

# Atlanta Friends Meeting Announcement Sheet

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## Query for Second Month

How do I maintain simplicity, moderation, and honesty in my speech,  
my manner of living, and my daily work?

Do I recognize when I have enough?

Do I live simply, and promote the right sharing of the world's bounty?

***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

Jennifer Crumpley, Julia Ewen, Carolyn VanArsdale's mother, the family of Harriet Unfung

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## Thanks to our teachers for the month of January

Amanda Gendreau, Laura MacNorlin, Dean Leeper, Cathy Amanti, Arianna Rodriguez,

Betsy Eggers, Waman French

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

Henry Slack, Lisa Magee, Jamie Lockard, Karen Morris, Georgia Lord, Terri O'Neil, Mike Aland,

Caroline Morris, Paul Mangelsdorf, Mary Claire Kelly

*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, especially earlier in the year.

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 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=M29EYlIFWEhSQUtZRVVPalFFYmVDQTog>

Meeting ID: 896 8627 6751

Passcode: 789456

### **MICROPHONES IN MEETING FOR WORSHIP**

**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 small group Meeting for Worship in the library as a more intimate alternative to the larger Meeting for Worship.

### **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=Nms0Vm5MSW91UXdWRGJSOXA5NWRjZz09>

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 ~\*~\*~\*~**

### **CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH WITH LISTENING 4 JUSTICE, starting Feb 1 & Feb 4**

Listening 4 Justice (a leading of long-time AFM member Dr. Folami Prescott-Adams) is offering two learning experiences this February.

– Black History Through Our Music, meeting Saturdays, starting February 1, from 12-1:30pm ET, features Folami and Professor/Musician Mausiki Scales exploring Black history and musical heritage through weekly themes of Black Music History, Black Music as Resistance, The Messages in the Music, and the Future of Black Music. More details and registration at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/black-history-through-our-music-an-l4j-experience-tickets-1064010727729>.

– The original Listening 4 Justice Series (being offered for the fifth year in a row) will be meeting Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting February 4, from 1-2pm ET, creating a supportive, multicultural, and multigenerational space to examine racism's historical roots while working toward meaningful action. More details and registration at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/listening-4-justice-series-tickets-1064012964419>.

Both series are \$95 each, with scholarships available (contact [amara@htcatalysts.net](mailto:amara@htcatalysts.net)). These Black-led programs welcome all participants who bring respect and humility to the learning journey.

### **MACON QUAKERS IN PERSON WORSHIP Saturdays, February 1, 15, March 1, 15, April 5, 19, etc**

The Macon Worship Group, which is under the care of Atlanta Friends Meeting, is now meeting in person as well as on Zoom for worship every first and third Saturdays at Centenary United Methodist Church, 1290 College Street, Macon, GA. Ordinarily they meet at 2:00 pm, but on February 1 will be meeting at **3:00 pm** instead to accommodate an event at the church. Please enter through the side entrance and proceed downstairs to the last door on the left (beside the church kitchen). People of all ages are welcome, but there is no childcare available. Email [maconquakerworshipgroup@gmail.com](mailto:maconquakerworshipgroup@gmail.com) for more info. For (For details of Wednesday evening worship via Zoom only on the second and fourth Wednesdays, see below.)

**TWO BENEFIT CONCERTS AT THE MEETING HOUSE** Saturday, February 1 & Sunday, February 2  
February 1 at 7 pm and February 2 after potluck (1 pm) you can enjoy two concerts of Satire and Social Commentary with award winning folk singers **Tom Neilson** and **Lynn Waldron**! Each performance will feature different sets of songs, so attending both is twice the fun! Proceeds will benefit Casa Alterna & SAYMA's Racial Conflict Transformation Program. Please see the Promotional Posters with times, details and the advance tickets link at <<https://atlantaquakers.org/special-events>>. Everyone is welcome, so please freely share the webpage link and posters with your friends, family and communities! For questions, or to VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH SETUP AND CLEANUP, email Aaron Ruschetta at <[arxaaron@gmail.com](mailto:arxaaron@gmail.com)>.

### **SPIRITUAL JOURNEY IN ADULT FIRST DAY SCHOOL** Sunday, February 2

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 February 2, Mark Taylor will share his Spiritual Journey. (To hear Tom Denham's' Spiritual Journey shared January 5, visit <https://tinyurl.com/3d9a464x>. 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.)

### **FIRST SUNDAY POTLUCK** Sunday, February 2

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 pans that work.

### **GREEN FRIENDS** Sunday, February 2

Green Friends will meet Sunday, February 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 Green Friends. <https://citizensclimate.zoom.us/j/93713127848?pwd=UjRxZUJNWVdhNkgIckgTUGRwZStuQTo9>  
Meeting ID: 937 1312 7848  
Passcode: 123

### **FLGBTQC EATING TOGETHER AT POTLUCK** Sunday, February 2

Join Atlanta's FLGBTQC (Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender – and genderqueer, nonbinary and genderfluid – Concerns) at potluck. FLGBTQC also meets on February 4 for food, board games and conversation. (See announcement below.) For more information about FLGBTQC or these events, contact Derek Harootune Otis or Nina Gooch. To join the group email list, contact Nina Gooch in the office.

### **VIRTUAL DOCUMENTARY NIGHT: *THE AMERICAN DIPLOMAT*** Sunday, February 2

Special Virtual Documentary Night in late honor of Black History Month on Sunday, February 2 from 7 to 9 pm in collaboration the [Black Professionals In International Affairs](#) (BPIA), the [Clemson Black Student Union](#) (BSU), and the [University at Buffalo's Pre-Law Chapter of the National Black Law Students Association](#) (UB Pre-Law NLSA). Discover how three Black diplomats broke racial barriers at the US State Department during the Cold War. Asked to represent the best of American ideals abroad while facing discrimination at home, they left a lasting impact on the Foreign Service. **Director Leola Calzolari-Stewart will be present for a special guest Q&A.** Watch the film ahead of time for free at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i-hHFwagTIM> and RSVP in advance for the online discussion at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/special-virtual-documentary-night-tickets-1024501841587>. 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).

## **THE EXPONENTIAL IMPACT OF HISTORICAL AND ONGOING INJUSTICE: A CALL TO ACTION**

### **Monday February 3**

Nozizwe Madlala-Routledge and Dr. Harold D. Weaver, Jr., of the Black Quaker Project (<https://www.theblackquakerproject.org/>), will deliver Pendle Hill's First Monday Lecture in celebration of Black History Month. The two Quaker scholar-activists will examine major historical injustices committed by the Western world, the complicity of the Religious Society of Friends in these crimes, and modes of analysis and solutions put forth by modern Quakers of color and other Quakers for atonement. Monday, 3 February 2025, 7:30pm-9:00pm Eastern Time. Hybrid Lecture-Presentation (Pendle Hill Campus and via Zoom). Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/ynht5uyd>. Info about Pendle Hill (a Quaker study, retreat, and conference center) at [pendlehill.org](http://pendlehill.org).

### **FLGBTQC BOARD GAME NIGHT Tuesday, February 4**

AFM's local FLGBTQC group will be holding their monthly game night on February 4 at 6:30 pm. We will be in the library 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. Beginning in March, we will be meeting on the first Saturday of the month, so March 1.

### **COMMITTEE ON UNDOING RACISM IN AFM Tuesday, February 4**

The Committee on Undoing Racism in Atlanta Friends Meeting (CURAFM) will have their regular first Tuesday Zoom meeting on Tuesday, February 4, at 7:30 pm ET. Everyone is welcome! Tentative agenda topics include planning for the March 29, 2025 in-person Restorative Circle Learning Experience with S. Bowland, use of budget for 2025, nominations for the Standing Response Group, and CURAFM coordination with other committees for a trip to the Legacy museum or other interactive projects. 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/86834391717?pwd=sPP4oYvOxqelEnebuTjnnryBgrKl6E.1>

Meeting ID: 868 3439 1717

Passcode: 611281

### **ZOOM WEDNESDAY AM MEETING FOR WORSHIP Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5, 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, February 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 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, February 6**

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 February 6, the group will be reading and discussing *Erasure* by Percival Everett. For questions or the Zoom link, contact Susan Cole at [cole2544@bellsouth.net](mailto:cole2544@bellsouth.net). All are welcome, and they encourage anyone interested in a particular book to drop in. The newsletter (<https://atlantaquakers.org/newsletter/>) has upcoming books.

### **ADULT FIRST DAY SCHOOL: QUAKERISM 101 Sundays, February 9, 16, 23**

Adult First Day School begins each year with an introduction to Quakerism. In January and February, they'll read and discuss books that provide an overview of Quaker practice and Quaker Worship.

For February, the book is *Four Doors to Meeting for Worship* by William Taber (Pendle Hill Pamphlet #306). Taber provides a useful way of thinking about the process of preparing for meeting for worship, settling into meeting, deepening our experience and moving out in the world maintaining this spirit.

We have some copies at the meeting house in the library, and it is also available from Pendle Hill at <https://tinyurl.com/56n5kv99>.

**VIRTUAL DOCUMENTARY NIGHT: *WHERE TO INVADE NEXT* Sunday, February 9**  
Virtual Documentary Night on Sunday, February 9 from 7 to 9 pm. With a satirical, educational angle, Oscar-winning director Michael Moore studies other countries to see what ideas the U.S. can appropriate next. Watch the 2015 film ahead of time for free at <https://youtu.be/I2ohcdei2T4?si=SsiUx3KirRUGlmSc> and RSVP in advance for the online discussion at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/virtual-documentary-night-tickets-1136910773729>. 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).

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<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/85017745787?pwd=RUQ3OGJPenMrYktXemIxL1d2R3Q2Zz09>  
Meeting ID: 850 1774 5787  
Passcode: 22Light

**REPARATIONS, REPARATIVE JUSTICE AND RIGHT RELATIONS COMMITTEE Thursday, Feb 13**  
You are invited to attend the open meetings of the Reparations, Reporative Justice and Right Relations committee. RRJRR for short. We will meet on Thursday, February 13 at 2 pm on Zoom. Our committee invites interested individuals and also individuals who represent a Meeting group or committee to join <https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/5171998073?pwd=b1YUHVPczRVMos5VmVoMmhwekE1dz09&omn=84326887254>  
Meeting ID: 517 199 8073  
Passcode: CronessMeet

**AFM ART SHOW thru February 16**  
Artwork by AFM members and attenders on display in the greeting room through February 16

**QUAKERS FOR PEACE IN PALESTINE AND ISRAEL Thursday, February 20**  
On February 20 at 7:30 pm (EST/NYC), Quakers for Peace in Palestine & Israel is hosting a panel discussion on Paths to Liberation in Palestine & Lessons from South Africa. To join this Zoom event, register at [https://uso6web.zoom.us/meeting/register/1wl3J78EQMC\\_jfz9z6-CGQ](https://uso6web.zoom.us/meeting/register/1wl3J78EQMC_jfz9z6-CGQ).  
For more information on the panelists and to share info about this event, see this flyer: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1R2guw4uvKZzZtf2qBrUWYPVsi36sH5GN/view?usp=sharing>

**FGC: QUAKER TOOLS FOR THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY Mondays, Feb 24 thru May 19 (new date)**  
Friends use many different tools to live with integrity, make thoughtful decisions, and stay grounded amidst the hubbub of life. Starting on February 24 (*note change in date*), 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/>.

**FCNL SPRING LOBBY WEEKEND March 22 to 25; register for in person lobbying Monday, Mar 3**  
Spring Lobby Weekend is Friends Committee for National Legislation's (FCNL's) young adult conference that brings hundreds of people to DC every year to lobby Congress for important policy change. Focus during Spring Lobby Weekend 2025: to prevent millions of people from losing healthcare and food assistance. The deadline to register for in-person lobbying is March 3, 2025. For more information and to register, visit: <https://web.cvent.com/event/a2527e6f-a65c-4e8e-9d24-19b4deaf7boo/summary>. Full scholarships available thru AFM. Contact Clive Gordon of Ministry & Worship before registering. General information about FCNL [www.fcnl.org](http://www.fcnl.org).

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

**QUAKERS FOR RACIAL EQUALITY VIRTUAL LITERATURE TABLE for February 2**  
In this week's [Virtual Literature Table](#), AFM member Jennifer Crumpley recommends a book that tells a Black History story. Upcoming events that offer Black History during February are also listed. [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mZxki67YGLBvMXMMB1-JMkaBHZIK\\_8-IWt-bZGSH56Q/edit?tab=t.o](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mZxki67YGLBvMXMMB1-JMkaBHZIK_8-IWt-bZGSH56Q/edit?tab=t.o)

## **MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS AVAILABLE**

February'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](mailto:atlantaquakers@gmail.com). Recent printed newsletters can also be found at the meetinghouse near the front door.

## **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.

## **HOUSING NEEDED: CAN YOU HELP?**

A Carolina Friends School alum / guitar teacher in their mid-40s is seeking housing in this challenging market. They're looking for a room in a house, a roommate, or a small space for a living space only. If you have any leads or know of potential accommodations, please email Casey at [caseyhigginslessons@gmail.com](mailto:caseyhigginslessons@gmail.com). Your help would be greatly appreciated!  
*(Shared by Christina Repoley)*

## **HOSTS NEEDED FOR WELCOME DINNERS THIS 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.

## **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](mailto:cbamanti@gmail.com)).

## **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/afmvolunteerguide2024> 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](mailto: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.

## **DO YOU NEED A NOTARY?**

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