



Fourth Month, Twenty Fourth Day, 2016

Gather and Center

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Kristina Pisano

Joys and Concerns

Sheila Hoyer

Silence for Centering Prayer

Listen and Respond

Hymn 24

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

blue hymnal

Young Friends Message

Mary Nelle Smith

Musical Meditation Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Offertory Invitation and Prayer

Offertory

Hymn 350

The Summons

blue hymnal

Scripture

Matthew 4: 18—22

Message

"Call, Callings Member One of Another" Deborah Suess

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

Welcome into Membership

Words from our New Members

Congregational Prayer

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Deborah: O God of Hospitality, we praise you for the opportunity to welcome new members among us today.

MANY: WE THANK YOU FOR THEIR LIFE STORIES, THEIR FAITH JOURNEYS, THEIR DIVERSITY OF GIFTS.

Beth Joyce: May we who have been here awhile be zealous in our willingness to listen and to learn from them.

MANY: MAKE US OPEN TO REVISED VISIONS AND NEW PERSPECTIVES, WE PRAY.

Bill Davis: Help us to provide a nurturing environment for these new Friends as we continue to invite them into our church family and into our lives.

MANY: ENABLE US TO TAKE TIME FOR ONE ANOTHER AS WE ESTABLISH A SHARED FAITH AND A COMMON HISTORY.

Sheila Hoyer: Bless us all, o God, as we worship together and seek to be your servants in this beautiful and needy world. Amen.

Benediction

**Congregational
Response 736**

Celtic Alleluia

blue hymnal

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

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Resources: Recent conversations with New England and New York Yearly Meeting pastors and ministers, Ruthie Tippin, "Minding the Call" by Elaine, M. Prevallet.

Joining Deborah on the Facing Bench today is Abby & Will Staves.

Flowers are dedicated to Ruby Thompson,
for being such a wonderful mother to
Liz and Jim Plummer, and an amazing and dedicated
grandmother to Benji.

IN THE LIGHT

Dawn Davis who is spending Sundays and some weekends primarily with her mother. While her mother's physical health is fine, her emotional and mental health has been deteriorating. Please hold Dawn in prayer as well as her mother. Dawn sends her love to First Friends Meeting and wishes she could be with us in person on Sundays every Sunday.

ONGOING PRAYERS FOR HEALTH CONCERNS

Andrew Pisano's grandfather **Donnie Haugh**, Helen Hoffman's husband **Steve**, Allyson English's sister-in-law **Anne English**, Carol Whitley's brother **Tom**, Heidi McLaughlin's son **Christopher**, Rose Corbett's mother, **Betsy Wray**.

THANKSGIVINGS

Thanks to the group of fifty, **6th graders from Canterbury** who worked at our food pantry on Monday.

Jay Marshall for offering the message on Sunday as well leading a 10 am discussion.

From Deborah Suess: Thank you for your prayers last weekend as I facilitated a retreat for New England and New York Yearly Meeting pastors and Ministry & Counsel members. It was an enriching time and Friends from up north send their love to First Friends Meeting.

JOY

Congratulations and blessings to **Lisa Lundeen** who is now the full-time lead chaplain at the Cone Health Cancer Center at Wesley Long.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones.
You only asked me to follow humbly.

Refrain

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
kindly smiling, have spoken my name.
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
But nets and fishes -- my daily labor.

Refrain

You need my hands, full of caring,
through my labors to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving.

Refrain

You, who have fished other ocean,
ever longed-for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me.

Refrain

SCRIPTURE Matthew 4:18-22 New Living Translation (NLT)

18 One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. **19** Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!” **20** And they left their nets at once and followed him.

21 A little farther up the shore he saw two other brothers, James and John, sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee, repairing their nets. And he called them to come, too. **22** They immediately followed him, leaving the boat and their father behind.

UPCOMING EVENTS: APRIL 17-24

Sunday, April 24

Deborah Suess offers the message at 11:00 am

Tuesday, April 26

Night Shelter at 6:30 pm

Thursday, April 28

Food Pantry, 1:30-4:30 pm

Sunday, May 1

Ministry & Counsel at 12:10 pm

Join the last 10:00 am **QuakerSpeak** class, where we will watch and discuss the video, "The Top 7 Most Quaker Bible Verses." Room 203.

Food Pantry needs your help! Thursday, April 28, we gather to prep at 1:30pm and will train you to be a shopping guide, carry bags, help with hospitality or other jobs as they arise. Please contact sheila@firstfriends-meeting.org or 688-9354. Also, as always, we need more SPAM.

Next Sunday, May 1 **we will begin a workshop on mindfulness led by our own, Jennifer Brigman.** During the four-week workshop, you will learn more specifically about what mindfulness is, the science behind it and be introduced to several meditative practices. Questions or more information, contact Sheila Hoyer or Jennifer Brigman.

Scholarship applications for 2016-17 are available outside the office door or electronically by contacting the office. Applications are due by **Sunday, May 15.** If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Comito.

Car wash tickets are now available, please see a USFW member at the Rise of Worship.

Are you or your child a recent or soon to be high school or college graduate? Let us know so we can celebrate them during our graduation Sunday on May 22. Contact office@firstfriendsmeeting.org.



10am Group Gatherings for Children and Youth

Godly Play

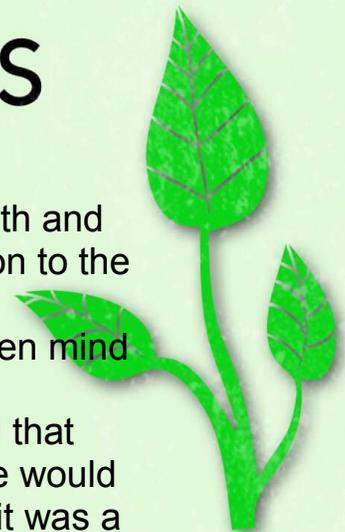
Ages 9 and Under, Room 205

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Faith Seekers

Ages 10 and up, Room 208

We are hearing a lot of positive feedback from the children, youth and parents, **Emily McCollum** shared that Porter is really latching on to the term, "I wonder?". As we tell the stories each week we use this term a lot. It's a way of inviting children to engage their God-given mind and heart as they learn the stories and wonder why Jesus uses parables and what his stories really mean. **Jennie Hunt** shared that she woke the twins up for Sunday morning and they asked if we would have another story like the last they heard. Jennie told the that it was a new story and they popped out of bed ready to go! We are all very excited about what each of us is learning and experiencing and hope that other children and youth will join us as well!
Want to learn more? Contact Mary Nelle Smith or Sheila.



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with God, one another, and all creation.

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Office Hours Week of April 25:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 1:00-5:00 pm

Wednesday: 9:30 am-1:00 pm

Thursday: 11:00 am-4:00 pm

Friday: Noon-2:00 pm

Ministers: Everyone

Deborah Suess, Pastor of Congregational Ministries

Sheila Hoyer, Pastor of Education and Outreach

Monica Citty Hix, Minister of Music

Kristina Pisano, Office Manager

Pam Reese, Treasurer

Celeste Currie, Nursery Care

Ryan Gordy, Nursery Care

Bill Davis, Monthly Meeting Presiding Clerk

Beth Joyce, Clerk of Ministry and Counsel

Jim Kimel, Clerk of Personnel & Long Range Planning

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Sunday Gatherings

Unprogrammed at 9:00 a.m. in the Gathering Room

Choir at 9:45 a.m. in the choir loft

Small Group Gatherings continue next week

Semi-programmed at 11:00 a.m. in the Meetingroom

Childcare available in the Nursery