



October 2025

THE FRIENDLY LIGHT

Birthdays

10/03

Scott Wagoner

10/04

Karla Townsend

Nichole Looney

10/06

Anne English

10/07

Jennifer Sugden

10/08

Rachael Buxton

10/09

Gary Turner

10/12

Ava Gray McMillan

10/17

Lynda Wagoner

10/19

Katherine Buxton

10/20

Jeff Albert

10/30

Joella Anderson

Anniversaries

10/03

Robert & Sue Blair

Welcome to October...and Quaketober!

“Some Christian groups ask, ‘How can we be certain of our salvation?’ Others wonder, ‘How can we be sure we are right?’ Still others inquire, ‘How can we do good in the world?’ The Quaker question, however, has been, ‘How can we be – most radically and effectively – true followers of Jesus?’ When this question is lived faithfully, the other questions tend to take care of themselves.”
(Paul Anderson, **Following Jesus: The Heart of Faith and Practice**)

Every first Sunday of October, the *Friends World Committee for Consultation* (FWCC) invites Quakers all over the world to participate in what is called “*World Quaker Day*”. This is simply a way for Quakers – on one day – to celebrate their Quaker witness and share with one another how God is working through Quakers in each of the places we live and inhabit. This year, “*World Quaker Day*” will be Sunday, October 5th and the theme is “*Love Your Neighbor*”. What we (High Point Friends Meeting) would like to do is not just focus on one Sunday, but all of October (hence the designation of “Quaketober!”) The purpose is to give intentional focus during this month on our Quaker heritage and history as well as explore the important and unique gifts Quakers have to offer our world in it’s present condition and time.

Quakers have a long history in this country and in North Carolina and one can spend hours (if not days) on researching Quaker history, ancestry, and cemeteries. And to be sure, there is nothing wrong with that for our foremothers and forefathers have much to teach us.



But I'm often leery of spending too much time in the past lest we forget that the Living Christ is a present reality who invites us to live faithfully in the way of Jesus in our present reality. When we don't have a vision for how to live in the present reality, we often gravitate towards the comfort of the past where it's easy to linger in a respectable past. I'm not sure that lingering in a respectable past is what we are called to be about. Rather, we are invited to ask the question, "How can we be – radically and effectively – true followers of Jesus?" in the present reality in which we find ourselves.

What I would like to invite all of us to become in this month of "*Quaketober*" is explorers in the way of Jesus. As we make discoveries and experience new landscapes, let's keep asking ourselves the question, "*How does living in this way strengthen our Quaker witness and what does it mean to love our neighbor?*" My hope is that this month will do more than just offer us more information on what Quakerism is all about (although there will be bits and pieces of information), but that we will also experience *formation* around the way of Jesus and the Quaker way. For if the Quaker Way is to be more than just a living museum, we will need to discover (and rediscover) what it means to be a vital and living movement of the Spirit in a way that speaks to the condition of our world. If we can do this, I feel we will certainly become spiritually relevant in a world that has often deemed spirituality irrelevant and out of touch. So, with that, *welcome to Quaketober!*

Blessings ~ *Scott*



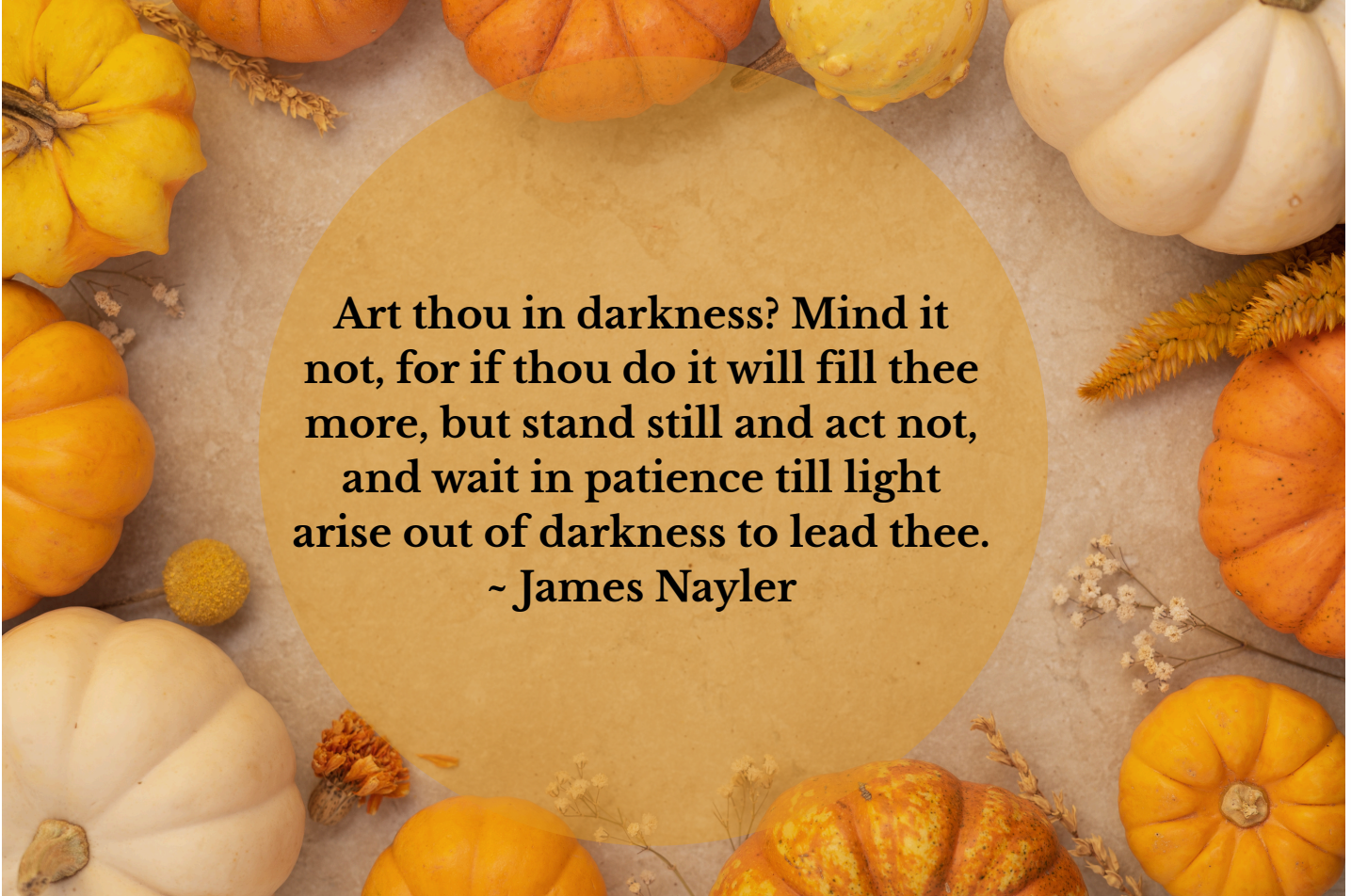
Quaker Corner

Quaker Query/Advice of the Month

Take time to reflect on this query throughout the month and pay attention to how it speaks to your condition and how it challenges us as a Quaker community.

“The Religious Society of Friends is rooted in Christianity and has always found inspiration in the life and teachings of Jesus. How do you interpret your faith in the light of this heritage? How does Jesus speak to you today? Are you following Jesus’ example of love in action? Are you learning from his life the reality and cost of obedience to God? How does his relationship with God challenge and inspire you?”

(Britain Yearly Meeting Advices & Queries)



Art thou in darkness? Mind it not, for if thou do it will fill thee more, but stand still and act not, and wait in patience till light arise out of darkness to lead thee.
~ James Nayler

A note from Karin.....

Godly Play is a creative, imaginative approach to Christian formation and spiritual guidance based on Montessori principles and theological research. This is an intergenerational offering.

We hope Friends of all ages will attend.

For more information, email Karin Heller at kheller@hpfs.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

...for Godly Play at High Point Friends Meeting!

800 Quaker Ln. High Point, NC 27262

October 12

The Good Shepherd

November 9

The Good Shepherd and the Lost Sheep

December 14

Meeting the Christ Child

January 11

Parable of the Mustard Seed

February 8

The Leaven

March 8

The Great Pearl

April 12

Parable of the Sower

All sessions take place at 11 a.m. in Ragan Hall





Choir Rehearsal Schedule



The choir is back to its regular rehearsal schedule. They rehearse every Wednesday beginning at 5:15PM and meet in the Worship Room (Sanctuary). They are all ready working on pieces for Thanksgiving and Christmas. If you can give a little time (and your voice), the choir welcomes new singers! We appreciate what they and Wanda bring to our time of worship.

Meeting for Business and Carry-In Sunday, November 9th

We'll have our quarterly Meeting for Business following our 10AM meeting for worship.

Join us for a Simple Carry-In beginning at 11:15AM and then the Business Meeting will follow the meal.

All meeting members/attenders are invited and welcome to attend and participate.



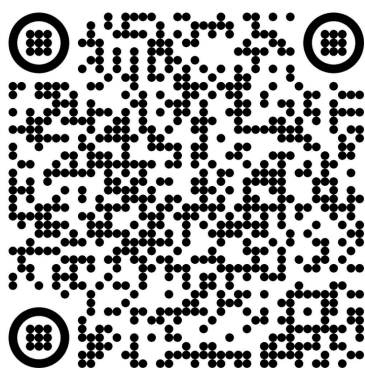
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ministry effectively.

Thank you!



Peace Pole Dedication

On Monday, September 22, High Point Friends School dedicated a Peace Pole that reads "May Peace Prevail" in eight different languages. This "Peace Pole" is a partnership with the Rotary Club of High Point who donated the Peace Pole as part of their intention to promote peacebuilding in the local community.

This was also part of the recognition of "International Peace Day" and a way for the school to lift up its Quaker testimony of peace. A simple Dedication program was held on that Monday morning and a song was offered by the High Point Friends School students. The whole High Point Friends School community (students, staff, administrators) were wearing T-shirt that read "Blessed Are the Peacemakers". High Point Friends School continues to grow both in numbers and it's Quaker witness to the larger community!





Weathering The Storm

A CONTEMPLATIVE RETREAT
IN THE MANNER OF FRIENDS

Register [HERE](https://bit.ly/avilaretreat): bit.ly/avilaretreat

OCTOBER
24 - 26, 2025

Avila Center for
Community Leadership
Durham, NC

October 24-26 2025

Join us for “*Weathering the Storm*,” Oct. 24-26, 2025, at the Avila Center in Durham, North Carolina. Together we will reflect upon the storms that we are now encountering, whether in our nation, community, or as individuals.

Learn more and register for this retreat which will be led by April Allison, Maryann Concannon, and Scott Wagoner. *If you have question, see Scott!*

Just copy bit.ly/avilaretreat into your browser.



**Saturday, November 1
10:00-3:00**

Arts and Crafts from Local Artisans

Quaker General Store with Homemade Baked Goods

Delicious Lunch from the Kitchen

Soups, Grilled Cheese and Fried Bologna sandwiches, Fried Apple Pies and Desserts

This is a GREAT way to do your Christmas shopping!

Come and be sure to invite your friends

Springfield Friends Meeting, 555 E. Springfield Road, High Point, NC

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL

2PM - 6:30PM
10.18.25

QUAKER LAKE CAMP
**PUMPKIN
FESTIVAL**

\$5 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!



~\$5 Admission, additional activities, and food are all cash only~

*Quaker Lake does NOT allow alcohol, tobacco products (including smokeless cigarettes), pets, or concealed weapons.

quakerlakecamp.org

Fall in Love with QLC!



Sponsor a leaf for \$125 to support QLC's annual campaign and help keep our fees affordable. Leaves will be displayed during the Pumpkin Festival on October 18. Visit www.quakerlakecamp.org/pfsponsorships.

Love Your Neighbor

World Quaker Day, Sunday 5 October 2025



Friends World Committee
for Consultation
WORLD OFFICE

This World Quaker Day, FWCC invites you to join with Friends worldwide to 'Love your neighbor', with the guiding Bible passage Galatians 5:14: 'For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."'

In times when environmental crisis and conflict, untruths and unfairness seem to dominate, let us see what Love can do – both through our words and as "doers of the word" (James 1:22). Here are some ways you might take part:

As we celebrate "World Quaker Day" and "Quaketober", here are some other Quaker organizations you might want to explore and check out...

♥ **Friends United Meeting (www.friendsunitedmeeting.org)** - Friends United Meeting is the international association of Quaker meetings and Yearly Meetings of which High Point Friends is an active member. Friends United Meeting connects Friends with Quakers around the world in places such as Africa, Cuba, Jamaica, Ramallah, and Belize.

♥ **Friends Committee on National Legislation (www.fcnl.org)** - Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) advocates for lifegiving policies and legislation based on Quaker principles and the testimonies. Folks may connect with them at a personal level or whole Meetings may connect with FCNL.

♥ **Friends World Committee for Consultation (www.fwccamericas.org)** - FWCC provides opportunities, resources, and gatherings for Quakers around the world to deepen their understanding of one another as well as strengthen the collective Quaker witness.

♥ **Quaker Lake Camp (www.quakerlakecamp.org)** - This is the Quaker Camp in Climax, NC (not too far from High Point) where Summer camps are offered each year and the facilities can be rented by Quaker groups and local meetings for day events and retreats. The camp also offers other activities throughout the year such as the annual Pumpkin Festival and a Christmas Candlelight Worship.



Center for Spiritual Deepening and Development

High Point Friends Meeting

“To live contemplatively means simply to approach life with openness, availability, and growing responsiveness to the God who speaks in everything, to the God who speaks from the depths of our very selves, to the God who spoke us into existence.”

(Roger Owens, *Everyday Contemplative*)

Dear Friends,

It is my dream and hope to begin to offer experiences and gatherings (half-day retreats, book studies, Zoom gatherings, etc.) that offer opportunities for folks to explore the spiritual life in a deeper way if one feels led to do so. The Quaker author, Richard Foster, wrote many years ago, “*The desperate need today is not for a greater number of intelligent people, or gifted people, but for deep people.*” I believe that to still be true today. Over the next few weeks and months, I’ll slowly introduce opportunities for Friends to participate in offerings that invite us into that deeper experience as well as the abundant life Jesus offers us.

With Gratitude

Scott

Still Waters Contemplative Call - Every Wednesday and Sunday evenings from 8:00PM - 8:30PM, I offer a simple contemplative prayer call via Zoom for anyone that would like to participate. I’ll include the links in our regular emails. Please feel free to join the call any time.

Intentional “Pause & Pray” Wednesdays - This is simply a day I invite each of us to give intention to pray for one another and the concerns for our world. We often open our Haworth Chapel from 10AM - 4PM for anyone that would like to use the space to sit and pray in the silence.



WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Bible Study at 10AM in Ragan Hall.

Our weekly Bible Study has started a new focus of *Christ in the Stranger and the Outcast*. This study focuses on how Christ is present in our weaknesses and our pain and how we can experience Christ even in the wounded places of our lives. This study is open to anyone and study guides are provided. We use the *Illuminate* study guide published by Barclay Press (Quaker publisher)

**Join us at 10AM on Tuesdays
Everyone is Welcome
& Coffee is always on!**

Intentional “Pause & Pray” Wednesdays

We are opening our Haworth Chapel and Meeting Library from 10AM-4PM for anyone that would like to avail themselves of the space to simply be present and pray. We invite Friends to take time on these Wednesdays to pray for our world, one another, and our own personal needs and concerns.

Please keep these Friends in prayer

Candace Heer continues to reside at Piney Grove Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. If you would like to send her a card, their address is **728 Piney Grove Road, Kernersville, NC 27284**. She would welcome and appreciate your cards!

Jerry White – Jerry continues to recover from his recent radiation treatments. Pray for his continued recovery and good health.

Mike Brown – As he continues to recover from major leg surgery

Lynda Wagoner –As she continues her chemotherapy treatment

Keith Lambeth – As he is having consultations with doctors regarding heart concerns

Eloise Farlow – As the family discerns the best course of treatment and care regarding a possible feeding tube



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Pastoral Minister-- Scott Wagoner

Piano & Choir Director-- Wanda Simmons

Office Administrator-- Nichole Looney

Dir. of Intergenerational Ministries & Community Life -- Karin Heller

Established in 1892
133 Years of Service in the High Point Community