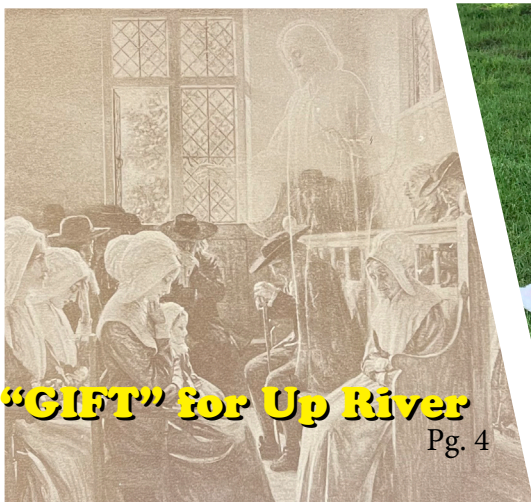




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SCAN



Attention

The Trustees of the Up River Cemetery request that all out of season flowers be removed from the cemetery before Easter to make mowing and maintenance easier for the spring and summer months. Thank you.

Up River Staff

Chuck Hartman - *Pastor*
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 Caroline Sweeney - *Minister of Children & Youth / Christian Ed.*
 Adam Lassiter - *Minister of Praise & Worship*
 Amanda Winslow - *Preschool*
 Anna Hooten - *Preschool*
 Kelli Price - *Preschool*
 Rayan Hooten - *Preschool*
 McKinsey Hooten - *Preschool*
 Conie Baker - *Caretaker*
 Lynda Givens - *Caretaker*
 Jon Bean - *Caretaker*

Elizabeth White USFW Circle News

The Elizabeth White Missionary Circle met at 2:00 at the home of Paul and Lois Faye White. Those in attendance were: Ron Rountree, Paul & Lois Faye White, Etta Florence Winslow, and Jacque Pagels. Etta Florence opened the meeting with prayer.

Jacque Pagels brought the program "Strength & Courage from the Lord" which was written by Lelia E. Taylor and last printed in 1984-1985. The message focused on the life of Quaker Sybil Jones, aunt of Rufus Jones, who was called the "mother of the Quaker missionary movement". Sybil was naturally of a timid nature but was fearless for the Lord. Sybil and her husband traveled the world. On one of their journeys in the village of Ramallah, near Jerusalem, a 15 year old girl spoke begging them to start a school for girls. At that time education for girls was not deemed necessary in Palestine. Thus the birth of the Ramallah Friends School for Girls. Sybil was winning souls for Jesus Christ of Nazareth through her spreading of His Word into the world.

Missions and giving for the month of March: Belize/Oscar Mmbali \$150; Jamaica/Pastoral Care \$150; Matamoros, Mexico Missions \$100; Up River Playground Equipment Fund \$100.

God willing we will meet again April 11 at the home of Paul & Lois Faye White. Please join us if so led.

Word Search

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It Takes A Village

by Kelli Lassiter Price

The old saying is true...it takes a village to raise a child and we continue to be blessed to be a part of Up River's village.

Being the parents of a handicap child is so challenging but since the beginning of this journey, Up River Friends has done everything they could to make things easier for us and continues to show their love and support for us and our girls. In honor of Bella's 5th and Kaeli's 3rd birthdays we wanted to set up a fundraiser as a special thanks to Up River and all who have helped and continue to maintain and expand their playground.

In July of 2022, they will be adding some safety rubber ground and a handicap accessible playhouse. The playground has been improved several times since it was built. Most recently they were able to enclose the entire area with a fence for safety and additionally add a cemented area which is not only perfect for chalk and bikes but also great for KK's wheelchair, which was not able to be used prior to the cement addition.

It's a place our family spends a significant amount of time: Sunday's, 3 preschool days a week, and, with it being a mile from our house, MANY sunny afternoons.

Anyone wanting to contribute to this can do so online by going to <https://www.upriverfriends.org/giving> and designating PLAYGROUND in the memo line.

Thanks for celebrating our March birthday girls with us! 🏡



An additional picture of the Blue Playhouse is located on page 7.



Birthdays & Anniversaries for April

01st David Jones, Carissa Lynn Baker
 02nd Sonya Hartman
 03rd R. J. Lassiter
 09th Lois Dail
 10th Jewel Winslow, Thomas Crain
 11th Keith Rountree, Kim Harris
 12th Jeffrey Winslow
 13th Masyn Kirby Colson
 15th Victoria (Tori) Jean White
 21st Jett Cagle Winslow
 22nd Easton Lee Dail
 23rd Susan R. Harris
 24th Dr. Clark Baker, Mark Baker,
 Chris Jones
 28th Lynette T. Baker, Lynda Givens
 29th Hillary B. Lassiter, Bonnie Smith

**Please let us know if you do not
 see your birthday or anniversary.
urfmeeting@gmail.com**

Calendar of Events

Mid-March 2022

14th Elizabeth White Missionary Circle
 at the home of Lois Faye 2:00 pm
 15th Preschool
 Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm
 16th Preschool
 17th Preschool
 20th Sunday School 10:00 am
 Worship 11:00 am
 Youth at the home of Jason & Caroline 5:00 pm
 22nd Preschool
 Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm
 23rd Preschool
 24th Preschool
 27th Praise & Worship 10:00 am
 Worship 11:00 am
 Youth at the home of Jason & Caroline 5:00 pm
 29th Preschool
 Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm
 30th Preschool
 31st Preschool

April 2022

2nd Clean up Day
 3rd Sunday School 10:00 am
 Worship 11:00 am **James Rhodes special speaker**
 Youth at the home of Jason & Caroline 5:00 pm
 4th Ministry & Counsel 7:00 pm
 5th Preschool
 Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm
 6th Preschool
 7th Preschool
 10th Praise & Worship 10:00 am
 Worship 11:00 am
 Youth at the home of Jason & Caroline 5:00 pm
 11th Elizabeth White Missionary Circle
 at the home of Lois Faye 2:00 pm
 12th Preschool
 Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm
 13th Preschool
 14th Preschool
 15th Good Friday service 7:30 pm
 17th Sunrise Service 6:15 am (Up River Community Cemetery)
 17th Breakfast 7:00 am
 Resurrection Sunday Worship 10:30am
 Egg hunt (**No Sunday School, No Youth**)
 19th Preschool Break
 20th Preschool Break
 21st Preschool Break
 23rd The Refuge Worship & Word Night 7:00 pm
 24th Praise & Worship 10:00 am
 Worship 11:00 am
 Youth at the home of Jason & Caroline 5:00 pm
 26th Preschool
 27th Preschool
 28th Preschool
 29th Homeless Feed

We wish to thank everyone who has contributed to this issue. Please get in touch with us if you want to share in an upcoming Lamplighter. Additionally, do not hesitate to contact us if you know someone who would like this publication or if you no longer wish to receive the Lamplighter: urfmeeting@gmail.com.

A "GIFT" for Up River

Memories of yesterday are always special to remember. Recently, I was contacted by June Lane Wampole, who grew up in the Up River community. June shared with me that she was given this gift as a young girl in 1980 from a former Pastor and his wife, Hershel and Janetta Hill, "THE PRESENCE IN THE MIDST". She and I caught up about the wonderful traditions and memories of Up River, and I truly felt blessed by her fond words for everyone in the meeting and I appreciated all of the sentiments we shared together. It's great that God brings us together for His good and His purpose to give Him all of our Glory and Honor. Thank you, June.

In Christ's Love, Lynn Lassiter

The Gift was accepted with appreciation at our Monthly Meeting. 🕯



Pastor Chuck Hartman and Asst. Clerk Sherree Winslow



THE PRESENCE IN THE MIDST

The Quaker painting, "The Presence in the Midst", was painted by J. Doyle Penrose, a professional artist and Friend, in the early 1900's.

The scene is in Old Jordans Meeting House in the county of, Buckinghamshire, England. Doyle Penrose often attended meeting at Old Jordans and in worship one day he envisioned Friends of three hundred years ago in worship. During the silence of the meeting he saw a vision of Christ with outstretched arms blessing the congregation. This vision of the Presence led to the painting.

The man without a hat is George Fox. In the burying ground of the Meeting lies William Penn, his wife, Gulialma, and three of their children. A few hundred yards down the road is a barn, the roof of which is made of the hull of the Mayflower.

We hope that this picture will mean as much to you as it has to us.

Hershel & Janetta
8/2/80

Friends Helping Friends Scholarship

The Friends Helping Friends Scholarship is in its twelfth year, having awarded over \$25,000 to local high school students during the past decade.

The Scholarship Program awards scholarships to seniors in the surrounding community and/or graduates of Perquimans County High School. Scholarship awards range in amounts of \$500, \$750 and \$1,000 each.

Scholarship recipients are not members of Up River Friends. The program is an outreach program available to students who demonstrate a desire to help others and serve their communities. Recipients learn the importance of philanthropy and giving back through this scholarship program. Without the kindness of others, the road to getting a degree can be difficult. Hopefully, this attitude continues with these recipients throughout life and they find ways to donate to other programs and scholarships in the future.

Scholarship recipients are recognized during Sunday morning worship hour each May.

Anyone interested in contributing to the Scholarship Fund may do so by donating at <https://www.upriverfriends.org/giving>. 🏠



Scripture Memory for April 2022

Preschool

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

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“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” John 3:16-17

Prayer Requests

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. 1 John 5:14

PRAYER REQUESTS: World Leaders and those working to bring world peace. Our elders, children, youth, and leadership of our meeting; Lynda Givens; Lona Stallings; Tommy Riddick; Kaeli Price; Betty Bundy; Viola Britt; McKay and Judy Riddick; Garland Anderson; Emmie Lou Hughey; National Healing; Olin Slabaugh; Cash Caldwell; Jessica Townsend; Tim Tyler; James Ward; Jason Kretzer; Dale Weeks; Ken & Rebecca Spivey; Toni Bundy; Marsha Beatly; Beckie Rosenheim; Charles Hartman; Ginger Bundy; Ron Rountree; Sonya Hartman; Safety in our area school systems; URF preschool; Chad Baker; Tammy & Tyler Givens; Lee Schwartz; Jenny Underwood; James & Jan Rhodes; Lyn Winslow; Ukraine; “Please pray for my 21 year old nephew Timothy. He has joined the voluntary territory defense for his Ukrainian village”; Tommy Chappell; Gray Little; James Hurd; Our missionaries.

HOMEBOUND AND/OR CONVALESCING: Tommy Stallings; Lorraine Casper; Sandra Parks; Eura Hall; Christine & Red Chappell; Eloise and Lyndon White; Renee Marshburn; Herbert Williams; Lois Faye & Paul White; Carey Guyer; Virginia Texine Stallings Williams; Micah Brooks; Linda Hall; Pete Owens; Our Caregivers.

If you have a prayer need, please get in touch with us: urfmeeting@gmail.com, <https://www.upriver-friends.org/prayer>, or





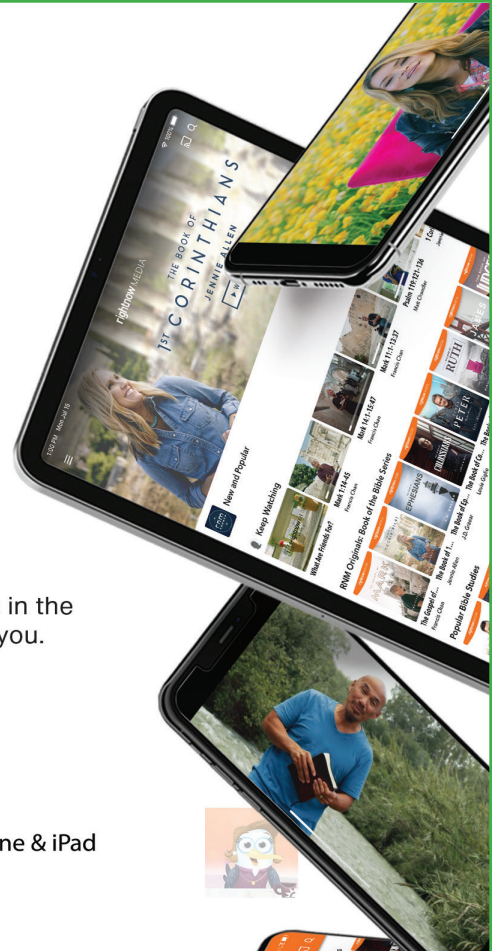
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OUR LEGACY: a tribute to GEORGE FOX and WILLIAM EDMUNDSON

by JOSEPHINE RHOADES DAVIS

Recently we received correspondence from Ellen Johnson. While cleaning out her mother's attic, she came across a play written by her step-great grandmother, Josephine Rhodes Davis. The play was first performed in 1929 and commemorated the first recorded religious service in North Carolina.

As 2022 is the 350th anniversary of this significant occasion, Mrs. Johnson permitted us to reprint portions of the play in the Lamplighter over the coming months. We wanted everyone to have a chance to read the work of Josephine Rhodes Davis. This work reveals the early Quaker desire to bring Christianity to the Colonies. The original signed manuscript, donated by Mrs. Johnson, has been placed in the Up River library for preservation. Now we hope you will enjoy the first installment of *OUR LEGACY: a tribute to GEORGE FOX and WILLIAM EDMUNDSON*. 



A HISTORY PLAY written for the EDMUNDSON-FOX MEMORIAL, HERTFORD, NORTH CAROLINA

sixth month, eleventh, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine

"This was the first organized effort of any kind to carry the religion of Christ into North Carolina. . . . They were in more senses than one path-breakers, as they pushed through the southern wilderness and answered the 'great desire' of the people."

—RUFUS JONES: *The Quakers in the American Colonies.*

Foreword

A History Play for Friends in North Carolina, setting forth in an Introduction and three Episodes a well known historical event. The object is not simply to awaken in the reader an idle contemplation of the past, and leave him in that state "unpurged and impotent"; but to stir up his passionate interest in the present, and a sense of his responsibility toward the future.

Introduction

A CHRONICLER OF HISTORY AND THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTIANITY

CHRISTIANITY: Turn back the pages of thy book, today.

HISTORY: Turn back? Thou hast not grown a-weary?

CHRISTIANITY: A-weary? No! My heart is lightened by the word that there are those who would review the past: they would refresh their memories of deeds long done; they would renew their courage in the cause; they would hold fast the Faith!

HISTORY: Commendable! Aye, a duty!

CHRISTIANITY: Word came that they a tribute wished to pay to two most loving and courageous ones, now three centuries ago.

HISTORY: They Christians were?

CHRISTIANITY: Aye, Christians in very sooth. Friends of Christ they called themselves. In the first days, their rules and principles spelled anarchy, but by the slow education of the centuries, and the beneficial changes which they wrought they now spell righteousness, peace and love.

HISTORY: I will turn back the pages of my book, for their name is written large. In decisive protest against the moral cowardice and spiritual oppression of their time, none took a more significant and purer part than the Society of Friends.

CHRISTIANITY: Decisive protest! Yes, the Friends arose in an age of dogmas, and creeds, and persecutions, and reforms, and religious revolutions. They took their place with the reformers and were the most advanced of them all.

HISTORY: I have observed that no great reformation has ever taken place without having

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its causes in the ages antecedent. Greek culture and Roman conquest achieved a mighty civilization, but at what cost? Its moral life: its life of conscience and duty!

CHRISTIANITY: And it remained that the renewal of this moral life should be the object of the efforts of the Society of Friends.

HISTORY: The issues of a crisis often depend upon the obscurest members of society. This is History's secret: that there is always a group, no matter how small and insignificant, who perceive and pursue the things that make for righteousness.

CHRISTIANITY: It is of this group, dear History, that my people would a tribute pay to two: one, George Fox, the founder of their faith; the other, William Edmundson, his friend—both sojourners in these parts, in the desperate days, for their dear sakes. Wilt bid them back?

HISTORY: I'll bid them back. History shall repeat itself, for love's dear sake.

CURTAIN



Episode I

"NOT MY OWN AM I, BUT THE WORLD'S"

TIME: 1643

PLACE: "The Leicester Shoe Shop," Leicestershire, England

PERSONS: George Fox, a young shoemaker
A Voice

(George Fox is seen sitting in his stall, boring and hammering on a shoe. A Bible is near at hand.)

A VOICE: Man! bethink thee if thou hast power of thought! What binds thee here? So bandaged and hampered and hemmed in art thou, thou canst neither see nor move.

GEORGE FOX (*startled*): What binds me here? Want! Want!

A VOICE: Ha, of what? Will all the shoe-wages under the moon ferry thee across into that far land of light? Only meditation can, and devout prayer to God.

GEORGE FOX (*in startled decision*): I will to the woods: the hollow of a tree will lodge me, wild-berries will feed me; and for clothes, cannot I stitch myself one perennial suit of leather?
(He spreads out his cutting board, cuts cowhides and stitches them together.)

A VOICE: Stitch away, thou noble Fox: every prick of that little instrument is pricking into the heart of slavery, and intolerance, and war; it is bearing thee across the prison-ditch into lands of true liberty; were the work done, there is in broad Europe one free man and thou art he!

GEORGE FOX (*in dedication*): Not my own am I, but the world's. Lord, Thou that knowest all things, know that I offer up, not only my liberty, but life also, for Thy name and gospel's sake.

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The Float Bridge

Crafting for Young Friends

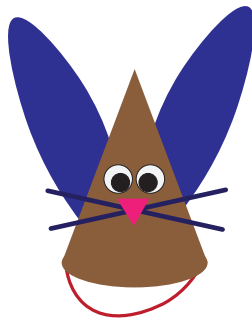
Bunny Party Hat

You Will Need: Party hat, construction paper, google eyes, tape, scissors, marker, school glue.

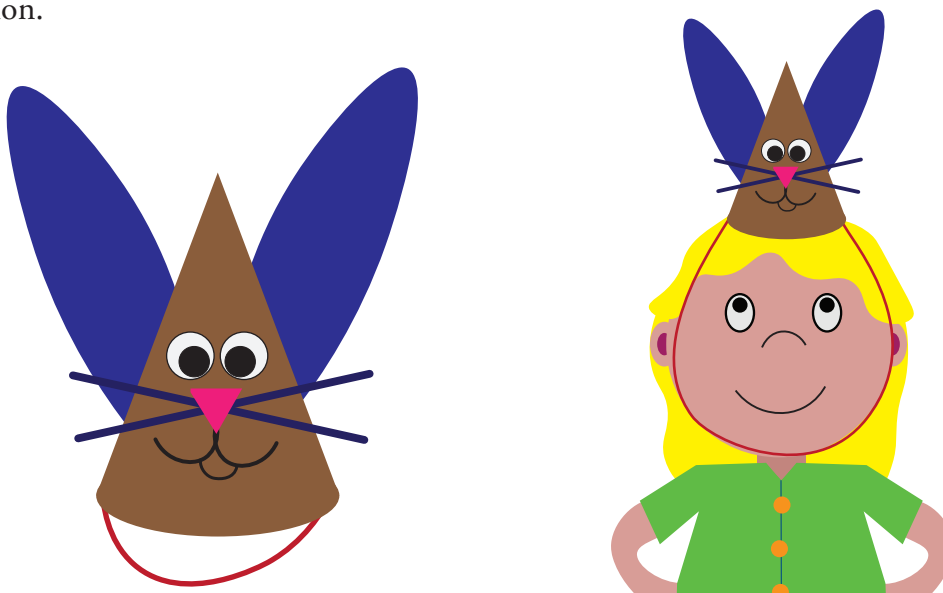
1) Start by cutting two bunny ears from the construction paper using scissors. **REMEMBER!** *Any time a child uses scissors, there must be an adult present.* Attach the construction paper ears to the back of the party hat using tape.



2) Now, attach the google eyes to the front of the bunny hat using school glue. Use more construction paper, cut or tear whiskers, and a nose. Attach the whiskers and nose to the bunny hat.



3) Finally, using the marker, draw a mouth for the bunny hat and place the hat on your head, and enjoy your creation.



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