



New Garden Meetinghouse, 1791

NEW GARDEN FRIENDS MEETING

Established 1754

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DAVID W. BILLS
Pastoral Minister Emeritus

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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265 Years of Continuous Quaker Ministry and Presence
in the New Garden / Greensboro Community
14th Day, 7th Month 2019

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

“Andante Catabile” Music of P.I. Tschaikovsky

Welcome

Hymn # 275

“We Worship God in Many Ways”

Reading

Church-going” in The Education of Little Tree
and from The Tao te Ching

Offertory

“Ballade” P.I. Tschaikovsky

Message

Bill Hamilton

”Letting go of religion: welcome to New Garden Friends Meeting”

Bill Hamilton serves as Clerk of Meeting for Ministry and Counsel. After retiring in 2012 from UNCG, he taught part-time in the history department at Guilford College and served as interim pastor for 14 months after David Bills retired from New Garden. He and Cathy spent a decade in Latin America in human rights, educational, and pastoral work. Hamilton took his Ph.D. from Tulane, where he focused on human rights and Latin American political and intellectual history.

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. Place completed cards in the offering plate.

If you have questions or comments, please see our Welcoming Friend after the service.

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.

Regular NG Meeting Schedule For This Week

Tuesday: July 16
3 p.m. Ukestra / Brotherhood Room

Wednesday: July 17
11 a.m. Healing Prayer Group / Friends Homes
7 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation / Meeting Room

Volunteers:

Ushers
Sara White
Molly Maynard
John Martinez
Jade Perry
Hayes Ratledge
Sound
Ken Marion
Peer Plaut
Greeter
John Martinez

Birthdays:

July 14
Mathew Howard
Anya Lawe
July 15
Mary Luckhaus
July 17
Susan Coble
July 18
Virginia Driscoll
David Raper
Christopher Webb
July 19
Paul Campbell

Hold in the Light:

Jane Kirkman-Smith
Al Carwile
Sharyn Carwile
Joe Maguire
Mac McAlister
Sandra Henley
Marshall Richardson
Jessie Trotter
Kevin Fields
Dianne Powel

New Garden Notes:

Our thoughts and sympathy are with Chris Poulos and his family. Chris' father, Bill passed away on July 5. The Poulos' address is: 2813 Lenoir Drive, Greensboro NC 27408.

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Christopher and Margaret (and Teddy and Claire) Webb would like to express our deepest gratitude for all of the cards and words of sympathy and support from the Meeting after Christopher's father passed away. We are so glad to be part of such a loving and kind community of Friends.



### 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.

### This afternoon - Kim Harris in concert at NGFM 3 p.m.

Dr. Kim R. Harris is a recording artist, teacher, composer and storyteller, traveling the nation, performing concerts, and lecturing on the music of the Underground Railroad and the modern Civil Rights Movement. She is an Assistant Professor of African American Thought and Practice in the Department of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University, in Los Angeles, CA.

Songs of faith and songs of freedom; music of the Underground Railroad will be shared in a concert.

### A message from Finance and Stewardship

I wanted to report on our financial status as we reach the mid point in our fiscal year. Our annual budget is about \$340,000. About two-thirds of that comes from contributions from members and attenders. We have received nearly half of those expected contributions during the first half of the year. But we are highly dependent on income from our invested fund and a single large bequest. We have also had several large unbudgeted expenses such as replacing the air-conditioning unit in Fellowship Hall, which have drawn on our reserves as well. So I ask you to continue to support the Meeting in the second half of the year.

In a quest for planning over the long term, we joined with Friends Homes, Guilford College, and New Garden Friends School this spring to explore ways Friends might support these organizations with bequests or annuities. If you would like more information about these, please contact the meeting office.

And a final reminder that for our older members, if you are required to make a withdrawal on your retirement account (RMD) you can make a charitable gift to the Meeting from that account with tax benefits.

Thanks for all you do.

Charlie White, Clerk, Finance and Stewardship

### **Fall Flea Market - October 19 and 26**

Norvell Hall will be set up this afternoon for the upcoming Flea Market. You may bring your donations and leave them in Norvell Hall beginning Monday, July 15.

### **NCFE Annual Session coming up soon!**

Please register now for the NCFE Annual Gathering at Quaker Lake on August 9-11. Contact: Kate Hood Seel (kateseel3@gmail.com).

It's free! (donations appreciated) and there will be childcare.

Overnight stay is encouraged.

Activities on Saturday include worship sharing, discussion groups on the URR, Ramallah, Quaker Men and Women in NC, and a brief service project opportunity.

Lunch will be provided, but attendees are asked to bring snacks.

Questions? Contact NCFE rep Kate Hood Seel (kateseel3@gmail.com).

### **Refugee Resettlement Needs**

Our newest Syrian refugee family is very motivated to work on English skills, and we're short on volunteers for the summer months. The nine-year old really needs to get ready to start third grade at Lindley Elementary in the fall!

If you are available to work with the family on alphabet letters, and sounds, as well as some basic English words and phrases during the week on a MTW or TH, 4-5 p.m. this summer, please contact Molly Haile at 336-207-0408 or (mollysentellaile@gmail.com). You don't have to commit to a regular schedule.

Do you have a charcoal grill you're not using? Want to donate it to our newest Syrian refugee family? Please contact Molly Haile at 336-207-0408.

### **Are You Concerned about Detaining Children at the Border?**

Many New Gardeners share deep concerns about separating families and imprisoning children at the border and verified reports of horrible, unsanitary conditions in child detention centers. If you want to act on your concerns, please join Cathy Hamilton and Bill McNeil after the rise of worship this coming Sunday, July 14, to plan strategic actions and ways to respond.

Contact (cathyhamilton@gmail.com) or (mcneilplanning@gmail.com) for more information or to exchange ideas.

### **From the Diversity Task Force:**

We are excited to announce our first open forum called the Gathering on August 11 at 4 p.m. Beverages will be provided. Our facilitators will be none other than the Rev. Nelson Johnson and his wife. We know many of you are familiar with his profound work as a pastor and activist.

We look forward to seeing you as we continue on this wonderful and important journey at NGFM.

