

**FIRST FRIENDS MEETING**  
**MARCH 26, 2017**

## *Gather and Center*

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	arr. Martin
<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>		Sheila Hoyer
<b>Joys and Concerns</b>		Sheila Hoyer
<b>Silence for Centering Prayer</b>		

## *Listen and Respond*

<b>Hymn 113</b>	<i>Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart</i>	
<b>Young Friends Message</b>		Mary Nelle Smith
<b>Anthem</b>	<i>With a Voice of Singing</i>	Shaw

*With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.  
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.  
The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.  
O be joyful in God, all ye lands,  
O sing praises to the honor of his name.*

<b>Offertory Invitation and Prayer</b>		Sara Beth Terrell
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>Shall We Gather at the River</i>	arr. Burkhardt
<b>Hymn 621</b>	<i>For the Healing of the Nations</i>	
<b>Message</b>		Peggy Senger Morrison

### **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**

<b>Sung Response</b>	<i>Send Me, Jesus</i>	Hymn 713
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Please close Meeting for Worship by shaking hands with your neighbors.

**Joining Peggy Senger Morrison on the facing bench today is Sara Beth Terrell.**

**Peggy** is a recorded Friends minister, an author and was the founder of Freedom Friends Church in Salem, Oregon. Peggy will also be doing a book reading at Scuppernong's Tuesday at 7pm, and a public message at Guilford College in the Carnegie Room of the Hege Library on Wednesday at 7pm.

**Sara Beth** offers guided prayer meditations, writings and podcasts at [www.imaginingtheword.com](http://www.imaginingtheword.com). Sara Beth also enjoys spending time with her adult children and can't wait until all of them live in NC.

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*Today's flowers are given by  
Robert and Nancy Dixon  
in memory of their parents  
David and Edith Miller  
and  
John and Kathleen Dixon*

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**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.

## **IN THE LIGHT**

Carol Whitey's brother, Tom McKeithan passed away last Friday.

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](mailto: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**

The House and Grounds Committee thanks the helpers who showed up for the spring workday on March 18: Jay Bumm, Traci Cossman, Karen Dunman, Sheila Hoyer, Amy Murphy, Barbara Potts, Ellen Ramsey, Jim Reese, Pam Reese, Lawrence Ross, Gordon Shepherd (on an earlier day), and Elizabeth Vance. There was a special appearance by Brad McHargue who served as cheerleader for all. Much work was accomplished to spruce up the building and the grounds!

Thanks to Jim Reese and Jay Bumm for moving our new playground equipment inside on our coldest day yet.

Thanks to Gordon Shepherd for working on the chairs in fellowship hall.

Thank you to our March hosts, building closers, and transportation teams for your service to First Friends.

**\*\*\*\*\* IMPORTANT MEETING: \*\*\*\*\***

**Called Meeting for Business for the purpose of recommending  
Don Durham as Intentional Interim Pastor  
This Sunday, March 26, 2017, 12:00pm**

**The Transition and Search Committee is setting a special Called Meeting for Business. The Called meeting will happen upstairs, in the meetingroom, after Meeting for Worship and before the scheduled carry-in. It will be for the purpose of discussing the Intentional Interim Search Committee's recommendation to offer the Intentional Interim position to Don Durham.**

**CALENDAR EVENTS**

**Sunday, March 26, 8:45am** Christian Education Committee, Room 208

**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 QuakerSpeak, our Adult Gathering, in Room 203 for yoga.

**11:00am Meeting for Worship, Peggy Senger Morrison**

**12:00pm Called Meeting for Business**, Meeting Room

**12:15pm Carry-In**, Fellowship Hall

**Monday, March 27, 7:00pm** Finance Committee, Library

**Tuesday, March 28, 6:30pm** Night Shelter at Urban Ministry

**7:00pm** Working Group to Undo Racism, Gathering Room

**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.

**Sunday, April 2, 12:00pm** Ministry and Council, Library

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

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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.

**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 16**. On Easter, April 16 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!

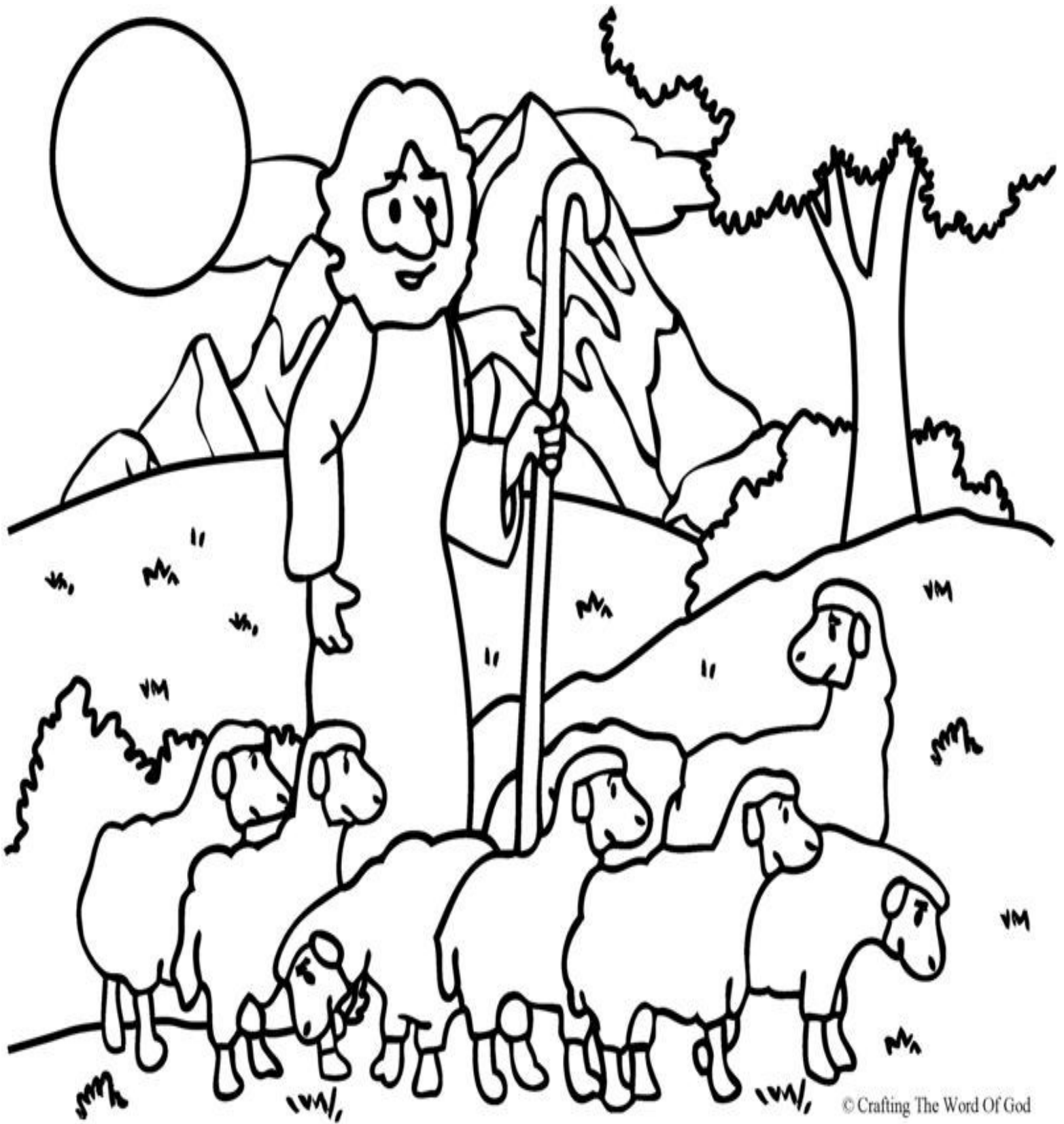
**Saturday, April 29, Beans, Bingo and Bluegrass** is a fundraiser for our youth group Summer Pilgrimage.

### **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](mailto:jacymae@hotmail.com) or Sheila Hoyer [sheila@firstfriendsmeeting.org](mailto:sheila@firstfriendsmeeting.org).

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

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

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**Office Hours:**

**Monday: Closed**

**Tuesday-Friday: 10:00am-3:00pm**

**Ministers: Everyone**

**Sheila Hoyer, Pastor of Education and Outreach**

**Monica Citty Hix, Minister of Music**

**Ellen Ramsey, Office Manager**

**Pam Reese, Treasurer**

**Ryan Gordy, Nursery Care**

**Sophie Rynas, Nursery Care**

**Bill Davis, Monthly Meeting Presiding Clerk**

**Beth Joyce, Clerk of Ministry and Counsel**

**Jim Kimel, Clerk of Personnel Committee**

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