



FIRST FRIENDS MEETING
July 9, 2017

Gather and Center

Prelude	<i>This Is My Father's World</i>	arr. Rice
Welcome and Announcements		Sheila Hoyer
Joys and Concerns		
Silence for Centering Prayer		

Listen and Respond

Hymn 21	<i>This is My Father's World</i>	
Blessing for the Mitchell Family		Don Durham, Sheila Hoyer
Musical Meditation	<i>Trust in the Lord</i>	Tabell
Offertory Invitation and Prayer		Don Durham
Offertory	<i>Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment</i>	arr. Larson
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 43:1-7	Don Durham
Hymn 424	<i>How Can I Keep From Singing</i>	
Message	"Fear Not the Fire; Fear Not the Flood"	Sheila Hoyer
	Resources: Richard Griff, Dr. James P. Campbell, Dietrich Bonhoeffer	

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>Sent Forth by God's Blessing</i>	Hymn 712

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

Joining Sheila Hoyer on the facing bench is Don Durham. Don is Intentional Interim Pastor at First Friends Meeting.

IN THE LIGHT

Dolores Parker's husband Doug passed away Thursday morning at 7:15 a.m. He had been 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 McHargue had surgery on Wednesday.

PRAYERS FOR ONGOING 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. Helen Parish's friend.

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.

Scripture—Isaiah 43:1-7 NRSV

But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;

I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—

everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

JOYS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Thanks to all those who support Quaker Lake Camp with volunteering and donations. We have had several campers out there and reports are coming back with two thumbs up! Want to see more of what is happening out there this summer? Check out this link to their videos:

<http://www.quakerlakecamp.org>.

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.

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

Keys to the Outside Doors. We are in the process of changing the locks and keys to the outside doors. If you currently possess a key, please email office@firstfriendsmeeting.org or call the office [336-299-8869](tel:336-299-8869) so we can place your name on the list for a new key. Thank you.

Peace & Social Concerns are taking a July sabbatical and going out to dinner on July 19. Their next meeting will be on August 2.

The Nursery will soon be losing two child care workers. If you are interested or know of anyone who might be a good fit caring for our little ones please let Sheila Hoyer know. They can send a resume and three references to Sheila@firstfriendsmeeting.org.

News from the FGC Gathering. Lou and Rudy Gordh and Margaret and Jenny Rowlett are having fun in Niagara, NY, this week at the annual Gathering of Friends General Conference. Lou and Rudy are participating in a workshop called "Fighting Ethnic and Racial Divisions." Margaret and Jenny are in a workshop on nonviolent direct action called "Radically Faithful Together."

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.

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) or Vicki McCready (336/324-3134).

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. Please contact Sheila today to confirm your youth's participation.

COLORING PAGE



DO NOT FEAR
for I am with you

ISAIAH 41:10

**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)*