

Friends at the Spring Fourth Month 2026



April 2026	On-site tech host	Worship Leader(s)	Program
5 Easter	Kara	Kara	11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship Tea
12	Need volunteer	Katie and Chris	9:30 Forum with breakfast 11:00 Worship
19	Jen	Need volunteer	9:30 Monthly Meeting 10:30 Fellowship Tea 11:00 Worship
26	John	Kara	11:00 Worship at the Perry Farm (more details in the weekly email)

Adult Forum/Quakerism 101 will take place on April 12 at 9:30 a.m. Stephanie Weisend will share information about Benjamin Lay, an 18th century writer, farmer, activist, and Quaker. (Editor's note: I looked him up, and this man is fascinating!) Sarah Farrell will prepare a delicious breakfast of eggs, bacon, toast and jelly, fruit, juice, and sweet rolls/bread. She always welcomes help or additional offerings.

The schedule for Adult Forum for the balance of this year is being developed with opportunities for Friends to share their spiritual journeys interwoven with opportunities for presentations on Quaker History. Sarah is seeking volunteers willing to share their spiritual paths during upcoming forums.

The next meeting of the **Technology and Communications** committee will take place online on Wednesday April 15th from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend via the same Zoom link we use on Sundays.

Meeting for Worship on April 26 will take place outdoors at the Perry Farm (*not at the Meetinghouse*) with attention to Stewardship (in proximity to Earth Day 2026).



The meeting's new **Worship** committee will meet in the hut at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening, April 29th. All interested friends are welcome to attend the meeting and also to share their thoughts about worship with the committee (Killian Barefoot, Dottie Hobbs, Katie Nelson, John Saxon, Jen Walker).

Contributions to Spring Friends:

- [Zeffy](#) (preferred) or [PayPal](#)
- Direct deposit. Contact friendsatthespring@gmail.com
- Check made out to “Spring Friends Meeting” and mailed c/o Ron Osborne at 2585 Nealwood Avenue, Graham, NC 27253

Celebrations

April Birthdays:

Bruce Walker

4th Carol Barlow Scott Smith

7th Ron Osborne

10th Jeff Hitchcock

12th Ben Talbot

13th Chazney Parks

16th Taylor Hobbs

17th Emma Hobbs

20th Christina Fisher

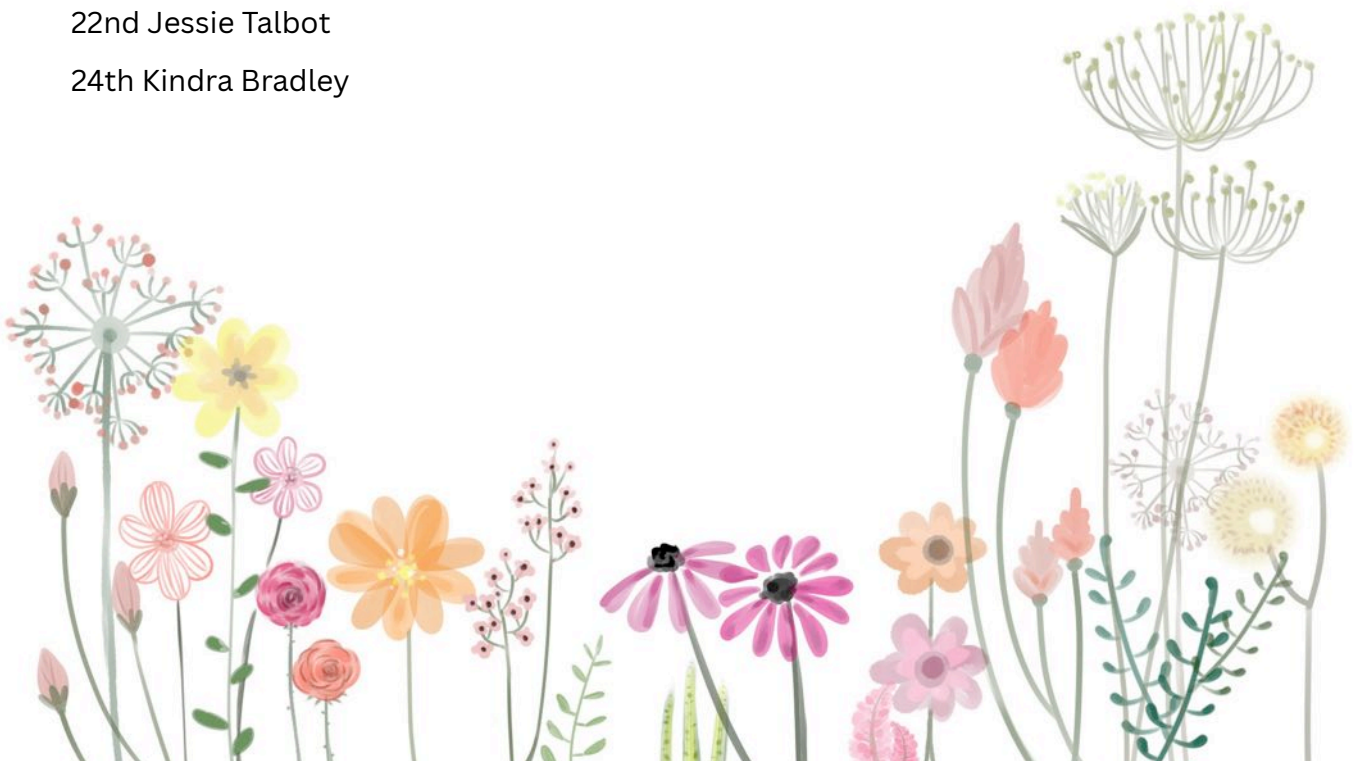
22nd Jessie Talbot

24th Kindra Bradley

April Anniversaries:

April 3rd Polly Dickson and Bill Minton’s wedding anniversary

April 16 David Grebow and Sue Fry’ s 11th wedding anniversary



Friendly reminder from the Technology and Communications Committee: The Spring-announce **Email Listserv** has roughly 90 subscribers - more people than just our typical attendees. Before hitting send on a message to the Listserv, please consider the content. If the information is more appropriate for a smaller audience, it is recommended to send directly to those recipients. Contact information for individuals can be found in the **Directory** (which is available to all who are listed there and currently being updated by Bruce and Cindy- anyone currently active in the Meeting is invited to be included).

Monthly Meeting for March met to address committee reports and new business concerns. The meeting opened with **queries on the topic of stewardship**:

Do we revere life and the splendor of the universe and act as stewards of God's continuing creation?

What are we doing to conserve natural resources and use them wisely?

Are we sensitive to the effect of our actions on future generations? How can we best preserve an environment in which diverse species can flourish?

Are we exercising stewardship of our financial resources so that we can share with others?

Are we taking good care of Meeting property for ourselves and those who will come after us? How do we use Meeting property to witness to our testimonies?

How does our ministry to care for the environment connect us to issues of justice and equality?

Summary of the discussion:

- The transition from meetings in the Fellowship Hall to Worship in the Meetinghouse was addressed, with reminders to Friends that Worship Leaders have worked diligently on their messages and deserve attendance from those in the Fellowship Hall in a timely fashion. The hand bell was brought to the Fellowship Hall to be used to call Friends from their meetings and into the Meetinghouse Worship.
 - Ministry & Counsel joyfully recommended approval of membership for Killian Barefoot. The traditional greeting of new members will occur later in the season.
 - The Worship Committee recommended that the first Sunday each month be devoted totally to Open Worship. Discussion ensued about the use of Zoom for every meeting and it was felt that continuing to offer Zoom was the appropriate inclusive option. It was agreed that from May to November, the first Sunday would be Open Worship with Zoom, to be revisited and evaluated in the Fall.
 - Building & Grounds reported on the painting schedule and the sign repair. Kurt needs a photo of the previous sign as he works toward replacement. If anyone has a photo of the sign, please contact him.
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