

Atlanta Friends Meeting Announcement Sheet

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April 9, 2017

701 West Howard Ave, Decatur, GA 30030 (404) 377-2474

Query for Fourth Month

“Do I look into the nature and meaning of peace? What keeps the world from realizing peace? What keeps me from realizing peace?”

Thanks to Last First Day's Volunteers

Mary Bartlett, Peter Schantz, Penny Summers, Bert Skellie, Janelle Kibler, Chris Lahowitch, Dan & Sue May, Jim Tolmach, Mary Ann Downey, Bill Holland, Eliz. Lamb, Karen Skellie, & Becca Burley.
<http://tinyurl.com/afmvolunteers>

Budget Update

Last week, we **received \$860** in contributions from **9 donors**. Thanks to everyone for your support of our community and please consider a monthly gift to the Atlanta Friends Meeting. You can donate online or with a check.

Meetings for Worship

Sundays, 10 am: Atlanta Friends Meeting, Meeting Room; smaller group in Library

Sundays, 1:30 pm: Stone Mountain Friends Church, at Rock of Ages Lutheran Church, 5135 Memorial Dr, Stn Mtn, GA 30083

3rd Sundays, 12:30 pm: Carrollton Friends Worship Group, Saint Andrew United Methodist Youth Center, 1106 Maple St, Carrollton, judson30116@yahoo.com or 678-378-3368 (<https://sites.google.com/site/carrolltonfriendsga/>).

Mid-week Meetings for Worship:

Wednesday Morning Worship, 8:30 – 9:00: Meetinghouse library. 404-377-2474, atlantaquakers@gmail.com

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm: Semi-programmed worship in Meeting Rm. Ashley Wilcox, ashleymwilcox@gmail.com, 206-300-5836.

1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00 pm, Mid-Week Worship: At Jarvis household, 3640 N. Druid Hills Rd. Contact Lynn Leuszler, 678-974-8001, leuszler@mindspring.com

Fridays – 9:00 am (school year only): Community Meeting Rm at the Friends School, 862 Columbia Dr, 404-373-8746.

Fridays, 11:00 am: East Lake Commons (3 miles south of Meetinghouse). Contact Bert Skellie: 404-680-4799 or bertskellie@gmail.com for directions.

Regular Events

First Day School: Every Sunday 10:15 am.

Adult First Day School: Every Sunday, 9:00 am, Library

Listening Ear for your experiences and concerns of racism: 2nd Sundays, 11:15 am, Atrium

Meeting for Business: Third Sunday, 11:45 am

Nursery Care: Every Sunday, 10:00 am

Potluck: First Sunday, 11:15 am

Singing: Every Sunday, 9:30 am, Classrooms A/B

Office/Library Hours: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, Mon. – Fri.

Bible Discussion: Every Thursday, 7:00 pm, Library

Calendar

Sunday, April 9, 2017

11:15 – Listening Ear for concerns of racism, Atrium
11:45 – Ministry & Worship, Classroom A/B (Lower Elem)
11:45 – Finance Committee, Library
11:45 – Care & Counsel, Classroom E (Sr High Room)
11:45 – Religious Ed Comm, Classrooms F/G (Nursery)
2:30 – FCNL Advocacy Team, Classroom A/B (Lower El)
5:00 – Atlanta Mennonite Fellowship, Meeting Room

Monday, April 10, 2017 – OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

6:00 – Alex Zinnes Yoga, Room F/G (Nursery)

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

7:00 – Church of Mary Magdalene, Meeting Room
7:00 – End the New Jim Crow Action Group, Library

Thursday, April 13, 2017

7:00 – Bible Discussion, Library

Saturday, April 15, 2017

10:00 – PE+ACE Bridging Circles, Meeting Room

Sunday, April 16, 2017

11:15 – Easter Egg Hunt, Outside & Playground
11:45 – Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, Meeting Room

Announcements

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN QUAKER EARTHCARE WITNESS AT AFM, APRIL 20-23

Many thanks to AFM for hosting Quaker Earthcare Witness for our spring steering committee meeting, April 20-23. All Friends are welcome for any and all session. You can view our agenda or register here: <http://www.quakerearthcare.org/upcoming>. A highlight will be Saturday night - we hope you can join us for a potluck (6pm) followed by a presentation (7:15 pm) by Charles Eisenstein, noted social justice author and speaker. If you plan to join us for meals, please register so we know when you will be present. Overnight hospitality is still much needed. Please contact Carol Gray(404-288-8749). Questions? Contact Roy: wrldeas@mindspring.com

ADULT FIRST DAY SCHOOL

The adult first day class is holding our annual "Quakerism 101" class. We will be discussing *Friends for 350 Years* by Howard H. Brinton. This is a great time for those new to Quakerism to ask questions and learn more about our form of worship. Those who have attended for a long time are also sure to learn something new or at least participate in lively discussions about our history, traditions, principles and practices. Come one, come all. We meet every Sunday in the library from 9:00-9:50 am and all are welcome to attend. Bill Holland has some copies of the book for sale or you can get your own.

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP

Why do we hunt Easter eggs? We will consider the parables of lost things, hidden and discovered things, and the natural order upended (since when do rabbits lay eggs??) Seeing the gospels' stories through the filter of childhood eyes we rediscover the wonder, mystery and joy of Easter. Join us in the Library on Thursday at 7 pm and bring your favorite edition of the Bible. We like to compare translations. For more info, contact Julia at <jewen@bellsouth.net> or 404-534-3043.

GATHERED MEETING RETREAT, MAY 5-7

AFM's Gathered Meeting Retreat is May 5 - May 7 at beautiful Charlie Elliot Retreat center, 1 1/4 hours east of Atlanta. Come enjoy community and discover wider, deeper Friendships in this inter generational weekend. Laura MacNorlin will be our facilitator as we explore our retreat theme: "Deeper, wider waters, discerning who we want to be in this moment in time." Family registrations and scholarship requests are due April 23. Adult registration deadline is April 30. Hope you can make it! Questions? Dwight.harriman@gmail.com

WHAT IS CHURCH OF MARY MAGDALENE?

Church of Mary Magdalene is the new semi-programmed worship on Wednesday nights at 7pm in the meeting room. It is a place where women preach and the worship includes singing, 20-30 minutes of open worship, and prayer. Come experience a different kind of worship that Quakers all around the world practice! Find us on Facebook, facebook.com/churchofmarymag, and contact Ashley, ashleymwilcox@gmail.com, 206-300-5836.

ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE WORKSHOP

On April 22-23 (9am-6pm), AVP will hold a Basic/First Level workshop at Columbia Theological Seminary (701 S. Columbia Dr, Decatur, GA 30030). Learn proven strategies and methods for implementing nonviolent alternatives in your life. Open to all aged 18 and over. Requested contribution: \$30.00. Lunch is provided both days. No one excluded due to lack of funds. To Register by April 19, email georgiaavp@gmail.com.

PE+ACE BRIDGING CIRCLES AT AFM, 4/15

"The best way to predict the future is to help create it." Policing Education & Active Civic Engagement (PE+ACE) would like you to join us on April 15th, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at AFM for Bridging Circles about Local Community Concerns that Matter. This event involves experiencing mutual listening and learning, as well as sharing ideas for co-creating and re-envisioning a better future. Music, lunch, and childcare will be provided. Free and open to the public. Suggested donation of \$15.00 (suggested, not required). For more information and to RSVP please contact info@4peace.us or call 404-333-5347.

HOSPITALITY HELP NEEDED

Approximately 30 of the Quaker Earthcare Witness Steering Committee members will hold their Spring Meeting at AFM, Thursday, April 20th - Sunday, April 23rd. Most of these friends are in need of a place to stay, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, which would also mean giving them breakfast and a ride to and from the meeting house, as needed. If you are able to offer hospitality for one or more of these friends, please contact Carol Gray at chezgray@mindspring.com or 404-288-8749.

EASTER EGG HUNT, 4/16

Join in the spirited tradition of the Meeting's Easter Egg Hunt! April 16, at the rise of Meeting. On Easter Sunday please bring hard boiled eggs, plastic eggs filled with goodies, or other wrapped, hideable tokens for children to find. We will collect these in the lobby as you enter the Meetinghouse. The Middle School class will hide the goodies for the younger children to find. Preschool & toddlers will search in the fenced playground area; Lower & Upper Elementary kids will seek all around the Meetinghouse grounds! Contact Lisa: 706-540-1680.

END NEW JIM CROW ORGANIZING MEETING

The next monthly meeting of Organizing Action to End the New Jim Crow will be at AFM on Wednesday, April 12, at 7 pm. James Costen and others will lead a discussion of organizing our group's action agenda using the book, "Building a Movement to End the New Jim Crow." Use this link to order a paper (\$6.99) or pdf (\$0.99) copy: <http://www.newjimcroworganizing.org/>.

QVS FELLOWS SHARE AT 2ND HOUR FORUM

Each year we have a group of QVS Fellows join our AFM community- incredible young adults dedicating themselves to a year of service, community, and exploration of the "Quaker Way." Come hear from these eight Fellows share about their social justice work at local non-profits, lessons from community living, and growth in this radical and transformative year. Share + Q&A on Sunday, April 30th, at 11:45am!