



WE LOVE

BECAUSE HE LOVES.

WE WELCOME

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WE INVITE

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***FIRST FRIENDS MEETING***  
***July 2, 2017***

## *Gather and Center*

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Sing Praise to God</i>	arr. Larson
<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>		Sheila Hoyer
<b>Joys and Concerns</b>		
<b>Silence for Centering Prayer</b>		

## *Listen and Respond*

<b>Hymn 68</b>	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	
<b>Young Friends Message</b>		Mary Nelle Smith
<b>Anthem</b>	<i>I Will Lift Up My Eyes</i>	Carter
<b>Offertory Invitation and Prayer</b>		Brad McHargue
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>Jesu, Jesu</i>	arr. McNair
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Matthew 10:40-42	Brad McHargue
<b>Hymn 273</b>	<i>Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love</i> verse 1: choir verses 2-4: all	
<b>Message</b>	We're All Probably the "Little Ones"...	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*

<b>Benediction</b>		Don Durham
<b>Sung Response</b>	<i>Sent Forth by God's Blessing</i>	Hymn 712 (vs. 1)

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

## **Joining Don Durham on the facing bench is Brad McHargue.**

Brad is a retired Communications and IT manager, which he says is a “gold-plated” term used for computer nerd. As a youngster, he was good at taking things apart just to see if he could put them back together again. He continues to try to put such talents to good use.

### **Anthem - I Will Lift Up My Eyes - Carter**

I will lift up my eyes to the hills, From whence does my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot be moved, He who keeps you will not slumber.  
Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper; The Lord is your shade on your right hand.  
The sun shall not smite you by day, nor the moon by night.  
The Lord will keep you from all evil, He will keep your life.  
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in  
From this time forth, and forever more.

### **Matthew 10:40-42**

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me  
welcomes the one who sent me.

Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a  
prophet’s reward;

and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous  
person will receive the reward of the righteous;

and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in  
the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

#### **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

Dolores Parker's husband Doug is now under Hospice Care. Prayers and cards are appreciated.

Jacynthia, Jon, Addie and Davis Mitchell as they prepare to move to Yakima, Washington in July. They are excited for the new adventure and sad to be leaving Greensboro.

Bill and Este Rayle as they continue with Bill in hospice care.

Brad is doing really well after radiation and is often seen doing odd projects around First Friends! He is awaiting more testing to learn how the radiation went.

## ONGOING PRAYERS FOR HEALTH CONCERNS

Laura Mason Altizer's mother, Dot Mason, Fred Small, 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, Beth Joyce's mother, Edith Shepherd's friend Jan, Mary Elizabeth Barwick and Patrick Tillman's nephew, Harrison Tillman, Mandi Kido's baby Kai, Traci Cossman's Aunt Polly and Uncle Bob and Helen Parish's friend.

## JOYS AND THANKSGIVINGS

**Jack and Janet Kirk** are thrilled with the birth of their second great-grandson, John Edwin Diehl. He was born on June 29 and weighed 8lbs., 15oz. He lives on a small farm with his parents and brother near Quaker Lake.

**Robert and Nancy Dixon** celebrated forty-six years of marriage last week.

**Ben Plummer and Zafarullah** (our eldest refugee child) were together at Quaker Lake Camp last week.

**Thanks to Peace and Social Concerns Committee, Ann Marie Dooley, Lori Khamala, Laura Garduno Garcia, Gudelia Marquez** and everyone who helped to make last Sunday's program, Loving Our Neighbors: Stories of Local Immigrants a success. The shared stories of personal journeys by immigrants in the community brought to surface our need to become more involved with our brother and sister immigrants, and with their daily needs and fears. Gudelia cooked an exceptional meal!

Are you interested in participating on a team of people working to support a local church that is hosting an immigrant in sanctuary? Contact Sheila for more information on how you can be involved with our UCC neighbors down the street.

**Greg Woods for co-leading, and Sheila Hoyer** for organizing and leading the Youth Group to Asheville, NC for their community-building experience with the Haywood Street Congregation June 21-22. As Sheila wrote ... “38 hours to Asheville and back...we shopped, packed and delivered bags to folks who might need some snacks and other helpful items that we hoped might make their day a little better, deepened new friendships, laughed a lot, learned about glass blowing and touchable art, played old machines at the pinball museum and scrunched into a tiny booth to talk over dinner. We decided that the float trip and service at Haywood were the best and the hotel breakfast was the worst. All-in-all, it was so much fun that I can't imagine a better group to have been on the adventure with. Grateful for Greg Woods our fabulous bus driver and one of my favorite people to co-lead a youth trip!”

**Our July Meeting Hosts:** Joe Compton, Hugh Middleton, Maron Middleton, and Robert Dixon; Closer: Betty Godwin; and Transportation Team: Hugh and Maron Middleton.

## **CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today**, July 2, Ministry and Counsel, 12:00pm, Library.

**Tuesday**, July 4, Office will be closed in observance of Independence Day.

**Peace & Social Concerns** will not have their regular meeting on July 5. They are taking a July sabbatical and going out to dinner on July 19. Their next meeting will be on August 2.

**Lemonade on the Lawn July 9, 12:00pm.** Join us after Meeting in the shade of the trees for conversation and hugs as we say “see you later” to the Mitchell family over a glass of lemonade and some cookies.

**First Friends Food Pantry.** The next Food Pantry date is Thursday, July 27. Sheila will be on a trip with the youth group. If you can volunteer, please let her know ASAP so she can assign jobs. She is grateful for you all, sad to miss the pantry, but looking forward to the youth trip.

**School supplies are already on sale!** Please remember to pick up extra items for the school kits that USFW provides to children in need. School kits include: (2) 70 sheets wide rule spiral notebooks, (1) ruler, (4) #2 pencils, (1) pencil sharpener and (1) block eraser.

**The Nursery** will soon be losing two child care workers. If you are interested or know of anyone who might wish to apply, please let Sheila Hoyer know.

**Join us for an Open House Shower honoring Kristina & Andrew Pisano** on Saturday, July 22, 2017, 2:00-4:00pm at First Friends Meeting, Gathering Room. You are welcome to pop-in and pop-out or stay the whole time. The fun will start at 2:00pm. Gifts will be opened at 3:00pm. Kristina and Andrew Pisano would love for you to help build Baby Pisano's library by bringing a book in lieu of a card. A bookplate will be available at the shower for you to sign and affix. *Kristina and Andrew are registered at Babies-R-Us and Amazon.com.*

**Friends—The refugee families** we have been sponsoring have made impressive strides in the year they have been with us, including their recent efforts to learn to drive. One of the families now has a car and is enjoying the independence that brings. The other family is in need of two cars—One large enough to accommodate all seven of its members and a much smaller car to enable Tasneem to get to her new job. If you have a vehicle you would like to donate or can help locate suitable vehicles please let us know. Although both Tariq & Tasneem have been saving for cars, funds are still quite limited. Contact MacGregor Frank ([336/324-3139](tel:3363243139)) or Vicki McCready ([336/324-3134](tel:3363243134)).

**The Youth Group** will be going on two more trips this summer. The dates are July 27-28 to Raleigh and August 16-17 to Charlotte. We will be doing a service project, an activity and have lots of fun spending time together bonding and thinking about what it means to take care of each other as a group “woven” together by God. If your youth might be ready to participate on these trips please see Sheila for more information. The deadline to sign up is July 5.

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"And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."  
Matthew 10:42

**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  
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  
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)*