

Hospitality Committee Annual Report March 2018
Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

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We have set up CHFM LOTSA HELPING HANDS GROUP and are compiling the names of friends who we can contact when we get a request to provide meals. Being on that list does not commit you to providing assistance, but rather gives us permission to ask you if you can help. To be added to this list, please contact the Hospitality Committee via email to Annalee Harkins annaleeharkins@gmail.com

Potlucks: Committee members oversee potlucks. We are grateful for help with set-up and cleanup tasks. We have been inviting friends to bring their own plates and cutlery. We keep track of and purchase supplies such as drink mix, nametags, napkins and extra snacks. We have a list of cleanup responsibilities from the CFS Early School posted to follow. There have been some concerns about cleaning the cups and dishes ect. that we are currently addressing.

Greeters: The Hospitality Committee supplies and coordinates greeters for the 11am meeting, giving attention to visitors who are invited to sign into the guest book and given a nametag. We also inform visiting parents with children to the options for childcare and first day school. We ring the bell at 11:00 to signal the beginning of worship, and guide latecomers to the library to wait until the children leave at 11:15am.

We have asked that a tradition that had been discontinued be reinstated that other committees might step in and provide greeters. The response has been very positive and we are working up a guest greeter information guide.

Visitors and Newcomers: We host fellowship after meeting in the library to foster community and give visitors and newcomers an easy way to meet more of us. The scheduled greeter brings a snack. This year we have been encouraging greeters to also bring something savory and/or healthy. We store extra supplies under the counter. Visitors who leave their mailing address also receive a hand written note of welcome and a special invitation to potluck. Email addresses are sent to

publications to be added to the list serve. Annalee has re-done our notecards. Thank you Annalee. All members are encouraged to wear their nametags.

Special Events: We assist with the children's December party. We post and announce in the newsletter information for Thanksgiving for those who would welcome someone at their table and for those who are looking for a Thanksgiving Dinner home. This has not been as popular an event as in the past, but we would not suggest discontinuing it. We assist with meeting functions to the best of our ability when asked.

Foyer: We are working to make the foyer a less cluttered and more welcoming place. The committee is investigating options for nametag organization and storage.

Welcome Card: Inside "Walk Cheerfully over the world answering to that of God in everyone" George Fox, 1656

Dear-----, Greetings from the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting! We are so glad you joined us recently for meeting for worship, I've enclosed some information about the meeting and our practice to give you more of an idea of what we're about. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or would like to talk! I also want to let you know that we have a great potluck for all on the first Sunday of each month at the rise of meeting (~12:00pm) and we'd love to see you there! It's a fun way to get to know people, and for us to get to know you. Hope to see you again soon. Annalee (contact info)

Respectfully submitted: Hong Ahn, Buzz Borchardt, Annette Broadwell, Ronald Carnes, Nancy Fisher, Annalee Harkins, Lori Khamala, Joanna Selim(co clerk), Elizabeth Taylor(co clerk).

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Special Events: We assisted the Children's Religious Education Committee with the December holiday party, organizing finger food and helping with set up and clean up. We provided breakfast and lunch for the Quaker house board meetings. We helped with food, set up, clean up, and drinks for the event celebrating the life of Dirk Kelder.

Care: We collaborate with Care and Counsel to provide meals to members and attenders in need and invite everyone to volunteer in this effort as needed.

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Special Events: We organized a Thanksgiving potluck. As it was a small group, the location was again moved to the home of Alice Carlton and David Curtin. A good time was had by all five people who attended. We also assisted the Children's Religious Education Committee with the December holiday party, organizing finger food and helping with set up and clean up. We helped with set up, clean up, and drinks for several memorial services: for Bob Cooper, Bill Flash, and Susanne Grimolski.

Care: We collaborate with Care and Counsel to provide meals to members and attenders in need and invite everyone to volunteer in this effort as needed.

Respectfully submitted: Allison Campbell, Alice Carlton (convenor), Sean Chen, Nancy Fisher, Eloise Grathwohl, Wendy Michener, Joanna Selim, Monica Severino, Carolyn Stuart, and Elizabeth Taylor.

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Special Events: We provided refreshments for the memorial service for Ruth Hamilton's son, Brendan Wolberg, November 22 as well as food for the family's dinner that evening. We helped with a reception for engaged couple, Andrew Barker and Alex Hearsey June 29 and another reception for newweds Nick and Cara Mann on December 28. We organized a Thanksgiving potluck that six people attended. At the last minute the location was moved to the home of Alice Carlton and David Curtin. A good time was had by all. We also assisted the Children's Religious Education Committee with the December holiday party, organizing finger food and helping with set up and clean up.

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Respectfully submitted: Allison Campbell, Alice Carlton (convenor), David Curtin, Nancy Fisher, Eloise Grathwohl, Wendy Michener, Stuart Phillips, Joanna Selim, Monica Severino, Carolyn Stuart, and Buffie Webbier.

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Special Events: Hospitality assisted Children's Religious Education Committee with the December 15 holiday party, organizing finger food and helping with set up and clean up. Hospitality has also in the past organized a potluck at Thanksgiving, although interest has recently declined and we did not do so in 2013. We intend to start earlier in the fall this year to see if there is interest and need for Friends to gather at the Meetinghouse at Thanksgiving. We also provided refreshments for the memorial service for Nick and Bob Gwyn on August 31, 2013.

Care: We collaborate with Care and Counsel to provide meals to members and attenders in need for extra support and invite everyone to volunteer in this effort as needed.

Respectfully submitted: Alice Carlton (convenor), Dave Curtin, Nancy Fisher, Jasmine McKewen, Karen Merrey, Wendy Michener, Stuart Phillips, Joanna Selim, Carolyn Stuart, and Buffie Webber.