



TO SET
the MIND ON
'THE'
SPIRIT
IS LIFE
& PEACE

ROMANS 8:6

**FIRST FRIENDS MEETING
APRIL 2, 2017**

Gather and Center

Prelude	<i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i>	arr. Burkhardt
Welcome and Announcements		Sheila Hoyer
Joys and Concerns		Sheila Hoyer
Silence for Centering Prayer		

Listen and Respond

Hymn 28	<i>For Beauty of Meadows</i>	
Young Friends Message		Sheila Hoyer
Anthem	<i>Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee</i>	arr. Harlan
Offertory Invitation and Prayer		Beth Joyce
Offertory	<i>Abide with Me</i>	arr. Johnston
Scripture Reading	Romans 8:6-11	Beth Joyce
Hymn 464	<i>May the Mind of Christ, My Savior</i>	
Message	“Lent - - Oh The Irony: Fleshly Forms and Life in the Spirit”	Don Durham

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

Benediction		Don Durham
Sung Response	<i>Send Me, Jesus</i>	Hymn 713

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

Joining Don Durham on the facing bench today is Beth Joyce.

Don Durham has served the Church for over 22 years in both institutional and congregational settings. He has served as Intentional Interim Pastor in two churches. In other congregational settings he has served as a coach or consultant for missional/strategic visioning, interim transitions, conflict resolution, and capital fund raising. In institutional settings he has served with four different church related not-for-profit organizations from both the United Methodist and Baptist traditions.

Don is the father of two wonderful daughters who are 16 and 20. For personal enjoyment and rejuvenation, Don spends his time riding a motorcycle, working around the farm, experimenting with making things out of welded rebar, and is an amateur radio operator.

Beth is from Knoxville, TN, where she met her husband Ian Joyce in high school and became friends. They've been married for 31 years and share careers (both in marketing) and a love of travel and oversized dogs. Beth's free time is mostly spent on Quaker things; First Friends, Quaker Lake Camp and Friends Homes. Beth is currently Clerk of Meeting for Ministry and Counsel and Clerk of the Transition & Search Committee and welcomes your questions and input during this process.

Anthem

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Harlan

Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest.
No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mem'ry find
A sweeter sound than Jesus' name, O Savior of mankind.
O Hope of ev'ry contrite heart! O Joy of all the meek!
To those who fall how kind Thou art! How good to those who seek!
But what to those who find! Ah! This, no tongue or pen can show
The love of Jesus what it is none but His loved ones know.
And in Thy presence rest.

Romans 8:6-11 (NRSV)

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

IN THE LIGHT

Carol Whitey whose brother, Tom McKeithan passed away.

Edith Shepherd's friend Jan has been diagnosed with acute leukemia.

Brad McHargue reports that everything is going according to plan. If you would like to get email updates about Brad's journey please contact Margaret Rowlet at margaretrowlett@gmail.com.

ONGOING PRAYERS FOR HEALTH CONCERNS

Fred Small, Doug Parker, Marian Tillman, Jim Wilkinson, Ray Hurley, Norman Rider, Bill & Este Rayle, Helen Hoffman's mother, mother-in-law and husband. Traci Cossman's Uncle Bob, Dawn Davis and her mother, Allyson English's sister-in-law Anne English, Heidi McLaughlin's son Christopher, Rose Corbett's mother Betsy Wray. Janis Hammett's cousin, Alan Cochran.

JOYS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Thank you to the Search and Transition Committee for their time and dedication to find an Intentional Interim Pastor.

Thanks to the Hospitality Committee and to all those who brought food and participated in last Sunday's carry-in.

Thank you Jim Reese and Greg Woods for working on assembling the beginning of our new playground Wednesday. Be watching for more additions to pop up! It will be open Easter!

Sunday Morning Hosts: Alicia Sharp, Diane Burns, Helen Parrish and Jean Christy; Building Closer: Helen Parrish; Transportation: Joe and Marla Allred.

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, April 2

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 Adult Gathering in Room 203. In the Adult Gathering this week, we will discuss the branches of Quakerism. Betsy Blake will share about the leadings and process that led to her involvement in making a video about the different types of Quakers in Greensboro, "Can We All Be Friends?" We'll watch part of the video as well. Our discussion will continue on April 9.

11:00am Meeting for Worship

12:00pm Ministry and Counsel, Library

Tuesday, April 4, 6:30pm, Personnel Committee, Library

Wednesday, April 5, 6:30pm, Peace and Social Concerns, Gathering Room

Saturday, April 8, 2:00pm to 4:00pm. The United Society of Friends Women (USFW) is having it's first (and hopefully annual) Spring Fling! All women, including teens, are invited for an afternoon of getting to know each other better, refreshments and even door prizes! We will meet in the Gathering Room.

Daisy Newman April 12 meeting has been canceled due to it falling the week of Easter. We will gather again on **May 10** for our last meeting before our summer break. The May session will be co-hosted by Dawn Davis (thedawndavis@gmail.com) and Liz Plummer (plumliz@triad.rr.com). Please RSVP if you are planning on attending.

EASTER EVENTS

FRIDAY APRIL 14: Good Friday Breakfast at 6:00pm and Service at 7:00pm.

SUNDAY APRIL 16: Unprogrammed Worship at 9:00am
Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00am meet in Fellowship Hall
Easter Worship Service at 11:00

Project 5,000 First Friends Annual Food Drive for Our Friends Food Pantry is now underway. Please pick up a Project 5,000 bag in the foyer with instructions for filling bags. When filled, place on Meeting Room stage by **Sunday, April 23**. On April 23 we will have a “fire line” to move the bags down to the Food Pantry. If you do not want to do the shopping yourself you can give money to Jim Kimel who will kindly do the shopping for you. Thank you for your support!

Saturday, April 29, Beans, Bingo and Bluegrass is a fundraiser for our youth group Summer Pilgrimage.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We will have a silent auction as well as a short live auction. Do you have a vacation rental at the beach or in the mountains? A timeshare you're willing to share? Jewelry? Sporting equipment? Gift Certificates or Unused Gift Cards? We welcome all ideas about what you might contribute. Please contact Jacynthia Mitchell jacymae@hotmail.com or Sheila Hoyer sheila@firstfirendsmeeting.org.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are available outside the office door. You can also contact Ellen at office@firstfriendsmeeting.org or Lisa at lccomito@gmail.com. Applications are due by **Sunday, May 14**.

First Friends warmly welcomes visitors.

Please complete the visitor 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.

Activity packets are available for children as well as a fully staffed nursery.

Hearing devices are also available.

Please see a morning host for assistance.

Gentle Reminder: Please silence all electronic devices.

CHILDRENS' COLORING PAGE



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building healthy relationships
with God, one another, and all creation.**

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

Don, Sheila, Bill, Beth, Monica, Ellen or Pam

Sunday Gatherings

Unprogrammed at 9:00 a.m. in the Gathering Room

Choir Practice at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Morning Gathering at 10:00 a.m.

Semi-programmed at 11:00 a.m. in the Meetingroom

*Childcare available in the Nursery
(Six years of age and younger)*