
ALL OF MY *Life*
IN EVERY SEASON

YOU ARE
STILL **GOD**

I have a reason TO SING

I HAVE A
REASON TO *worship*

*First Friends Meeting
September 24, 2017*

Gather and Center

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| Call to Worship | <i>Peace Be With You</i> | <i>Butler</i> |
| Welcome and Announcements | | Sheila Hoyer |
| Joys and Concerns | | |
| Silence for Centering Prayer | | |
| Taizé Song | <i>Ubi Caritas</i> | Hymn 399 |
| Offertory Prayer | | Traci Cossman |
| Offertory | <i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i> | arr. Ham |
| Invitation to Open Worship (See Queries on page four) | | Don Durham |
| Reading | | Traci Cossman |
| Hymn 577 | <i>Sing a New Church</i> (omit verse 2) | |
| Centering Query | | Sheila Hoyer |
| Sung Benediction | <i>Shalom, My Friends</i> | Hymn 714 |

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

Joining Don Durham on the facing bench is Traci Cossman.

Traci is a lifelong Quaker who is glad to have found First Friends over ten years ago. She enjoys reading, being outdoors, and playing with her dogs, Jake and Elwood. Traci also enjoys spending time with her husband, David, when he isn't on the golf course. She's not sure she wants to take up golf just yet.

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.

Reading

From its earliest days the Society of Friends has emphasized the importance to the Christian community of a living ministry, freely given in the service of God and humanity, a task calling for dedication of life and often for the sacrifice of other claims, because it involved not the pursuit of a profession, but obedience to a vocation. The call to the service of the ministry comes to very many. No one should put from himself or herself the thought that it may be his or her duty to take part in the ministry, even though it be but seldom. 'In the Light, everyone should have something to offer.'

To some the service of the ministry will come as a duty, to make way for which other valuable work must be set aside. It will involve the dedication of thought and leisure, the giving of the best that is in them, above all the preparation of meditation and of prayer, not only at the time of meetings for worship but throughout the week. If a Christian society is worthy of its name and is to achieve its task of proclaiming and serving the kingdom of God, it must be through a succession of lives touched and transformed by the spirit of Christ and dedicated to this service in Christ's name. In the service of the kingdom the work of the ministry has an essential place.

Queries

During the time you journeyed alongside Deborah as your pastor:

- In what ways did your own voice develop?
- What spiritual practices have you cultivated – personally? As a Meeting?
- How is your experience of worship deepened or developed?

JOYS AND THANKSGIVINGS

The House and Grounds Committee is excited to see the improvements in the Meetingroom coming to an end. The paint crew is finishing their final touch-ups, and the flooring crew is scheduled to start on September 25. The room will need some sprucing up before it's ready to hold Meeting for Worship, though, and we're inviting anyone who would like to join us to come dust pews, straighten the foyer, move the hymnals back upstairs, and generally get the room ready. We'll send out a notice with the date and time as soon as we see when the floor will be finished, so be on the watch for an email from us!

Elizabeth Vance for creating the oversized Thank You card for the Guilford College students who helped us during their Day of Service. Another thanks to Elizabeth for creating the get-well card for Julia Ann last Sunday.

IN THE LIGHT

Marietta Forlaw passed away on September 13, 2017 at Wellspring Retirement Community. The date and time of a memorial service is to be announced. The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to First Friends Meeting or Guilford College. Online condolences may be offered at www.haneslineberryfuneralhomes.com. Hanes-Lineberry N. Elm chapel is assisting the Forlaw family.

Those being affected in Puerto Rico by Hurricane Maria.

Julia Ann Barwick. We loved seeing Julia Ann at meeting last Sunday after breaking her shoulder from a fall on the kindergarten playground. Prayers for the family and for her body to quickly mend.

Bill and Este Rayle as Bill continues under the care of Hospice. They continue to welcome emails, cards and phone calls.

Brad McHargue. It was great to have Brad with us at Meeting last Sunday. Please continue to hold him in the Light as he continues therapy.

PRAYERS FOR ONGOING HEALTH CONCERNS

Laura Mason Altizer's mother, Fred Small, 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 Hattie, Edith Shepherd's friend Jan, Mary Elizabeth Barwick and Patrick Tillman's mother Marian and nephew, Harrison Tillman. Mary Elizabeth and Patrick's cousin. Traci Cossman's Aunt Polly and Uncle Bob, Maryann Phillips Eisenbrand and Dawn Carter.

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is an upcoming eight week Spiritual Deepening Program eRetreat for Friends General Conference that starts next week, Sept 24, being facilitated by Greg Woods of First Friends Meeting. It is pay as you are led with the suggested donation of \$20. For more information and to register: <http://bit.ly/FGCeRetreat>.

The Daniels Family will host the next Greensboro area Young Adult Friends (Quakers) (18-40ish) at their house, [1602 West End Place](#) GSO 27403 on **Monday, September 25** for dinner and worship. We will gather at 6:00pm for dinner and then settle into a time for worship around 7:00pm. Childcare will be provided! Feel free to invite others! Please bring a dish and/or drink to share if you can. For more information, contact Greg Woods gregwoodsquaker@gmail.com and [336-485-5007](tel:336-485-5007).

Monday, September 25, 7:00pm, Library, Music Committee

Tuesday, September 26, 6:30pm, Night Shelter at Greensboro Urban Ministries.

Thursday, September 28, First Friends Food Pantry. Volunteers at 1:30pm, doors open at 2:00pm.

Enneagram Workshop begins this week. There are still spaces available in both sessions. **Thursdays beginning on September 28.** The morning session will be 10:00am-12:00pm and the evening session from 6:30pm-8:30pm in the Gathering Room.

The Enneagram is a tool for growing in spiritual, emotional, and relational health. The Enneagram teaches us about:

- What we look like separate from God
- The unconscious motivations directing all we do
- How our greatest strengths can also be our greatest weaknesses
- The unconscious fears holding us back
- Where we have choices we never knew were choices
- What we look like at our healthiest—and our most stressed out—and how we might improve
- What forms of prayer might be better for us than others

Ann Shaw is a certified Enneagram teacher. Meeting in the Gathering Room, we will have morning and evening workshop times to accommodate more people. Contact Sara Beth Terrell at sarabethterrell@gmail.com with questions or to get on the list.

Sunday Morning Gatherings at 10:00am have started back again! ...

This is a link to the feedback form about the 10AM Gathering: <http://bit.ly/10AMFeedback> for anyone who wants to give input about the 10AM Gathering.

Godly Play: Youth ages 5-10 years old gather in Room 205. Godly Play is a process of Christian formation and spiritual direction designed to help children become more fully aware of the mystery of God's presence in their lives. Each carefully structured session involves time for community building, a multi-sensory telling of a sacred story from the Bible followed by "wondering" aloud, as well as time for individual reflection and reflection.

Faith Seekers: Youth ages 11 years and older gather in room 203. This group works to build community through sharing, taking time to center down, listening to each other and reflection using the Prayer of Examen. We use the Godly Play resources to tell the stories of the Bible and then spend time in reflection through journaling and discussion. We also incorporate the QuakerSpeak videos serendipitously.

QuakerSpeak Adult Gathering: Though videos, reading, conversation, and presentations, we will delve into a variety of topics including exploring the Quaker values weaving us together, undoing racism, and nurturing our relationship with God. This gathering meets upstairs in room 208 and there will be a steady stream of good coffee and hot tea to keep this crowd well cared for.

The title for this week's class will continue... **"Where You Live and What It Means:** discussions of *The Color of Law.*"

THIS SATURDAY, September 30 ... How Do Quakers Make Decisions? Have you ever thought about being a clerk or wanted to learn how?

You are invited to Learn about Quaker Process in a workshop with special guest Arthur Larrabee. To register for lunch please email Sharon Burton at (office@ngfm.org) or call 366-292-5487 as soon as possible...**deadline was September 15.** Registration and lunch reservations are required.

When: September 30, a day-long workshop

Who: Clerks, Committee Members and all New Gardeners

Morning session: 9:00 to 12:00 Quaker Process, Clerking, and Decision Making, open to the wider Quaker Community

Catered lunch: Donations accepted; RSVP required by Sept.15

Afternoon Session: 1:00-4:00 Building on the morning session and is specifically designed for New Garden Friends Meeting Members and Attenders

This is a chance for all Quakers, not just clerks, to learn the theory and practice of clerking and Quaker decision-making from an experienced Quaker. Arthur's workshops are practical and fun, and he teaches by example.

About the speaker: *Arthur Larrabee is a lifelong Friend and member of Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting. He has led many workshops on clerking, including annually at Pendle Hill. He has served as clerk of his meeting, the Committee in Charge of Westtown School, and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, which he also served as General Secretary.*

Mark the date...Taizé Service, October 3, 2017, 7:30pm, First Friends Meeting, Fellowship Hall. Gather for a time of worship and silence. This Prayer Service is in the manner developed at Taizé, an ecumenical monastic community in France. This worship style is characterized by simple, repeated chants, brief scripture readings, and a lengthy period of silence. As the words are sung over many times, this reality gradually penetrates the whole being. Meditative singing thus become a way of listening to God. It allows everyone to take part in a time of prayer together and to remain together in attentive waiting on God, without having to fix the length of time too exactly."

Guest lecture by a Quaker speaker coming on Oct. 5th at 6:00 p.m. in Founders East Gallery, Guilford College. Linda Rabben is associate research professor of anthropology at the University of Maryland and the author of eight books about human rights including her latest book, *Sanctuary and Asylum: A Social and Political History* (University of Washington Press, 2016). She attends Adelphi (MD) Friends Meeting. Her lecture, entitled "The Past, Present and Future of Sanctuary" will address Quaker sanctuary tradition, the present-day sanctuary movement in the US and other countries, and the future of sanctuary. For more information, contact abdod@guilford.edu.

Why Environmental Justice Matters. A public forum for people of faith. **October 8, 2017, 2:00-4:00 pm, Temple Emanuel,** 1129 Jefferson Road Greensboro, NC 27401. For more information about the October 8 event, contact Terri Flam Goldberg at tjflam@aol.com or Bill McNeil at (919) 622-3303 or mcneilplanning@gmail.com.

Finance Committee. The next Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, **October 9,** 7:00pm in the Library.

Come out to the ninth annual Quaker Lake Pumpkin Festival on October 21! Enjoy hayrides, pumpkin painting, the tower swing, inflatables, canoeing, pumpkin smashing, live music, and games! Fill up on all of your favorite festival foods including hot dogs, pizza, funnel cakes, popcorn, cotton candy, and deep fried Oreos! We hope you'll join us for an afternoon of games, music, food, fellowship and fun! Admission is \$3 and includes inflatables, live music, canoeing, and games for kids of all ages (with prizes).

Quaker Lake Retreat Day will be Saturday, October 28. "Would you want to lead a group activity during First Friends Quaker Lake Day on October 28? Let the Christian Education Committee know below what you want to offer. Since there will be people of all ages there for the day, try to be inclusive if possible with the activity. Here is a link to sign up: <http://bit.ly/QuakerLakeActivity>. Any questions about the form, contact Greg at gregwoodsquaker@gmail.com.

Hold this space for a day of gathering with friends. Come enjoy relaxing in a rocker on the porch overlooking the lake, hiking in the woods, playing board games, eating good food and simply being together. More details to come as the retreat gets closer.

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Praising God at all times
and in all circumstances.



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with God, one another, and all creation.**

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

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Monica Citty Hix, Minister of Music
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Anita Lewis, 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 Gatherings 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)*