

**WHEN WE INVITE THE
HOLY SPIRIT
INTO OUR
DECISION-MAKING
PROCESSES HE WILL
ALWAYS
BEAR WITNESS
THROUGH THE PEACE OF
CHRIST JESUS**

***FIRST FRIENDS MEETING
May 28, 2017***

Gather and Center

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

Listen and Respond

Hymn 32	<i>Creating God, Your Fingers Trace</i>	
Young Friends Message		Sheila Hoyer
Offertory Invitation and Prayer		Sheila Hoyer
Offertory	<i>Guide Me Ever, Loving God</i>	arr. Wood
Scripture Reading	Acts 1:1-14	
Hymn 477	<i>Come and Find the Quiet Center</i>	
Message	"In Times of Waiting..."	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>Go Now in Peace</i>	Hymn 717

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

Joining Don Durham on the facing bench is Sheila Hoyer. Sheila is Pastor of Education and Outreach at First Friends Meeting.

*Flowers today are given by
The Barwick Family in memory of
Sheila Hoyer's mother,
Jane Hoyer.*

IN THE LIGHT

Jon, Jacynthia, Addie and Davis Mitchell will be moving to Yakima, Washington. Jon is taking a new job with Pexco Aerospace and the family is excited for this new adventure. It will be a busy time as they work to pack, sell their house, find a new house and move to Washington state by end of July.

Brad is feeling almost normal currently, just extremely low on energy. He was scheduled for an endoscopic procedure this past Thursday at Baptist in preparation for radiation treatments. Then he has an appointment for set up for the radiation treatment the following Tuesday at Cone. The actual five rounds of SBRT radiation will begin soon after. Continued prayers are appreciated.

Helen Parrish's friend who has a brain tumor. Prayers are appreciated for the friend and her family.

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.

ONGOING PRAYERS FOR HEALTH CONCERNS

Bill & Este Rayle, Fred Small, Doug Parker, Marian Tillman, Jim Wilkinson, Ray Hurley, Norman Rider, Helen Hoffman's mother, mother-in-law and husband. Dawn Davis and her mother, Heidi McLaughlin's son Christopher, Rose Corbett's mother Betsy Wray. Janis Hammett's cousin, Alan Cochran, Edith Shepherd's friend Jan, Mary Elizabeth Barwick and Patrick Tillman's nephew, Harrison Tillman, Mandi Kido's baby Kai, and Traci Cossman's Aunt Polly and Uncle Bob.

JOYS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Godly Play Leaders who have joined our children on their spiritual journey during this year. Your dedication and love are appreciated. Inserted are the names and addresses of our leaders. We hope that you will take the time to write a note of thanks and encouragement to each of them.

Monica Citty Hix, our beloved Music Minister, earned a Certificate in Spiritual Formation. To earn this certificate the participant took part in an immersion experience, 6 elective courses, read 3,000 pages of some of the best of the spiritual classics, wrote 114 pages of reflection and completed a Practicum. While we already know that Monica is a wise spiritual leader in our community this certificate offers even more evidence of her deep dedication.

Many thanks to organizers Jacynthia Mitchell, Karen Watts and Traci Cossman for the wonderful evening of Beans, Bingo and Bluegrass. Thank you to the many volunteers, Carolina Tunecasters, our cooks, hospitality committee, auction donors, attenders, and all who contributed to make the event successful. We raised \$2800 for the Youth Fund!

To our May Meeting Hosts: Anita Lewis, Jennie Hunt, Gracie Hunt, Wilson Sheldon; Closers: Traci Cossman; and Transportation Team: Jim Reese.

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sacred Space: During the Summer Sabbatical from 10:00am Gatherings, there will be a space set-up in the Children's Library (upstairs next to the little kitchen) for quiet reflection or conversation, prayer, coloring or reading. We hope this space can provide a quiet respite for your soul. If you have questions, ideas or concerns please see Sheila.

Graduate Sunday! We are inviting our graduates to join us for a special recognition on Sunday, June 4. If you have a graduate please contact the office with name, graduated from, where they are going next and if college, what degree.

Thursday, June 8, First Friends at Greensboro Grasshoppers

Baseball Game. Baseball tickets are \$9.00. Anyone who wants to join us will need to pay for their tickets in advance. Bill Davis is selling them at Meeting on Sundays. The last Sunday to purchase them will be June 4. On June 8, we'll meet at First Friends at 6:00pm to distribute the tickets and work out carpooling to the game. Game time is 7:00pm.

It's going to be "80's Throwback Night." The Hoppers vs Hagerstown will temporarily turn back time to the 80's, and become the Greensboro Hornets for the night! The Grasshoppers will wear look-a-like Hornet's jerseys as they take on the Hagerstown Suns. Hornets merchandise will also be available for purchase in the Majestic Yard.

Need a gift for Birthdays, Graduations, Father's Day? Auto Bell car wash gift cards are here! Gift cards are \$20 and can be used for any of the car wash offers, plus they never expire! USFW will be receiving \$10 for each gift card sold! See a USFW member for purchase. Cards will also be sold in the foyer on Sundays. We appreciate your support of this fundraiser!

Prints from Addie Mitchell's artwork are available for purchase.

Please see Sheila Hoyer or stop by the office if you are interested. Addie received an award for her artwork which was also submitted to the Lion's Club International Peace Poster contest.

NCYM-FUM Reminder. The Representative Body meets Saturday June 3 at Deep River Friends Meeting, 5300 W Wendover Ave., High Point, NC. Please ask your representative to contact the yearly meeting office, by phone 336-292-6957 or email ncfriends@ncym-fum.org so they can plan for attendance (with or without a meal). The cost of the meal is \$10. The deadline is Tuesday May 30. Thanks to those who have already RSVP'd.

Acts 1:1-14 (NRSV)

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of God. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that God has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "People of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

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**Office Hours:
Monday: Closed
Tuesday-Friday: 10:00am-2:00pm**

Ministers: Everyone

**Don Durham, Intentional Interim Pastor
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To email a Clerk or Staff: (first name)@firstfriendsmeeting.org
Don, Sheila, Bill, Beth, Monica, Jean, 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)*