

## Quaker Quote

*It would go a great way to caution and direct People in their Use of the World, that they were better studied and known in the Creation of it. For how could Man find the Confidence to abuse it, while they should see the Great Creator stare them in the Face, in all and every part thereof?*

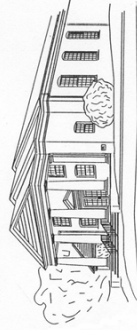
~ William Penn, 1644-1718

*In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.*

~ Genesis 1:1 (ESV)

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“I Have Called You Friends”

John 15:15

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A Meditation from Edgar H. Stranahan - June 15, 2024

## JESUS' WAY IS DIFFERENT

Every man setteth on first the good... then that which is worse: thou hast kept the good... until now.

— John 2:10, (Read Romans 5:1-11)

While the Bible tells us in many places that God acts toward his children “like a father”, more often it is recorded that there is a sharp contrast between man’s methods and God’s. This is, of course, but natural for He is unlimited and man is so surrounded by limitations.

Jesus, following the attitude and method of his Father, is often decidedly different from his disciples. They would send the hungry away, he would feed them. They would hinder the coming of children, he gathers them to himself. They would destroy an unresponsive city, he would weep over it. They would be served, but he came to serve others.

It is also to be noted that the contrast is always in Jesus’ favor. He found “a more excellent way”. There is a constant flow of God’s gifts streaming out toward receptive lives; they start as good and get better. Man, on the other hand, goes from that which is good to that which is worse; wasting, famine, rags and want in a “far country” follow as he goes. In the father’s house there is plenty and to spare. When we accept the invitation to the feast where Jesus is, we may be sure the next thing to be offered will be better. George Fox had caught something of this method when, after a fresh spiritual experience, he said that “the earth had a new smell”. He surely meant the world seemed better.

We only see a little of God’s loving !  
A few sweet treasures from His mighty store;  
But oh ! out there, beyond—beyond our Life’s horizon,  
There’s more ! There’s more !

— Quoted from *The Canadian Friend*

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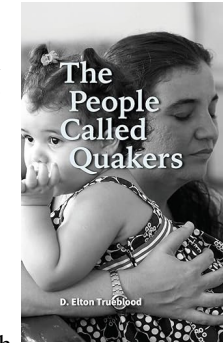
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## Excerpt:

### Hope For a Brilliant Future in the Quaker Story

“There is no hope for a brilliant future in the Quaker story without a conscious, deliberate and sustained effort to enlist and to train and minister related to the peculiar needs of our time and therefore different from any of the stereotypes with which we have been familiar in the recent past. This will not be accomplished unless the fire gets much hotter than it is now.” - D. Elton Trueblood

An excerpt from *The People Called Quakers* by D. Elton Trueblood, published by Friends United Press and available through the FUM online bookstore.



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*“Being surrounded by a community that sees and tells the truth, that establishes a standard for keeping promises and that applauds long-term generative thinking is a resilient way forward. Connection helps us find traction, and forward motion toward better.”*

— Seth Godin

*“The aim of Quaker worship is that our words and lives speak divine truth and love.”*

— Douglas Gwyn, *A Sustainable Life*

A church worker was having difficulty trying to sell tickets to a benefit to a member known for his tightfistedness. “I have another engagement that night,” he explained, “but I’ll be with you in spirit.”

“That’s fine,” said the solicitor. “Would your spirit prefer a seat in the \$50 or the \$100 section?”

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

B Gene Hancock — June 16  
B Alice Underwood — June 17  
B Tina Williams — June 22  
B Dedie Weaver — June 23  
B Jan Winslow — June 24  
B Pat Thames — June 25  
B Mason Sexton — June 26  
B Allison Weaver — June 27  
A Jeff & Alice Underwood — June 28  
B Meghan Peters — June 29

## CUOC for June:

Canned Beef Stew

## May Financial Report:

Income:	\$ 8,001.00
Expenses:	\$ 9,776.48
Gen Fund Balance:	\$ 30,739.59

## The Guest House

by Jalaluddin Rumi

Translated by Coleman Barks

*This being human is a guest house.  
Every morning a new arrival.*

*A joy, a depression, a meanness,  
some momentary awareness comes  
as an unexpected visitor.*

*Welcome and entertain them all!  
Even if they’re a crowd of sorrows,  
who violently sweep your house  
empty of its furniture,  
still, treat each guest honorably.  
He may be clearing you out  
for some new delight.*

*The dark thought, the shame, the malice,  
meet them at the door laughing,  
and invite them in.*

*Be grateful for whoever comes,  
because each has been sent  
as a guide from beyond.*





# Ladies' Bible Study

DairiO has sponsored a Men's Bible Study each Wednesday morning for several years. Sixty-two ladies attended the first Ladies' Bible Study on Thursday March 14, 2024!

All ladies are invited to attend each Thursday at 8:30 am.

**All ladies welcome! There is no charge! Yes, FREE!**



**NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!**

*Sleep in Heavenly Peace* (SHP) is a volunteer-driven nonprofit dedicated to building and delivering hand-made, fully furnished beds to children in need. SHP's mission is to tackle childhood bedlessness, which we estimate to affect nearly 3% of the population.

Along with CUOC, other local churches, and individuals we are starting a local chapter of SHP in Asheboro and Randolph County. We will go for training in August, but fund raising is being done at this time.

You can support our Randolph/Asheboro chapter in any or all of the areas listed below. You have one or more God-given talents that will enhance the lives of children in need.

**Once we are organized and running this is how the process works!**



**Anyone and everyone of any skill level can be a part of this ministry!**

**Please be in prayer how you can be a part of this exciting opportunity in our town!**

## Friends World Committee For Consultation to Offer "Hubs" For Participation In The 2024 World Plenary

The 2024 World Plenary Meeting (WPM) will take place on site in South Africa and online. Some Friends will join the WPM online as individuals, and others in groups. We are describing groups of people joining the WPM (and the locations they are joining from) as hubs. Everyone who plans to attend your hub should be encouraged to register so they have access to advance materials.



A hub is any group of Friends joining the World Plenary Meeting online from another location, from a single internet connection. The group size could be from 3 to 300+, but in many cases will be about 10 or 20 people. They may participate in the complete WPM from August 5-12, 2024 or just in some sessions. You can register online to become a hub.

## Asheboro Friends Prayer List June 15, 2024

### Members

- Becky Boone
- Carol Bullins
- Jackie & Pat Cole
- Susie Dunn
- Ava Grace Fogleman
- Linda Lanier
- Twyla Little
- Helen Marley
- Carol Meiers
- Family of Linda Moody
- Mary Ella Pugh
- Esther Underwood
- Family of Danny West
- Tina Williams
- Vernon Wilson
- Hal & Jan Winslow

### Hospitals & Nursing Homes

- Brookdale, Rock Hill, SC:
  - Harry Hudson
- Rose Glen Manor Assisted Living:
  - Becky Craven
- Terra Bella:
  - Hal Powell

### Law Enforcement & Services

- Jeremy Callicutt
- Evan Underwood
- Stephen Vaughn
- Asheboro Police Department
- Asheboro Fire Department
- Randolph County Sheriff's Office

### Missions

- Chosen People Ministries - The Arnolds
- Friends Disaster Service
- Gideon Ministries
- HASTEN International
- Nikki Holland—Belize
- Lydia's Place
- Neighbors Helping Neighbors & CUOC
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace
- The Friends Center MOWA
- Jonathan Spainhour

### Ministers & Staff

- David Millikan
- David Peters
- Cynthia Pierce
- Mike Wall



### Friends

- Charles Allen
- Judy Barnes
- Julia Barnes
- Alice Beasley
- Logan Brooks
- Suzanne Brown
- Barbara Bullin
- Larry Byrd
- Ethan Clarke
- Eddie Coggins
- Betty Cox
- Carson Daves
- Gwen Davis
- Candie Evavold
- Lauren Evavold
- Michael Farlow
- Rita Bass Ford
- Craig Frazier
- Angela Frye
- Vickie Frye
- Ruby Gainey
- Treva Gallimore
- Ricky Harris
- Frank Horton
- Family of Wade Huggins
- Pat Hussey
- Bill Ivey
- Karen Jacobs
- Rick Johnson
- Ray Lambe
- Ben Lewis
- Family of Louis Maness
- Yvonne Maness
- Libby McNeil
- Jeremy Moore
- Renee Nelson
- Tony Norris
- Don Osborne
- Jackie Parks
- Linda Poole
- Loyd Pugh
- Kaffy Reynolds
- Jennifer Ruff
- Family of Gil Sides
- Ron Smith
- Darrell Swaney
- Pam Thomas
- Tanya Trogdon
- Joe & Michelle Weaver
- Dolan Williams
- Claude Winslow

### Our World, Israel & The Ukraine

**Asheboro Friends Meeting & Kids Klub**  
**Friends Church of NC & Contentnea Quarter**

**First Responders & Healthcare Workers**

**All Our Elected Officials**

**Unspoken Requests & Unsaved Family & Friends**



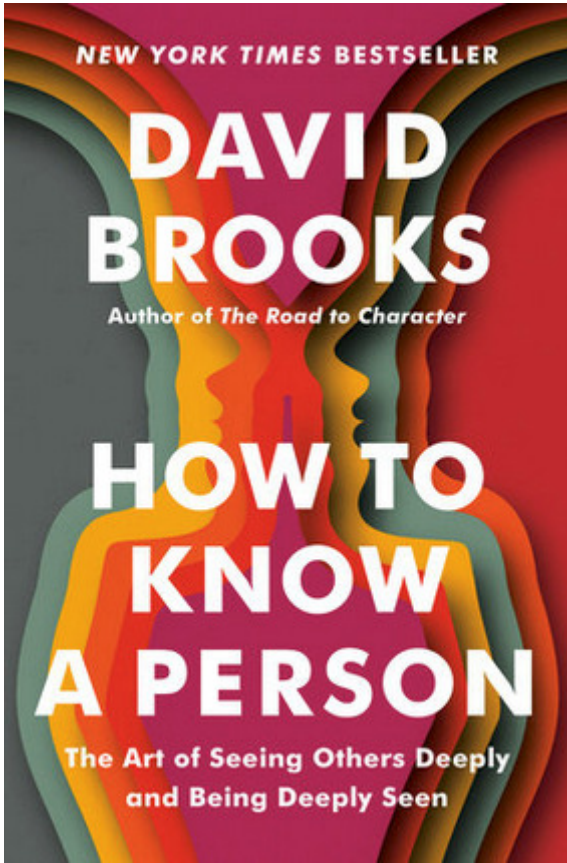
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## FUM Will Host Book Study Group

“Wise people don’t just possess information; they possess a compassionate understanding of other people.”

—David Brooks



This fall, Friends United Meeting will host conversations based on the book *How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Deeply Seen*, by David Brooks. This book study offers an opportunity for deepening relationships and communities.

David Brooks writes:

*The real act of, say, building a friendship or creating community involves performing a series of small, concrete social actions well: disagreeing without poisoning the relationship; revealing vulnerability at the appropriate pace; being a good listener; knowing how to end a conversation gracefully; knowing how to ask for and offer forgiveness; knowing how to let someone down without breaking their heart; knowing how to sit with someone who is suffering; knowing how to host a gathering where everyone feels embraced; knowing how to see things from another’s point of view.*

Brooks’s list of social actions recalls the familiar verse from Galatians 5:22-23, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”

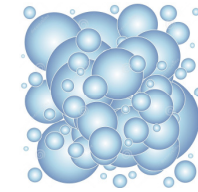
Please complete the online form at this link to let us know of your interest and availability: [https://bit.ly/FUM\\_book\\_2024](https://bit.ly/FUM_book_2024).

If a broadened and deepened sense of community and connectedness is something you desire, please complete the interest form and consider joining us this fall. — Michael Sherman

## Kids Klub News

Upcoming Event

Foam 'n Fun  
Friday, June 21 4:00 PM



## Yard Sale / CAR WASH



**Thank You !! You're the best!**  
To everyone who donated items, bought items, brought your car to be washed, or helped out !!!

**Friday & Saturday, June 14-15, 2024**

**Kids Helping Kids**

**Proceeds donated to the three  
Asheboro Friends Class Act Teams  
for beginning of school supplies**

