

Atlanta Friends Meeting Announcement Sheet

AtlantaQuakers.org

September 24, 2017

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Query for Ninth Month

“Are you willing to work cooperatively with those of other faith traditions to promote peace and justice, and to help the poor, marginalized, and disadvantaged?”

Thanks to Last First Day's Volunteers

Lynn Leuszler, Bill Hooson, Teri Key-Hooson, Sue May, Pat Williams, Jim Tolmach, Paul Mangelsdorf, Alison Mawle, & Jack Honderd. To sign up: <http://tinyurl.com/afmvolunteers>

Budget Update

Last week, we **received \$13,016** in contributions from **27 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; smaller group in Library

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

3rd Sundays, 12:30 pm: Carrollton Friends Worship Group, Saint 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 (3 miles south of Meetinghouse). Contact Bert Skellie: 404-680-4799 or bertskellie@gmail.com for directions.

Regular Events

First Day School: Every Sunday 10:15 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, September 24, 2017

11:15 – FSA Pancake Brunch, Greeting Room

11:45 – Quakers for Racial Equality, Library

5:00 – Atlanta Mennonite Fellowship, Meeting Room

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

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

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

7:00 – Church of Mary Magdalene, Meeting Room

Thursday, September 28, 2017

7:00 – Bible Discussion, Library

Sunday, October 1, 2017

11:15 – Potluck, Meeting Room

11:45 – Green Friends, Classroom A/B (Lower Elem)

5:00 – Atlanta Mennonite Fellowship, Meeting Room

Announcements

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 FIRST DAY SCHOOL

The Adult First Day class is discussing SPICE! Using Philip Gulley's book, *Living the Quaker Way*, we are considering simplicity, peace, integrity, community and equality and how we can live our lives with more of each. All are welcome to join us as we deepen our understanding of Quaker values and share our own experiences and struggles. Come to the library Sundays at 9 am for a 50-minute warm-up for Meeting for Worship. Everyone is welcome.

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP

In the book "Jeremiah: Pain and Promise," we will consider in Chapters 5 & 6 "Becoming Human Again." -- "If trauma drains away emotions and creates a 'dam of silence,' then acts of grieving have the potential to reverse the dehumanizing process. [People] can begin to melt the icy despair that cuts them off from their own spirits and from knowledge of divine presence. To become thinking, feeling humans again requires the capacity to confront pain and to mourn loss." What do we as Quakers committed to truth and healing justice do? Join us on Thursday at 7 pm in the library for a lively discussion. Bring your favorite edition of the Bible or use one from the Library shelf. Contact Julia Ewen <jewen@bellsouth.net> or Sarah Walton <sayrah.walton@gmail.com>.

ATLANTA CELEBRATES PHOTOGRAPHY @ AFM

Enjoy the work of seven photographers participating in the Atlanta Friends Meeting venue of the 19th annual Atlanta Celebrates Photography (ACP) show, September 17 - October 29. See the work of Mary Bartlett, Carolyn Coburn-Allen, David Foster, Kumar B. Naupane, Ronald Nuse, Jen Padron, and Marla Puziss. ACP is the largest annual community-wide photo festival in the United States. The artists' reception will be held at the Meetinghouse October 6, from 6-8 pm.

THANKS AND A REQUEST FROM QVS FELLOWS

The newly-arrived QVS Fellows want to thank the Atlanta Quaker community for showing us so much generosity and kindness. We are excited to get to know everyone and discover ways to contribute to the community. As we are settling into our house, we've discovered a few items we could use. If anyone has extra of these materials or would be willing to donate. We appreciate anything y'all have to offer. Bikes/helmets/lights, hanging shower rack, gardening supplies, seeds, and materials to build raise garden beds, small bedside table, wok, masking tape, door mat, umbrellas, hair clippers, Dutch oven. Thank you!

FCNL LOBBYING OPPORTUNITY

Hello, my name is Nyla Williams and I am a student at Spelman College. I am currently working as an Advocacy Corps member with the Friends Committee on National Legislation. During the next ten months, I will be lobbying members of Congress within the Atlanta area. During my lobby visits I will be asking the congressional officers to fully fund the Environmental Protection Agency and support clean energy, climate science and research in the Fiscal Year 18 budget. If you would like the opportunity to participate in a lobby visit please reach out to me at nwilli75@scmail.spelman.edu. Thank You!

PANCAKE BRUNCH FOR FSA, 9/24

The Quaker Life committee of the Friends School of Atlanta invites everyone to the annual Pancake Brunch, Sunday, September 24 in the Greeting Room at 11:15, following Meeting for Worship. This tasty event is always a wonderful way for the FSA community to learn more about Atlanta Friends Meeting and vice versa. Expect to meet and greet FSA families after Meeting, who are coming to learn more about Quakers in Atlanta. Suggested donations are: \$15.00 for a family, \$7.00 each for adults (14+ years old) and, \$4.00 each for children (4 to 13 years old). Kids 3 years and younger eat free. Funds raised support financial aid at FSA, particularly for the children of Meeting folks.

STANDING SILENCE: A SILENT ACTION, 9/24

Join us on Sunday, Sept 24 @ 4:30 pm at the MLK National Historic Site outdoor amphitheater (in between old and new Ebenezer Baptist Churches). With the recent dismantling of DACA and as the Supreme Court decides on the travel ban, join us to stand in Fearless Friendship with our neighbors. In this sacred silence we recommit ourselves to welcoming strangers, fighting the attitudes and laws that favor one group over another, and defending the values so important to our democracy. We begin with a brief welcome from members of immigrant & refugee communities, followed by 20 minutes of silence. You are welcome to stand as you are able or bring stools/folding chairs or mats for seated meditation. See FB - "Standing Silence ATL" or contact Tara Doyle: <tndoyle@emory.edu>.

SUPPORT ALEX'S SENIOR YEAR

Alexandre Cubahiro, who has been attending AFM since he was a kid, is a senior in high school. He is raising money to participate in his Senior Trip and other graduation-related functions. Follow this link to help: <https://www.gofundme.com/4atar1s>

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!

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. Susie Lippold will offer the story of her spiritual journey on October 1 during the adult education class. Come hear more from 9-9:55 on first Sundays in the library.