

# The New Garden Friend

Newsletter of New Garden Friends Meeting

March 20, 2019

## Sunday, March 24

Next Sunday, March 24, the children's choir will be singing "This Little Light of Mine" during Meeting for Worship. All children (even if they don't regularly sing with the children's choir) are welcome to join in!

## New Ideas Working Group

The first ideas gathering meeting of the New Ideas Working Group is set for Rise of Meeting (12:15 p.m.) Sunday, March 24. More details to follow in a later announcement closer to the meeting date.

Charles Cameron, Clerk, New Ideas Working Group

## Blanket to Benches

Sure, Meeting for Wiggles is a lot of fun for our littlest Friends, but what about our big kids? Their legs are getting longer and that blanket seems like it keeps getting smaller. It's time to think about moving to the benches!

Children ages 8 and up are invited to join us for this exciting new program. Karin Heller will share fun and engaging lessons on Quaker history, Meeting for Worship, Quaker business, and committee structures.

We will meet downstairs in Room 004, 12:30-1:30 p.m. on the following dates;

Sunday, March 24	Sunday, March 31
Sunday, April 7	Sunday, April 14

Snacks will be provided.

Participants will be recognized with a book and certificate of completion during Meeting for Worship on Recognition Sunday (May 19).

Please contact Karin Heller to register ([karin@ngfm.org](mailto:karin@ngfm.org)).

## Good News for the Meeting!

We are about to receive a new PA system for Friendship Hall (which will be portable, so available to use in Norvell Hall as well), thanks to Hayes Ratledge and the Guilford College Community Civitan Club. According to Hayes:

"Our club has decided to buy a new sound system for Friendship Hall and donate it to the Meeting. We have talked with Wiley Sykes, our Meeting's sound guru, and he is guiding us and recommending what we should buy. He is suggesting a portable unit that could also be used in Norvell Hall.

Our club will fund the entire purchase.

The Meeting has been good to our club and this is just another way to let you know how much we appreciate the opportunity to meet at New Garden Friends."

The system is to be delivered this Friday, March 22.

Tim Lindeman, Presiding Clerk, NGFM

## Meetings

### Wednesday: March 20

11 a.m. Healing Prayer Group / Friends Home  
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room  
6 p.m. High School Young Friends / YF space  
7 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation / Meeting Room

### Sunday: March 24

5 p.m. Young Friends Sunday Night Supper / FH

### Tuesday: March 26

3 p.m. Ukestra Practice / Brotherhood Room

## Birthdays

March 20

Elizabeth Riggs

March 22

Dan Paterson

Nancy Ratledge

March 23

Jane Perrin

March 25

Patricia Anderson

March 26

Don Morgan

## New Garden Notes

Jim Bain passed away Sunday, February 24. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 30 at 1 p.m. at New Garden Friends Meeting.



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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.

## Upcoming FCP Events:

Saturday, March 23 9 a.m. to after lunch  
Get on board FCP's Gazing Prayer Bus Tour  
Rev. Donald McCoy of Raleighs Crossroads United Methodist Church has invited all the FCP church folk to take part in his semi-annual Gazing Prayer Bus Tour. (It's an experience you will cherish!- C. Holcombe.) Meet at 9 a.m. at the downtown Bus Depot, and find McCoy's FCP group. Choose various buses to board, with members of other FCP churches you may not know well. Each group will ride one bus route (\$1.50 to get on, and another \$1.50 collected at the end of the run, to come home on the same bus). While riding we will be praying, as instructed by Rev. McCoy initially. When we all return to Depot from our various tours of our city, then we will get our cars and drive to Friendly K&W for our "Gazing Prayer Lunch" (BYO) and enjoy fellowship, sharing, and prayer.  
For questions, call Pastor McCoy 336-613-6426.

Thursday, April 4 7 p.m.  
Worship to honor death of MLK, Jr.  
All FCP churches are invited to NGFM on the day Martin Luther King, Jr. was killed. Our main speaker during the worship service will be Dr. Anthony Spearman, head of the NC chapter of the NAACP. Please support this community event!

## NGFM'S Diversity Task Force

Come Brainstorm about the new Diversity Task Force on Sunday, April 7 at 7 p.m.  
Social Concerns Committee is still looking for volunteers of a variety of ages and races to serve on the New Garden Diversity Task Force, which will assess how inviting and welcoming we are to all who may want to attend this Quaker Meeting.  
In this first meeting we will decide on committee composition, schedule of meetings, division of tasks, etc.,. You may want to join the task force, or just come this first time to share ideas before the task force is finalized.  
Call C.H. Holcombe, Bill McNeil, or Sara White for more information.

## NCCF Meeting on March 30

The North Carolina Fellowship of Friends will meet on March 30 at Deep River Friends Meeting. Gathering will begin at 9:30 a.m., and committees will meet from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Lunch is at 12:30 p.m. and is "bring your own", with drinks and salad provided.  
The meeting for worship with concern for business will be 1:30 - 4 p.m.

## Spring GUM Food Drive: April 5

It is time to sign up to help in the next Greensboro Urban Ministries' food drive. Again, NGFM is assigned to the Harris Teeter at 701 Francis King Street, across the street from our meeting house. Please consider helping with one of the 2-hour time slots. You will be paired with at least one other New Gardener.  
This event is a major resource for replenishing the food pantry, and GUM is counting on us!  
Call Janet Inmon (336-632-0857) to volunteer.

## PFF and Yearly Meeting Retreat

The Piedmont Friends Fellowship and Yearly Meeting Spring Retreat will be held Friday, April 19 through Sunday, April 21 at the Carolina Friends School, Durham, NC.  
The theme will be "Work on Peace and Justice," with an emphasis on the 50 year history of Quaker House. Please save the date. Registration and other details will follow.

## FGC Gathering for 2019

The 2019 FGC Gathering will be at Grinnell College in Grinnell, IA from June 30 - July 6, 2019. The theme is "Peace in Our Hearts, Justice in the World". This is a highly-anticipated week of workshops, worship, and community for all ages, recently received a generous donation to support family and youth attendance for this year's event. Thanks to this donation, children and teen program fees are waived; 50% of children and teen meal costs covered; more scholarships available to families/teens and young adult Friends (age 18-35) receive an additional \$55 discount on their program fee. Early Registration April 1 - 14!  
To learn more, go to: [www.FGCquaker.org](http://www.FGCquaker.org).