Friends at the Spring

8th Month 2020

Meeting for worship at 10:00 a.m. via video conference and onsite (outdoors and distanced).

The most recently updated version of a letter from the Technology and Communications Committee is included below and now includes a friendly reminder to those joining worship onsite to consider taking along bug spray.

Worship leaders and guests sharing messages:

August 2: Chuck Fager with Patrick O'Neill from the Catholic Worker Movement

August 9: Elizabeth Osborne with Cheryl Bridges, Chaplain and Counselor

August 16: Steve Phillips with program to be announced

August 23: Elizabeth Osborne, Open Worship

August 30: Diane Faison, Teacher and Actress

No Meeting for Business in August

Needs

We are in need of worship leaders for October. Friends are available to support those new to this responsibility or to share the responsibility with anyone who is interested in taking on part of the month.

The operational expenses of Friends at Spring are thankfully modest but the need to support both our local and global community remains. The following contribution methods are available:

- Contributions via the meeting's PayPal Account
- Contributions by check made out to "Spring Friends Meeting" and mailed to treasurer Ron Osborne at 2585 Nealwood Avenue, Graham, NC 27253
- For contributions by direct deposit, contact friendsatthespring@gmail.com

Happy August Birthday

3rd   Bruce Walker

15th   Heather McIver

21st   Annika McIver Lowe

23rd   Robert Osborne

26th   Will Osborne

31st   Kevin Muhanji

Happy Anniversary

18th   Elizabeth and Ron Osborne

24th   Dottie and Grim Hobbs

21st   Charley Flint and Jeff Hitchcock

Announcement from the Technology and Communications Committee:

Hello Friends,

As we move forward during this pandemic, Spring Friends Meeting recognizes the needs of Meeting participants to worship in a variety of formats. To meet these needs, Spring Friends has decided to offer a hybrid approach to our Sunday Meetings. We will continue to offer remote connection via Zoom. We will also offer on site worship with respect to social distancing guidelines. We request that participants understand this hybrid approach will not be perfect. Due to the variety of presentation formats we experience weekly at Spring Friends, some formats will work better on site, while others will work better online. Please keep this in mind, and we will continue to discuss solutions as problems arise. Please review the information below as it pertains to your choice of worship. We feel this information will help you find a more enjoyable and successful worship experience.

For technical questions and support, please feel free to contact any of the following Technology and Communication Committee members: Jennifer Walker, Chris Nelson, Ron Osborne, Steve Phillips, Kara VanHooser, and Dillon Walker.

We look forward to seeing you at worship soon.

Spring Friends Meeting and Spring Friends Technology and Communication Committee

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Information for those connecting from a remote location via Zoom:
- We will continue to send weekly emails with the Zoom link via the Spring Email List.
- There are many device options to connect (laptop, tablet, phone, etc.) Any of these devices will work.

We would like to mention that if you have a laptop, it is recommended to connect with a laptop as it is easier to see all participants in the Zoom meeting. Some may also find using Zoom controls easier on a laptop.
- Please be sure to mute your device before entering our worship breakout room.
- Many participants do leave their video on so others can see who is connected. This does give us a feeling of connection to see others. However, please know it is OK to turn your video off during worship. If you feel you may do something that might distract others on the call, this is a good time to stop your video. Some may decide to move away from the computer as a means to center more effectively without the distraction of video.

Information for those connecting on site at Spring:
- Worship will be outside: please bring your own chair if possible. Please space your chairs out as you arrive to provide for proper social distancing.
- A reminder to take along bug spray if you typically need it. We have considered supplying some onsite but decided against touching the same container.
- A worship coordinator will be present to open the fellowship hall doors to the bathrooms so any use of those rooms can be accessed with minimal touching of surfaces. If the coordinator expects rain, worship will be in the fellowship hall with windows open, allowing the ventilation recommended by NCDHHS.
- Please wear face coverings. If we move inside due to weather, we will ask that face coverings be worn the entire time– even when speaking into the microphone.
- The technology committee will be supporting the on-grounds worship community's inclusion with the Zoom worship.
- There will be a laptop on site, but due to social distancing participants on site may find it difficult to see the screen. Bring your own device for video if desired.
- To create cohesiveness between on site and remote attendees, please approach the laptop if you would like to speak. Stand in front of the webcam so that your face can be seen by those attending via Zoom. The mic will be on so you do not need to worry about unmuting.
- For those that bring their own device for video:
  - Participants will need to disable all audio to prevent feedback with the on site audio equipment. To use video without audio, join Zoom, select phone/call in vs internet audio and then do not call in.
  - Video to yourself is optional. If you want to connect and turn video off at any point, that is OK.
  - WiFi is available and the recommended choice of connection. Please review the WiFi connection guidelines for your device so you know how to connect to a new WiFi connection. You can also find generic directions at this link (includes both Android and Apple). If you are still not sure how to connect to new WiFi connections after reviewing your device's directions or the generic directions, please contact one of the technology committee members listed below prior to coming to the Meetinghouse. This will allow for less tech distraction on site and will also protect our technology committee members from handling multiple personal devices.
  - The tech committee will provide the WiFi name (SSID) and password on site.