



Stewardship Kick-Off

First Friends Meeting

A Center for Spiritual Growth
2100 West Friendly Avenue
Greensboro NC 27403

October 2, 2011

Message

“Our New Season”

Ehren Nagel

Waiting Worship After the Manner of Friends

Hymn #761

The Servant Song

verses 1-4

Benediction

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

*The flowers today are given by Wayne and Ada Sue Jackson
in loving memory of Pearle and Edgar McBane
and Margaret McBane Brunner.*

Gentle Reminders: Please remember to silence your cell phones and pagers.
When using the microphone, please hold it one to two inches from your mouth.

Parents, please note: There are activity packets for your children outside the
entrance to the right of the pulpit.

TODAY:

9:00 am - Unprogrammed Worship

10:00 am - Sunday school programs for all ages

11:00 am - Ehren Nagel speaking

UPCOMING:

Monday, October 3, 7 pm- Finance Committee

Tuesday, October 4, 7:30 pm- Choir practice

Wednesday, October 5, 7 pm- Monthly Meeting

UPCOMING MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP:

October 9 & 16- Deborah speaking

October 23- Evelyn speaking

FIRST FRIENDS ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Monthly Meeting for Business is scheduled for Wednesday, October 5, 7pm. **Please have reports to the office by Monday, October 3 for inclusion in group email.**

Join us for Sunday School!! Come build friendships and learn something new. Drop off your children (ages 0-3 at the nursery/ ages 4-10 in room 108) and join a class. Choices include: COEXIST- Joe Wrenn and the Youth Group will facilitate a class on Religious Diversity in Fellowship Hall, Bill and Dawn's Bible Study downstairs in room 2, or Parent Prop in room 105 (next to the nursery).

COMMUNITY MEALS: - there will be a Stewardship Celebration meal on November 6th. With that in mind, there will ****not**** be a carry-in meal this month.

Book Sale: October 29-31. Help support the Youth Group's annual service project- clean out your book collection and donate those tomes to the sale. Set-up is Friday night 10/29, sale is Saturday 10/30, 8am-1pm. Clean-up and \$2 bag sale is Sunday 10/31. Contact Jim Kimel or Sheila Hoyer for more information.

In the Silence: Exploring Open worship - - a new evening class looking at what we do during silent worship. Facilitated by Evelyn & Deborah, we will explore the history of Quaker worship, theological understandings, and various tools and exercises to help us center. We will also experiment with meditations and prayers that we can bring into open worship. **Thursday evenings, Room 103, 6:30-8:00pm, October 27th through November 17th.** Plan on attending all or most of the classes since the weeks will build on each other. Contact Evelyn: evelyn@firstfriendsmeeting.org. *Please let us know if you need child care.*

Save the date: Quaker Lake weekend is November 11-13. This is a great weekend for the family to enjoy our beautiful camp and get to know each other in playful ways. More info TBA.

The **Men's Breakfast Group** met on Wednesday morning, September 21st at Tex & Shirley's with 4 men present. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday morning, October 5th at 8am. We plan to meet biweekly thereafter if there is enough interest. We have had as many as 8 men on a few occasions in the past.

Need help with small jobs like babysitting or yard work? Contact Gray Pugh: mgpugh@uncg.edu (252) 599-2492.

Styrofoam Recycling: Please continue to bring your rinsed, clean, dry styrofoam (no peanuts) to the small shed outside next to the Fellowship Hall doors, rather than inside under the stairwell.

Directories are here! - available from the office. If you have not received your electronic directory, please contact the office.

USFW (United Society of Friends Women) will meet on Monday morning, October 10 at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall. All meeting women are invited to attend. We will be putting together the school kits for MOWA Choctaw. Check Food Pantry notice for items to bring for the shelves.

Food Pantry always welcomes your contributions. This week we're collecting **hot and cold cereals**. Thanks for your ongoing support and care!

October 22nd: First Friends children will head to the Pumpkin Festival at Quaker Lake! 3pm-7pm. Activities for all ages! A children's fishing tournament will take place from 3pm to 4pm, so be sure to bring your own fishing equipment if you would like to participate. We hope you'll join us for an afternoon of games, music, food, fellowship and fun! Visit <http://www.quakerlakecamp.org/fall.htm> for more info, or talk to Sheila.

Daisy Newman Circle meets on Wednesday, October 12 at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Hostesses bring greens and drinks. Others are asked to bring an item to add to a salad or a dessert. All meeting women are invited. Please email or call Dolores Parker (danddparker@gmail.com) or (852-8811) if you plan to attend so that we will have enough places set. Check Food Pantry notice for items to bring for the shelves.

WIDER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Friends Center's QRP program for the fall, "Challenging Issues of Our Time," continues with a session Monday, October 3, on Quaker theology, led by Max Carter. **Please note the change in date from previous announcements.** The sessions are held 7:30 - 9:00 pm at Jamestown Friends Meeting. For information, contact Friends Center at 316-2445 or mcarter@quilford.edu.

Friends Disaster Service Golf Fellowship Fun Tournament on Friday, October 7, 2011 8:30 Refreshments, 9:00 at Silo Run Golf Course in Boonville, NC. This is to raise funds to build a new house for a homeless family in Eastern North Carolina. Cost: Per team: \$200.00 or per person: \$50.00. Contact: Mike Fulp: (H) 336-699-3175/ (Cell) 336-469-1414/[e-mail-chickenhouse@yadtel.net](mailto:mail-chickenhouse@yadtel.net).

NCYM 2011 Revival Service:

A blended intergenerational worship experience, Saturday, October 15 at Hopewell Friends Meeting Asheboro, NC. Register by October 7. Forms available from FF office or in weekly email.

Save the date: "Reclaiming the Prince of Peace"- Conference at Guilford College United Methodist Church, Saturday, October 22. Registration- 9am; Keynote speaker Bill J. Leonard of Wake Forest Divinity School- 10am; Workshops- 1pm; Worship- 4pm. Contact Frank Massey: fmassey@guilford.edu.

Scripture

Romans 15:1-7

We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up. For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God