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Projects for 2024 “Green Sheet” and much more!!!

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Sherry Hylton

We were blessed this past August to attend our Annual Gathering, which was hosted by the ladies of Cedar Square Friends. Before we entered the door, we saw the effort the ladies had given to represent our theme, “Rooted in Love”. The creativity and time they spent decorating and preparing, was second to none. Kay Davis shared a devotion that gave us the perfect lesson on what it means to be “rooted in love”. Our program was given by Rita Mintmier and Brenda McKinney. They shared their experiences at the triennial from this past summer held in Kenya. In my opinion, the presentation was eye-opening to what our Kenyan Friends are doing to share God’s love and to grow His Kingdom. Rita even commented that the work they are doing, could put some of us to shame. Thank you to all of you ladies at Cedar Square for making this an experience that we will never forget. Thank you also, to the men of Cedar Square, who prepared and served our meal. It was delicious!

Another item of business at our Annual Gathering, was to install new officers. Several members agreed to another term at their present position, for which we are very grateful. We do have two brand new board members, although one has previously served. This would be Pat Core, who will be our new Children and Youth Education Secretary. Pat was on the Executive Board 15 years ago when I served my first term. I will be forever grateful for the acceptance and assistance she gave me along the way. She is a positive asset to NCUSFW. The second new member is Debbie Allen, who will serve as our Vice-President/President Elect. Debbie is a birthright Quaker who has always played an integral part in her Meeting’s history. I am thrilled to be working with her these next few years.

Finally, I will now be the President of NCUSFW. I am sure there are many of you who do not know me. I didn’t enter the Quaker population until I was about 13 years old. So even though that was over 50 years ago, I will admit to feeling less knowledgeable than many. I want every member to know that I have prayed and prayed about this position, and the ability to lead the group of people, that I feel, do the very most of any group of Quakers. You ladies have never let up from the work you do to help assist any of God’s Children, whether that be near or far. Just this past week I went to a Mission’s Committee meeting. I am proud to say that NCUSFW is a large contributor to most of these missions. Brenda McKinney stated in her presentation at Annual Gathering, that when the Kenyan people would see on her nametag that she was from NC, they would burst out with thanks for what North Carolina had done for them.

I say all of this, ladies, to say that I am honored to hold this position. I believe that we are all here on earth, to be the hands and feet of Jesus, by serving others, spreading His love, and growing His kingdom. Corrie ten Boom once said, “The measure of a life, after all, is not its duration, but its donation.” I am already so very excited about what all of you are doing as USFW members. I want each of you to know that I am always available to you. (Although it may take a little while for me to get back to you, as I have a husband, 3 adult children, 2 daughters-in-law, 5 grandchildren, and an elderly mom!) So yes, sometimes my many blessings keep me very busy!

I do want to take a moment to thank Janet Robbins for the phenomenal job she did as President these last several years. Due to COVID, Janet did more than a normal 3-year term. Janet is a dedicated Quaker who is very familiar with all things Quaker. She is kind, caring and very hard-working. I have learned so much from her, and I know she will be there if I need her. Janet has asked one favor of all of us. Last year she started a program of collecting “L” (love) and “H” (hope) dollars. These are \$1 Bills that have either an L or an H on the front left side. We collected those dollars at Annual Gathering and had over \$300 that we donated to World Hunger. Janet has asked that we continue to collect these dollars as a donation for FEMAP. Many of you are aware that the Allen Jay House where this program happens, burned this year. Much was lost, but the people who ARE FEMAP, have continued to work diligently to provide kits where needed. If everyone would bring the dollars collected to our Spring Conference in May, we will then present the money to aid them with their expenses.

I hope that each of you will read through the articles of this Carolina Woman carefully. We are truly blessed with women on this executive board who are faithful servants of God, who put much prayer and thought into every article they write. I will ask for your continued prayers as NCUSFW continues to work toward the goals that God has laid on our hearts. May this upcoming holiday season bring many blessings to you and your family.

Please Save the Date for our Spring Conference at Quaker Lake on May 18, 2024. Karla Jay, FUM Global Ministries Coordinator, will be with us in person as our speaker.



Dear Friends,

A second-grade student at Ramallah Friends School offers this prayer, “I wish I could share my flashlight with the people in Gaza so they can see when the lights go out.”

Many of us in the Quaker community share a desire to help in meaningful ways as the war continues and as bombs fall relentlessly on Gaza. Friends have a long history of providing care and support for Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank. When asked, we direct Friends who want to give to agencies, like the [American Friends Service Committee](#), which has staff working on the ground in Gaza. We will continue to do so.



Given FUM’s immediate care and concern for Ramallah Friends School, our attention remains focused on the needs of our staff, students, and their families. The war has a direct impact on all Palestinians. Recently, Rania Maayeh, Head of Ramallah Friends School, attended two wakes held by members of our staff who had family members killed in the bombing. To date, twelve RFS families have left Palestine and our school community. This week, a fourteen-year-old boy was killed by occupation forces not far from our campus. We

have deep concerns about the radicalization of some of our older students. Many of our RFS families are no longer receiving paychecks. It is unsafe for some of our students and staff members to travel to school because their route passes settlements. The United Nations has reported that since October 7, armed settlers have killed more than 120 Palestinians in the West Bank.

The spiritual, mental, and emotional toll on the members of our students and staff is significant. I check in with Ranya on most days. On Thursday, her comment was, “This is just too much! Too much!”

Amid such trauma and fear, Ramallah Friends School continues to serve in courageous ways. In recent weeks, we expanded our counseling programs to provide emotional and trauma support for our students and staff. We hired two additional counselors, and more are needed. To give our students a voice, our juniors and seniors are participating in a letter campaign to global leaders, including members of the US Congress. As much as possible, RFS is committed to providing our students with a sense of normalcy by providing in-person instruction. When it is not safe, we offer online educational support.

So, what can you do:

- Pray: Rania recently shared a prayer that states, “I no longer pray for peace. I pray for miracles.”
- Write: Join the RFS students and write a letter to the president and your representatives. Appeal for a ceasefire now: <https://www.fcni.org/updates/2023-11/calling-ceasefire-advocacy-toolkit>.
- Give: Friends United Meeting is partnering with [QUIET](#) (Quaker International Education Trust) and [FWCC-EMES](#) (Friends World Committee for Consultation – Europe & Middle East Section) to launch the “Wellbeing Campaign for Ramallah Friends School.” These funds will support RFS counseling and financial aid programs.
 - Friends in Europe and the UK can give online at <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/rfs-wellbeing-support>

- Friends in the US can give at <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/rfswellbeing>

I invite Friends to join our second-grade student at RFS in her prayer, “I wish I could share my flashlight...”

*I Will Hold The Christ-Light For You
In The Night-Time Of Your Fear;
I Will Hold My Hand Out To You,
Speak The Peace You Long To Hear.
- The Servant Song*

In Hope and Peace

Kelly Kellum

General Secretary, Friends United Meeting

Source of letter: FUM e-news 8 November 2023 communications@friendsunitedmeeting.org

SCHOLARSHIP

Bennie Burton

December is the time to inform the high school seniors in your congregation that the Eliza Armstrong Cox Scholarship is available to them. The forms for applying for this scholarship are online at <http://friendchurchnc.org/usfw> . The form for returning applicants is also found at this website. Remember, applicants must be participating members of a meeting that actively participates in NC USFW. Applications for new and returning students must be postmarked on or before March 15, 2024. Between January 1 and March 15, 2024, students can apply for the Cox scholarship. The applications are to be sent to me, Bennie Burton, 155 Toms Creek Bluff Ln, Pilot Mountain, NC 27041. My name and address also appears at the bottom of the application forms. Your encouragement to the graduating youth in your congregation is needed to stimulate them to apply for the Eliza Armstrong Cox Scholarship.

ELIZA ARMSTRONG COX LIFETIME FELLOWSHIP MEMBER

Eliza Armstrong Cox Lifetime Fellowship membership is an honor and a recognition for service and dedication to the meeting and NC USFW. Circles will submit \$25.00 for each nomination (\$12.50 goes to USFWI and \$12.50 goes to Eliza Armstrong Cox Scholarship Fund). A certificate signed by the USFWI President as well as the NC USFW President is sent to the Circle that submitted the names(s) for recognition. Nominations can be made at any time of the year but members are recognized at the Annual Gathering in the fall each year.

Member(s) to be recognized _____

Meeting: _____

Name & Address of person(s) to receive certificate(s) _____

Date _____

Enclose \$25.00 per nominee payable to NC USFW and send to NC USFW Treasurer with your check. Thank you for your support of the Eliza Armstrong Cox Scholarship Fund.

Copy this form as needed.....

We have one children's book that we are offering for \$15. It is written by Joy Britt Reavis (our Stewardship Secretary). It is a precious story about her two cats and how one cat, Patches, displays many of our core Quaker values (SPICES). Beautifully written and illustrated, it would make a great gift for your child or grandchild. The title of the book is Patches, My Quaker Kitty. Joy has graciously donated the proceeds from these books to the **Eliza Armstrong Cox Scholarship Fund**. joyreavis@gmail.com.



Patches, My Quaker Kitty

ADULT MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Edith Shepherd

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift. 2 Corinthians 9:15

We have entered the time of the year when we pause to give thanks for all the blessings we have received. We also prepare ourselves with anticipation to celebrate once more the meaning of Jesus's birth.

As we gather together with family and friends to commemorate the birth of the One called Prince of Peace, our hearts feel heavy as we realize how torn apart our world is. We need to once again hear the voice of the angels proclaiming, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward all." Luke 2:14

We are part of Christ's body and each one of us has a purpose and a task. Together we can be Christ's ambassadors and helpers. Perhaps our contribution will help to create a more peaceful and understanding earth.

Teresa de Avila (1515-1582) clearly expresses what I have wanted to say in her poem "Christ has no body"

*Christ has no body but yours,
No hands but yours,
No feet but yours,
Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion to the world.
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good;
Yours are the hands with which He blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet.
Yours are the eyes, you are His body.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours.*

May we apply this poem to our daily life.

PEACE AND CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS

Linda Kersey

“Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called the Children of God.” Mark 5:9 (You are one of God’s Peacemakers.)

The following is a prayer from Saint Francis of Assisi which we can pray each day as we align ourselves with the Holy Spirit. (St Francis is known for his work with lepers and other ill people, his work to bring peace between the Christians and Muslims in the Fifth Crusade, and for introducing the first Nativity Scene so the masses of people could understand Jesus better. The words used in church to tell the story of Christ were in Latin which the people did not understand.)

The Prayer of St Francis of Assisi:

Lord make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt , faith. Where there is despair,
hope. Where there is sadness, joy.....(This is only part of the prayer.)

In this article, I am going to remind you as I remind myself about the ways we can bring Peace to our world.

From Janet Robbins, we can save all Love and Hope dollars. See that these get to NCUSFW, where the total collected meet the needs of hunger and poverty. (L and H seals)

Joy Britt Reavis’s book, Patches, when you buy it, the proceeds go to Eliza Armstrong Cox Scholarship Fund. (From Bennie Burton’s article)

Honor someone in your meeting by nominating them to Eliza Armstrong Cox Lifetime Fellowship. Half of the \$25.00 for each nomination goes to the Scholarship Fund. (From Bennie Burton’s article)

Give to the Friends International Bilingual Center to relieve the suffering brought on by the potato famine in the highlands of Bolivia. (From Judy Craven’s article)

Buy a new book for your circle, titled Rooted in Love by Bob Goff. Proceeds from this book provide educational opportunities for exploited people in our world. (From Sarah Cox’s article)

Find more about these wonderful ways to do good and promote Peace in the September – November CAROLINA WOMAN.

Now, call or email Linda Kersey @ 336 402 6020 or linx5432@gmail.com and tell me about any one of these fantastic opportunities to do good and promote peace. You will receive an ADVOCATE subscription or renewal and \$25.00 to any charity you prefer. Our own charities are great. Becké Jones calls in her answers immediately and gives the \$25.00 to FEMAP and gives her subscription to the ADVOCATE away.

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CHRISTIAN SERVICE*Judy Craven***FEMAP NEEDS YOU!**

all who read the plea for volunteers to join America's fight against our enemies in WWII. The tone of that message was one of urgency. I feel a degree of urgency as I relate the calling from many of our dedicated leaders at FEMAP. There is great need for workers to sort kit donations, pack kit items and arrange distribution of kits to places in need.

FEMAP, Friends Emergency Material Assistance Program, began its twelfth year this fall since American Friends Service Committee shut down their site in the High Point, NC area. The need for many of life's necessities, like you find in FEMAP kits, is still great. Those leading the work now find themselves struggling with health issues and inability to do the work they have so enjoyed these many years.

The report from FEMAP'S October business meeting showed the work continuing as Springfield Meeting graciously made available a place for the volunteers to work out of their meetinghouse. The latest news from the July 31 fire at Allen Jay House is encouraging. All approvals have been obtained and selection of a contractor is expected very soon. We are very grateful to Springfield Meeting for their generosity that made continuation of the work possible. Since the fire, approximately 400 kits have been distributed, along with 74 quilts/blankets, 86 teddy bears and 106 toboggans.

Please contact Becké Jones at 336-887-5488 to volunteer your time for this rewarding work.

Blessings for wonderful memory-making times for you and your families during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

FEMAP KITS**Hygiene Kit**

1 tube toothpaste, 1 toothbrush
1 bottle shampoo
1 bar bath soap (antibacterial or Ivory)
1 comb (wide toothed)
1 washcloth, 1 small towel
1 stick deodorant

Farmworker's Kit

1 tube toothpaste, 1 toothbrush
2 or more disposable razors
Deodorant, 1 comb (wide toothed)
Foot fungus powder or cream
Box of Band Aids, 1 bandana or sweat band
1 wash cloth, 1 small towel
1 bottle Tylenol or other OTC pain killer
1 pair work gloves (Large size)
Shaving cream, 1 bar soap (Antibacterial)

School Kit

4 unsharpened pencils
2 spiral composition books (wide ruled)
1 ruler (plastic or wood, inches and cm)
1 block eraser
1 small pencil sharpener

Infant Kit

2 receiving blankets
4 baby washcloths
1 baby towel
1 bar baby soap (or Ivory)
1 small tube or jar petroleum jelly
2 pairs infant socks or booties
1 bottle baby shampoo

PLEASE PACK EACH KIT A IN 2 GALLON PLASTIC ZIP-LOCK BAG

(Individual kit items can also be sent)

BIRTHDAYS OF WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

December 13 Zein Mosarsaa

December 13 Joshua and Caleb Holland

December 14 Getry Agizah



January 1 Daniel Sadam Lentirangoi

January 2 Nancy Wafula

January 11 Frank Tench

January 27 Catherine (Kate) Gunza

January 28 Margarita Tench

February 14 Emonse Muhindi

February 14 Daniel Njuguna Thuita

Pray for these workers and their families

STEWARDSHIP

Joy Reavis

“Support NC Friends Disaster Service (FDS)”



Our December mission project is NC Friends Disaster Service, so I thought it might be helpful to share some key information about their purpose, history, current project, and how YOUR contributions benefit this wonderful volunteer organization. I would like to thank Linda Godfrey, USFW member from Piney Woods Friends Meeting and faithful

FDS volunteer, and FDS Co-coordinators Gary Dodson and Allen Gibson for providing content and photos to support this article.

Purpose:

- To assist victims of extensive loss usually due to an act of nature disaster such as hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding, fire, etc.
- To provide labor, equipment, and materials for rebuilding and restoring victims' homes and property

Scripture verse that FDS claims for inspiration: “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me.” (Matthew 25:40)

Brief history:

- Billy Britt, my father, recognized a need for disaster relief efforts when he served as NC Yearly Meeting Superintendent. While attending a conference in Oklahoma City in 1979, he heard about Ohio Friends Disaster Service helping rebuild homes and meetinghouses after a tornado struck Oklahoma. Their work made a strong impression on him, and he brought the idea to NC for approval.
- In 1990, NC Yearly Meeting sessions approved the startup of NC Friends Disaster Service.
- Billy and Friends Pastor Hugh Spaulding asked Wiley Shore of Deep Creek Friends Meeting if he would serve as Coordinator for the group, and he thankfully said “yes.”
- Wiley quickly got representatives from every Quarterly Meeting to participate.
- They raised funds to buy a trailer and tools during 1990 and 1991.
- First disaster trip: after Hurricane Andrew (1992) they traveled to South Florida to clean up storm debris and did minor repairs
- Wiley served faithfully as Coordinator until 2017, when he developed serious health issues and had to pass the reins to his son, Walter Shore.

Number of projects they have worked on: about 175 (Charlie Routh of Centre Friends has been on 153 of them)

Disasters they have helped with:

- Hurricane Andrew (1992), Hurricane Matthews (2016), Hurricane Florence (2018) – still working

Locations they have worked:

- Several locations in Eastern North Carolina, including New Bern (ongoing)
- Tennessee, Iowa, Alabama, Georgia, Virginia, West Virginia, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kentucky, Indiana, Bayous of Louisiana, Kansas, Appalachian Mountains, South Florida (1992)

Types of assistance they have given and still give:

- Rebuilt homes, meetinghouses, and other projects
- Prepared meals and fed the workers

How projects are chosen:

- Other relief organizations screen individuals and select those who lack insurance and/or adequate FEMA support for NC Friends Disaster Service. They can determine who has the greatest needs.
- FDS helps people who often can't get help anywhere else, sometimes years after a storm has passed.

Number of volunteers who typically work on a mission: There have been as few as 8 and as many as 24 on past projects. Typically, there is a core group of 10-12 volunteers who work very well together. They can always use more help!

Time commitment: A team of volunteers usually is gone for one week at a time, longer if rebuilding a house. Some volunteers who cannot commit to a whole week will work for just 2 or 3 days.

Where they stay: For the past four years, Baptists on Mission Florence Rebuild Center in New Bern has provided a nice facility with bunk beds, a large kitchen, and dining area. (Capacity: 94)

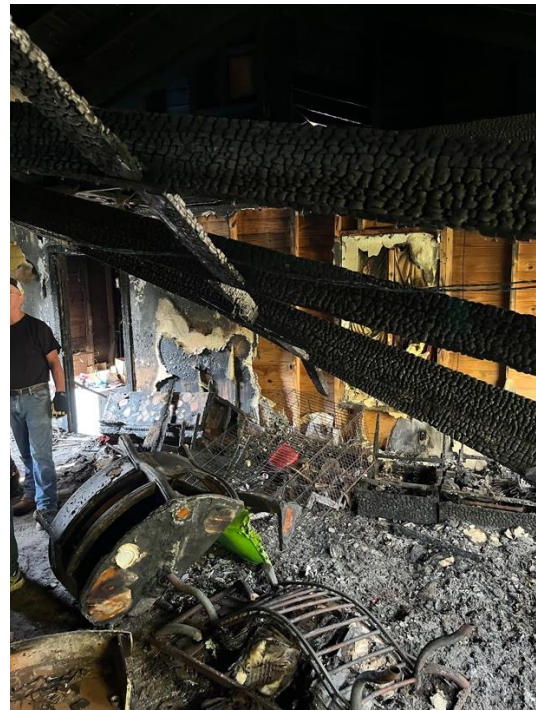
Current project:

FDS is working on a home in Havelock, NC that was damaged by Hurricane Florence (2018) and then nearly destroyed by a fire (June 2023). The owners, Steve and Kathy, have had a series of bad incidents that have left them dependent on assistance from others, including FDS. In 2018 when Hurricane Florence blew away their roof, Steve and Kathy filed for help with FEMA and were awarded \$1,900. They did not have homeowners' or flood insurance, so Steve started doing the repairs himself and repaired the front half of the roof. Sadly, Steve fell off the ladder from the attic, broke his back, and was unable to complete the back half of the roof. In February of 2023, Craven County Disaster Recovery Alliance, Baptists on Mission New Bern Rebuild Center, and World Renew Organization provided materials and labor to complete the roof repair.

Misfortune struck again on June 6, 2023, when a fire ravaged their home and Steve sustained third degree burns. He was sent to UNC Burn Center in Chapel Hill while Kathy lived in temporary housing nearby. After Kathy's free housing ended, she tried to drive back home to Havelock, but her car broke down and is unrepairable. For a while, Kathy lived in her car beside their burnt-out home because she had nowhere else to go. No mission group was aware of their plight until a volunteer from Baptist on Missions went there to take them a Bible, a customary practice after they work with a family. Imagine his surprise! He returned to the mission center and informed the director of the situation who got FDS and other groups involved. What a beautiful example of God's word being used without even being opened!

A structural engineer examined the home and said that it can be repaired. Currently, there is no grant to help this family. Craven County Disaster Recovery Alliance and Baptists on Mission New Bern Rebuild Center have agreed to help. Twenty-four volunteers with FDS, ages 19 – 83, spent a week in September cleaning out the debris from the fire, began the rebuild process, and built a ramp for the camper (see pics

below). Steve was in a rehab center but now, he and Kathy are living in a camper provided by the Craven County Disaster Recovery Alliance. FDS plans to return November 5-10 to hopefully complete the job so that this couple can soon move back into their home.



LITERATURE

Sarah Cox

Busy

This time of year, is a busy one!

Christmas follows quickly after Thanksgiving. Many begin to celebrate Christmas even before Thanksgiving appears on the calendar!

Christmas arrives with many actives in our families, in our communities and in our meetings. We are buying and giving gifts and participating in and watching Christmas programs. We are celebrating the birth of our Savior.

As Christmas comes and goes, the year comes to an end and a new one begins. The new year brings a challenge to look back at the previous year and make plans and resolutions to do things better in the new year. We can reflect on who we are, our strengths and our weaknesses. It is a good time to look at the spiritual gifts with which God has blessed us and resolve to do a better job of using those gifts to serve God and our meeting in the coming year.

Next, we have a month that emphasizes love. Something that should be emphasized all year long. It is a good time to thank God for all the people who love us, the people that we love and for showing His love for us by sending His Son to be our Savior. We also need to tell God how much we love Him, too.

Yes, these next few months are busy ones. We need to take the opportunity to show God’s love to as many people as we can, whenever we can and as often as we can.

I hope you will look for these opportunities and will share about our Savior’s birth and His never-ending love for us. Use your spiritual gifts to help you find a way share your message.

As your literacy secretary, this is usually not a busy time for me. Everyone has gotten their books from the reading list and I usually don’t sell many books. Needless to say, I’m always glad to help you with your book needs. Please let me know if I can be of assistance.

May God bless and keep you safe during this busy time of year!

Sarah Cox, Literature Secretary
336-963-2710

**North Carolina United Society of Friends Women
Reading Report Form**

Name _____ Date _____

Local Meeting _____

Books read this year:

(1) Fiction _____

(2) Growth and Challenge _____

(3) Biography _____

(4) By and about Quakers _____

One of the following may take the place of one category:

_____ I regularly read The Advocate

_____ I heard the following FUM or NC Missionary speak

_____ I attended Spring Conference or Annual Gathering

NC United Society of Friends Women 2024 GREENSHEET PROJECTS

JAN	Children & Youth Keys to the Kingdom NC Projects NC Projects	Ramallah: Special Needs Children at Friends School Triennial Program & Travel Subsidy Scholarship Fund Eliza Armstrong Cox Fellowship Scholarship Fund FTC
FEB	Four Funds- Love Christian Service NC Projects	Belize: Nikki Holland (Friends School Director) Native American: Mesquakie Friends Center FEMAP-Friends Emergency Materials Assistance Program
MAR	Peace & Christian Social Concerns Keys to the Kingdom NC Projects	Belize: Oscar Mmbali <i>The Advocate</i> Subsidy Matamoros, Mexico Missions
APRIL	Four Funds-Joy United Thank Offering NC Projects	Kenya: Getry Agizah Kenya: E-Learning via Friends Theological College Friends Homes Quaker Assistance Fund
MAY	Four Funds-Faith Peace & Christian Social Concerns NC Projects	Kenya: Robert Wafula Kenya: RSWR Kenya Staff Support Spring Conference Offering - Quaker Lake
JUNE	United Thank Offering Keys to the Kingdom NC Projects	Kenya: Turkana Ministry Staff & Pastors Latino Funds Ministry NC USFW Projects
JULY	United Thank Offering Keys to the Kingdom Peace & Christian Social Concerns	Jamaica: Pastoral Care FUM Solidarity Fund E. Africa Friends Church Peace Team
AUG	Children & Youth Christian Service NC Projects	Ramallah: Eli & Sybil Jones Scholarship Fund Native American: Kickapoo Friends Center Annual Gathering Offering: 1- Friends Center: Guilford College 2- Campus Ministry -FCNC
SEPT	Four Funds-Hope Peace & Christian Social Concerns NC Projects	Ramallah: Rania Maayeh Cuba: Quaker Institute of Peace Membership 80% Apportionment to USFWI (\$8) 20% Apportionment to Scholarship Fund(\$2)
OCT	Children & Youth United Thank Offering NC Projects	Belize: Friends School Feeding Program Kenya: Samburu Ministry Staff & Pastors NCUSFW Scholarship Fund
NOV	Children & Youth Christian Service	Kenya: Turkana/Samburu: Girls' Secondary Education Kenya: Lugulu Hospital Adopt-A-Bed
DEC	NC Projects	Friends Disaster Service-NCYM

“What a Blessing”

Mary Anna McCullen, NCUSFW Historian

Recently I received an article from Joy Britt Reavis, daughter of Billy Britt, former Superintendent of North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends, who passed away in 2022. The article, “Share the Blessing, A Tribute to Early Quaker Women in the Ministry,” was found among some of his papers and books. Quaker women’s ministry was the background of the beginning of the Women’s Missionary Union (United Society of Friends Woman) established by Eliza Armstrong Cox in 1881.

“From the beginning of the Quaker movement, women have participated freely in meetings for worship. When one begins to name outstanding women ministers among Friends, there seems to be no stopping place. The short sketches that follow are only some examples of these early pioneer women who labored unselfishly with the self-satisfaction that they gave of themselves to their Lord.” *From the article: “A Tribute to Early Quaker Women in the Ministry”*

I will share a few of these tributes in this “*Carolina Woman*” and maybe more later:

Elizabeth Lane White, the resident minister of Up River for almost fifty-two years, was born in 1866. Her concerns for spiritual matters were voiced when she was in her teens. Prior to being recorded as a minister of Piney Woods Monthly Meeting in 1905, she had been both an elder and superintendent of the Sabbath School. In 1912 the minutes reported that she had been faithful in service, both at Up River and Piney Woods Meetings. Since older Friends disapproved of a hireling ministry, Elizabeth White never received a salary at Up River; however, it was reported that she sometimes was given the Sunday School offering on the first Sunday in each month. This amounted to \$28.18 in 1928. She was still able, at the age of eighty-nine, to attend service and bring remarks until her death in 1956. *From: One Hundred Years Up the River, pp. 25-27*

Clara Cox, the daughter of Elwood and Bertha Cox, was born December 18, 1879. She is remembered for her life of loving, sacrificial service as a minister, social worker and an advocate for education. She gave her life serving and helping others. Being a Quaker minister for twenty-one years was her most important accomplishment. Her simplicity, naturalness and neighborliness were noticeable traits that she used in her ministry. In 1918 she was called to be the pastor at Springfield and Archdale Meetings for a salary of \$40.00 per month. Clara was recorded as a Quaker minister in 1924. In 1926 Clara devoted all her time to Springfield Meeting. On January 31, 1940, she died at the age of sixty. *From: The Southern Friend Vol. 401 pp. 13-18, I Have Called You Friends pp. 329-330*

Lottie Marshall Robertson, a teacher, postmistress and minister, was born in Surry County in 1867. At the age of eighteen she became a school teacher and was a leader in establishing a graded school at White Plains, which later became a high school. She married Charles Robertson, a buggy manufacturer, at the age of twenty-three. In 1913 he died leaving her with seven children to educate. Due to her energy, devotion and hard work, they all finished college. After receiving a call to the ministry, she preached at White Plains, Mount Airy and Westfield and helped establish meetings at Ivy Hill, Union Hill and Ararat. It is believed that she was the first woman preacher in Surry County. She died shortly after celebrating her 88th birthday. *From: I Have Called You Friends, pp. 354-355*

Ann Mendenhall Benbow, a recorded minister in 1847 from New Garden Quarter, was given the task of going as a missionary evangelist to Yadkin Quarter near the end of the Civil War. She accepted the task; and she and her husband, Thomas Benbow, went to live as farmers in Yadkin. In addition to being a dedicated and convincing minister, Ann was a doctor who traveled all over Yadkin County taking care

of the sick as well preaching at First Day Meetings. She usually traveled along on horseback following the buffalo trails. She is credited for reviving Deep Creek, Hunting Creek, Forbush and East Bend meetings. She died in 1864 and was buried at Deep Creek. *From: I Have Called You Friends p 336, History of Yadkin County p. 165.*

What a blessing these women have been in ministry and in encouraging women in the work of the Womens Missionary Union (United Society of Friends Women) in North Carolina. I will share more about other Quaker woman from these writings in later issues of the Carolina Woman.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH EDUCATION

Pat Core

If someone wrote a book about you, what would you want them to say? Would you want to be known for your leadership, for your knowledge, your personality, generosity, or what?

Looking at a few New Testament biblical characters we might say that Peter and Paul were known for their ability to preach as well as performing miracles. John could be remembered as preparing the way for Jesus. Barnabas was best known as an encourager. He was also an effective teacher and missionary. Dorcas was a kind lady who practiced care and generosity. A study of the book of Acts shows that the early church was filled with sacrificial giving and reaching out to meet the needs of others.

It is a privilege and an opportunity to have outstanding talents and enriching experiences that can be shared with those who need an extra boost. However, there are many quiet believers who often share and give unselfishly to make an unpleasant situation better or who fill a vital role within the church/community just because they see where a job needs doing and they willingly step up to the task.

The kindness we show others is in a sense a measure of our love for our Lord. Jesus' example of giving a cold cup of water to a thirsty child is an example of serving another.

Our small acts of meeting needs may go unnoticed but we can be assured that they are pleasing to God. At the same time, our kindness meets the need of someone someplace.

As adults we have the awesome responsibility of instilling in our children and teens the importance of service. Training begins with our infants and continues throughout life. Even into adulthood we continue to learn ways of making situations more comfortable.

Is there something you can do today or during the busy holiday that will show your willingness to be Jesus' hands and feet to bring happiness to someone? May our focus for the season be to share and show kindness through various acts of service.

“When you are balanced, you don't wait for opportunities to help your fellow humans. You look for them.”

--Dr. Nido R. Qubein



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1	NORTH CAROLINA UNITED SOCIETY OF FRIENDS WOMEN			
3	2023 CHECK TRANSMITTAL FORM			
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5	MEETING: _____ TREASURER NAME _____			
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8				
9	JAN	Children & Youth	Ramallah: Eli & Sybil Jones Scholarship Fund	\$
10		Christian Service	Native American: Mesquakie Friends Center	\$
11		NC Project	Scholarship Fund Eliza Armstrong Cox F	\$
12		NC Project	Scholarship Fund FTC	\$
14	FEB	Four Funds-Faith	Kenya: Robert Wafula	\$
15		Keys to the Kingdom	The Advocate Subsidy	\$
16		NC Project	FEMAP-Friends Emergency Materials A P	\$
18	MAR	Peace & Christian Social Concerns	Belize: Oscar Mmbali	\$
19		Keys to the Kingdom	Triennial Overseas Travel Assistance	\$
20		NC Project	Matamoros, Mexico Missions	\$
22	APRIL	Four Funds-Joy	Kenya: Getry Agizah	\$
23		United Thank Offering	Kenya: Friends Theological College E-Learning	\$
24		NC Project	Friends Homes Quaker Assistance Fund	\$
26	MAY	Four Funds-Love	Belize: Nikki Holland (Friends School Director)	\$
27		Peace & Christian Social Concerns	Kenya: RSWR Staff Support	\$
28		NC Project	Spring Conference Offering - Quaker Lake	\$
30	JUNE	United Thank Offering	Kenya: Turkana Ministry Staff & Pastors	\$
31		Keys to the Kingdom	Latino Funds Ministry	\$
32		NC Project	NCUSFW Scholarship Fund	\$
34	JULY	United Thank Offering	Jamaica: Pastoral Care	\$
35		Keys to the Kingdom	FUM Solidarity Fund	\$
36		Peace & Christian Social Concerns	E. Africa Friends Church Peace Team	\$
38	AUG	Children & Youth	Ramallah: Special Needs Children at Friends School	\$
39		Christian Service	Native American: Kickapoo Friends Center	\$
40		NC Project	Annual Gathering Offering:	
41			1- Friends Center: Guilford College	\$
42			2- Campus Ministry -FCNC	\$
44	SEPT	Four Funds-Hope	Ramallah: Raina Maayah	\$
45		Peace & Christian Social Concerns	Cuba: Quaker Institute of Peace	\$
46		NC Project	Membership Apportionment to USFWI (\$4) NC Scholarship (\$1)	
47			Membership # _____ at \$5 each	\$
49	OCT	Children & Youth	Belize: Friends School Feeding Program	\$
50		United Thank Offering	Kenya: Samburu Ministry Staff & Pastors	\$
51		NC Project	NCUSFW Scholarship Fund	\$
53	NOV	Children & Youth	Kenya: Turkana/Samburu: Girls' Secondary Education	\$
54		Christian Service	Kenya: Lugulu Hospital Adopt-A-Bed	\$
56	DEC	NC Project	Friends Disaster Service-NCYM	\$
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58	Any time	Members Recognized at the Annual Gathering	MEMBERSHIP TO: ELIZA ARMSTRONG COX FELLOWSHIP \$25.00 (\$12.50 goes to USFWI, \$12.50 stays with NCUSFW)	\$
59		Mail to Alicia Sharp	6 Fraternity Drive Apt H Greensboro NC 27407	

NORTH CAROLINA UNITED SOCIETY OF FRIENDS WOMEN

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JAN	Children & Youth	Ramallah: Special Needs Children at Friends School	\$
	Keys to the Kingdom	Triennial Program & Travel Subsidy	\$
	NC Project	Scholarship Fund Eliza Armstrong Cox F	\$
	NC Project	Scholarship Fund FTC	\$
FEB	Four Funds-Love	Belize: Nikki Holland (Friends School Director)	\$
	Christian Service	Native American: Mesquakie Friends Center	\$
	NC Project	FEMAP-Friends Emergency Materials A P	\$
MAR	Peace & Christian Social Concern	Belize: Oscar Mmbali	\$
	Keys to the Kingdom	The Advocate Subsidy	\$
	NC Project	Matamoros, Mexico Missions	\$
APRIL	Four Funds-Joy	Kenya: Getry Agizah	\$
	United Thank Offering	Kenya: E-Learning via Friends Theological College	\$
	NC Project	Friends Homes Quaker Assistance Fund	\$
MAY	Four Funds-Faith	Kenya: Robert Wafula	\$
	Peace & Christian Social Concern	Kenya: RSWR Kenya Staff Support	\$
	NC Project	Spring Conference Offering - Quaker Lake	\$
JUNE	United Thank Offering	Kenya: Turkana Ministry Staff & Pastors	\$
	Keys to the Kingdom	Latino Funds Ministry	\$
	NC Project	NCUSFW Projects	\$
JULY	United Thank Offering	Jamaica: Pastoral Care	\$
	Keys to the Kingdom	FUM Solidarity Fund	\$
	Peace & Christian Social Concern	E. Africa Friends Church Peace Team	\$
AUG	Children & Youth	Ramallah: Eli & Sybil Jones Scholarship Fund	\$
	Christian Service	Native American: Kickapoo Friends Center	\$
	NC Project	Annual Gathering Offering:	
		1- Friends Center: Guilford College	\$
		2- Campus Ministry -FCNC	\$
SEPT	Four Funds-Hope	Ramallah: Rania Maayeh	\$
	Peace & Christian Social Concern	Cuba: Quaker Institute of Peace	\$
	NC Project	Membership Apportionment to USFWI (\$8) NC Scholarship (\$2)	
		Membership # _____ at \$10 each	\$
OCT	Children & Youth	Belize: Friends School Feeding Program	\$
	United Thank Offering	Kenya: Samburu Ministry Staff & Pastors	\$
	NC Project	NCUSFW Scholarship Fund	\$
NOV	Children & Youth	Kenya: Turkana/Samburu: Girls' Secondary Education	\$
	Christian Service	Kenya: Lugulu Hospital Adopt-A-Bed	\$
DEC	NC Project	Friends Disaster Service-NCYM	\$

Any time	Members Recognized at the Annual Gathering	MEMBERSHIP TO: ELIZA ARMSTRONG COX FELLOWSHIP \$25.00 (\$12.50 goes to USFWI, \$12.50 stays with NCUSFW)	\$
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NC United Society of Friends Women 10/31/2023

			RECEIVED
JAN	Children & Youth	Ramallah: Eli & Sybil Jones Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,210.00
	Christian Service	Native American: Mesquakie Friends Center	\$ 925.00
	NC Projects	Scholarship Fund EACS	\$ 2,621.00
FEB	NC Projects	Scholarship Fund FTC	\$ 1,245.00
	Four Funds-Faith	Kenya: Robert Wafula	\$ 1,596.00
	Keys to the Kingdom	<i>The Advocate</i> Subsidy	\$ 806.00
MAR	NC Projects	FEMAP	\$ 1,533.00
	Peace & Christian Social Concerns	Belize: Oscar Mmbali	\$ 1,477.00
	Keys to the Kingdom	Triennial Travel Assistance	\$ 987.00
APRIL	NC Projects	Matamoros, Mexico Missions	\$ 1,186.00
	Four Funds-Joy	Kenya: Getry Agizah	\$ 1,320.00
	United Thank Offering	Kenya: Friends Theological College E-Learning	\$ 1,005.00
MAY	NC Projects	Friends Homes Quaker A F	\$ 1,105.00
	Four Funds- Love	Belize: Nikki Holland	\$ 1,646.00
	Peace & Christian Social Concerns	Kenya: RSWR Staff Support	\$ 1,146.00
JUNE	NC Projects	Spring Conference - Q L	\$ 2,866.00
	United Thank Offering	Kenya: Turkana Ministry Staff & Pastors	\$ 1,237.00
	Keys to the Kingdom	Latino Funds Ministry	\$ 1,062.00
JULY	NC Projects	NC USFW Projects	\$ 100.00
	United Thank Offering	Jamaica: Pastoral Care	\$ 837.00
	Keys to the Kingdom	FUM Solidarity Fund	\$ 761.00
AUG	Peace & Christian Social Concerns	E. Africa Friends Church Peace Team	\$ 897.00
	Children & Youth	Ramallah: Special Needs Children at Friends School	\$ 1,185.00
	Christian Service	Native American: Kickapoo Friends Center	\$ 710.00
SEPT	NC Projects	Annual Gathering Offering:	
		1- Friends Center: G C	\$ 998.00
		2- Campus Ministry -FCNC	\$ 1,248.00
OCT	Four Funds-Hope	Ramallah: Rania Maayeh	\$ 810.00
	Peace & Christian Social Concerns	Cuba: Quaker Institute of Peace	\$ 635.00
	NC Projects - Membership	Apportionment to USFWI (\$4) NC Scholarship (\$1)	\$ 1,160.00
OCT	Children & Youth	Belize: Friends School Feeding Program	\$ 500.00
	United Thank Offering	Kenya: Samburu Ministry Staff & Pastors	\$ 470.00
	NC Projects	NCUSFW Scholarship Fund	\$ 750.00

NOV	Children & Youth	Kenya: Turkana/Samburu: Girls' Secondary Education	\$ 105.00
	Christian Service	Kenya: Lugulu Hospital Adopt-A-Bed	\$ 660.00
DEC	NC Projects	Friends Disaster Service-NCYM	\$ 515.00
		Totals Greensheet Deposits	\$ 37,314.00
		Literature	\$ 2,829.17
		EAC Fellowship	\$ 450.00
		Spring Conference	\$ 850.00
		L&H \$ Hunger Relief	\$ 469.00
		Total Other deposits	\$ 4,598.17
		TOTAL YTD DEPOSIT	\$ 41,912.17
