

Atlanta Friends Meeting Announcement Sheet

AtlantaQuakers.org

November 19, 2017

701 West Howard Ave, Decatur, GA 30030 (404) 377-2474

Query for Eleventh Month

“Am I teaching my children, and do I show through my way of living, that love of God includes affirming the equality of people, treating others with dignity and respect, and seeing to recognize that of God within every person?”

Thanks to Last First Day's Volunteers

Chris Lahowitch, Henry Slack, Beth Ensign, Becky Lough, John O'Keefe, Sue May, Maisie Kise, Nina Gooch, Mark Watson, & Rita Awan.

To sign up: <http://tinyurl.com/afmvolunteers>

Budget Update

Last week, we **received \$9,514** in contributions from **26 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, November 19, 2017

11:15 – PE+ACE website launch, Greeting Room

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

5:00 – Atlanta Mennonite Fellowship, Meeting Room

Monday, November 20, 2017 – OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, November 21, 2017 – OFFICE CLOSED

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

Wednesday, November 22, 2017 – OFFICE CLOSED

7:00 – Church of Mary Magdalene, Meeting Room

Thursday, November 23, 2017 – OFFICE CLOSED

11:00 – Thanksgiving Worship & Potluck, Meeting Room

Friday, November 24, 2017 – OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, November 25, 2017

11:45 – Quakers for Racial Equality, Library

5:00 – Atlanta Mennonite Fellowship, Meeting Room

Announcements

ADULT FIRST DAY SCHOOL

The Adult First Day School is discussing the Rabbi Jonathan Sachs' timely book *Not In God's Name*. This book discusses the roots of religiously inspired violence and invites all to confront religious extremism. We are sure to have some lively discussion. Everyone is invited to join us First Days at 9 am in the Library.

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. Ann Ritter will offer the story of her spiritual journey on Dec 3 during the adult education class. Come hear more from 9-9:55 on first Sundays in the library.

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP

No meeting this week, Nov 23rd. On November 30th, the discussion of "Some Fruits of Solitude" by William Penn, will focus on maxims 473-476. <http://hallvworthington.com/Penn/Maxims.html>. We usually meet on Thursday at 7 pm in the AFM Library. Join the discussion and share your personal stories, spiritual experiences, and scripture translations. FMI contact Sarah Walton <sayrah.walton@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!

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK AT AFM

On Thanksgiving Day, November 23, there will be a meeting for worship with attention to gratitude starting at 11:00 am, with a potluck following around noon. Everyone is invited. Please come to one or both parts if you can. If you can bring a dish, great, if not, just bring yourself. This has always been a wonderful event. Contact Ann Ritter: yoga_lady@earthlink.net or 404-569-1434.

NEW QUAKER BOOK GROUP

A new book group organized to read writings by and about people of color will meet at the Meetinghouse on Tuesday November 28 at 7:15 pm in the Jr High Room at AFM. We will discuss the first 6 chapters of Colson Whitehead's novel *The Underground Railroad*. Please join us.

THE HOLIDAY BAZAAR IS COMING! 12/10

Are you a baker, a knitter, a woodworker? A crafts person or an artist? Whatever your medium, please consider bringing your items to sell at the annual AFM holiday bazaar on December 10. Proceeds from the sales of all goods go directly to you, the craftsperson! Artist's participation cost is a donation to the middle school young friend's charity of choice. Contact Jennifer Dickie to reserve a table 404-313-8770, michaeljen@bellsouth.net

PE+ACE CELEBRATES WEB LAUNCH

In the AFM greeting area at the rise of Meeting on Sun, Nov 19, Policing Education & Active Civic Engagement (PE+ACE) will be celebrating the launch of its new website www.policecommunitysafety.org (easier to type version: www.4peace.info). PE+ACE began in late 2016 with startup funding from AFM. Come learn more about PE+ACE and opportunities to help build out the website to help people in local communities across the US learn more about policing and ways to work together to increase the likelihood that "everyone gets home safely" - law enforcement officers, potential victims, and other community members. Sarah Walton: sayrah.walton@gmail.com

POLICE CHIEF ON FAIR POLICING, 11/21

Come hear Decatur Police Chief Mike Booker at 7 pm on Tues, Nov 21 at Oakhurst Baptist Church. He will give Create Community 4 Decatur: Black Lives Matter an update on implementing training and policies for Fair and Equitable Community Policing, with time for questions and discussion afterwards. Sarah Walton, of Policing Education + Active Civic Engagement, will introduce Chief Booker and moderate the Q&A period. We'll also hear a report for the task group that has been working on affordable housing in Decatur. For more info, contact Leslie Withers, leslie@ml1945.com.

ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE WORKSHOP

AVP workshops are a series of hands-on, experiential, workshops where participants learn how to respond nonviolently to situations where injustice, prejudice, frustration, and anger can lead to violent behavior. On December 9 & 10 (9am-6pm), AVP will hold a Basic/First Level workshop at Emory Faculty Office Building, adjacent to Grady Hospital (49 Jesse Hill Jr Dr). AFM's Kelsey McNicholas will be lead facilitator. Open to all aged 18 and over. Requested contribution: \$30.00. Lunch is provided both days. No one excluded due to lack of funds. To Register by Dec 6, email georgiaavp@gmail.com.

EXCITEMENT FROM THE MORRISONS!

Steve and Bethany Morrison are expecting twins! They invite you to watch this short animation announcement: <https://youtu.be/Nnfw-HsBAwo>

GREEN FRIENDS SEEKING GRAPHIC DESIGNER

Members of the Meeting's Green Friends group are working on a fact sheet to give folks some scholarly information on how prolonged droughts, more severe hurricanes and tornadoes and increased flooding in Georgia's regions are linked to global climate change. We need someone with graphic design experience to volunteer to help with the layout on a computer. Are you interested? If so, contact Mark Yates at yates77@bellsouth.net.

OPEN HOUSE AT FSA, DEC 2

The Friends School of Atlanta (FSA) will be holding an Open House on Sat, Dec 2, from 10am - noon. We invite all families of children who will be age three through eighth grade next school year to drop in and meet with other FSA families, chat with teachers in their classrooms and tour the campus. No reservation necessary. If you miss the December 2 Open House, FSA will also hold Open Houses on January 13, February 3 and April 14 (all 10-noon). If you'd like to attend a two-hour parent-only tour for a more in-depth introduction to FSA during the school day, please go to FSA's website at friendsschoolatlanta.org to see available tour dates. For more info, contact Nancy Bent at 404-373-8746 x8135 or nancy.bent@friendsschoolatlanta.org.