

# Atlanta Friends Meeting Announcement Sheet

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## Query for Ninth Month

What are we doing as individuals and as a meeting to encourage the use of members' and attenders' gifts?

*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

Georgia Lord's niece; Diane Green; Connor McMahon; Noel Thornton; Alicia Jacobs' sister

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## Thanks to Last First Day's Volunteers at the Meetinghouse

Bill Hooson, Teri Key-Hooson, Aaron Ruscetta, Flannery Williams, Nina Gooch, Jennifer Crumpley

*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 and to create a welcoming space for our youngest Friends.*

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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](mailto:atlantaquakers@gmail.com).

**Office Hours the next two weeks:** Monday thru Tuesday, Sept 30 & Oct 1, at least 10 am to 1 pm. From October 2 to 10, the Office Coordinator will be traveling and working remotely. She will be available via phone and email.

~\*~\*~\*~ **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 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. The CDC tracks COVID numbers at [https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#maps\\_new-admissions-rate-county](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](mailto:afm.young.friends@gmail.com), 404-520-6216).

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

### SEWING CIRCLE Saturday, September 28

Join us for a Sewing Circle, meeting in the library, on Saturday, September 28 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](mailto:lisammagee@gmail.com).

### WORSHIP SHARING ON QUERY IN ADULT FIRST DAY SCHOOL Sunday, September 29

On the fifth Sunday of each month, Adult First Day School will consider a query using worship sharing. Time 9:00 am. For more information on worship sharing, see

[https://friendsgc.wpenginepowered.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Worship-Sharing-Guidelines\\_1.pdf](https://friendsgc.wpenginepowered.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Worship-Sharing-Guidelines_1.pdf).

Combined in-person and Zoom. Zoom details above.

### INTER-GENERATIONAL WORSHIP Sunday, September 29

Each fifth Sunday, Ministry & Worship and Religious Education invite all of us to worship together in the big meeting room. Nursery care will be available for our youngest children, but there will be no regular First Day School so that we may have the opportunity to all worship together. Parents, it's okay if your child fidgets or whispers a bit. Adults may look still, but our minds often fidget.

### INVITATION TO A DEEPER COMMITMENT: FORUM ON THE MEANING AND PROCESS OF MEMBERSHIP IN ATLANTA FRIENDS MEETING. Sunday, September 29

Ministry and Worship Committee will hold a hybrid forum on membership after meeting for worship on Sunday, September 29 at 11:45 AM, using the link for meeting for worship. All are invited and encouraged to attend, and this forum is appropriate for all: current members, active attenders and Quaker curious. Quakerism is a spiritual path grounded in the integrity of direct experience. Atlanta Friends Meeting is a community committed to this path. You become a member of the society of friends by joining a particular meeting. This joining reflects an experience and is a two part process. First, you are asserting an identity and making a commitment to the community. Second, the community makes a commitment to you to accompany you on the spiritual journey providing you with opportunities to deepen your life.

We will explore what it means to make a commitment to membership. There will be a period of worship sharing on the query: *What brings me to meeting and keeps me coming back?* Then current members will share their experiences, addressing the questions: *What led you to request membership? What was the process like for you? What does membership mean to you?* We will also review the membership process and answer questions.

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

Meeting ID: 896 8627 6751

Passcode: 789456

## ***BAD FAITH: CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM'S UNHOLY WAR ON DEMOCRACY***

### **FILM SCREENING Sunday, September 29**

A free screening of the acclaimed documentary *Bad Faith: Christian Nationalism's Unholy War on Democracy* will be held at Oakhurst Baptist Church in Decatur on Sunday, September 29, at 4 pm. Celebrated as one of the ten best movies of 2024 by *Variety* magazine, *Bad Faith* reveals how Christian Nationalist leaders have spread fear and anger for decades, distorting political issues into Biblical battles between good and evil. Discover the origins of this organized grasp for power – and learn about the grassroots coalition of secular and interfaith leaders bravely confronting the unholy forces threatening democracy. A brief discussion after the film will offer opportunities to address issues such as what citizens can do to challenge Christian Nationalism and how we can build communities that support democracy and honor the separation of church and state ingrained in the First Amendment. Oakhurst Baptist Church, 222 East Lake Drive, 30030, is at the corner of East Lake Drive and Third Avenue. Access the small parking lot behind the church from Third Avenue. Please reserve this lot for people with limited mobility. On-street parking is available on Third Avenue, Hood Circle, and East Lake Drive.

### **SAYMA RACIAL CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION COHORT 3 register by Monday, September 30**

The Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association (SAYMA) Racial Conflict Transformation Team extends a heartfelt invitation to YOU to participate in Cohort 3 of the SAYMA Racial Conflict Transformation Program. Support for the creation of this program was minuted by SAYMA in 2022. The SAYMA Racial Conflict Transformation program is a unique opportunity to engage in meaningful discussions and transformative experiences aimed at addressing racial conflict, and expanding our institutional capacity to hold space for uncomfortable conversations about race and racism in Quakerism. To secure your place in Cohort 3, register by September 30 at [https://qfreeaccountssjci.azi.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_868HNz9FxDY6jMa](https://qfreeaccountssjci.azi.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_868HNz9FxDY6jMa). If cost is an issue, please contact Alison Mawle before registering. More information in the September newsletter or at [www.sayma.org](http://www.sayma.org).

### **COMMITTEE ON UNDOING RACISM IN AFM Tuesday, October 1**

The Committee on Undoing Racism in Atlanta Friends Meeting (CURAFM) will have their regular first Tuesday Zoom meeting on October 1 at 7:30 pm ET. Everyone is welcome! Tentative agenda topics include approving statement of purpose and next steps about restorative circle trainings in November and next year. 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://us02web.zoom.us/j/88572920986?pwd=QoFHcoJzb3YoRmpTZk5FdNAXaCtHUTo9> (recurring link)

Meeting ID: 885 7292 0986

Passcode: 238191

### **MAKING QUEER HISTORY: LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS October 1 to October 27**

American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) is co-sponsoring the Making Queer Quaker History event series through Beacon Hill Friends House with Brian Blackmore, AFSC's Director of Quaker Engagement. The goal of the series of lectures and workshops is to share the often-untold stories of Quakers' influence and involvement in the project of gay liberation during the mid-twentieth century. Available on Zoom throughout September and October. Tickets for all events are available on a pay-as-led/sliding scale. Learn more and register at <https://bhfh.org/making-queer-quaker-history/>.

### **ZOOM WEDNESDAY AM MEETING FOR WORSHIP Wednesdays, September 25, October 2, 9, 16, 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, September 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 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](mailto:azinnes@gmail.com) and Clive Gordon, [cmgord28@gmail.com](mailto:cmgord28@gmail.com).

### **BOOKS BY AND ABOUT PEOPLE OF COLOR Thursday, October 3**

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 October 3, the group will be reading and discussing the non-fiction book *Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America 1619-2019*. The Quakers for Racial Equality literature "table" from August 25 included an introduction to the book: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CE3agKx\\_IZHv6dkcFTC\\_PS\\_ie4EeuVgYXsLKqs6QCBs/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CE3agKx_IZHv6dkcFTC_PS_ie4EeuVgYXsLKqs6QCBs/edit?usp=sharing). For questions or the Zoom link, contact Susan Cole at [cole2544@bellsouth.net](mailto:cole2544@bellsouth.net). For a list of upcoming books, see the newsletter at <https://atlantaquakers.org/newsletter/>.

### **FLGBTQC BOARD GAME NIGHT Friday, October 4**

AFM's local FLGBTQC group will be holding their monthly game night on Tuesday, June 4 at 6:30 pm. We will be in the Nursery this month! You (and all your friends) are invited for conversation, games and potluck-style food! Allies welcome. 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 it's your first time playing it) be willing to learn it along with the rest of us.) For more information, contact Nina Gooch or Derek Harootune Otis.

### **SAYMA FALL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING Saturday, October 5**

Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association (SAYMA) will hold their Fall Representative Meeting virtually on Saturday, October 5 from 9am Eastern Time (8am Central Time) until 3pm ET (2pm CT) with a break for lunch. Zoom will open 30 minutes early (8:30 am ET/7:30 am CT) for those interested in socializing. The Meeting will begin with worship at 9am. All are welcome.

To register, go to [SAYMA.org](http://SAYMA.org) or <https://forms.gle/dMWpQBXYELQr1hTG9>.

If you have questions, please reach out to Jennifer Dickie at [Clerk@SAYMA.org](mailto:Clerk@SAYMA.org)

### **BREAKFAST AND LEARNING: ZOUGHBI AL ZOUGHBI Saturday, October 5**

Oakhurst Presbyterian invites Atlanta Friends Meeting members and attenders to join them at their continental breakfast meeting on Saturday October 5. There will be food and discussion from 9:00 to 9:45 and a program of presentations and discussion from 9:45 to 11:15 in the Fellowship Hall. Address: 118 Second Ave., Decatur, GA 30030 (off East Lake Road). The speaker is Zoughbi al Zoughbi, Founder and Director of WI'AM: The Palestinian Conflict Transformation Centre in Bethlehem and a world-renowned speaker, trainer, counselor, activist, and writer who has been waging peace in war-torn West Bank, Israel since the 1990's.

### **MACON QUAKERS IN PERSON WORSHIP Saturdays, October 5 & 19, November 2 & 16**

The Macon Worship Group, which is under the care of Atlanta Friends Meeting, is now meeting in person for worship every first and third Saturdays 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. There is also a Zoom option. For more info: [maconquakers@gmail.com](mailto:maconquakers@gmail.com). (For details of Wednesday evening worship via Zoom only on the second and fourth Wednesdays, see below.)

### **SPIRITUAL JOURNEY IN ADULT FIRST DAY SCHOOL Sunday, October 6**

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 October 6, Devin Lenz will share his Spiritual Journey. (To hear Fred Knight's Spiritual Journey shared September 1, visit <https://tinyurl.com/kvcbyz5f>. 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.)

### **WORLD QUAKER DAY Sunday, October 6**

For World Quaker Day on Sunday, October 6, we have invited other nearby Quaker meetings and Atlanta Friends Service Committee to join us for worship and potluck. Because we have limited parking and we have invited guests, we especially encourage car pooling, riding a bike (bike rack in back), or taking MARTA today.

## **ABOUT STREET PARKING**

In addition to the parking places in our lot, there are 9 parking places on the street in front of the meeting house, seven between the entrances to the parking lot and two – only two – between the western driveway and Lansdowne, towards the city of Atlanta. (Unfortunately, there's no clear signage, but please park so there's a white line in front of you.) There are also six parking spots on the other side of the street, towards downtown Decatur, between the two forks of the street crossing the tracks. There may be parking spaces available on the side streets, but parking is illegal within 30 feet of Howard Avenue (or any stop sign), so people can see to make turns onto Howard. Again, there's no signage, but on Adair Street, this means parking within the white painted boxes. On other streets, it means don't park next to the white lines painted at the edge of the streets. In addition, please be a good neighbor and don't block anyone's driveway.

## **ABOUT TAKING MARTA**

The north station entrance/exit at East Lake MARTA Station onto Howard Avenue is closed thru sometime in October 2024. If the north entrance/exit hasn't re-opened yet, to get to the meetinghouse, take the south exit and continue east along College Avenue (between the station and the tracks) towards the meetinghouse (and the Wahoo sign), crossing at the official railroad crossing at Atlanta Street.

## **FIRST SUNDAY POTLUCK Sunday, October 6**

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.

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

## **ABOUT NEW INDUCTION STOVE**

We have a new energy-efficient stove with an induction stove top and a convection oven. If you plan to warm anything up on the stove top, you'll need pans that work on an induction stove. Newer pans are often induction ready and should say so on the bottom of the pan. Some older pans will also work. If a magnet will stick to the pan, then it will work. Pans used on an induction stove should also have completely flat bottom. The meeting has also replaced our pans with a set of induction ready pans.

## **VIRTUAL DOCUMENTARY NIGHT: PINK RIBBONS INC. Sunday, October 6**

Special Virtual Documentary Night on Sunday, October 6 from 7 to 9 pm in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month in collaboration with I Will Survive, Inc (<https://www.iwillsurviveinc.org/>), whose mission is to provide economic support, prevention education, and health & wellness services to those at higher risk and affected by breast cancer. *Pink Ribbons Inc* shows how the devastating reality of breast cancer, which marketing experts have labeled a “dream cause,” has been hijacked by a shiny, pink story of success. Watch the film ahead of time for free at <https://youtu.be/qVFNZNF4quo?si=eV9A25kxBPpW9SMv> and RSVP in advance for the online discussion at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/special-virtual-documentary-night-tickets-849796473127>.

## **LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE Monday, October 7**

October 7 is the last day to register to vote for the November 5 election as well as the last day to confirm your registration (please confirm your registration!) at <https://mvp.sos.ga.gov/s/>.

You can request an absentee ballot for the November election at that same link as well as find your polling place and see a sample ballot. Early voting begins October 15. For more important dates for the election, see <https://sos.ga.gov/page/election-calendar-and-events>.

## **ZOOM WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP WITH MACON WORSHIP GROUP Wed, Oct 9, 23, etc**

The Macon Worship Group, which is under the care of Atlanta Friends Meeting, worships via Zoom on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 pm. They invite us to join them! For more information, contact [maconquakers@gmail.com](mailto:maconquakers@gmail.com) or Bill Holland or Mary Ann Downey. (Macon also meets in person on the first and third Saturdays of every month. Details for this above.)

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

Meeting ID: 850 1774 5787

Passcode: 22Light

## **HOW TO LOBBY ELECTED OFFICIALS QUAKER STYLE Sunday, October 20 in Athens**

Athens Friends Meeting has invited our Atlanta Advocacy Team to present a workshop on How to Lobby elected officials, Quaker style and to learn more about FCNL (Friends Committee on National Legislation). The Comer, GA worship group is under the care of the Athens Meeting and will be invited to come, too. We invite Atlanta Friends to join the carpool to Athens on Sunday, October 20. Worship @ 10:30, Workshop @ 11:30 for an hour. Contact Sue May, 404-775-5958 or [susanmay1@icloud.com](mailto:susanmay1@icloud.com), for specifics.

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

#### **AT RISE OF MEETING, WAIT TO OPEN DOORS PLEASE**

Please wait til after announcements are over to open the meeting room doors. This way we'll be able to hear introductions, joys, and announcements more easily. (A request from Ministry & Worship.)

#### **MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS AVAILABLE**

September's newsletter is available at <https://atlantaquakers.org/newsletter/> along with newsletters going back to 2008. October's newsletter will be available there soon. 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.

#### **FURNITURE AVAILABLE FOR DONATION**

Elizabeth Winslow has items of furniture from her recent move available for donation. These include: full mattress and box springs, frame and headboard, small wooden chest of drawers, small computer desk from Office Depot, tall brown bookshelf, short wooden bookshelf, woven throw rugs and runner. Ideal for anyone setting up an apartment! Call 720-951-0113 or email: [elizabethwinslow@msn.com](mailto:elizabethwinslow@msn.com).

#### **ADVOCACY FOR GUN SENSE RESOURCES**

These national organizations have local chapters:

Georgia candidates voter guide: [gunsensevoter.org](http://gunsensevoter.org)

Every Town for Gun Safety: <http://everytown.org/>

Regulate Guns not Women: [www.regulategunsnotwomen.com](http://www.regulategunsnotwomen.com)

Brady United Against Gun Violence: [www.bradyunited.org](http://www.bradyunited.org)

*(shared by Kevin Moran)*

#### **HOSTS NEEDED FOR WELCOME DINNERS THIS FALL AND WINTER**

The Meeting has a tradition of hosting welcome potluck dinners for newcomers in one of our homes on the 18th of each month. If you would like to host a welcome dinner this summer or fall, please contact Jim Tolmach at [jimtolmach@icloud.com](mailto:jimtolmach@icloud.com) or 404-294-5194.

#### **WAYS WE HELP EACH OTHER**

If you need financial or practical help (meal delivery, errand running, transportation, etc) OR if you can help, please contact Jennifer Crumpley at 917-829-0115 or [afm.care.counsel@gmail.com](mailto:afm.care.counsel@gmail.com).

Information about the meeting's Financial Assistance Fund can also be found at

<https://atlantaquakers.org/committees/care-and-counsel/>. (Scroll down to see Support from the Care and Counsel Committee.)

#### **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 October thru December at [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10Co84FA5A72DAAFBC16-50831057-grocery#](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10Co84FA5A72DAAFBC16-50831057-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.