-5487 to listen to the recording to get this information during bad weather.

Quaker House asks you to save this date: Saturday, September 21, 2019

We are working on exciting projects that will capture and share our unique history of peace advocacy and of our work towards healing the hidden wounds of war over the last half-century. These projects will culminate in a presentation, lunch banquet, and special visitors from our past coming together in Fayetteville. Won't you plan on joining us? Please let Sara or Charlie White know if you plan to attend this landmark event. We want to have all our friends there. (sarawhite27410@gmail.com).

Monthly Meeting Schedule for -- 2019 --

Jan	6
Feb	3
Mar	3
Apr	7
May	5
Jun	2
Jul	7
Aug	4

Bulletin Is Now Available By Email

The Newsletter, Sunday Bulletin and First Day Notes are posted weekly on the website (under the Media tab).

The newsletter and First Day notes are also emailed to those who have requested this preference.

The Bulletin is now being made available to an email group. These groups are established on a request only basis.

Contact the meeting office (office@ngfm.org) to:

- be added to the Weekly Bulletin email group list;
- change your preference for Newsletters or First Day Notes.