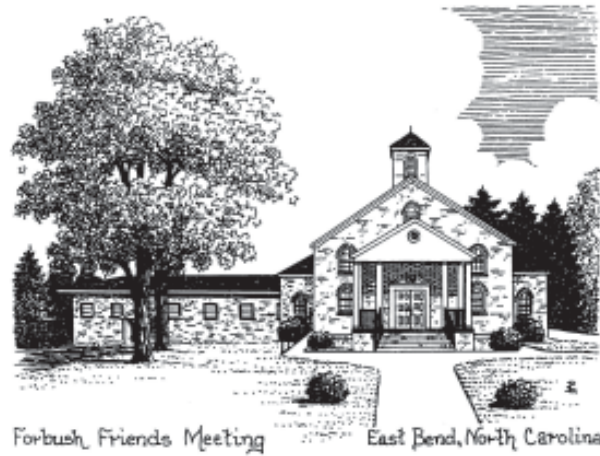


News from a Friend

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From Pastor Andy

*Anyone who has never
made a mistake has
never tried anything new.
Albert Einstein*

Old Albert was a pretty smart fellow, except when it came to haircuts. Seriously, his hair always looked like he just discovered electricity. Albert Einstein taught us that time is relative. Of course, anyone that has ever watched the last 5 minutes of a clock before school lets out, already knows that time can move slowly. Anyone who has spent 5 minutes talking to someone you love, already knows how time can fly by! At Forbush Friends Meeting we have been thinking about time. Since our time seems to fly by so quickly, we are praying about giving our Sunday

School and worship a few more minutes. Forbush Friends is prayerfully considering some small changes to Sunday School and worship. We are considering taking a breather from opening of Sunday School to give a little more time for our Sunday School. We believe the extra few minutes in Sunday School will give us more time to dig deep into the Word of God. We are also considering a having an informal gathering time just before our worship proper begins at 10:30 a.m.

The gathering time will be time for new folks to know more about our ministries, to highlight important announcements, to celebrate things happenings in our families, and to build community in our meeting. This very informal

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gathering (that we are still praying about) will start around 10:20 a.m. It is our hope that not only will this give us time to highlight ministries and grow closer, but it will also give us more time in the worship service for singing, prayer, open worship and preaching the Word. Let me give you one more quote associated with Mr. Einstein. He said, "The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious." In our Sunday School, in our worship, in our missions and in everything we do, we desire to catch a glimpse of fathomless mystery of God who loved us enough to die upon a cross that we might have life and life abundantly. Please join us in prayer as we consider these proposed adaptations and let us know what you think.

I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

John 10:10b

Introducing...

Drum roll please.

Please welcome our new intern. . . Cody Eller!

Although Cody has already been worshipping and doing ministry with us, we are very excited about Cody beginning his official internship with us in October.

Although he will be focusing a lot of time with our youth, we will also be giving Cody a variety of opportunities across the whole spectrum of ministry at Forbush Friends Meeting. Cody will be an intern with us for the next three months. In coordination with the Yearly meeting, he will be working about 10 hours a week.

Cody is 20 years old and engaged to Ashley Noelle Robertson, who we are also thrilled to have worshipping with us. Cody is a graduate of Forbush High School, has been active at Union Cross Friends for a number of years, has a part time job at Taco Bell, and is currently attending a Christian college in Wilkesboro. Please pray for Cody as we embark on this exploration of ministry together.

WELCOME CODY!!!!

180fm The Rock

The youth have worked so hard this past month during our Reach Yadkin mission's trip! This outreach event was a blessing to our youth and to our community; thank you all for your prayers and support for this event.

They have also been working really hard on youth Sunday; which will be October 4. Come and hear about ministries they have been involved in throughout the summer and hearing what God is doing in their lives!

I am currently looking for volunteers that would be interested in bringing snacks and visiting with students during youth meeting. If you're interested, please contact me and we can figure out what Sunday works best for you! Being a part of youth meeting will not only bless our students and myself, but God will also bless you!

I am very excited to start working with Cody Eller. He is a Forbush Falcon at heart and is currently attending Foothills Christian College, majoring in Christian ministries. At only 20 years old, Cody already feels the Lord

calling him into youth ministry! He has a huge Junior High event coming up on November 8. Keep your eyes and ears open to hear more information about this "Wii Love Jesus" event!

Please continue to pray for our youth group. Youth today face so many challenges at school, home and in relationships. Pray for them to have no fear while they stand up for their faith in their daily lives; and for them to have a closer, more personal, walk with our Lord, Jesus Christ.

~Heather~



Important Dates

- *Oct. 4: Children's Choir, 3-3:30 p.m.; Club Meeting, 3:30-5 p.m.
- *Oct. 18: Pumpkin Patch Field Trip, Quaker Lake Camp, 3-5 p.m.

Steak Supper

Oct. 10, 6 p.m., Family Life Center Fundraiser; see Myra Vestal for tickets, which are \$25 each

USFW News

My cup runneth over” (Psalm 23:5) is the theme of the USFW programs this upcoming year. Each month the USFW sends money to the “Greensheet” projects for the NC USFW/USFWI. For October the donations will be divided among the Keys to the Kingdom.

The first key is for the Belize Boys School scholarships. The Belize Boys Scholarship is an excellent way to provide for the tuition and uniform need of the young men who attend Belize Friends Boys School. Mike and Kay Cain served the Boys School from 1996-2008. Sam and Becky Barber and their four children began serving in 2009.

The second key is for Triennial travel assistance. The Triennial travel assistance has historically been used to help offset the cost of triennial travel overseas for the USFW Yearly Meeting President/ Presiding Clerks. The USFWI triennial occurs every three years. In 2010, the triennial will be in Kenya!

The third key is for the Jamaica Lyndale/Swift Purcell

building fund. There are still a great number of projects at both Lyndale and Swift-Purcell that need to be taken care of. Swift is working diligently to make the necessary repairs on the kitchen. With these repairs completed, the new dining hall will be able to be utilized. Lyndale is working on obtaining the necessary space to pass government codes and reopen.

The fourth key is for Cuba Relief Fund which will enable several of the Cuban Meeting-houses to complete long-needed repairs. Many of the churches and parsonages need new roofs and structural support.

The USFW annual Auction Sale and Chicken Stew will be Sat., Nov. 7. The stew and hot dogs will be available from 4-6 p.m. with the auction beginning at 6 p.m. Donations are gratefully appreciated. Please label each item with your name please. All the events will be held in the Family Life Center.

Please join us for our monthly meetings on the first Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. in the USFW room in the Family Life Center.

Greetings from the Choctaw Friends Center

First, I want to thank you all so much for the items you sent down in June and all the back to school supplies you sent down in August. We truly feel blessed by all the energy and time that Forbush has put into serving the center, and we want you to know that we have seen the difference it has made in the lives of many people.

Corey and I are staying busy with all the things happening here at the center including our after school program that is busting at the seams with 25 children and counting. Currently our intern, Will Allen, is serving as our after school director and educational opportunities coordinator. We are also still offering weekly Bible Studies for youth and women within the community and seeing lots of spiritual growth.

We are so excited about the things going on here, and feel so blessed by those that have been contributing to this ministry through our Hands on Help program through monthly donations. It is through our Hands on Help program that

we are able to offer these programs and many more on a weekly and monthly basis.

Some of the upcoming activities that you could be praying for are our annual Halloween party and movie night; our Thanksgiving and Christmas community meals; the Friendly women's advent Bible study; Christmas Re-Store; the youth groups trip to North Carolina for Tremors; NC Young Adult trip to Choctaw in January; Corey and I coming home in October; and Will's trip home for Christmas; and of course, you can pray for our daily activities and those that we serve.

If you are interested in finding out more about the MOWA Choctaw Friends Center, please visit our blog at www.mowacfc.blogspot.org. Also, if you would like to become a monthly donor, contact the Yearly Meeting office about becoming a Hands on Help sponsor.

Thank you and God Bless,
Corey and Jennifer York,
Directors MOWA Choctaw
Friends Center

The Book Nook

Award-winning author Beverly Lewis has been sharing her gift with the world since her first book was published in 1993. That first book is now part of her popular children's series *CUL-DE-SAC KIDS*. These simple chapter books for early readers are interesting and engaging for both boys and girls.

Beverly later ventured into adult Christian fiction with her three book series *The Heritage of Lancaster County*. These books created the niche for which she is most widely known: glimpses into the lives and ways of the Amish community. All 21 of her adult fiction titles are Amish related novels that draw you into a world that seems far removed from the modern lives we live today.

Though not of the Amish faith, Beverly was born and raised in Lancaster, PA. Her maternal grandmother left her Old Order Mennonite family to marry a Bible College student, Beverly's grandfather. Her first adult fiction title, *The Shunning*, is loosely based on this union; thus, the natural passion to share an accurate portrayal

of the Amish and Mennonite communities.

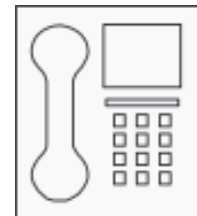
We are fortunate to have many of the 80 books that Beverly has published in our church library. After reading most all of her adult titles and many of her children's books, I find myself always looking forward to the release of her next title. She makes it so easy to lose yourself in the lives of her characters. I highly recommend this author for her heart-warming and accurate portrayals of the Amish way of life.

Lawanda Brown

In each newsletter, we will try to provide you with a church member's suggested reading or favorite author testimonial from those available in the church library. If you have a favorite book or author and would be willing to provide a brief statement or review, please email it to Sandra Brown for the next issue!

Phone Tree

If you are not getting messages from Forbush Friends phone tree, please provide your name and telephone number to Sandra Brown. Thank you!



Aim High

“Aim at a high mark and you will hit it. No, not the first time, not the second time and maybe not the third. But keep on aiming and keep on shooting for only practice will make you perfect. Finally you’ll hit the bull’s-eye of success.” Annie Oakley (Sharpshooter and Quaker)

Forbush Friend’s Men’s Ministry is back! Grab a Bible, a shotgun (not required) and an appetite (not required but highly recommended). On Oct. 17 the men of our community (both young and old) will be learning about what it means to follow Christ! We will also be shooting skeet and eating!

If you’ve never done it before, it’s a ton of fun. We literally have some of the nation’s best marksmen there to help us with safety and skill. And the cooks may not be five-time national champs, but the food tastes like it! We will give you times and details as the date approaches, but go ahead and save the date!

INVITE A FRIEND TO THIS LIFECHANGING MINISTRY!

Homecoming and Revival

Forbush Friends is blessed to have Rev. Chris Thore as our revival speaker for October 25-28. Pastor Thore is the senior minister at Clemmons United Methodist Church. He is a much sought after preacher, a wonderful pastor and (among many other ministries that he is involved in) is the founder of Summer-Shine, a ministry which connects college students with summer jobs at campgrounds where they work and share Christ. Chris and Pastor Andy have worked together for more than 20 years at youth retreats. Andy will start us out by preaching on Sunday morning and evening, then Chris will share the Word Monday through Wednesday.

Please keep our revival in your prayers and plan to come every night.

Friends Disaster

Friends Disaster will meet in Ararat, NC, to finish a house on Oct. 18-24. Lodging will be at Ararat Friends Meeting. Volunteers needed! Contact Wiley Shore or Hal Smitherman.

YAMS

YAMS is the Young Adult Ministries Services that has been developed to reach out to our 18-20 something age group.

The next event to be held for the young adults (YAs) is a Movie/Fall Frolic night to be held on Friday night, Oct. 23. Mark your calendars and join the other YAs for a great night of fun.

YAMS Mission Statement:

Provide opportunities through activities, programs and resources for young adults to explore ways to integrate their faith in Jesus Christ in their lives and through their life transitions; and to develop young adult leadership and ministry through resources and programs to empower young adults and strengthen their commitment to Jesus Christ, the church and the community.

Check the church website at www.forbushfriends.org for info on church activities, to see a photo gallery of church events, etc.

Forbush Faithbook

During the ages from 18-23, young adults (YAs) go through many transitions: remaining in the community and attending a community college, going away to college, joining the military, starting their careers or starting their families. It's important our church stay in contact with these YAs, and YAMS needs your participation. On the fourth Sunday of each month, the contact information for all YAs that are college age will be made available on a Forbush Faithbook board placed on the front porch. Anyone is encouraged to take a name and contact that individual at least once during the next month. Send a card, give them a call, text them a message, e-mail them, or poke them on Face Book. Then on the next fourth Sunday, those same names will be made available again for selection for the next month. If you have any questions or to want to add a name to the board for selection, please contact Adelia "Dee" Smitherman.