

2017 HOLIDAY NEWSLETTER

MIAMI MONTHLY MEETING

Our 213th Year



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169 South 4th Street
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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

The Friends of Miami Monthly Meeting extend warmest holiday greetings for the coming holidays and wish you the joy and the peace of the season.

Waynesville Quakers Documentary

Walk in the Light: A History of the Waynesville Quaker Historic District, is a half-hour documentary about Waynesville Quakers and Miami Monthly Meeting, produced by members of Miami Monthly Meeting. Copies of the DVD are available at the Meetinghouse. You can also view it on line from the link on the Useful Links page of Miami's website at <http://miami.quaker.org>.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS FOR 2017

December 24th, we will gather at Quaker Heights to sing Christmas Carols and share readings at 10am. Our Meeting for Worship will follow at 10:45 with an 11:30 light Carry-In Luncheon and Christmas Program. Everyone is welcome to lend their singing voices at Quaker Heights, their spirits during Worship, and their culinary talents during the Carry-In Luncheon.

FIRST DAY SCHOOL

Adult First Day School continues to be active and lively with a variety of topics on Friends, the Bible, and times the Friends spoke of their faith and other religions and faith groups. Paulette Meier of Community Friends Meeting shared her music ministry during First Day school in 3rd Month. Her presentation was well-accepted and Friends joined in singing the words of historic Friends that she has put to music. Studies this year have included Islam, a program on the Quaker community at Monteverde, Costa Rica, viewing the documentary film on the Waynesville Quaker Historic District, and reading through Pendle Hill Pamphlets such as *Members One Of Another: the Dynamics of Membership in Quaker Meetings* by Thomas Gates. In October, Paul Buckley, author of *The Essential Elias Hicks*, led the Adult Discussion.

MEETING NOTES

Jeanette Rockwell was welcomed into membership at the 3rd month Meeting for Business. She comes to us with a broad Quaker experience, having shared her childhood experience as a member of the Friends community in Costa Rica where she spent her youth.

We were saddened by the news that Daniel Wilde, one of our members located in North Carolina, passed away on July 9, 2017.

HOUSE AND GROUNDS

There are several planned maintenance projects for our facilities including replacement of the woodwork on the roof of the White Brick porch. Our mold-prevention project went well with cleaning the White Brick and installation of a dehumidifier in the basement.

FORT ANCIENT ANNUAL WORSHIP AND PICNIC

We gathered for our annual Fort Ancient Meeting for Worship and Picnic with Friends from other neighboring Meetings on July 16th. Meeting for Worship was deeply centered and vocal ministry flowed freely. Following worship, the picnic provided opportunities for great fellowship and conversation with good food in abundance. You're invited to join with us in 2018 on July 15th for this annual get-together. Look for the announcement on the Website as we get closer to the date.

MEETING FIELD TRIP

The Meeting had a road trip on October 8 to Caesar's Creek Friends Cemetery, a very old cemetery with a limestone wall surrounding it. Milton led the caravan and spoke on the history of the Caesar Creek Friends Meeting.

Visit the Miami Meeting Website

Please visit our website at <http://miami.quaker.org> to keep abreast of the news, upcoming events on the calendar, information on Quakers, our beliefs, and our history.

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