

The  
WORD  
by name  
is Jesus Christ

*First Friends Meeting  
May 27, 2018*

## *Gather and Center*

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Partita on Lobe den Herren: Entrada</i>	Callahan
<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>		Sheila Hoyer
<b>Joys and Concerns</b>		
<b>Silence for Centering Prayer</b>		

## *Listen and Respond*

<b>Hymn 28</b>	<i>For Beauty of Meadows</i>	
<b>Young Friends Message</b>		Sheila Hoyer
<b>Anthem</b>	<i>For the Music of Creation</i>	Pote
<b>Offertory Invitation and Prayer</b>		Beth Joyce
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>Partita on Lobe den Herren: Meditation</i>	Callahan
<b>Scripture</b>	Acts 3:12-16	Beth Joyce
<b>Hymn 624</b>	<i>When the Poor Ones</i> stanza 1: choir stanza 2-4: all	
<b>Message</b>	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*

<b>Benediction</b>		Don Durham
<b>Sung Response</b>	<i>A Place at the Table</i>	Hymn 617, refrain only

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.

*Today's flowers are in honor of*

*Mary Elizabeth Barwick*

*from Ryan, Julia Ann and Jillman in celebration of  
Mary and Ryan's wedding anniversary on May 22.*

**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.

### **Anthem - For the Music of Creation**

For the music of creation, for the song your spirit sings,  
For your sound's divine expression, burst of joy in living things:  
God, our God, the world's composer, hear us, echoes of your voice,  
Music is your art, your glory, let the human heart rejoice!

Psalms and symphonies exalt you, drum and trumpet, string and reed,  
Simple melodies acclaim you, tunes that rise from deepest need,  
Hymns of longing and belonging, carols from a cheerful throat,  
Lilt of lullaby and love song catching heaven in a note.

All the voices of the ages in transcendent chorus meet,  
Worship lifting up the senses, Hands that praise, and dancing feet;  
Over discord and division music speaks your joy and peace,  
Harmony of earth and heaven, Song of God that cannot cease!

## JOYS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Thank you so very much for the love and support Nancy and I felt during my recent surgery. The visits, phone calls, cards, emails, iMessages, and food has been greatly appreciated. Knowing that I had my spiritual family praying for me gave me comfort. Thank you Friends! Robert Dixon

Our thanks to **Bob Winsor** for providing last Sunday's music.

**Thanks to our committed leaders of 10:00am Sunday Morning Gatherings. Godly Play:** Emily Daniels, Allyson English, Kary Gray, Jennie Hunt, Emily Riley, Mary Stewart, Julie Tillman, Patrick Tillman and Kristina Wright. **Youth Group:** Sheila Hoyer. **Adult:** Jennifer Brigman, Cassandra Israel and Margaret Rowlett.

We are incredibly grateful for the work of accompaniment you offer as we walk this faith journey together. Thank you for building up our Beloved Community.

**Jennifer Brigman** will be attending Duke University's school of Nursing to obtain a BS and RN in nursing. Her ultimate goal is to become a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, as there is a critical shortage of psychiatric providers in our state. She intends to specialize in women's and perinatal mental health care. She begins school full-time in August and is both excited and terrified to begin this endeavor! Please hold her in the light as these next months will be a challenge logistically, emotionally and financially!

### IN THE LIGHT

**Betsy Blake's mother, Becky Blake** was diagnosed with breast cancer and is preparing for surgery and radiation. Prayers are definitely appreciated!

**Traci Cossman's Dad, Wade Shelton** is having surgery on Thursday, May 24 and prayers are appreciated. It's the second surgery recently and the family hopes it will alleviate the problems he's been dealing with for the past two months. Also hold Traci's mom, **Brenda Shelton** In the Light as she has also had a rough couple of months.

**Ann Burnett**, Chris Burnett's mom, as she recovers from surgery.

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

**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 27, 2018**

**9:00am Unprogrammed Worship**

**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 continue with a Youth Council that will be working to plan Youth Group and other events.

**The Adult Gathering** will meet in Room 208 to watch and discuss the QuakerSpeak video "Is Quaker Worship Meditation?"

**11:00am** Meeting for Worship: Don Durham will bring the message, "Why Do You Wonder...?"

**12:00pm** This Sunday after Meeting for Worship, Bill Davis will start selling tickets to the Grasshoppers Game. The game is scheduled for Friday, June 29. Tickets are \$11 each. (See details in the bulletin).

**Summer Sabbatical for Sunday Morning Gatherings Begins:** Starting in June all our children, youth and adult programming during the 10:00am hour will take a well-deserved sabbatical. The Christian Education Committee will begin planning the upcoming year that will begin in September with Kick-Off Sunday. If there are topics or speakers that you are interested in, please let anyone on the Christian Education Committee know. Committee members include: Jennifer Brigman, Emily Daniels, Allyson English, Kary Gray, Sheila Hoyer, Jeff Ray, Julie Tillman, Karen Watts. You can also email Sheila: [sheila@firstfriendsmeeting.org](mailto:sheila@firstfriendsmeeting.org) and she will relay your email to the committee.

## **NC WARN presentation on NC Clean Path 2025**

On **Tuesday, May 29, at 7 pm**, please plan to attend a presentation by Kim Porter, a community organizer with NC WARN on the NC Clean Path 2025 report. The report "is a strategy for North Carolina's electricity supply system showing that local solar combined with battery storage, energy efficiency and energy-balancing can rapidly replace fossil fuels, save tens of billions of dollars and create thousands of jobs across the state." This talk is being sponsored by the new Greensboro EarthQuakers group. The presentation will be at **New Garden Friends Meeting in Room 109**.

On **Wednesday, June 6, at 7pm** the **Stewardship Committee** will meet in the Library.

**Financial Peace University - *Take the first class free!* Join us from 2:00 - 4:00 pm on June 10**, no pre-registration required. If you like the class, you can register and pay that afternoon for the rest of the course. If you decide FPU isn't for you, you pay nothing and have no obligation of any kind. Adults and high school children in the same household can take the course and pay only \$99 per household. Contact Elizabeth Vance with any questions. [evance878@gmail.com](mailto:evance878@gmail.com)

## **First Friends Meeting - Vacation Bible School 2018 OPERATION EARTHCARE!**

Job 12:7-10 NIV

"But ask the animals, and they will teach you,  
or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you;  
or speak to the earth, and it will teach you,  
or let the fish in the sea inform you.

Which of all these does not know that the hand of God has done this?  
In God's hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all humankind."

**WHAT:** Dinner, Story, Science Experiments, Crafts, Games and Ice Cream!

**WHEN:** Wednesday, **June 20th 5:30-8:00pm**

**WHERE:** First Friends Fellowship Hall

**WHY:** To celebrate our world, make new friends and learn something new.

**WHO:** All welcome! Geared to elementary age children and all youth and parents are welcome to come participate and help out.

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

**The Youth Group** is excited to let you know that we will experiment with having youth group meetings twice a month on Sunday evenings, 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

### **Summer Schedule:**

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

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

Sunday, July 1 from 5:30 to 7:00pm

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

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

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

Gatherings will include games, pizza and 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. All youth 12 and over are welcome to attend.

Friend, might you be interested in working with the youth group? If Spirit nudges, please let Sheila know.

### **Summer Service opportunities:**

#### **Food Pantry**

June 28, Noon-3:30pm; July 26, Noon-3pm; August 23, Noon-3pm

#### **Night Shelter Dinner Service**

June 26, 6:30-8:00pm; July 24, 6:30-8:00pm; August 28, 6:30-8:00pm

**First Friends at Greensboro Grasshoppers Game - We're confirmed for June 29. Bill Davis will start selling tickets this Sunday, May 27, after Meeting.** Tickets will be \$11 each. Grasshoppers vs Delmarva. It will also be Princess in the Park Night. It's the most magical night of the season as the Hoppers invite children to Princess in the Park Night! One lucky fan will WIN A TRIP TO DISNEY WORLD, courtesy of PTI Airport and Allegiant Airlines. Bring your little princess to get nails painted and makeup done by one of their favorite princesses! You can also enter our princess dress-up contest on social media for a chance to be the Princess of the Game! There will also be **FANomenal Friday Fireworks**. Every Friday home game is a celebration! Enjoy our amazing postgame fireworks show and kick off your weekend in style!

**Lawnmower needed...**Our refuge family on Richardson Street is in need of a push mower. We would love to get one donated. If you would like to provide a new mower or have a used working mower that you are willing to donate please let Sheila Hoyer know.

**Cemetery Tour** - Max Carter will lead a 10am tour of the New Garden cemetery on **May 28**. Highlights of the tour will include graves from the Revolutionary War, Civil War, and 20th century conflicts but also graves of those whose battles were in the area of peace and justice work. Comfortable shoes, water, sunscreen, and tolerance for an old Quaker Studies professor's rambling stories are recommended. The tour is free and open to all who are interested -- or who, like the tour leader, have no social life!

**Special Program at Sword of Peace Alert!** Folks who enjoyed **Diane Faison's** visit to Springfield as Harriet Tubman earlier this year can see her again in a special program at the Sword of Peace outdoor drama in Climax, NC on Saturday, **June 16th at 7:00 pm** together with James Shields as Frederick Douglass. **Admission is FREE!**

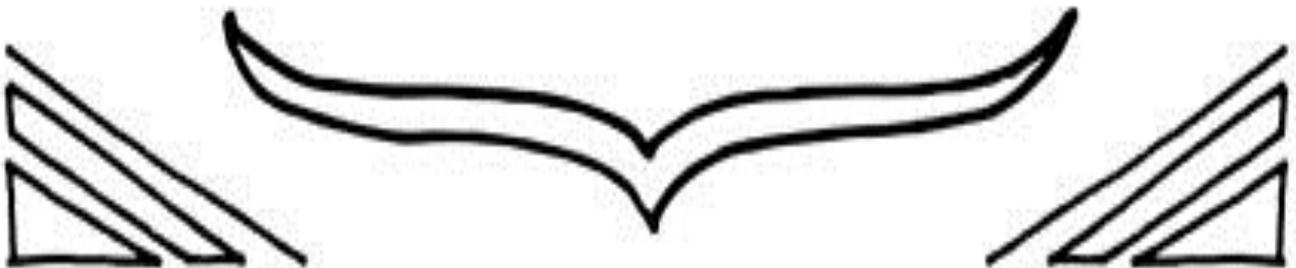
**NOTES, DOODLES AND REFLECTIONS...**

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The Most Holy Name of

JESUS



"And by faith in Jesus' name, the name  
itself has made this man strong..."

Acts 3:16

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

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**Office Hours:  
Monday: Closed  
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**Ministers: Everyone**

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Sheila Hoyer, Pastor of Education and Outreach  
Monica Citty Hix, Minister of Music  
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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)*