



FRIENDS AT THE SPRING 3RD MONTH, 2019

Worship Leaders are Grimsley and Dottie Hobbs

Dates: 3rd	Open Worship
10th	Speaker - Katherine Adams
17th	Speaker - Cheryl Bridges
24th	Speaker - Sara Beth Terrell
31st	Speaker - Grimsley Hobbs

Children's Message - Dottie Hobbs (if needed)

Announcements:

Remember that on March 10th daylight savings time begins. Set your clocks 1 hour ahead.

Monthly meeting for business will be the third Sunday, March 17th, at 9:30 a.m. You are welcome to bring a breakfast item to share.

Message from Gaines Speer:

Friends, I have penned a brief piece from my search as a newly “convined Quaker”. FYI: I have drawn heavily on Quaker Journal and numerous other writing from Quaker journalists/writers.

Continuing Revelation: Quaker Theology

Friends “*arrive in many spiritual streams.*” This is especially true for those who meet in unprogrammed (or semi-) Meetings, such as **Spring**. More traditional Meetings do not tend toward spiritual diversity for obvious reasons. That is, they are primarily Christian and scriptually bound (or sound).

This piece appreciates to the diversity that the Quaker honored concept known as “*continuing revelation*” produces. The absence of a unifying Quaker theology produces an openness that many world religions lack. Quakers are historically Christian, yet Spiritually diverse. This is a strength!

In addition to Quakers who are fundamentally Christian (that follow the creeds and beliefs codified by a Christian faith that is Bible-based), there are active Quakers who are *nontheist*. These Friends find meaning in personal experience of the Light-from-within. Though themselves diverse, nontheists tend toward an “inner experience” that may not include a deity for justification... This accounts for the openness and welcome to those who may be Buddhist or Jewish or Eastern Religioners, etcetera.

Congratulations to Jennifer Walker who was the WRAL teacher of the week for Feb. 20th, '19. She is a teacher at Chapel Hill High School.

Congratulations to Ronald Osborne for his retirement from Duke Power which occurred Thursday, Feb. 28th.



A poem by Sarah Farrell

What does the robin know in early spring as it hops on the winter grass?

What does the willow tree know as it displays its tender green leaves?

What does the forsythia know as it blossoms yellow bells?

What does the daffodil know as it blooms against the sleeping landscape?

They know the promise of life.





Wishing our Friends a beautiful day
Hopes and dreams we're sending your way,
May all be good and all come true,
On this very special day for you.

Happy Birthdays and Anniversary Blessings to Friends

Birthdays

Judith Bush 2
Page Smith 7
Griffin Hobbs 10
Elizabeth Osborne 21
Jackie Adams 23
Ellen Osborne 24
Dillon Walker 25
Dottie Hobbs 26
Sara McCombie 27
Guy Smith 28

Anniversary

Jennifer & Bruce Walker 16



**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS
17th day of Second Month, 2019**

The Spring Friends Monthly Meeting for Worship With Attention to Business met at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall on the 17th day of the Second Month, 2019. Elizabeth Osborne, Clerk, opened with prayer.

The minutes of First Month were read and approved with one correction.

The Treasurer's report was approved and is attached. It was suggested that bill-pay be used for the power bill.

Dan Perry reported on the repair to the Meetinghouse yard in December. Ron Osborne volunteered to call Byrd's Lawn Care to see if they can fix the damage, and if so, that amount will be passed onto the person who caused the damage.

Elizabeth Osborne reported on the folk dancers who are going to be in the community upcoming. Some members were interested in pursuing this kind of social outreach. She will pursue and report back.

The meeting next addressed the issue of Yearly Meeting Membership. There are two Yearly Meetings of interest:

- 1) North Carolina Friends Fellowship (the result of the NCYM split)**
- and**
- 2) North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative (since 1902, now the oldest YM in our State).**

Elizabeth Osborne read a letter from Quaker Lake, to which we made a direct contribution last year. Quaker Lake is supported by North Carolina Friends Fellowship and the question raised in prior Monthly Meetings was whether it was appropriate for North Carolina Friends Fellowship to consider us a member of their group, when we had not expressed a desire to join. North Carolina Friends Fellowship sends funds on our behalf to Quaker Lake and other Friends organizations. A brief history of North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative was given. Strong support for Quaker Lake was expressed.

Friends set out various options regarding this affiliation:

- (1) Do nothing and tell North Carolina Friends Fellowship to halt making contributions on our behalf until we decide.**
- (2) Join North Carolina Friends Fellowship**
- (3) Join North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative**
- (4) Send money to North Carolina Friends Fellowship for those amounts they have already paid on our behalf, and await our decision going forward.**

It was noted that Friends are welcome to be individual members of whatever organization they wish, but that Meeting-wide affiliation was what was under discussion.

Discussion continued and it was agreed to study the structures and that Friends might attend the North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative Meetings upcoming before making a decision.

Ron Osborne reported that Kara VanHooser will accept the position of Clerk of Ministry and Council for the upcoming term.

The lamps at the front of the Meetinghouse were discussed with no decision.

The Meeting next addressed First Day School. It was suggested that with new members/attenders that there could be value in a First Day School twice a month with presentations on Quaker History (Ron Osborne) and Current Topics (Chuck Fager). The Meeting agreed to institute this schedule in March on the 2nd and 4th First Days. Further details will be announced in the newsletter or by email.

The meeting adjourned as the Worship Hour approached.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cindy Perry
Recording Clerk**

