

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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May 2009

Query: "How do we balance, in our lives and in the life of the Meeting, our tendency to cultivate and deepen our current community while at the same time actively seeking new community members? How do we help newcomers feel personally welcomed and invited into the life of the Meeting?"

Submitted by Jonah McDonald

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ATLANTA FRIENDS MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS 2008 STATE OF THE MEETING REPORT

The gifts of our community are many and varied. The spirit moves amongst Atlanta Friends Meeting (AFM) to support the ministry of our members, their well-being, and the material stability of the Meeting.

The impetus for the formation of the **Refugee Support Group** in April 2008 was an eight-mile walk taken by two Burundi men in late 2007 from their apartment complex to attend our Meeting for Worship. These men, recently relocated from refugee camps in Tanzania, were Quakers who had attended a programmed Friends church in Africa. They and their families, along with another Burundi family, have been attending regularly since their first visit.

The group supported the Burundi families in their transition to America and unprogrammed Friends worship and reached out to the meeting community to find resources – by organizing carpools, English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, and bi-lingual singing and worship sharing sessions; and by providing material assistance. Building these relationships enriched the spiritual lives of members and attenders, and the Burundi Friends presence brought a new spiritual energy and life to the Meeting. The language, worship, and cultural differences, as well as the special needs of those who have experienced the ravages of war, presented new opportunities for the Meeting to learn and grow.

Though the work of the **Administration** Committee can seem mundane, the improvements of the facilities and in paper-saving information technology were informed by environmentalism; new hiring policies and anti-racism work were based in the testimony of equality; the development of clear, defined administrative processes was rooted in the simplicity testimony; and all of the committee's work stemmed from love of community and the goal of making the Meeting more welcoming and inclusive. The committee was especially gratified that the new employees -- Valerie Barlow, Friend in Residence, and Jonah McDonald, Office Coordinator – also approached their work from these spiritual foundations.

The **Committee on Undoing Racism in Atlanta Friends Meeting** (CURAFM) continued to raise awareness of racism through a Listening Ear for concerns about racism, coordinating forums, and providing articles for the welcome packets, the AFM website, and the newsletter. The **Nurturing Young Friends** Ad Hoc committee met frequently to find ways to nurture (*continued on page 7*)

Announcements

Adult Religious Education: May

On Sunday, **May 3**, Steve Collins will share his spiritual journey with us. During May (except for the first Sunday), the adult religious education class will read and discuss [A Hidden Wholeness: The Journey Toward an Undivided Life](#) by Parker Palmer. In his latest work, Parker Palmer explores issues of maintaining integrity, a life based on inner truth, in the face of a world of fragmentation. Copies of the book are available from Bill Holland, and the class meets every Sunday in the meeting library from 9:00-9:50 am.

Thank-you, Debra Kocher, for Bench

The next time you arrive at the Meetinghouse, please take time to admire the teak park bench and chairs at the entrance. Debra Kocher stepped forward to donate it to AFM after reading Care & Counsel's plea in the announcement sheet. Sure, they are a little weathered, but they will continue to serve us well. The elders of our meeting have offered to take turns greeting newcomers, chatting with them as they arrive "at the gate."

Sweetwater Creek Hike Sat. 5/17

Please plan to join East End Neighbors for a three-mile **hike** at Sweetwater Creek Park near Douglasville on Saturday, **May 17** at 1 PM. We will meet to carpool at Bethel Baptist Church at 1890 Second Avenue Decatur 30032, next to the funeral home & near East Lake Commons, about three miles south of Decatur. (Please park behind the church.) We should be back by about 4 or 5 PM. For more info please contact Bert Skellie at bertskellie@gmail.com or 404-378-5883.



5/23 Invitation postcards are on the Greeting Table; you are invited to take one.

Forum on Wills & Living Wills 5/31

Have you always been meaning to draw up a will or make provisions for care if something happens to you and you are unable to make decisions for yourself? Come to this forum Care and Counsel is sponsoring at rise of Meeting on **May 31**, 2009. Daphne Clement and Laura Schilling, Atlanta lawyer and friend of Nan O'Connor will put on a brief presentation and then take questions. We will also have pamphlets called "Five Wishes" that deal with end-of-life questions; Boulder Meeting uses these with great success. Put this on your calendar!

Celebration of Youth 5/31

The Meeting's annual Celebration of Youth will be held during Meeting for Worship on Sunday, May 31. This commemorates the year end of First Day School classes and recognizes our children (including those young ones born into the Meeting this year!), our teachers, and the clerk of Religious Education. The young people of the meeting will be introduced, those advancing to the next age group (those entering kindergarten, 3rd grade, middle school, high school, and high school graduates) will be given a small gift. Come prepared to sing with us : the George Fox Song, Tis a Gift to be Simple, and All Gods Critters.

Welcome to Babies & Toddlers 5/31

Care and Counsel will welcome babies and toddlers under the age of three during the Celebration of Youth, as mentioned above. If you have a young one who has not been so greeted yet into the Meeting, please let Renda McCaughan know, at rendaandpeteATyahoo.com or 770-730-0872.

SAYMA & FGC Gatherings

Advance programs are now available for the 2009 SAYMA Yearly Meeting (June 11-14) and FGC Gathering (June 27-July 4). Visit the AFM website (<http://atlanta.quaker.org/members.htm>) for links for information about these events, or pick up an advance program on the Greeting Table at Meeting.

Scholarships for SAYMA & FGC

AFM offers financial aid scholarships for attendance at SAYMA and FGC gatherings. Applications are due by Sunday, **May 3** to Cynthia Berg of Ministry & Worship Committee. Get the application from the greeting table, or download it: <http://atlanta.quaker.org/members.htm>. Instructions on who to send it to are on the application.

Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Concerns Epistle

At the midwinter meeting of FLGBTQC in February the Epistle expressed the grave concerns over the treatment of Friends and all persons identifying as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and queer individuals. The Epistle points out that the laws in Virginia and other states cause situations that, “[m]ore and more, our families fear that they will not be allowed to make medical decisions about their loved ones or they fear that authorities may not recognize their adoptions, civil unions, and legal marriages. We continue to face the nightmare that loved ones may find themselves alone, while we are prevented from being with them at the times they most need us!

The Epistle calls to:

- ❖ “Invite FGC and our meetings to join us in bringing Quakers together to help us all understand what is meant by "that which God joins together." Many meetings struggle with the issues marriage raises. What are the differences between marriage as a civil institution and as a "God anointed" union? How can Friends help in the struggle for full marriage equality for same sex couples?
- ❖ Invite FGC to join with FLGBTQC to consider together how and when to bear witness to our experience as a faith community concerning queer marriage and civil rights in part because many sites (like in Virginia) will give us Opportunities to witness to the power of God's love in our lives and in our families.
- ❖ Invite FGC to convene a Gathering or small conference whose theme would be "Who so ever God has joined together" which would address issues of marriage, family and relationships of all orientations and gender. We would suggest that Friends from all "sides" of the marriage question be invited to participate.
- ❖ Invite our meetings to provide support committees for LGBTQ members and their families when meetings are discerning whether they can or cannot take their marriages under

the meeting's care or when those Friends are made vulnerable because of faith-based witness around civil and constitutional rights in the wider community.

- ❖ Invite meetings to participate fully in civil discussions and legislative activism to help speak Truth of our experience of God's Love for all. Our work can minister to others as we share our own ongoing process as models for other faith communities. We see this as an Opportunity for our meetings to speak publicly to our deeply rooted experience that God calls us to lives of Love and that Love takes many forms.
- ❖ We ask FGC, monthly meetings and yearly meetings to raise up the issues of equality and the ways in which our LGBTQ families are most in danger when they travel or seek help, whatever those meetings' views on LGBTQ marriage.”

The Epistle ends: “We have faith that God will continue to bless our lives. We have hope that civil rights will be in our life times. We know that Love, radical Love, will prevail. With love and on behalf of Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Concerns.” The complete document is available at <http://flgbtqc.quaker.org/2009epistle.html> or [FLGBTQC Epistle 2009 MW.pdf](#) [FLGBTQC Epistle 2009 MW.pdf](#) (

Welcome New Member Denny Webster!



We are so happy to receive Denny into our Meeting! Denise Webster transferred her membership from Boulder (Colorado) Monthly Meeting, where she was an active member, to Atlanta Friends Meeting in February, 2009. Before Boulder Meeting, Denny joined the Care and Counsel and the Gathered Meeting Retreat Committees, and despite the long ride from her home in Peachtree City, has participated in many Meeting functions, including Adult Education, Gathered Meeting Retreat, and intergenerational events. “Friends are my spiritual community,” she explains, “and it’s important to me to be as active a part of that community as I can be.”

Denny was born in Ohio, but has also lived in Maryland, Virginia, Illinois, and Colorado, before moving to Georgia to be close to family. She also has traveled extensively—in Africa, Scotland, England, and Ireland, Vietnam, New Zealand, and Thailand. When she moved to Georgia, she retired from a time-consuming job (nurse psychotherapist, teacher at several universities). Since then she has enjoyed learning about quilting and has become an accomplished fabric artist, earning awards in shows. She also enjoys taking walks with her dogs and seeing all the different kinds of birds here.

Denny married her husband, Tim Brennan, in 1991 and has three adult children. One son, Tom, and one daughter, Amanda, live in Peachtree City; together they have five grandchildren. The other son, Bill, and his family live in Illinois. She also has two sisters.

When asked, “What does being a Quaker mean to you?” she responded, “I find the basic values, (Simplicity, Harmony/Peace, Integrity, Community, and Equality), are very important to me and trying to live a life consistent with these values is even more important. Having companions along the way makes it possible to keep these values more clearly in my mind and my heart than if I had no way to describe them and no one else I knew who was trying to live as a Friend.” We all are here to live beside you, Denny!

Renda McCaughan, Care & Counsel, from Denny’s notes prepared for 3rd-6th grade interviews at intergenerational gathering

Spring Family Fun and Fellowship at Leuszler/Lord Wildlife Preserve April 18, 2009

(Just a few who attended, here posed at an oddly formed tree)



Back row: Kathy Johnson, Margie Rece, Renda McCaughan, Carol?, Georgia Lord;
Front Row: Laura ?, Ariel ? (Margie’s granddaughter)

Atlanta Friends Meeting
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
Fourth Month 19, 2009
As Recorded Pending Approval

Carolyn Coburn Allen presented the query: "Do you welcome the diversity of culture, language and expressions of faith in our yearly meeting and in the world community of Friends? Seek to increase your understanding and to gain from this rich heritage and wide range of spiritual insights. Uphold your own and other yearly meetings in your prayers." *The Yearly Meeting of Religious Society of Friends in Britain*

A friend spoke of the diversity of ways to create community. He expressed his pride in the way the Atlanta Friends Meeting creates community.

In attendance were: Folami Adams, John Adams, Mike Aland, Joel Bowman, Muireann Brennan, Sallie Carpentier, Julia Ewen, Janet Ferguson, Susan Firestone, Erica French, Nina Gooch, Judith Greenberg, Meg Harper, Roland Heath, Kathy Johnson, Suzan Kenworthy, Tom Kenworthy, Paul Mangelsdorf, Beth Martinson, Alison Mawle, Pete McCaughan, Renda McCaughan, Caroline Morris, Lissa Place, Meredith Reynolds, Nan Roark, Bert Skellie, Henry Slack, Rick Stoops, Karen terHorst Morris, Joan Thompson, Myrna Trapp, Perry Treadwell, Austin Wattles, Denny Webster, Ceal Wutka, Mark Wutka, Steve Collins (Clerk), Elizabeth Tolmach (Recording Clerk). (40 friends)

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

Minute 09-04-01: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves the minutes of Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business of Third Month 2009 with corrections.

2. Ministry & Worship. Susan presented a request for final approval for the marriage of Caroline Morris and Mike Aland under the care of the Meeting.

Minute 09-04-02: On the recommendation of the Ministry and Worship Committee, Atlanta Friends Meeting approves taking the marriage of Caroline Morris and Mike Aland under our care.

Their oversight committee is comprised of Lynn Leuszler, Muireann Brennan, Carol Gray, John Carpentier, Sallie Carpentier, and Carolyn Coburn-Allen.

Susan presented a second request for membership approval for Annamarie Harmon.

Minute 09-04-03: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Annamarie Harmon's request to become a member of Atlanta Friends Meeting.

Susan presented a first request for membership for Heather Barbour, and read the letter she wrote requesting membership. Approval will be sought in Fifth Month.

3. Treasurer. Meredith Reynolds reported that our contributions are a little bit higher than they usually are at the beginning of the year. However, our expenses are greater than our income and we are \$7,715.46 under so far this year.

4. Finance Committee/Ferguson Cabin. Paul Mangelsdorf reported there is now \$6,000 in hand from pledges for the new building and renovation of the Ferguson Cabin. If we don't raise all the money necessary for the whole project right away, we can build it in phases. We have enough money to begin the first phase. Joan Thompson reported that in a letter he wrote in 1986, Dwight Ferguson expressed an interest in eventually having the Ferguson Cabin renovated. Additionally, the three daughters of Dwight and Irene Ferguson wrote a letter (attached) to Atlanta Friends Meeting expressing their support for the proposed renovations to the cabin, saying they are "in the spirit of how our parents viewed this wonderful part of North Georgia."

Minute 09-04-04: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves phase one of the renovation of the Ferguson Cabin, with ongoing reports on the renovations and fundraising efforts from Finance Committee and Ferguson Cabin Committee.

5. Nominating. Folami Adams reported that Fundraising committee needs a Clerk. Folami also reported that, despite the absence of a clerk, members of Fundraising have planned three fundraisers for upcoming months. There is also a new Recording Clerk needed beginning in June 2009 due to Elizabeth Tolmach's upcoming move

to Chicago.

The approval of Perry Treadwell as Newsletter Editor was carried over until 5th month, when the role and structure of the proposed Newsletter Advisory Committee should be more clearly defined. Some friends had questions about the group's role-- advisory versus support; others suggested that the editor's job be changed to Clerk of the Newsletter Committee, which would be comprised of volunteers. Friends were encouraged to share their thoughts and ideas with Perry and others who have met to discuss the formation of the committee -- Bill Holland, Harry Lefever, Renda McCaughan, Ellen McQueen, and Sally MacEwen.

6. Naming. Perry Treadwell reported that Folami Adams has stepped down as Clerk of Fundraising Committee. Perry brought her name forward for final approval as Co-Clerk of Nominating Committee.

Minute 09-04-05: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Folami Adams as Co-Clerk of Nominating Committee.

7. Social Concerns. John Adams reported that a camp for Burundi refugees will be closing in Tanzania on June 10, 2009. Though Burundi is still unsafe, they are being sent back home. Social Concerns recommends contacting NGOs and spreading awareness to try to stop this closing. John recommended that scholarship funds be gathered to help send the Burundi friends on a pilgrimage to Kansas.

8. Religious Education. Gina Bailey-Herring has laid down her work as lead teacher in the lower elementary First Day School this year.

Minute 09-04-06: Atlanta Friends Meeting thanks Gina Bailey-Herring for sharing her gifts with the lower elementary classroom and First Day School community for the past year and a half. Her nurturing gifts will be missed by the entire community and have been deeply appreciated.

9. Other Business. Ceal Wutka reported that SAYMA was asked to host the southeastern region of the Friends World Committee on Consultation (FWCC) in September 2010. Ceal would like the Meeting to consider hosting this event in Atlanta. Hospitality responsibilities include providing some transportation and housing for about 30 individuals, hosting meetings, etc. Ceal will provide more details and ask for approval in Fifth Month.

Henry Slack brought forward a concern about underutilization of the Meetinghouse, especially in light of the amount of our budget devoted to maintaining the physical space. He asked the Meeting to consider alternative ways to more fully utilize the Meetinghouse space (e.g., hosting a school) and for the Meeting to seek ways to reduce its carbon footprint.

10. Clerk's Items. Steve reported that the 2007 and 2008 State of the Meeting Reports are posted on the website. The meeting thanked Roland Heath and those who assisted him in putting up the current artwork in the greeting areas of the Meeting House.

Minute 09-04-07: Atlanta Friends Meeting expresses its gratitude to Roland Heath and the volunteers who organized the artwork this month, for the considerable time and attention they put into creating a beautiful display in the greeting area of the Meeting House.

Steve distributed copies of an Epistle from the midwinter gathering of Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Concerns Committee (FLGBTQC). FLGBTQC requested that the epistle be presented in Monthly Meetings.

The meeting closed with silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Collins (Clerk)

Elizabeth Tolmach (Recording Clerk)

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our young people and to help them grow into functioning Quaker adults. After implementing a number of changes, they transferred their work to other standing AFM committees.

Care and Counsel Committee focused on the testimony of community. They sought to encourage gatherings of members and attenders outside regular Meeting for Worship, with the goal of increasing and deepening individual's care of each other. From the Couple Enrichment sessions held in February to the Thanksgiving potluck at the end of the year, they filled the year with Welcome Dinners, Friendly Eights gatherings, a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast, a Welcome to Babies and Toddlers, and a member's 90th birthday party. They also held memorial services (four); arranged clearness committees (at least six); sent get-well cards, sympathy cards and congratulatory cards; and gave out candles to departing members.

Despite best efforts by the **Finance** Committee and **Treasurer**, among others, the meeting ended 2008 with the largest deficit in its history -- slightly over \$10,000. Contributions, interest income, and rental income were lower than in 2007; the total number of contributors decreased as well. The **Fundraising** Committee focused on creating a website and adding amenities to attract renters, but produced no income. Expenses were under budget in some areas (employee expenses, utilities, and expenses for most committees). But building maintenance expenses exceeded budget because of an active **Meetinghouse** committee that addressed many long standing issues.

The **Educational Scholarship** Committee awarded \$500 scholarships for the 2008-2009 academic year to eight students in the Meeting.

Is our Meeting a place of spiritual power and impact? The **Ministry and Worship** committee reflected on this and other characteristics of vital Meetings at its retreat, especially the impact it makes upon its members, its attenders, the local community, and the wider world. At Meeting for Worship there were familiar concerns over the vocal ministry—is it of a spiritual nature or personal or political? A newly created early morning weekday worship was consistently attended. Sharing spiritual journeys the first of each month in adult religious education class was uplifting, along with class study of various publications. Forums were held less frequently during the year, although one --- “Quakers and Money: right work, right investing, right contributions and right sharing” --- generated considerable interest and attendees. 2008 saw four new membership requests that were approved, four transfers of memberships to other meetings, and one membership resignation. Three marriages took place during the year under the care of the Meeting.

Advancement Committee: The Gwinnett Community Worship group was unable to find a satisfactory meeting space and was laid down. The committee helped with the formation of a new worship group in Rome, Georgia; and late in the year, they also began working with a new worship group in Carrollton, Georgia.

Social Concerns Committee: Green Friends studied ways to reduce individual electric & other energy consumption. Those who attended the Quaker EarthCare Witness annual meeting learned ways to strengthen people as integral in nature and therefore motivated to greater efforts in Earth care. AFM funds supported Friends' efforts in a strenuous but successful neighborhood voter registration/gentrification education campaign. Friends prayerfully considered the Universal Health Care concern both in committee & in Monthly Meeting, though not to unity for support of any particular bill.

Nominating Committee worked to find ways to match the gifts and leadings of members of the Meeting with the needs of the community. Recognizing that people's professions may not be their avocations, they sought to help them identify the latter. They held a committee fair in September to help in this effort, and most major positions were filled by year's end. In order to reduce the workload on the Newsletter Editor, they recommended the establishment of an editorial board to assist the editor each month.

This indeed is a 'blessed and beloved community' that in 2009 will continue to grow in spirit as we reach out to others.

“Grace Towns Hamilton and the Politics of Southern Change,”

by Bergmark, Jean B. and Lorraine Nelson Spritzer

Reviewed by Karen Morris

Jean B. Bergmark and Lorraine Nelson Spritzer have focused on the remarkable life of Grace Towns Hamilton, the first African American woman to serve in the Georgia House of Representatives. Her life bridges the eras of segregation and integration in Atlanta. Growing up as a child of Atlanta University professor, George A. Towns and Nellie McNair Towns, Grace lived most of her life in the vicinity of AU in an integrated community of AU professors at a time when the lives of blacks and whites were governed by Jim Crow laws. Both the Towns and the McNair families were light-skinned and some members of each family chose to “pass” for white, after moving away from Atlanta. Grace claimed her mixed ancestry with pride and this included a white man whose portrait hangs in the State Capitol, George Washington Towns, governor of GA from 1847 – 1851, although she did not learn of this connection until her father’s death, as he was not forthcoming during his lifetime about his enslaved ancestors.

I learned a lot about the desegregation of Atlanta from this biography and about the many ways that Grace Hamilton found to work within the system of segregation and after desegregation to gain access for blacks to better health care services and education, increased voter registration and expanded opportunities for housing in her leadership roles with the national YWCA Community office in Atlanta and later with the Atlanta Urban League.

Among many insights into the legacy of slavery and segregation in Georgia that I gained from the book was the fact although poor blacks were treated at Grady Hospital, black interns, residents or physicians were not allowed to practice there, nor at any

other hospital in the city until the mid 1960’s. Hamilton worked with influential whites to develop plans that would allow Atlanta’s black physicians and surgeons to treat and operate on black patients at Grady and to access research libraries and teaching services controlled by Emory University. However it took a federal court order in 1965 to force Emory and Grady Hospital to carry out any of those plans.

Hamilton frequently shied away from confrontation with the white establishment, hence earning a reputation among some for supporting the status quo. She insisted that she preferred to work within the (white) establishment and the authors point out the many different ways she worked behind the scenes to secure services for the black population in Atlanta.

In 1966 she began a long tenure - 18 years - in the Georgia House of Representatives, where she continued to involve herself in committees and boards to improve access of the black population to city-county services through government reorganization and to give blacks more voice in government. She was instrumental in eventually passing legislation to rewrite the Atlanta City Charter to make it more workable and more representative of blacks. She was unseated in 1984 by Mable Thomas.

In addition to detailing Hamilton’s life, this book also explains the history of race relations in Atlanta from mid 1900’s through the early 1980’s. Some who already know this history may find the book slow moving. I found it informative and the details necessary to a more complete understanding of Hamilton’s life and her choices.

This book belongs to the Meeting library.

Calendar for Fifth 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 wrlpeas@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.

Mon-Fri Morning Worship, 8:30 – 9:00: In the library at Atlanta Friends Meetinghouse. Contact Jonah McDonald, 404-377-2474, afmqmakers@hotmail.com

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

05/6, Fourth Day (Wednesday)

7:30-10:00 Administration Committee, Library

05/7, Fifth Day (Thursday)

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

05/3, First Day (Sunday)

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

11:15- Potluck

05/13, Fourth Day (Wednesday)

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

05/14, Fifth Day (Thursday)

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

05/10, First Day (Sunday) (Easter)

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

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

05/11, Second Day (Monday)

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

7:30 Spiritual Nurture Group #1, Library

05/18, Seventh Day (Monday)

~6:00 Newcomer's Welcome dinner

05/17, First Day (Sunday)

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

05/18, Second Day (Monday)

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

05/22 Sixth Day (Friday)

Newsletter Deadline –To Renda McCaughan or Perry Treadwell

05/24, First Day (Sunday)

11:15 Kirundi-English Singing

11:30 Listening Ear, Atrium

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

7:00 pm Friends Book Club,

05/27, Second Day (Monday)

7:30 Spiritual Nurture Group #1, Library

05/31 First Day (Sunday)

Celebration of Youth during meeting for worship

11:45 Forum on Wills

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.

If you would like to be included in the AFM database and receive the Newsletter by mail and/or appear in future AFM Directories, please send your name, address, phone, e-mail address, etc to Nina Gooch by e-mail at ninagooch@gmail.com or by phone 404-371-9873. Please indicate if you want to be in the directory, receive the newsletter by mail, or both. This also applies to any change in existing database information, e.g. change of address.

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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 5TH MONTH NEWSLETTER: 4RD MONTH 22

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

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