



Friends at the Spring

2018

Fourth Month
April

Judith Bush and Ron and Elizabeth Osborne are our
Worship Leaders this month.

Date	Worship Leader	Speaker	Children's Message
April 1	Volunteer	Silent Worship	TBA
April 8	Ron and Elizabeth	Ron Osborne	
April 15	Judith Bush	TBA	
April 22	Judith Bush	"	
April 29	Judith Bush	"	



Announcements:

The finance committee will meet at 10:00 AM on Sunday, April 15, prior to worship to discuss finances available to pay for the upcoming hut renovations.

Monthly Meeting with attention to the hut renovations will be after meeting on Sunday April 15th. We will have a carry in meal and discuss the plans and options available from the architect's drawings. All friends are invited to participate and share their thoughts and input.

Letter and announcement from Chuck Fager:

Dear Friends,

At the Snow Camp Outdoor Drama, we're full of expectations for an outstanding 2018 season. But we're also on the brink of having **no season at all**.

If our shows are to go on, it will be with urgent help from donors like you.

Here's why: as spring begins, with daffodils and new green, our staff payroll is about one thousand dollars a month. We can handle that.

In May just a few weeks ahead, it jumps to almost \$2000. (Gulp.) Soon comes the first week of June, when the cast arrives. They'll be another wonderful, talented, multiracial band ready to rehearse hard, sing loud, toil on sets & tech & site prep. All while sweating a lot.

We on the board will be thrilled to see them – for 45 years, their dedication has made magic under the stars for you and me and so many more.

But the Board is sweating too, already. Because our payroll will then leap to more than \$5000 **per week**.

And that jump happens four weeks before Opening Night on July 5th. I'll be frank. We don't yet have the funds to meet that payroll.

Nowhere near.

Ticket sales will help – but they don't really take off til the season is underway.

To get us to June, we have to turn to our donors and supporters. That's how a community project like this stays afloat.

Because of generous friends **like you**.

We're grateful for your past support.

We need it again, **now**.

There's more than one way to show that support.

Besides sending a check (or using our secure PayPal page:

<https://tinyurl.com/ycfzhryt> , **sponsorships and ads** for personal or business messages are available in our Season Program.

Also, advance **group ticket sales** offer generous **discounts** (Details on both at **336-376-6948**).

Whatever works best for you, **please don't delay**.

It's been **an honor** to bring these historic stories to life.

We're ready to do it again, but if it's to happen, your help is critical.

Sincerely,

Chuck Fager President

P.S. Our classic plays, **The Sword or Peace** and **Pathway to Freedom**, are timeless, yet have never seemed more timely. But if we can't meet our payroll commitments, The Board will very soon be out of time to avoid thinking the unthinkable. **Our season is at stake**: please be as generous as you can.

Our Website: snowcampoutdoortheatre.com





Blessings

to Friends with
a Birthday and
an Anniversary

BIRTHDAYS

Carol Barlow	4
Scott Smith	4
Ron Osborne	7
Ben Talbot	12
Taylor Hobbs	16
Emma Hobbs	17
Christina Fisher	20
Jessie Talbot	22
Kindra Bradley	24

ANNIVERSARY

Polly Dickson and 3
Bill Minton

"Wishing you a day filled
with sweet moments and
wonderful memories to
to cherish always"





Kara VanHooser submitted this lovely poem by
Robert Frost

It was noted that the invitation "you come too" can be considered an invitation to allow poetry, like Springtime, to revive tired souls.

THE PASTURE

I'm going out to clean the pasture spring;
I'll only stop to rake the leaves away
(And wait to watch the water clear, I may):
I sha'n't be gone long. — You come too.

I'm going out to fetch the little calf
That's standing by the mother. It's so young,
It totters when she licks it with her tongue.
I sha'n't be gone long. — You come too.

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS
18th day of Third Month, 2018

The Spring Friends Monthly Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business met at 9:48 in the Fellowship Hall on the 18th day of the Third Month, 2018. Elizabeth Osborne, Clerk, opened with a reading from Parker Palmer about spring, humus and humility.

Dottie Hobbs read the minutes from the Second Month Meeting for Business, and they were accepted as written.

Snow Camp Outdoor Theatre's needs were discussed. There is some need for office supplies such as paper and printer cart ridges. More details as to cartridge models and quantities needed will be collected by Chuck Fager and passes to the Snow Camp committee (see below).

Ron Osborne reported that wifi can be provided for the Teachery at Snow Camp Outdoor Theatre where 16 actors will live through the summer. The cost is a \$50 set up fee and \$50 a month through Time Warner. Spring Meeting does not have standing to place the request: the Theatre board will need to facilitate establishing who can make the request.

Window air conditioners were discussed as the central air is understood to be ineffective when the room doors are closed. The power demands, however may not be supported.

Dottie Hobbs and Elizabeth Osborne have visited the Teachery. It's in rough shape with dressers missing or old, mattresses in bad shape, broken recliners. A rough plan was discussed of using April to remove the broken furniture and hire cleaners (with an estimated budget of \$400), and May to acquire new furniture and supplies. May 5th is the end of term in UNCM and there may be may gently used items for low cost from students leaving area colleges - <https://greensboro.craigslist.org/> or <https://raleigh.craigslist.org/> Batteries for smoke detectors and staples for the kitchen were also discussed.

The clerk proposed that a Snow Camp Committee be formed. Dottie, Elizabeth, and Chuck will serve on the committee with Grimsley Hobbs as needed. The committee will come up with a detailed plan and schedule for how to meet the needs.

An initial budget of \$1,500 was proposed to cover cleaning, wifi, and initial supplies and furnishings. The committee is invited to come back as more expenses become clear. Elizabeth will also circulate lists of needed items and funds to other area meetings.

Nominating had no report.

Ellen and Ronald Osborne's neighbor Kinley, who suffers from neurofibromatosis and a resulting tumor pressing on the optic nerve will be accepting a \$350 gift from Meeting to attend Quaker Lake Camp.

Grimsley reported on the building plans. The septic has now been pumped. The total estimate is currently \$102,000. This includes regrading, walk improvements, the addition, residing to match Meetinghouse, new roof to match Meetinghouse, a dormer porch entrance, interior renovation, the shower and contingency funds.

Friends discussed various ways to fund the building, including borrowing against the McBane gift and raising funds. What else might we want? A covered deck was proposed, which then led to a discussion of "break out spaces" for meetings. Use of the improved space was discussed: we recognize we are unlikely to be able to offer sanctuary, but hospitality for traveling Friends, neighbors who need temporary shelter (after a house fire), and more gatherings were listed.

Clerk proposed that instead of a Meeting for Business in Fourth month, we discuss the building plans. Friends approved. Grimsley will complete the plans and meet with finance committee for breakfast on 15 Fourth month. After meeting Friends will gather to discuss next steps.

Elizabeth read the letter to release Jean Vollrath and it was approved. Ellen reported that Jean is doing well and is enjoying her new job.

Elizabeth noted that FGC gathering is in Toledo, OH, this year and that the meeting has supported some member in attending.

Friends adjourned to resume worship in the Meetinghouse.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Bush

