

Atlanta Friends Meeting Newsletter

Atlanta Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). All are welcome.

Meeting for Worship
Each First Day (Sunday)
10:00 -11:00 a.m.
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May 2008

Query:

In the growing complexity of life, do we strive to keep true to our ideals of sincerity and simplicity, to keep before us the essential truths and test our lives by them, and to keep our family life from the distraction of useless activities?

*Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice Submitted by
Suzan Kenworthy, Member of Ministry and Worship Committee*

What do we bring to the world as our essential message?

Early Friends testified to a truth they found powerful and compelling. They sought to “live in virtue of the power that takes away the occasion of war.” They considered perfection a realistic goal. The integrity of their lives attracted both followers and detractors. It was difficult to be impartial before the Quaker witness.

We don’t talk much about our beliefs in meeting now. At times our rejection of a standard creed is translated into a “believe anything you want to” faith. We are not alone in this. Two recent studies of Britain Yearly Meeting demonstrate a trend in this direction – that Quakerism has become a series of practices or processes with all else open. In these studies, attenders noted that meetings are attractive because they are friendly and accepting places, but that inquiries about beliefs are met with fuzziness. I recognize these tendencies in our meeting and am troubled by them.

As I reflected on what message do we, do I, as a Friend, have to bring to the world, I found I can testify to the following:

- There is a God who is accessible and available. The nature of God is love.
- The capacity to know God is in everyone. By quieting the mind, the still small voice becomes known.
- Through the use of all our faculties – mind, heart, body and soul – we become aware of guidance.
- We test this guidance in a specific spiritual community to whom we are accountable.
- Over three centuries, Quakers have developed a group of distinctive practices to foster the life of the Spirit, including unprogrammed worship, unity-based decision-making and letting our lives speak.
- The fruits of the Spirit are harmony and community
- We are God’s hands.
- I welcome your thoughts about this. I hope we can ask each other “How is God moving in your life?” or in George Fox’s words – “What canst thou say?”

Bill Holland

Iraqi Refugees Struggle in Syria 3/6/08

Muireann Brennan, MD, MPH, has seen a lot of human suffering in her decade as a CDC front-line public health worker serving the needs of refugees and populations affected by war and conflict. This past November, she concluded a three-month stint in Damascus, Syria, where most of Iraq's displaced refugees live, assisting the UN with the growing Iraqi refugee health crisis there.

Roughly one in five Iraqis is now displaced. The UN estimates that almost 5 million Iraqis have been displaced by violence in their country. Brennan's role was to assess the needs of this population and to coordinate a health response in conjunction with other UN agencies, the Syrian Ministry of Health and NGOs.

"The situation is bad. It's an unusual situation in that people are not living in camps but are either staying with friends or renting a room. Part of the problem is that a lot of people are running out of money for rent or food. Some of them came into Syria as early as 2003, and they have exhausted their money and are looking for UNHCR for support," says Brennan. She noted that another unusual circumstance among this refugee group is the "high degree of chronic diseases" – people with diabetes, hypertension and other forms of heart disease, and cancer.

"People are showing up looking for treatment and their expectations are quite high because previously in Iraq, these services were available," Brennan says. From Brennan's perspective, one of the most disturbing health issues she saw was not physical but psychological. "It's a serious problem – you can see it – the amount of mental health issues with this population. The level of post-traumatic stress disorder seemed to be extremely high. It's certainly higher than what we saw in Afghanistan and Kosovo, for example."

Brennan helped design and analyze a survey focused on the mental health and trauma conducted by UNHCR, that polled Iraqi families registering with UNHCR in the month of November 2007.

Among respondents, 77 percent reported being affected by air bombardments and shelling or rocket attacks, and 80 percent reported witnessing a shooting. 68 percent reported interrogation or harassment by militias or other groups with threats to life, while 22 percent had been beaten by militias or other groups. Results also showed that 23 percent had been kidnapped, 72 percent had been eye witnesses to a car bombing, and 75 percent knew someone close to them who had been killed or murdered. Most reported events dated from 2003 to the present and all took place within Iraq.

"A significant portion of these people – around 16 percent – have experienced some sort of torture," Brennan adds. "That included beatings, being burnt, and having objects placed under their nails."

Brennan emphasizes that currently Syria is unable to provide enough health services for the refugees – these services need to be expanded. Brennan hopes that CDC can continue to be involved to help address the mental health and chronic disease problems facing Iraqis in Syria and to identify potential solutions. She says that another group needing assistance is the 30 UNHCR registration staff that is experiencing trauma by hearing about the atrocities secondhand.

She says of all the public health work she has done in refugee settings, she is most struck by the degree to which the Iraqis had been exposed to deliberate kinds of violence. She observes that as a group, Iraqis are similar to Westerners in terms of their education, lifestyle and healthcare expectations.

"They are not that different from how we live. Imagine having to leave with what you could stick in a car or a bus and having to go across the border for several years. Iraqis didn't live a dissimilar life to us - they were educated people who worked as doctors, lawyers and teachers."

According to Paul Spiegel, chief, Public Health and HIV Section for UNHCR, under Dr. Brennan's leadership, great strides were made to provide all Iraqi refugees in Syria with emergency and primary health care. Furthermore, the provision of secondary and tertiary care, a very complex and expensive issue, were dealt with under Dr. Brennan's leadership. She very much helped UNHCR during her time in Syria."

This ***Inside Story*** by A. Wainscott-Sargent.

Quaker Weddings

If you have never been to a Quaker wedding, here is some more information, courtesy of the Friends General Conference website: <http://www.fgcquaker.org/library/welcome/fa-weddings.html>

"The Religious Society of Friends has stressed the conviction that marriage is a binding relationship entered into in the presence of God and of witnessing Friends.

The marriage takes place within a meeting for worship, held after the manner of Friends. The couple being married enter the meeting and are seated at the front of the room. During the period of worship, in an atmosphere of quiet and reverence, they rise. Taking each other by the hand, they make their promises.

Friends do not observe the practice of a father giving away his daughter. No third person pronounces them husband and wife because Friends believe that God alone can create such a union and give it significance. Neither a wedding party nor an exchange of rings is necessary to Friends' procedure, although both have become customary today.

After the vows are said and the couple is again seated, the marriage certificate is brought to them to sign. Then, the certificate is read aloud by someone chosen ahead of time by the couple. The reading is done with dignity and care so as to contribute to the atmosphere of worship. The meeting for worship then continues with silent prayer, mediation and spoken messages."

"The person chosen to close the meeting may make opportunity for the wedding party to withdraw. Those present are asked to sign the certificate as witnesses to the marriage. A copy of the certificate is made for the records of the monthly meeting in whose care the marriage has taken place. The legal requirements are completed by a committee appointed by the meeting.

Many Quaker marriage certificates, handed down from generation to generation, have proved to be valuable historical records. Today, as well, the certificate becomes a cherished possession in the new home, recalling the reverent attitude of worship with which the marriage began and the company of loving Friends who took part in it."

Announcements

"If War is Not the Answer, What Is?"

Joe Volk to Speak Here

Joe Volk, Exec. Secretary of the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), will give a talk at the Meetinghouse on Friday, May 16, at 7:30 p.m. He will discuss FCNL's strategy for working to end the war in Iraq and promoting legislation that will provide the government with tools that prevent future wars through civilian peace building programs.

Joe will also honor our own Jack Honderd and Tim Ralston, an Atlanta resident and LEED certified project manager of the new FCNL building in Washington, DC. Both helped bring this project to its award-winning conclusion, the first green building on Capitol Hill. No wonder 16 members of Congress joined hundreds of others to celebrate the building last year. (Jack is an architect, builder, and developer.)

The public is invited to this free event. Sue May, 404-377-6326 or sdmay@mindspring.com

Atlanta Friends Service Committee STOP MAX - Campaign Conference (5/30-6/1) Temple Univ., Philadelphia, PA AFSC is organizing to Abolish Solitary Confinement and Torture in U.S. Prisons We Need You!! Calling on families, formerly imprisoned people, youth groups, community activists, civic leaders, lawyers, researchers, mental health professionals and concerned citizens to attend this 3-day grassroots organizing event. Come learn, share skills, resources and help build a national movement to end human rights violations in prisons. Movements to end human rights abuses in prison must be informed and led by those most directly affected. Deadline for Registration: May 16, 2008.

If you cannot attend, but would like to support this conference, please call: 215-241-7137 or email Naima Black at nblack@afsc.org.

Scholarships Available

help from the Meeting to attend SAYMA or the FCG Gathering is available. Please submit your request to Ministry and Worship Committee, via Suzan Kenworthy (skenwor800@aol.com or 770-493-6878). Requests can also be placed in the Ministry and Worship Committee folder in the Meeting office. Registration deadlines are May 10 for SAYMA and May 31 for FGC.

FGC Gathering (6/28-7/5)

2008 University of Pittsburgh at Johnston, PA
Come Join Us at the 2008 Friends General Conference Gathering of Friends, as we explore what it means to be courageously faithful. The Gathering will challenge you to draw inspiration from others' courageous acts of faith, reflect inward to see where you are now, and look forward to dream the future into being. We will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Martin Luther King's presentation to Friends General Conference in 1958. His words are as meaningful today as they were 50 years ago! Come hear his voice and reflect on his message. There are over 50 workshops to choose from, with scholarship assistance available. Check the greeting table for a copy of the Advance Program.

Parking Reminder

When parking on Adair Street, please 'snuggle up' to the car in front or behind you so that more cars can fit into the space that we have.

Stories, Reading and Discussions in Adult Religious Education - May

Stories of the Elders will feature a member of meeting on the first Sunday of each month with the rest of the time devoted to discussions of books selected by the group attending. During the rest of May, we will continue to read and discuss one chapter each week of Listening Spirituality: Personal Spiritual Practices Among Friends by Patricia Loring. You can buy copies from Bill Holland.

Educational Scholarship Fund. The Meeting has funds to distribute as scholarships to members and attenders of the Meeting who plan to attend an accredited post-secondary vocational or liberal arts school during the 2008-09 semesters/quarters. Scholarships are not available for graduate study and are not based on financial need. The maximum amount awarded to one individual in one year is \$500 and the total amount awarded to one individual over several years is \$2000. Applications are due by June 15. Please contact Harry Lefever for an application form or more information. (404) 270-6052(w), (404) 525-6916 (h), <hlefever@spelman.edu>.

A Friendly Reminder

Spring has sprung, and once again the Meetinghouse is abuzz with meetings. To make sure that your meeting goes smoothly, please remember to contact the office for scheduling. Thanks! Marlene 404-377-2474 or 404 551-8991.

Frank Cummings on El Sitio Sun. 5/4

Long-time member of our community, Frank Cummings, will be in Atlanta for a visit for a week that includes Sunday, May 4. I hope as many of you as possible will stay after potluck (at noon in the Library) to hear him give us an update on El Sitio, our sister community near Suchitoto, El Salvador. He will let us know of projects completed and planned using Meeting Funds, about students supported by the El Sitio Scholarship Fund, and about human rights and other concerns in the Suchitoto region. For more information contact Bert Skellie at 404-0378-5883 or bertskellie@gmail.com.

Quaker Wedding, Saturday, June 14th

Steve McLaughlin and Meredith Reynolds will be married under the care of the Atlanta Friends meeting on Saturday, June 14th at 1:30. Members and attenders are invited to the wedding. The bride will wear white. The groom will wear whatever the bride tells him to. There will be a cake reception afterwards. The couple requests that Friends please RSVP to MerAndSteve@gmail.com by June 1st.

Personal Reflections on Race and Racism ~ Committee on Undoing Racism

" We encourage other Friends to share their personal reflections on race and/or racism."

"Nobody is born a racist. You were born good, and learned racist attitudes directly or indirectly from people you loved and from society. At some point in your childhood, you spoke out against injustice you saw, and you can speak out against racism again." Those words, spoken by a leader of an anti-racism workshop at Friends General Conference several years ago, helped move me away from guilt and toward more examination of my own racism and commitment to becoming anti-racist.

Why didn't the "you were born good" approach just give me an easy excuse for sliding back and feeling comfortable? Like many other people from Northern white liberal homes, I had put a lot of energy into trying to prove that I was a good person and different from "those racists", whose images had been emblazoned on my mind from TV news of the 50s: Klansmen, Southern police attacking peaceful black marchers with dogs and hoses, or angry white mobs screaming epithets at black children integrating schools. When the terms, "racist" or "racism" were only applied to the worst examples, I didn't feel the need to examine my own motives or the effects of my actions. Yet I still felt the burden of guilt and defensiveness. Acknowledging that each person is good, that racist attitudes are learned, and that I could identify with the part of me that questioned injustice allowed me to become less defensive and reflect more on racist attitudes that I needed to unlearn.

In looking back at my upbringing to consider those attitudes, I realized that although my mother had been a good role model for treating people with respect, speaking out against injustice, and having African American friends, my family and social situation had also reinforced patterns of racial insensitivity, ignorance, paternalism, or fear in relation to African Americans. For example, as a child I questioned the use of a racial stereotype by a family friend from a small town in the state of Washington upon seeing black people for the first time while visiting us in Chicago. By explaining away the friend's comment, my parents indirectly taught me to make excuses for or not question racially insensitive remarks. Having spent my early years in that small town in the state of Washington and then in the defacto segregated areas of Chicago and Toledo, I had limited contact with African Americans until my teens. The exceptions were women such as Ms. Howard who cleaned our house and my grandmother's house in Toledo. My mother was careful to use titles and last names. However, my grandmother treated the "cleaning ladies" paternalistically, referring to them by their first names in front of the children, saying they were "part of our family", and offering them charity, but not really knowing much about their lives or offering them respect as equals. Projects that we participated in through our church providing a day camp for "under-privileged inner city children" had this paternalistic tinge to them as well. I also picked up on the fear that was not openly discussed, but was evident when my relatives were driving through predominantly black areas. My mother's friendships with black colleagues when I was a teen offered me a few opportunities to be invited into areas where whites were in the minority. However, I didn't fully realize the impact of defacto segregation until I had an African American friend whom I carpooled with from college and saw the extent to which we had grown up in two different worlds within this one Northern city despite our similarities in class, intelligence, and aspirations.

Unlearning racist messages and becoming more effective at challenging systemic racism takes continued commitment and support. It has taken time for me to recognize the racism in Northern cities, the arrogance and ignorance behind patronizing attitudes, and my role as a white person in either excusing or challenging institutional racism. Listening to friends of color, attending anti-racism workshops, reading on my own, learning from positive role models, and meeting regularly with people with similar goals have all helped nudge me further down the path in doing anti-racism work. I have a long way to go and appreciate the help I've gotten on the journey so far. – Susan Firestone

**Atlanta Friends Meeting
Meeting for Worship with an Attention to Business
As Recorded Pending Approval
Fourth Month 206, 2008**

Georgia Lord shared the query:

Worship is our response to an awareness of God. We can worship alone, but when we join with others in expectant waiting we may discover a deeper sense of God's presence. We seek a gathered stillness in our meetings for worship so that all may feel the power of God's love drawing us together and leading us.

Do you come to Meeting for Worship prepared in heart and mind to sit together with other Friends, and to yield yourself and your outward concerns to the guidance of Spirit within the gathered presence?

In attendance were: Don Bender, Carolyn Coburn –Allen, Ann Doemland (visitor), Julia Parker Ewen, Judith Greenberg, Dwight Harriman, Roland Heath, David Jarvis, Freer Jarvis, Suzan Kenworthy, Tom Kenworthy, Harry Lefever, Georgia Lord, Sally MacEwen, Beth Martinson, Susan May, Pete McCaughan, Renda McCaughan, Steve McLaughlin, Ron Nuse, Ellie Soler, Rick Stoops, Jim Tolmach, Myrna Trapp, Perry Treadwell, Woody Woodall, Steve Collins (Clerk), and Tom McGuigan (Acting Recording Clerk). (28 Friends)

1. Approval of the Minutes for Meeting for Worship with an Attention to Business for Third Month 2008.

Minute 08-04-01: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves the minutes for Meeting for Worship with an Attention to Business for Third Month 2008 with one correction.

2. Treasurer. Peter McCaughan presented the Treasurer's Report, Income and Expense Statement, and Balance Sheet (attached). As of the end of Third Month we have received \$12,573.55 in contributions, giving us a total income of \$13,337.40. Expenses to date total \$29,774.33, giving us a net deficit of \$16,436.93. This balance is in line with end-of-Third-Month balances in previous years.

Pete noted that in the Income and Expense Statement, the Building Maintenance line item shows a credit of \$2,040.78 because we have received our insurance payment for flood damages but have not yet disbursed the funds to pay for repairs. The Care and Counsel line item also shows a credit, in the amount of \$40.68 due to payments received for the Couples Workshop.

Minute 08-04-02: Atlanta Friends Meeting accepts the Treasurer's Report of March 31, 2008.

3. Finance Committee. Sue May presented the Finance Committee report. The remaining balance in the bank account of the Anneewakee Worship Group, which has been laid down, has been transferred to Atlanta Friends Meeting and will be allocated to the Advancement fund. The Meeting has received a request from the Friends Community Worship Group (Gwinnett) for assistance in managing their finances.

Minute 08-04-03: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves creating a fund for the Friends Community Worship Group (Gwinnett). The Meeting Treasurer will administer the fund on behalf of the Worship Group until the Worship Group requests that the balance of the fund be transferred to an account established by the Worship Group, or until the Worship Group is laid down. Should the Worship Group be laid down, the balance of the fund will be transferred to the AFM Advancement fund.

The committee also recommended policy guidelines for providing employees with a Health Care supplement. Friends asked whether the costs of providing the benefit had been included in this year's budget. Pete McCaughan reported health care supplement costs had not been included in the proposed Employees budget line item. However, he also noted that the budget impact this year would be minimal because we have not yet hired a new Friend in Residence. A Friend noted that FGC had set up a program for offering a health care benefit to employees of small Quaker schools and suggested that the Meeting investigate this program to determine whether we might want to participate.

Minute 08-04-04: Atlanta Friends Meeting authorizes the Administration Committee to negotiate a health care cost supplement for employees within the following guidelines.

- A supplement will only be offered to employees working 20 hours per week or more.

- The Meeting may supplement up to half of an employee's health care costs. The amount of the supplement may not exceed \$2,400 per year.
- The Meeting will not support health savings accounts or health maintenance accounts.

Minute 08-04-05: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves using a portion of the 2007 budget surplus for the following expenditures: A donation of \$1,500 to the Friends School of Atlanta Capital Campaign and a donation of \$1,000 to Friends Journal. The balance of the surplus, \$11,642 shall be held in reserve for underfunded and pressing future needs.

4. Ad hoc Committee for the Resident. Pete McCaughan presented the revised job description for the AFM Friend in Residence (attached).

Minute 08-04-07: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves the proposed job description for the AFM Friend in Residence.

Minute 08-04-08: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves the following Friends to serve on the Search Committee for a new Friend in Residence: Jack Honderd (Clerk), Nan O'Connor, Steve Collins, Angie Bonner, Don Bender.

Minute 08-04-09: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves laying down the Ad hoc Committee for the Resident. We thank the Committee for their efforts and diligence in this effort.

5. Administration Committee. Pete McCaughan presented a proposal for revising the job description for the AFM Office Coordinator (attached). The proposed changes include:

- Hours have been increased to 20 hour per week.
- The description references the Clerk of Personnel and Personnel Procedures. The duties of this Clerk are being finalized by the Administration Committee.
- The job duties have grouped into the following areas: Meeting Office, Volunteers, Weekly Announcement Sheet, and Property Management.
- The Office Coordinator will be asked to post and maintain a regular daily schedule of office hours, including office hours on First Day at least once per month.
- Paid vacation will be offered as a benefit.
- A Health Care supplement will be offered as a benefit. The Administration will negotiate the amount of the supplement.

This change is expected to mean an increase of approximately \$7,000 - \$8,000 in Employee expenses for 2008. This increase does not include the costs for the Health Care supplement.

Friends are asked to consider this proposal. The revisions will be brought forward for approval at next month's Meeting for Worship with an Attention to Business.

Minute 08-04-10: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves the spirit and direction of proposed changes to the job description for the Office Coordinator, and we approve the Administration Committee using the proposed revisions as they continue their search for a new Office Coordinator.

6. Ministry and Worship. The meeting was asked to consider the request that the marriage of Steve McLaughlin and Meredith Reynolds be taken under the care of the Meeting.

Minute 08-04-11: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Meg Harper's request to become a member of Atlanta Friends Meeting.

Minute 08-04-12: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Rick Stoops' request to become a member of Atlanta Friends Meeting.

Minute 08-04-13: Atlanta Friends Meeting accepts Joe Parko's request to transfer his memberships to Crossville (TN) Friends Meeting. We commend Joe to Crossville Friends Meeting's loving care. (Joe Parko's request and the letter of transfer are attached to these minutes.)

Minute 08-04-14: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves taking under our care the marriage of Jonah McDonald and Dana Goldman. Jim Tolmach (Clerk), Sally Ferguson, Gwen Davies, John Wuchet, and Heather Jeziorowski are approved as the Clearness Committee for the marriage.

7. Nominating Committee. Sally MacEwen reported that the Committee is recommending that Mary Jahntz be approved as Clerk of the Religious Education Committee. Friends will be asked to approve this nomination at next month's Meeting for Worship with an Attention to Business.

The Committee is working to be more visible to Friends. We hope to meet with Friends to understand not just what you do already, but what you would love to do. The Committee sees itself as a place where members and attenders can go to discuss their own potentials. We hope to build a "talent bank" for future reference. Our goal is to find: "what is your leading edge?"

Minute 08-04-15: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves the proposed revisions to the job descriptions for the Database Manager, Directory Editor, and Ministry and Worship Committee (attached).

Minute 08-04-16: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves creating the proposed new position of Web Manager. We also approve the proposed job description for that position (attached).

Minute 08-04-17: Atlanta Friends Meeting thanks Jim Tolmach for all of his work in completing the updates and additions to the job descriptions for the Meeting Handbook.

8. Ad hoc Nurturing Young Friends Committee.

Minute 08-04-18: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves the new Religious Education job descriptions developed by the Ad hoc Nurturing Young Friends Committee (attached) in accordance with the approved restructuring of AFM support for Religious Education. We ask the Religious Education and Nominating Committees to begin using the new descriptions in their work. The Ad hoc committee will provide summary job descriptions to Jim Tolmach for inclusion in the Meeting Handbook.

9. Social Concerns. Julia Ewen reported that the Social Concerns Committee still is working on organizing a forum on Human Trafficking. The Committee hopes the forum can be scheduled for sometime this fall. The Committee also continues to work to season a response on the issue of torture. Friends interested in this issue are encouraged to contact the committee.

10. Other Business. A Friend expressed concern about the extensive information requested in the 2008 SAYMA census and hoped that the information in the Meeting database would not lead us to report results that did not accurately reflect the size and nature of the Meeting community. Steve Collins confirmed that we answered "not collected" to many of the questions asked. Tom McGuigan confirmed that we base our census responses on the membership totals reported by the Membership Recorder and on our best estimates of the actual size of the community, to ensure that our assessment is based on a truly representative Meeting population.

15. Clerk's Items. A recent Friends Journal article asked Friends to write about their experiences with conscientious objection. Perry Treadwell submitted a letter to the journal, an excerpt of which appears in the AFM Newsletter for 4th Month.

SAYMA Representative Meeting and the SAYMA Yearly Meeting Planning Committee minuted their thanks to the Meeting for hosting their meetings on the weekend of Fourth Month 5. They also thanked Carol Gray for all of her work in supporting those meetings. The Minute of Thanks is attached to these minutes.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Collins, Clerk
Tom McGuigan, Acting Recording Clerk

Calendar for Fifth Month, 2008

Area Meetings for Worship

Every First Day, 10:00 a.m.— In the Meeting Room and a small meeting in the Library.

Every First Day, 2:30 p.m.— Friends Community Worship Group, Call M.J. Robinson, 678-217-4098.

Every 2nd and 4th First Day, 10:00 a.m. — Canton Friends Worship Group, 360 E. Marietta St, Canton, 770-720-4669 or wrlpeas@mindspring.com.

Every Fifth Day, 12:10 p.m.— First Thursdays at AFSC office, 92 Piedmont Ave., Atlanta 30303, other Thursdays at East Lake Commons, 404-378-5883 or bertskellie@gmail.com.

Every Sixth Day, 8:45 a.m.— Friends School of Atlanta, 121 Sams Street, Decatur, 404-373-8746.

Weekly Events

Every First Day (Sunday)

9:00 Adult Religious Education

9:15 Singing, Classroom

10:00 Meetings for Worship

Every Third Day (Tuesday)

7:30 Silent Meditation, Meeting Room

7:00 Bible Study, Library

Every Fourth Day (Wednesday)

7:30 ORAIHARH (*childcare available*)

Every Sixth Day (Friday)

12:00 Vigil at Colony Square

Other Events

5/1, Fifth Day (Thursday)

7:30-9:00 Meeting for Peace, Library

5/3, Seventh Day (Saturday)

9:00-3:00 Higher Dimensions Christian Ministries, Mtg Room & Kitchen

5/4, First Day (Sunday)

11:15- Potluck

11:15-1:30 Green Friends, AB

12:00-1:45 Atlanta Central America, Library

5/7, Second Day (Wednesday)

7:30-10:00 Administration Committee, Library

5/8, Fifth Day (Thursday)

7:30-9:30 Social Concerns Committee, Library

5/10, Seventh Day (Saturday)

10:00-2:00 AFGE, Library

5/11, First Day (Sunday)

11:15 Listening Ear, Atrium

11:30-2:00 Care and Counsel, Jr. Teen Room

11:30-1:30 Ministry and Worship, AB

11:45-1:30 Finance Committee, Library

5/12, Second Day (Monday)

7:00-10:00 Spiritual Nurture Group, Mtg. Room

7:30-9:00 Meeting for Healing, Teen Jr. High Room

5/16, Sixth Day (Friday)

Newsletter Deadline

6:00-10:00 Forum Joe Volk (FCNL), Mtg Rm/Kitchen

5/17, Seventh Day (Saturday)

11:30-4:00 Open House for Smart Toddlers,

Kitchen/nursery

5/18, First Day (Sunday)

11:45-2:00 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, Meeting Room (*childcare available*)

6:00 Newcomers Welcome Dinner – Check Announcements

5/25, First Day (Sunday)

11:15 Listening Ear, Atrium

11:45-1:30 Forum Single Payer Healthcare, Mtg Room

2:30-10:00 Secret Wedding

5/26, Second Day (Monday)

7:00-10:00 Spiritual Nurture Group, Mtg. Room

5/29, Fifth Day (Thursday)

8:30-11:00 FSA Graduation Practice, Mtg Room

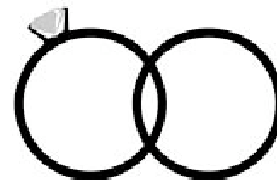
5/30, Sixth Day (Friday)

11:00-4:30 FSA Graduation Ceremony, Mtg Room / Kitchen / Library

5/31, Seventh Day (Saturday)

10:30-2:00 Democratic Socialist of America, Kitchen / Library

Please confirm unique events by checking the announcements sheets and or contacting the Meeting.



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NAMETAGS: If you would like to have a permanent nametag made, leave a request in one of the baskets on the front table. Indicate whether you prefer one that hangs around the neck or that pins. When Carol Gray has made one for you, it will be placed in the black file box on the greeting table.

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