

September, 9th Month, 2017

Friends at the Spring



Spring Meeting House

The above watercolor painting was sent to us by Beverly Holaday.

Here is her message via e-mail:

"My husband, Mike, is a member of the Grand Rapids, Michigan Friends Meeting. We were in the Chapel Hill area earlier this summer and took the opportunity to visit the Spring Meeting House. Mike's ancestors, Henry Holaday and his wife Mary Fayle, are buried in the cemetery there. I love the quiet simplicity of the meeting house and the beautiful grounds. I thought you might enjoy the watercolor I did of the setting."

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*THE ROBERT AND ANGIE OSBORNE FAMILY WILL BE
WORSHIP LEADERS THIS MONTH*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Message</i>	<i>Children's Message</i>
<i>3rd</i>	<i>Open Worship</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>10th</i>	<i>QLSP Speaker Emma Graham Friends Center/QLSP Intern</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>17th</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>24th</i>	<i>QLSP Speaker Leanna Kantt QLSP co-clerk and third year</i>	<i>TBD</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

*Starting in September Meeting for Worship will begin at 11:00 a.m.
Don't forget!*

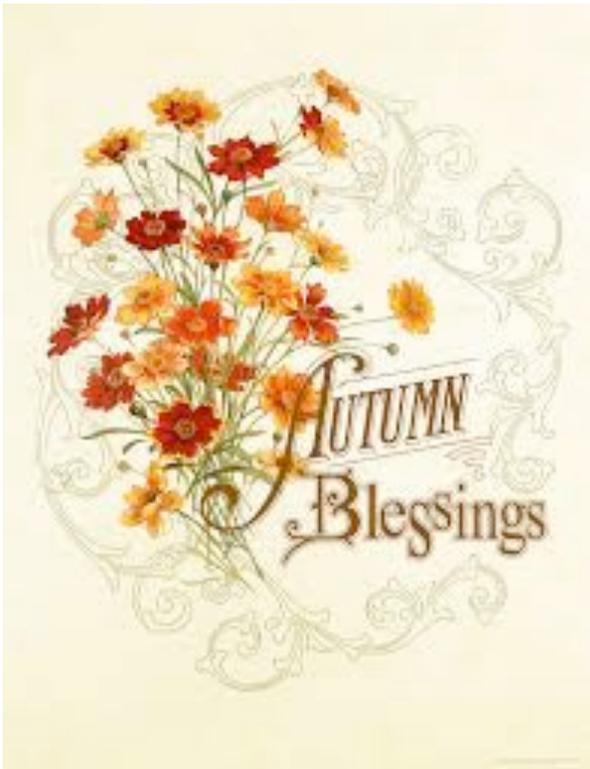
*Meeting for Business will be the third Sunday, 17th, at 9:30 a.m.
Bring a breakfast item if you wish.*

*On Tuesday, Sept 5th at 7:00 p.m., the Stewardship and Finance committee
will meet at Mike and Kara's home to discuss yearly budget and building
renovations budget. The meeting is open to any member of Spring who
would like to participate.*

*First in a series of Forums on race will take place Sept. 24th, at 10:00 a.m.
Please join us.*

*On Sept. 14th, Thursday evening, our famous Bookclub will be hosted by
Cindy Perry at 6:30 p.m. Come and enjoy a potluck and friendship.*





*HAPPY BIRTHDAY
AND
ANNIVERSARY
TO OUR FRIENDS*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*4th Mike Dodge
6th Daniel Osborne
9th Celie McIver Lowe
10th Sheila Wilson
16th Kara Van Hooser
22nd Catherine Hobbs*

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Ronald and Ellen Osborne 30

*We're wishing you a birthday bright
And every day filled with delight
With many friends, staunch and true,
Joy, health and peace for you.*



OUR HISTORY *submitted by Chuck Fager*

In June I organized and coordinated an event called the Quaker History Roundtable, which was held in Indiana. What's news now is that videos of all the sessions and presentations are now online, and Friends can browse and watch them for free.

The Roundtable's focus was on 20th Century U. S. Quaker history, which has been under-studied so far; research and discussion on many events then, which still reverberate today. (Like, for instance, all the hullabaloo about yearly meeting.)

Among the topics newly brought to light in the papers presented are: a reexamination of the mysterious interplay between Philadelphia Quaker elites and ex-Communist Whittaker Chambers in the notorious Alger Hiss spy case; the rise and fall of Young Friends groups and movements; how Quaker leaders used anti-Catholic prejudice to promote the 1928 presidential candidacy of Quaker Herbert Hoover, and the uphill witness of numerous Friends during World War Two against the internment without trial of 100,000-plus Japanese-Americans.

It also uncovered the rocky path of Willie Frye Jr., a controversial pastor in North Carolina, who broke ground on race, war and gay rights -- and paid a heave price; it articulated the dilemmas and issues involved in archiving Quaker records: who and what gets remembered -- or suppressed? And asks if it was really progress when the AFSC traded in its original stance of "neutrality" while working in social conflicts and adopted a stance of standing for "justice"?

All these and more are on full-length videos, linked to this page. They can be watched for free without registration or signing up for anything.

A book of the papers is also in preparation; watch for further information on that soon.

Here is the link to it all:

<http://newquakerhistory.net/news/>

Here are a couple of photos from it. Chuck

Quaker History Roundtable

**20th Century
American Quakerism:
A Timely Assessment**

June 8-11, 2017

**Earlham School
Of Religion**

Richmond, Indiana

newquakerhistory.net



**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS
20th day of Eighth Month, 2017**

The Spring Friends Monthly Meeting for Worship With Attention to Business met following 10am Worship in the Fellowship Hall on the 20th day of the Eighth Month, 2017. Elizabeth Osborne, Clerk, opened with a reading of a Query on Equality.

The minutes of Sixth Month were read and approved; there was no Monthly Meeting in Seventh Month. The Treasurer reported on the Sixth Month finances, which report is attached. See donations discussion under Old Business below.

OLD BUSINESS:

Elizabeth Osborne received a note from Kaitlin Phillips thanking the Meeting for her graduation check.

Ron Osborne presented a breakdown of donations based on figures from Dan Perry. The idea was that by examining this breakdown, we could set goals on giving to organizations like Quaker House, and how much to reserve for infrequent personal emergencies. We understand that Quaker House has lost a substantial donor and that they are hoping to have a reliable financial commitment with individual meetings for budgetary purposes. Ron presented two spreadsheets, showing donations since 2015, and another for exactly a year (March 2016-17). It was decided that Finance and Peace and Social Concerns Committees would meet on 5th day Ninth Month to examine these figures more deeply.

Grim Hobbs led a discussion about renovations to the Hut. Grim and the Contractor had met for several hours, and decided that we first need a budget figure, and then we can plan what projects can be done on that budget. It was discussed that the Hut should have siding to make it look more like the Meetinghouse.

Grim presented the alternatives about the bathroom renovations: (1) repair the existing rooms; or (2) build an addition with new fixtures, electrical, etc. and use the existing bathrooms for storage. The latter plan would be more costly, but would be a good value for the Meeting. Ron brought up the idea about including a shower in case the Meeting were asked to provide sanctuary for a person in danger of being deported.

Discussion ensued about several trees in the Meetinghouse yard, and it was decided that Grim, Mike and Dan would assess those trees today and make a recommendation.

Chuck Fager reported on his attendance at the last NCYM. It is officially dead, with two successor organizations. There is no clarity about pastors and recording of ministers. Dottie Hobbs suggested that people who are interested in being a member of one group or the other, should do whatever they want, since our Meeting is not ready for a long-range plan. It was reported that Grim Hobbs has been placed on the Quaker Lake Board, where he served prior to the division, and all agreed that Heather Varner was an excellent QL Director.

NEW BUSINESS:

PFF (Piedmont Friends Fellowship) has asked if Spring will host the Representative Body of their organization on January 28, 2018. That request was approved. They will worship with us, and conduct their meeting following worship.

We have two requests regarding membership: Susan Kennedy Farrell has requested dual membership with Spring and First Friends in Greensboro. Kindra Bradley has asked for permission to pursue dual membership with Spring and Fayetteville Meeting when she takes her position as ED of Quaker House. It was decided that these requests should be referred to M&C, which is chaired this year by Grim Hobbs. Ron spoke about the differences between the two requests and compared them with the dual membership of Chuck Fager.

The Meeting postponed discussion of Immigration and Sanctuary until Judith Bush can be with us.

The MM agreed to send \$100 to the organizers of the Peace Booth during the State Fair in Raleigh. Elizabeth was given a check to deliver to that group.

Chuck Fager presented a new piece of business regarding the recent unpleasantness about monuments. He indicated that there were some stories which had not been told, and suggested that the Meeting participate in putting up a monument or billboard about two Alamance County men who were lynched. The Meeting decided that an open dialogue about race was an excellent idea, and Kara Van Hooser was willing to lead us in an introductory session in order to form a process for our next step. There were various ideas about such a message to the community, and it was decided that the idea needed more work, perhaps to be held in September.

We adjourned a bit after 1:00 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Perry, Recording Clerk**



*The garden is the resting place of the spirit-
the place of inspiration and promise,
of tranquility and intense personal claim.*

Martha Hutcheson