

Friends at the Spring Ninth Month 2026



Spring Friends is pleased to be the new home of a **blessing box** constructed in honor of James Wesley Kennedy, father of Friend Sarah Kennedy Farrell. The box is at the driveway and easily available for use by anyone who would like to share or take useful items that can be stored outdoors (such as shelf-stable food and personal hygiene items).

Date	On-site tech host	Worship Leader(s)	Program
6	John	Killian	11:00 Unprogrammed Open Worship (no message) 12:00 Fellowship Tea
13	<i>need volunteer</i>	John	9:30 Quaker Forum and potluck breakfast 11:00 Worship
20	Kara	Sarah	9:30 Monthly Meeting 10:30 Fellowship Tea 11:00 Worship "The Mr Rogers Effect: Show Gratitude"
27	<i>need volunteer</i>	Killian	11:00 Worship

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



Happy September Birthday!

4th Mike Dodge

6th Daniel Osborne

9th Celie McIver Lowe

10th Sheila Wilson

15th Michael Parks

16th Kara VanHooser

22nd Catherine Hobbs

September 13 Quaker Forum: Killian and others will share about adventures in England's 1652 countryside and Friends will share a potluck breakfast.

The next meeting of the **worship committee** is **Tuesday, September 29** @ 6:30 pm in the hut. All are welcome. Also from the worship committee: Some years ago, folks at Spring shared very short biographical presentations about who they are and what brought them to Spring. The worship committee is hoping we can revive those **"Get to Know You" presentations** during meetings for worship in the coming months and hope that it will not only help us get to know each other better but also deepen our shared community. Please let us know (sfmworship@googlegroups.com) if you might be interested in sharing a little bit about yourself, your life beyond Spring, and what brought and keeps you connected to our community.

Please join Friends from Spring to celebrate **Alamance Pride** at the historic depot in downtown Burlington from 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. **on Saturday October 3**

PRIDE!

Children's Story: Margaret's Message



Margaret Fell illustration by Marcela Teran/Liberation Works

Once upon a time there was a woman called Margaret Fell, who wanted to change the world.

Ever since she was a child she had known about men arguing over land and religion, then sending armies to fight against each other.

Margaret saw the suffering which was the result of war, and knew deep within her there must be a better way. But in those days, for the most

part, women were expected to be quiet and not say what they thought in public.

One day she received a very surprising visitor. He had long messy hair and looked as if he hadn't washed for some time, or even slept in a bed. Instead of fighting in wars, he had spent his life talking with ordinary people, and had recently had a vision at the top of a hill. His name was George Fox.

They began to pray together, in silence, with others who were part of the household. In the stillness Margaret felt herself shaking a little, then found herself on her feet speaking for herself, sharing out loud the words that had been inside her for so long.

The next week they met again, and the next week again, and again, as other men and women joined too. Afterwards they carried the news of what was happening to elsewhere in the country and then around the

world, including what at the time was a shocking event: women were speaking in religious meetings!

There were many powerful men who heard about this, and didn't like it at all. They said that the Bible didn't allow women to speak in this way. But Margaret knew the Bible very well indeed and showed that there have long been female Christian leaders, even in the time of Jesus.

A few years later, a new King came to power. He didn't understand the ideas of Margaret and George and feared they were plotting against him.

Margaret had already spent years standing up for the right of women to speak. Now it was time to speak directly to the most powerful man in the country. With a mix of confidence and nervousness, she wrote a letter, climbed on to her horse, and rode until she arrived in London, to give it to him directly.

The ruler was surprised and impressed with what he heard,

and promised to protect Margaret's group. But he didn't keep his promise. George, Margaret and people they knew were arrested just for meeting together. Even children were punished for continuing to gather together when their parents were taken away.

When Margaret was thrown in prison, she wrote her ideas down. Even when she was behind bars, her message kept spreading and the group kept growing.

After many years the government had to admit that their efforts had not worked. Without violence, the people Margaret helped lead had won the right to meet together as they wished.

By sharing her message when others said she should stay silent, Margaret showed the power of a peaceful movement speaking up for the equality of women. Even centuries later her words still inspire us to keep making change.