

A New Year's Blessing...

This New Year – I pray:
that your heart be at peace,
that your mind be open
and your will be lovingly present;
that you live each day this year with
love, courage and beauty,
with gentleness, trust and gratitude.
that you speak and be the truth,
that you find joy and wonder in your life,
that you be deeply mindful
of God's indwelling presence,
God's deep delight in accompanying you in
every breath.

May your work be fruitful,
your hope vibrant,
your voice clear,
and your friends faithful.

Whether you feel it or not,
deep blessing will be yours this year.
May you know it,
and rejoice.

-Steve Garnaas-Holmes

First Friends Meeting

January 8, 2012

TODAY:

9am- Unprogrammed Worship
10am- Sunday School for all ages
11am- Deborah Sues speaking
12:15pm- Enablement Committee
3pm- Quarterly Meeting at Forsyth Friends

UPCOMING:

Monday, Jan. 9, 10am- USFW
Tuesday, Jan. 10, 6:30pm- Immigration Subcommittee
Wednesday, Jan. 11, 6:15pm- Daisy Newman Circle
Wednesday, Jan. 11, 7:30pm- Choir Practice

UPCOMING MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP:

Deborah Sues will bring the messages in January.

FIRST FRIENDS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sheila is on vacation through January 21st.

Clerks of Committee and other interested persons: You are invited to join Ministry & Counsel's Annual Retreat led by Trisha Taylor, Saturday, Feb. 4, 9am -3pm, High Point Friends Meeting library. **Please sign up with Renee ASAP- final registration date: Thursday, Jan. 26.

Meet North Carolina Yearly Meeting's new superintendent Randy Quate at Quarterly Meeting for New Garden Quarter, this afternoon 3pm at Forsyth Friends. A light supper will follow.

10am Sunday School News:

- Bible study with Bill & Dawn Davis resumes- Room 2
- Next Sunday- Jim Plummer leads "A Joyful Path", for ages 5-10 in Room 108

In the foyer, please pick up 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. Please direct questions to Personnel & Long Range Planning committee members: Lawrence Ross, Bill Davis, Jodi Fetrow, Janie Grantham, Anita Lewis, Betsy Bumm, Sheila Hoyer, Evelyn Jadin, & Deborah Sues.

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.

Time to restock! Our Friends Food Pantry needs staples: peanut butter, strawberry or grape jam/jelly, soup, canned meat, and cereal. Consider filling the top front part of your grocery cart (where your purse might normally go) as an ongoing contribution to this ministry.

USFW meets Monday, Jan. 9, 10am in the Fellowship Hall. Peggy Baxter will speak about volunteering. All women of the meeting are welcome- please bring 2 items for the food pantry.

Daisy Newman Circle meets Wednesday, Jan. 11, 6:15 in the Fellowship Hall for a salad supper. Hostesses provide greens and drinks- please bring an item to add to the salad and 2 items for the food pantry. Please RSVP to Beth Joyce: beth356@gmail.com/ 337-7137. All women of the meeting are welcome.

Immigration Subcommittee meets Tuesday, Jan. 10, 6:30. Two special speakers from the “Dreamers” group El Cambio will share their stories of entering university. All are invited to attend.

From Sara Beth Terrell: **HELP Wanted!** I need someone fluent in Word Press software who would be willing to help figure out a few things like adding a counter and spam protection to my Guided Prayer Meditations website. Contact sarabethterrell@bellsouth.net or 856-9254. Thanks!

2012 flower calendar: There are several openings in September & October. If you’d like to consider participating in this ministry, contact Dolores Parker: (852-8811 / danddparker@gmail.com)

WIDER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Care for the Caregiver Support Group- 7pm, Second Tues. of each month (starts Jan.10), Deep River Friends (5300 W. Wendover Ave.). Offering a place where caregivers can support one another through challenging times. Contact Lisa Moran: lulu910@earthlink.net.

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 , pernder@wfu.edu , or 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/580-4581.

A Blended Intergenerational Worship Experience- Spiritual Renewal Conference presented by NCYM, Saturday, Feb. 11, 10am-3pm at Quaker Lake Conference Center. Meal and childcare available. More info coming soon.

Scripture Mark 6:7-13, 30-32

Calling the Twelve to him, Jesus began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits. These were his instructions: “Take nothing for the journey except a staff- no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, shake the dust off of your feet when you leave, as a testimony against them.” They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them...

The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.” So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place.