

Atlanta Friends Meeting Announcement Sheet

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Query for Sixth Month

How can we make the meeting a community in which each person is accepted and nurtured and strangers are welcome?

Do I/we seek to know one another in the things that are eternal, bear the burden of each other's failings and pray for one another?

source: adapted 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

Helen Thompson,; Amara Lynch & family; Jay Roache & family; Barbara Seal & family; Rebecca Thornburley; Diane Green & her brother David

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Thanks to last First Day's Volunteers at the Meetinghouse

Ashli Owen-Smith, Sayed ElBaz, Jennifer Crumpley, Rich Klima, Aaron Ruscetta, Jennifer Thompson, Connor McMahon, Cary Walker, Zane Pramudji, Mike Aland, Caroline Morris, Clive Gordon, and Bob Place as well as Karen Morris of the Social Concerns Committee as guest teacher for the elementary First Day School class

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 earlier 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.

Office Coordinator Hours thru June 12:

June 4 to 10, the Office Coordinator will be traveling and checking voice mail and email regularly; Thursday June 11, 10 am to 1 pm; Friday, June 12, by appointment

~*~*~*~ **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, 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=NmsoVm5MSW91UXdWRGJSOXA5NWRjZzo9>

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** ~*~*~*~

(in person registration closes June 5)

SAYMA 2026 ANNUAL SESSIONS AND RETREAT June 18 to 21

Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association (SAYMA) is our yearly meeting, a regional umbrella for Quaker meetings in Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky. SAYMA also holds an annual gathering each year, this year June 18 to 21 at Berea College in Berea, Kentucky. The theme will be *Seeking Spirit Together*, and registration is now open at www.sayma.org. In person registration closes on June 5 and online registration on June 17.

There are AFM scholarships available, with full scholarships set aside for Young Adult Friends (ages 18 to 35). Contact Ministry and Worship Committee for scholarship info.

JANET MINSHALL MEMORIAL SERVICE Saturday, June 6

A hybrid memorial service for long-time AFM member Janet Minshall will be held at the meetinghouse on Saturday, June 6 at 2 pm. Janet had been in hospice and died the evening of April 28. She was clerk from 1988 to 1990 and was also Jay Roache's mother. Please let Mary Ann Downey know if you can bring finger food for the reception. madowney.com@mindspring.com or 678-938-8030.

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NO FLGBTQC BOARD GAME NIGHT on Saturday, June 6

Please join us for conversation during potluck on June 7! Details below.

SPIRITUAL JOURNEY IN ADULT FIRST DAY SCHOOL Sunday, June 7

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 June 7, Michael Kramer will share his Spiritual Journey. To hear Amara Lynch's Spiritual Journey, shared May 3, visit <https://tinyurl.com/zyxyscx8>. If you'd like to find out more about sharing your own Spiritual Journey or if you'd like to listen to other past Spiritual Journeys, contact Mary Ann Downey.

STOP BY QVS POTLUCK TABLE FOR EXCITING NEWS Sunday, June 7

Quaker Voluntary Service (QVS) has news to share! Come by the QVS table at potluck on June 7 for some sweet treats and a very brief presentation updating interested Friends on recent "wins" for the organization that was started right here in Atlanta by AFM's own Christina Repoley. Bring a friend!

FIRST SUNDAY POTLUCK Sunday, June 7

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 below.)

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

GREEN FRIENDS Sunday, June 7

Green Friends will meet Sunday, June 7 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. <https://citizensclimate.zoom.us/j/93713127848?pwd=UjRxZUJNWVdhNk9Ick9TUGRwZStuQTog>
Meeting ID: 937 1312 7848
Passcode: 123

ATLANTA FCNL ADVOCACY TEAM Sunday, June 7

The Atlanta Friends Committee on National Legislation Advocacy Team will meet Sunday, June 7, starting around 11:45 during and after potluck in the meeting house library. Newcomers are welcome. You can bring your potluck lunch plate with you.

FLGBTQC EATING TOGETHER AT POTLUCK Sunday, June 7

Join Atlanta's FLGBTQC (Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender – and genderqueer, nonbinary and genderfluid – Concerns) at potluck. (Look for the queer flag!) For more information about this or about FLGBTQC in general or to join the group email list or if you have questions or concerns about lgbtq+ issues, contact Nina Gooch in the office.

MACON QUAKERS IN PERSON WORSHIP Sunday, June 7, 21, July 5, 19, August 2, 16, etc

The Macon Worship Group, which is under the care of Atlanta Friends Meeting, meets 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.

VIRTUAL DOCUMENTARY NIGHT: UNIDAD: GAY & LESBIAN LATINOS UNIDOS June 7

Special Virtual Documentary Night on Sunday, June 7 from 7 to 9 pm in honor of Pride Month. Gay and Lesbian Latinos Unidos (GLLU) was founded in 1981, just as HIV/AIDS began to ravage LGBTQ communities. GLLU was the Los Angeles area's first major Queer Latin@ organization, and the film chronicles events at a pivotal time in the history of LGBTQ equality, women's rights, and civil rights movements that shaped the destinies of GLLU's communities. Gregorio Davila (Director, Writer) and Louis Jacinto (Artist, GLLU Photographer) will be present for a special guest Q&A. Watch this documentary ahead of time for free at <https://www.pbs.org/video/unidad-gay-lesbian-latinos-unidos-ylkvur/> and RSVP in advance for the online discussion at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/special-virtual-documentary-night-tickets-1979952652683>. For details, contact attender Adam Hicks at 404-414-8917 or CommunityDocumentaryNight@gmail.com or visit <https://documentarynight.wordpress.com/>.

ZOOM WEDNESDAY AM MEETING FOR WORSHIP Wednesdays, June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 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, June 10, 17, 24, July 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.

REPARATIONS, REPARATIVE JUSTICE AND RIGHT RELATIONS COMMITTEE Thurs, June 11

You are invited to attend the open meetings of the committee, Reparations, Reparative Justice and Right Relations committee (RRJRR). We will meet on Thursday, June 11 at 2 pm on Zoom.

Our committee invites interested individuals and also individuals who represent a Meeting group or committee to join us.

<https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/5171998073?pwd=b1YUHVPczRVMos5VmVoMmhwekE1dz09&omn=86093423221>

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Passcode: CronMeet

IN PERSON DOCUMENTARY NIGHT: DAUGHTERS OF DOLMA Friday, June 12

In-Person Documentary Night on Friday, June 12 from 6:45 to 10 pm. This feature-length film takes viewers on a journey revealing a distinctively female experience of Tibetan Buddhism in the Kathmandu Valley, bringing to the screen not just Buddhist spirituality and qualities like compassion and kindness, but Tibetan Buddhist nuns as full individuals beyond their monastic vows and religious practices. You can watch the trailer at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rFBsNOTXEIg>. The event will be held in the sanctuary at Northwest Unitarian Universalist Congregation (NWUUC), 1025 Mount Vernon Hwy, Sandy Springs, GA 30327. The film will start PROMPTLY at 7:10 pm with discussion to follow. RSVP in advance at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-person-documentary-night-tickets-1989142449613>. For more details, visit <https://documentarynight.wordpress.com/>.

LOVE AS ACTION: PUBLIC WORSHIP Saturday, June 13

Join the American Friends Service Committee and Atlanta area Friends to bear witness and show resistance to the authoritarian actions in our country. On Saturday, June 13 at 2 pm we will gather at the entrance of Freedom Park (Moreland Ave and Freedom Pkwy) for one hour of silent public worship. We'll have some signs to share and you're welcome to make your own. Join the American Friends Service Committee and Atlanta area Friends to bear witness and show resistance to the authoritarian actions in our country. On Saturday, May 16 at 2 pm we will gather at the entrance of Freedom Park (Moreland Ave and Freedom Pkwy) for one hour of silent public worship. Register and find resources at afsc.org/love-action.

BLOOMSDAY SCREENING OF 100 YEARS OF ULYSSES PLUS PLAY BY SANDRA HUGHES June 16

Details of free film screening and play announced after meeting for worship on May 31. On June 16 at 5:30 pm at the Irish Consulate of Atlanta. An excerpt from Sandra's new play, *24 Grievances*, is being performed along with the documentary about the novel Ulysses. Location: Location: 3414 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, GA 30326. Free, but register at https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/bloomsday-screening-of-100-years-of-ulysses-tickets-1990117980452?aff=eivtefrnd&utm_source=listing_android.

FGC 2026 GATHERING July 7 to 12 (registration deadline is June 19)

Friends General Conference (FGC) is a nation-wide umbrella organization for yearly meetings (like SAYMA) and monthly meetings (like AFM), mostly unprogrammed (like AFM). The theme of FGC's 2026 Gathering, held July 7 to 12 at the University of Vermont in Burlington, will be *A Window and a Door: A Prayer*. Join Friends from across North America for a family-friendly week of spiritual refreshment. Daily worship, workshops, youth programs, and plenaries --and plenty of time to connect with Friends. Registration thru June 19. (Registration for children and youth closed June 1.)

Information: www.fgcquaker.org/fgcprograms/the-gathering. Financial aid and work grants available from FGC, plus reduced fees for young adults.

There are AFM scholarships available, with full scholarships set aside for Young Adult Friends (ages 18 to 35). Contact Ministry and Worship Committee for scholarship info.

NO MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS IN JUNE

We encourage people to attend SAYMA Annual Sessions and Retreat instead, either in person or virtually (see details above). Our next meeting for Worship with Attention to Business will be July 19.

PENDLE HILL WORKSHOP FOR YOUNG ADULTS: CONTINUING REVOLUTION June 26 to 28

Hybrid workshop (on site at Friends Center in Philadelphia and Online): June 26 to 28. A weekend workshop for young adults (18 to 35) to connect, learn skills for community resistance, and deepen their personal spiritual practices. Pendle Hill offers this workshop in collaboration with Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, American Friends Service Committee, and Friends Committee on National Legislation. Registration and info: <https://pendlehill.org/calendar/continuing-revolution/>. AFM offers full scholarships to Young Adult Friends to workshops and events like this in the wider Quaker world. For scholarship info, please contact Folami Adams, Clerk of Ministry & Worship, at drfolami@me.com; 404.593.6548.

SHARI FRADENBURGH MEMORIAL IN PIMA, ARIZONA Saturday, June 27

Pima Meeting will hold a memorial for Shari Fradenburgh on Saturday June 27th at 10 am our time and 1 pm their time. The memorial will be hybrid, and a link will be sent out prior to the memorial. Shari and her husband, Joe Taylor, were members of Atlanta Meeting for a number of years. They often hosted group sings for AFM at their home which many members enjoyed.

VOTING RIGHTS HYBRID FORUM WITH HELEN BUTLER Sunday, June 28

Join us on June 28, 11:45 to 1:30 pm ET for a hybrid forum on voting rights with Helen Butler, Executive Director of the Georgia Coalition for the Peoples' Agenda, founded by Rev. Joseph E. Lowery. Learn about challenges to voting in Georgia, redistricting, and voter suppression. Find out what you can do to support voter turnout and other ways to ensure a fair election. You'll have an opportunity for Q & A and to check your voting status. We'll also share other opportunities such as non-partisan voter registration sign making. The Social Concerns Committee and Quakers for Racial Equality encourage you to invite others in the wider community to come to the forum in person or join via AFM Zoom link. Everyone is welcome! Snacks provided. For more info, Susan Firestone, susanfires@gmail.com

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89686276751?pwd=M29EYlFWEhSQUtZRVVPa1FFYmVDQTOg>.

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AUSTIN WATTLES MEMORIAL Saturday, July 25

A memorial for member Austin Wattles will be held Saturday, July 25 at 2 pm. Austin died May 15.

SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT AT FERGUSON CABINS August 7 to 9

The annual Men's Retreat will be held this year at the Ferguson Cabins on August 7-9, 2026. Please save the date. More details to follow or see Bert Skellie.

(REGISTRATION NOW OPEN) 2026 AFM GATHERED MEETING RETREAT September 4 to 6

Friends are invited to join us for the 2026 Gathered Meeting Retreat, taking place over Labor Day weekend, September 4 to 6, at the Atlanta Friends Meeting meetinghouse. This year's retreat will gather Friends of all ages for a weekend of worship, community, and shared exploration around the theme of slowing down. Programming will include intergenerational interest groups, worship sharing, and a Saturday evening talent show. Childcare will be provided for children under 7. Registration is now open. We encourage Friends to register early — Labor Day weekend fills up quickly, and early registration helps the committee plan well. We ask that Friends who plan to attend register by August 1. (Registering before August will be enormous help to the planning and preparations process!) The suggested cost is \$25 per person, on a "Pay as Led" basis — we want everyone who wishes to attend to be able to do so. To register, please visit:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe5ZZjLLlu8CVulozYFu6ZuZq4xCdxUoPp8pdto4pongiWb5g/viewform>. Questions may be directed to Charles Hicks at mrcharleshicks@gmail.com.

~*~*~*~ **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS** ~*~*~*~

SAYMA's FAITH AND PRACTICE AVAILABLE IN BOOK FORM AND ONLINE

If you'd like more information about our yearly meeting, Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association (SAYMA), SAYMA's 2021 *Faith and Practice* is available in printed form at the meetinghouse in the literature rack by the front door. Donations of \$5 towards the cost of the book are welcome, just drop in the contribution slot or add to your next donation. You can also order online (cost of \$5.00) at <https://tinyurl.com/ywfy4s6n> or download a free pdf at https://www.sayma.org/online_documents.htm.

APARTMENT AVAILABLE IN EAST LAKE COMMONS

Small apartment available in a home at East Lake Commons, feet from the pond, private entrance. If interested, please e-mail: janetwuichet@gmail.com

MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS AVAILABLE

June's newsletter is available 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. Recent printed newsletters can also be found at the meetinghouse near the front door.

TO SIGN UP TO HELP ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

We invite your help in making worship and fellowship possible on Sundays as well as creating a space or our youngest Friends to learn about Quakerism and to become a part of the Meeting. We just need nine people each Sunday (twelve for potluck Sundays). If everyone who could, helped once every month or two, that would be plenty of volunteers.

<https://tinyurl.com/afmvolunteerguide> has information about the various ways you can help.

- You can sign up online at <http://tinyurl.com/afmvolunteers>
- You can sign up at the meetinghouse. Look for the sign in sheet on the greeting table by the front door or sign up as the volunteer sign up sheet is passed during announcements after meeting for worship.
- You can call or email the Office Coordinator at atlantaquakers@gmail.com or 404-377-2474.
- You can sign up to greet or help in First Day S

GETTING HELP THROUGH THE AFM ASSISTANCE FUND

The Care & Counsel Committee maintains an Assistance Fund for Members and Attenders for providing temporary assistance with financial emergencies. If you have a financial need, don't hesitate to ask. The information about the process and an application form are on the Atlanta Friends Meeting website in the Care and Counsel Committee section. https://atlantaquakers.org/wp-content/uploads/20200619-CC_Assistance_Fund_Guidelines.pdf has a description of the fund and instructions on how to apply: You can download the application form, found at atlantaquakers.org/wp-content/uploads/Assistance_Fund_Request_Form_2020_update.pdf, and fill it out, or you can email the information to the Clerk of Care & Counsel at afm.care.counsel@gmail.com. You can get a paper version of the form from Nina in the office.

HOW TO HELP OTHERS THRU THE AFM ASSISTANCE FUND

Would you like to help others through the AFM Assistance Fund? You can donate by check or online.

Check: Make the check payable to Atlanta Friends Meeting and write "Assistance Fund" on the "memo" line. You can mail it to the meetinghouse address: 701 W. Howard Ave. Decatur, GA 30030 or drop it in the Contributions slot in the greeting room at the meetinghouse.

Online: Go to the Atlanta Friends Meeting website to the <https://atlantaquakers.org/contact-donate/> page and click on the Donate button to donate through PayPal or a credit card. Under Special Instructions, say your donation is for the Assistance fund OR send an email to the bookkeeper at afmbookkeeper1@gmail.com.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SUPPLIES AT THE MEETINGHOUSE

Across from the office is a small First Aid Kit and a Defibrillator with instructions. As always, in case of a serious medical emergency, call 9-1-1. Video instructions on using the defibrillator at <https://tinyurl.com/defib-instr>. However, it is designed to talk you thru the process.