

May Day

Friends at the Spring

5th Month Year 2016

<i>Date</i>	<i>Worship Leader</i>	<i>Message</i>	<i>Children's Message</i>
<i>May 1st</i>	<i>Chuck Fager</i>	<i>QLSP Speaker</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>May 8th</i>	<i>Chuck Fager</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>



<i>May 15</i>	<i>Chuck Fager</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>May 22</i>	<i>Chuck Fager</i>	<i>India Cain Sharing a message through the spoken word and singing.</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>May 29</i>	<i>Chuck Fager</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>



Announcements:

Monthly meeting for business will be May 15th at 9:30 a.m. Bring a dish to share and enjoy.

On May 22nd, Chuck Fager will offer a First Day School Session at 10 AM in the hut, on a topic from his booklet, "Some Quaker FAQs".

Looking Ahead:

Friends Music Camp, A Quaker-run camp, will take place at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, from July 10 to August 7, 2016. They are actively seeking campers. It is open to campers from 10 to 18 years old at all musical levels. For more information, their website is www.friendsmusiccamp.org.



MANY BLESSINGS TO FRIENDS WITH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Steve Phillips 23

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Carol and Jerry Barlow 19
Scott and Linda McBane 30



Today is your special day and we have three big wishes for you

We wish you peace, joy and love, All day and all year through.

We all like the song of birds. The following is a beautiful description of birdsong taken from the News & Observer editorial page on April 24, 2016, by Bob Simpson.

“A redbird calling with the dawning of eastern skies is nature announcing it’s the season to arise. Soon other unseen singers send notes drifting with the wind; a chorus of birdsong even in the rain, mysteriously sweet and melodious to the human’s discerning ears.



There are some of our feathered neighbors that seem to sing of awaiting riches, others of glory, but it’s the love songs that come in the lonesome predawn darkness of the spring night that offer the secluded sweetness of the familiar refrain. And there is one that sings as many, the mockingbird perched beneath the window singing hymns to the morning stars. And the mind hears the verses that date back over generations, ‘Hush little baby, don’t say a word, mama’s gonna teach you to sing like the mockingbird’.

The catbird and thrushes, their throats filled with cheerful voice, also are singers in the dark, lit with song. And this is the hour when the nightingale hold forth from the highest bough. As John Keats wrote:

*“Thou wast not born for death, immortal Bird!
No hungry generations tread thee down;
The voice I hear this passing night was heard
In ancient days by emperor and clown’.”*



**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS
17th day Fourth Month, 2016**

The Spring Friends Monthly Meeting for Worship With Attention to Business met in the Fellowship Hall on the 17th day of the Fourth Month, 2016. Elizabeth Osborne, Clerk, opened the meeting with a moment of silence.

The minutes of the monthly meeting on 3-20-16 were read and approved. Mike Dodge presented the financial report for the third month, which was approved. Friends discussed the payment for deep cleaning of the Meetinghouse and it was agreed that for the time being, we would have cleaning once a month for \$125.00 per month.

Memorials are due to the Yearly Meeting by 7/29, and Lynette will prepare one for Jerry Russell. The second First Day in October will be reserved for a memorial for Jerry, and Friends stated that the historical record of our membership is very important.

The letter of transfer for Linda and Scott McBane was received by Elizabeth Osborne from Chatham Friends. Membership for the McBanes was approved.

Chuck Fager requested funding to attend FGC Gathering in MN in July. Friends approved \$300, which will be matched by PFF. Elizabeth Osborne will email to confirm.

Grim Hobbs and Dan Perry will gather necessary information on the rehab of the sign. They will report back, and then wording will be agreed upon.

Kara reported on the 3-29-16 meetings with our legislators regarding immigration issues. We met with representatives of Senator Thom Tillis at his High Point office with an emphasis on the detention bed requirement. That same day, we met at Spring's Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm with State Rep. Dennis Ridell to discuss in-state tuition for undocumented persons. Both meetings were evaluated.

Friends next discussed two members' proposals objecting to House Bill #2. After some discussion, Grim Hobbs asked that we not be hastily drawn into the divisiveness which has evolved. We will revisit this issue in May's Monthly Meeting.

Friends discussed the upcoming season of the drama and settled on our contribution of \$500.00. Another \$500.00 contribution was approved for Quaker Lake.

The meeting adjourned as the Worship Hour approached. Respectfully submitted, Cindy Perry,
Recording Clerk