

Atlanta Friends Meeting Newsletter

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

Meeting for Worship
Each First Day (Sunday)
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March 2009

Query:

"How can my life have simplicity in the midst of complicated times?"

Submitted by Lissa Place, member of Ministry & Worship Committee

Desperately Seeking Simplicity by Denny Webster

Every January my husband and I carry out our annual rituals intended to create order out of chaos. I usually go on a spending spree, buying many hanging file boxes, plastic dividers, calendars, and mountains of index cards. Although it always occurs to me—at least briefly—that what I really need to do is to throw many things out or give them away, I usually end up dispensing with few things, because I'm never sure when I might "need them." My husband, whose approach is clearly more scholarly than mine, usually buys several books on organizing, although more recently he has been purchasing computer software packages that promise to help him keep his many projects moving along. Unfortunately, he seldom has the time to read the books, nor to learn how to use the new software. Neither of us ever gets very far in feeling we have reined in our scattered lives.

One of my currently growing book collections is, ironically enough, on how to simplify your life. (I have noticed that not one of the authors suggests that one could immediately simplify one's life by not purchasing their book.) Many trade heavily on reminiscences of a mythical past in which life was not only slower, but infinitely more satisfying. I am not immune to even reminiscing about my own past, wishing for a return to an earlier, less scattered time—conveniently forgetting that I have actually never had had a time when I didn't feel torn in several directions at once, between family, friends, school, work, and home; that there has never been a time when I felt at a loss to fill the moment with an endless list of things that demand my attention and are probably overdue. On the contrary, when I haven't had a sense that I **MUST** complete many projects, it's often been because I have lost my zest for life and have slipped into a self-absorbed state in which it seems that nothing that I am doing matters anyway. Although I have fewer of these times since I passed the mid-century mark, I find these episodes, for me, are often associated with the demand that academics maintain a painstakingly petty list of every activity that could be remotely construed as fulfilling the requirements of the pseudoscholarly life. The exercise always has the paradoxical effect of demonstrating all too clearly the meaninglessness of the ways I spend my days.

The sense of real despair that steals over me in such times is a painful call to return to center—to reassess how I am spending my energies in this earthly assignment. I invariably ignore the call until it becomes impossible to get around, over, or under it. Only under extreme duress am I likely to seriously consider putting away the books, laying aside the file boxes, and being still long enough to hear the sound of my own heart—and beyond that, the clearness of purpose that might truly organize my life.

Announcements

Adult Religious Education in March

On March 1, Steve Collins will tell us about his spiritual journey. Through March, 2009, 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. It is a great way to learn about Quakers if you are new, as well as great inspiration to consider on your spiritual journey at any stage. We will practice sharing our own written statements on different aspects of faith. We will continue to reserve the first Sunday of each month for meeting members to share their journeys.

Schedule:

*March 8-15: Chapter 6-Advices and Queries

*March 22-29: Chapter 7- Hist. perspective.

Forum on Human Trafficking 3/7

On Saturday March 7 at 1:30 p.m., at the Meetinghouse, a three-woman panel: State Representative Mary Margaret Oliver, Stephanie Davis of Mayor Shirley Franklin's staff and community activist Ellen Cimino will discuss what's being done about modern day enslavement of women and girls--at the state level, city government level and the grassroots. We're inviting the wider community to come and network with Friends and get informed and involved!

We're very excited to be able to offer Friends such a stellar panel of experts! Mary Margaret Oliver has been a strong proponent of legislation benefitting women and girls, and Stephanie Davis is the staff person who keeps Shirley Franklin up to speed on human trafficking. Ellen Cimino has a wide range of community connections that she will share with us.

Let's support this unique gathering with a good turnout!

Building AFM Community 3/20-22

Each year Atlanta Friends Meeting offers a Gathered Meeting Retreat. This year's retreat will be March 20-22. This is a very important community-building event. If you have been finding it hard to feel like you belong in this Quaker meeting, then this retreat is for you! Scholarship money is available, so please don't let cost stop you. There is more information and an application form on page 5 or contact Ron Nuse, 404-378-1243, nuser@bellsouth.net.

Friends' Book Club 3/22

We meet at 7 pm on the fourth Sunday of each month. On March 22, the club will be discussing

Peony in Love by Lisa See. The host is Mary Ann Downey, 404-892-2358 (madowney@mindspring.com). This was announced as the book for last month, but had to be postponed until March.

Green Friends Presentation 3/29

A Sustainable Future - The Transition Initiative. The Transition Initiative, started in England by Rob Hopkins, a professor of permaculture, addresses our need to plan for the future around the problems that result from reaching peak oil at a time of rising population and prosperity. A sustainable future can be met by creating a resilient and vibrant local economy; one where the energy requirements are met through conservation, efficiency and then through renewable, decentralized energy generation, where food, products and services are primarily produced locally.

We'll view a short excerpt from the movie "The End of Suburbia" that outlines the problems that we face because of the peak oil problem. A discussion will follow afterwards about how the Transition Initiative is addressing these issues.

Resources: The book "The Transition Handbook" by Rob Hopkins is now available online - www.appropedia.org/TTH:Introduction

Also: www.transitiontowns.org,
www.transitionculture.org,
www.transitiongeorgia.ning.com

Workshop Proposals for SAYMA 2009 Needed

356-6356 John Potter, workshop coordinator for SAYMA's 2009 gathering at Warren Wilson College, June 10-14, is soliciting workshop proposals. The 2009 theme is "Spirit Woven in Our Lives: a Tapestry of Light."

Possible workshop ideas could be Adult Education presentations, topics on Quaker history, clerking, and non-Quaker topics such as art-or music-oriented activities, dance, meditation, chanting, or travelogs.

A copy of the Workshop Application form can be downloaded from the SAYMA Web site in both RTF and PDF formats at http://www.sayma.org/online_documents.htm. If you have any questions, please contact John at doctorbitmap@bellsouth.net or at 615- (home).

Quaker UN Summer School 7/5-17, Geneva

For people with an active interest in international affairs: Would you like to study the UN at first hand? Do you want to meet people from

all over the world? The Summer School aims to provide an introduction to the work of the United Nations. In previous years it has been especially attractive to people who have recently completed higher education studies. Application packs available from www.quaker.org.uk or from Helen Bradford (QUNSS), QPSW, Friends House, Euston Road, London, NW1 2BJ. Email: helenb@quaker.org.uk Deadline for applications – **16th March 2009**

NEWS/VIEWS Now Online

Readers of the Meeting's publication, News/Views, no longer have the printed version available, it having been replaced by its no-charge electronic equivalent on the web:

www.newsviews.8m.net

Issues will continue to come out 21 times a year, twice each month on the 2nd and 4th first days. Exceptions are: no issues in August and only one in December.

Priscilla Padron has volunteered to send an email reminder notice for each issue to anyone who wishes to receive one. Please send your request to Priscilla, along with your email address. Priscilla's address is: ppadron@comcast.net

FGC Connections Now Online

“fgconnections,” the Friends General Conference quarterly publication, has now gone online! Go to www.fgcquaker.org/ (then click on Quaker Press) to see the latest issue, with the theme “Publishers of Truth.” You can also connect to past

issues. They are calling for submissions for their Spring issue, “Prophetic Witness,” with a deadline of March 15.

Young Adult Leadership Program (Pendle Hill)

The YALD program takes place for seven weeks from mid-June through the beginning of August, and is designed for 18-24 year olds serious about serving as leaders in their communities, developing the tools for social transformation, and living a life grounded in God's Spirit. The YALD program consists of three major parts: community-based service, both inside and outside Pendle Hill; spiritual formation and religious education; and diverse community living experience practicing sustainable living.

Each participant will be paired with a local service organization and work two days a week as a volunteer. Participants will take classes in Quakerism, creative expression, and sustainable community. Courses will engage themes of personal and spiritual formation, religious tradition, nonviolent communication and sustainable living. The program is fully supported by Pendle Hill and all program costs, plus room and board expenses, are covered. A small stipend is also provided.

More information about the program, including the application form (deadline is **March 20th**) is on Pendle Hill's website: www.pendlehill.org.



Do you know who these ladies are? (Photo taken in 1975)

Spotlight on Friends: Janet Boyte Ferguson

Interview by Mary Ann Downey



Our meeting's oldest member, Janet Boyte Ferguson, celebrated her 93rd birthday in 2008 and continues to let her life speak in many ways. Born on 9/28/1915 in a suburb of Chicago, she attended public school and a Congregationalist church there. Her early awareness of God was in nature, especially at a log cabin vacation home in Ontario where she enjoyed canoeing. She attended church occasionally while at Denison College, where she earned a BA in History, English and Education. Her mother encouraged her to study in England and to do graduate work, and after a summer of biking in England with a friend, she did a year of graduate study at the London School of Economics before getting a Masters in Journalism at Northwestern.

Her first job was at Sioux Falls College in South Dakota teaching English and Journalism for two years, before working for a year in New York City with Scholastic Publications. She returned to Chicago to work as the first woman writing radio news for the Chicago Sun. When World War II began, she served with the Red Cross Clubs for US troops stationed in North Africa, Morocco, Sicily, and Naples, and met her future husband, Harry Boyte, a Red Cross Field Director in Morocco. They were married in her parents' home in Evanston, IL in January, 1944.

Harry continued working as a manager for the Red Cross at the Washington, DC Headquarters, developed his early interest in the civil rights movement and hired the first black secretary at the headquarters, before moving to Atlanta to manage the local Red Cross Chapter. In this position, he set a policy of equal salary for all workers at the same level. In Atlanta, they first lived at the United Daughters of Confederacy Headquarters house on Juniper. During a meeting of the UDC, the president of the group was showing new members the house, and discovered Janet with son Harry in their upstairs apartment. After introductions, she asked Janet where she was from and was shocked to hear that it was Illinois. She made a gracious Southern lady recovery, however, replying, "That's all right, dear. You're here now." The family grew when in 1947 Janet's daughter Anne was born.

In 1960, the family moved to Charlotte where they were involved with civil rights action, Freedom Riders, and attended their first Friends Meeting. Coming back to Atlanta in 1963, Harry worked as special assistant to Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Harry's work included travel in the south, speaking at colleges to create the bi-racial Operation Dialogue. Janet joined the League of Women Voters and helped efforts to desegregate the League. Meanwhile, Janet worked at the Atlanta YWCA as youth program director for 3 years. She also attended the Atlanta Friends Meeting working as a volunteer with the Director of Quaker House, John Yungblut, became clerk of Social Concerns Committee and was employed as meeting secretary from 1970-1972. Janet also joined women activists contributing to the fight for school desegregation in Georgia with Project HOPE, (Help Our Public Education).

Janet and Harry lived in the Virgin Islands from 1972-1976, when Harry was diagnosed with cancer. They returned to Atlanta in 1976 before his death in 1977. That year she also attended the One Earth Conference in Finnhorn, Scotland, and stayed there in retreat for a month, finding healing and spiritual community while she began to recover from the loss of Harry.

After returning to Atlanta, she served again as secretary for the Meeting from 1980-1985 and married a long-time Friend, Dwight Ferguson, in 1983. They moved to Highland Farms Retirement Community in Black Mountain, NC, in 1987 and lived there until his death in 1992. During the 80's, Janet also began working on a history of the Atlanta Meeting and formed a History Committee to pull together meeting minutes, documents and interviews. Janet is one of two authors for [As Way Opened: A History of the Atlanta Friends Meeting, 1943-1997](#). She has a long-standing concern on the death penalty and maintains correspondence with prisoners with life sentences or on death row, and previously worked as a volunteer at the Open Door Community and at Café 458 to assist those who are homeless. In 1999, she moved to East Lake Commons and works on concerns within the community while also keeping our meeting history alive by writing interviews with meeting members for the newsletter.

ATLANTA FRIENDS MEETING GATHERED MEETING RETREAT
March 20–22, 2009

“How and Why Does the Spirit Unite Us as One Body?”

Each year, the Atlanta Friends Meeting Gathered Meeting Retreat is held to support spiritual growth and deepen our sense of community. This is a time for gathering in silence and other forms of sharing, relaxing, spending quality time together as spiritual seekers and friends, and for having fun. All are encouraged to attend, whether you are new or seasoned in our Meeting, and whether you are a member or an attender. This time can be especially beneficial for new attenders to connect with others in the Meeting. **Partial scholarships are available—please don't let funding keep you from this vital experience.**

Facilitators

David and Virginia Wood, members of Dayton Monthly Meeting in Dayton, Ohio, travel under a calling to be a listening presence among Friends. David and Virginia have served the wider body of Friends through works with Friends General Conference, Friends World Committee for Consultation, and the Associated Friends Committee on Indian Affairs. Both have served on the Religious Education Committee, Traveling Ministries Committee, and the Gathering Planning Committee for Friends General Conference, and as visitors for FWCC and FGC. In 2001 they were fortunate to visit Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association as FGC visitors and present a workshop. Their travels for the FGC Traveling Ministries Program have taken them to Alaska, California, Canada, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, and Minnesota. David and Virginia are both retired teachers. David taught physics at Wright State University, and Virginia taught elementary physical education for a local public school system. They are active within their monthly meeting and yearly meeting. David is currently clerk of Dayton MM and Virginia is currently serving as Assistant Clerk of Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting.

Location and Accommodations

The retreat is being held at the Charlie Elliott Center in Mansfield, GA, about one hour east of the perimeter. **Cost**, including meals: single room (\$210); two people per room (\$135/person); three per room (\$128/person); four per room (\$125/person [if this configuration can be arranged]). If you desire a roommate we will find one for you. If you know who your roommate will be, please indicate this on the form.

In order to foster the sense of community that develops during a retreat, we ask that all participants commit to the full retreat and stay overnight rather than commute.

The cost per person includes all meals from Friday night dinner through Sunday lunch. The Meeting covers the facilitator's expenses while participants pay for lodging, meals and materials. An additional donation toward scholarships would be deeply appreciated, especially in this difficult year.

Registration

A \$50 deposit (not refundable after March 6th) is required at the time of registration; however you may send the full amount. Any balance is due upon arrival at the retreat. You will receive confirmation and further details after your registration is received.

Questions: Contact Ron Nuse, 404-378-1243, nuser@bellsouth.net

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Gathered Meeting Retreat Registration Form

Name(s) _____ Address _____

E-mail _____ Phones: Day _____ Night _____

Amount: Deposit/Full payment \$ _____ Contribution to Scholarship Fund \$ _____ Scholarship requested \$ _____

Occupancy requested: 1) Single _____ 2) Double _____ 3) Other _____ Roommate, if known _____

Emergency contact during retreat: Name _____ Phone _____

Please indicate any special dietary needs (vegetarian, etc.) _____

Please indicate any other special needs (handicap room, etc.) _____

Place this form, along with the deposit or full payment, in the Gathered Meeting Retreat Committee folder in the Meeting office, or send to: Ron Nuse, 430 Eastland Drive, Decatur, GA 30030

Atlanta Friends Meeting
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
Second Month 15, 2009
As Recorded Pending Approval

Ceal Wutka presented the query: *“What do we mean when we repeat Fox’s admonition to “Let your life speak”?”*

This simple sentence reminds us that it is our lives, not our words, that speak most reliably about who we are and what we believe. Our lives are our ministry, not the specific acts we think of as “official” ministry, such as speaking in meeting, following leadings, or carrying out our roles on committees. Jesus teaches us not to hide our lights; but to let them shine – as the gospel song would have it, “every day, every way.” Outreach in this broad sense is not something we think about and plan; rather, it simply happens as we walk our paths in the world, lighted by “that of God” within us. Advancement and outreach are natural and integral aspects of the Quaker way of life. Realizing that we are all children of God means that there is an infinite opportunity to search for God in our relations with others. Our fellowship begins, grows, and is nurtured in home and meeting. It reaches greater fulfillment as we carry our love of God and humankind to our relationships with persons in the wider community of which our Meeting is a part, with members of other Meetings, and with all persons whom we meet. How does my life witness to my Quaker faith?”

In attendance were: Mike Aland, Mark Bryans, John Carpentier, Sallie Carpentier, Mary Ann Downey, Julia Parker Ewen, Sally Ferguson, Judith Greenberg, Roland Heath, Bill Holland, Kathy Johnson, Suzan Kenworthy, Tom Kenworthy, Caroline Morris, Pete McCaughan, Renda McCaughan, Laura Norlin, Ronald Nuse, Jim Tolmach, Perry Treadwell, Denny Webster, Jane Wellborn, Pat Williams. Ceal Wutka, Mark Wutka, Steve Collins (Clerk), Elizabeth Tolmach (Recording Clerk). (27 friends)

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

Minute 09-02-01: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves the minutes of Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business of First Month 2009.

2. Treasurer. Pete McCaughan, standing in for Meredith Reynolds, reported that the meeting is \$4,000 in the red already this year. Money is tight, given the \$10,000 deficit from last year. There has been a smooth transition of treasurers from Pete McCaughan to Meredith Reynolds.

3. Ministry & Worship. Suzan Kenworthy requested approval of the three transfers for membership brought forth in First Month.

Minute 09-02-02: On the recommendation of Ministry and Worship, the Atlanta Friends Meeting recommends the transfer of membership for Denny Webster from the Boulder (CO) Monthly Meeting of Friends to the Atlanta Friends Meeting.

Minute 09-02-03: On the recommendation of Ministry and Worship, the Atlanta Friends Meeting recommends the transfer of membership for Stoph Hallward from the Friends Meeting of Washington (DC) to the Atlanta Friends Meeting.

Minute 09-02-04: On the recommendation of Ministry and Worship, the Atlanta Friends Meeting recommends the transfer of membership for Maia Hallward from the Friends Meeting of Washington (DC) to the Atlanta Friends Meeting.

Suzan presented the first request for membership for Annamarie Harmon, a young woman who has been attending meeting in Atlanta and now lives in Richmond, Indiana. Her clearness committee consisted of Ceal Wutka, Mark Wutka and Joel Bowman. Several friends had never met Annamarie and a discussion ensued on what it means to be a member, what the meeting expects of the member and what the member expects of the meeting. Some of the thoughts shared included: a friend was concerned that Annamarie had never experienced

business meeting; another asked how we care for the membership of someone who is not part of our active body; other friends stated that in the past we have accepted members who were not active in our meeting and held marriages under the care of the meeting for people who are no longer attenders; a friend shared that becoming a member was important to him, even though he was not actively attending meeting at the time; a friend suggested we ask Annamarie how we can best care for her. A member of Annamarie's clearness committee said Annamarie wanted a spiritual home while transitioning to a new environment. Another friend suggested that Ministry and Worship come up with a few concrete ways that we will be able to support Annamarie if she becomes a member. Final approval for membership will be requested in Third Month.

Suzan presented the first request from Caroline Morris and Mike Aland to be married under the care of the meeting. Their clearness committee consists of Cynthia Berg, Steve McLaughlin and Suzan Kenworthy.

4. Naming. Perry Treadwell reviewed the recommendations for Nominating Committee from First Month and asked for the meeting's approval.

Minute 09-02-05: On the recommendation of Naming Committee, the Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Lynn Leuszler as a member of Nominating Committee.

Minute 09-02-06: On the recommendation of Naming Committee, the Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Carolyne Noyes as a member of Nominating Committee.

Perry brought forth Lili Crymes' name for approval for Nominating Committee in Third Month. He also asked for the meeting's approval for Folami Adams, current member of Nominating Committee to become co-clerk, with Sally MacEwen, of that committee .

Minute 09-02-07: On the recommendation of Naming Committee, the Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Folami Adams as co-clerk of Nominating Committee.

5. Nominating. Steve Collins, in Sally MacEwen's absence, reviewed the recommendations from First Month and asked for the meeting's approval.

Minute 09-02-08: On the recommendation of Nominating committee, the Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Beth Martinson as a member of Ministry and Worship.

Minute 09-02-09: On the recommendation of Nominating committee, the Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Mark Wutka as a member of Ministry and Worship.

Minute 09-02-10: On the recommendation of Nominating committee, the Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Folami Adams as clerk of the Fundraising Committee.

6. Care & Counsel. Renda reported on the first meeting of the Elders. The two main topics of discussion were: What can elders contribute? And, how can we support elders? Ideas included: Elders can act as greeters at the "gate;" Put in a good quality bench outside where elders can sit and talk with people; a friend suggested that Jim Tolmach be commissioned to make this bench with meeting funds. Other ideas included a dinner hosted by elders on the history of the meeting, or elders co-hosting newcomers dinner, recording CDs of spiritual journeys of elders, holding forums and conversations after meeting featuring an elder, and creating an email list of the elders. Ideas of how to support elders will be discussed at the next meeting of the elders.

Laura Norlin announced an intergenerational activity, where the 3rd - 6th graders will interview newcomers, plus other "getting-to-know-you" activities, Saturday, February 28th.

7. Ferguson Cabin. Kathy Johnson and John Carpentier presented a proposal to expand the Ferguson Cabin on Lake Rabun by adding a small, winterized building with a sleeping loft, kitchen and bathroom. This will give us the ability to expand use into colder seasons and facilitate larger groups in the summer. John added that use has diminished over the years, and the most common reason is that there are no bathrooms. Rabun County requires that we have a septic system for the kitchen sink (at present, waste water drains into a pit). The budget

proposed is for building materials and septic system, excluding labor; all labor will be donated labor from volunteers. The county does not require a building permit for the building itself. The proposed building is wheelchair accessible. A friend expressed concern for the amount of money the meeting would have to use to fund this project. How much money are we willing to invest in shared property and how much do we direct toward other things? The total project cost is estimated to be \$34,000 (\$6,000 of which is donated labor and \$9,500 of which has already been pledged). This leaves \$19,500 to be raised. Pete McCaughan noted that although there is money in the meeting's building fund, capital costs such as replacing HVAC units will place a burden on Meeting finances. A friend noted that there are five Quaker worship groups in north Georgia that might be interested in participating in this project. The committee was asked to season this proposal further with the Finance and Administration Committees and in the wider meeting. The Meeting thanked the Cabin Committee for the excellent presentation.

8. Clerk's Items. Steve Collins presented a request from Daphne Clement for a minute of support for her work and as a ministry chaplain.

Minute 09-02-11: The Atlanta Friends Meeting endorses Daphne Clement, D-Min., BBC for her work in Community Chaplaincy and Hospice Ministry.

Steve also requested the approval of a minute of thanks for the service of the following individuals in our meeting.

Minute 09-02-12: The Atlanta Friends Meeting recognizes and appreciates the gifts of service that the following friends have contributed to our meeting: Pete McCaughan, Treasurer; Bill Holland, Recording Clerk; Sue May, Clerk of Finance Committee; Karen terHorst Morris, Clerk of Administration; Stoph Hallward, monthly newsletter editor; Nan and Britt Pendergrast, editors of News/Views.

Steve distributed summaries of the State of the Meeting Annual Report 2008 for perusal and asked for written feedback and corrections prior to 3rd Month Business Meeting.

The meeting closed with silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Collins (Clerk)

Elizabeth Tolmach (Recording Clerk)

Calendar for Second Month, 2009

Area Meetings for Worship

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

Every First Day, 3 p.m. — Carrollton Friends Worship Group, St. Andrew United Methodist Youth Center, 1106 Maple St, Carrollton, lessell.bray@gmail.com or 770-830-8705.

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

Every Fifth Day, 12:10 p.m.— First Thursdays at AFSC office, 92 Piedmont Ave., Atlanta 30303,

Every other Thursday at East Lake Commons, 404-378-5883 or bertskellie@gmail.com.

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

Weekly Events

Every First Day (Sunday)

9:00 Adult Religious Education

9:15 Singing, Classroom A/B

10:00 Meetings for Worship

Every Week Day (Monday – Friday)

8:30-9:00 Morning Silent Worship, Library

Every Second-Fifth Day (Monday-Thursday)

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

Every Third Day (Tuesday)

7:30pm Silent Meditation, Meeting Room

7:30pm Bible Study, Library

Other Events

03/1, First Day (Sunday)

11:15-1:30 Green Friends, A/B

11:15- Potluck

03/4, Fourth Day (Wednesday)

7:30-10:00 Administration Committee, Library

03/5, Fifth Day (Thursday)

7:30-8:30 Meeting for Peace, Library

03/7, Seventh Day (Saturday)

1:30pm Panel on Human Trafficking

03/8, First Day (Sunday)

11:30-12:30 Listening Ear, Atrium

11:30-1:30 Ministry and Worship, A/B

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

11:45-1:30 Finance Committee, Library

5:00-7:00 SAYF Teens

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

03/9, Second Day (Monday)

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

03/11, Fourth Day (Wednesday)

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

03/12, Fifth Day (Thursday)

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

03/15, First Day (Sunday)

11:00 Duduzile Mtshazo, of FWCC Africa here

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

03/16, Second Day (Monday)

7:30-10:00 Spiritual Nurture Group, Mtg Rm.

03/18, Fourth Day (Wednesday)

~6:00 Newcomer's Welcome dinner

03/20, Sixth Day (Friday)

Gathered Meeting Retreat begins, continues through 22nd.

Newsletter Deadline –To Renda McCaughan

03/22, First Day (Sunday)

11:30-12:30 Listening Ear, Atrium

11:45 FGC Forum

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

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

7:00 pm Friends Book Club, Mary Ann Downey's home. See Announcements

3/29, First Day (Sunday)

11:45 am Green Friends Forum

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

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NAMETAGS: If you would like to have a permanent nametag made, leave a request in one of the baskets on the front table. Indicate whether you prefer one that hangs around the neck or that pins. When Carol Gray has made one for you, it will be placed in the black file box on the greeting table.

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Contributions to the Atlanta Friends Meeting can be placed in the slot marked "Contributions" in the greeting area of the Meetinghouse, or mailed to the Treasurer at the above address. Thank you!

DEADLINE FOR 4TH MONTH NEWSLETTER: 3RD MONTH 20

Readers are encouraged to submit letters, articles, poetry, calendar notices and anything else of interest to Friends.

Items should be sent directly to:

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770-730-0872

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