



**First Friends Meeting**  
Ninth Month, Thirteenth 2015

# *Gather and Center*

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

I Love You Lord

Choir

**Welcome and Announcements**

Kristina Pisano

**Joys and Concerns**

**Silence for Centering Prayer**

## *Listen and Respond*

**Hymn 726**

We Praise You, O God

*blue hymnal*

**Scripture**

James 3: 1—12

Jenny Rowlett

**Anthem**

**Offertory Prayer**

Jenny Rowlett

**Offertory**

**Hymn 85**

I Love Your Lord—*sing twice*

*blue hymnal*

**Message**

“Words, words, words...”

Deborah Suess

**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*

**Congregational**

Go Now in Peace

**Benediction Hymn 717**

*blue hymnal*

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

**Resources used:** Articles by Melissa Florer-Bixler, Eric D. Barreto and Alan Brehm

**Joining Deborah on the Facing Bench is Jenny Rowlett**

*The flowers today are in honor of  
Marietta Forlan's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday!  
Happy Birthday Marietta belatedly!  
"Caring Friends"*

**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.

## IN THE LIGHT

**Edith Shepherd** who is recovering from successful hand surgery last week.

**Martha Eakes** had minor surgery on her foot yesterday and will be recovering at home for two weeks.

## ONGOING PRAYERS FOR HEALTH CONCERNS

**Update on our beloved Lisa Moran: A Gathering of Friends/ Meeting for Worship with Dan and Lisa Moran** is being planned for Thursday, September 17 at 6:30 pm on the lawn of Deep River Friends. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket. This time will include singing, silence, open worship and a time of prayer and blessing for Lisa and Dan. Please watch Facebook for more information as we may need to stay flexible.

Sandra Garrett's friend **Rhonda**, Allyson English's sister-in-law **Anne English**, Carol Whitley's brother **Tom**, Betsy Blake's sister **Bethany**, Heidi McLaughlin's son **Christopher**, Rose Corbett's mother, **Betsy Wray, Lisa Moran** Associate Pastor at Centre Friends Meeting.

Also please remember our Friends with cards and visits:

**Joan Hanson** (Friends Homes West), **Doug Parker** (Friends Homes Guilford), **June Hoffman**, **Ed Wrenn** (Abbotswood), **Fred Small** (Blumenthal Rehab), **Dick Behrends** (home) Contact the office for their information if you would like to send a card or visit.

## THANKSGIVINGS

**For Tim Jackson** who offered the morning message last Sunday while Deborah was at NCYM Annual Sessions. Also, thank you to **Monica Hix** our Interim Minister of Music for her gift of music.

**A note of thanks from Carolyn McMullan, Irish Friend** *"I just want to express my sincere thanks to all homestays, transporters, food providers and many others who helped to make our time in North Carolina a really special time. We all have such happy memories of our time in Greensboro. Times of gaining knowledge and time of spiritual growth while having loads of fun. You have an amazing community over there. I trust you will know God's encouragement and blessing on your Meeting."*



## SCRIPTURE

## James 3: 1—12

3 Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. <sup>2</sup> We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.

<sup>3</sup> When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. <sup>4</sup> Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. <sup>5</sup> Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. <sup>6</sup> The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

<sup>7</sup> All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup> but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

<sup>9</sup> With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. <sup>10</sup> Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. <sup>11</sup> Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? <sup>12</sup> My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

## **Additional Scripture**

## **Psalm 19**

<sup>1</sup>The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

<sup>3</sup>There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

<sup>4</sup>yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,

<sup>5</sup>which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

<sup>6</sup>Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.

<sup>7</sup>The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

<sup>8</sup>the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

<sup>9</sup>the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

<sup>11</sup>Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup>But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

<sup>13</sup>Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

## **FIRST FRIENDS MEETING**

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

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### **Office hours:**

Monday: 9:00 am—4:00 pm

Tuesday: Irregular, please call ahead

Wednesday: 9:00 am—3:00 pm

Thursday: Irregular, please call ahead

Friday: 9:00 am—4:00 pm

### **Ministers: Everyone**

**Deborah Suess, Pastor of Congregational Ministries**

**Sheila Hoyer, Pastor of Education and Outreach-*on sabbatical leave***

**Monica Hix, Interim Minister of Music**

**Kristina Pisano, Office Manager**

**Pam Reese, Treasurer**

**Celeste Currie, Nursery Care**

**Ryan Gordy, Nursery Care**

**Bill Davis, Monthly Meeting Presiding Clerk**

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**Jim Kimel, Clerk of Personnel & Long Range Planning**

**Jean Christy, Head Morning Host**

**To email a Clerk or Staff: (first name)@firstfriendsmeeting.org**

### **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