

FINALLY
The owner
sent his SON

"THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD"



SUNDAY

First Friends Meeting
October 8, 2017

Gather and Center

Prelude	<i>Voluntary on Hymn to Joy</i>	Burkhardt
Welcome and Announcements		Sheila Hoyer
Joys and Concerns		
Silence for Centering Prayer		

Listen and Respond

Hymn 59	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We adore Thee</i> (“parent” may be substituted for “father” in stanza 3)	
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A Blessing for Our Meeting Room

Musical Meditation	<i>Goodness is Stronger than Evil</i> (words by Desmond Tutu)	Bell
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Offertory Invitation and Prayer

Offertory	<i>Holy God, We Praise Your Name</i>	Haan
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Scripture Reading	Matthew 21:33-46	
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Hymn 720	<i>Great Creator God, You Call Us</i>	supplemental hymnal
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Message	“What’s Your Story?”	Don Durham
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Waiting Worship After the Manner of Friends

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

Joining Don Durham on the facing bench is Robert Dixon .

Robert has been a member of First Friends for 40 plus years. He retired from Sherwin Williams after 39 years. Robert enjoys working in the yard and playing catch with his dog Max. He and his wife Nancy enjoy traveling when they can and keeping their grandchildren Emily (9) and Harrison (2 1/2).

*The flowers are given today by
Danny and Dawn Marsh
in memory of their parents,
Clyde and Katherine Marsh
and
Bess and Lymond Angel*

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.

Matthew 21:33-46

“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country.

When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

JOYS AND THANKSGIVINGS

The House and Grounds Committee. Our "new" Meetingroom is (almost) complete! Funds for the beautiful paint and repair of cracks in the plaster are courtesy of our members and attenders; the gorgeous new floor is thanks to a very generous anonymous donor. We are thankful for everyone who has been a part of these updates in both large ways and small. The flooring crew will return one more time in a week or two to finish the stairs to the balcony and then we can enjoy a beautiful space to have Meeting for Worship for years to come.

IN THE LIGHT

The victims, survivors, their friends and families who have been affected by the Las Vegas tragedy.

Friends, relatives, caregivers, and the many admiring acquaintances of Marietta M. Forlaw are cordially invited to join in memorializing her life on Saturday afternoon, October 14, 2017 at 2 pm in the Richardson Auditorium at WellSpring Retirement Community. Marietta died on September 13, leaving behind a legacy of Love and Light for everyone who knew her. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to First Friends Meeting or Guilford College.

Those still attempting to recover from the devastation in Puerto Rico.

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

Brad McHargue. Please continue to hold him in the Light as he continues therapy.

Julia Ann Barwick. Julia Ann got her cast off and has transitioned beautifully into a splint.

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

Sunday Morning Gatherings at 10:00am include our children who will be learning the story of Jacob in Room 205, the youth group who will learn about Coping Skills in a Scary World in Room 203, and the Adult Class who will begin a series of conversations about Building Our New Yearly Meeting in Room 208.

Monthly Meeting for Business meets today at 12:00pm in Fellowship Hall.

Sheila Hoyer will be on vacation from **October 9 through October 23**.

Monday, October 9, 10:00am, United Society of Friends Women (USFW) will meet at Guilford College. They will be having a program at the College Library by the Curator of the Friends Historical Collection. All are welcome.

United Society of Friends Women will be selling pecans again this year. They should be arriving the first weekend in November.

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

The Nominating Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 10 at 6:00pm in the Library.

Our October 11 Daisy Newman will be hosted this month by Elizabeth Vance (evance878@gmail.com) and Martha Eakes (eakesm@mindspring.com). Please bring your favorite salad topping and an item for the food pantry. Come prepared for good fellowship, plenty of fun and the best salad bar in town! Please RSVP so we can plan on the correct number of table settings.

Enneagram Workshops will meet on Thursday at 10:00am and 6:30pm in the Gathering Room.

FIRST FRIENDS 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).

URGENT CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS at the Pumpkin Festival on October 21. With over 2,500 people in attendance the Pumpkin Festival at Quaker Lake takes a lot of dedicated volunteers. We couldn't do it without you! We need volunteers from 1pm to 7:30pm on October 21 in all areas, from food service to face painting! If you would like to volunteer please contact Heather Varner at 336-681-6252 or at heather@quakerlakecamp.org. Come enjoy the festival with your family or volunteer.

FIRST FRIENDS Quaker Lake All-Meeting Retreat Day will be Saturday, October 28 from 10:00am through dinner. 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, knitting on the porch, eating good food and simply being together. We will be having First Friends First Ever Chili Cook-Off! All are invited to enter into the competition of chili by bringing a crock-pot or pot of chili. Hot, sweet, savory, meaty, vegetarian, vegan...No chili will be turned away! Ideas for other activities are always welcome! Cost will be \$10 per meal per person but no than \$40 for families for an entire day of fun!

TRUNK or TREAT! Sunday, October 29 after Meeting. We are asking all members to join in as we open our car trunks and invite the children of our Meeting to come get some treats. Costumes and decorating of trunks would be wonderful but not mandatory! It's a first for our community and we are looking forward to celebrating with our young friends.

The Youth Group will be going out for pizza after Trunk or Treat. They will need \$10.00 each and we will be heading to Pieology in Friendly Center. Ages 12 and up welcome. See Sheila with questions.

Margaret Rowlett would love to get together a group to go see the Exhibit on Race featured at NC Museum of Natural Sciences (April 22—October 22, 2017). There is a special exhibit at the NC Museum of Natural Sciences in Raleigh called "**Race: Are We So Different?**" **Doodle for Raleigh Trip:** The exhibit on "Race: Are We So Different?" is every day until October 22. Mondays thru Saturdays times are 10 am until 4 pm (museum closed at 5 pm). Sundays begin at noon. Below is a link to see more about the exhibit:

<http://naturalsciences.org/exhibits/featured-exhibitions/race>.

If you want to go with others from our WGUR, check the day(s) you can go on the following link. <https://doodle.com/poll/tck6bhxr3e9axn3>.

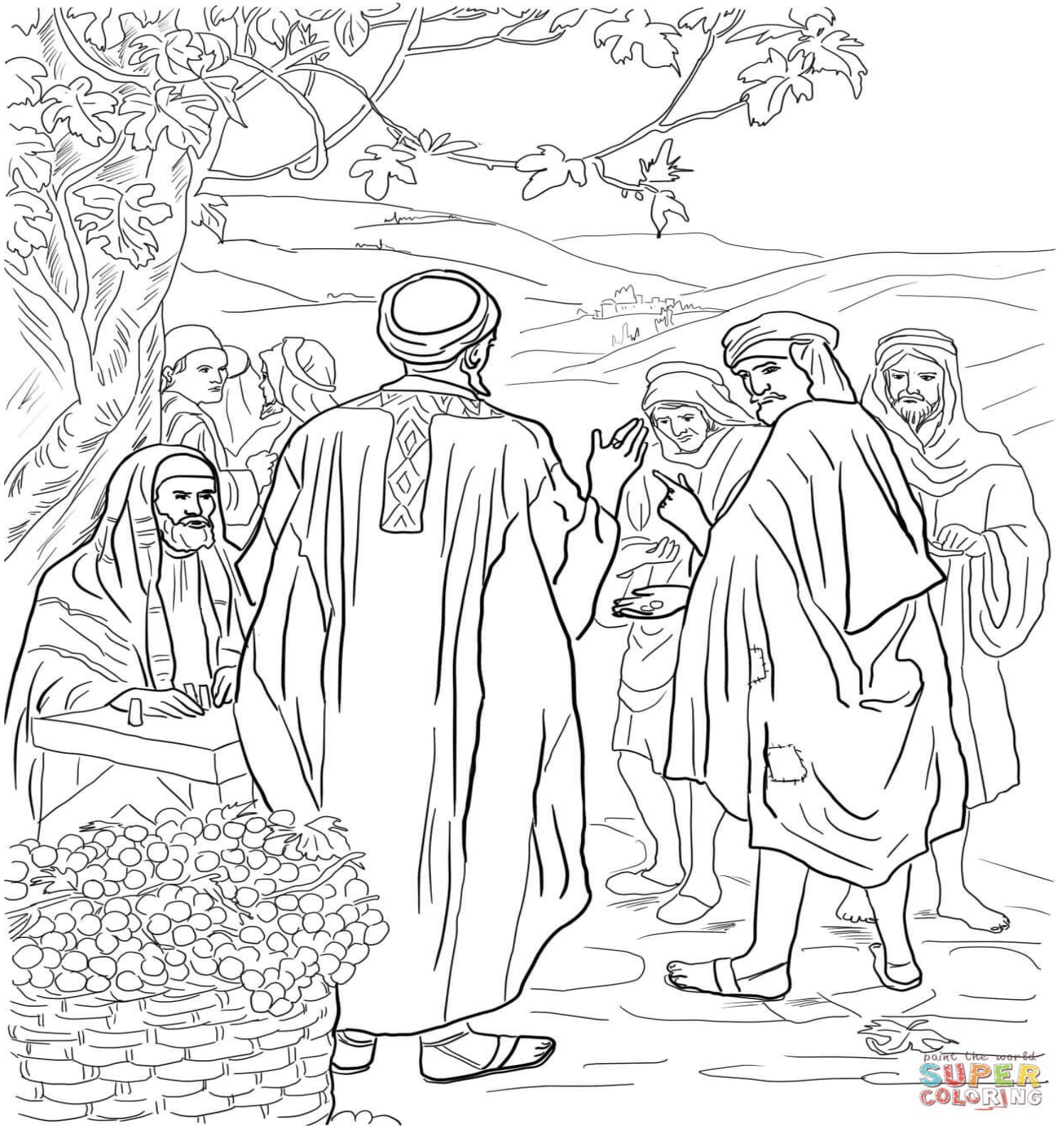
Also don't forget about the upcoming webinars: **Building a Nonviolent Direct Action Campaign.** There will be four sessions on Monday nights starting on October 23. Learn more here:

<http://eileenflanagan.com/building-a-campaign/>

This information should be very timely for racial justice activists and all the other types of activists among us.

NOTES, DOODLES, AND REFLECTIONS ...

COLORING PAGE



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Parable of the Workers
in the Vinyard

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

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**Office Hours:
Monday: Closed
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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 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)*