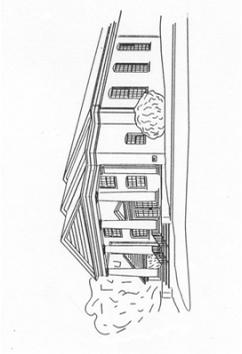


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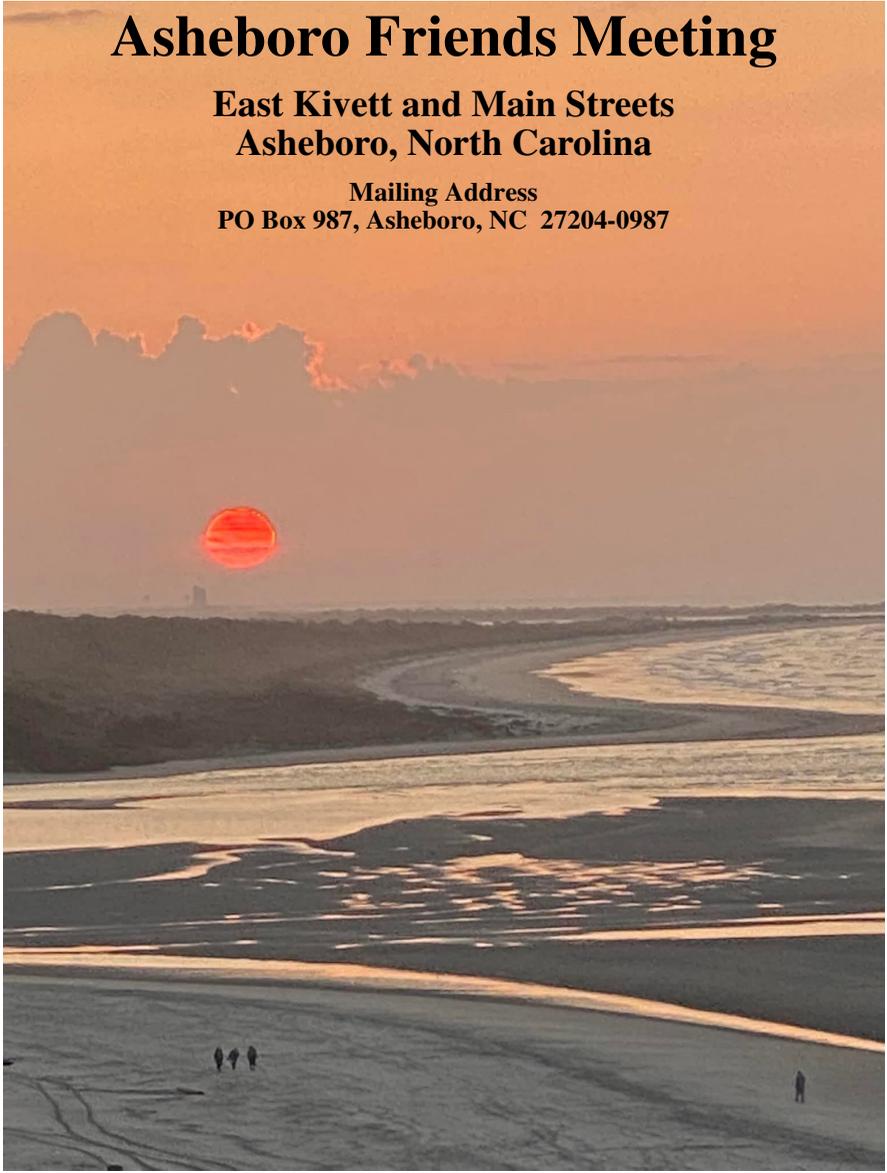
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“I Have Called You Friends”      John 15:15

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## There Is None So Blind

*Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding; which have eyes, and see not; which have ears, and hear not:*

— *Jeremiah 5:21 (KJV)*

The incredibly beautiful photograph on the cover of this newsletter was taken by my friend (and fellow member of The Davidson Singers) Cheri Andrews. She captured this image looking to the north on Myrtle Beach, SC. As it happened I was also in Myrtle Beach this weekend attending our Rotary District Conference. Seeing Cheri's photo was an "eye-opening" realization for me. (Please pardon the pun.) I could have seen this beauty in person if only I had taken the time to open my eyes. To be honest I was even awake before sunrise. All I had to do was make a moderate effort to face the proper direction, but the window of my room faced to the south. I didn't take the time or make the effort to see such beauty.

I was honored to be asked to bring the message for the Interfaith Worship service at the Rotary District Conference. The main point I shared was that we should pray that our lives be changed so that we would see the needs of our brothers and sisters and be unable to turn a blind eye to those needs. After the worship and memorial service our district's faithful and long-serving photographer Phil Morris went on the dais to correct a problem with the American flag being displayed there. The flag pole was visible, so he rotated the flag that it would be displayed properly. He commented that this had been bothering him. I told him that was because he had trained himself to really look at the world to see the details. This is what makes him a really good photographer.

The noted American philosopher Ray Stevens (who also sings) wrote:

*There is none so blind  
As He who will not see.  
We must not close our minds  
We must let our thoughts be free.*

*Father, Open our eyes that we may see and our hearts that we may love. Amen*

*Cover photograph by Cheri Herron Andrews*

**COVID-19 Vaccine** inoculations are available to everyone over age 5. Vaccine booster shots are also available. Go to: [www.randolphcountync.gov/Departments/Public-Health/COVID-19](http://www.randolphcountync.gov/Departments/Public-Health/COVID-19) or call the COVID-19 Hotline at 336-318-6227.

**Feeding Locals First** USFW is collecting these items for the homeless:

- Ponchos
- Flashlights
- Mosquito coils & bracelets
- Unscented wipes
- Gold Bond foot powder (small)
- Ankle socks
- Citronella candles
- Lighters or matches
- Cases of bottled water

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

B Barbara West — May 1

A Jimmy & Emily Pell — May 6

B Jackie Cole — May 14

### **CUOC for May:**

Spaghetti Noodles

### **March Financial Report:**

Income:	\$ 12,975.17
Expenses:	\$ 7,561.98
Gen Fund Balance:	\$ 7,282.32

**Mother's Day** will be celebrated on Sunday, May 8, 2022. Asheboro Friends Monthly Meeting will be held instead on Sunday, May 15 to allow families to spend this special day together.

**USFW** has Chicken Pies for sale. You can see Helen Marley to purchase delicious 9-inch pies or individual serving pies.

**Asheboro Friends Retirement Home, Inc.** will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 7:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

## “She Faces the Future and Laughs”

(Proverbs 31:25)

Those words sound surreal in the context of today's COVID-19 pandemic, but it is the question of the hour on this Mother's Day: what will it take for women and mothers to "face the future and laugh"? With God's help, we must respond wisely in the present and instill hope for the future in the hearts of those who depend on us, but how? What will that look like in our homes and communities? It could look a lot like the life of Ann Marie Reeves Jarvis, the woman whose courage, faith and wisdom inspired the very first Mother's Day celebration.

Today, as we face our own challenges and fears, His message is the same.

- Fear not. God loves you and He is in charge. Jesus says, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)
- Look at your circumstances through our Heavenly Father's eyes; there is more going on than meets the eye. "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)
- Don't let what frightens you paralyze you; rather, be inspired to action. Keep in step with the Spirit and He will guide you. "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Proverbs (3:5-6)

The Scriptures are clear; mothers (and fathers) who use trials as opportunities to grow, who look for ways to serve others in distress and to actively trust God for all His promises will earn the respect and affection of the generations who follow. Perhaps Ann's daughter, Miss Anna Jarvis, was responding literally to these verses from Proverbs 31 when she instituted the first Mother's Day observance, in Grafton, West Virginia, in May of 1907, in honor of her own mom. This Mother's Day we can look both backward and forward, as we honor the sacrifices our own mothers have generously made for us and draw inspiration from them, and other great mothers, as we set our own faces toward an unknown future and, with God's help, laugh.

— Anonymous, excerpt from The C S Lewis Institute