

**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
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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)*



EPHESIANS
GROWING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

*First Friends Meeting
August 12, 2018*

Gather and Center

Prelude *Beach Spring* arr. Held

Welcome and Announcements Sheila Hoyer

Joys and Concerns

Silence for Centering Prayer

Listen and Respond

Hymn 459 *Come, All Christians, Be Committed*

Young Friends Message Sheila Hoyer

Anthem *Simple Gifts* arr. Strommen

Offertory Invitation and Prayer Patrick Tillman

Offertory *We are Called* arr. Shackley

*"We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God."*

Scripture Reading *Ephesians 4:25-5:2* Patrick Tillman

Hymn 621 *For the Healing of the Nations*

Message "Let them labor and work honestly WITH their own hands..."
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

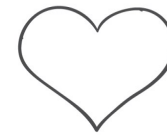
Benediction Don Durham

Sung Response

*Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace, we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.*

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

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TO ONE ANOTHER,

TENDERHEARTED,



FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER,

AS GOD IN CHRIST FORGAVE YOU.

EPHESIANS 4:32



Monday, August 20, First Friends Finance Committee, 7pm, Library

Tuesday, August 21, House and Grounds Committee, 7pm, Library

Back to School Blessing on Sunday, August 26 during the 11:00am service. Students, teachers and administrators are encouraged to bring their backpacks or whatever they carry to school to Meeting so we can offer a prayer as we head into a new school year.

The **August 2018 issue of the Friends Journal** is available to view at the First Friends Office. You may also log onto the following web page to read specific articles: <https://www.friendsjournal.org/>.

Our **Greensboro Earth Quakers team** is part of a coalition planning a Solar Power Now! Rally on **Saturday afternoon, September 8**, at 3 p.m. on the Greensboro College campus. For more information, contact Margaret Rowlett at margaretrowlett@gmail.com).

Peace Festival: Sunday, September 23 from 12:30-2:00pm we will host our 4th annual Peace Festival! There will be dancing, singing, food trucks, face painting, art projects, peace puppies for adoption and more! We are hoping that you will save the date and join us in welcoming our Greensboro community for the event. We need help! There are a variety of ways you can help. We will need items for a bake sale, folks to set-up and take down, a sound manager, greeters, people to work the Quaker table and more. Please contact Lou Gordh, Jennifer Brigman or Sheila Hoyer if you can help out!

Moral Monday Meeting. Join in on the **August 13** Ecological Justice Moral Monday Meeting at Shiloh Baptist Church, 1210 S. Eugene Street in Greensboro. Organized by the NC Poor Peoples Campaign, Rev. William J. Barber, and former Vice President Al Gore will join in this session, starting at 6:00 pm, to hear how North Carolinians are suffering from pollution, unhealthy housing and other environmental injustices in our community. For more information and to RSVP go to: <https://tinyurl.com/y76xqsog>.

The Center for New North Carolinians (CNNC) is seeking a Fall/Winter team of volunteers to assist refugee youth with homework, special projects, and reading assignments. Weekly schedules are available at three Community Center sites in Greensboro: Monday—Thursday, 3:00 pm—5:00 pm. Register now for upcoming orientations: Tuesday, August 21; 6:00pm—7:30pm or Thursday, August 23, 6-7:30pm. Go to: cnc.uncg.edu or contact Tawanna W. Maryland at volunteer.cnc@gmail.com for more information. If you have any questions you can also contact Emily McCollum emily.d.mccollum@gmail.com.

Joining Don on the Facing Bench today is Patrick Tillman. Patrick is married to Julie Simstein Tillman. They have three children; Audrey 14, Sophie 13 and Harper 10, and a black lab named Coco. Patrick grew up as a member of Archdale Friends Meeting. He works for The Alderman Company as Director of Sales and serves on the Guilford County Board of Education. Patrick enjoys being outdoors, Netflix binge watching, history and spending time with family and friends.

*The flowers today are given in loving memory of
Irene Clapp on her birthday
by Dawn Carter and Pam & Jim Reese.*

Anthem - Simple Gifts arr. Stromen

*'Tis a gift to be simple, 'tis a gift to be free,
'tis a gift to come down where we ought to be.
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend,
we shan't be ashamed, to turn, turn will be our delight,
'til by turning, turning, we come 'round right*

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.

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear.

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

JOYS AND THANKSGIVING

Sheila Hoyer, Molly Hunt and Ben Plummer delivered a stirring message last Sunday, "Moyallon is Coming Home."

IN THE LIGHT

Janis Hammett's cousin Alan Cochran passed last week. Janis thanks the First Friends community for their caring. Please continue to keep Janis and family in your prayers.

Brad McHargue. We hold Brad in our prayers as he continues treatment.

Phil and Monica Hix's next door neighbor, Rachel Beardsley (20 years old), had major back surgery on Tuesday. This was Rachel's third back surgery in 15 months. She came through the surgery fine and is still at Duke recovering and doing physical therapy. Prayers are appreciated.

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

Please join us today for:

- 9:00am Unprogrammed Worship
- 9:45am Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00am Small Group Gatherings are on summer sabbatical)
- 11:00am Meeting for Worship - Don Durham will deliver the message, "Let them labor and work honestly WITH their own hands..."
- 12:00pm Monthly Meeting for Business, Fellowship Hall

Working Group to Undo Racism resumes this Tuesday, August 14 at 7pm in the Gathering Room. The planning committee has been hard at work during the group's summer hiatus and we are excited to share our ideas about moving forward this Fall. We are in need of a volunteer to share an AHA Moment for the August meeting. Please let Margaret know if you can provide one!

Don't forget that Debby Irving, author of one of our book studies, *Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race*, will be in Greensboro on Monday, September 17 at 7:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 617 North Elm Street. www.fpcgreensboro.org/learn/christians-and-race.

Training for **Reading Connections Tutors** will begin this Tuesday, August 14. All training sessions will be held in Greensboro at the Self Help Building located at 122 North Elm St. on the eighth floor. For information, visit www.readingconnections.org. You may also contact Vicki McCreary if you have any questions, cvmccrea@gmail.com.

Thursday, August 16, Transition Team Meeting, 6:30pm, Library.

Saturday, August 18, North Carolina Fellowship of Friends. We are five days away before gathering at Quaker Lake Camp for our annual gathering. We are looking forward to this time together, as we fellowship together, meet and greet new friends, renew acquaintances, conduct a little business, look ahead, and of course, have fun. Reports from some of our Friends organizations are posted on the website (www.ncfriends.org). In order to save a tree or two there will not be copies distributed at the gathering. Copies and agenda will be attached to Wednesday's newsletter. Also, you will find on the website information on United Society of Friends Woman's - Fall Gathering and Scholarship information. Updated registration forms included in this Wednesday's newsletter also.

North Carolina United Society of Friends Woman's (NCUSFW) fall Annual Meeting registration update: same date **September 15, 2018** at Somerton Friends. [Registration information update](#). **Room reservation by August 20, 2018 - NCUSFW registration by September 3, 2018. Deadline is September 3, 2018** (Preregistration is requested). The cost of the meal is \$12.00 per person.

Racial Equity Workshops. There are several upcoming opportunities to attend the two-day Racial Equity Workshop in Greensboro. They will be held on **August 16-17, September 24-25, and October 8-9, 2018**. This workshop is designed to build the capacity of all persons in understanding and eliminating racial inequities, disparities and disproportionality within our society. The training is facilitated by the Racial Equity Institute. For additional information and registration forms, please contact Nora Jones at 336 271-6632 or by email at (partnershipproject.ur@gmail.com).