

Atlanta Friends Meeting Announcement Sheet

AtlantaQuakers.org

January 21, 2018

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Query for First Month

“How do we balance time devoted to our community’s organizational needs and to our spirit-led work? How are we nurturing members’ gifts and imagining committee service? How/when do we lay down a past leading with care? Where is simplicity and Spirit in our structure?”

Thanks to Last First Day's Volunteers

Bert, Skellie, Karen Skellie, Sue May, Beth Ensign, Kumar Krishnan, Mike Aland, Dee DeBra, & Mark Watson. To sign up:
<http://tinyurl.com/afmvolunteers>

Budget Update

Last week, we **received \$400** in contributions from **5 donors**. Thanks to everyone for your support of our community and please consider a monthly gift to the Atlanta Friends Meeting.

Meetings for Worship

Sundays, 10 am: Atlanta Friends Meeting, Meeting Room

Sundays, 1:30 pm: Stone Mountain Friends Church, at Rock of Ages Lutheran Church, 5135 Memorial Dr, Stn Mtn, GA 30083.

Sundays, 10:30 am: Peachtree Friends Meeting, 3980 Florida Ave, Peachtree Corners (Norcross), GA 30360.

3rd Sundays, 12:30 pm: Carrollton Friends Worship Group, St Andrew United Methodist Youth Center, 1106 Maple St, Carrollton, jhudson30116@yahoo.com or 678-378-3368 (<https://sites.google.com/site/carrolltonfriendsga/>).

Mid-week Meetings for Worship:

Wednesday Morning Worship, 8:30 – 9:00: Meetinghouse library. 404-377-2474, atlantaquakers@gmail.com

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm: Church of Mary Magdalene (semi-programmed worship) in Meeting Room. Ashley Wilcox, ashleymwilcox@gmail.com, 206-300-5836.

1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00 pm, Mid-Week Worship: At Jarvis household, 3640 N. Druid Hills Rd. Contact Lynn Leuszler, 678-974-8001, leuszler@mindspring.com

Fridays – 9:00 am (when school is in session only – check friendsschoolatlanta.org for calendar): Community Meeting Room at the Friends School, 862 Columbia Dr, 404-373-8746.

Fridays, 11:00 am: East Lake Commons. Contact Bert Skellie: 404-680-4799 or bertskellie@gmail.com for directions.

Regular Events

First Day School: Every Sunday 10:00 am.

Adult First Day School: Every Sunday, 9:00 am, Library

Listening Ear for your experiences and concerns of racism: 2nd Sundays, 11:15 am, Atrium

Meeting for Business: Third Sunday, 11:45 am

Nursery Care: Every Sunday, 10:00 am

Potluck: First Sunday, 11:15 am

Singing: 2nd Sundays, 9:30 am, Classrooms A/B

Office/Library Hours: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, Mon. – Fri.

Bible Discussion: Every Thursday, 7:00 pm, Library

Calendar

Sunday, January 21, 2018

11:45 – Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, Meeting Room

5:00 – Atlanta Mennonite Fellowship, Meeting Room

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

6:00 – Alex Zinnes Yoga, Classroom F/G (Nursery)

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

7:00 – Church of Mary Magdalene, Meeting Room

Thursday, January 25, 2018

7:00 – Bible Discussion, Library

Sunday, January 28, 2018

11:45 – Threshing Session, Meeting Room

5:00 – Atlanta Mennonite Fellowship, Meeting Room

Announcements

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP

"Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice: for they shall be filled." Matthew 5:6. This week we will continue our reflections on scriptural references found in the writings of early Quakers.

The springboard for our discussion this week will be this overview by Hall Worthington:

<<http://eamonyounis.blogspot.com/2016/10/for-those-who-hunger-and-thirst-for.html>>. Join the discussion and share your personal stories, spiritual experiences, and scripture translations. We meet on Thursday at 7 pm in the AFM Library. Contact <sayrah.walton@gmail.com> or 404-333-5347.

THRESHING SESSION ON JAN 28

AFM will hold a Threshing Session as determined during the Black Lives Matter sign discussion in Business Meeting. This meeting will be held on Sunday, January 28 at 11:45?. All are welcome to come discuss the Query: "Where there is distrust, injustice, or hatred, how am I an instrument of reconciliation and love?" We hope you will attend. For more info, contact Lissa: <lissaplace@yahoo.com>.

ADULT FIRST DAY SCHOOL

The Adult First Day School group is doing our annual "Quakerism 101" class. This year we will be basing our discussions on *Holy Silence, the Gift of Quaker Spirituality* by J. Brent Bill. If you are new to Quakerism or just looking to deepen your understanding of this aspect, please join us in the Library at 9 am. All are welcome. Your questions and opinions are welcome.

NEW ADMIN ASSISTANT FOR SAYMA

Our yearly meeting (SAYMA) is seeking an administrative assistant as our current AA, Liz Dykes, is retiring from the position as of July 2018. The job is part-time, 53 hours per month. The administrative assistant attends our representative meetings (2) and the yearly meeting gathering in early summer. The person hired can work out of his/her home and can flex hours as work load ebbs and flows. Visit sayma.org for more info. We are accepting applications now through February 15, 2018. If you have questions please call or text Barbara Esther: (828) 683-4839 or (828) 301-4845.

ALEX ZINNES YOGA RESUMES FOR 2018

Believe it or not, 2018 starts Alex Zinnes' 9th year of yoga classes at the Meeting! Some of my students have been with me from the very beginning. You can join the class at any time, and all levels and abilities are most welcome. Yoga feels great, and anyone can do it! Attend your first class for FREE, and see what you think. (After that, it's \$12/class with discounts for 5-class or 10-class cards.) Yoga classes meet on Tuesday nights from 6-7 p.m. in the nursery at AFM. Email Alex at azinnes@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE - 2018 RETREAT

The 2018 Gathered Meeting Retreat is scheduled for May 4th to May 6th 2018, at Charlie Elliot Retreat Center. Block off that weekend on your calendar!

NEW ART SHOW

Steve Morrison teaches in the Department of Art at the University of West Georgia. He received his BFA in Illustration in 2006 and his MFA in Painting in 2015. Please enjoy his work in the Greeting Room.

GEORGIA INTERFAITH POWER & LIGHT - GREEN TEAM SUMMIT 2018

Our friends at GIPL invite you to attend its first annual Green Team Summit on January 28 at the Temple in Midtown Atlanta. Join with people of faith across the region to learn best practices for environmental stewardship and faith-based sustainability. The afternoon program includes workshops offering resources & tools to enhance Creation care efforts. Come to network with new and old friends about our shared responsibility to care for the Earth. To learn more & register, visit <http://www.gipl.org/event/green-team-summit/>.

HEALING SAMPLER - FEB 17 AT AFM

What is a healing sampler? An afternoon of short demonstrations of the complementary spiritual practices that sustain several AFM members and attenders. Come learn more on Feb. 17 from noon-4 pm at the meeting house. Shamanic Healing, Chakra Dance, Yoga and Meditation, photography, raw food diets, aromatherapy — these are among some of the embodied ways that your fellow meeting members approach a relationship with the divine through their current human lives. Those modalities are then interwoven with each participant's Quaker values to create a whole-life practice. Dwight Harriman, Mary Jahntz, Ann Ritter, David Foster, Richard Allen and Marilyn Johnson are among those AFM participants who will be on hand that day to share their passions and expertise.

A MEDITATION ON GRACE BY MARY ANN

Bible verses I learned as a child guide me now and have inspired messages for Vespers at Claremont Oaks. I would like to offer these messages to meeting as written meditations once a month in a way that makes it accessible to anyone. Use this link to read the January's meditation: <https://tinyurl.com/ybyew3y9>

THE MEETING BEGINS GATHERING..

...when the first worshiper enters the Meeting Room. To better allow worshipers to center and prepare for worship, Ministry & Worship committee has asked Greeters to close the 3 large Meeting Room doors at 9:40. After that time all will enter through the left-hand (or S) door. Greeters will ask those doing set-up to speak quietly. Greeters will warmly welcome everyone but with quiet voices and ask that all speak softly and respect the worship underway. This extra time available to settle in and prepare for worship will not only enhance the depth of our Meeting but also offer a longer time for worship for those who care for & teach our children.

ADULT YOUNG FRIENDS

Adult Young Friends will be meeting in the High School room on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month from 11:30-12:30.

LIVES AND CALLINGS: SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS

On the first Sunday of each month, we listen to how one Friend in our meeting answers questions of God's leadings as well as questions about what brings them to the this meeting, what led them to become a member or why not, and what do they believe now. We call these stories of spiritual journeys, stories where Friends describe their understanding of God and religion in their life. Tina Bovermann will offer the story of her spiritual journey on Feb 4 during the adult education class. Come hear more from 9-9:55 on first Sundays in the library.