

# Atlanta Friends Meeting Announcement Sheet

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February 5, 2012

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

## All Are Welcome

To ask questions about Quakerism in general, or about this meeting in particular, please see this week's greeters or the person near the Greeting Table after Meeting.

To discuss concerns of a personal nature, please see members of the Care and Counsel Committee.

## Friends General Conference News

For information on workshops and retreats on such subjects as Couple Enrichment, Quaker Quest, Faith & Play, and Traveling Ministries, contact Becky Phipps or Deborah Fisch at FGC's Committee for Nurturing Ministries at 515-277-2189 or email: [deborahf@fgcquaker.org](mailto:deborahf@fgcquaker.org).

## Meetings For Worship

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

**Sundays, 12:30 pm:** Carrollton Friends Worship Group, Saint Andrew United Methodist Youth Center, 1106 Maple St, Carrollton, [lessell.bray@gmail.com](mailto:lessell.bray@gmail.com) or 770-830-8705.

### *Mid-week Meetings for Worship:*

**Wednesday Morning Worship, 8:30 – 9:00:** Meetinghouse library. 404-377-2474, [afmquakers@hotmail.com](mailto:afmquakers@hotmail.com)

**Wednesdays, 7:00 pm:** Meeting Room. Contact Christina Repoley: 404-840-3005 or [christinarepoley@gmail.com](mailto:christinarepoley@gmail.com).

**First Thurs, 12:10 pm:** AFSC office, 60 Walton St, Atlanta.

**Thursdays (Except 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs. of the Month)- 12:10 pm:** East Lake Commons. Contact Bert Skellie, 404-378-5883, [bertskellie@gmail.com](mailto:bertskellie@gmail.com) for directions.

**Fridays – 8:45 am:** Meeting Room at Friends School, 682 Columbia Dr, Decatur.

## 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**Library Hours:** Sunday, rise of Meeting to 11:45 am

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

## Calendar

### Sunday, February 5, 2012

8:30 – Gathered Meeting Retreat Comm, Upper Elem Rm

11:30 – Potluck, Meeting Room

11:45 – Green Friends, Classroom A/B

12:10 – Quaker Quest Session, Library

3:00 – Lenox Place Neighborhood Assoc, Meeting Room

5:00 – Atlanta Mennonite Fellowship, Meeting Room

### Tuesday, February 7, 2012

6:00 – Yoga Class, Nursery

7:30 – Bible Study, Library

7:30 – Silent Meditation, Meeting Room

### Wednesday, February 8, 2012 – OFFICE CLOSED

7:00 – Mid-week worship, Meeting Room

7:30 – ORAIARH, Library

### Thursday, February 9, 2012

6:30 – The Circle, Meeting Room

7:00 – Insight Meditation Community, Library

### Friday, February 10, 2012

7:00 – Movie Night - "Three Idiots," Meeting Room

### Sunday, February 12, 2012

11:30 – Listening Ear, Atrium

11:45 – Ministry & Worship Committee, Classroom A/B

11:45 – Finance Committee, Library

11:45 – Care & Counsel Committee, Jr High Room

11:45 – Social Concerns Committee, Upper Elem Room

5:00 – Atlanta Mennonite Fellowship, Meeting Room

## Announcements

### ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Sundays each month are reserved for Friends to offer their spiritual journeys. Please consider offering your story and contact Mary Ann Downey to plan a time.

In February, we continue a three-month Quakerism 101 study. On Feb 5, Jim Tolmach will share his spiritual journey. Feb 12: "Quaker & the Bible." Feb 19: "Quakers & Jesus." Feb 26: "Quakers & the Environment." The class meets at 9am in the library. All are welcome.

### BIBLE STUDY, TUESDAYS AT 7:30 PM

"Look! I am making all things new!" Isaiah 43: 18-19. As we begin the new year 2012, we will be looking at Bible sources on "new beginnings," Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. in the Meeting's Library. Bring your favorite edition/translation of the Bible and any other sources you would like to share with the group. More info: Julia Ewen: [jewen@bellsouth.net](mailto:jewen@bellsouth.net) or 404-534-3043.

## **NEXT QUAKER QUEST SESSION**

Ever wonder how others in meeting think about their experience as Quakers? We continue our series with the second "practice" (inreach) session for Quaker Quest. We will be meeting on February 5 after potluck in the library. From 12:10 to 2:10 we will hear from several Friends about "Quakers and the Light". Opportunities to explore your own perspectives are included in each of these sessions. Please join us in deepening our knowledge and experience of being Friends. Childcare will be provided.

## **QUAKER QUEST MINUTE**

In December the Quaker Quest Core Group (ad hoc Committee on Quaker Quest & Outreach) brought a minute to the Meeting for future consideration regarding public sessions. The Core Group will have a meeting at 2:10 PM this Sunday, Feb. 5, after the practice session, to receive any questions or concerns about this minute. If you have questions or concerns and can't come to the meeting, please let me know before Feb 5. As of now, we plan to ask Meeting for Worship with attention to Business to approve this minute on Feb. 19.

## **GATHERED MEETING RETREAT**

This year, our retreat will be held from April 13-15, 2012, and it will be intergenerational, allowing families to enjoy time together with the Meeting. There will be separate activities for children with opportunities for them also to fold into the adult program at times. Vonn New, from New York, will lead the retreat, "Sounding the Divine" intended to bring people closer to spirit through non-verbal forms of worship, encouraging us all to engage our inner creative muse. Family registration deadline is March 11<sup>th</sup>. The retreat registration form is at Meeting on the Greeter's table, and on the website. Adult registration deadline is March 30th.

## **SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE MTG**

The regular Social Concerns Committee Quarterly meeting will be held on Sunday, Feb. 12, from 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM in the Upper Elem classroom. Everyone is welcome to join us! Social Concerns Committee helps nurture "leadings" related to peace and justice, decides how to spend the annual budget and works with Friends to "season" any related "minutes" to be brought to the Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. If you have agenda items please contact Bert Skellie at [bertskellie@gmail.com](mailto:bertskellie@gmail.com) or 404-378-5883 or Micheal Allison at 770-832-3539.

## **SUB-BODY BUTOH WORKSHOP**

An excellent aid to deepening your meditation practice through the body, this workshop opportunity is upcoming in Decatur, Feb. 10-12 at CORE studios. Prime the pump for the Sounding the Divine Retreat with this deep somatic work. Contact AFM member Ann Ritter to register for part or all of the weekend, or for more information: 404-569-1434 or [yoga\\_lady@earthlink.net](mailto:yoga_lady@earthlink.net).

## **MOVIE NIGHT AT AFM, 2/10**

You are invited to another movie night at the Atlanta Friends Meeting: Friday, February 10th at 7:00! Join us for "Three Idiots," a Bollywood comedy about three engineering students whose friendship stands the test of time as they experiment with both following the rules and rebelling against them. The movie is rated PG-13. These movies will be shown on the big screen in the Meeting Room. Attenders will be asked to donate whatever admission price they can afford and feel to be appropriate. Free Popcorn! You are welcome to bring snacks and drinks.

## **HOSTS NEEDED FOR WELCOME DINNERS**

We still need hosts for the February and April welcome dinners. They are always on the 18th of the month, usually begin about 6:30 pm, and would not involve a lot of work on your part. The host typically prepares a main course and provides refreshments, and the long-time Quakers bring side courses. The dinners have been great opportunities to make new friends and deepen relationships within the Meeting. Call 404-523-0683 if you have questions; we can walk you through the details.

## **STORYTELLING FESTIVAL AT AFM, 2/17-18**

The Southern Order of Storytellers (SOS) is holding their 30th Annual Storytelling Festival on Feb 17-18 at the Atlanta Friends Meetinghouse. The festival features NPR commentator and Grammy-award winning musician and storyteller, Bill Harley, as the headliner. A cast of 30 colorful and engaging SOS storytellers will join Harley in this weekend of stories. All Atlanta Friends Meeting members & attenders will receive a discount on tickets to the festival. For more info, a schedule of events, and to buy tickets, visit [www.southernorderofstorytellers.org](http://www.southernorderofstorytellers.org)

## **TWO SPECIAL EVENTS FOR AFM YOUTH**

Two Youth Program Special Events for Saturday, Feb. 18th: In conjunction with the SOS Storytelling Festival, we will be sponsoring participation of Jr. and Jr. High Young Friends wishing to attend the Youth Storytelling Workshops from 1pm to 5pm. Then, that Saturday evening, the Jr. Young Friends (grades 3 to 6) are invited to attend an AFM Overnight Retreat at the meetinghouse, with dinner and breakfast provided. Detailed notices for both events will be distributed this week via email and hand outs. Contact Aaron Ruscetta for more info: [<arxaaron@gmail.com>](mailto:arxaaron@gmail.com), 404-315-0406.

## **SAYMA WORKSHOP PROPOSALS**

February is the month to think about whether you'd like to offer a workshop at Yearly Meeting in June - either Friday June 8th or Saturday June 9th. Workshops should address our theme for this year - Walk Cheerfully over the World. To submit a workshop proposal, fill out the Google form: <http://tinyurl.com/SAYMA2012Workshop> by February 29th at the latest. For more info, contact Bill Wolfe: [wmjwolfe@yahoo.com](mailto:wmjwolfe@yahoo.com).