

Friendship Times

December 2007

Calendar

- Mon, Nov 26 through Sat, Dec 1. Events connected with "Shopping for Change" at Guilford College
- Sun, Dec 2 9:00 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel, and House and Grounds meet
9:15 am Peace and Social Concerns meets
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
7:30 pm Guilford College Choir Christmas concert, Dana Auditorium
- Mon, Dec 3 5:30 pm Christy Hopkins, Recital in choir room, Dana Auditorium, Guilford College
- Sat, Dec 7 7:30 pm Claude Ashin Thomas speaks on peacemaking at Church of the Covenant
- Sat, Dec 8 9:00 am to Noon. Workday at the Meetinghouse
- Sun, Dec 9 10:00 am Group singing, Meetinghouse
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
A potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
- Sun, Dec 16 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
4:00 pm Christmas Celebration, Meetinghouse
-  Last day to send newsletter materials to Editor
- Sun, Dec 23 10:00 am Meeting for Worship
- Mon, Dec 24 7:30 pm Christmas Eve Service, Living Room, Friends Homes/Guilford
- Sun, Dec 30 10:00 am Group singing, Meetinghouse
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Weekly 10:30 am each First Day, Meeting for Worship. Child care available for Worship and Business Mtgs.
7:30 pm Fourth Day, Midweek Mtg. for Worship, in Prayer Room, 7th floor Woolman Hall, Friends Homes, occasionally followed by discussion at 8 pm.
9:00 am fifth First Day (when there is one), Extended Meeting for Worship.
- Winston-Salem Worship Group.** Meeting for Worship, 9:30 a.m. First Day, at The Blessings, 823 Reynolda Road, Winston-Salem.
Contact: Louise Harris/John Cardarelli. 750-0631

In this Issue

Minutes from Eleventh Month's meeting for worship with a concern for business were **not** available in time to be printed in this issue. Added features include a report on a newly arrived Burmese refugee family, a message from the Clerk, a letter from Nan Bowles, announcements of upcoming events, and additions to the *Handbook*.

SPECIAL NOTICE from the Editor:

Since Judy and I plan to leave for a holiday trip on Friday, December 21st, the January newsletter will need to be distributed more than a week earlier than usual. For this reason material for the newsletter, should be submitted, preferably by email, no later than **Sunday, December 16th**. Thanks to everyone in advance for your help.
Cyril Harvey, cyrilhh@triad.rr.com

Delivery Options (ESP)

You may receive your copy of the *Friendship Times* in one of three ways: (1) Email delivery, (2) Snail mail delivery (US Postal Service), or (3) Pick up at the Meeting House (Personal delivery is possible at Friends Homes/Guilford). If you would prefer to change your current mode of delivery to either of the other options, please let me know: Cyril Harvey, 925 New Garden Road, #2110, Greensboro, NC 27410, (336) 299-8269, or cyrilhh@triad.rr.com

Twelfth Month's Query Outreach

Do we welcome newcomers and non-members to our meetings? Are they encouraged to share in Meeting activities and to consider membership when they are in agreement with the principles and practices of Friends? Are our younger members appointed to committees and encouraged to share in other responsibilities of the Meeting? Do we visit one another frequently, remembering those who may be lonely? Does this visitation and caring extend beyond the members of our own Meeting?

Minutes

FRIENDSHIP MONTHLY MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS GATHERED ON THE 11TH OF ELEVENTH MONTH 2007

The Minutes for Eleventh Month were not available when this issue of *Friendship Times* was printed. They will be distributed at a later date.

- the Editor

Zaw Zaw Aung and Tuza Khine arrived at the Greensboro airport with their two daughters, Pyu Pyu Han (age 12) and Win Mim Hang (age 9), on Thursday, November 8th after three days of travel from Malaysia. They are a Burmese refugee family with quite story yet to be told. They were relieved to be here and anxious to begin their new life.

They are settled in an apartment set up by their Care Team made up of folks from New Garden, First Friends and Friendship Meetings. Thanks go out to all in our community for the many contributions to this project.

Among the highlights of their first few days was their shopping for food at an Asian market. It was with much relief that they learned we have such markets.

They thought they would have to come to love American food. They also went on a driving tour of



Aung family with two members of the Care Team

Greensboro sounding out words on signs, identifying schools, churches and stores and discovering with delight the Grasshoppers Ball Park. Their first experience in a Dollar Store had them walking up and down the aisles taking it all in.

They are eager to learn English and get settled in their new community. Pyu Pyu and Win Mim are already attending school, and Zaw Zaw and Tuza have begun English classes. Zaw Zaw also had a job interview this week.

The resilience of the human spirit is certainly demonstrated by this family. It is a joy to work with them and watch as their new story unfolds.

Neil Swenson, Peace and Social Concerns

From the Clerk

What does it mean to be a member of Friendship Friends Meeting?

The Care and Counsel Committee has been discussing the question of what it means to be a member of our Meeting. This was brought on by two things, the growing number of people listed as members who have moved away and lost touch with us and the large number of members who have not donated any money to the Meeting during the past two years. While we know there are many ways besides donating money to support the Meeting, there are also those for which membership should no longer apply. Some of these members are our children who now have their own lives away from Greensboro and who have not transferred or terminated their membership. Others are those who no longer see themselves as members but have not bothered to tell us. The issue is not a simple one. The committee is working on a letter to our absent friends. It also feels we have a responsibility for supporting our members but has concluded that this responsibility needs to be a shared one. I report this both as information about one of the issues confronting the Meeting and to ask those of you who read this, what do you think it means to be a member of Friendship Friends Meeting?

Dave MacInnes, Clerk of the Meeting

Some members of Friendship Meeting may remember Linda Kusse-Wolfe from several years ago when her daughter, Abbie, was a student at Guilford College.

Submitted by
Max Carter

Linda Kusse-Wolfe, an American Christian living in Qom, Iran, reflects on the role stories have played in nurturing relationships of love and trust with individuals in a very different culture, in a recent posting on the *The Storyteller and the Listener Online* website.

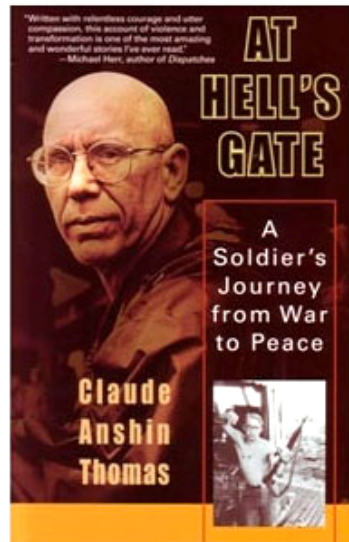
You can read her essay, "Stories that weave a common humanity: An American Christian woman's experience in Iran," by using the following link:

http://storyteller-and-listener.blog-city.com/linda_kusse_wolfe.htm

Peacemaking in a Violent World

CLAUDE ANSHIN THOMAS

Vietnam Veteran, Zen Buddhist Monk,
Non Violence Advocate,
Author of *At Hell's Gate: A Soldier's
Journey from War to Peace*



Public Talk and Book Signing

Friday
December 7, 2007
7:00PM

Church of the Covenant
501 S. Mendenhall Street
Greensboro, NC

\$5 plus a donation to the
teacher is requested**



Carrie Newcomer and Phil Gulley

Scott Russell Sanders and Brent Bill

Greensboro, North Carolina

Dana Auditorium - Guilford College

16 November 2007

Quaker Palooza

Photo by Chris Nelson

Upcoming Events

Friendship Workday

There will be a workday on Saturday, December 8th from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon. We will gather to attend to yard work, cleaning, and repairs to the Meetinghouse. We especially need skilled hands to assist with repairs to the access ramp and to help with removing storm windows for cleaning.

We try to get together at least every other month to work on maintenance and upkeep. Please come out and help if you can.

Christmas Celebrations

The Friendship Meeting **Christmas party** is being planned for Sunday, December 16th, at 4:00 pm at the meetinghouse. Further details will be announced soon.

As in years past, Friendship Meeting will hold a **Christmas Eve service** at Friends Homes at Guilford. It will be held this year on Monday, December 24th, at 7.30 pm in the Living Room on the 2nd floor of Woolman Hall, the tallest building at Friends Homes. There will be readings, music, worship based on silent waiting, a live fire in the fireplace, and, at its end, refreshments.

This event is sponsored by:
Worship & Ministry and Care & Counsel.

Experiment with Light

If you would like to be part of the Experiment with Light group starting in January please speak to Judy Heitfield (643-0257, judyelh@yahoo.com) or Janet Nagel (292-9699, 3nagels@bellsouth.net). The group will meet once every two weeks for two hours. Tentative meeting times, subject to agreement by the participants, are Thursday or Sunday evenings

You can find information about the Experiment with Light online at a British website:

www.charlieblackfield.com/light/

Friendship Library has a copy of *Light to live by: an exploration in Quaker spirituality* in which Rex Ambler explains his discovery and development of the Experiment with Light process. This book can also be purchased from www.quakerbooks.org (cost \$12.00). You can also borrow a CD or tape of two lectures by Rex Ambler explaining the process.

Shopping for Change Awareness Week at Guilford College

begins Monday, November 26th

Events are planned with the goal of promoting conscious shopping as the season approaches when it is especially easy to succumb to excessive spending and overconsumption. Evening presentations are scheduled during the week, followed by shopping opportunities on Friday and Saturday. Come participate in one or more awareness events and do some conscious shopping at Shopping for Change.

Join Leadership for Social Change, Community Learning, and the Greenleaf for "Shopping for Change" in Sternberger Auditorium on Friday, November 30th, from 3:00 to 7:00 pm and Saturday, December 1st, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Purchase fair trade or artisan-direct gifts. Make a gift for someone at the "simple gifts" tables. Participate in the Eco-Bazaar and trade something you don't want for something you do (Eco-Bazaar is Friday only). Vendors include Ten Thousand Villages, Deep Roots, Tools for Change, Tea Hugger, Beads for Life, Ghana Direct and several Guilford faculty, staff and student artisan-direct vendors. Sample free fair-trade coffee and snacks from the Greenleaf food vendors. Put your money to work for a better world.

Call Judy Harvey, 316-2180, for more information.

Trade, Coffee and Resistance

Monday, 7:00, Joseph M. Bryan Jr. Auditorium

Life & Debt

Tuesday, 6:45, Joseph M. Bryan Jr. Auditorium

Building Sweatshop-free Communities

Wednesday, 6:00 - 8:00, Founders Gallery

Light & Shadow: A Storyteller's Journey in Africa

Thursday, 7:00, Founders Gallery

Recital

Christy Hopkins reports that her Junior Recital is scheduled for Monday, December 3rd, at 5:30 pm in the choir room of Dana Auditorium on the Guilford College campus.

Quaker Book Group

The Quaker Book Group will **not** meet in December. There are plans to reconvene after the first of the year.

Citizens For Haw River State Park

Submitted by
Janet Nagel

The Guilford County Commission has scheduled the hearing on the appeal of the rezoning for Patriot's Landing, the Bluegreen gated golf-course community on land needed for the Haw River State Park.

Special Meeting Guilford County Board of Commissioners

Old County Courthouse
301 West Market Street

Thursday, December 13th, 5:30 pm

Our Commissioners care about what we (their constituents) support, but certainly can't be expected to read minds! Let's pack the house and tell them in one voice, loud and clear, that we support the Haw River State Park. Please join us for this meeting; bring a friend.

Please mark your calendar for this meeting and check back to our website for further information:

www.CitizensForHawRiverSP.org

To most elected officials, silence means consent. This is our opportunity to make sure they hear us!

A Letter from Nan Bowles

Dear members of Friendship Meeting,

It is my wish to stay in touch with you all and continue to get to know you better. As I live on the coast this may be a bit of a challenge. I want to put something in the newsletter each month to let you know what is happening in our neck of the woods. Last week I enjoyed gathering with everyone in Durham for Representative Body. I am encouraged with the direction our yearly meeting is moving to a greater understanding and way of life that puts caring for and loving all of creation as God does as a priority. Here is a message that came to me through the trees as I traveled through swirling leaves and cool grey October skies:

The warmth of Autumn colors to you as we let God and let go, moving into root energy/earth energy; always in contact through the darkness and always in touch.

Till next month, take care of yourselves,

Nan Bowles

Our thoughts and prayers are with

Cyril Harvey on the loss of his sister, Dorothy Leonard, on October 28th.

Clarence Parker after a fall resulting in a leg bone fracture. Clarence and Helen are moving together to assisted living at Friends Homes/Guilford and we wish them well for this move.

George White following successful back surgery and John Bowles who has had eye surgery. They are recovering well.

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Thank you for holding me in the light. Eleven days ago, I had lower back surgery and for the first time in three months I can walk the dog and stand up as I am doing now. I was miserable for a month before the surgery and was very hard to live with so - Marilyn and I - and the dog - thank you for your prayers.

George White, 10-Nov-2007



Whitby Abbey, Yorkshire, England

Cyril Harvey's photo exhibit at Friends Homes Guilford comes down in early December

Handbook Changes

Please call Claire Koster (766-9769), clerk of the Handbook Committee, if you have questions about the *Handbook*. Give corrections, additions, or deletions for the *Handbook* to Claire, or email them to the editor, cyrilhh@triad.rr.com.

New Email Address:

Mel & Priscilla Zuck
jtlmpz@clearwire.net

New Address:

Helen & Clarence Parker
have moved to assisted living at Friends
Homes Guilford; their apartment is now #903

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