

FIRST FRIENDS WEEKLY UPDATE FOR FEBRUARY 15, 2017

Note for additional information – see bulletin and newsletter posted on Firstfriendsmeeting.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, February 16, Companions in Christ, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall, fellowship meal included. Please note time change.

Friday, February 17, Theater and Theology, 6:30pm at the Home of Helen Parrish, 5404 Westfield Dr., Greensboro, NC 27410.

The latest installment of Theater and Theology is "Little Sister," "a sad comedy about family - a schmaltz-free, pathos-drenched, feel good movie for the little goth girl inside us all." Note that "Little Sister" isn't suitable for kids. You are welcome to bring beverages and/or snacks. Please RSVP to: office@firstfriendsmeeting.org.

Sunday, February 19, 9:00am Unprogrammed Meeting for Worship, Gathering Room

10:00am Gatherings for all ages: Godly Play ages 4 to 9 years of age in room 205, Faith Seekers 10 and up in room 208 and Quaker Speak, our Adult Gathering, in room 203.

11:00am Meeting for Worship,

Deborah's message: "Why I am a Quaker"

Tuesday, February 21, House and Grounds, 7:00pm, Library

Thursday, February 23, Food Pantry, 1:30pm for Volunteers. Contact sheila@firstfriendsmeeting.org for more information.

Celebration for Deborah & Tim! Join us for a carry-in following Meeting for Worship on Deborah & Tim's final (for now) **Sunday, February 26th**. Hospitality will provide the ham and we ask if you are bringing a dessert to consider making something with dark chocolate as that is Deborah's favorite! There will be a program that will provide plenty of laughter, and a few inevitable tears, as we celebrate all that Deborah Suess and Tim Jackson have so generously given us for 12 years. Please email Traci Cossman, Beth Joyce or Sheila Hoyer if you have any questions.

Thursday, March 30, 7:30pm. All are welcome to a **Taizé Service** in First Friends Meeting Fellowship Hall. Gather for a time of worship, song and silence.

IN THE LIGHT

Brad McHargue as he interfaces with his care team at the Moses Cone Cancer Center.

Laura Altizer's friend, Carol Vandenkoorn, who underwent a very serious surgery yesterday.

Sara Beth Terrell's mother, who took a fall at home but is doing much better and is now recovering at Friends Homes West.

Linda Parker who is recovering from knee replacement surgery. Linda is not currently up for visits but appreciates cards. Her address is 3121 Collier Dr., Greensboro, NC 27403.

Prayers for Ronnie and Carol Whitley. Carol continues to spend time in California with her brother Tom who is now under Hospice care.

JOYS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Last Sunday we joyfully welcomed **Elizabeth Vance** into membership at First Friends Meeting. We are grateful for her presence and ministry among us!

Did you know that Easy Peasy (cupcakes) and Panera's on Lawndale both contribute regularly to our Food Pantry? If you make purchases at either place, be sure to thank them for their generosity. Also thanks to the volunteers who pick up the donations and to Sheila who coordinates the pick ups.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Update from Transition & Search Committee

Join us on Sunday, March 12th, and meet our potential Intentional Interim, Don Durham. There will be several opportunities to interact with Don that morning:

- 9 am Unprogrammed Worship
- 10 am Meet & Greet in the fellowship hall
- 11 am message during Programmed Worship

Don is a certified and experienced Intentional Interim and is also the founder of Healing Springs Acres, a not-for-profit farm in Healing Springs, NC that grows food to give away.

Youth Sunday will be Sunday, March 19th. We hope you will save the date and come support our youth as they facilitate our worship. If you would like your Youth Group aged youth (11 and up) to participate please contact Sheila.

Pecan halves and pieces are still for sale. To purchase see any USFW member.

Restroom Renovation Update. The restrooms are nearing completion. Please note that the hallways are still in “discernment.” Stay tuned for the grand opening!

SAVE THE DATE, April 8, 2:00-4:00pm, SPRING FLING for Female Friends (Gathering Room).

A SCENT-FREE REQUEST: We have several members and attenders at First Friends Meeting who are very allergic to fragrances. Please avoid using perfumes, colognes, scented lotions on Sunday mornings as you get ready for Meeting. Thank you for this act of care and hospitality!

WIDER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, February 23, 7-8:30pm at New Garden Friends Meeting, **Friends Center at Guilford College** invites you to come hear Zachary Moon, Ph.D.,. He will be speaking on the subject of “Making Friends, Making Enemies: Working In Between Us vs. Them.”

Mark your calendar and join us for the 2017 Annual Interfaith Tour, Sunday, February 19.

Tour: 2:00-5:30pm

Beth David Synagogue
Greensboro Bahá'í
Center
Islamic Center of
Greensboro

Reception: 5:30-6:00pm

Islamic Center of Greensboro
***New for 2017!** In addition to learning about the Islamic faith, our visit to the Islamic Center of Greensboro will include a panel discussion where we will hear from community members about what it is like to be Muslim in our community.

Sunday, February 19th 4 PM, A Service of Inspiration Honoring the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Join us as Dr. Joseph Graves of NC A&T reads Letter from Birmingham Jail. *A centering time of meditation and reflection around Dr. King's message of active response to racism and injustice - with music leadership by local artists, Nishah DiMeo and Laurelyn Dossett.* Guilford Park Presbyterian Church, 2100 Fernwood Drive, Greensboro, NC, *Childcare will be provided.*

You are invited to The Islamic Center of Greensboro's monthly educational tour. Saturday, March 4, 2017 - 5 - 6:30 p.m. 2023 16th Street, Greensboro, 27405 (behind Walmart) They write: "This is a golden opportunity to meet your Muslim neighbors, eat some delicious food, tour a Muslim's house of prayer, and learn about the basics of the world religion of Islam. There is no dress code and all men, women, and children are welcome. Become a part of the thousands of people from all over North Carolina who have taken this tour. NO RSVP necessary!" Many Quakers and members of other faith communities have enjoyed this visit.

Local support for immigrants. If you are interested in local events and ways to be involved in supporting Greensboro's immigrant community, please consider signing up for the e-newsletter of FaithAction International House (<http://faithaction.org/>) by completing the form here: [Sign-up for FaithAction Newsletter](#)

FGC Gathering this July. Mark your calendars now for the Friends General Conference Gathering that will take place at Niagara University, New York, July 2-8, 2017. Gather with Friends from all over for a week of inspiring workshops, evening speakers and other fun activities! Registration will open April 3. Friends who have attended this conference in prior summers say they can't recommend it highly enough! [2017 FGC Gathering](#)