

The Lord's Prayer

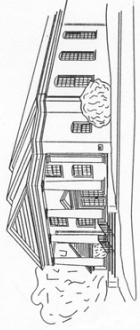
(traditional words to the Our Father)

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

(Taken from the Anglican Book of Common Prayer, 1662)

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"I Have Called You Friends"

John 15:15

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A Message for June 1, 2024

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with a bag of potato chips and a six-pack of root beer and started his journey.

When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old man. He was sitting in the park, just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old man looked hungry, so he offered him some chips. He gratefully accepted it and smiled at him.

His smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a root beer. Again, he smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.

As twilight approached, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave; but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old man, and gave him a hug. He gave him his biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?"

He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? He's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and he asked, "Dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?"

He replied "I ate potato chips in the park with God." However, before his son responded, he added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime! Embrace them all equally!

Have lunch with God.....bring chips.

From Nan Case in *Heavenly Humor*

Cover drawing *Papaw and His Sidekick* by Lena Auxier

Excerpt:

We Must Find Our Place

The stirring of energy in myriad forms of unstructured malevolences may well be the spirit of Life, of God at work in behalf of new life and perhaps a new creation on this planet. We must find our place in the areas of the new vitalities, the place where the old is breaking up and the new is being born. What a moment to be alive and, more importantly, to be aware! Of course, this we cannot do unless we are able to gather unto ourselves the wise caution of Fénelon, 'Accustom yourself to remain at peace in the depth of your heart, in spite of your restless imagination.' God grant this for each of us."

An excerpt from "Concerning Disciplines of the Spirit" in *For the Inward Journey: The Writings of Howard Thurman*, edited by Anne Spencer Thurman, published by Friends United Press and available through the FUM online bookstore.

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Paradoxically, life is worth living for those who have something for which they will gladly give up life.

~ A. J. Muste, 1885-1967

The best recreation is to do good.

~ William Penn, 1644-1718

Birthdays & Anniversaries

A Bill & Dianne Hodges — June 2

B Calvin McCombs — June 2

B Cynthia Pierce — June 2

B Harry Hudson — June 4

A Jackie & Pat Cole — June 12

B Julia Cook — June 15

B Gene Hancock — June 16

CUOC for June:

Canned Beef Stew

April Financial Report:

Income:	\$ 10,762.25
Expenses:	\$ 9,301.82
Gen Fund Balance:	\$ 32,494.07

Living in a state of relative completion...

"Stay ready for the unexpected including the end of life, because when you need to be ready you won't have time to get ready. You'll either be ready or you won't. Some of the simplest and most meaningful ways to do so are anchored in doing your best to live in a perpetual state of relative completion. This means that on a daily basis you take stock and act on the areas of your life affected by how you answer the questions: To whom do you need to say thank you, I love you, I'm sorry, I forgive you, please forgive me, how can I best love you, is there anything I can do for you?"

When all is said and done and we come to the end of our lives, what else will really matter except that we loved well, that we forgave and sought forgiveness, that we offered thanks. That we realized we were more together than alone, that we made of our lives an offering of service to those around us. That we left the world a better place than we found it, we lived lightly on the land, in peace and friendship with one another, and we sought to understand. In the end what will your legacy be? May it be a legacy of peace and kindness."

— Elesa Commerce



Ladies' Bible Study

DairiO has sponsored a Men's Bible Study each Wednesday morning for several years. Sixty-two ladies attended the first Ladies' Bible Study on Thursday March 14, 2024!

All ladies are invited to attend each Thursday at 8:30 am.

All ladies welcome! There is no charge! Yes, FREE!



NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!

Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) is a volunteer-driven nonprofit dedicated to building and delivering hand-made, fully furnished beds to children in need. SHP's mission is to tackle childhood bedlessness, which we estimate to affect nearly 3% of the population.

Along with CUOC, other local churches, and individuals we are starting a local chapter of SHP in Asheboro and Randolph County. We will go for training in August, but fund raising is being done at this time.

You can support our Randolph/Asheboro chapter in any or all of the areas listed below. You have one or more God-given talents that will enhance the lives of children in need.

Once we are organized and running this is how the process works!



Anyone and everyone of any skill level can be a part of this ministry!

Please be in prayer how you can be a part of this exciting opportunity in our town!

Friends World Committee For Consultation to Offer "Hubs" For Participation In The 2024 World Plenary

The 2024 World Plenary Meeting (WPM) will take place on site in South Africa and online. Some Friends will join the WPM online as individuals, and others in groups. We are describing groups of people joining the WPM (and the locations they are joining from) as hubs. Everyone who plans to attend your hub should be encouraged to register so they have access to advance materials.



A hub is any group of Friends joining the World Plenary Meeting online from another location, from a single internet connection. The group size could be from 3 to 300+, but in many cases will be about 10 or 20 people. They may participate in the complete WPM from August 5-12, 2024 or just in some sessions. You can register online to become a hub.

Asheboro Friends Prayer List June 1, 2024

Members

- Becky Boone
- Carol Bullins
- Jackie & Pat Cole
- Susie Dunn
- Ava Grace Fogleman
- Bret Lambert
- Linda Lanier
- Helen Marley
- Carol Meiers
- Mary Ella Pugh
- Esther Underwood
- Family of Danny West
- Tina Williams
- Vernon Wilson
- Hal & Jan Winslow



Hospitals & Nursing Homes

- Brookdale, Rock Hill, SC:
 - Harry Hudson
- Rose Glen Manor Assisted Living:
 - Becky Craven
- Sandy Ridge Memory Care:
 - Linda Moody
- Terra Bella:
 - Hal Powell



Law Enforcement & Services

- Jeremy Callicutt
- Evan Underwood
- Stephen Vaughn
- Asheboro Police Department
- Asheboro Fire Department
- Randolph County Sheriff's Office

Missions

- Chosen People Ministries - The Arnolds
- Gideon Ministries
- HASTEN International
- Nikki Holland—Belize
- Lydia's Place
- Neighbors Helping Neighbors & CUOC
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace
- The Friends Center MOWA
- Jonathan Spainhour



Ministers & Staff

- David Millikan
- David Peters
- Cynthia Pierce
- Mike Wall



Friends

- Charles Allen
- Judy Barnes
- Julia Barnes
- Alice Beasley
- Logan Brooks
- Suzanne Brown
- Barbara Bullin
- Larry Byrd
- Ethan Clarke
- Eddie Coggins
- Betty Cox
- Carson Daves
- Gwen Davis
- Candie Evavold
- Lauren Evavold
- Ann White Felton
- Rita Bass Ford
- Craig Frazier
- Angela Frye
- Vickie Frye
- Ruby Gainey
- Treva Gallimore
- Ricky Harris
- Frank Horton
- Pat Hussey
- Bill Ivey
- Karen Jacobs
- Rick Johnson
- Ray Lambe
- Ben Lewis
- Twyla Little
- Family of Louis Maness
- Yvonne Maness
- Libby McNeil
- Jeremy Moore
- Renee Nelson
- Tony Norris
- Don Osborne
- Jackie Parks
- Linda Poole
- Loyd Pugh
- Kaffy Reynolds
- Jennifer Ruff
- Family of Gil Sides
- Ron Smith
- Darrell Swaney
- Pam Thomas
- Joe & Michelle Weaver
- Dolan Williams
- Claude Winslow



- Our World, Israel & The Ukraine**
- Asheboro Friends Meeting & Kids Klub**
- Friends Church of NC & Contentnea Quarter**
- Friends Disaster Service**
- First Responders & Healthcare Workers**
- All Our Elected Officials**
- Unspoken Requests & Unsaved Family & Friends**

Please submit additions to our prayer list:
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Chickens Connect Strangers in a Message of Love

In the fall of 2021, the United States military withdrew from Afghanistan. Americans watched as desperate people clamored in and around the airport in Kabul. We saw pictures of planes taking off while people clung to them with the bleakest of hope.

That year, because of an already-established Afghan community, Muncie, Indiana, welcomed thirty-five refugee Afghan families and ultimately over 150 individuals into the Muncie community. Michael Sherman, pastor of Muncie Friends Church, his wife Kristen, and their four children were one of the earliest families to welcome and befriend an Afghan family as the refugees started to arrive. The family the Shermans sponsored consisted of a mom and dad and seven boys ranging in age from eighteen to six.

On Memorial Day this year, Mike and Nancy McCormick from Wilmington Yearly Meeting had lunch with the Shermans and their Afghan family. Two-and-a-half years after arriving in Muncie, the family is expecting their eighth child. (No, much to his mother's chagrin, the new baby will not be a girl, either.)

After each of the seven previous births, one of the grandmothers prepared a chicken stew. Mom says, "It is the best stew that my mother would make for me to eat to promote health and recovery." This newest boy will be their first child born in the United States. He will also be the first child born since the grandmother passed away. To honor the grandmother's memory, and to connect this delivery with home and tradition, the family asked Kristen Sherman if the Shermans could find two live chickens with which to prepare the stew.

But on the eve of 4H fair season in Indiana, the Shermans discovered there weren't many available chickens. Locally, in Muncie, it was a no-go. Last week, the Shermans joined about forty other pastors and ministers at Hueston Woods State Park, in Ohio, for the second Western, Wilmington, and New Association pastor's retreat. That's where Michael and Kristen met Mike and Nancy McCormick from Wilmington Yearly Meeting. Kristen reports, "Everyone told us if there was anyone who could find us some chickens it would be Nancy and Mike."

Nancy's texting fingers flew, and so it was that the McCormicks delivered, several days later, four live chickens to Muncie, Indiana, from the Wilmington, Ohio, area—chickens donated out of the goodness of their hearts by people wanting to bless and honor and encourage a family they had never met. Chickens who connected strangers in a message of love. Mike and Nancy McCormick gave their blessing, shared a meal, and encouraged a family from Afghanistan who are soon stepping into another something new, but this new thing will have a memorial chicken stew and a reminder of home and heritage and tradition.

—Michael Sherman



Upcoming Event

CAR WASH / Yard Sale

(Saturday ONLY)

Friday & Saturday, June 14-15, 2024

3:00-6:00 PM

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Help Our Kids Help Other Kids
Proceeds donated to the three
Asheboro Friends Class Act Teams
for beginning of school supplies



How can you help?



1. Rent a yard sale table for only \$25.00 and keep all the money you make. (Contact Cynthia Pierce ASAP.)
2. Donate items for the Kids Klub tables.
3. Get your vehicles hand washed and detailed.
4. Come purchase items for sale.
5. Donate Money.

