



First Friends Meeting
Sixth Month, Twenty Eight 2015

Gather and Center

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Deborah Suess

Joys and Concerns

Silence for Centering Prayer

Listen and Respond

Hymn 718

God of Wisdom, Truth and Beauty

sup. hymnal

Scripture

2 Timothy 1:3-7

Deborah Suess

Anthem

A Place at the Table-see page 6 for lyrics

Offertory Prayer

Deborah Suess

Offertory

Hymn 68

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

blue hymnal

Message “The Educational Power of Women Friends” Jane Fernandes

Waiting Worship After the Manner of Friends *If led to speak, please stand and wait for a host to bring a microphone. Please allow for a few minutes of silence between messages.*

Go Forth in Spirit

Spoken Benediction

Congregational

Go Now in Peace

Benediction Hymn 717 verse 1

blue hymnal

Please close Meeting for Worship by shaking hands with your neighbors.

Offering the morning message today is Jane Fernandes. Jane is the ninth president of Guilford College and the first deaf woman to lead an American college or university. She began her work at Guilford July 1, 2014, having served as provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of North Carolina at Asheville since 2008. At Guilford, she holds the faculty rank of Professor of English.

As chief executive officer at Guilford, Jane is responsible for the supervision, management and governance of the College, which employs 190 faculty members and 240 full-time staff members. She leads an independent liberal arts college founded by the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in 1837. The College has 2,300 traditional-aged and adult students, including students in The Early College at Guilford.

A native of Worcester, Mass., Jane is a graduate of Trinity College in Connecticut, where she earned her B.A. in French and comparative literature, and the University of Iowa, where she earned an M.A. and a Ph.D. in comparative literature. Born deaf to a deaf mother and hearing father, she learned American Sign Language (ASL) as a graduate student.

Jane's husband, Jim, is an emeritus professor at Gallaudet. They have two children: Sean, a graduate of UNC Chapel Hill and now a law student at the University of Chicago, and Erin, a student at Smith College.

*Flowers are in loving memory of Jay Cary & Caroline
from Ron & Carol Whitley.*

IN THE LIGHT

Collette Edwards who is recovering from a serious allergic reaction.

Currently, 18 First Friends and friends are in Costa Rica. Read about their trip so far on page 7.

Fred Small is back at Blumenthal Rehab. No visitors due to erratic schedules. Cards can be sent to his home.

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH CONCERNS IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY

Lisa Moran, associate pastor of Centre Friends, is scheduled to have surgery on July 2.

Sam Hart's father **Steve**, Teri Ariansen, Monica Hix's friend **Dr. Bob Herron**, Hunt family friend **Elijah**, Helen Parrish's friend's daughter, Heidi McLaughlin's son **Christopher**, Rose Corbett's mother **Betsy Wray**.

Do you have prayer concerns you would like to share? Please consider submitting them to Kristina by Thursday at 9:00 am so they can be printed in the bulletin and lifted up during Sunday's meeting for worship.

JOYS

Dick and Jan Potter happily celebrated their 50th anniversary on Friday, June 19. They were married in Mt. Pleasant, MI while Dick was in grad school.

Sally Caldwell and Roy Moore who will be married this afternoon!

THANKSGIVINGS

For our June Volunteers:

Morning Host: Jean Christy and Tim Jackson

Meetinghouse Closers: Andrew & Kathryn Straughn

Transportation: Jim Reese

If you would like to volunteer, please contact the office.

SCRIPTURE

2 Timothy 1:3-7

I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

First Friends warmly welcomes visitors.

Please complete a yellow card and place it in the offering plate.

We invite you to contact pastoral staff with any questions.

Please help yourself to Quaker literature in the foyer.

If interested in doing a monthly bank draft or to make a contribution via debit or credit card please see our or Lead Morning Host, Jean Christy in the back foyer.

Gentle Reminders:

Please silence all electronic devices.

Activity packets are available for children as well as a fully staffed nursery. Please ask a morning host for assistance.

For everyone born, a place at the table,
For everyone born, clean water and bread,
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
For everyone born. A star overhead,

Chorus

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,
compassion and peace:
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

For woman and man, a place at the table,
Revising the roles, deciding the share,
With wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair.

For young and for old, a place at the table,
A voice to be heard, a part in the song,
The hands of a child in hand that are wrinkled,
For young and for old, the right to belong.

For just and unjust, a place at the table,
Abuser, and abused, with need to forgive,
In anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
For just and unjust, a new way to live.

For everyone born, a place at the table,
To live without fear, and simply to be,
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
For everyone born, the right to be free.

A note from out F/friends in Costa Rica...



The pilgrims on a journey in Costa Rica are safe, sound and having a wonderful time. We had a morning devotional about not being in control and through our time here we've had the pleasure of practicing letting go and giving grace to ourselves, to each other and to those we meet along the way. We'd appreciate prayers for continued safety as we travel precarious roads and traffic patterns. A question we

are asking ourselves while we are here, "Costa Rica was named the world's happiest country...what can we learn from that? How is God stirring joy in our lives? How can we learn to be agents of joy in this world?"

We can't wait to share what we learned upon our return!

Blessings from your Friends in Costa Rica!



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First Friends is a Quaker Meeting
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with God, one another, and all creation.

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Office hours week of June 29 :

Monday: 9:00 am-1:00 pm
Tuesday-Thursday: 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
Friday: Closed

Ministers: Everyone

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Pam Reese, Treasurer
Celeste Currie, Nursery Care
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Jean Christy, Head Morning Host

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Sunday Gatherings

Unprogrammed at 9:00 a.m. in the Gathering Room
Choir at 9:50 a.m. in the choir loft
Semi-programmed at 11:00 a.m. in the Meetingroom