

# Atlanta Friends Meeting Announcement Sheet

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## Query for Twelfth Month

Do we regard our time, talents, energy, money, material possessions and other resources as gifts from God, to be held in trust and shared according to the Light we are given?

***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

Myrna Trapp's husband; Nan O'Connor's brother; Shannon McNeal

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## Thanks to our teachers for the month of November

Laura MacNorlin, Margaret Nagawa, Cathy Amanti, Arianna Rodriguez, Asa Kramer-Dickie, Betsy Eggers, Charles Hicks, Amanda Gendreau, Waman French, Dean Leeper

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

Chandler Thornton, Edee Heard, Jennifer Thompson, Bert Skellie, Peg Geronimo, Sayed El Baz, Stephanie Smith, Christine Moe, Becky Lough, Bob Place, Beth Ruddiman, Karen Skellie

*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. <https://tinyurl.com/afmvolunteerguide2024> has information about each of these opportunities to help make Sunday worship and First Day School run smoothly and to help create a welcoming space for our youngest Friends.*

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## Funding our Work

Contributions throughout 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).

*Special Note: The announcement sheets for December 22 and 29 will be combined, and the deadline will be Wednesday, December 18.*

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

## ~\*~\*~\* **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.

## **MEETING FOR WORSHIP**

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

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89686276751?pwd=M29EYlIIFWEhSQUtZRVVPalFFYmVDQTo9>

Meeting ID: 896 8627 6751

Passcode: 789456

## **SMALLER MEETING FOR WORSHIP IN THE LIBRARY**

We have returned to having a small group Meeting for Worship in the library (as of November 11) as an alternative to the larger Meeting for Worship. This will take place at the same time as our regular Meeting for Worship, but will be for those seeking a more intimate experience.

## **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](mailto: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** ~\*~\*~\*

## **SPIRITUAL JOURNEY IN ADULT FIRST DAY SCHOOL Sunday, December 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 December 1, Connor McMahon will share their 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.)

## **FIRST SUNDAY POTLUCK Sunday, December 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 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 replaced our pans with a set of induction ready pans.

## **GREEN FRIENDS Sunday, December 1**

Green Friends will meet Sunday, December 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 them.

<https://citizensclimate.zoom.us/j/93713127848?pwd=UjRxZUJNWVdhNk9Ick9TUGRwZStuQT09>

Meeting ID: 937 1312 7848

Passcode: 123

## **FLGBTQC EATING TOGETHER AT POTLUCK Sunday, December 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 fourth day of each month for food, board games and conversation. (See announcement below / above.) For more information about FLGBTQC or these event, contact Derek Harootune Otis or Nina Gooch. To join the group email list, contact Nina Gooch in the office.

### **VIRTUAL DOCUMENTARY NIGHT: *BAD FAITH* Sunday, December 1**

Virtual Documentary Night on Sunday, December 1 from 7 to 9 pm. The documentary *Bad Faith* reveals how Christian Nationalist leaders have spread fear and anger for decades, distorting political issues into Biblical battles between good and evil. Watch the film ahead of time for free at <https://tubitv.com/movies/100020971/bad-faith> and RSVP in advance for the online discussion at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/virtual-documentary-night-tickets-1094855806189>. For more details, visit <https://documentarynight.wordpress.com/> or contact attender Adam Hicks at 404-414-8917 or [CommunityDocumentaryNight@gmail.com](mailto:CommunityDocumentaryNight@gmail.com).

### **REPARATIONS, REPARATIVE JUSTICE AND RIGHT RELATIONS COMMITTEE Monday, Dec 2**

You are invited to attend the open meetings of the new committee, Reparations, Reparative Justice and Right Relations committee, RRJRR for short! We will meet on Monday, December 2 at 12:30 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=b1YUHVPczRVMos5VmVoMmhwekE1dzog&omn=84326887254>

Meeting ID: 517 199 8073

Passcode: CronesMeet

### **COMMITTEE ON UNDOING RACISM IN AFM Tuesday, December 3,**

The Committee on Undoing Racism in Atlanta Friends Meeting (CURAFM) will have our regular first Tuesday Zoom meeting on Tuesday, December 3 at 7:30 pm ET. Everyone is welcome! Tentative agenda topics include report from the November 16 Restorative Circle Training with John Lash, names to suggest to Nominating Committee for nominations for the Standing Response Group (people who have had training either through AFM or elsewhere; coordinate with Friends of Color group), follow up on brainstorming about projects for 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://uso2web.zoom.us/j/88572920986?pwd=QoFHcoJzb3YoRmpTZk5FdnAxaCtHUTog> (recurring link)

Meeting ID: 885 7292 0986

Passcode: 238191

### **ZOOM WEDNESDAY AM MEETING FOR WORSHIP Wednesdays, Dec 4, 11, 18, Jan 8, 15, 22, 29, 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

### **FLGBTQC BOARD GAME NIGHT Wednesday, December 4**

AFM's local FLGBTQC group will be holding their monthly game night on December 4 at 6:30 pm. We will be in the Nursery again 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.

### **IN-PERSON MIDWEEK EVENING WORSHIP Wednesdays, December 4, 11, 18, January 8, 15, 22, 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, December 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 December 5, the group will be reading and discussing *Daughters of the Dust* by Julie Dash. For questions or the Zoom link, contact Susan Cole at [cole2544@bellsouth.net](mailto:cole2544@bellsouth.net).

### **OUT OF OUR HANDS: HOLIDAY ART & CRAFT SALE Friday & Saturday, December 6 & 7**

This group of local artists / artisans returns for the third year in a row on Friday from noon to 5 pm and Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm. There will also be handcrafts from Ghana, with the proceeds from these going to the organization *Children Inspiring Hope*. (See flyer on bulletin board.)

**GUN SURRENDER EVENT: VOLUNTEERS WELCOME Saturday, December 7**

Oakhurst Presbyterian Church will host a gun safe surrender event on Saturday, December 7, 2024, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the church parking lot at 118 Second Avenue, Decatur (enter parking from East Lake Drive). They are holding this event because they are concerned about the high level of gun violence in our State and across the country. Anyone can bring unwanted and unloaded guns to be dismantled and made into garden tools. (Ammunition is not accepted.) The Social Concerns Committee is a co-sponsor. If you'd like to volunteer to help on December 7, contact Mary Smarr at [mhsmarr@gmail.com](mailto:mhsmarr@gmail.com). There will be a meeting with all volunteers on Tuesday, December 3, 6:30 pm on zoom, but they will also be available to work with anyone who cannot participate on December 3. More details will be in the December newsletter.

**MACON QUAKERS IN PERSON WORSHIP Saturdays, December 7, 21, January 4, 18, 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 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.)

**ADULT FIRST DAY SCHOOL: BOOK DISCUSSION Sundays, December 8, 15, 22, etc**

On the second, third and fourth Sundays of the month, those in Adult First Day School read and discuss a book. Next book will be *The Depth of Our Belonging: Mysticism, Physics and Healing* by Mary Coelho or *Quakers and Science* by Helen Holt. All are welcome whether you have read the books or not. Contact Elizabeth Lamb or Bill Holland for more details. Combined in person and via Zoom. Zoom details above.

**AFM ART SHOW to be hung Sunday, December 8**

We are planning to have another group art show at AFM in December and hope you will want to participate. The show will be hung after meeting on Sunday, December 8. If you are unable to be there on the 8th, you can also leave your artwork in the Library December 1 to 7. Please provide the following information for each piece: Name, title, media, and if it is for sale. If you know of more folks who might like to participate, please encourage them to get in touch. We will look forward to seeing all the beautiful work! Please let us know if you have questions: Carol Gray, [chezgray@mindspring.com](mailto:chezgray@mindspring.com); Ron Nuse, [ronnuse@gmail.com](mailto:ronnuse@gmail.com); Mary Bartlett, [marybart12@gmail.com](mailto:marybart12@gmail.com). If you need to drop your work off before December 8, please contact Nina in the office.

**VIRTUAL DOCUMENTARY NIGHT: VOICES ACROSS THE DIVIDE Sunday, December 8**

Special Virtual Documentary Night in late honor of National Human Rights Month on Sunday, December 8 from 7 to 9 pm. This event is in collaboration with the Jewish Voice For Peace - Atlanta Chapter (<https://www.instagram.com/jvp.atlanta/>). *Voices Across The Divide* is a powerful documentary and oral history project exploring the Israeli/Palestinian conflict through rarely heard personal stories. Alice Rothchild (Physician, Author, Activist, Filmmaker) will be joining present for a special guest Q&A! Watch the film ahead of time for free at <https://vimeo.com/73860850> and RSVP in advance for the online discussion at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/special-virtual-documentary-night-tickets-877006258327>. For more details, visit <https://documentarynight.wordpress.com/> or contact attendee Adam Hicks at 404-414-8917 or [CommunityDocumentaryNight@gmail.com](mailto:CommunityDocumentaryNight@gmail.com).

**AFSC & FCNL: KNOW YOUR RIGHTS & DEPORTATION DEFENSE WORKSHOP Tuesday, Dec 10**

Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) and American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) invite Friends to join them on Human Rights Day, December 10, at 4:30 p.m. ET, as we team up with the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) to hold a know-your-rights and deportation defense workshop. We will work to ensure communities have systems and resources to prepare for President-elect Trump's mass deportation and detention agenda. A time for relentless advocacy is ahead, but we also hope to support communities with pressing and immediate needs. Register at [https://act.fcnl.org/survey/kyr-deportation-defense-12\\_10/](https://act.fcnl.org/survey/kyr-deportation-defense-12_10/) by the end of day on December 9.

**ZOOM WED EVENING WORSHIP WITH MACON WORSHIP GROUP** Wed, Dec 11, Jan 8, 22, 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://us02web.zoom.us/j/85017745787?pwd=RUQ3OGJPenMrYktXemIxL1d2R3Q2Zz09>  
Meeting ID: 850 1774 5787  
Passcode: 22Light

**IN PERSON DOCUMENTARY NIGHT: ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE** Friday, December 13  
In-Person Documentary Night on Friday, December 13 from 6:45 to 10 pm. In *All Power To The People: The Black Panther Party and Beyond*, filmmaker Lee Lew-Lee examines the history of the Black Panther Party and alleged plots that led to its downfall. Unfortunately there is no trailer available for this 1996 film. 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-1077951344489>. For more details, visit <https://documentarynight.wordpress.com/> or contact attender Adam Hicks at 404-414-8917 or [CommunityDocumentaryNight@gmail.com](mailto:CommunityDocumentaryNight@gmail.com).

**DONATE TOYS FOR INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL** drop off toys by Monday, Dec 16  
International Community School will have its annual Holiday Toy Market, where families are able to shop with dignity for new toys at a much-reduced price. In order to do this, they need new toy donations by December 16. Volunteers at the Holiday Toy Market on Wednesday, December 18 would also be welcome. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/yhaptssf> for more details on both. You can also bring toys and your questions to Charlotte Flores, who is a Counselor there.

**SEWING CIRCLE** Saturday, December 21  
Join us for a Sewing Circle, meeting in the nursery on Saturday, December 21 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).

**FGC: QUAKER TOOLS FOR THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY** Mondays, January 13 thru April 8, 2025  
Friends use many different tools to live with integrity, make thoughtful decisions, and stay grounded amidst the hubbub of life. Starting on January 13, the Spiritual Deepening program, which is part of Friends General Conference (FGC) is offering an eRetreat called "Quaker Tools for the Spiritual Journey." It includes time to listen and learn together in community. Get details and register now at <https://www.fgcquaker.org/event/quaker-tools-for-the-spiritual-journey-eretreat/>.

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

#### **HOUSEHOLD ITEMS FOR ERIC GLENN**

Eric Glenn is house-sitting for a month or more and needs a few things that you might be willing to give him. Please text him at 770-744- 9963 if you could bring any of these things to Meeting for him: blanket, drinking glasses, plates, silverware, saucepans ( small, medium), medium skillet, mop.

#### **MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS AVAILABLE**

December'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.

#### **FRIENDLY DRIVERS NEEDED FOR MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS**

Julia Ewen needs several Friendly drivers to help her get from her condo in Avondale Estates to medical appointments. Currently she's receiving outpatient treatment at Northside Hospital two to three times per week for eight weeks, as well as keeping appointments at doctors' offices in the Northlake area. Call or email her at 404-534-3043 (land line, no texting) or [jewen@bellsouth.net](mailto:jewen@bellsouth.net).