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*"I Have Called You Friends"*

*John 15:15*

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**A Message from your Pastor - April 1, 2022**

*And he who was seated on the throne said,  
“Behold, I am making all things new.”*

— *Revelation 21:5 (ESV)*

I am blessed in so very many ways. Among those blessings are several creative and artistic friends who are both inspired and inspiring.

One of those friends is Otis Farmer. Otis was a classmate of mine at Trinity High School. He felt the leading of the Holy Spirit to write Christian novels. I am reading the first book in his *Return to Faith* series *Ground Zero* now. Often I can read a book fairly rapidly, but not this one. His book makes me stop to think and to reflect. Often I am compelled to go back to re-read a passage because I feel the need to understand the characters more fully. I have the second book in the *Return to Faith* series also, and Otis is working on the third now.

Another of those friends is Bernie Slice. Bernie is an amazing artist and a very good author to boot. He graciously gave me permission to use his paintings in bulletins and newsletters. I have graced the cover of this newsletter with another of his paintings. Here is the message Bernie posted along with this beautiful painting:

*This is an older painting I have had for a while, but it was dead and lifeless and just never got any attention. I repainted part of it by adding the sun and its reflection and few other touches here and there. I like it much better now. It is an acrylic painting framed with an attractive golden frame measuring 18" X 24" on canvas.*

As I admired Bernie's work of art I could not help but equate its message of new life with that same message in Otis' book. Our lives can be, and sadly often are, dead and lifeless just as this painting was. The painting *was* dead and lifeless until the creator added the sun and brought new life to the canvas. We ourselves *were* dead and lifeless until the Creator added the Son and brought new life to us!

We look outside at the new life springing forth before our eyes after a long winter.

We can have new life springing forth within also!

*New Life in Christ! Abundant and free!  
What glories shine, what joys are mine,  
What wondrous blessings I see!  
My past with its sin,  
The searching and strife,  
Forever gone, there's a bright new dawn!  
For in Christ I have found New Life!*

—John W. Peterson

*Cover painting by Bernie Slice*

**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:

- Blankets
- Pillows

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

B Zachary Peters — April 2

B Nell McCombs — April 3

B Lily Peters — April 5

B Lisa Sexton — April 5

B LaRue Kinney — April 7

B Tanya Trogdon — April 7

B Stephen Vaughn — April 8

B Aaron Weaver — April 14

**CUOC for April:**

Canned Potatoes

**February Financial Report:**

Income:	\$ 10,163.00
Expenses:	\$ 8,899.30
Gen Fund Balance:	\$ 3,254.13

**Meals-On-Wheels Volunteers** needed!

Meals-on-Wheels provides a nutritionally-balanced meal to homebound eligible persons 60+, Monday through Friday. The MOW program supports independence while promoting the social, physical, and emotional well-being of seniors. For many, their MOW volunteer is the only person they may interact with all day and the only meal they may receive.

RSAA needs your help to get back to delivering daily hot meals to our many clients in need. If you have any time to give, please contact Susanne Allen - 226-625-3389, 212. Or email [outreach@senioradults.org](mailto:outreach@senioradults.org)

## 2023 Triennial Venue Announced

Friends United Meeting, along with our partners, United Society of Friends Women International and Quaker Men International, is pleased to announce the dates and location for the 2023 Joint Triennial sessions, in July 2023.

Plans for the 2020 Joint Triennial in Kisumu were postponed because of the global Covid-19 pandemic. When the FUM Triennial body met virtually in 2021, the decision was made to proceed with plans to hold the next triennial in 2023, in Kenya. USFWI and QMI were invited to join the planning.

After an extensive search for a suitable venue, the local joint planning committee agreed to have the 2023 Joint Triennial at Kabarak University, in Nakuru, Kenya. These sessions will be held during the first full week of July. Participants will arrive during the afternoon on Sunday, July 3, and depart after lunch on Saturday, July 8.

Friends will gather around the theme “Come, Abide, Go,” which was adopted for the Joint Triennial planned for 2020. The gathering will feature dynamic speakers, informative workshops, worshipful work, and meetings for worship in the African model. All Friends in our global community are invited to save these dates and plan to join us for this important gathering. In the coming weeks, we will announce the budget, schedules, and registration process, as well as pre- and post-conference opportunities to visit Friends and explore Africa.

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*“There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind.”*

—C. S. Lewis

*“I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.”*

—C. S. Lewis