

Atlanta Friends Meeting Announcement Sheet

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Query for Seventh Month

In what ways do you contribute to the life of your monthly meeting and / or the worldwide Quaker movement?

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") on the table 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

Folami Adams & family, Diane Green, David Small

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Thanks to Last First Day's Volunteers at the Meetinghouse

Courtenay Dusenbury, John Michael, George Dusenbury, Henry Slack, Alison Mawle, Andrew Gaskins, Nina Gooch, Sue May, Eric Glenn, Karen Skellie, and Sam Hine. *Also thanks to our guest Elementary First Day School teachers Elizabeth Valera and Mary Ann Downey of Ministry & Worship.*

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 a paper sign-up sheet at the meeting house on the table by the front door. <https://tinyurl.com/afmvolunteerguide2023> has information about each of these opportunities to help make Sunday worship and First Day School run smoothly.

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Funding our Work

Contributions throughout the year, and 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/> (new link as of February). 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.

Regular Office 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 404-377-2474 or atlantaquakers@gmail.com.*

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

On Sundays, we worship in person combined with Zoom worship. Please pick the option that is best for you. First Day School, Adult First Day School and nursery care for children under three are in person at the Meetinghouse. Zoom links below.

Masks are optional at the meetinghouse, but if you test positive for COVID or are ill for any reason, please do not come to the meetinghouse. Instead join us for worship and other events via Zoom. The CDC tracks COVID numbers at https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#maps_new-admissions-rate-county, with a link to trends over time further down the page.

MEETING FOR WORSHIP

10 a.m. Sundays, combined in person and Zoom

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89686276751?pwd=M29EYlIFWEhSQUtZRVVPalFFYmVDQTo9>

Meeting ID: 896 8627 6751

Passcode: 789456

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, 678-078-52120).

For info about the teen class, contact Asa Kramer-Dickie (afm.young.friends@gmail.com, 404-520-6216).

~*~*~*~ **EVENTS** ~*~*~*~

ADULT FIRST DAY SCHOOL: BOOK DISCUSSION Sundays, July 28, August 11, 18, 25, etc

In July, on the second, third and fourth Sundays of the month, Adult First Day School will be reading and discussing the book *Quaker Quicks - Practical Mystics: Quaker Faith in Action* by Jennifer Kavanagh, and in August, *Quaker Quicks - Rufus Jones and the Presence of God* by Helen Holt. All are welcome whether you have read the books or not. Contact Elizabeth Lamb for more details. Combined in person and via Zoom. Zoom details above.

QUAKERS FOR RACIAL EQUALITY Sunday, July 28

Please join Quakers for Racial Equality meeting on July 28, 1:00 ET online for sharing from SAYMA and/or FGC on topics about uprooting racism and communicating across differences. Some of us can share from SAYMA about abolishing prison slavery, listening for healing, beyond land acknowledgement, and/or racial conflict transformation. Susan Firestone, Karen Morris, and S. Bowland were all at the presentation on "Continuing the Work of Abolition" and have some materials from that. We also invite others who were at SAYMA to share from their workshops/sessions. If you were at FGC, please let us know if you would like to share from workshops related to racism or reparative justice, from the plenaries, or something else. Everyone is welcome! Listening is great! To reply with something you'd like to share or for more information, contact Susan Firestone, susanfires@gmail.com.

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89579697778?pwd=MHhHOGtlaVpqcHd2UURwcjVoMmZSUTo9>

Meeting ID: 895 7969 7778

Passcode: 440164

VIRTUAL DOCUMENTARY NIGHT: *SCHOOL'S OUT: LESSONS FROM A FOREST KINDERGARTEN* Sunday, July 28

Special Virtual Documentary Night on Sunday, July 28 from 7 to 9 pm. This event is before Back To School Month so that hopefully parents and teachers can attend before school starts. This event is in collaboration with the Environmental Education Alliance (<https://www.eealliance.org/>) and Wilderness Works (<https://wildernessworks.org/>). *School's Out: Lessons From A Forest Kindergarten* follows the forest kindergarten through the seasons of one school year and looks into the important question of what it is that children need at that age. Lisa Molomot (Director, Cinematographer, Editor) and Dr. Marcy Guddemi (Expert in Early Childhood Education) will be present for a special guest Q&A! Watch the film ahead of time for free at <https://vimeo.com/753085873> and RSVP in advance for the online discussion at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/special-virtual-documentary-night-tickets-941090796907>. For more details, contact attender Adam Hicks at 404-414-8917 or CommunityDocumentaryNight@gmail.com or visit <https://documentarynight.wordpress.com/>.

MEN'S RETREAT AT FERGUSON CABINS August 2 to 4, 2024 (Sign up by July 28!)

The annual Men's Retreat ("man" is self-defined) at the Ferguson Cabins on Lake Burton in the North Georgia mountains will be Friday afternoon, August 2 through Sunday afternoon, August 4. Enjoy fishing (license required), swimming, hiking, canoeing and listening to the sound of nature. When registering, please let us know about any health conditions that we might want to help accommodate. We will charge \$10 or less per night per person to cover the \$130 cost of renting the property. Maximum attending will be about 20. We will share cooking and share the cost of food. Costs are estimated at \$4 for breakfast or lunch and \$6 for supper. There will be vegan options for meals. There will be scholarship funds available, so don't let money stop you from joining us! To sign up, please call or text Eric Glenn at (770) 744-9963 or call or email Bert Skellie at 404-680-4799 or bertskellie@gmail.com. For more details about the Ferguson cabins, go to this link: <https://atlantaquakers.org/ferguson-cabins/>

ZOOM WEDNESDAY AM MEETING FOR WORSHIP Wednesdays, July 31, August 7, 14, 21, 28, 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

FCNL ZOOM PANEL ON STUDENT ACTIVISM THEN AND NOW Wednesday, July 31

Over the past year, students have come together in new ways to advocate for peace and freedom in Palestine. Now is a time to learn from the past and plan the future. Join Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) in DC or online via Zoom on July 31 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. ET for their "Students Uniting Then & Now" panel to discuss student activism at colleges and universities. This event will feature a panel of leaders from past and present movements, including the anti-apartheid movement, the Vietnam era anti-war movement, the Palestinian liberation movement, and the current movement for a ceasefire and divestment of U.S. support for the war in Gaza. Details and RSVP at <https://act.fcnl.org/survey/students-uniting-FP/>.

IN-PERSON MIDWEEK EVENING WORSHIP Wednesdays, July 31, August 7, 14, 21, 28, 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.

ZOOM WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP WITH MACON WORSHIP GROUP Wed, July 31, etc

The Macon Worship Group, which is under the care of Atlanta Friends Meeting, worships on every Wednesday at 7:00 pm via Zoom. They invite us to join them! For more information, contact maconquakers@gmail.com or Bill Holland or Mary Ann Downey.

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/85017745787?pwd=RUQ3OGJPenMrYktXemIxL1d2R3Q2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 850 1774 5787

Passcode: 22Light

ATLANTA'S GATHERED MEETING RETREAT IN PERSON Sept 6 to 8 (register by Thurs, August 1)

AFM will have an in person Gathered Meeting Retreat this year at Lutheranch Retreat Center, Tallapoosa, GA, with Christina Repoley, AFM member and founder of Quaker Voluntary Service, as Facilitator. The theme will be: *The Story of Me, The Story of Us, the Story of Now*. The program will focus on community building, with opportunities to reflect on your own story, the story of the meeting, and our dreams for the future of our AFM community. The facility is spacious with accessibility needs and dietary concerns accommodated. Free time is built into the program so you can explore the beautiful grounds. Families are welcome and there will be a separate children's program. Registration is open now and goes through August 1st. To register, fill out the form and email an electronic copy to atlantaquakers@gmail.com or put a paper copy in the locked, black box on the greeting table (include your check if writing a check). Copies of the form are available online at <https://tinyurl.com/57vxneur>, and paper copies are available at the meeting house. You can submit payment through check or online at <https://atlantaquakers.org/contact-donate/>, noting "Gathered Meeting Retreat" on the memo line of the check or under Special Instructions online. Scholarships available (full scholarships available for those 18 to 35 and partial scholarships for everyone else). For more information contact Lisa Magee (lisammagee@gmail.com) or Mary Ann Downey (madowney@mindspring.com).

BOOKS BY AND ABOUT PEOPLE OF COLOR Thursday, August 1

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 August 1, the group will be discussing *Beyond the Door of No Return* by David Diop. For questions or the Zoom link, contact Susan Cole (cole2544@bellsouth.net). For a list of upcoming books, see the newsletter at <https://atlantaquakers.org/newsletter/>.

MACON QUAKERS IN PERSON WORSHIP AND YOUTH FELLOWSHIP Saturday, August 3

The Macon Worship Group, which is under the care of Atlanta Friends Meeting, is now meeting in person for worship every first Saturday at 2 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. This in-person worship is in addition to the continuing Wednesday evening worship via Zoom. (See details on Wednesday evening above.)

All youth--especially tweens and teens--are invited to a time of after-worship fellowship at Divis Educational Services, just down the road from Centenary UMC in Macon. The address is 1125 Walnut Street, Macon, GA 31201. Time is roughly 4-6 P.M. Light snacks, board and card games, and art supplies--including some jewelry-making items--will be available! We hope to provide similar, regular opportunities in coming months for youth to get to know one another and enjoy being in community. All are welcome, including those from Atlanta Friends and those brand new to the Macon Quaker community.

SPIRITUAL JOURNEY IN ADULT FIRST DAY SCHOOL Sunday, August 4

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 August 4, Lisa Magee will share her Spiritual Journey. (If you'd like to find out more about sharing your own Spiritual Journey, contact Mary Ann Downey.)

FIRST SUNDAY POTLUCK Sunday, August 4

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 and FLGBTQC (Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Concerns) will meet during potluck this Sunday. (More details for both below.)

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

GREEN FRIENDS Sunday, August 4

Green Friends will meet Sunday, June 2, 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 them.

<https://citizensclimate.zoom.us/j/93713127848?pwd=UjRxZUJNWVdhNkgIck9TUGRwZStuQTog>

Meeting ID: 937 1312 7848

Passcode: 123

FLGBTQC Sunday, August 4

Join Atlanta's FLGBTQC (Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender – and genderqueer, nonbinary and genderfluid – Concerns) at potluck as usual. (Look for the queer flag!)

Since the first Sunday of the month is also the fourth of the month, we'll segue into our monthly game night, or in this case, afternoon, held on the fourth of each month. We encourage you to 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 its your first time playing it) be willing to learn it along with the rest of us.) For more information about FLGBTQC or this event, contact Derek Harootune Otis or Nina Gooch. To join the group email list, contact Nina Gooch in the office.

VIRTUAL DOCUMENTARY NIGHT: *ATTUCKS: THE SCHOOL THAT OPENED A CITY* Sun, Aug 4
Virtual Documentary Night on Sunday, August 4 from 7 to 9 pm in honor of Back to School Month to discuss *Attucks: The School That Opened a City*. Built while the Ku Klux Klan ran Indiana, Crispus Attucks High School was designed to fail. Instead, for more than 40 years, the students who came of age within the brick walls of Attucks overcame a system designed to belittle them. Watch the film ahead of time for free at https://youtu.be/no3aHV2-28U?si=MhBncHfnA2G_lvYH and RSVP in advance for the online discussion at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/virtual-documentary-night-tickets-943229864917>. For more details, contact attender Adam Hicks at 404-414-8917 or CommunityDocumentaryNight@gmail.com or visit <https://documentarynight.wordpress.com/>.

FGC MONTHLY VIRTUAL WORSHIP FOR NEWCOMERS Mondays, August 5

Are you a newcomer or seeker interested in worshiping with Friends? Do you have questions about what happens in the Silence? Join Friends General Conference's (FGC 's) Spiritual Deepening for **monthly** worship and reflection about this unique spiritual practice on the second Monday of the month! 8 pm to 9 pm Eastern this month. This program is free, simply register to access the zoom link at <https://www.fgcquaker.org/event/newcomers-worship/>.

COMMITTEE ON UNDOING RACISM IN AFM Tuesday, August 6

The Committee on Undoing Racism in Atlanta Friends Meeting (CURAFM) will have their regular first Tuesday Zoom meeting on August 6 at 7:30 pm ET. Everyone is welcome! Tentative agenda topics include next steps about community building restorative circle practice at AFM. For more info, or if you have a question or comment between meetings, please contact Lissa Place (lissaplace@yahoo.com or 678-793-9260) or Susan Firestone (susanfires@gmail.com or 404-268-6480). <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/88572920986?pwd=QoFHcoJzb3YoRmpTZk5FdnAxaCtHUT09> (recurring link) Meeting ID: 885 7292 0986 Passcode: 238191

HIROSHIMA DAY VIGIL Tuesday, August 8

Our Atlanta Advocacy Team, a program of the Friends Committee on National Legislation, will host a vigil to mark Hiroshima Day from 8 to 9 am on Tuesday, August 6. We'll gather in silent worship outside the Meetinghouse on the sidewalk by Howard Avenue, marking this tragic onset of the nuclear arms race and remembering the horror of the toll on civilians of the bombing that day and soon after, on Nagasaki. All are welcome to witness with us. If you have questions, please contact Sue May (susanmay1@icloud.com) or Bill Holland (wwholland@mindspring.com).

IN PERSON DOCUMENTARY NIGHT: *THE GREAT HACK* Friday, August 9

In-Person Documentary Night on Friday, July 12 from 6:45 to 10 pm on Friday, July 12th from 6:45 to 10 pm. *The Great Hack* explores how a data company named Cambridge Analytica came to symbolize the dark side of social media in the wake of the 2016 U.S. presidential election. The trailer can be found at <https://youtu.be/iX8GxLP1FH0?si=pLXpqs8-L3jOWkAo>. The event will be held in the Northwest Unitarian Universalist Congregation (NWUUC) Sanctuary, 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-946978527267>. Feel free to bring your dinner! Decaf and caffeinated tea will be provided. We will be having potluck style food and snacks! For more details, visit <https://documentarynight.wordpress.com/> or contact attender Adam Hicks at 404-414-8917 or CommunityDocumentaryNight@gmail.com.

SEWING CIRCLE Saturday, August 10

Join us for a Sewing Circle, meeting in the library, on Saturday, August 10 at 3 pm. All art/craft mediums (that are easily cleanable!!) welcome as we create deeper community around shared interests. For more information, see Lisa Magee, lisammagee@gmail.com.

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

RECORDING OF FORUM ON HOLDING IN THE LIGHT

If you missed the June 30 forum on holding in the light, you can listen to it at <https://tinyurl.com/5yupryua>.

QUAKERS FOR RACIAL EQUALITY VIRTUAL LITERATURE TABLE for July 28

This week's virtual literature table includes information about a recent book by Kimberlee Yolanda Williams, *White Woman, Please Come Home*; about the Atlanta Quilting Festival focusing on quilts by and about African Americans; and about SAYMA's Racial Conflict Transformation program.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ihb67rPqZkmEJtJeSOSQgLXZNfdUfBWm/view?usp=sharing>

MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS AVAILABLE

July's newsletter is available at <https://atlantaquakers.org/newsletter/> along with newsletters going back to 2008, and August's will be available soon. 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.

PERSONAL ASSISTANT NEEDED

Don and Judy Bender are seeking a personal assistant to provide limited support, including some meal preparation, cleaning and other tasks as needed. A salary would be provided. In addition accommodations can be provided, including a large bedroom and separate bathroom. The bedroom allows for some independence, including an apartment frig, table, sitting area with t.v. and desk. Required tasks permit time for other work or study. The home is in Candler Park, three blocks from the MARTA station and a shared car will be available for use as needed. djbender76@gmail.com

HOW TO HELP CASA ALTERNA WITH GROCERIES

The sign-up sheet to volunteer to purchase groceries and other needed items for Casa Alterna guests for July thru September can be found at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10Co84FA5A72DAAFBC16-50040530-grocery#/. Your support of this work is making a huge impact on the lives of asylum seekers as they find their way in a new country, and your help is greatly appreciated. Visit the Casa Alterna website at <https://casaalterna.org/> for more updates.

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 for our youngest Friends to learn about Quakerism and to become a part of the Meeting. *With regular First Day School starting again on August 4, we need three people to help in First Day School and the Nursery each Sunday. This is a wonderful chance to get to know our youngest Friends.*

<https://tinyurl.com/afmvolunteerguide2023> 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 School (etc!) on the same Sunday each month. Just let the Office Coordinator know.

PLEASE CHECK LOST & FOUND (INCLUDING POTLUCK CONTAINERS)

Please check the Lost and Found box near the front door to see if anything is yours. It's beginning to get full again. If you've lost jewelry, keys or other small, valuable items, please check with Nina in the office. For leftover containers of any kind from potluck / coffee hour, try the kitchen drawer labeled *Plastic Containers* or the counter top in the kitchen..

LINK TO LIST OF LOCAL BUSINESSES OWNED BY BLACK ENTREPRENEURS

In the belief that gathering knowledge is not enough to undo centuries of systemic racism and that anti-racist work must include actions to address material inequalities resulting from systemic and institutional racism, an ad hoc group of members of Quakers for Racial Equality committee, with input from Friends of Color, has updated Meeting's list of local businesses owned by Black entrepreneurs (<https://tinyurl.com/yc6fpbrd>). We encourage members of meeting to support these businesses as well as efforts to provide reparations to all those harmed by the egregious injustices of slavery and its aftermath. If you have additional suggestions for this list, please contact Cathy Amanti (cbamanti@gmail.com).