

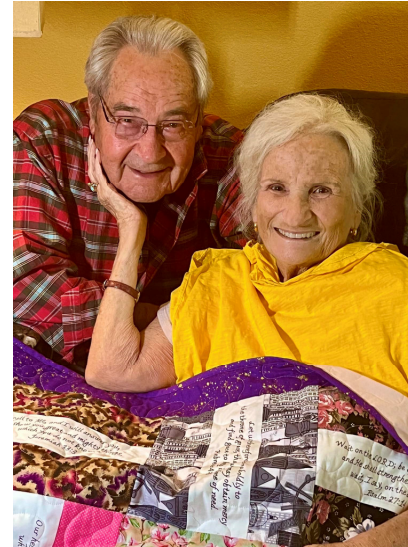
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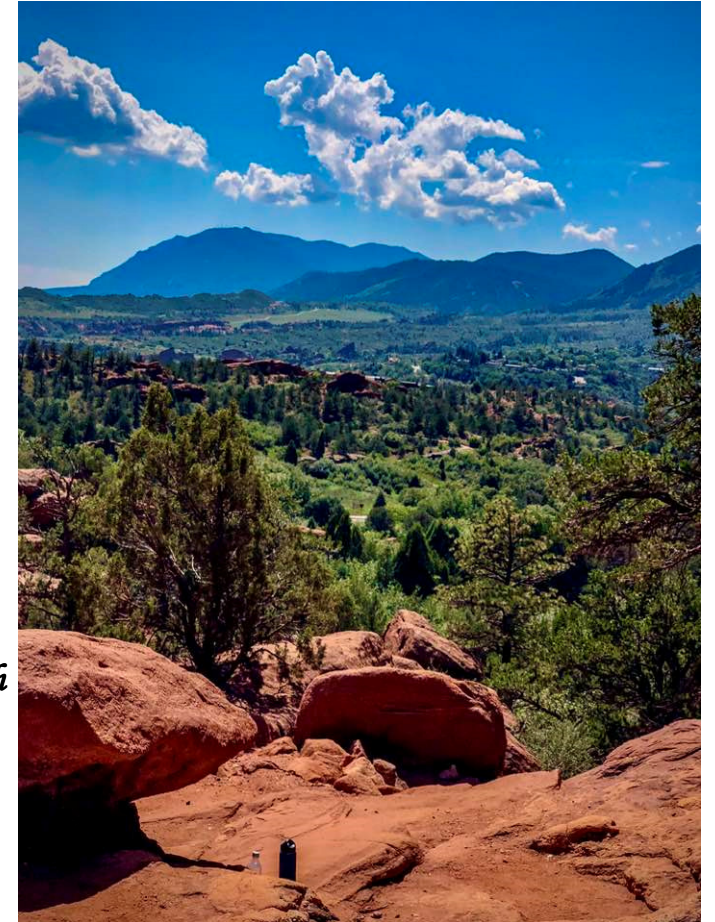
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*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the Lord, which
made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be
moved: he that keepeth thee will not
slumber.*

— Psalm 121:1-3 (KJV)



“I Have Called You Friends”

John 15:15

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A Message from your Pastor - June 15, 2023

When Bad Things Happen to Good People

When Bad Things Happen to Good People is the title of a best selling book by Rabbi Harold S. Kushner published in 1981. We often make the mistake of thinking that the title is *Why Bad Things Happen to Good People*. Not “*Why*”, but “*When*”. We ask the questions: *Why does evil exist? How can evil exist? Why do bad things happen? Why does God let these things happen?* There is an entire discipline of theology and philosophy which deals with these questions. *Theodicy* is defined as “the vindication of divine goodness and providence in view of the existence of evil.” It is often called “the problem of evil.”

Theodicy deals with the *why*. I am dealing with the *when* right now. We have friends on our prayer list who are facing cancer diagnoses. Another dear friend called me this morning to update me on his cancer diagnosis. The photographs on the cover are yet another example. My friend Rick Yohn is Retired Dean of Biblical Studies & Theology at Colorado Christian University and a gifted photographer. I have used Rick’s photographs on bulletin and newsletter covers many times. The beautiful Colorado landscape is an example of his art. The photo on the left is Rick and his wife Linda. Linda is battling esophageal cancer. I am humbled by the attitude displayed by the Yohn’s and my friend Wayne in facing this disease. They are not bitter or angry. They are at peace and find themselves drawn more closely to God. I well remember visiting Gene Pierce as he faced the prognosis that treatments were no longer effective against his cancer. Gene would always say, “I am blessed.” That is powerful, my friends.

What am I going to do when bad things happen to good people, and especially to good people that I love and care about? It is easy to want to distance ourselves from the painful realities, even if subconsciously. But we must to the very opposite! We must stand beside them and love them even more! We do not have to speak eloquent words—a smile, a hug, going out for a meal, or just being there shows our love. Every minute of every day is a blessing from God.

Blessings, David Millikan

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

— Psalm 23:4 (KJV)

Cover photographs: Rick and Linda Yohn (left) and Colorado mountain splendor by Rich Yohn (right)

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 or call the COVID-19 Hotline at 336-318-6227.

We have at home rapid COVID test kits available in the AFM Office. These are free of charge courtesy of the Randolph County Department of Public Health.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

B Julia Cook — June 15

B Gene Hancock — June 16

B Alice Underwood — June 17

B Tina Williams — June 22

B Dedie Weaver — June 23

B Jan Winslow — June 24

B Pat Thames — June 25

B Mason Sexton — June 26

B Allison Weaver — June 27

A Jeff & Alice Underwood — June 28

B Meghan Peters — June 29

Feeding Locals First USFW Food Drive for the homeless. Non-perishable food items:

canned meats, canned fruit, peanut butter, packaged gelatin & puddings, beanie weenies, nabs, pop tarts, ramen noodles, bottled water, etc.

CUOC for June:

Canned Beef Stew

May Financial Report:

Income: \$ 10,219.69

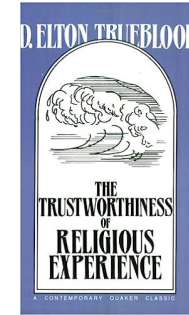
Expenses: \$ 9,011.13

Gen Fund Balance: \$ 33,124.24

A good end cannot purify evil means; nor must we ever do evil, so that good may come of it.

~ William Penn, 1644-1718

Excerpt: The Fact of Religious Experience



“When we seek, in a crucial time, to stress what is at once more vital and most persuasive in the Christian religion, we turn quite naturally to the fact of religious experience. Here, if anywhere, we shall find something which appeals to an age which prides itself on being empirically minded. Our people will not listen, for the most part, to

discursive arguments, no matter how carefully formulated, but many of them might reasonably be expected to listen to the record of experience.”

An excerpt from *The Trustworthiness of Religious Experience*, by D Elton Trueblood, published by Friends United Press and available through the FUM online bookstore.

Don Marquis, a procrastinator without equal, always put off for the morrow what could be done today. One morning, his editor asked him to write a piece for the afternoon edition, “But I’ll need it right away,” the editor said. “Do you think you could do today’s work today?”

“Of course, the humorist said, “I’ll just pretend it’s yesterday’s.”

“Sherman made the terrible discovery that men make about their fathers sooner or later . . . that the man before him was not an aging father but a boy, a boy much like himself, a boy who grew up and had a child of his own and, as best he could, out of a sense of duty and, perhaps love, adopted a role called Being a Father so that his child would have something mythical and infinitely important: a Protector, who would keep a lid on all the chaotic and catastrophic possibilities of life.”

—Tom Wolfe,
The Bonfire of the Vanities

“The best way of training the young is to train yourself at the same time; not to admonish them, but to be seen never doing that of which you would admonish them.”

—Plato

USFWI Offers Scholarships For Leadership and Leaders' Children

The old hymn states, "God moves in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform." That is certainly true of the United Society of Friends Women International and the John Sarrin Scholarship Committee (JSSC), a subcommittee of USFWI. The story of how a group of Quaker women were tasked with handling funds raised by a gentleman from Eastern Europe for the purpose of educating Quaker leaders is indeed mysterious but God has used those funds to do much good.

John Sarrin was born in Latvia in 1888 and emigrated to the United States in the early 1900s, eventually becoming a member of the Detroit, Michigan, Friends Meeting. He was a skilled electrician and worked for the Packard Motor Company for many years. By living frugally, he managed to amass a substantial sum of money. When it came time for him to retire, he moved to Tucson, Arizona, and joined the Friends Meeting there.

Through his various Quaker connections, Sarrin had become aware of the USFWI, and he subscribed to their publication, The Advocate, for many years. As he approached the end of his life, he decided to give the bulk of his money to USFWI to be used for training Quaker leaders. The JSSC was established at that time for the purpose of overseeing the investment and expenditure of his bequest. Through wise investment, Sarrin's gift has grown exponentially and the interest from his bequest is used annually to provide scholarships to students in the United States, East Africa, Central America, the Caribbean, and South America.

To apply for a scholarship, a person must be studying to be a Quaker pastor or missionary or be the child of a Quaker pastor or missionary. The deadline for applications is March 1 of each year. Applications can be found on the USFWI website at usfwl.net, or applications can be emailed to Friends who contact the clerk of the JSSC at: john.sarrin.scholarships@gmail.com.

Lynn Peery Mills, Clerk
John Sarrin Scholarship Committee

Belize Friends Sunday School Keeps Growing

In early 2022, I started a Sunday school at Belize Friends Church. At that time, our congregation was mainly older teenagers and young adults, all men. For a year, there was a small but faithful group. A few months ago, one of the girls invited her neighbour, Azalia. And after that, more kids started to come.

Now, the kids at Sunday school are mainly girls, and most of them are in their early teenage years. One of the things that I had on my heart was to train someone to do Sunday school with me. I asked Denfield and Destiny, one of the young couples who come to church, to help me. I also asked Shawn, a young father in our church, to help. All of them were glad to do it. So now I have three helpers. On a few occasions, when I have not been able to come to church, Denfield, Destiny, and Shawn have been running Sunday school on their own.

One Sunday, Azalia told me that even when her neighbours cannot come to church, we need to come and pick her up. She said, "This is my church now." At present, we have more than twenty kids, and we keep on growing. The connection with children through Sunday school has also led to me getting to know their mothers and their needs. Please pray for these children and their families.

With love,
Miriam Arnell Mmbali



Asheboro Friends Prayer List June 15, 2023

Members

Becky Boone
Carol Bullins
Family of Dora Clodfelter
Jackie & Pat Cole
Amy Fogleman
Ava Grace Fogleman
Sheila Huffman
Linda Lanier
Joe Longenecker
Fred Ownsbey
Doyle Vaughn
Danny West
Jan Winslow

Hospitals & Nursing Homes

Abbotts Creek Center:
Gil Sides
Brookdale:
Bryan Bowman
Pat Rutherford
Brookdale, Rock Hill, SC:
Harry Hudson
Clapp's Asheboro:
Betsy Brandes
Duke Medical Center:
Lois Richardson
Sandy Ridge Memory Care:
Linda Moody
Terra Bella:
Hal Powell

Law Enforcement & Services

Jeremy Callicutt
Evan Underwood
Stephen Vaughn
Asheboro Police Department
Asheboro Fire Department
Randolph County Sheriff's Office &
Sheriff Greg Seabolt

Missions

Chosen People Ministries - The Arnolds
Gideon Ministries
HASTEN International
Nikki Holland—Belize
Lydia's Place
Neighbors Helping Neighbors & CUOC
The Friends Center MOWA
Jonathan Spainhour

Ministers & Staff

David Millikan
David Peters
Cynthia Pierce
Mike Wall



Friends

Julia Barnes
Alice Beasley
Logan Brooks
Suzanne Brown
Barbara Bullin
Larry Byrd
Ethan Clarke (cancer)
Eddie Coggins (dialysis/kidney transplant)
Betty & Kenneth Cox
Gwen Davis
Brandon Dockery (FCNC Pastor)
Wayne Dunn (melanoma)
Theron Farlow
Vickie Frye (cancer)
Ruby Gainey
Treva Gallimore
Bill Ivey
Roger Hatchel (cancer)
Frank Horton
Rex Hurley
Doris Jacobs
Michael Jacobs
Ben Lewis (cancer)
Edward Mayhew (cancer)
Betty McMillan
Libby McNeil
Jeremy Moore
Renee Nelson
Tony Norris
Jerry Paul
Linda Poole (cancer)
Melody Reynolds
Jennifer Ruff (cancer)
Barnie Slice
Jeff & Margaret Stowers (FCNC Pastor)
Darrell Swaney
Family of Kaslyn Switzer
Pam Thomas
Günther Tlotzek
Phyllis Tysor
Dwight & Nancy Walker
Jeff Wilder (cancer)
Dolan Williams
Kristie Wilson (cancer)
Jasper & JoAnn Winslow

Our World

The Ukraine Conflict/War

Asheboro Friends Meeting & Kids Klub

Friends Church of NC

Friends Disaster Service

COVID-19 Pandemic & Healthcare

All Our Elected Officials

Unspoken Requests

Unsaved Family & Friends



Please submit additions to our prayer list:
Email: asheborofriends@yahoo.com
Phone: (336) 625-3803 or (336) 689-4275

Prayer Focus:

2023 Triennial—Thirty Days of Prayer

On 4 June 2023, we invited the members of FUM to join with Friends across the globe in Thirty Days of Prayer. Each day, FUM will release prayer themes and devotionals based on the 2023 Triennial theme. We pray for the fresh winds of the Spirit to blow through our community as we respond to Christ's invitation to Come, Abide, Go.



Where can you find our daily devotionals?

- On our Facebook page
- On our Triennial Telegram News Channel
- At our website

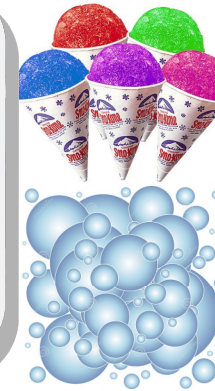
Join us in prayer together!

Kids Klub News

Have Fun with Kids Klub in June !!

Foam 'n Fun

Friday, June 23 4:00 PM



Farlow Farm Friends Camp
Sunday, June 25

Details to Follow!



For more info visit: <https://www.farlowfarm.com/>