

Asheboro Community Bible Study

The 2023-2024 Study began at Asheboro Friends Meeting on September 11, 2023. You can choose between Monday nights at 7:00 PM or Tuesday mornings at 10:45 AM.

Then Eli answered, "Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition that you have made to him."

— 1 Samuel 1:17 (ESV)

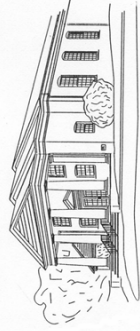
The study will cover the following books: Ruth, 1 & 2 Samuel, & Ephesians. Registration is now open and the cost is \$35.00 for each adult.

For more information contact Jay Brownfield at 336-653-9002 or visit the website at <https://asheboroeve.cbssclass.org/>.

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"I Have Called You Friends"

John 15:15

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Thoughts from Parker J. Palmer - October 2, 2023

Mindful by Mary Oliver

Every day
I see or hear
something
that more or less
kills me
with delight,
that leaves me
like a needle
in the haystack
of light.
It is what I was born for—
to look, to listen,
to lose myself
inside this soft world—
to instruct myself
over and over
in joy,
and acclamation.
Nor am I talking
about the exceptional,
the fearful, the dreadful,
the very extravagant—
but of the ordinary,
the common, the very drab,
the daily presentations.
Oh, good scholar,
I say to myself,
how can you help
but grow wise
with such teachings
as these—
the untrimmable light
of the world,
the ocean's shine,
the prayers that are made
out of grass?



It takes no special talent to see what's ugly, numbing, depressing, and death-dealing in our world. But staying aware of what's good, true, and beautiful requires us to open our eyes, minds, and hearts, and keep them open.

Mary Oliver's "*Mindful*" reminds me to look and listen every day for whatever it is that will "kill me with delight," "instruct me in joy and acclamation," and give me a chance to grow wise.

With eyes wide open, we can begin to see beauty in the most surprising places—not only in nature but in human nature. That's what gives us the inspiration, strength, and courage to resist all that's wrong and work for what's right.

Thank you, Mary Oliver, for reminding us how to keep hope alive!

Mary Jane Oliver (September 10, 1935 – January 17, 2019) was an American poet who won the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize. Her work is inspired by nature, rather than the human world, stemming from her lifelong passion for solitary walks in the wild.

Parker Jay Palmer is an American Quaker author, poet, educator, and activist who focuses on issues in education, community, leadership, spirituality and social change. He describes himself thusly:

POETRY + PROSE + POLITICS: Pro-democracy, Pro-civil discourse, Pro-decency

[Palmer's 10 books are available at tiny.cc/qocmuz AND <http://tiny.cc/5rcmuz>.]

Cover painting by Barnie Slice, September 29, 2023

Birthdays & Anniversaries

B Hal Winslow — October 14

B Gina Roberson — October 16

B Lois Richardson — October 18

CUOC for October:

Baked Beans

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.

August Financial Report:

Income: \$ 6,279.80

Expenses: \$ 14,409.15

Gen Fund Balance: \$ 19,017.35

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2PM - 6:30PM
10.21.23

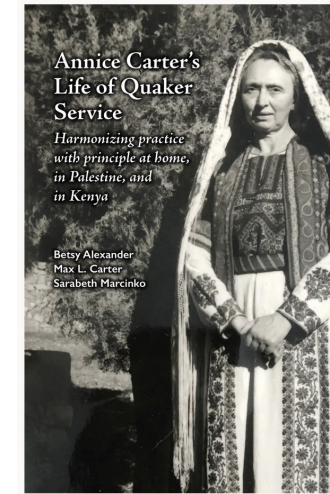
\$4 Admission Includes: Inflatables, Live Music, and Games for Kids of All Ages (with Prizes)

The Pumpkin Festival at Quaker Lake Camp offers many fun activities for all ages including hayrides, pumpkin painting, inflatables, canoeing, pumpkin smashing, and live music! Fill up on all your festival favorites including hot dogs, pizza, funnel cakes, popcorn, cotton candy and more!



~\$4 Admission, additional activities, and food are all cash only~

Excerpt: True religion is what one practices in daily life



"Annice emphasized worship in spirit and truth and the importance of love. God is a creative force in the universe that manifests Himself as energy, life, order, beauty, conscience, and love—self-revealed supremely in Jesus of Nazareth. 'The Christian way of life seems so logical and so desirable that I have spent little time in

thinking about or discussing doctrinal belief or church principles, but have tried to uphold in my daily living the commandments found in Mark 12:20, 21: love God and your neighbor as yourself.'" Annice went on to comment that true religion is what one practices in daily life and that she would rather see a sermon than hear one, preferring that a person would walk with her rather than merely tell her the way."

Excerpt from *Annice Carter's Life of Quaker Service*, by Alexander/Carter/Marcinko, published by Friends United Press and available from the FUM online bookstore.



October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Everyone is invited to join with Asheboro Friends for a meal with our pastor and youth workers at Mayflower Seafood Restaurant on Wednesday, October 18 at 5:00 pm. Contact Pat Hurley, Barbara West, or the office to sign up.

Asheboro Friends Meeting Homecoming and Memorial Day

Sunday, October 15, 2023

11:00 AM worship and meal to follow



We will recognize and remember those who have passed away since our last Memorial day. If there is anyone that you would like us to recognize or anyone you like us to invite to the service, please contact your Pastor. Our worship speaker will be FCNC Superintendent Mike Wall and special music will be provided by Paul Lineberry.

Dear Friends,

“I am surprised to hear you say that Christians love Israel! I was scared many times while I was traveling (after her military service) because so many people hate us.” Lauren*, my new Israeli friend, said this after I (Jenna) shared that believers in Jesus give financially to provide guest houses for Israelis to stay in during their travels so they can bless Israel and share the love of God with them. I told her that it’s because of my faith in Jesus that we host Israelis when they travel the world. Later in the conversation Lauren asked, “Why do you think so many people hate us?” I shared a few thoughts, but the main reason I shared with Lauren is because of darkness (sin) in people’s hearts. They do not know God’s truth or understand God’s love for His chosen people. I went on to share about God’s faithfulness to Israel and that those who bless Israel will be blessed.



This snapshot from my conversation with Lauren is why God has called us to host Israelis when they travel. Lauren had traveled in “safe” countries, yet because of antisemitism she was scared, even of Christians. When we host Israelis, we provide them with a friendly and loving environment that prioritizes sharing the love of Jesus with them. We did not host Lauren when she traveled, but our fellow co-worker in Messiah did and she was able to share the gospel with Lauren. Now that I’m in Israel and able to meet with Lauren regularly my prayer is that God would use me to continue to water the seeds planted in Lauren’s heart and that she would come to know her Messiah!

I hope Lauren’s story encourages you and gives you an understanding of the impact you are having on her life and the lives of so many Israelis. If your pray and/or give financially, you are vital to the work God has us doing. Your faithfulness and love toward these young Israelis are providing us with opportunities to share the hope of Jesus with them! Your support is a testimony to Israelis that God has cause you to love the Jewish people because of your faith in a day when many in the world do not. Please pray for Lauren to know her Messiah and for me to be bold in sharing the hope of Jesus with her.

In Messiah,

The Arnolds

Stephen and Jenna Arnold

* Name changed

Asheboro Friends Prayer List October 2, 2023

Members

Becky Boone
Family of Betsy Brandes
Carol Bullins
Jackie & Pat Cole
Amy Fogleman
Ava Grace Fogleman
Sheila Huffman
Linda Lanier
Joe & Bobbie Longenecker
Fred Ownsbey
Mary Ella Pugh
Lois Richardson
Family of Doyle Vaughn
Danny West
Jan Winslow



Hospitals & Nursing Homes

Brookdale:
Bryan Bowman
Pat Rutherford
Brookdale, Rock Hill, SC:
Harry Hudson
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

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
Rusty Parsons



Friends

Julia Barnes
Alice Beasley
Logan Brooks
Suzanne Brown
Barbara Bullin
Larry Byrd
Ethan Clarke (cancer)
Eddie Coggins (dialysis/kidney transplant)
Betty Cox
Family of Patsy Curl
Gwen Davis
Wayne Dunn (cancer)
Theron Farlow
Vickie Frye (cancer)
Ruby Gainey
Treva Gallimore
Janet & Warren Godwin
Doris Hughes
Bill Ivey
Roger Hatchel (cancer)
Frank Horton
Doris Hughes
Rex Hurley
Pat Hussey
Doris Jacobs
Michael Jacobs
Klausner Employees
Ray Lanbe
Ben Lewis (cancer)
Libby McNeil
Jeremy Moore
Renee Nelson
Tony Norris
Linda Poole (cancer)
Jennifer Ruff (cancer)
Family of Howard Seymour (FCNC pastor)
Gil Sides
Helen & Richard Small
Family of George Strickland (FCNC pastor)
Pam Thomas
Günther Tlotzek
Phyllis Tysor
Dwight & Nancy Walker
Jeff Wilder (cancer)
Dolan Williams
Family of Kristie Wilson
Jasper & JoAnn Winslow



Our World & The Ukraine Conflict/War
Asheboro Friends Meeting & Kids Klub
Friends Church of NC & Contentnea Quarter
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



World Quaker Day – 1 October 2023 – will be an opportunity to learn, reflect and act, as we prepare to come together as a global family of Friends at next year’s World Plenary Meeting in South Africa and online, themed *Living the Spirit of Ubuntu: Responding with Hope to God’s Call to Cherish Creation and One Another*.

Learn

The word ubuntu emphasises shared humanity, deep connection, and care for creation and one another. It is sometimes translated as ‘I am because you are’ or ‘we are because you are’. It refers to the deeply held belief, morality and custom that every person is worthy of being recognised, respected and heard, and that we as human beings are all interdependent. It is centrally important to the faith and practice of Quakers in Southern Africa.

Show the new video about ubuntu in your Quaker Meeting or Friends Church.

Reflect

Ubuntu is not just a word; it is a way of living. It resonates strongly with Quaker values of simplicity, peace, integrity, community, equality and peace and the Biblical emphasis on loving God, cherishing creation, and treating others as we would wish to be treated.

Consider the below queries, through personal contemplation or together with others:

1. How would you express the concept of ubuntu in the language or culture you are most familiar with?
2. What would the effects be if our global Quaker community were to follow the precepts of ubuntu more closely, and how can we go about this?
3. How can churches and communities work for changes in the governments, economic and political structures to embrace the principle of ubuntu?
4. As the climate crisis accelerates, what could the application of the principles and practices of ubuntu mean for us?
5. From where does hope come?

Send your reflections to worldquakerday@fwcc.world

Act

Quaker bodies all around the world send nominees to the World Plenary Meeting. Doing this in a way in which participation is inclusive means subsidising nominees from the Global South by around 90%, with a further fund set aside for addressing the ‘digital divide’ between Friends in richer and less rich countries.

Could you or your Quaker group act on the spirit of ubuntu by sending a greeting and a donation for the World Plenary Meeting, to support the event to take place fairly? Send your greeting (50 words max) to comms@fwcc.world, and we’ll reply with some ways you can donate.

Kids Klub News

**Back to School Bash
& Pastor David's Birthday
Wednesday, August 30**

