



September
2018

Birthdays

9/10

Leigh Ann
Venable

9/11

Judy Burton

9/18

Jayn Brown

9/20

Phillip Fulton

Anniversaries

9/21

Greg & Vickie
Sheets

9/30

Ed & Cindi
Kearns

Coming Full Circle

As I write this article, my tenure at Centre Friends Meeting has come to a close, as my family and I shared together with them in worship on the last Sunday of August, and said our collective goodbyes. I am making plans to spend Labor Day weekend in the mountains, at a little place we own in Avery County, for just a few days of rest and relaxation before beginning a new journey and chapter in my life, and in the life of my family. Then, on Sunday, September 9th, Leigh Ann and I will be with you all for worship for the first time, in a very long time. And don't be surprised to see a few other faces with us, like Linda Everhart, or our daughter, Allison Venable, and granddaughter, Ava Gray McMillan. My parents, Kenneth and Linda Venable, will also be with us from time to time.

I have been reflecting a lot over the last several weeks about joining you as pastor at High Point Friends Meeting. Leaving Centre Friends was not something I was looking to do, but as I began a conversation with Jo Hayworth, and eventually with the search committee, I began to sense a clear call to High Point Friends. High Point Friends is where Leigh Ann grew up, and where her faith was formed and shaped. She and I were married in the Meeting Room at High Point Friends, and attended there as a young couple. Not long after we were married at High Point Friends, I was asked to work part-time with Joseph Neal and the youth group. And when Joseph took a 2-year hiatus to attend seminary, I was asked to take on the full-time role as Director of Youth and Christian Education.

Full Circle cont.

I owe a debt of gratitude to High Point Friends Meeting. It provided to me my first ministry position, in what has turned out to be a wonderful career where I have met and worked with some amazing people and Meetings in the last 30 years or so. But, the Meeting did so much more than hire me. You nurtured me. You helped me to recognize my gifts. And you trusted me to lead and nurture your youth and children. And you made it possible for me to return to college and complete my degree at Guilford College, and eventually earn a Master of Divinity from Earlham School of Religion. My Recording as a Friends Minister was initiated at High Point Friends. Again, I owe this Meeting a great deal.

But 30 years is a long time. Leigh Ann and I left High Point Friends on June 30th, 1988, some 30 years and 2 months ago. Much has happened during that time in our lives, and much has happened in the life of High Point Friends. And God, in his infinite wisdom, has brought us back together. In a matter of days, I will begin a new tenure at High Point Friends. In many ways, I have this image of my life and ministry “coming full circle.” I am back where things started, and am excited about what God can do. I hope we can all be open to ways in which God is still at work in all of our lives. I am excited about what High Point Friends has been, but also about what High Point Friends currently is, and what it can be.

When we are young, we want to know where our lives are headed, but typically never really know until we get there. Who would have guessed that Leigh Ann and my journey would lead us home! Looking forward to journeying with you all. See you very soon.

Terry Venable

Making a Difference In Our World

Relief for High Point

September Collection

Basket #1 - Plastic bags for Mat making

Basket #2 - Classroom Supplies (will be taken to Kirkman Park School)– Hand sanitizer, Kleenex, stickers, Ziploc bags (any size), Wipes (of all kinds), colored copy paper, Post it Notes, sheet protectors, permanent markers, flash drives(4-8Gb), cardstock of all colors and tote bags.

Basket #3-Father's Table:

spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, canned green beans, ground beef, Little Debbie cookies.

Friends Emergency Material Assistance

FEMAP is currently pulling together School Kits as school begins. School kits contain wide-ruled notebooks, pencils, small pencil sharpeners.

Meets at **Allen Jay House** across from **Springfield Friends Meeting** on **Wednesdays from 10-2.**

The Fathers Table

The Open Door Shelter

Provides three meals a day for the homeless people of High Point.

2-3 of our people are needed to serve dinner on the first Tuesday of each month.

This month we serve on Tuesday September 4th @ 5:45

N. 400 Centennial Street, High Point

If you cannot serve, the following supplies are always needed:

Spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, green beans, and little Debbie cookies.

Our support frees resources for their many other ministries.



Plarn Mats for the Homeless

Q: What is Plarn ? A: Plarn (plastic yarn)

Plarn is made by removing the handles and ends from plastic bags . They are then folded and cut into strips.. The strips are then connected together by looping one piece through another forming a single “thread” of Plarn. This is rolled into a ball for storage and use.

The ladies circles of the Hopewell United Methodist Church in Trinity have started a ministry of serving the Homeless a meal once a week and crocheting them Plarn sleeping mats.

Angeline White says their comparatively large congregation has not been able to keep the supply of bags at the level they need, so they are looking for alternate sources for their plastic bag supply. **So in September you can help** by brining in all your un-needed plastic bags. I have placed a clear leaf bag in the top basket for our plastic bag contributions.

Cardy Heer

Live Strong Cancer Survivor Exercise Program

The **YMCA** is presenting a **FREE twelve week** personalized program for cancer survivors, to assist people in gaining strength and, getting back into healthy habits, such as physical exercise, good nutrition, and stress reduction. This program is tailored to the unique needs of the individual. A session lasts 90 minutes and can accommodate up to 16 participants.

Pink Brochures are available on the left hand counter in the front hall of the Meeting.

For more information call **Jeremy Haskins** at **336-869-0150.**

Applications can be picked up at the front desk at the **Hartley YMCA**

“Empowering Survivors to Rebuild Wellbeing “

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September Happenings

September 8th, 2028

Annual Chicken Bar B Que

Jamestown Friends Meeting

11:30 AM to 6:30 PM

1/2 Chicken Plate-\$10.00

1/4 Chicken Plate -\$8.00

Request Tickets at (336)-454-3813

September 3rd Deadline (336)-629-1689

September 15th, 2018 9:AM Lunch \$12.00

USFW Fall Gathering

Somerton Friends Meeting

Suffolk, VA

September 25th, 2018 5:55 PM

Quaker Men Fall Gathering

Asheboro Friends Meeting

Asheboro, NC

More information on these events available at the meeting House

HPFM Happenings

We hold the families of Arta Lyon, Hazel Minnick, and Helen Weaver in our hearts and prayers at this time, for their loss.

Leigh Ann Venable will be sharing with us in worship, from time to time, some of her writings. She has recently started a blog about life and faith entitled, "Joy In Everything." You can find the blog posts at www.joy-in-everything.com If you enjoy her writing, be sure to share and follow.



The choir practices on Wednesdays 4:45-5:45 pm in the Music Room. Choir will sing the mornings of September 9th & 23rd with rehearsals at 9:15 am on those mornings. New singers always welcome!

Sunday School meets in the Library following worship. It is a combination of further study and discussion around the Scripture highlighted during worship time. New members always welcome.

