

# Atlanta Friends Meeting Announcement Sheet

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## Query for Third Month

Live adventurously. When choices arise, do you take the way that offers the fullest opportunity for the use of your gifts in the service of God and the community? Let your life speak. When decisions have to be made, are you ready to join with others in seeking clearness, asking for God's guidance and offering counsel to one another?

-- from Britain Yearly Meeting

*If you'd like more information about Quakerism or Atlanta Friends Meeting, stop at the Welcome Table after Meeting, see the brochures (including "Next Steps") near the front door, visit <https://atlantaquakers.org/newcomers/> on our website, or contact Nina Gooch in the office (contact info above)*

## PLEASE HOLD IN THE LIGHT

Beth Ruddiman; Patricia Turner; Martha Hutchins; Don Bender & family;  
Diane Green & brother; Bill & Teri Hooson

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## Thanks to our First Day School teachers for February

Amanda Gendreau, Laura MacNorlin, Cathy Amanti, Betsy Eggers, Georgia Lord, Charles Hicks, Elizabeth Tolmach, Margaret Miller, Elizabeth Winslow, Waman French, Folami Adams

## and thanks to last First Day's Volunteers at the Meetinghouse

Bill Hooson, Teri Key-Hooson, John M. Michael, Alison Mawle, Edee Heard, Maia Hallward, Brent Wolff, Mike Aland, Caroline Morris, Victoria Holland, Steve Leeper

*You can sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/afmvolunteers> to help with First Day School and the Nursery, to greet, or to set up or clean up coffee hour/potluck. There's also a paper sign-up sheet at the meeting house on the table by the front door. For information about each of these opportunities to help make Sunday worship and First Day School run smoothly as well as help create a welcoming space for our younger Friends, visit <https://tinyurl.com/afmvolunteerguide>.*

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## Funding our Work

Contributions throughout the year, especially early in the year, are greatly appreciated. You can bring a check or cash to the meetinghouse, mail a check, or donate securely using Paypal or your Credit / Debit Card at <https://atlantaquakers.org/contact-donate/>. You can also set up monthly / recurring contributions when you contribute on our website OR through your bank's ACH bill payment system.

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**Announcements due by Thursday at noon at [atlantaquakers@gmail.com](mailto:atlantaquakers@gmail.com).**

**Office Coordinator Hours:** Monday thru Thursday, 10 am to 1 pm; Friday by appointment.

*The office coordinator is also a notary. If you need something notarized, contact her at 404-377-2474 or [atlantaquakers@gmail.com](mailto:atlantaquakers@gmail.com).*

~\*~\*~\*~ **FIRST DAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS** ~\*~\*~\*~

On Sundays, we worship in person combined with Zoom worship, with a smaller in-person-only meeting in the library. Please pick the option that is best for you. First Day School and nursery care are in person at the Meetinghouse. Adult First Day School is in person plus zoom. Zoom links below.

If you are ill for any reason or test positive for COVID or flu, please do not come to the meetinghouse. Instead join us for worship and other events via Zoom. Masks optional/welcome at the meetinghouse.

**MEETING FOR WORSHIP**

10 a.m. Sundays, combined in person in the meeting room combined with Zoom

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89686276751?pwd=M29EYlIFWEhSQUtZRVVPalFFYmVDQT09>

Meeting ID: 896 8627 6751

Passcode: 789456

**MICROPHONES IN MEETING FOR WORSHIP IN THE MEETING ROOM**

**Speaking out of the silence:** We are using microphones so that messages for all may be heard by all  
*Ministry & Worship says:* "We gather in silence, in expectant waiting to receive insights and guidance for ourselves and our community. We break the silence to share ministry meant for everyone gathered. If you discern there is a message meant to be shared and it is the right time to share the message, we ask that you stand, if able, or raise your hand, prepare yourself, and wait for a microphone to be brought to you. Hold the microphone close to your mouth. Let the spirit speak through you."

**SMALLER MEETING FOR WORSHIP IN THE LIBRARY**

There is also a smaller, in-person-only Meeting for Worship in the library at the same time.

**ADULT FIRST DAY SCHOOL**

9:00 to 9:50 am Sundays, combined in-person and Zoom

See under Events for more details for each Sunday

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/86063665797?pwd=Nms0Vm5MSW91UXdWRGJSOXA5NWRjZzo9>

Meeting ID: 860 6366 5797

Passcode: 013191

**FIRST DAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS**

10:15 am Sundays, in-person

For more info, contact Amanda Gendreau (AmandaGendreau5@gmail.com, 678-978-5212).

~\*~\*~\*~ **EVENTS** ~\*~\*~\*~

**REPARATION, REPARATIVE JUSTICE AND RIGHT RELATIONS COMMITTEE (RRJRR)**

**STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION Saturday, February 28**

*Want to learn more about reparations and reparative justice for BIPOC people in our Meeting, our country and the world?* You are invited to AFM's first Reparation, Reparative Justice and Right Relations Committee (RRJRR) Strategic Planning Session, to be held on Saturday, February 28, from 10:00AM to 2:00PM. Come join the RRJRR Committee for this time of discernment on future goals and actions the committee will focus upon in the coming year and beyond. Come for all or part of the event. All are welcome, with a *special welcome to newcomers and Young Adult Friends!* The four hour session will include a morning review of the Purpose Statement of the RRJRR Committee and its goals. We are planning for a pot luck lunch so feel free to bring food to share. The afternoon session will focus upon specific concerns and actions that the committee can work toward in the coming year(s). RSVP's are most welcome (but not necessary), especially if you plan to join in person.

To RSVP or send questions or input on agenda development, contact Waman French at (404)786-4141 or wamanf@gmail.com. Location: 2417 Woodacres Road, Chamblee, GA 30345 or via Zoom.

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/5171998073?pwd=b1YUHVPczRVMos5VmVoMmhwekE1dz09&omn=82897263882>

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**GATHERING FOR FEBRUARY REFLECTIONS WITH MARY ANN DOWNEY** **Saturday, February 28**  
*Member Mary Ann Downey says: "I've written a collection of articles about my faith and want to share some of them that will be in a soon to be published book, *Walking with Faith: Southern Baptist to Quaker*. On Saturdays in February from 10:00-11:30, I'll facilitate a time for worship sharing around the theme of one of the articles." On February 28, you're invited to gather online for reflection on the theme: *How do you have faith?* Sign up at [madowney@mindspring.com](mailto:madowney@mindspring.com) and Mary Ann will send a link in advance.*

**BEACON BLACK HISTORY WALKING TOUR** **Saturday, February 28**

As part of celebrating "100 years for Black History Commemoration," the Beacon Hill Black Alliance for Human Rights is offering a lunch and walking tour of the Beacon Hill area, a once thriving and tight-knit Black neighborhood in downtown Decatur. The tour will center stories that illuminate Beacon Hill's enduring legacy and the ongoing efforts to preserve the land and its history. February 28, 12 pm to 2 pm. Food is provided. Tour starts at 420 W. Trinity Place, Decatur. Tickets can be purchased for \$20 at <https://tinyurl.com/beacon228>. (It's free for all students and Beacon descendants.) More information about the Beacon Hill community also at this website.

**QUAKER VOLUNTARY SERVICE (QVS) APPLICATIONS FOR 2026/2027** **due Sunday, March 1**

QVS is a service program for young adults aged 21-30 who are longing to experiment with intentional community, spiritual exploration, and social justice nonprofit work with houses in Philadelphia, Boston, the Twin Cities, MN and Portland, OR. **The application due date to participate in the 2026-27 cohort is March 1, 2026.** QVS is experiencing an increase in applicants this year and want to make sure that young adults in Quaker communities are aware of this opportunity so they can apply in time to be considered. More information and the application to apply can be found on the website at [www.quakervoluntaryservice.org/apply](http://www.quakervoluntaryservice.org/apply)

**SPIRITUAL JOURNEY IN ADULT FIRST DAY SCHOOL** **Sunday, March 1**

On the first Sunday of each month, those in Adult First Day School listen to a Friend telling about their search for community and a spiritual home, their Spiritual Journey. On March 1, Suzanne Folger will share her Spiritual Journey. If you'd like to find out more about sharing your own Spiritual Journey or if you'd like to listen to past Spiritual Journeys, contact Mary Ann Downey.

**BE A CHANGEMAKER IN THE WORLD WE SEEK WITH FCNL** **Sunday, March 1**

The Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) asks Atlanta Friends Meeting to engage in worship and discernment in identifying legislative priorities for FCNL's advocacy and focus in the 120th US Congressional session. FCNL seeks to uphold and advance Friends' values in a challenging political environment and urges AFM to reflect on these questions:

- How are Friends called to influence our government today?
- What issues should be priorities for FCNL's advocacy efforts?
- Where is the Spirit leading us?

Join F(f)riends after Meeting for Worship on Sunday, March 1, in the library from 11:30 to 1:00 for reflection on these questions. Help AFM join our responses to those of other Friends from around the country and assist FCNL in identifying the issues on which the organization will focus its grassroots energy.

**FIRST SUNDAY POTLUCK** **Sunday, March 1**

Please join us for a potluck lunch following the rise of Meeting. Weather permitting, there are several outdoor tables for those who prefer to eat outside. Green Friends as well as the FCNL Action Team and FLGBTQC (Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Concerns) will meet during potluck this Sunday. (Details for special FCNL Action Team event on March 1 is above; details for Green Friends and FLGBTQC below.)

*If you can, please bring not only enough food for your family, but also extra for newcomers and guests.*

### **FLGBTQC EATING TOGETHER AT POTLUCK Sunday, March 1**

Join Atlanta's FLGBTQC (Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender – and genderqueer, nonbinary and genderfluid – Concerns) at potluck. (Look for the queer flag!) FLGBTQC also meets on the first Saturday of the month for worship and then for food, board games and conversation. (See announcement below.) For more information on either event or about FLGBTQC in general or to join the group email list, contact Nina Gooch in the office.

### **GREEN FRIENDS Sunday, March 1**

Green Friends will meet Sunday, March 1, starting around 11:45 during and after potluck in classrooms A/B behind the kitchen at the meeting house as well as over Zoom. Newcomers welcome. You can bring your potluck lunch plate with you, or eat with others and then join Green Friends at their meeting.

<https://citizensclimate.zoom.us/j/93713127848?pwd=UjRxZUJNWVdhNk9Ick9TUGRwZStuQTog>

Meeting ID: 937 1312 7848

Passcode: 123

### **MACON QUAKERS IN PERSON WORSHIP Sunday, March 1, 15, April 5, 12, May 3, 10, June 7, 21, etc**

The Macon Worship Group, which is under the care of Atlanta Friends Meeting, is now meeting in person for worship every first and third Sunday at 4 pm at Centenary United Methodist Church, 1290 College Street, Macon, GA. (People of all ages are welcome, but there is no childcare available.) Enter through the side door on Ash Street. For more info: [maconquakerworshipgroup@gmail.com](mailto:maconquakerworshipgroup@gmail.com).

### **VIRTUAL DOCUMENTARY NIGHT: NOBUKO MIYAMOTO: A SONG IN MOVEMENT Sun, Mar 1**

Virtual Documentary Night on Sunday, March 1 from 7 to 9 pm in honor of Women's History Month.

This documentary follows the life of visionary musician, dancer and activist Nobuko Miyamoto.

Featuring rare archival footage, the film tells the story of a changing community through one of its most beloved storytellers as she reflects on decades of groundbreaking cultural work and a life that has bridged coasts, industries, families and history. Nobuko Miyamoto (Dancer, Musician, Activist) and Quyên Nguyen-Le (Co-Director, Co-Producer) will be present for a special guest Q&A.

Watch this documentary ahead of time for free at <https://www.pbs.org/video/nobuko-miyamoto-a-song-in-movement-gjvy7f/> and RSVP in advance for the online discussion at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/special-virtual-documentary-night-tickets-1247667359659>.

For more details, contact attender Adam Hicks at [CommunityDocumentaryNight@gmail.com](mailto:CommunityDocumentaryNight@gmail.com) or 404-414-8917 or visit <https://documentarynight.wordpress.com>

### **ONLINE MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON UNDOING RACISM IN AFM Tuesday, March 3**

The Committee on Undoing Racism in Atlanta Friends Meeting (CURAFM) will have its regular first Tuesday Zoom meeting on Tuesday, on Tuesday, March 3 at 7:30 pm ET. Everyone is welcome!

Tentative agenda topics include circle follow up and planning, outreach, and ways to contact the Standing Response Group. For more info, or if you have a question or comment between meetings, please contact Lissa Place ([lissaplace@yahoo.com](mailto:lissaplace@yahoo.com) or 678-793-9260) or Susan Firestone ([susanfires@gmail.com](mailto:susanfires@gmail.com) or 404-268-6480).

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/85733797512?pwd=EPYdDkBYu7qC1xZkaPXr56fzUIIhFe.1>

Meeting ID: 857 3379 7512

Passcode: 159301

### **PAPERBACK BOOK LAUNCH OF *THERE IS NO PLACE FOR US* Tuesday, March 3**

The paperback launch of *There Is No Place for Us: Working and Homeless in America* by attender Brian Goldstone will be hosted by Charis Books (<https://charisbooksandmore.com/>) at the Auburn Avenue Research Library on March 3 at 6:30pm (doors open at 6pm). Registration (required) and more information at <https://fulcolibrary.bibliocommons.com/events/69937eab8b29ea280odo6deb>.

### **ZOOM WEDNESDAY AM MEETING FOR WORSHIP Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15, etc**

9 am. Zoom only. Contact Bert Skellie at 404-680-4799 if you have questions.

<https://zoom.us/j/92038862952>

Meeting ID: 92038862952

Password: 726229

**IN-PERSON MIDWEEK EVENING WORSHIP** Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, etc  
In-person only in the Library from 7 pm to 8 pm every Wednesday evening. All are welcome.  
For more info, contact Alex Zinnes, azinnes@gmail.com and Clive Gordon, cmgord28@gmail.com.

**BOOKS BY AND ABOUT PEOPLE OF COLOR** Thursday, March 5

The book group reading works by and about people of color meets on the first Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in person in combination with Zoom. On March 5, the group will be reading and discussing *This Is How You Lose Her* by Junot Diaz. All are welcome. The group encourages anyone interested in a particular book to drop in. For details or the Zoom link, contact Susan Cole, cole2544@bellsouth.net. For a list of future books, visit <https://atlantaquakers.org/newsletter/>.

**NEW IMMIGRANT MEGA DETENTION CENTER PROTESTS** every Friday plus Sunday, March 8  
Weekly protest outside of 10th District Congressman Mike Collins from 3:00 to 4:00 on Fridays, across from the Walton County Courthouse in Monroe GA. No public transit but plenty of public parking. Please bring a box of salt to leave at Collins' office because "salt melts ice!"

On March 8 a large demonstration is being organized at the Walton County Courthouse beginning at 2:00. Again please bring salt.

For more info, contact Bill Hooson. For info on carpooling to these protests, contact Bert Skellie.

**DANIELLE ROWLEY-JENKINS IN POWERLIFTING NATIONALS** Saturday, March 7

Danielle Rowley-Jenkins will be competing at the Powerlifting America Open Nationals Saturday March 7 at 11:00 am. She will be on Day 3 of the event in Session 1 on Platform 2 Flight B. The event will be live streamed on the Powerlifting America YouTube channel for anyone would like to watch.

**FRIENDS OF COLOR EVENT: ONLINE GENEALOGY** Saturday, March 7

Friends of Color are hosting an event in honor of Black History Month featuring Althea Sumpter. Althea will be sharing Part One of her program Finding Your Way Home, which is a 4-part series. This session will be held Saturday, March 7 online from 3 to 5 pm. Your family has a paper trail and an oral tradition that both tell a story. This workshop will introduce you to the use of online resources to uncover and preserve documents about your family and your heritage. You will learn the techniques necessary to preserve your stories for future generations. For more information, visit [altheasumpter.com](http://altheasumpter.com) and check out the full experience of Finding Your Way Home. We are grateful for Althea's willingness to share her wisdom with Friends so generously. All are welcome. For more info or to RSVP, contact Folami Adams, drfolami@me.com or 404.593.6548. <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/9863428758>

**FLGBTQC MEETING FOR WORSHIP & BOARD GAME NIGHT** Saturday, March 7

AFM's local FLGBTQC (Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Concerns) monthly game night begins at 6:30 pm at the meeting house. Conversation, games and potluck-style food. Allies welcome! Bring any board game or other tabletop game you'd like to share with the group. Just be willing to explain the game to new players, or (if it's your first time playing it) be willing to learn it along with the rest of us. For more information, contact Nina Gooch.

**CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY** Sunday, March 8

On Sunday March 8 at 11:15 am, the Social Concerns committee invites all to celebrate International Women's Day, after the rise of Meeting for Worship and before committee meetings. This is an opportunity to honor the accomplishments of women in our own families, communities and around the world. *How do the women in our families and our world inspire and guide us today?*

- For edible accomplishments and innovations, consider bringing a family favorite such as muffins, cookies, biscuits, or sweets to share. If you are so inspired, bring copies of the recipe too. There will be a table set up for these refreshments in the Greeting area.
- If you are able, bring a written tribute to a woman in your family or in the world, fond memories, learnings, inspirations, and/or accomplishments.
- Look in the Greeting area for displays of women in history, and a free book table for children and adults, celebrating women in history and past and current women authors.
- Bring books to donate, if you are able.
- Fill out a questionnaire about your interests and accomplishments for a new resource listing of the self-identifying women and non-binary individuals in our Meeting.

## **ADULT FIRST DAY SCHOOL: QUAKERISM 101 Sundays, March 8, 15, 22**

Adult First Day School starts each year with an introduction to Quakerism. On second, third and fourth Sundays thru March 22, they'll read and discuss *The Spirit of the Quakers* by Geoffrey Durham. All are welcome whether you have read the book or not. Contact Elizabeth Lamb for more information. Combined in person and via Zoom. Zoom details above.

## **ORIGINAL PLAY ABOUT BESSIE COLEMAN Friday, March 13 thru Sunday, March 29**

Meeting attender Montierra Yates has been helping with the Atlanta production on the life of pioneering aviator Bessie Coleman. As a mixed-race woman facing discrimination in the 1920s at home, Coleman had to travel to France to become the first Black woman and first Native American to obtain a pilot's license. Upon returning to the U.S., where racism and misogyny were common, Coleman overcame employment barriers by becoming a barnstorming pilot. She put on public exhibitions of stunt flying across the nation for enthusiastic crowds of Black and White Americans. Coleman refused to perform before audiences where Black people were excluded. She helped promote social justice by courageously defying racial and gender stereotypes. The Théâtre du Rêve (Theater of the Dream) public performances of Bessie Coleman's life story, *Queen Bess* by local Atlanta playwright Amina S. McIntyre will begin Friday March 13, 2026 at 8 pm and run thru March 29 at 7 Stages Theatre in Little 5 Points, at 8 p on Thursday thru Saturdays and 3 pm on Sundays. Tickets and more information are now available at <https://www.theatredureve.org/queen-bess/>

## **NEWCOMER WELCOME DINNER Wednesday, March 18**

On the 18th of each month, Atlanta Friends Meeting hosts a home-based meal for newcomers. This is an opportunity for those new to Meeting to ask questions and get to know others in the meeting in a more intimate setting. The March Newcomers' dinner will be held at the home of Elizabeth DeBray on Wednesday, March 18 at 6 p.m. Please text her at 706-248-0888 if you plan to come, and she will provide the address. Note: She has two small dogs.

*If you would like to host a spring or summer welcome dinner, held on the eighteenth of each month, please contact Jim Tolmach at [jimtolmach@icloud.com](mailto:jimtolmach@icloud.com) or 404-294-5194.*

## **SAYMA CLERKING WORKSHOP Saturday & Sunday, March 28 to 29**

*Finding Spirit-Led Unity: The Clerk's Role*, at the AFM meetinghouse, Saturday, March 28, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm ET and Sunday, March 29, 1 to 3 pm ET. Facilitated by Mary Ann Downey and Bill Holland Our Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business relies on our faith in continuing revelation, the belief that the Light within can lead us to corporate as well as individual decisions. How do we do this, what is the role of the clerk in the search for Spirit-led unity and how can we all support the clerk and the process? In this workshop, we will address the clerk's role to: prepare the agenda, attend to the meeting process and worship, clarify the issues considered, address conflict, listen, integrate differences, test for and state the sense of the meeting. There will also be opportunities to practice the clearness process as well as practice a threshing meeting. Find more information and register at <https://tinyurl.com/clerkingworkshop>.

## **~\*~\*~ GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS ~\*~\*~**

### **MEETING -WIDE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM SURVEY**

The AFM Religious Education Program seeks the input of all meeting members and attenders on the future of the program. Please follow this link (<https://bit.ly/4b1arOo>) to fill out a short questionnaire. We especially want to hear from parents and caretakers of youth, but we also want to hear from everyone. Your responses by March 16 will help us plan for the increasing number of youth attending First Day School.

### **MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS AVAILABLE**

March's newsletter will be available soon at <https://atlantaquakers.org/newsletter/> along with newsletters going back to 2008. If you'd like to receive an email each month when the newsletter is posted to the website, email [atlantaquakers@gmail.com](mailto:atlantaquakers@gmail.com). Recent printed newsletters can also be found at the meetinghouse near the front door.