



*First Friends Meeting
January 21, 2018*

Gather and Center

Prelude *Jesu, Joy* Bach/Adent

Welcome and Announcements Sheila Hoyer

Joys and Concerns

Silence for Centering Prayer

Listen and Respond

Hymn 350 *The Summons*

Blessing for Woods/Bonsall Family

Offertory Invitation and Prayer Sheila Hoyer

Offertory *In Love You Summon* Bell

Scripture Reading Mark 1:14-20 Sheila Hoyer

Message "Fishing with Nets" 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

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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

Joining Don on the facing bench is Sheila Hoyer.

Sheila is Pastor of Education and Outreach at First Friends Meeting.

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.

Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the Realm of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea--for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed.

As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

JOYS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Congratulations to **Diane Burns** who is celebrating the birth of her newest grandson, Jayden who is two months old.

IN THE LIGHT

Greg Woods, Jen Bonsall and Margaret Rae as they continue to pack, clean and prepare for their move to Cambridge, MA. Greg has accepted a call to ministry with Cambridge Friends Meeting.

Phil Hix's brother, Steve passed away last week. Please hold Phil and Monica and Steve's wife Debbie and their children, Laura and Ryan in the light.

Please continue prayers for Janis Hammett's cousin **Alan Cochran** who is undergoing chemo treatments again.

Janet Potter. Please hold Janet in the light for successful surgery and recovery after surgery at Women's Hospital Friday morning. She was scheduled to be discharged on Saturday.

Diane Burn's granddaughter Ruby, age 4 months is having infantile spasms. She is being tested to determine the cause. Please keep her in our prayers.

Brad McHargue. We continue to hold Brad in our prayers.

PRAYERS FOR ONGOING HEALTH CONCERNS

Fred and Jean Small. Jim Wilkinson. Ray Hurley. Norman Rider. Dawn Davis' mother. Heidi McLaughlin's son Christopher. Edith Shepherd's friend Jan. Mary Elizabeth Barwick and Patrick Tillman's mother, Marian. Traci Cossman's Aunt Polly and Uncle Bob. Helen's Hoffman's mother, Laurel Hayes. Akil Ramsey.

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Schedule:

9:00am Unprogrammed Worship

10:00am Sunday Morning Small Group Gatherings:
Our children who will be learning the story of the Prophet Jeremiah in Room 205.
The youth group will be in Room 203 with Sheila.
In the Adult gathering, we will watch the QuakerSpeak video, "My Spiritual Journey with Disability" with Greg Woods leading the class in Room 208.

11:00am Meeting for Worship

12:00pm Monthly Meeting for Business and Transition Conversation in Fellowship Hall

The Transition and Search Committee invites you to gather in the Fellowship Hall at the rise of Meeting for Worship this First Day. We will anticipate concluding worship a few minutes early and will begin lunch as close to Noon as possible.

Our time together will conclude by 2:30pm and will include meaningful conversations, fun, and contemplative Worship much like our first Transition Conversation. Childcare and meals will be provided at no cost (donations accepted).

The Transition and Search Committee planning meeting immediately after January 21 will be on **Thursday, January 25** at 6:30pm in the Library.

A six-week Bible Study, "Isaiah: Prophetic Roots of Justice in the 'Good News' of Jesus' Gospel" began last Thursday, in the Gathering Room at 11am, and will continue to meet weekly (weather permitting) until February 15. The sessions do build on one another, but please feel free to come when you can. We won't be taking attendance! After the morning sessions are completed, the Isaiah study will be repeated in the evening as determined by interest. Peace, Don

The Financial Peace University class will meet for nine consecutive Mondays, beginning on **January 22**, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm at First Friends. Participants may purchase materials and register Contact Elizabeth Vance, evance878@gmail.com or by phone at 336-686-6847.

Pledge Cards. We are grateful for the pledge cards we've already received. If you haven't yet let us know of your intentions, please know that it is not too late to send yours in and we will be grateful to hear from you as well. We are committed to being as careful, frugal, and effective as possible with the Meeting's resources. We are much better able to live into that commitment when we are able to plan our budget with as much clarity as possible. Thank you for your ongoing support of the work of the Meeting!

Newsletter. In order to receive our weekly newsletter by email, please make sure the office has your correct email address. You can send it to: office@firstfriendsmeeting.org or ellen@firstfriendsmeeting.org. Also please check your spam mail as it can sometimes be redirected. Thank you.

You are invited to start the New Year by walking the **First Friends' labyrinth on Saturday evening, January 27, 2018 from 5:00-7:00pm and/or Sunday morning, January 28, 2018 from 9:00-11:00am located in the Fellowship Hall.** The path provides a space to reflect on past and future actions, confront fears, empower and transform. It enables us to center on the divine if we surrender with an open heart and mind.

The Working Group to Undo Racism will meet on Tuesday, January 30 at 7:00pm in Room 208. A great program is planned. Come and bring a friend.

North Carolina Fellowship of Friends (NCFF) business meeting has been rescheduled for February 3, 2018. There will be more information to follow.

Sara Beth Terrell seeks volunteers to test drive and give feedback on a 2-hour workshop she's developing. The workshop will examine ways the normal, often unconscious patterns of oppositional and avoidant energy we use to try to change relationships or situations actually keeps them stuck. Please email Sara Beth at sarabethterrell@gmail.com if you are willing to help. Time and place TBA.

Springfield Friends Meeting invites everyone to attend the 25th annual Warren T. Parris Fish Fry on Saturday, January 27 from 4:30-7:00 pm. It will be held in the Rees Fellowship Hall at 555 E. Springfield Road in High Point. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children (6-12) and free for under 6. Dine in or take out is available. Contact the church office at 336-889-4911 for more information.

Join Cuban Friends as They Build Their Future. Cuban Quakers are busy constructing buildings for their growing ministries. In Holguin, the old “Quaker ruins” are being transformed into a conference center that will house, among other things, a satellite campus of the theological seminary in Matanzas. For more information, contact Lisa Scarpelli at lisas@fum.org or call 765-962-7573. **Registration Deadline: FEBRUARY 8, 2018.**

NOTES, DOODLES AND REFLECTIONS ...

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And he said to them,

"Follow me,

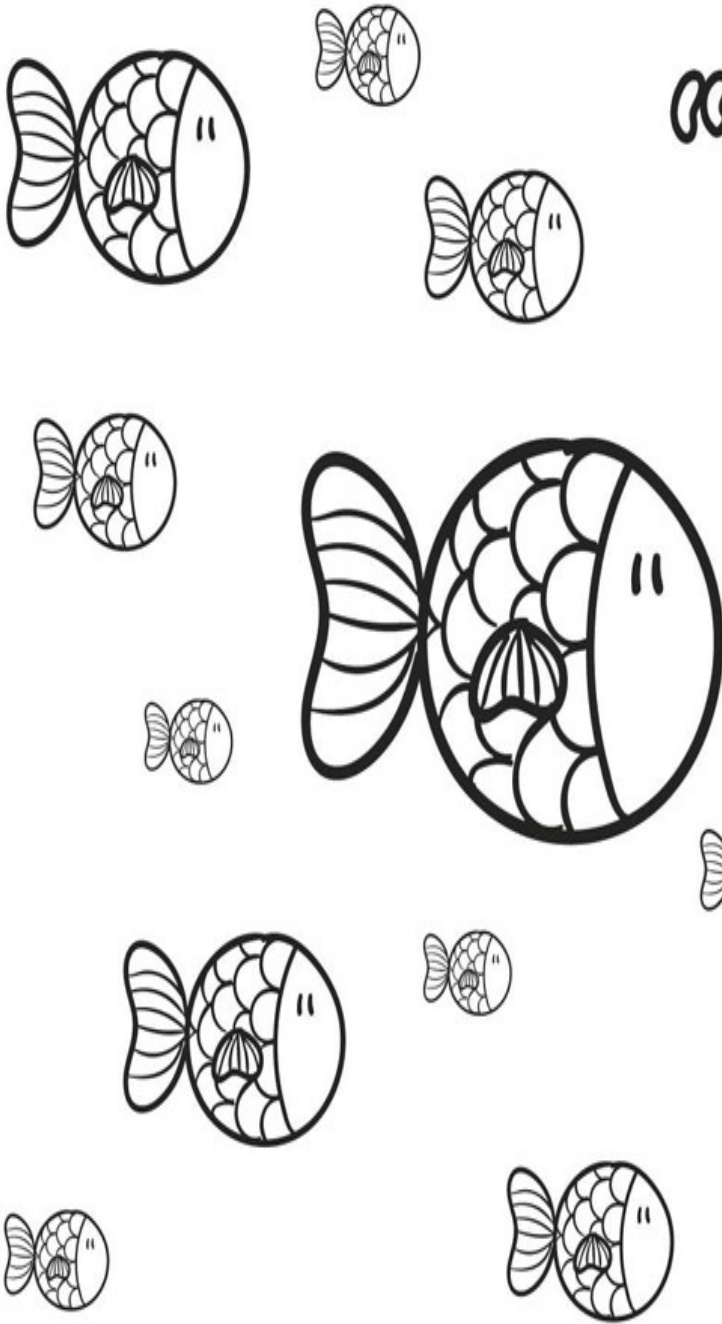
and I will

make you

fishers

of men."

Matthew 4:19



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

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**Office Hours:
Monday: Closed
Tuesday-Friday: 10:00am-3:00pm**

Ministers: Everyone

**Don Durham, Intentional Interim Pastor
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Monica Citty Hix, Minister of Music
Ellen Ramsey, Office Manager
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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)*