

Asheboro Community Bible Study

The 2024-2025 Study will resume at Asheboro Friends Meeting on January 6, 2025. You can choose between Monday nights at 7:00 PM or Tuesday mornings at 10:45 AM.

So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

— *Matthew 1:17 (ESV)*

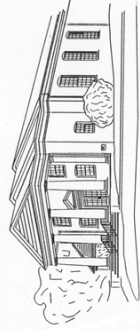
We are studying the Gospel of Matthew. Registration is open and the cost is \$35.00 per adult.

For more information contact Jay Brownfield at 336-653-9002 or visit the website at <https://asheboroeve.cbclass.org/>.

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"I Have Called You Friends"

John 15:15

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January 3, 2025

A Message from your Pastor

It is surprising, or perhaps it is not surprising at all, how many times in the past several days conversations have drifted to the subject of how rapidly time seems to be passing. My conclusion is that we have just experienced the close of another year, and we are on the cusp of a new year full of promise and hope.

In keeping with the Jewish tradition of the “jubilees” present in the Bible (cf. Leviticus 25:8-13) the Catholic church proclaims a Jubilee Year every twenty-five years. Pope Francis “wants the coming Jubilee Year 2025 to be lived as a ‘year of hope,’ very symbolic in times when the world’s wars seem to be unending and multiplying.”



It is difficult for me to believe that it has been twenty-five years since the world was preparing for and worrying about the impending disaster of Y2K. That proved to be a non-event blown far out of proportion (principally by computer consultants looking to make easy money), but in the ensuing years we have experienced events such as the September 11 terrorist attacks and the subsequent War on Terror, the Indian Ocean tsunami in 2004, historic hurricanes including Katrina, Matthew, & Helene, economic crises, the COVID-19 pandemic, the Hamas attacks on Israel in October 2023... The list is seemingly endless.

So how can we possibly have a “Jubilee Year of Hope” in 2025 when facing the reality that similar tragic unforeseen events will almost certainly come to pass in this New Year. Hope? How can we have hope?! Jesus gave the answer to His disciples and Matthew passed it along to us:

Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

— Matthew 6:31-34 (KJV)

Have a Hopeful and Blessed Year 2025!

David Millikan

Birthdays & Anniversaries

B Riley Roberson — January 6

B Helen Marley — January 18

CUOC for January

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November Financial Report:

Income:	\$ 40,243.25
Expenses:	\$ 10,406.37
Gen Fund Balance:	\$ 45,221.86



On Winter's Margin

by Mary Oliver

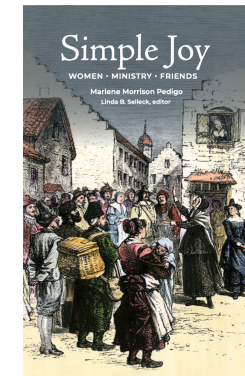
*On winter's margin, see the small birds now
With half-forged memories come flocking home
To gardens famous for their charity.
The green globe's broken; vines like tangled veins
Hang at the entrance to the silent wood.*

*With half a loaf, I am the prince of crumbs;
By snow's down, the birds amassed will sing
Like children for their sire to walk abroad!
But what I love, is the gray stubborn hawk,
Who floats alone beyond the frozen vines;
And what I dream of are the patient deer
Who stand on legs like reeds and drink that wind; -
They are what saves the world: who choose to grow
Thin to a starting point beyond this squalor.*

Excerpt: Hug Jesus



“It was a bitter cold winter night with wicked Chicago rush hour traffic, as I drove home after a hard day at work. My kids were in the back seats as I debriefed out loud about how I was running late due to the circumstances of the day. Essentially, I was complaining and feeling sorry for myself.



“Suddenly my six-year-old son spoke truth to my heart. ‘Mom, you just need to hug Jesus!’ Talk about having a holy moment — I heard God speak to me through the voice of a child!

“Today it is easy to feel that God is a ‘million miles’ away. How do we listen for God and “hug Jesus” when our lives become difficult and demanding, and when our thoughts and emotions are overwhelming?”

— Excerpt from *Simple Joy: Women, Ministry, Friends*, by Marlene Pedigo, coming in 2025 from Friends United Press.

People grow old only by deserting their ideals. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up interest wrinkles the soul. You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair.

— General Douglas MacArthur

It is only through labor and painful effort, by grim energy and resolute courage that we move on to better things.

— Theodore Roosevelt

Join Emily Provance as she facilitates a second training series for Quaker Trustees through the Quaker Leadership Center, in 2025.

The first session will be on Narrative Budget, led by Colin Saxton of Everence:

Too often, our organizational budgets become a necessary nuisance—something we turn to once a year to project anticipated income and expenses or as a monthly reminder to balance and report on our financial situation. Of course, budgets are much more than this. Used well, they help us execute our missional priorities and serve as a moral document through which we declare our intentions about how we will invest our time, talent, and treasure.

But what if they could serve us even better?

Join us on January 16 for an exploration and conversation around narrative budgets and their use as a source of inspiration, a storybook to communicate our purpose and priorities, and an invitation to partner with those who share our passion for doing good in the world.

Subsequent sessions will be on third Thursdays, February through May.

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.

Our NC-Randolph County chapter has delivered 28 beds to kids in Asheboro so far. Southern Quarterly Meeting is collecting funds for SHP and is planning to sponsor a Build Day in the coming weeks. The Rotary Interact Clubs at Southwestern Randolph High School and Uwharrie Charter Academy will have a Build Day on Monday, January 20.

Checks may be made to Sleep in Heavenly Peace (indicate NC-Randolph Co chapter in the memo line). Mail to SHP NC-Randolph Co Chapter, PO Box 206, Asheboro, NC 27204. We are also accepting donations of twin size mattresses, twin sheets, twin comforters/quilts, pillows, and pillowcases. Twin size bed-in-a-bag sets are perfect. Bring to Asheboro Friends or to CUOC.



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!

Quaker Trustees Online Training Series #2
Coordinated by Emily Provance of Good News Associates

For more information and to register: qrcd.de/QLC2

January 16	How to Create and Use a Narrative Budget
February 20	Dividing the Work and Good Communication
March 20	Insurance
April 17	TBA
May 15	TBA

*Sessions begin at 8 p.m. eastern on Zoom.

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Asheboro Friends Prayer List January 3, 2025

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Darrell Swaney
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Claude Winslow



Hurricane Helene Victims
Hurricane Milton Victims
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

Please submit additions to our prayer list:
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KIDS KLUB & G.L.O.W.

**Collecting Items
for folks in
Western NC**



Dish cloths/towels

Bath cloths/towels

Cleaning cloths/rags

Clothing and other items

**New & Used
acceptable**



The Christmas Story Kids Klub / GLOW Program Sunday, December 22, 2024

