

Friends at the Spring 2nd Month 2020



Worship Leaders: Ellen and Ronald Osborne

First Sunday

Worship at 11:00 a.m. with a message from Betsy Blake

Second Sunday

Worship at 11:00 a.m with a message from Chuck Fager

Discussion about FCNL legislative priorities, after meeting for worship

Third Sunday

Breakfast at 9:30 (please bring something to share) followed by meeting for business

Worship at 11:00 a.m. with Diane Faison and music from Mr. Sellars in celebration of Black History Month

Fourth Sunday

Open worship at 11:00 a.m

Announcements

We need worship leaders for March! If you are available to volunteer for all or some weeks, please let Kara know. Friends are available to assist or to share responsibilities.

Those who are interested in contributing to FCNL's development of legislative priorities are invited to participate in a discussion on that topic after meeting for worship on Sunday, Feb. 9th. Soup will be provided and participants are welcome, but not expected, to bring side items (bread, salad, dessert) to share.

We are continuing to collect donations to [SAFE](#) (Southern Alamance Family Empowerment) and are focusing on the collection of canned vegetables or fruits but any non-perishable items are welcome and you can find a list of [current needs here](#).

Happy birthday to Josie Nelson and Chris Nelson, both on Feb. 19th, and to Eric Smith on Feb. 28th! Happy anniversary to Larry and Shelia Wilson on February 29th– leap year!

At the January meeting for business, Friends thanked Elizabeth Osborne for her service as clerk of meeting and welcomed Judith Bush as our next clerk. A letter from Judith follows:

Dear Friends,

Over December, when I was retiring from engagement, seed-like, I felt a call that I needed to commit more to Meeting. I was surprised but open when, on return, I was approached after worship to consider specific service. This last Meeting for Business, I was appointed Clerk. We also brainstormed for a while as the call for interest in serving on the Meeting's committees moved us to examine whether we have the people and structures in place for the calls to serve in the community and to our Meeting's needs for spiritual growth. During Worship I reflected on this energy. I wonder if Spring as a body has been grieving over the brokenness with the community of Yearly Meeting these past years and now grief is giving way to choosing to thrive in new relationship and opportunity.

In this sense of shifting cares and concerns, I hope all will reflect on what personal call to participate in the body of Spring Friends one hears. Charley Flint and Dan Perry are serving as Nominating committee, collecting Friends' interest in serving on committees. You may let them know of your interests. If you don't feel led to committee work, consider whether you feel called to increase your participation in Meeting for Business. We are considering setting aside some time to gather and share our vision and needs for Spring Meeting, perhaps in a series of sessions this summer and certainly as our Meetings for Business go forward.

In Love,

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In observance of Black History Month, Friends may be interested in the article [Teaching About King's Radical Approach to Social Justice](#) by Coshandra Dillard. From the introduction to the article: *"While Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s speeches and work are often sugarcoated, it's important to teach that King championed economic justice and taught Black self-love while also pushing back against neutrality, imperialism and systemic racism."*