



## CHARLESTON FRIENDS MEETING

### RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

Sundays — 10:00 a.m.

RCCR Building  
(Religious Coalition for  
Community Renewal)

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Charleston, West Virginia

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I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you *friends*, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

*John 15:15*

New International Version (NIV)



### Welcome to the Charleston Friends Meeting

We begin our Meeting for Worship at 10:00 a.m. Worship ends about 11:00 a.m. when we stand for the “rise of Meeting.” After worship breaks, we invite you to share coffee or tea and to get acquainted.

If you have time and interest, we invite you to participate in the hour following worship when we pursue topics and resources that will educate, inspire and challenge us. We announce our discussion topics in our monthly newsletter, which is on-line at our website. We usually have a Meeting for Business after worship on the first Sunday of the month. Children and youth are a welcome part of our Meeting, though we presently have none joining us on most Sundays. Children may join worship for a few minutes, or the entire hour. We gladly share in their care and religious education. We have additional rooms for children's activities with toys and other materials.

## The Religious Society of Friends

In silent worship, we listen to God inwardly. We have no formal program of worship. Spoken messages may come from anyone when the spirit leads. A period of silence customarily follows for reflection.



*Margaret Fell preaching at the Bull and Mouth Meeting House in London, 1680. Females speaking out at church was controversial and typically forbidden by other Christian sects of the day.*

### If you are new to silent worship..

... perhaps the following queries will be helpful for reflection.

Where are you now in your spiritual journey? What are you seeking?

What might you be leaving behind?

What might the phrase "that of God in everyone" – what we call the Inner Light – mean to you?

Ask, and it shall be given you;  
seek, and ye shall find;  
knock, and it shall be opened unto you.  
– Matthew 7:7 (King James)

Silent worship, like communion, is an invitation to participate in our union with God.

We may pray to God. We may ask that God speak to us.

We may reflect upon the role of God as we face our individual challenges.

We may ask for spiritual growth-expanding our love for others, our enemies as well as our family and friends.

We may ask to understand things which appear to us as mysteries and not in conformance with our understanding of God.

We may pray for or ask for blessings on others.

“Friends Meeting is a place where our souls touch each other” – Unknown