

12th Month



December

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Year

2016



DATE	WORSHIP LEADER	MESSAGE	CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
<i>Dec. 4</i>	<i>Spring Friends</i>	<i>QLSP</i>	_____
<i>Dec. 11</i>	<i>Spring Friends</i>	<i>Greg Woods</i>	_____
<i>Dec. 18</i>	<i>Christmas Variety Worship</i>	<i>Elizabeth, Ron and Family</i>	
<i>Dec. 25</i>	<i>Spring Friends</i>	<i>Open Worship</i>	

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Traditionally, Spring Friends Meeting has had a children's Christmas play depicting the story of Christ's birth. This year, we are offering you and your family an opportunity to share in Spring Meeting's variety Christmas worship hour on Dec. 18th at 11:00 A.M. This will be an opportunity for you to share a poem, story, song, hymn or memory of Christmas. We will not have a formal program, but will share out of the silence during open worship.

December has also been the month that youth lead our worship hour. If your child or family would like to lead worship the first two Sundays, please let Elizabeth know.

All are invited to Meeting for Worship at 7:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. We will enjoy candlelight, some time in silence and any spoken or musical offerings that Friends are led to share. Friends are invited to Mike, Kara and Grace's house afterwards for cookies and cider!

Spring Friends will be collecting Holiday gift cards for area families in need. You may bring gift cards from Food Lion, Target, Sheetz, Visa, etc. Please place your cards in the envelope at the table in the back of the meeting house. Several members have identified families in need.

There will not be a Meeting for Business this month.



*“What are the things that you can’t see that are important?
I would say justice, truth, humility, service, compassion, love.
You can’t see any of those, but they’re the guiding lights of a life.”*

President Jimmy Carter





Happy Birthday

Birthdays

Jennifer Walker	7
Chuck Fager	11
Shaye Phillips	16
Grace Dodge	16
Jerry Barlow	21

*Wishing you the best birthday ever,
May each moment be kind to you,
You deserve to know happiness,
And see your wishes all come true.*



*A Christmas candle is a lovely thing;
It makes no noise at all,
But softly gives itself away;
While quite unselfish, it grows small.*

Eva Logue

I heard the bells on Christmas Day





*Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on Earth, good will to men!*

Henry W. Longfellow

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS
20th day Eleventh Month, 2016**

The Spring Friends Monthly Meeting for Worship With Attention to Business met in the Fellowship Hall on the 20th day of the Eleventh Month, 2016. Elizabeth Osborne, Clerk, opened the meeting with a reading by Parker Palmer.

The minutes of the monthly meeting for tenth month were read and approved as was the financial report.

Kindra Bradley and Linda McBane represented Spring Meeting at Quarterly Meeting held 11/12/16 at Liberty Friends. Kindra reported on this, her first experience with Quarterly Meeting.

Chuck Fager represented Spring Meeting at Representative Body held 11/5/16 at New Hope Meeting in Goldsboro. He reported that the Superintendent position was cut to half time, that Quaker Lake appeared headed for independent relationship, the sale of Hilltop and Spring Garden Meeting and a close-out of the \$4.5million in pastors retirement funds. The Quarters have been re-arranged and we have passed on our statement that Spring still does not wish the YM to be divided.

The Meeting recognized the work of Ron Osborne to honor the Meeting's position in the 235th anniversary of the Battle of Lindley Mill. He held a history session prior to Meeting for Worship on 10/30/16 and after Meeting, Ron led a field trip to the site of the battle. Spring Meetinghouse was likely the place where persons were imprisoned and the graveyard holds several from both sides who lost their lives in the battle.

Under New Business, Chuck Fager read his letter (attached) requesting membership, as did Daniel and Will Osborne(attached). Several spoke and remarked how meaningful it was to have two of the meeting children ask for membership in their adulthood. It was recognized that Chuck Fager has contributed greatly to the meeting and would keep his dual affiliation with Baltimore Yearly Meeting. Several members spoke on his behalf.

The Meeting decided to contribute the sum of \$150 to Johnnie Batchelor in lieu of her cleaning the Meetinghouse and Fellowship Hall since her husband is quite ill. This was for November and December, totaling \$300.00

There will be no potluck in November, due to Thanksgiving.

There will be no Monthly Meeting in December.

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**Christmas Plans include: 12/4/16: QLSP Speaker
12/11/16: Greg Wood Speaking
12/18/16: Christmas Talent from the Silence
12/24/16: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
12/25/16: Christmas Day Unprogrammed Worship**

**The Meeting is asking for persons who might need food assistance for the holidays.
Kara and Cindy agreed to ask persons in the community.**

Kara reported that the person whose home gas bill was paid, was extremely grateful for the assistance.

Kindra Bradley asked that the newsletter include dates for Quarterly Meeting, Representative Body, YM, etc.

Lynette was glad to have Kindra's suggestion and will provide those dates oncoming. She also spoke a concern about the Peace Corps' continued existence under the new administration, a concern for her daughter Sherry's dedication to the Peace Corps.

We adjourned at 10:50 for the Worship Hour.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cindy Perry
Recording Clerk**

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Future Dates of Quarterly Meeting, Representative Body and Yearly Meeting

All locations have not been decided due to recent changes in yearly meeting. Dates may be subject to change. There will be updates each month.

2017 Quarterly Meeting:

*February 11th, Sat: always the second seventh day of second month.
At Providence Friends*

*May 13th, Sat: always the second seventh day of fifth month.
At Spring Friends*

*July 22nd, Sat: always the fourth seventh day of seventh month.
No location at this time.*

*November 11th, Sat: always the second seventh day of eleventh month.
No location at this time.*

2017 Representative Body:

First Saturday in March, at Quaker Lake. (March 5th)

? First Saturday on June 3rd, Location TBA ?

First Saturday in November, Location TBA (Nov. 4th)

2017 Ministry and Council Annual session

July 29th, location to be determined

2017 Annual Meeting

August 4-5, Friday-Saturday, NCYM, Annual Session, Quaker Lake Camp