

# Atlanta Friends Meeting Announcement Sheet

AtlantaQuakers.org

February 17, 2019

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

## Query for Second Month

“Do you come regularly to meeting for worship even when you are angry, depressed, tired or spiritually cold? In the silence, do you ask for and accept the prayerful support of others joined with you in worship? Do you let meeting for worship nourish your whole life?”

### Thanks to Last First Day's Volunteers

Bert Skellie, Karen Skellie, Grant Talley, Rachel Carter, Dalia Kijakazi, Sue May, Matt Ruby, Sam Hine, Jillian Minarich, Nina Gooch, Georgia Lord, Kevin Wong and Madeline Howe.

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

### Funding our Work

This week, we received over **\$1,578 in gifts from 7 donors**. We invite you to reflect on how you are invested in our spiritual community. Have you considered a monthly gift the Meeting or giving at the beginning of the fiscal year?

### Meetings for Worship

**Sundays, 10 am:** Atlanta Friends Meeting, Meeting Room

**Sundays, 1:00 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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, 2:30 pm:** Macon Worship Group, inside High Street Unitarian Universalist Church at 1085 High Street, Macon, GA 31201. [www.MaconQuakers.org](http://www.MaconQuakers.org)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, 12:30 pm:** Carrollton Friends Worship Group, St Andrew United Methodist Youth Center, 1106 Maple St, Carrollton, [jhudson30116@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:atlantaquakers@gmail.com)

**Wednesdays, 7:00 pm, Mid-Week Worship:** At Jarvis household, 3640 N. Druid Hills Rd. Contact Lynn Leuszler, 678-974-8001, [leuszler@mindspring.com](mailto:leuszler@mindspring.com)

**Fridays – 9:00 am** (when school is in session only – check [friendsschoolatlanta.org](http://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](mailto: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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays, 11:15 AM, Meeting Room

**Office/Library Hours:** Mon-Wed, 12 – 3 pm & Fri 8 – 11 am

**Bible Discussion:** Every Monday, 7:00 pm, Classroom D (Jr Hi)

### Announcements due Thursdays at 12 pm

Send to: [atlantaquakers@gmail.com](mailto:atlantaquakers@gmail.com)

### Calendar

#### Sunday, February 17, 2019

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

5:00 – Atlanta Mennonite Fellowship, Meeting Room

#### Monday, February 18, 2019

7:00 – Bible Discussion, Classroom D (Jr High Rm)

#### Tuesday, February 19, 2019

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

#### Wednesday, February 20, 2019

7:00 – Mid-week worship, at the Jarvis' home

#### Sunday, February 24, 2019

11:45 – Green Friends Film (Meeting Room)

5:00 – Atlanta Mennonite Fellowship, Meeting Room

### Announcements

#### KEYS FOUND

If you are missing keys and may have lost them at the Meetinghouse, please see Janelle Kibler.

#### SPIRITUAL NURTURE GROUPS

AFM currently has three active Spiritual Nurture Groups, two of which have available openings to join. For more info about this process or joining a group, contact Lewis Fuller at [lfuller@emory.edu](mailto:lfuller@emory.edu).

#### NEWCOMERS WELCOME DINNER, 2/18

Bert & Karen Skellie invite all new to the Meeting and all who would like to meet newcomers to come to our house at 6:30 PM on Monday, February 18. Newcomers are invited to be our guests, and others encouraged to bring a potluck dish. Contact us at [bertskellie@gmail.com](mailto:bertskellie@gmail.com) or 404-378-5883 for directions. (East Lake Commons, about 3 miles south of Meetinghouse)

**ADULT FIRST DAY SCHOOL** The Adult First Day School will begin the New Year with *The Quakers, a Very Short Introduction* by Pink Dandelion. Both would be an excellent introduction for those new to Quakerism or a great refresher for those not so new. All are welcome to join us in the Library at 9 AM Sunday mornings for informative discussion.

## **AFM FOOD DRIVE**

In an effort to support those experiencing hunger this Winter, such as federal workers and contractors without pay or those experiencing hunger regularly, AFM is starting a food drive. Bring non-perishable items (canned fruits, veggies and soups, peanut and nut butters, dried beans, pasta, rice, ground coffee, and cereal products) beginning today and onward. We will be donating food to Decatur Emergency Assistance Ministry (DEAM) and the Clarkston Food Pantry. If you need assistance, you may contact DEAM (AFM is a DEAM member):

[info@deamdecatur.org](mailto:info@deamdecatur.org), 404-373- 2300. Questions? Contact Lissa Place, Beth Ruddiman, Susan Firestone, Liz Nicholson, Karen Morris.

## **BILL TO PRICE CARBON, 2/24**

For the first time ever, a bill to price carbon has been introduced into the U.S. House of Representatives! This is a major step toward seriously reducing U.S. carbon emissions. Representative Hank Johnson is one of the cosponsors of the bill. Green Friends will be showing a film about pricing carbon, followed by a discussion of the bill, on Feb. 24 after worship. Snacks provided.

## **PEOPLE OF COLOR WHO INSPIRE YOU NOW**

We invite you to contribute to an ongoing rotating display of people of color who inspire you now. We plan to use the Undoing Racism section of the back bulletin board to display pictures and short descriptions with positive stories about people of African descent and other people of color. The people featured in the stories don't have to be famous. You could tell us about local role models you admire, especially black men. We particularly encourage stories about young people. For space reasons, the picture + description should be no bigger than an 8 /12 x 11 piece of paper. You can bring your stories to Atlanta Friends Meeting or e-mail them to Susan at [susanfires@gmail.com](mailto:susanfires@gmail.com).

## **ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE WKSP, 3/2-3**

Interested in attending the Alternatives to Violence Basic workshop on March 2nd and 3rd? Register here: <https://avp-basicworkshopmarch2019.eventbrite.com>.

No one excluded for lack of Funds.

## **BOOK GROUP READING WORKS BY & ABOUT PEOPLE OF COLOR, 3/7**

The book group reading works by and about people of color will meet again on Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. in the library at the Meetinghouse. The book for discussion is Ralph Ellison's Invisible Man. We will meet again in the same location on Thursday, March 7, 2019 to discuss *Salvage the Bones* by Jesmyn Ward. Everyone is welcome. Questions? Contact Susan: [cole2544@bellsouth.net](mailto:cole2544@bellsouth.net)

## **HEALING JUSTICE FILM AT AFM, 2/21, 3/3 & 3/24**

We had a successful showing and discussion of the film, "Healing Justice," on Dec 12, with 14 attending. We began to imagine a replacement for the criminal punishment system through viewing and discussing this inspiring film, which uses poetry, dance and individual testimony. Join us at one of the following dates to see the film: Thursday, February 21, 7 - 9 pm, Sunday, March 3, 12:15 - 2:15 pm or March 24, 11:45 - 1:45pm. Each date will be at the Atlanta Friends Meeting library. Preview the film here: <https://youtu.be/jmTc3qwflI8>

## **OPEN CALL FOR SAYMA 2019 WORKSHOPS!**

"Seek the Light -- Act Boldly" is the theme for the 2019 Yearly Meeting gathering, June 13-16 at Warren Wilson College. Workshops addressing the theme or based on your own leading are welcome. The detailed invitation and application form link for Workshop offerings can be found here (deadline Feb. 28th): <http://www.sayma.org/YM2019/SAYMA%20workshop%20request%20letter.pdf>

## **PART-TIME POSITIONS AT MEETING**

Atlanta Friends Meeting is seeking to fill two part-time positions. The Office Coordinator (approximately 20 hours per week) runs the office at the Meetinghouse, answers the phone, greets and works with renters, prepares documents on the computer and is a welcoming presence during the week. A description is on pg. 14 of our handbook, [http://www.atlantaquakers.org/site\\_pdf\\_docs/AFM\\_Handbook-rev\\_201703.pdf](http://www.atlantaquakers.org/site_pdf_docs/AFM_Handbook-rev_201703.pdf). The Property Coordinator, with a schedule that varies weekly, will handle upkeep, maintenance and minor repairs to the Meetinghouse. Applicants should have experience doing building repairs & working with contractors. To apply for or ask questions about both positions, contact [atlantaquakers@gmail.com](mailto:atlantaquakers@gmail.com) by April 1.

**JOIN FLGBTQC EMAIL LIST** If you're interested in being on the email list for Atlanta's Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Concerns, please email Nina Gooch at [ninagooch@gmail.com](mailto:ninagooch@gmail.com).

## **FRIENDLY BIBLE DISCUSSION**

The Bible Discussion group will resume meeting on Monday, Jan. 7 at 7pm with *A Testament of Devotion* by Thomas R Kelly as our resource. For more info, contact Julia at: [jewen@bellsouth.net](mailto:jewen@bellsouth.net).

## **HOST A WELCOME DINNER?**

Hosting a Welcome Dinner is easy and gives you a fun chance to get to know both new- and old-timers better. The 18th of each month is the time we have scheduled for these events. Most slots for 2019 are open. Contact Jim Tolmach (404-294-5194 or [jimtolmach@icloud.com](mailto:jimtolmach@icloud.com)) to reserve a date.

**CONCERT BENEFITING DEAM, 3/3**

On March 3<sup>rd</sup> the Decatur Civic Chorus will be hosting a concert benefit supporting DEAM (see the AFM food drive). Bands include The Decatur Civic Chorus, Avondale Pattillo Chancel Choir, the Bubba Rays and Cindy Robinson's bluegrass group.

Contact Daniel Mundy at [danielmundy@att.net](mailto:danielmundy@att.net)

**WKSP WITH ARTHUR LARRABEE, 4/5-6**

Arthur Larrabee, teacher and consultant, is the former General Secretary of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. He has led many workshops on clerking, drawing from his long service to the Religious Society of Friends. The workshop will be held at the West Knoxville Friends Meeting: 1517 Meeting House Road, Knoxville, TN 3793. To Register visit:

<https://goo.gl/forms/KnJNEe4JEbb1E3LN2>

**CLERKING WKSP IN WEST KNOXVILLE, 4/5**

Please save the date for an upcoming clerking workshop to be held the weekend of April 5-7, 2019.

"Quaker Process and Clerking: Serving the Community with Joy and Confidence" with Arthur Larrabee will be held at West Knoxville Meeting. Coordinator Robyn Josephs invites at least one and possibly two members of each meeting to attend.

Details to follow! Contact Susan Phelan [saymaoffice@gmail.com](mailto:saymaoffice@gmail.com) for more info.