



***“Even on the Gentiles...”***

***First Friends Meeting  
May 13, 2018***

## *Gather and Center*

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>All Things Bright and Beautiful</i>	arr. Wood
<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>		Sheila Hoyer
<b>Joys and Concerns</b>		
<b>Silence for Centering Prayer</b>		

## *Listen and Respond*

<b>Hymn 30</b>	<i>All Things Bright and Beautiful</i>	
<b>Graduate Recognition</b>		Sheila Hoyer
<b>Anthem</b>	<i>Prayer of St. Patrick</i> Katie Rowlett, violin	arr. Johnson
<b>Offertory Invitation and Prayer</b>		Beth Joyce
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee</i>	arr. Logan
<b>Scripture</b>	Acts 10:44-48	Beth Joyce
<b>Hymn 492</b>	<i>Spirit of the Living God</i>	
<b>Message</b>	“Who Are We To say?...”	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*

<b>Benediction</b>		Don Durham
<b>Sung Response</b>	<i>The Summons</i>	Hymn 350, stanza 5

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

## **Joining Don on the Facing Bench is Beth Joyce.**

**Beth** is from Knoxville, TN, where she met her husband Ian Joyce in high school and became friends. They've been married for 32 years and share careers (both in marketing) and a love of travel and oversized dogs. Beth's free time is mostly spent on Quaker things; First Friends, Quaker Lake Camp and Friends Homes. Beth is currently Clerk of Meeting for Ministry and Counsel and Clerk of the Transition and Search Committee and welcomes your questions and input during this process.

*The flowers today are given by  
Elaine and Bill Scott  
in loving memory of  
Bill's mother and Anna Pulliam's grandmother,  
Florence Carraway Scott.*

### **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.

## **Anthem - Prayer of Saint Patrick**

Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me.  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me  
Restore me, Christ to restore me.

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Great God of heaven my victory won,  
O may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, what e'er befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Christ beside me, Christ to guide me, Christ, the Ruler of all!

## **Acts 10:44-48**

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.

The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?"

So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

## JOYS AND THANKSGIVINGS

All of the 2018 graduates, their families, teachers and faculty who supported and instructed them towards their goals.

## IN THE LIGHT

**Ann Burnett**, Chris Burnett's mom, had a bad fall on a stone floor on Tuesday. She was admitted to the hospital Thursday night. Along with a compound wrist fracture and stitches in her chin they learned she has one broken rib and six ribs with contusions making it very difficult to breathe.

Please hold **Andrew Straughn** in the light while recovering from Bell's Palsy.

**Don Durham's mother, Ruth Durham** as she continues chemotherapy for ovarian cancer.

**Brad McHargue**. We hold Brad in our prayers as he continues his chemotherapy treatments.

## 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. Ryan Barwick's friend, Dennis Schumann.

## CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Join us today, May 13, 2018**

9:00am **Unprogrammed Worship**, Gathering Room

9:45am **Choir Rehearsal**

10:00am **Small Group Gatherings:**

Children ages 4 to 10 years will have **Godly Play** in Room 205.

**The Youth Group** ages 11 and up will gather in Room 203.

We will begin a Youth Council that will be working to plan Youth Group and other events.

In Room 208 the **Adult Gathering** will help introduce the topic for the Transition Conversation on May 20. Today, we will look at the wider world of Quakerism and discuss ways for us to be involved with a variety of Quaker organizations beyond First Friends. On May 20, our special guest speaker will be Max Carter, who will share with us where the new NC Fellowship of Friends fits in the wider world of yearly meetings and their parent organizations and how it can connect us to other Quakers.

11:00am Meeting for Worship: Graduate Sunday

Don Durham will bring the message, "Who Are We to Say?..."

Scholarship **Applications are due Today, May 13, 2018!**

**New Garden Friends Meeting's very own, Anna Sykes**, will be solo'ing with the Greensboro Symphony Youth Orchestra (GSYO) **Today, May 13** at 4 p.m. in Dana Auditorium on the Guilford College campus. Anna will be playing the first movement of the Mendelssohn, Violin Concerto in E Minor, Op. 64. Anna is receiving this opportunity as this year's winner of the GSYO concerto competition and the resulting Sam Wilson Scholarship award. The concert is free! Let's come out, enjoy and support Anna in this fantastic endeavor! **First Friends own Jenny Rowlett** is also a member of the GSYO and will be playing in the cello section at today's concert.

**May 15, The Working Group to Undo Racism** will meet at 7pm in Room 208. Childcare will be provided.

**Next Saturday, May 19, the 2nd Annual Quaker Lake Golf Tournament** hosted at Holly Ridge Golf Links will take place! This is a great fundraiser that directly benefits the wonderful ministry of Quaker Lake Camp. Please consider playing in the tournament, making a financial donation, or donating items for door prizes. All the information you need is located at the following link:

[http://docs.wixstatic.com/.../a9182e\\_dabaabd2dd4740c59bf8d718...](http://docs.wixstatic.com/.../a9182e_dabaabd2dd4740c59bf8d718...)

4 Person Golf Team - \$240, Hole Sponsor - \$100, Corporate Sponsor \$1000, Financial Donations - Any Amount. Contact Heather Varner at (336-681-6252) in regards to door prizes or goodie bag donations.

Contact Beth Joyce ([beth356@gmail.com](mailto:beth356@gmail.com) or (336-337-7137) if you want to participate. This is a really fun and easy way to support Quaker Lake Camp!

**NEXT SUNDAY May 20, 2018:** Monthly Meeting for Business and Transition Conversation, 12pm, Fellowship Hall. This is one of the 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.

**A note from Elizabeth Vance:** It's Back! I'll be leading another session of Financial Peace University, beginning Sunday, June 10th, in Greensboro. Learn to make and stick to a budget, communicate with your spouse about money, save, get out of debt, and more. Summer special price: \$99 per household. Financial Peace University. Let Financial Expert Dave Ramsey show you how to dump debt, budget, build wealth and give like never before! FINANCIALPEACE.COM.

## **Youth Events - Here is What's Coming Up:**

**Hello Friends,**

I am excited to let you know that after talking with several of the youth we have decided that we will experiment with having youth group meetings twice a month. Sunday evenings seems to be the best evening to give this a go. We may have to move things around from time to time but for now I am proposing the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

Sunday, May 20th from 5:30 to 7:00pm

Sunday, June 3rd from 5:30 to 7:00pm

Sunday, June 17th from 5:30 to 7:00pm

Sunday, July 1st from 5:30-7:00pm

Sunday, July 15-NO YOUTH GROUP Molly, Ben, Greg and I will be in Ireland!

Sunday, August 5th from 5:30 to 7:00pm

Sunday, August 19th from 5:30 to 7:00pm

Every other week we will have games, eat pizza for dinner and have worship. Please send your youth with \$5 per person for dinner. Unless otherwise noted, we will gather at the Meeting House.

We are also beginning a Youth Council that will be working to plan Youth Group and other events. We will be meeting on Sunday morning at 10:00am starting this Sunday in Room 203. All youth 12 and over are welcome to attend.

### **Other opportunities:**

Food Pantry

June 28th Noon-3:30pm

July 26th Noon-3pm

August 23rd Noon-3pm

### **Night Shelter Dinner Service**

June 26th 6:30-8:00pm

July 24th 6:30-8:00pm

August 28th 6:30-8:00pm

If you have questions or concerns, please let me know. Grateful, Sheila

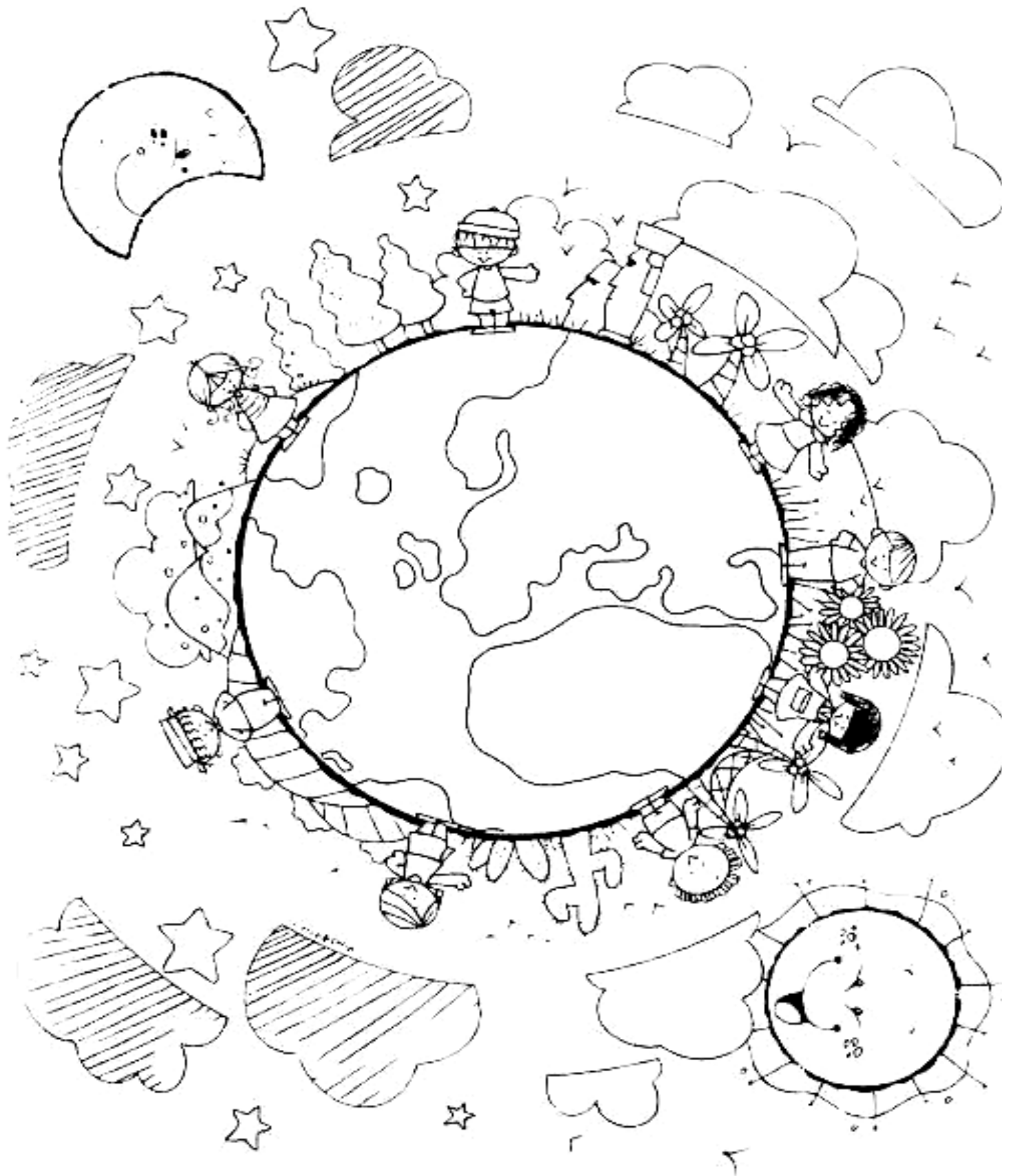


**Free Public Screening: “Backpack full of Cash”**, narrated by Matt Damon, this feature-length documentary film explores the growing privatization of public schools and the resulting impact on America's most vulnerable children. For more about the film, visit: [www.backpackfullofcash.com](http://www.backpackfullofcash.com) This is hosted by Public Schools First NC, League of Women Voters of the Piedmont Triad and the Guilford County Association of Educators. **May 17, 6 p.m. at Performance Center, Odell Building, Greensboro College, 815 W. Market Street, Greensboro.**

### **Religion and Mental Health Panel Discussion.**

Part of the Greensboro Bound Literary Festival, this panel discussion will feature two authors who draw on their own experiences to explore how faith communities can accompany those who struggle with mental illness, offering resources from religious traditions that can offer comfort and hope. The panel will include Tonya Farmer Armstrong, author of *Blossoming Hope: The Black Christian Woman's Guide to Mental Health and Wellness*, and David Finnegan-Hosey, author of *Christ in the Psych Ward*. The panel will be moderated by Lee Hull Moses, author of *More than Enough: Living Abundantly in a Culture of Excess*. There is no cost for the event, and all are welcome. **First Christian Church Greensboro, 1900 W Market St, Greensboro, NC 27403. Sunday, May 20, 2:15pm.**

## **NOTES, DOODLES AND REFLECTIONS ...**



**GOD'S LOVE IS FOR  
EVERYONE!**

**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-3:00pm**

**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  
Sidney Holliday, Nursery Care  
Adrian Quarles, Nursery Care  
Bill Davis, Monthly Meeting Presiding Clerk  
Beth Joyce, Clerk of Ministry and Counsel  
Margaret Rowlett, 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)*