

Atlanta Friends Meeting Announcement Sheet

(can be read online at our website) AtlantaQuakers.org

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Query for Fourth Month

Do all aspects of your life bear the same witness? Do you center your life in the awareness of the presence of God so that all things take their rightful place?

Source: Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association *Faith and Practice*

ABOUT WORSHIP AND FIRST DAY SCHOOL AT AFM, INCLUDING COVID INFORMATION

We are continuing to meet for worship in person combined with Zoom worship. (**Meeting ID for worship: 896 8627 6751, Passcode: 789456**). Please pick the option that is best for you. First Day School, Adult First Day School and nursery care for children under three also continues in person at the Meetinghouse. Children can continue to join Meeting for Worship for the first 15 minutes or can go directly to Religious Education, as they and their parents / guardians prefer. Zoom links below.

The CDC's Community Level for COVID-19 is at LOW for Dekalb County, so masks are optional. See the CDC website at tinyurl.com/2pgyzzah for details and suggested prevention steps.

If you test positive for COVID within 7 days of attending meeting for worship (or any other event at the meetinghouse), please call the office at 404-377-2474. Your identity will, of course, be kept private.

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Thanks to Last First Day's Volunteers at the Meetinghouse

Rebecca Cole Sullivan, Anton Flores-Maisonet, Aaron Ruscetta, Ariana Rodriguez, Ferguson Cabin Committee, and everyone who helped with tables in the meeting room

You can sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/afmvolunteers> to greet, set up or clean up coffee hour, or help with First Day School and the Nursery. There's a paper sign-up sheet at the meeting house on the table by the front door. <https://tinyurl.com/volunteerguide2023> has info about the various positions.

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Funding our Work

Contributions throughout the year, and especially earlier in the year, are greatly appreciated. You can mail a check, bring a check or cash to the meetinghouse, or donate securely using Paypal or your Credit / Debit Card at <http://www.atlantaquakers.org/contact.htm>. You can also set up monthly / recurring contributions when you contribute on our website OR through your bank's ACH bill payment system.

Thank you to those who have already donated!

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Announcements due by Thursday at noon at atlantaquakers@gmail.com.

Regular Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 10 am to 1 pm and Friday by appointment

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

~*~*~*~* **FIRST DAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS** ~*~*~*~*

MEETING FOR WORSHIP

10 a.m. Sundays, combined in person and Zoom

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89686276751?pwd=M29EYlIFWEhSQUtZRVVPa1FFYmVDQTo9>

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

Children can continue to join Meeting for Worship for the first 15 minutes or can go directly to Religious Education, as they and their parents / guardians prefer. For more info, contact Laura MacNorlin (laura.norlin@gmail.com, 404-762-3540).

~*~*~* *EVENTS* ~*~*~*

ADULT FIRST DAY SCHOOL: BOOK DISCUSSION Sundays, April 9, 16, 23

Beginning in April, the Adult First Day School is discussing *Hope Leans Forward* by Valerie Brown. Second, third and fourth Sundays at 9:00 am. All are welcome, whether you have read the book or not. Combined in person and via Zoom. Zoom details above.

EASTER EGG HUNT AT RISE OF MEETING Sunday, April 9

At the rise of meeting and the end of First Day School, we will host our first Easter egg hunt for the children in First Day School since 2019. Parents, please check with Laura MacNorlin for more details.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE MEETING VIA ZOOM Sunday, April 9

The Social Concerns Committee, which encourages and supports individual members and attenders in their social concern leadings, will meet at 1:00 pm on April 9 via Zoom only. Newcomers are welcome. Meetings now monthly. For questions, contact Kevin Moran, Clerk of Social Concerns.

<https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/87387608350>

Meeting ID: 87387608350

Passcode: 537057

OTHER COMMITTEE MEETINGS Sunday, April 9

- Finance Committee, 11:30 am via Zoom (Clerk: Paul Mangelsdorf)
- Joint Care & Counsel (Clerk: Jennifer Crumpley) and Ministry & Worship (Clerk: Bill Hooson), 11:45 am in Library and also via Zoom
- Nominating, 11:45 am, in Room E (Clerk: Lissa Place)

For more information, contact the Clerk of each committee.

WEDNESDAY AM MEETING FOR WORSHIP ZOOM & IN PERSON Wednesdays, April 12, 19, 26, etc

8:30 am. Combined in-person and Zoom. Contact Bert Skellie at 404-680-4799 if you have questions.

Zoom details: <https://zoom.us/j/92038862952>

Meeting ID: 92038862952

Password: 726229

IN-PERSON MIDWEEK EVENING WORSHIP Wednesdays, April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, etc

Atlanta Friends Meeting's midweek evening meeting for worship has resumed and will meet in-person only in the Library from 7 pm to 8 pm every Wednesday evening. All are welcome to attend.

For more info, contact Alex Zinnes, azinnes@gmail.com and Clive Gordon, cmgord28@gmail.com.

ZOOM WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP WITH MACON WORSHIP GROUP Wed, Apr 12, 19, etc

The Macon Worship Group, which is under the care of Atlanta Friends Meeting, worships via Zoom only every Wednesday at 7:00 pm. They invite us to join them! For more information, contact Bill Holland or Mary Ann Downey.

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/85017745787?pwd=RUQ3OGJPenMrYktXemIxL1d2R3Q2Zzo9>

Meeting ID: 850 1774 5787

Passcode: 22Light

IN-PERSON DOCUMENTARY NIGHT: *THROUGH DEAF EYES* Friday, April 14

In-Person Documentary Night on Friday, April 14th from 6:45 to 10 pm. (In person documentary nights will be every 2nd Friday of the month.) In honor of National Deaf History Month, we will watch and discuss *Through Deaf Eyes*, a two hour documentary which explores nearly 200 years of Deaf life in America. The film presents the shared experiences of American history—family life, education, work, and community connections—from the perspective of deaf citizens. **We will start the film PROMPTLY AT 7:10 PM** Discussion will follow.. Place: Northwest Unitarian Universalist Congregation (NWUUC) in Sandy Springs, GA. RSVP and find the NWUUC address for the event at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-person-documentary-night-tickets-599104245927>. For more details and general info: <https://documentarynight.wordpress.com/> or contact attender Adam Hicks at CommunityDocumentaryNight@gmail.com or 404-414-8917.

MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS Sunday, April 16

Stay after meeting for worship, whether in person or via Zoom. Meeting for Business will be held in a combined format about 11:45. For the minutes from our last Meeting for Business, see http://atlantaquakers.org/_afm_newsletters/AFM_Newsletter_2023-04.pdf.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH Thursday, April 20

Send articles, announcements and info about upcoming events to atlquakerltr@gmail.com. Please send in an email or in word processing or text format.

ATLANTA CHILDREN'S CHOIR CONCERT Saturday, April 22

The Atlanta Children's Choir, which rehearses in the meeting room on late Thursday afternoons, will be presenting their spring concert on April 22 at 6 pm, and we are invited to join them. The concert is free and will be about 30 minutes long. There will be light refreshments afterwards.

GREEN FRIENDS WORKSHOP: WHAT IS MINE TO DO ON CLIMATE?? Sunday, April 23

11:45 am to 1:00 pm in person (with snacks) and via Zoom. Our climate has changed. Experts tell us we must reduce our use of fossil fuel pollution by 2030 to prevent much worse damage. We cannot effectively remove all the pollutants that are making us warmer. What is our calling, as people of faith? Do we go as before, or do we change? Should the Meeting replace polluting appliances that burn methane gas quickly, or as they need replacement? Should we encourage electric vehicles, both cars and e-bikes, instead of those burning gasoline? Can we get Federal funds to support some of this work? Henry Slack will give a short presentation, then invite us to small groups to consider our actions: as individuals, as a Meeting, and as citizens. We will reconvene and share from our small groups, then close.

CALL FOR SAYMA GATHERING WORKSHOPS due Monday, April 24

This Summer, SAYMA (Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association) Friends will gather at Berea College in Kentucky for our annual Retreat and Sessions, from 1:00 on 6/23 to 1:00 on 6/27/2023. We will gather both in person and virtually. Our Yearly Meeting Planning Committee is inviting Friends who are so led to present a workshop as part of our annual Retreat. Workshops that connect to our theme (this year *Why Are We Here?*) are central to the retreat experience. This theme may be interpreted in whatever way feels right to you, including but not limited to "We are here to join with one another to participate in this wonderful workshop." More details and suggestions for creating a description are in the newsletter at http://atlantaquakers.org/_afm_newsletters/AFM_Newsletter_2023-04.pdf Information about the Gathering and about SAYMA itself can be found at sayma.org.

LET'S TALK ABOUT RACE Wednesday, April 26

Our monthly online, drop-in forum about race meets at 7:30 pm on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Each meeting starts with a quote from anti-racist literature or other media to be the springboard for the evening's conversation. All are welcome whether you have attended before or not. No special knowledge or background needed. We contribute from our personal experiences and backgrounds. We learn from the stories and questions we are willing to share. For more information, contact Lissa Place, 678-793-9260.

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89686276751?pwd=M29EYlIFWEhSQUtZRVVPalFFYmVDQTog>

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WORSHIP SHARING ON QUERY IN ADULT FIRST DAY SCHOOL Sunday, April 30

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://www.fgcquaker.org/fgcresources/spiritual/spiritual-practices/worship-sharing-guidelines/>. Combined in-person and Zoom. Zoom details above.

FLGBTQC APRIL MEETUP Sunday, April 30

Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Queer Concerns (FLGBTQC) brings together all parts of the LGBT/Queer community, as well as allies, to enjoy each others' company and organize programming in the Quaker spirit. We will meet during after-rise coffee on March 12th. (Find Derek after rise of meeting.) Hope to see you there! In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns about lgbtq+ issues, please contact Nina Gooch, either after meeting for worship, at the office or at her personal email or phone.

FORUM ON REPARATIVE JUSTICE & RIGHT RELATIONS FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES & AFRICAN AMERICANS Sunday, April 30

Register to join us on April 30 at 1:00 PM ET for "Reparative Justice & Right Relations for Indigenous Peoples and African Americans," a free online forum presented by Atlanta Friends Meeting and the Friends School of Atlanta. Guest speakers are Frank Pommersheim and Craig Womack. Frank Pommersheim, a professor emeritus of law at the University of South Dakota School of Law, well-known teacher, scholar, and Tribal Justice who has more than forty years of experience in the area of Indian Law and Policy, will speak on "Reconciliation and Repair: Land Acknowledgement, Land Return, and Reparations." Craig Womack, a retired professor of Native American literature, is a musician and author, and member of Hillabee Ceremonial Grounds, one of the Creek grounds in Oklahoma. He was a long-time resident of Atlanta who now lives in middle Tennessee and remains active in the city. His topic is "Creek History and Creek Responsibilities." Register in advance for this meeting at https://uso2web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYpdu2vqDloEtcjeIqs2_FPFNFc1hA11U8W. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email from Zoom containing information about how you can join the meeting. Forum contacts: Herb Edwards, Herbmedwards@gmail.com and Susan Firestone, susanfires@gmail.com. PDF of full flyer including registration link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EoNn2FzzvE-iqzwByjrWOKq47sSckCQl/view?usp=share_link

MEN'S RETREAT AT FERGUSON CABINS May 5 to 7 (Sign up by April 30!)

The annual Men's Retreat (man is self-defined) at the Ferguson Cabins on Lake Burton in the North Georgia mountains will be Friday afternoon, May 5 through Sunday afternoon, May 7. Enjoy fishing (license required), swimming, hiking, canoeing and listening to the sound of nature. When registering, please let us know about any health conditions that we might want to help accommodate. We will charge \$10 or less per night per person to cover the \$130 cost of renting the property. Maximum attending will be about 20. We will share cooking and share the cost of food. Costs are estimated at \$4 for breakfast or lunch and \$6 for supper. There will be scholarship funds available, so don't let money stop you from joining us! To sign up, please call or text Eric Glenn at 404-966-1417 or call or email Bert Skellie at 404-680-4799 or bertskellie@gmail.com. For more details about the Ferguson cabins, go to http://atlantaquakers.org/_site_pdf_docs/Ferguson_Cabins_brochure-202303.pdf

ADVANCE PROGRAM NOW AVAILABLE FOR FGC GATHERING July 2 to 8

Find the advance program (and additional information) for Friends General Conference's (FGC's) summer Gathering, a week of Quaker worship, workshops, and community for all ages., at fgcgathering.org. There are also a few printed copies of the advance program in the literature rack at the meeting house. The Gathering will be July 2 to 8 at Western Oregon University in Monmouth, Oregon with Early Bird registration beginning April 3. The theme is *Listen So That We May Live*, and plenaries will be hybrid. Scholarships will be available. As part of Tom and Suzan Kenworthy's bequest to the meeting, scholarships to wider Quaker events like this one are available to Young Adult Friends (ages 18 to 35). Ministry and Worship also offers partial scholarships to anyone in the meeting attending these specific events. Contact the Ministry and Worship Committee via Bill Hooson at bhooson@aol.com for information on both..

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

PODCAST: HOW DO WE ALIGN OUR EVERYDAY DECISIONS WITH OUR IDEALS?

Friend in Residence Anton Flores-Maisonet is featured on the newest episode of Pendle Hill's podcast, *The Seed: Conversations for Radical Hope*, considering the query, "How do we align our everyday decisions with our ideals to create the world we want to see?" <https://www.buzzsprout.com/2032871/12356287-integrity-imagination-facing-what-we-fear-with-anton-flores-maisonet>.

PLEASE HOLD IN THE LIGHT

Margie Rece and family; Bill Hooson and family; Lynn Leuszler; Bill Holland

MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS AVAILABLE

April's is now available at http://atlantaquakers.org/afm_newsletters/AFM_Newsletter_2023-04.pdf. <http://atlantaquakers.org/archive.htm> has 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. Recent printed newsletters can also be found at the meetinghouse near the front door.

SUMMARY OF MARCH 26 FORUM ON CLIMATE CHANGE

At Green Friends' March 26 forum on Climate Change/Global Warming, Dr. Bob Place presented a thorough coverage of the dangers and challenges that we are all increasingly facing. Life on the earth is threatened, so we need to achieve two important goals as quickly as possible. First, we must completely stop the **emission of CO₂** from our energy producing devices. We must use non-CO₂-producing energy sources by focusing on massive solar, wind and nuclear power increases. Second, we must **remove close to half of the earth's CO₂** to prevent the CO₂ that has already been added to the air from forcing the temperature up. The CO₂ has a long lifetime in the atmosphere of about 1000 years, so it will hang around and continue to drag the temperature up. We must address both of these goals simultaneously and effectively while avoiding infringing on the lives of marginalized groups in our society as we locate necessary facilities. We can do many things personally to minimize our contribution to this problem including using low-energy transportation only as needed, keeping less extreme temperatures and lighting in our homes, buying only what we need, and working with existing groups like CCL or Sierra Club to make more effective group input to change our energy picture. To get a copy of the slides from which Dr. Place shared during his presentation, please contact him at 614-705-5492 or rplace@otterbein.edu or click on <https://tinyurl.com/slideso326forum>. (See also announcement for April 23 Green Friends workshop above.)

JANELLE KIBLER SEEKS PAID HELP WITH WEDDING SET UP

Janelle Kibler, who was interim Office Coordinator early in 2019, and her fiance are looking for 2 people to help with set-up/clean-up/general help for their wedding on Saturday, May 13th at Sugarboo Farms in Blairsville, GA. This will be paid work and lodging and food will be provided. Helpers will be coordinating with the wedding coordinator day of the wedding. Please reach out to Janelle at kiblerjl@gmail.com for more information as soon as possible if interested- thank you very much!

WAYS TO SIGN UP TO HELP ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

As more and more people return to the meetinghouse and as new people join us, we need additional help on Sunday. We especially need additional help in the Nursery and First Day School, as many of our newcomers have children. <https://tinyurl.com/volunteerguide2023> has information about the various positions.

- 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 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.
- The Office Coordinator is compiling a list of people she can contact if there's an unfilled spot or if someone has to cancel at the last minute. Please contact the Office Coordinator at 404-377-2474 or atlantaquakers@gmail.com or see the separate list on the greeting table if you're interested in this.