

# Atlanta Friends Meeting Newsletter

Atlanta Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). All are welcome.

Meeting for Worship  
Each First Day (Sunday)  
10:00 -11:00 a.m.  
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## December 2008

### Query:

Do you try to guard against the corrosive and corrupting effects of anger and annoyance?

*Submitted by Suzan Kenworthy, member of Ministry & Worship Committee*

The following is a letter to President Elect Barak Obama from the Junior High Class at Atlanta Friends Meeting. Inspired by an open letter to Barak Obama from Dr. Howard Richards (former Peace and Global Studies Professor at Earlham College) who reminded us that Barak Obama said, "together we are going to transform America and the World. . .from the bottom up. . . It is not [President Obama alone] who is going to transform America but [all of us together]."

November 9, 2008

Dear Barak Obama,

Your election is the most historic thing we know of; the night of your election was amazing. We feel like you are dedicated to America and that we will have a safer America now. We think our economy and daily lives will be better.

We want more school funding and more technology in school that is eco-friendly. We want better recycling of everything and better cars and fuel efficiency for our parent's cars at affordable prices.

To help you create a better America we will share our ideas and our wealth by donating money and food to those who need it. We will invest in companies that help the environment; we will plant trees, turn off lights and turn off the TV. We will spend more time with our friends and family.

As a class we might plant trees, help fix the playground, raise money and donate it to Children's Hospital (in Atlanta) or other places that need it.

God bless you, Barak Obama.

Sincerely,

Alex Gazmararian, C.J. Milsap, Flannery Williams, and Kofi Adams

Dear Friends,

It has been four years since I have attended Atlanta Meeting and meanwhile have been meeting with Friends in Findhorn Scotland. This meeting had four attenders when I started in Sept of 04 and now has grown to 15, moving from a member's home to rented space in the local community center. My time at Findhorn has concluded and felt led to head back to the U. S. arriving in Santa Fe, NM just in time to see a new President elected!

I began a new position as Resident Friend at the Santa Fe Friends Meeting Nov. 1. Looking through the guest book here, I saw Friends from Atlanta and hope even more of you will come stay at the lovely little apartment that is available and also catch each other up on meeting news.

I read with interest the articles regarding Friends who no longer live near the Meeting and continue to hold membership. While in Scotland I also continued to feel connected to the Atlanta meeting where I was introduced to Quakerism in 1993. But now my daughter Nina has married and settled in Austin, TX and I, too, felt led to head west.

I now want to release my attachments to Atlanta (but not my friends) so am requesting a transfer of membership to the Santa Fe Meeting and selling my home at East Lake Commons Co Housing.

I keep a place in my heart for the Atlanta Meeting and SAYMA Friends. My life has been enriched many fold by being with you and also from being away. I can be reached at 505 983 7241 or [kathyburke302@yahoo.com](mailto:kathyburke302@yahoo.com) at any time.

May peace be with you all, Kathy Burke

### **Weaving Sacred Wholeness**

Embracing Diversity among Friends \* A conference that is collaboratively organized by the Youth Ministries Committee and Committee for Ministry on Racism of Friends General Conference \* March 6-8, 2009 \* Penn Ctr., St Helena Isle, SC

Do you seek a religious community that embraces everyone's gifts? Come share your vision of a vibrant, inclusive Religious Society of Friends! This intergenerational conference is an invitation for all Friends to explore diversity through deep conversation and experiential activities. It will help identify ways to strengthen our faith community and build a more whole Religious Society of Friends. This is also a great opportunity to participate in an FGC event close to home!

#### **Why Weaving Sacred Wholeness?**

We recognize the pain of marginalization or exclusion that some Friends have felt in Quaker communities. We know that our faith community is enriched when we can embrace our diversity. In this conference we will create a spiritually grounded and supportive space in which we can share our pain and our hope with each other. Together we will articulate a vision of a vibrant, inclusive Religious Society of Friends in which diverse and sacred gifts are woven together to create a more whole community.

#### **Weekend Highlights:**

- Worshiping as a whole and in small groups.
- Exploring our personal spiritual journeys.
- Sharing experiences with racism, classism, sexism, ageism, homophobia (and more) to help Friends heal.
- Envisioning ways we individually can help create a more inclusive Religious Society
- Plenary address by Niyonu Spann

**Childcare:** Childcare is available for a limited number of children ages 5 and under on a first-come, first-served basis. Unfortunately we cannot accommodate Friends ages 6-15.

#### **Registration Fees and Financial Assistance**

\$245 double room or \$220 triple or quad room; **\$40 discount if you register by January 19, 2009!** There is limited financial assistance available through FGC. We will give high priority to financial aid requests received by January 19. Monthly, Quarterly, and Yearly Meetings are encouraged to offer financial assistance to members wanting to attend this conference.

**For more information** – and to register starting January 5 – visit [www.fgcquaker.org/weaving-sacred-wholeness](http://www.fgcquaker.org/weaving-sacred-wholeness). To talk with someone in the Atlanta Meeting about this conference please contact **Maia Hallward** ([maia@yahoocom](mailto:maia@yahoocom)) or **Christina Repoley** ([christinarepoley@gmail.com](mailto:christinarepoley@gmail.com)) who are both on the planning committee.

Do you receive the newsletter by mail? If so, Finance Committee would like to request a contribution of \$6 to cover postage. More would help with printing. And if you'd like to switch to getting it online or picking it up at the Meetinghouse, just let us know: [ninagooch@gmail.com](mailto:ninagooch@gmail.com) or call the office: 404-377-2474.

As the holiday season dawns, keep in mind that gift decisions can help protect the environment and promote socially worthy goals. Here are a few ideas for *green gifting*.

**Instead of A Thing** Earth-friendly gifts reduce the burden on the earth caused by manufacture and transport of things.

1. **Gift of service:** cook a meal (use local or organic foods), rake (not blow) a lawn, baby-sit, provide music for a special event
2. **Gift of experience:** a play or concert tickets, a museum or zoo membership
3. **Membership or a donation** in the recipient's name to a non-profit organization: In light of the state of the economy, you might choose an organization working to alleviate economic oppression, such as the Atlanta Community Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity, or Right Sharing of World Resources. Or, you can buy a tree (Trees Atlanta) or a pig (Heifer Project International).
4. **MARTA Breeze card** with 10 or 20 rides loaded
5. **A share in a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture), for a box of produce every week**

**Green Things** If you do want to give a thing, here are some ideas.

**Recycled gift:** a used book, a thrift store find, or pass on one of your treasures

**Item made from recycled materials**

**Support a museum:** Gifts from its shop provides support. (High Museum of Art, Fernbank Museum)

**Support an organization** through gifts that it sells (UNICEF, Sierra Club)

**Support third-world artisans:** Purchase items they make at the non-profit Ten Thousand Villages shop in Virginia-Highland or Sandy Springs.

**Fair-trade food:** e.g., Equal Exchange coffee or chocolate

**Sustainable rainforest products**

- **Energy efficient products:** low-flow shower head, LED lights, programmable thermostat

**Homemade specialties:** jams, breads, pickles, whatever

**Ideas from the Internet**

**Products**

- [www.goodguide.com](http://www.goodguide.com) – personal care and household products
- [www.letsogogreen.biz](http://www.letsogogreen.biz) – ecofriendly products, including various green home starter kits
- [www.buygreen.com](http://www.buygreen.com) – range of environmental and recycled products

**Green Purchasing Guides**

- [www.treehugger.com/files/2005/11/holiday\\_gifts\\_f.php](http://www.treehugger.com/files/2005/11/holiday_gifts_f.php) – list of holiday green gift guides
- [www.responsiblepurchasing.org/purchasing\\_guides/all/](http://www.responsiblepurchasing.org/purchasing_guides/all/) – rates products on environmental and social criteria
- [www.greenerchoices.org/home.cfm](http://www.greenerchoices.org/home.cfm) – green articles and product ratings from Consumer Reports
- [www.thegreenguide.com/products](http://www.thegreenguide.com/products) – green purchasing advice from National Geographic
- [www.climatecounts.org/scorecard\\_overview.php](http://www.climatecounts.org/scorecard_overview.php) – evaluates whether companies combat climate change

**Wrapping and Delivering**

- Try to avoid lots of packaging
- Skip gift wrap entirely, make your own from the Sunday funny papers, or try bags that can be reused
- Shop early to avoid overnight shipping (shipping by air uses more fuel than by ground)

## Friend in Residence at Earlham School of Religion

Mary Ann Downey

My week as a Friend in Residence at Earlham School of Religion began with a day long workshop on Biblical Storytelling, part of the annual Pastors Conference. One of our tasks was to memorize the story of Bartimaeus as told in the gospel of Mark 10:46-52. In the story, Bartimaeus sits by the side of the road in Jericho, blind and begging. When he hears that Jesus is passing by with his disciples he cries out, "Jesus, Son of David have mercy on me". Jesus hears him, calls him and asks, "What is it that you want me to do for you?" Bartimaeus says, "Master, restore my sight." And Jesus replies "Go your way. Your faith has made you well." Reflecting on the story, I realized that the message is central to our core beliefs and to the way Friends meet for worship. We sit waiting, listening like Bartimaeus, asking God to restore our sight. And we trust that we will be healed, able to see with eyes of faith, and that we will be given what we need to do the ministry we are called to.

Earlham School of Religion is a "Christian graduate theological school whose mission grows out of our Quaker belief that God calls everyone to ministry. ESR prepares students for leadership that empowers and ministry that serves using a transformative model of education." Students come from all branches of Quakerism: Friends General Conference, Friends United Meeting and Evangelical Friends International, creating a place where different ways of worship and service can be explored while students discern their particular call to ministry.

When I was asked to be a Friend in Residence for a week I felt honored, but asked, "What is that you want me to do?" Jay Marshall, dean of the school, wrote, "We arrange opportunities for conversation and presentation--e.g., share your spiritual journey at Common Meal, perhaps speak at Peace Forum or in a class. And, if you wanted to visit particular classes out of your own interest, that would be fine. The overarching objective is *mutually beneficial meaningful engagement.*"

During the week of September 19-28, I shared my spiritual journey at Common Meal, taught a class on Facilitating Sustainable Agreements, and another on deepening the Spiritual Life of the meeting, and shared experiences of traveling in the ministry with members of the faculty who do this work. I attended classes on Pastoral Spirituality, Liberation Theology, and Writing as Ministry. Every morning began with worship on my own in a cottage in the woods, followed by worship with others at the school and time for long prayerful walks in the woods.

Religion is sometimes defined as, 'sorting out what matters' and my week at ESR was a wonderful sorting out time. The opportunity for silence and worship, reflecting, teaching, and learning kept me grounded in God and reminded me of the balance I hope to create everyday living beyond amid described in the book, *Meditations: On the Monk Who Dwells in Daily Life* by Thomas Moore:

*"God is beyond in the midst of our life, says Bonhoeffer. The monk manages to live this beyond-amid with special gracefulness and beauty. Beauty emerges only when life has achieved radical beyondness while fully amid, or intense amidness by means of beyond. He withdraws in order to be more involved. We average persons may need daily withdrawal in order to be more fully participants in community, family and society. Pull up the cowl, eat in silence, read to be absorbed, pray without intent, chant."*

# Announcements

## **Adult First Day Class,**

**Peg Kaiser** will offer her spiritual journey on December 7 and all are invited to come. During December and January we will read and discuss "**This We Can Say: Australian Quaker Life, Faith and Thought.**" This book invites us to consider not only what Friends in Australia say, but also what we can say. We will practice sharing our own written statements on different aspects of faith.

## **New Book by Harry Lefever**

Harry Lefever has a new book, *Sacred Places: A Guide to the Civil Rights Sites in Atlanta, Georgia*, published by Mercer University Press. The book is co-authored with Michael C. Page and contains a Foreword by Rep. John Lewis. The guide has 67 photographs and descriptions of 37 civil rights sites in Atlanta as well as maps showing the location of each site and directions to each site by MARTA or car, including GPS coordinates for all the sites.

The 37 sites are organized into four self-directed tours. The first three tours - Auburn Avenue, Atlanta University Center District, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive - provide information about sites located along a single street or that are in the same geographical area. Visits to the sites on these three tours could be planned as walking tours. Tour 4 identifies and discusses four scattered sites: "The Bridge," a sculpture honoring Congressman John Lewis; the Pickrick Restaurant, where Lester Maddox made his defiant last stand for segregation; the "Atlanta Wall," where Atlanta Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr. approved the erection of two street barriers in southwest Atlanta in an effort to prevent integration; and the grave site of Ruby Doris Smith Robinson, the Spelman College student most active in the 1960s civil rights movement. The sites on Tour 4 can be visited most conveniently by car but can also be reached by MARTA. Also, the Epilogue has a description, photograph and map of the new Andrew Young Memorial in downtown Atlanta.

The book also provides a brief history of the civil rights movement in Atlanta in the 1950s and 1960s, a chronology of the important civil rights events in Atlanta from 1957 to 1968, and a bibliography of books and articles published about civil rights events in Atlanta during the 1950s and 1960s.

For more information contact Harry Lefever, [hlefever@spelman.edu](mailto:hlefever@spelman.edu) or (404) 525-6916. To see a color image of the cover of the book or to get additional information about the book, log on to the Sacred Places website:

[www.waypoints.net/sacredplaces](http://www.waypoints.net/sacredplaces).

## **Watch Night Service & Breakfast**

12/31 at 11 PM On December 31, 1862, Americans of African descent gathered together on "Freedom's Eve" to await the news that the Emancipation Proclamation had become law. At midnight, according to Lincoln's promise, all slaves in the Confederate States were legally free. For the last several years, Atlanta Friends have joined in this tradition with a worship service at 11 PM on New Year's Eve, followed by a potluck breakfast. Please join us this year! For more details, contact Bert Skellie at [bertskellie@gmail.com](mailto:bertskellie@gmail.com) or 404-378-5883

## **NEWS/VIEWS To Become A Web Site**

28 years ago, a small group of members and attenders of Atlanta Friends Meeting published the first issue of News/Views. It was a printed and mailed publication composed of selected articles from the mainstream press which reflected the FCNL objectives of:

6. A world free of war and the threat of war
7. A society with equity and justice for all
8. A community where every person's potential may be fulfilled
9. An earth restored and protected for future generations

News/Views, at its peak, was mailed to 600 subscribers from 45 states and several foreign countries. Always a volunteer effort, its only expenses were the costs of printing and mailing.

Now, like other publishers of print, we find our costs have risen as our subscriber list has declined. Therefore, the decision has been made to change from a hardcopy item to a no charge web site. After the December issues, New/Views will be presented on the 2nd and 4th Sundays on its web site.

[www.newsviews.8m.net](http://www.newsviews.8m.net)

It is already available, and all are welcome to join us. For further information, contact Nan or Britt Pendergrast at 404-355-0927

**Atlanta Friends Meeting**  
**Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**  
**Eleventh Month 16, 2008**  
**As Recorded Pending Approval**

Jonah McDonald presented the query: How have you dealt with spiritual callings and other situations that are difficult or uncomfortable? Are there times when it is okay to run away, hide, or ignore difficult situations? What spiritual practices help you stay committed to even the most difficult tasks?

A friend reported that his most difficult spiritual practice is “keeping my mouth shut,” another described an experience of standing up for principles, while another was challenged to let go of certainty and still another to tap into inner strength. A friend encouraged us to stick with groups through difficult times, noting that things will “come together.” A friend quoted a Mary Oliver poem, “Instructions for Living a Life: Pay attention/Be astonished/Tell about it.”

In attendance were: Folami Adams, John Adams, Michael Allison, Muireann Brennan, Mary Ann Downey, Betsy Eggers, Julia Parker Ewen, Judith Greenberg, Roland Heath, Martha Hutchins, Tom Kenworthy, Suzan Kenworthy, Georgia Lord, Hannah MacDermott, Susan May, Pete McCaughan, Renda McCaughan, Jonah McDonald, Sally MacEwen, Paul Mangelsdorf, Karen terHorst Morris, Lissa Place, Meredith Reynolds, Martha Jane Robinson, Suzan Kenworthy, Tom Kenworthy, Bert Skellie, Karen Skellie, Rick Stoops, Jim Tolmach, Perry Treadwell, Pat Williams, Mark Wutka, Steve Collins (Clerk), Bill Holland (Recording Clerk). (35 friends.)

**1. Approval of Minutes of Tenth Month Meeting for Worship with an Attention to Business.**

**Minute 08-11-01:** Atlanta Friends Meeting approves the minutes of Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business of Tenth Month 2008 with corrections.

**2. Treasurer’s Report.** Pete McCaughan reported that despite an increase in contributions in October, he projects an additional \$62,000 in income will be required by the end of the year to break even. This is considerably more than we collect in those two months of the year. In addition to general contributions, the Raise the Roof capital campaign needs additional contributions to replace a HVAC unit the first quarter of next year. Pete also reported that \$6,000 has been successfully transferred from the Sentinel Fund to the Pax World Fund in hopes of securing a better return.

**Minute 08-11-02.** We accept the Treasurer’s Report of October 31, 2008.

**3. Finance Committee.** Sue May reported that the annual appeal letter has been mailed by the fundraising committee to 340 households and includes a number of specific suggestions. Sue also reported that rental income this year has been disappointing, while \$10,000 was budgeted, only a little more than \$5,000 has been received.

Sue presented for discussion the initial 2009 budget recommendations. The finance committee established the working guideline of preparing a budget that does not eliminate any personnel and meets expected expenses associated with the building occupancy. Based on this, they then reviewed committee requests. Sue presented a budget worksheet that presented three budgets, a requested budget (total \$152,915), a suggested budget (total \$142,640) and a “Fox in Prison” austerity budget (total \$129,740). Sue reviewed the budget lines and proposed changes to gifts and affiliations.

Several friends described the justification for their committee’s request, funds to support retreat leaders travel expenses, increased need to provide assistance in bad economic times, and greater connection for our meeting’s leaders with other meetings. Social Concerns presented a list of their requested budget. Friends suggested changing our fiscal year to better account for income, and another suggested asking members of meeting to make an upfront commitment to their annual contribution and build the budget from this amount. A friend expressed concern over the growth of our budget over the last decade and encouraged us to focus our energies.

The budget will be brought to 12<sup>th</sup> month for discussion and approval. Sue welcomes additional comments.

**4. Administration.** Karen Morris presented a draft “Policy for hiring and engagement of contractors and employees.” The administration committee has had an internal policy they have used for several years; the proposed document is a revision. The committee hopes the policy will provide for consistent practice, be less open to interpretation and conform to existing

law, while retaining the spirit of Friends. She asked members of meeting to review the proposal and will present it for discussion at the December meeting.

**5. Nominating.** Sally MacEwen presented proposed nominations for 2009: Elizabeth Tolmach for Recording Clerk, Paul Mangelsdorf for Clerk of Finance Committee, John Adams for Co-Clerk of Social Concerns and AFM Young Friends to collectively serve as our representatives to Decatur Emergency Assistance. Approval will be requested in 12<sup>th</sup> month. The positions of Treasurer, Clerk of Administration, Clerk of Fundraising, Young Friends Support, the Newsletter Editor and a SAYMA representative remain unfilled.

As announced in 10<sup>th</sup> month, the Nominating Committee recommends Ceal Wutka to serve on the Ministry and Worship Committee.

**Minute 08-11-02:** On the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, we approve Ceal Wutka for a three-year term on the Ministry and Worship.

Jim Tolmach presented revised and new descriptions for the Naming Committee, Nominating Committee, RE Recruitment Liaison from Nominating Committee, Ferguson Cabin Stewards Committee and Young Friends Program Coordinator. The revisions will reflect current practice and recent decisions of meeting. Jim invites comments and concerns. Approval will be requested in 12<sup>th</sup> month.

A friend raised a concern over the number of positions and encouraged us to review and simplify our structure.

**6. Ministry and Worship.** Suzan Kenworthy reported that a weekday meeting for worship has begun. The meeting is held from 8:30 – 9:00 am in the meetinghouse library. All friends are welcome. Suzan reported that Scott King has requested his membership in the meeting be laid down. Friends were reminded that Scott was instrumental in the formation of the Gwinnett Worship Group, which has now been laid down. Scott has begun a new worship group affiliated with another yearly meeting. A group will seek a meeting with Scott, but the committee does not recommend deferring action.

**Minute 08-10-03:** On the recommendation of the Ministry and Worship Committee, we lay down the membership of Scott King in Atlanta Friends Meeting.

We were asked to consider the marriage recommendation brought forward in 10<sup>th</sup> month.

**Minute 08-11-04:** On the recommendation of the Ministry and Worship Committee, we joyfully take the marriage of Hannah MacDermott and Laura Norlin under our care.

An oversight committee will be brought for approval at a later meeting. Hannah announced the date for the wedding has been set for May 23, 2009.

Suzan announced that Ruth Lord, Georgia Lord's mother, died on October 13, 2008 and a well-attended memorial service in remembrance was held on October 22 at the meetinghouse.

The wedding of Wesley Morris and Coryn Murphy under the care of the meeting will be held on November 29 at the meetinghouse.

**7. Religious Education.** Folami Adams reported that she and Meg Harper are planning an intergenerational worship and will coordinate with the Ministry and Worship Committee. Religious Education is also planning on asking adults to share their spiritual journey with young friends once a month. The committee hopes this will allow teachers to attend meeting and young friends to become acquainted with other members of meeting.

**8. Social Concerns Committee** – Julia Ewen presented a revised minute on Universal, Single Payer Healthcare. A friend raised the hope that in our collective statements we will speak prophetically in a way that invites our adversaries to join with us in seeking solutions, not in advocating for a particular solution. Another friend encouraged us to challenge ourselves and others to meet Jesus' challenge to us "I was sick and you cared for me..."(Matthew 25:36). Another friend hoped that we would speak to the idea that we seek an equality that is beyond particular political plans, while another encouraged us to emphasize a universal and non-discriminatory health care system. The clerk asked the social concerns committee to consider these comments and bring a revised minute as way opens.

**9. Report of Travels in the Ministry.** Mary Ann Downey reported on her ministry as Friend in Residence at Earlham School of Religion in Ninth Month. She also described her Tenth Month travels among Michigan Friends affiliated with Lake Erie Yearly Meeting. She traveled under a concern for deepening the spiritual life of the meeting and returned to the meeting a traveling minute with endorsements from seven meeting she visited. Mary Ann described her ministry on the last day of the trip. Feeling her own fatigue and that of members of the meeting she shared the words of Isaiah (40:31) “They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up on wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.” The ministry was well received and following meeting a friend shared the refrain from On Eagle’s Wings - “And he will lift you up on eagles wings/Bear you on the breath of dawn/Make you to shine like the sun,/and hold you in the palm of His hand. Mary Ann will write a report for the newsletter.

**Minute 08-11-05:** Atlanta Friends Meeting receives the return of the travel minute of Mary Ann Downey with thanks for her ministry.

**10. Fundraising Event.** Folami Adams reported the she is working with Meg Harper to hold a fund-raising concert with our Burundi Friends on December 20 at the meetinghouse. She asked permission to hold the event. A friend suggested a portion of the proceeds be designated to purchase musical instruments, another encouraged us to donate to the building of a new meetinghouse in Burundi. A friend encouraged us to offer a suggested donation rather than a fixed ticket price.

**Minute 08-11-06:** We authorize Meg Harper and Folami Adams to hold a fundraising concert at the meetinghouse on December 20.

**11. Webmaster Report.** Jonah McDonald reported that he has been serving as the webmaster for the Meeting. He presented a revised “About Us” webpage which contain a description of the meeting history, our worship practice and links to important minutes approved by meeting. In addition, there will be links to wider Quaker organizations.

**Minute 08-11-07:** We approve the proposed “About Us” section to be posted on the Atlanta Friends Meeting website and understand that the page will continue to be updated and revised as needed.

We closed the meeting with a period of expectant waiting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Collins (Clerk)  
Bill Holland (Recording Clerk)

### **Special Announcement:**

The El Sitio, El Salvador, scholarship fund needs and would greatly welcome being included in your year-end giving. To carry the current 11 university students through 2009 we will need some \$2000 in addition to current funds and some \$5000 for new students. The program had its first graduate this year. We expect to have a full-fledged fund raising effort in the fall of 2009.

# Calendar for Twelfth Month, 2008

## **Area Meetings for Worship**

Every First Day, 10:00 a.m.— In the Meeting Room and a small meeting in the Library.

Every 2nd and 4th First Day, 10:00 a.m. — Canton Friends Worship Group, 360 E. Marietta St, Canton, 770-720-4669 or [wrlpeas@mindspring.com](mailto:wrlpeas@mindspring.com).

Every Fifth Day, 12:10 p.m.— First Thursdays at AFSC office, 92 Piedmont Ave., Atlanta 30303, other Thursdays at East Lake Commons, 404-378-5883 or [bertskellie@gmail.com](mailto:bertskellie@gmail.com).

Every Sixth Day, 8:45 a.m.— Friends School of Atlanta, 862 Columbia Drive, Decatur, GA 30030, 404-373-8746.

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## **Weekly Events**

### **Every First Day (Sunday)**

9:00 Adult Religious Education

9:15 Singing, Classroom

10:00 Meetings for Worship

### **Every Second-Fifth Day (Monday-Thursday)**

8:30-12:30 Smart Toddlers, Nursery/playground

### **Every Third Day (Tuesday)**

7:30 Silent Meditation, Meeting Room

7:00 Bible Study, Library

### **Every Sixth Day (Friday)**

12:00 Vigil at Colony Square

## **Other Events**

### **12/3, Fourth Day (Wednesday)**

7:30-10:00 Administration Committee, Library

### **12/4, Fifth Day (Thursday)**

7:30-9:00 Meeting for Peace, Library

### **12/7, First Day (Sunday)**

11:15- Potluck

11:15-1:30 Green Friends, AB

### **12/8, Second Day (Monday)**

7:00-10:00 Spiritual Nurture Group, Mtg. Room

7:30-9:00 Meeting for Healing, Teen Jr. High Room

7:00-9:30 Present Moment Awareness Center, AB

### **12/10, Fourth Day (Wednesday)**

7:30-9:00 ORAIARH, Library & Nursery

### **12/11, Fifth Day (Thursday)**

7:30-9:30 Social Concerns Cmte, Library

### **12/13, Seventh Day (Saturday)**

10:00-2:00 AFGE, Library

### **12/14, First Day (Sunday)**

11:15 Listening Ear, Atrium

11:30-2:00 Care and Counsel, Jr. Teen Room

11:30-1:30 Ministry and Worship, AB

11:45-1:30 Finance Committee, Library

6:30-8:30 Spiritual Nurture Group #2, Library

### **12/16, Sixth Day (Friday)**

Newsletter Deadline

### **12/18, Fifth Day (Thursday)**

6:00 Newcomer's Welcome dinner

6:15-10:15 Friendly 8s: Spiritual Journeys, Teen Jr D

### **12/21, First Day (Sunday)**

11:45-2:00 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, Meeting Room (*childcare available*)

3:00-8:00 Kindred-Solstice Celebration, Mtg Rm & Kitchen

### **12/22, Second Day (Monday)**

7:00-10:00 Spiritual Nurture Group, Mtg Rm.

### **12/28 First Day (Sunday)**

11:15 Listening Ear, Atrium

11:45-1:00 ORAIARH, Teen Jr D

6:30-8:30 Spiritual Nurture Group #2, Library

Friends Book Club, No December Meeting

### **12/31, Third Day (Tuesday)**

10:30PM-1:30AM Watch Night (See announcement)

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Please confirm unique events by checking the announcements sheets and or contacting the Meeting.

<p>Valerie Barlow (the new Friend in Residence)'s phone number is 678-863-7535.</p>
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