

**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
Cidney 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)*



***First Friends Meeting
September 2, 2018***

Gather and Center

Prelude	<i>Let All Things Now Living</i>	Welsh Melody
Welcome and Announcements		Sheila Hoyer
Joys and Concerns		
Silence for Centering Prayer		

Listen and Respond

Hymn 32	<i>Creating God, Your Fingers Trace</i>	
Offertory Invitation and Prayer		Bill Davis
Offertory	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	Schutte
Scripture	Genesis 1:1-5	Bill Davis
Hymn 551	<i>As a Fire Is Meant for Burning</i>	
Message	“Chaos vs. Order”	Don Durham
Waiting Worship After the Manner of Friends	<i>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.</i>	

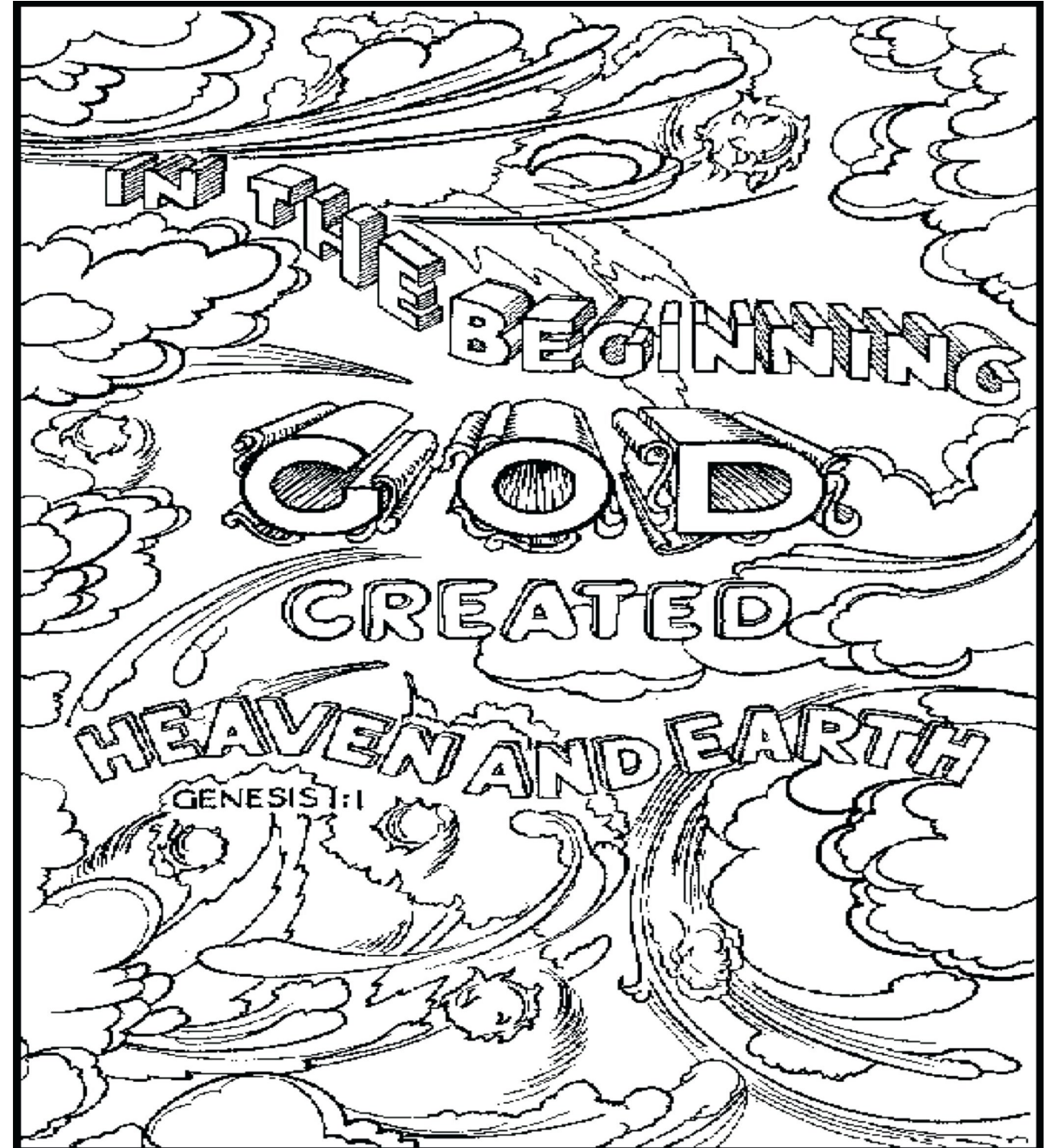
Go Forth in Spirit

Benediction		Don Durham
Sung Response	<i>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.</i>	

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

Our thanks to Jean Christy for providing her musical talents today.

COLORING PAGE



Opening Space for a Third Way. When we feel caught in either/ors--right/wrong, black/white, red/blue--we spend time and energy fighting each other instead of working to change what needs changing. "Opening Space for a Third Way," an 8-week workshop led by Sara Beth Terrell, seeks alternatives to the ways we naturally try to change each other. The workshop offers safe space and resources to stop fighting and put our energies toward real change in personal relationships as well as in the world. The workshop will meet in the Gathering Room at First Friends Meeting Thursdays 10-12 or 6:30-8:30, Sept. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, and Nov 1, 8. Contact Sara Beth at sarabethterrell@gmail.com to register or with questions. Space is limited.

Sunday, September 16, Sunday Morning 10:00am Gatherings begin. We are excited to offer two different adult classes. One will be led by Wess Daniels, Director of Friends Center and Quaker Studies at Guilford College and the other will be led by our Working Group to Undo Racism. Godly Play will continue for our youth and we will be adding an additional gathering for our children ages 9-12. More information to come at our Kick-Off Breakfast.

Our 4th Annual Peace Festival is coming up quickly! This event will be held on **Sunday, September 23** after Meeting. There will be Food Trucks, exhibitions from organizations around our community, dancers, choirs, interfaith speakers and much more. One of our goals with this event is to reach out to the community and share a bit about who we are. We have several ways you can help:

- Bake Sale, we need contributions and people to help manage this booth.
 - Quaker Table, we need someone to organize materials and greet visitors as well as answer any questions they might have.
 - Set-Up and Take Down
 - Garbage cans need to be emptied and re-bagged as filled.
 - Someone to coordinate and work with the exhibitions on the day of the event.
- Can you help? Contact Sheila@firstfriendsmeeting.org.

First Friends Working Group to Undo Racism will meet on September 26, 2018 in the Gathering Room at 6:30pm.

Communal Prayer - Life is both joyous and messy, and we're often better at celebrating the joyous than giving communal voice to the messy. Join us on **Friday evening, September 28 at 6:30pm** in the meeting room for a contemplative prayer service devoted to communal crying out to God as we lament and grieve illnesses, difficulties and all kinds of losses. We invite you to come and create space with others as we offer our deepest heart cries to God and open ourselves to the healing mercy of the Beloved. Friends and family welcome. (All are welcome.)

Save the Date, Saturday, November 10 for Quaker Lake Retreat Day. This event is for all ages. There will be hiking, good conversations in the rocking chairs on the porch, lots of time to make new friends and spend time with old friends. There will be a Chili and Cornbread Cook-Off and more.

Joining Don on the Facing Bench today is Bill Davis. Bill became convinced to the ways of Friends through the combined efforts of the Holy Spirit and his darling wife, Dawn Davis. He joined First Friends in 2001, and now serves as Clerk of the Monthly Meeting. Bill currently serves as a District Court Judge, after 18 years as a criminal defense attorney with the Public Defender's Office. On the rare occasion that he has any free time, he enjoys cooking and performing with local community theatre.

*Today's flowers were provided by the Plummer family,
in appreciation of all of our students and educators,
both in Sunday's Godly Play, Small Group Gatherings,
and in our area's schools and universities.
We hope you all have a wonderful school year.*

Genesis 1:1-5

In beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and called the darkness Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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.

Joys and Thanksgiving

A note from Betsy Blake regarding her mom, Becky Blake. “It is powerful to witness the Mystery of prayer. I have watched my Mom's spirits be lifted and by all reports, she is healing well. We are overjoyed to learn that she will not require chemo or radiation at this time. We have felt very held and supported by First Friends throughout this journey and are extremely grateful. Thank you!”

In the Light

Leah Edgerton's brother, Eddie Harris of the Archdale Friends Meeting is struggling with cancer. Your prayers will be greatly appreciated.

Katie Lebrato's friend Shelley is dealing with cancer.

Traci Cossman's mom, Brenda Shelton is feeling much better after an episode of vertigo.

Anna, our foster daughter, has moved to a new adoptive home in Whitsett. She will be living on a farm surrounded by lots of rescue animals. She is very excited about this move. *Mary Bryan-Stewart, Dave Stewart and Natalee.*

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

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. 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: Unprogrammed Worship 9am, Worship Service 11am

Pastor Job Ad. You are encouraged to share this ad with those you may know: First Friends Meeting, a Quaker Meeting offering both programmed and unprogrammed worship, is seeking a full-time pastor. Located in Greensboro, NC, First Friends was founded in 1891 and is a member of the North Carolina Fellowship of Friends (FUM). The Meeting seeks to be a welcoming, community-involved, spiritual body serving the needs of its congregation and community. We are looking for a pastor grounded in Quaker tradition who is able to bring inspiring & challenging messages, offer personal & spiritual development, and lead a heterogeneous body of worshipers into enduring connection with the Divine. See a complete job description and application instructions on our website: www.firstfriendsmeeting.org/pastorsearch.

Tuesday September 4, First Friends Office will be closed in observance of Labor Day.

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, September 5, Peace and Social Concerns, 7pm, Gathering Room

Thursday, September 6, Nominating Committee, 6pm, Library

Time Correction: The Solar Power Now! rally on Saturday, Sept. 8, will start at 2:00 pm at Greensboro College. The display of yellow umbrellas will be a compelling demand for renewable energy; come be a part of the picture! Some of the speakers will be Julian Gordan, NC A&T University, Pricey Harrison, NC House of Rep (District 57), Justin Catanoso, Wake Forest University, and Willow Stevenson, Guilford College. For more information, contact Margaret Rowlett at: margaretrowlett@gmail.com).

Jamestown Friends Meeting, Chicken Bar B Que, Saturday, September 8

Serving from: 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. - ½ Chicken plate - \$10.00
¼ Chicken plate - \$8.00 - Request tickets at: 336.454.3813.

Sunday, September 9 at 10:00am we will have our Kick-Off Breakfast for our Christian Education Hour Programming. There will be catering from Biscuitville, fruit, juice and coffee. Our leaders and programming will be introduced for the coming months and we will celebrate being back together post-summer.

Tuesday, September 11, First Friends Personnel Committee, 6:30pm, Library

A Fall session of Financial Peace University is scheduled at First Friends Meeting on Tuesday evenings from September 11 through November 6. The classes will start at 6:30pm and will finish by 8:30pm each night. This is a great opportunity to learn about saving money, relating with your spouse about money, living on a budget, paying off debt, and learning to give generously.

Attend the first class free! Register at the end of the class if you want to continue the course. The materials are \$99 and can be purchased on the first night of class (cash or check only). Child Care can be arranged with advance notice. If you prefer to register in advance and get your materials shipped directly to you, the cost is \$109. Use this registration link: <https://fpu.com/1070607>. Open to the public, so please share this information with anyone who might be interested. Contact me with any questions, Cell 336-686-6847; evance878@gmail.com.

Please join our Daisy Newman Circle on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 6:15pm. Bring your favorite item to complement our salad bowl. It is an opportunity for conversation and fellowship with other women of the meeting. See you then. Please RSVP Nancy Dixon Rnak1215@bellsouth.net or Kathryn Straughn luemas@bellsouth.net.

Just two weeks away ... North Carolina United Society of Friends Woman's (NCUSFW) fall Annual Meeting date September 15, 2018 at Somerton Friends. NCUSFW registration by September 3, 2018. (Preregistration is requested). The cost of the meal is \$12.00 per person.