

Statements of Our Faith

We are friends of Jesus
 "You are my friends," Jesus said, "if you do what I command you." Then he commanded us to love one another.

Our life is in Christ
 There is one, Christ Jesus, who speaks to our condition, and he came to teach people himself.

Christ is a living presence
 The Bible reveals that our inward experiences are the true reality of Christ's presence. Essential baptism is that of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the source of truth
 Our faith is grounded in our worshiping community and in our own spiritual pilgrimage. Truth is a matter of revelation by God.

Life is sacred
 We take seriously the teachings of Jesus Christ regarding peace and loving all people, including one's neighbors and enemies.

Integrity is a way of living
 Each day we seek to live in a way that is consistent with the teachings of Jesus.

All are ministers
 Ministry takes many forms. Each one of us is expected to exercise the responsibilities and privileges of membership in individual ministries.

—First Friends
 Discernment Process



Upcoming Events

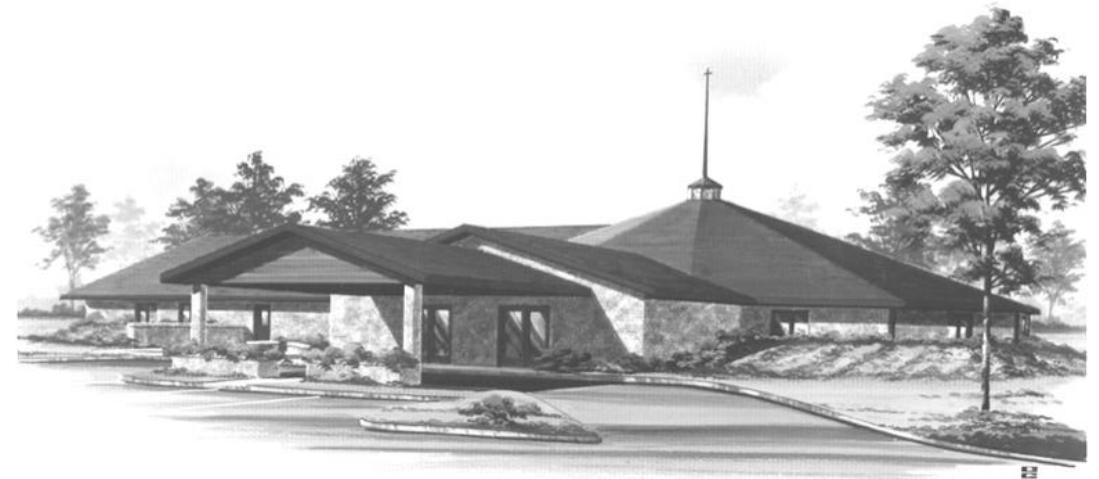
2021

Sunday, 18th. 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30am Meeting for Worship	Sunday, 25th. 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Meeting for Worship 11:15 am Monthly Meeting
Monday, 19th.	Monday, 26th.
Tuesday, 20th. 6:30pm Administrative Committee	Tuesday, 27th.
Wednesday, 21st. 9:00am Hobby Club	Wednesday, 28th. 9:00 am Hobby Club
Thursday, 22nd. 11:30am Seasoned Friends New London	Thursday, 29th. 12-6:00 pm American Red Cross Blood Drive
Friday, 23rd.	Friday, 30th.
Saturday, 24th.	Saturday, 31st. 4-9:00pm Block Party

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Our Mission:

First Friends exists to *invite* people into a living faith in God through Jesus Christ, to *transform* us into mature disciples by the work of the Holy Spirit, and to *send* us into the world as witnesses of Christ Jesus.

Welcome

May God's grace touch each worshiper today and may all of us be filled with love. If you have come as a visitor, we hope that you'll leave as a friend who's been blessed by worship.

Please complete the roll call card (located in the back of the pew in front of you) to indicate a specific prayer need or a friendly visit.

The nursery is available for children ages birth to 2 years old during the Sunday School hour and Meeting for Worship. The Godly Play Ministry is available for children ages 3 yrs.-3rd. grade during Meeting for Worship.

"If we have the reality (of Christ), nothing else is required; if we do not have the reality, nothing else will suffice." -D. Elton Trueblood

Meeting For Worship

July 18, 2021

Welcome, Cares and Shares

Conrad Robertson

Hymn #162

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Peggy Rivers

Offertory Hymn

"Ave Maria"
Bach/Gounod

Polly Simmons &
Mary Beth Busby

Special Music

"Morning Has Broken/Blessed Be the Tie"

Handbell Quartet
Polly Simmons, Linda Smith,
Faye Cossell, Peggy Rivers

Message

Jonathan Newton

Open Worship

Our "open worship" offers time to wait upon the Lord in *stillness* allowing for an exchange of communication between Christ and ourselves. Confession, repentance, prayer and praise are often experienced as God's Spirit rises up within, renewing our life in His kingdom. (Psalm 46:10, Isaiah 40:28-31, Acts 1:4, 2:1-2).

Hymn #275

"Because He Lives"

Peggy

Benediction

Jon

Postlude

"Laudation"
Gilbert Martin

Polly

(The order of Worship is subject to change by the Holy Spirit.)

Music Ministry

Song Leader.....Peggy Rivers
Organist.....Polly Simmons with
Marry Beth Busby
Instrumentalists.....Handbell Quartet



Prayer Requests

Susan Block
Mendy Boyle
Shirley DeLon
Helen Lawson
Freda Russell
Mary Gang

Ed Kammeyer
David McAdams
Valerie Rhum
Dan Sheridan
Susan Tobin

Alec Wessendorf
Joella Wessendorf