



*First Friends Meeting*

*January 1, 2012*

**First Friends Meeting**  
**First Month, First, 2012**  
*First Friends is a Quaker Meeting*  
*building healthy relationships*  
*with God, one another and all creation.*

**Prelude**                      **Star of the East**                      **A. Kennedy**

**Announcements & Welcome**                      **Sheila Hoyer**

**Joys and Concerns**                      **Sheila Hoyer**

**Silence for Reflection**

**Hymn #724**                      **How Can I Keep From Singing?**

**Young Friends Message**                      **Deborah Suess**

**Anthem**                      **Peace Be With You**                      **Butler**

Psalm 122

I rejoiced when they said unto me,

“Let us go up to the house of God!”

Our feet are standing within your gates,

A house built on peace and love.

Peace be with you, my friends, sisters and brothers in the Lord.

And for the sake of the house of God, I will seek your good.

The house of God is firmly built; it firm and strong does stand.

Unto that place all peoples go, pilgrims of every race and land.

Therefore I pray that peace may still within your walls remain,

And for all people of the world love and peace retain.

**Offertory Prayer**                      **Sheila Hoyer**

**Offertory**                      **He Shall Feed His Flock**                      **Handel**

**Scripture**                      **Isaiah 2:4**                      **Bob Plain**

“He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.”

**Message**                      **“The Danger of Futility”**                      **Bob Plain**

**Waiting Worship After the Manner of Friends**

**Hymn #735**                      **Let There Be Peace on Earth**

**Benediction**                      **Bob Plain**

**TODAY:**

11:00am- 24 Hours of Prayers for Peace Closing Meeting for

Worship, Bob Plain speaking

**UPCOMING:**

Tuesday, January 3, 7:40pm- Choir practice

Wednesday, January 4, 7pm- Monthly Meeting

Friday, January 6, 4pm- Quaker Quest Meeting

**UPCOMING MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP:**

Deborah Suess will bring the messages in January.

**FIRST FRIENDS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Monthly Meeting** is Wednesday, Jan. 4, 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are encouraged to attend. Please have all reports to Renee by Tuesday, Jan. 3 for inclusion in weekly email.

**Finance Committee Meeting** has been cancelled for Monday, Jan. 2.

**10am Sunday School News:**

All classes are on a break and will resume January 8.

**2012 flower calendar:** There are several openings in September & October. If you'd like to consider participating in this ministry, contact Dolores Parker.

A "**First Friends Sabbatical Field Guide**" to describe when, what, & who is involved in making this February - May, 2012 experience a joy and blessing for both First Friends Meeting and our staff- copies available today in the foyer. Please feel free to direct questions to any Personnel & Long Range Planning committee member: Lawrence Ross, Bill Davis, Jodi Fetrow, Janie Grantham, Anita Lewis, Sheila Hoyer, Evelyn Jadin, & Deborah Suess.

Jean Christy, Asst. Treasurer, should have all **tax letters**

completed by **January 31, 2012**. If you need one earlier in the month, or if you find an error, please contact Jean.

**Meet North Carolina Yearly Meeting's new superintendent Randy Quate** at the next Quarterly Meeting for New Garden Quarter, January 8, 3pm. A light supper will follow.

**BLUE RECYCLING CONTAINERS** are scattered throughout the Meetinghouse. Please use these containers for plastic bottles and jugs, glass jars, bottles, all cans, newspapers, bulletins, magazines, cardboard and hard plastics. They are NOT trash cans. Thank you.

**WIDER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**World Religion Day Service** presented by FaithAction International House & Piedmont Interfaith Council, hosted by Beth David Synagogue (804 Winview Dr.), Sunday, Jan. 15, 3-4pm. Celebrate religious diversity, learn about other faith traditions, & participate in a service project. Contact [dfraccaro@faihouse.org](mailto:dfraccaro@faihouse.org), [pernder@wfu.edu](mailto:pernder@wfu.edu), or [BSocol@bethdavidsynagogue.org](mailto:BSocol@bethdavidsynagogue.org) for more info.

**Introduction to Nonviolent Communication-** Saturday, Jan. 28, 8:30am-1pm at Unitarian Universalist Church of Greensboro. We'll view and discuss Marshall Rosenberg's Nonviolent Communication: A Language of Life. Free of charge, coffee and snacks provided. Please RSVP: [sbeck1@triad.rr.com](mailto:sbeck1@triad.rr.com).

“I charge you all that each one of you concentrate all the thoughts of your heart on love and unity. When a thought of war comes, oppose it by a stronger thought of peace. A thought of hatred must be destroyed by a more powerful thought of love. Thoughts of war bring destruction to all harmony, well-being, restfulness and content. Thoughts of love are constructive of brotherhood, peace, friendship, and happiness.”

*-Abdul-Baha Paris Talks, p. 29*

Be generous in prosperity,  
and thankful in adversity.  
Be fair in judgment,  
and guarded in thy speech,  
Be a lamp unto those who walk in darkness,  
and home to the stranger.  
Be eyes to the blind,  
and a guiding light unto the feet of the erring.  
Be a breath of life to the body of humankind,  
a dew to the soil of the human heart,  
and a fruit upon the tree of humility.

*-Baha’I Prayer for Peace*