



By faith in the name of
Jesus, this man whom you
see and know was made
strong. It is Jesus' name and
the faith that comes
through him that has
completely healed him, as
you can all see.

Acts 3:16

First Friends Meeting
April 22, 2018

Gather and Center

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Sheila Hoyer

Joys and Concerns

Silence for Centering Prayer

Listen and Respond

Hymn 72

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Young Friends Message

Sheila Hoyer

Offertory Invitation and Prayer

Jay Bumm

Offertory

Scripture

Acts 3:12-16

Jay Bumm

Hymn 93

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Message

“Why Do You Wonder...?”

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

Go Now In Peace

Hymn 717 (stanza 1)

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

Our thanks to Jean Christy for providing today's music.

Joining Don on the Facing Bench is Jay Bumm.

Jay is married to Betsy Bumm. They have two healthy children and two healthy grandsons. Jay enjoys being outside as much as possible and enjoys whatever nature has to offer.

*Today's flowers were given by
the Plummer Family to honor
Don Durham,
in gratitude for all that he has done to
support and guide First Friends through this
transition period.*

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.

Acts 3:12-16

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"

The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified God's servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though Pilate had decided to release Jesus.

But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in Jesus' name, the name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

JOYS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Zafarullah Tariq has been accepted into early college at Guilford Technical Community College in Jamestown. He will be arriving as a ninth-grader and is looking forward to smaller classes and the extra attention. His younger sister, **Nabila Tariq** will be attending Swain Middle School as a sixth-grader and part of the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Program (STEM). We continue to celebrate the journeying of our Pakistani families.

IN THE LIGHT

Chris Burnett's son Andrew had surgery last Wednesday on a ruptured disk. Andrews surgery went long but well. He's home and resting. Chris's aunt, Nancy Stanfield passed away this last week as well. Please keep Andrew and the family in your prayers.

Diana Wilson's Abuelita (Granny) Maria Guadalupe Escobedo was 91 when she passed on April 4, 2018. She left behind many including her husband who really needs our prayers as he is seeking God to take him home. Her Abuelito (Granddad), Felipe Escobedo, Sr. is 97 and despite their 75 years together he still saw his wife as a beautiful young woman. Abuelito seems ready to join her pain free, joyous reunion with God. We hold Diana, Jim, Parker, Cortez, Alana and Felipe in our prayers.

Robert Dixon had back surgery on Monday. Your prayers for Robert and family are appreciated.

Andrew Straughn's uncle, Clay Straughn passed last week. Andrew, Kathryn and family will appreciate our prayers.

Dennis Schumann in Michigan, a family friend of Ryan Barwick, is battling cancer for a second time. The radiation treatment is currently successful, but they would like to ask folks to keep him and his family in their prayers.

Don Durham's mother, Ruth Durham as she continues chemotherapy for ovarian cancer. Please hold her and the family In The Light.

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. Mary Elizabeth Barwick and Patrick Tillman's mother, Marian. Helen's Hoffman's mother, Laurel Hayes. Akil Ramsey. Janis Hammett's cousin Alan Cochran. Jay McCracken and Diane Burn's granddaughter, Ruby. Steve Hoffman. Norm Klos.

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Sunday, April 22, 2018

- 9:00am Unprogrammed Worship, Gathering Room
No Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00am Small Group Gatherings:
The Children's Godly Play story will be the Parable of the Mustard Seed in Room 205.
The Youth Group will be with Sheila Hoyer in Room 203.
In the Adult Group Deborah Staves will talk about the importance of native plants and the dangers of invasive plant species in Room 208.
- 11:00am Meeting for Worship. Don Durham will bring the message, "Why Do You Wonder...?"

Working Group to Undo Racism will meet on Monday, April 23, 7:00pm in Room 208. They will be discussing the book, *Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debbie Irving. They invite you to join them. Additional copies of *Waking Up White* are available in the office for you to check out.

Transition Team will meet on Tuesday, April 24, 6:30pm in the Library.

Night Shelter will meet on Tuesday, April 24, 6:30pm at Urban Ministry's Potter House.

First Friends Food Pantry will meet on Thursday, April 26 at 2:00pm.

Sunday, April 29th during our Carry-In Meal, after Meeting for Worship, we will offer a short program on Earth Quaker Action Team (EQAT). Margaret and Katie Rowlett are involved with this working group. Margaret and Katie's passion for this work is contagious and you may be interested in participating in this work, too!

"Interested in what Quakers are doing on climate change and environmental justice issues? Come learn about the Earth Quaker Action Team (EQAT) and the effort by some Greensboro Quakers to start a similar group here. Committed to nonviolent direct action, EQAT is active in the Philadelphia area in the fight for a just and sustainable economy. We can learn from their example and have an impact locally."

Healing Rhythms – Sunday, April 29th at 3pm in Forest Chapel at College Park Church (1601 Walker Avenue, Greensboro, NC)

Monica Citty-Hix will be leading this time: an hour devoted to tending our grief through guided meditation, drumming and reflection. Come and join us in the circle. We'll provide a variety of drums or you may bring your own. There is no charge, though donations are appreciated and used to purchase additional drums. We look forward to welcoming you.

Sponsored by Inner Ground, Inc. Contact us at 2innerground@gmail.com.

The Immigration Reform Roundtable of the League of Women Voters of the Piedmont Triad presents "For-profit Prisons for Immigrants: What We Should Know and Do, and Why," Wednesday May 2, 6:30-8:00pm, St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, 1300 Jefferson Road, Greensboro. Sue Stinson, a member of the Faith Action House International group that visited Stewart Detention Center in Lumpkin, Georgia, will discuss conditions there and the lack of due process, civil rights and human rights. Also, someone who survived will share his horrific experience at Stewart. St. Barnabas at 1300 Jefferson Road, Greensboro offers easy access from New Garden/Bryan Boulevard or by turning north onto Jefferson from Friendly Avenue. Information: 336-852-9297

Scholarship Applications are available outside the office door. You may also contact Ellen at office@firstfriendsmeeting.org or Lisa at lccomito@gmail.com for electronic copies. **Applications are due by Sunday, May 13th.**

SAVE THE DATES: May 20, 2018 and July 15, 2018: Monthly Meeting for Business and Transition Conversation. 12pm, Fellowship Hall. These are the dates of our two remaining conversations that will determine our future path. It is vital that the Transition & Search Committee hear from everyone at these events. All will take place at the rise of Meeting for Worship. Lunch and childcare will be provided.

Monday May 21, 7pm, First Friends Finance Committee will meet in the Library.

Great children's concert coming! Tuesday, May 1, 6:30-7:15pm, First Lutheran Church Community Center, 3600 W. Friendly Ave. 25th anniversary mini-concert for The Triad Tapestry Children's Chorus. Come enjoy the sight and sounds of our beautiful chorus as they sing music from many cultures and share a message of peace, friendship, and hope. Our mini-concert is free and open to the public. All are welcome! Contact: Melissa Burris, melissaburris64@gmail.com.

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Seeking His Glory - Calvary Choir and Orchestra
Saturday, May 5, 6:30pm, Forsyth Friends, 800 Jonestown Rd. Winston-Salem, NC 27103, Contact: Randy Johnson
rjohnson@calvarynow.com

Doing Our Work 3: Addressing Racial Inequity Head-On Towards Organizing for Justice. You are invited to a monthly series of workshops using visual media to focus on dialog, community-building and actions "standing up for racial justice".

Wednesday, May 9 from 7-8:30pm

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2105 West Market St.
Using videos, we'll go deeper discussing personal and institutional racism.
A program of the Guilford Anti-Racism Alliance (GARA) White Caucus.
Questions: garawhitecaucus@gmail.com.

April's Unexpected Tornado Strike

In the aftermath of last weekend's tornado that has devastated parts of east Greensboro, many faith communities are seeking ways to help. The **most helpful** response right now is to make a financial donation to help people who have been displaced from their homes or who will have major repairs. Donations for housing assistance can be made to:

The Community Foundation of Greensboro: <https://www.cfgg.org/>

Interactive Resource Center: <http://interactiveresourcecenter.org/>

Greensboro Urban Ministry: <http://greensborourbanministry.org/>

Donations of **tangible goods are not needed and not helpful** at this time.

The exception to this is school supplies for impacted schools. The **Guilford Education Alliance** has good information about how to donate and help: <https://guilfordeducationalliance.org/how-to-help-tornado-affected-schools/>.

The Volunteer Center of Greensboro is keeping an updated list of volunteer opportunities: <https://www.volunteergso.org/> Keep in mind that needs change daily and that hands-on volunteering might not be the most helpful right now. Again, **financial donations for rebuilding and relief are the most needed response.**

Interest in helping out will likely wane as the news cycle moves on, but the response to this crisis will last long past the immediate needs. **We need to be committed to long-term investment in the impacted neighborhoods**, listening to community leaders who are on the ground there, and working with organizations like the Housing Hub (<https://greensborohousinghub.org/>) to help people get back into their homes. The Greensboro Faith Leaders Council is currently working on an op-ed piece calling on our community to work together not just in the immediate aftermath of this storm, but for as long as it takes to help people rebuild, repair, and move back in.

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know was made strong..."

Acts 3:16

**First Friends is a Quaker Meeting
building healthy relationships
with God, one another, and all creation.**

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Monday: Closed
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Bill Davis, Monthly Meeting Presiding Clerk
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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)*