

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.
701 W. Howard Ave.

Lives and Callings: Spiritual Journey Sharing on First Sundays

On the first Sunday of each month, we listen to how a Friend in our meeting answers questions of God's leadings as well as questions about what brings them to this meeting, what led them to become a member or not, and what they believe now. We call these stories of spiritual journeys, stories where Friends describe their understanding of God and religion in their life. Two Young Adult Friends will be sharing on July 1st. Read their bios on page 2 and come hear more: 9-9:55 on 1st Sundays in the library.

Book Group Meeting – July 10th

The group reading books by and about people of color will meet again on Tuesday, July 10th at 7:15 PM in the junior high room at the Meetinghouse. The book for discussion is [A Different Drummer](#) by William Melvin Kelley. Please join us. All are welcome.

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*What daily practices do I
need to embrace to
strengthen my gifts that
serve others?*

John Adams
Atlanta Friends Meeting

Mapping Values of White Supremacy, Capitalism, & Quakerism – July 10th, 6:30 - 8 PM

This workshop will be a dialogue about societal value systems that inform our relationships. We will practice identifying how the power of white supremacy culture and exploitative capitalist principles show up in our daily lives as well as reflect on how Quakerism both reinforces and has the potential to challenge these oppressive powers. By practicing the ability to critically identify and question how whiteness, capitalism, and Quakerism intersect in our actions and values, we hope to start imagining a more transformative and just way of being. This workshop is co-facilitated by Young Adult Friends, Claire Hannapel and Maisie Kise, and is in response to their attendance at the White Privilege Conference and engagement in intentional Quaker communities. Please RSVP to claire@quakervoluntaryservice.org.

Intergenerational Dinner & Discussion – July 12th at 6:30pm

Come join Quaker Voluntary Service (QVS) Fellows in monthly intergenerational potluck dinner and discussions. Evening themes will include topics like racism, sexism, sexual fluidity, gender fluidity, etc. Our hope is to bridge intergenerational divides and foster meaningful conversation.

Our next Dinner and Discussion will take place at Atlanta Friends Meeting on Thursday, July at 6:30 PM. We invite Friends to bring a dish to share and an open mind. Look out for the upcoming discussion theme to be announced in the weekly announcement sheets! Or, contact the Atlanta QVS Fellows for more info: atlantahouse@quakervoluntaryservice.org

Looking For a Way You Can Serve the AFM Community?

Care and Counsel is updating and expanding the Meeting's list of those willing and able to help those in need in our community. We occasionally get requests for assistance with transportation to the hospital or a doctor's visit, meals for those who might be in need, and those who might require assistance with simple repairs or cleanup. Also, we need a list of folks who would like to visit members and attenders who are hospitalized or homebound. Maybe you might enjoy reading to someone or taking short walks with them. There are many ways you can help someone! Just leave a note in the Care and Counsel pigeonhole in the Meeting Office with your name, contact information, and what you would be willing to do and how often you might be willing to do it. Or, contact Care and Counsel directly: afm.care.counsel@gmail.com.

July Spiritual Journey Sharing on First Sundays

On July 1st we will listen to the spiritual journeys of two Young Adult Friends participating in Quaker Voluntary Service this year in Atlanta. They are:



Connor Rohwer graduated from Carleton College, in Northfield, Minnesota, where he majored in English and concentrated in Education Studies. At Carleton, he helped manage the student farm, read books and puzzled over math problems with students in local elementary schools, intermittently wrote poetry, and occasionally drew comics. This past year he has been serving with the **The Kindezi Village**.

Katharine Bailey is a proud product of Wilson, North Carolina and an alumna of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She majored in Psychology with a minor in African, African American, and Diaspora Studies. She describes herself as a (re)searcher, activist, and friend. Katharine has been working with **Habitat for Humanity** this past year.



Sign up for Quaker Voluntary Service Newsletter

Want to stay up-to-date about the spiritual life, vocational journeys, and justice work Quaker Voluntary Service Fellows are engaged in during the year? Sign up for QVS's monthly newsletter here: <https://bit.ly/2JYHx6G>

SUBMITTED WRITING:

ADVICE TO MYSELF #2: RESISTANCE

Original poem by Louise Erdrich, *submitted by Kat Bailey*

Resist the thought that you may need a savior,
or another special being to walk beside you.
Resist the thought that you are alone.
Resist turning your back on the knife
of the world's sorrow,
resist turning that knife upon yourself.
Resist your disappearance
into sentimental monikers,
into the violent pattern of corporate logos,
into the mouth of the unholy flower of consumerism.
Resist being consumed.
Resist your disappearance
into anything except
the face you had before you walked up to the podium.
Resist all funding sources but accept all money.
Cut the strings and dismantle the web
that needing money throws over you.
Resist the distractions of excess.
Wear old clothes and avoid chain restaurants.
Resist your genius and your own significance
as declared by others.
Resist all hint of glory but accept the accolade
as tributes to your double.
Walk away in your unpurchased skin.
Resist the millionth purchase and go backward.
Get rid of everything.
If you exist, then you are loved
by existence. What do you need?
A spoon, a blanket, a bowl, a book—
maybe the book you give away.
Resist the need to worry, robbing everything
of immediacy and peace.
Resist traveling except where you want to go.

Resist seeing yourself in others or them in you.
Nothing, everything, is personal.
Resist all pressure to have children
unless you crave the torment of joy.
If you give in to irrationality, then
resist cleaning up the messes your children make.
You are robbing them of small despairs they can fix.
Resist cleaning up after your husband.
It will soon replace having sex with him.
Resist outrageous charts spelling doom.
However you can, rely on sun and wind.
Resist loss of the miraculous
by lowering your standards
for what constitutes a miracle.
It is all a fucking miracle.
Resist your own gift's power
to tear you away from the simplicity of tears.
Your gift will begin to watch you having your emotions,
so that it can use them in an interesting paragraph,
or to get a laugh.
Resist the blue chair of dreams, the red chair of science,
the black chair of the humanities, and just be human.
Resist all chairs.
Be the one sitting on the ground
or perching on the beam overhead
or sleeping beneath the podium.
Resist disappearing from the stage,
unless you can walk straight into the bathroom and
resume the face,
the desolate face, the radiant face, the weary face, the
face
that has become your own, though all your life
you have resisted it.



PLEASE HOLD IN THE LIGHT:

*Perry Treadwell and Judith Greenberg
Terri Rushing and Angie Love
Suzanne Murdock and David Erickson
Debra Uwimana and family*

Those wishing to have requests for holding included in this monthly newsletter may give the names to a member of Care & Counsel.

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Calendar for Seventh Month (July) 2018

Area Meetings for Worship

Every First Day (Sunday)	10:00 a.m. – Meetinghouse (AFM), with a smaller group in the Library. 10:30 a.m. – Peachtree Friends Meeting (Christian-friendly, affirming, open to all), 3980 Florida Ave, Norcross GA, peachtree.quaker.org 1:30 p.m. - Stone Mountain Friends Church (Evangelical), at Rock of Ages Lutheran Church, 5135 Memorial Dr, Stone Mountain, GA 30083
Every Third First Day	12:30 p.m. – Carrollton Friends Worship Group. St. Andrew's UMC Youth Center, 1106 Maple St.; contact Jean Hudson, judson30116@yahoo.com or 678-378-3368; carrolltonfriends.org .
Every Second First Day	10:30 a.m. – Macon Friends Worship Group. Contact Diana Hensley, 478-227-8892; maconquakers.org
Sixth Day (Friday)	11:00 a.m. – East Lake Commons, Decatur. Contact Bert Skellie at bertskellie@gmail.com or 404-680-4799. (Mid-August through May), 9:00 a.m. – Friends School of Atlanta. Community Meeting Room, 862 Columbia Dr., Decatur, 404-373-8746.

Regular Events at the Meetinghouse

Every First Day (Sunday)	9:00 a.m. - Adult Religious Ed, Library Every second Sunday, 9:30 a. m. - Singing, Classroom A/B 10:00 a.m. - Meeting for Worship 5:00 p.m. - Atlanta Mennonite Fellowship, Meeting Room
Second Day (Monday)	Every other Monday at 6:30 p.m. - Spiritual Nurture Group, Library (contact Lewis Fuller for info on how to join)
Third Day (Tuesday)	6:00 - Alex Zinnes Yoga, Nursery Second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:00 - Deep Waters Center for Prayer & Exploration, Meeting Room
Fourth Day (Wednesday)	8:30 a.m. Morning Worship, Library First and third Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m. Worship at David & Freer Jarvis' home 7:00 - 8:30 pm: Semi-programmed worship at AFM. Contact Ashley Wilcox: ashleymwilcox@gmail.com , 206-300-5836.
Fifth Day (Thursday)	7:00 p.m. Bible Discussion, Library
Sixth Day (Friday)	Every third Friday, Meeting for Business, Meeting Room
18 th of Each Month	Newcomers Welcome Dinner, rotating location

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Are you a newcomer to the Atlanta Friends community?

We would be happy to make you a permanent nametag. You can 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 and contact information to Brent Wolff at rbkwolff@gmail.com. Please indicate if you want to be in the directory, receive the newsletter by mail, or both.

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

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Readers are encouraged to submit letters, articles, notices and anything else of interest to Friends. Items should be sent directly to atlquakerltr@gmail.com in plain text. Submissions may be edited for length and format.

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