

Atlanta Friends Meeting Announcement Sheet

AtlantaQuakers.org

April 22, 2018

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

Query for Fourth Month

“Do we find that we are spiritually refreshed, enriched, and sustained by Meeting for Worship?”

Thanks to Last First Day's Volunteers

Susan Firestone, Teri Key-Hooson, Bill Hooson, Beth Ensign, Joe & Liz Walsh, Don & Judy Bender, Jillian Ritter, Nina Gooch, & Maia Hallward. To volunteer: <http://tinyurl.com/afmvolunteers>

Budget Update

Last week, we **received \$2,266** in contributions from **21 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, 1:00 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.

3rd Sundays, 12:30 pm: Carrollton Friends Worship Group, St Andrew United Methodist Youth Center, 1106 Maple St, Carrollton, judson30116@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, April 22, 2018

11:30 – Green Friends Earth Day Celebration, Mtg Room

5:00 – Atlanta Mennonite Fellowship's Schmeckfest, Meeting Room

Monday, April 23, 2018

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

Tuesday, April 24, 2018 – OFFICE CLOSED

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

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

6:30 – Meeting for Healing, Classroom D (Jr High)

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

7:00 – Church of Mary Magdalene, Meeting Room

Thursday, April 26, 2018 – OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, April 29, 2018

11:45 – Reflections on the White Privilege Conference, Library

5:00 – Atlanta Mennonite Fellowship, Meeting Room

Announcements

ADULT FIRST DAY SCHOOL

Starting April 22, the Adult First Day School will be discussing *Quaker Writings, an Anthology, 1650-1920* compiled by Thomas D. Hamm. This is a delightful way to get to know some of the great Quaker writers from George Fox into the 20th century. Discussions are sure to be lively and informative. Please join us in the library each Sunday at 9 am. All are welcome.

GATHERED MEETING RETREAT MAY 4-6 2018

AFM's Gathered Meeting Retreat will be Fri, May 4th - Sun, May 6th at beautiful Charlie Elliot Retreat Center, 1 1/4 hours east of Atlanta. Come enjoy community and deepen Friendships as we explore our retreat theme: "Building stronger community through deep, compassionate, careful listening." Folami Adams will be our facilitator. All ages are welcome. Adult registration deadline is April 20. We hope everyone can attend! Questions? Email [<cmgord28@gmail.com>](mailto:cmgord28@gmail.com).

BIBLE DISCUSSION – NOW ON MONDAYS!

Bible Discussion Group has moved to Mondays! We meet at 7 pm in Classroom D (Jr High Room). All are welcome! We are currently studying the Gospel of John, Chapter 14. Bring your favorite edition of the Bible or use one from the library shelves. For info, contact Sarah <sayrah.walton@gmail.com>.

OFFICE SCHEDULE FOR NEXT 3 WEEKS

Claire Hannapel will be working in the office while Jonah is away during the next few weeks. The office will be closed on Tuesday, April 24, Thursday, April 26, Tuesday, May 1, and Wednesday, May 2. Jonah returns on May 3rd.

REG. & SCHOLARSHIP FOR SAYMA & FGC

This year the SAYMA Yearly Meeting is June 14-17 and the Friends General Conference (FGC)

Gathering will be July 1-7. Scholarship assistance for those wishing to attend either or both of these is available from SAYMA, FGC and the Atlanta Friends Meeting. Both SAYMA and FGC ask that you seek financial assistance from the meeting before you request it from them. Forms for SAYMA: <<http://sayma.org/>>. Forms for FGC are online at: <<http://www.fgcquaker.org/gathering/>>. Forms to request scholarships from AFM are on our website and in the Ministry & Worship mailbox in the office. Contact Cynthia Berg (cjberg2011@gmail.com) or Bob Lough (loughr@gmail.com).

BOOK GROUP, 2ND TUESDAYS

The book group reading works by and about people of color meets on each 2nd Tuesday at 7:15 pm in the Jr High Room at the meetinghouse. In May, we are reading *Swing Time* by Zadie Smith. Diane has chosen Jesmyn Ward's *Sing, Unburied, Sing* for our June 12 meeting. If there is a book you would like the group to read, please choose a date and let everyone know your selection. Contact Susan Cole: <cole2544@bellsouth.net>. All are welcome.

HELP PROVIDE DINNER AT FAMILY SHELTER

AFM is responsible for taking dinner to the Hagar's House family shelter in downtown Decatur on May 6-12. Wed, May 9 through Sat, May 12 are still available. Please contact Beth Ruddiman if you can pitch in: bruddiman@earthlink.net or 404-872-6095.

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY W/ GREEN FRIENDS!

Come celebrate Earth Day with your very own Green Friends this year! Who else would you rather spend Earth Day with than Atlanta Green Friends? On April 22, Earth Day 2018, starting at 11:45am, we will have art, current information, live things, and lots of interactive solution-focused discussion and activities! Highlights: Lisa Krause, Pitcher Plants, nature art exhibit, break-out sessions, slide show, maybe poetry, tasty snacks and beverages. Don't forget to bring grandma and the kids - this is an all ages event!

PADDLE THE CHESTATEE WITH FRIENDS

Want to kayak or canoe on a beautiful, gentle river, with beautiful, gentle people? Then join us on a paddle on the Lower Chestatee River near Dahlonega, on Saturday May 5th. The outfitter rents the boats (\$28/ kayak and \$43/tandem canoe); we bring lunch and drinks. We'll carpool, leaving from the Meetinghouse at 8:15 am, returning no later than 5:00-6:00. Contact Chris Lahowitch (678/613-2533 or Chrislahowitch@aol.com) if interested. For more info about the river, the outfitter's website is <www.canoegeorgia.com>.

REGISTER FOR SAYMA

The Advance Program (including registration form) for SAYMA's 2018 Annual Sessions is up on the SAYMA website (www.sayma.org) and copies are on the Greeting Table at the AFM Meetinghouse.

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. Sara Patenaude will offer the story of her spiritual journey on May 6 during the adult education class. Come hear more: 9-9:55 on 1st Sundays in the library.

REFLECTIONS ON WHITE PRIVILEGE CONF.

Quakers for Racial Equality invites you to join us on 5th Sunday, April 29 at 11:45 in the AFM library. Claire Hannapel will share some of her experiences and insights from participating in the 2018 White Privilege Conference. The White Privilege Conference offers a challenging environment to examine differing perspectives on privilege and oppression and "empower individuals to work for equity and justice through self and social transformation." QRE and SAYMA sponsored Claire in attending the conference. The April 29 sharing at the QRE meeting will be informal. We can also look forward to Claire giving a workshop at SAYMA and one at AFM in the summer. Everyone is welcome. For info, contact Susan: <susanfires@gmail.com>.

NO FIRST DAY CLASSES ON 5TH SUNDAY

Just a reminder that on April 29th there will be no First Day School for the Preschool through High School classes. The nursery will operate as usual. On this Sunday, all Friends will worship together. We invite families to experience Quaker worship for as long as they are able. Classroom A&B will be open for families to continue worship with children when the larger room is no longer right for them.