



## The Friendly News

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## Quaker Basics for Everyone

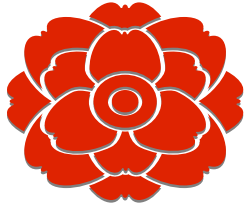
**Quaker Basics** calls all seekers to go deeper into our history and traditions in this six-part examination. Dale and Von have developed a detailed chart of early Friends and what they discovered in the 1600's. Discussion will show how these insights are relevant for us today. Sharing our spiritual journeys will give the opportunity to know each other "in that which is eternal." This session was held on 9/24 after meeting.

Three sessions in October begin with Worship, Why Silence, with Gretchen on 10/8. Applying insights from the first session, we can explore the power of expectant waiting in our personal experience. Robert Barclay, an early Friend, wrote: *When I came into the silent assemblies of God's people, I felt a secret power among them, which touched my heart; and as I gave way unto it I found the evil weakening in me and the good raised up.*

The follow-up is The Light, with Jim on 10/22. If we live by the Light we have, more Light will be given to us. This central concept of the Quaker Way will help us define our own relation to our Religious Society. It has been said that Quakers can believe whatever they choose. This day's examination will test that idea.

"A newcomer sat through an hour's silence and was puzzled when the congregation got up and shook hands. 'When does the service start?' he asked. 'Now,' was the reply.

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**October Query:** How do I receive leadings that rise up in me and open myself to new growth and action?

We have built our Meeting House on Payaya People's land.  
Here are the direct links for our weekly activities.

- **Sunday Meetings for Worship**  
10-11am, in-person in Meetinghouse & Zoom.  
**Children's Program 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays**  
[CLICK HERE](#) to join by Zoom  
ID # 976 0522 6497; passcode: 194077
- **Sunday Forums: 11:30-12:30**  
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- **Friday Meeting for Worship – Fridays 8-8:30 AM**  
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- **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Potluck Lunch**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday “Meeting for Weeding”**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Meeting for Worship with Attention To Business join by Zoom – Children's Program**  
ID # 976 0522 6497; passcode: 194077
- **For ALL Zoom Meetings: by telephone at +1 346 248 7799, then enter ID#**

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Prickly Poppies in the Meeting grounds (Photo by Jim S)

Please send November news, pictures & events by 10/25/2023 to  
[newsletter@saquakers.org](mailto:newsletter@saquakers.org)

## **Special Events**

<b>OCT 1</b>	<b>World Quaker Day</b>
<b>OCT 8</b>	<b>Quaker Basics: Silent Worship 11:30 [In person &amp; via Zoom]</b>
<b>OCT 14</b>	<b>Annular Solar Eclipse, parking lot, 10:30-1:00</b>
<b>OCT 15</b>	<b>Meeting for Business; Children: Faith &amp; Play Story Time</b>
<b>OCT 18</b>	<b>SOUP, Fellowship &amp; Worship 6:00-7:30</b>
<b>OCT 21</b>	<b>Memorial for Marian Carter, 10 a.m.</b>
<b>OCT 22</b>	<b>Quaker Basics: The Light, 11:30 [In person &amp; via Zoom]</b>
<b>OCT 29</b>	<b>Quaker Basics: Living Quaker Values, 11:30 [In person &amp; via Zoom]</b>

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Ours is a seven-day religion, calling us to act upon our values daily. On 10/29, Val will delve into the many ways Friends “let our lives speak.” Faith anchors action. These gatherings build on each other, so we hope that Friends will be able to participate in many if not all, either in person or by zoom. Brief readings will be available in advance of each session in the Meeting room and reference to them online.

## **News of the Meeting**

### **Memorial Meeting for Marian Carter October 21**

Friends will gather at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 21st to celebrate the life of Marian Carter and her contributions to the life of our Meeting. We are invited to bring refreshments for the reception following worship. The memorial will be in person and via zoom. See [SanAntonioQuakers.org](http://SanAntonioQuakers.org) for the link.

### **Faith IN Practice**

Ken Stewart is a nurse in Kerrville who often has night duty and cannot attend Friends worship regularly. Nevertheless, he exemplifies Quaker principles in action. He hosted a married couple from Ukraine this past year. Yevhen and Valeriis arrived in February and stayed in his home for a couple of months. A friend of a friend was willing to hire Yevhen in construction and Catholic Charities coordinated government benefits for them.

In the spring, they moved into their own apartment, arranged by Catholic Charities, and both are studying English as a Second Language with his niece, who is teaching them via Zoom. Recently, they asked him to help Valeriia’s sister, Viktoria, who was living in Poland. He filled out the papers and she arrived at the end of August and is now living with them.

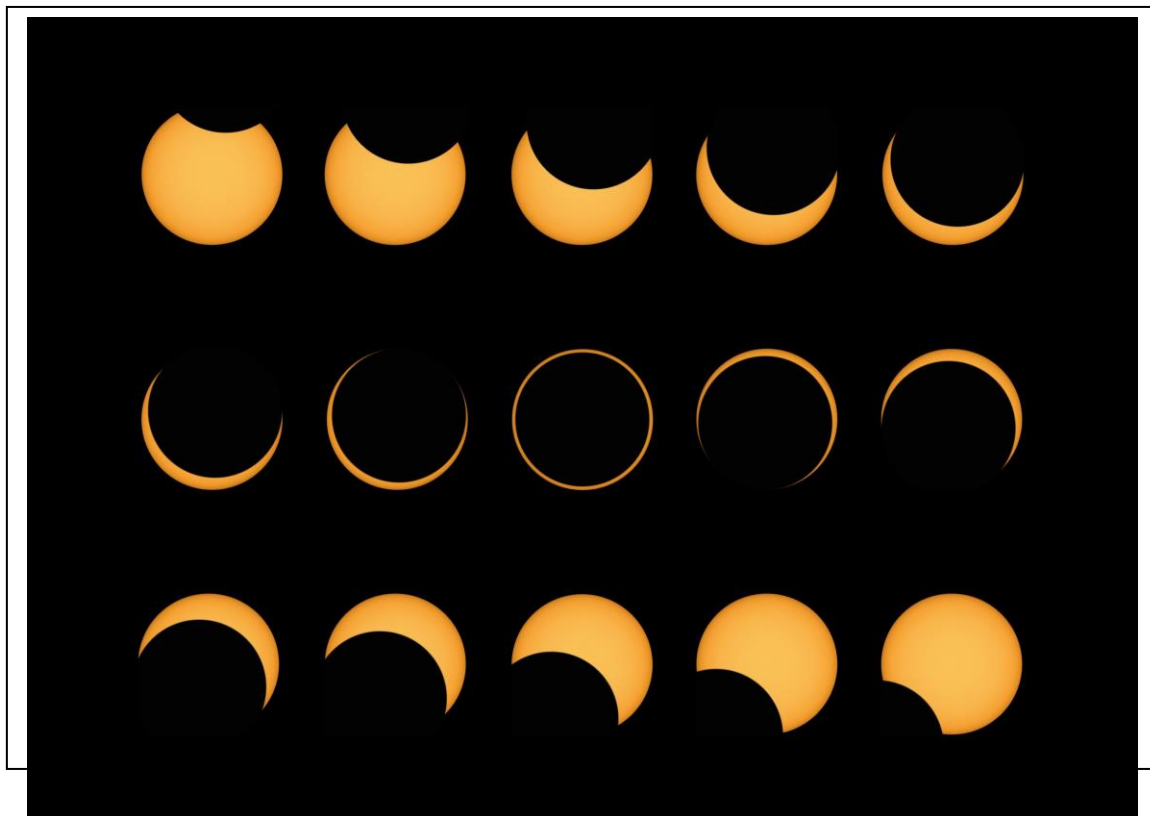
### **Towne Twin Service**

Val has volunteered to hold sessions for residents of the community. In the first one, ten people gathered for two hours to practice sewing, drawing and share experiences. She

learned that there is no need to provide furnishings for the tiny houses. This is being done by corporate and other charity organizations. Anyone wishing to volunteer can contact Val for details.

## Annular Solar Eclipse October 14

Julie invites Friends to join her family in observing the annular solar eclipse. It is a partial eclipse lasting four minutes, 27 seconds with the sun showing as a slender ring behind the moon. The next total solar eclipse will be April 8, 2024. Eleven years after an annular solar eclipse crossed the western United States on May 20, 2012, this one will race across the USA from Oregon to Texas on Saturday, October 14, 2023. The path of the annular eclipse next visits Central America and South America and ends shortly after sunset in the Atlantic Ocean. In the USA, the annular solar eclipse begins in Oregon at 9:13 a.m. PDT and ends in Texas at 12:03 p.m. CDT. Friends will gather in the parking lot in the late morning in anticipation of the event. Jim has 24 pairs of special safe viewing glasses and Julie has a viewing box.



## Concern for Safety in the Meeting and Grounds

The question of whether and how to place signs on the campus has been with the Property committee, which seeks wider expression at this time. The official Texas signs are large and explicit. An alternative would be signs that we designed. The outcome

would be the same if there was a threat to our campus: police would be summoned to deal with the situation. Friends will consider a more formal plan for how to deal with difficult situations. Friends who have concerns for safety are asked to bring them to the Ministry and Care committee.

## Children's Program

We welcomed three new children to the Faith & Play story time. They listened to Roberta describe different ways of experiencing God, with symbols and wooden dolls. The ages ranged from just turned two to ten, and all were involved in the story and the "wonder" questions that followed. After the story, children explored the many boxes of activities, especially the train tracks and the farm.



The children will bake corn bread for the Oct 1 potluck and Kara will present a Faith & Play story on the 15<sup>th</sup>. November will be a month to make gifts – items out of clay on

the 5<sup>th</sup> that will be fired so that they can paint them on the 19<sup>th</sup>. December 3 will be more baking and gift wrapping, then on the 17<sup>th</sup>, Denise will present the Faith & Play story of “Gifts.” If we have enough children, we will prepare a Christmas pageant – the Birth story in modern times. Our traditional Christmas Eve tamale supper will be on December 24.

## News of the Yearly Meeting

While we don't have a creed, we do have a guidebook called Faith and Practice. To date South Central Yearly Meeting has depended on the Philadelphia F&P, but a dedicated group has been working on one of our own. A first draft is now available for review, particularly to fill out sections that are incomplete. See: <https://www.scym.org/>, select “Draft Faith and Practice 2023” under the Documents section.

John Coffin, clerk of the drafting committee, requests our comments via text: JOTICOF@AOL.COM to arrive by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Pendle Hill

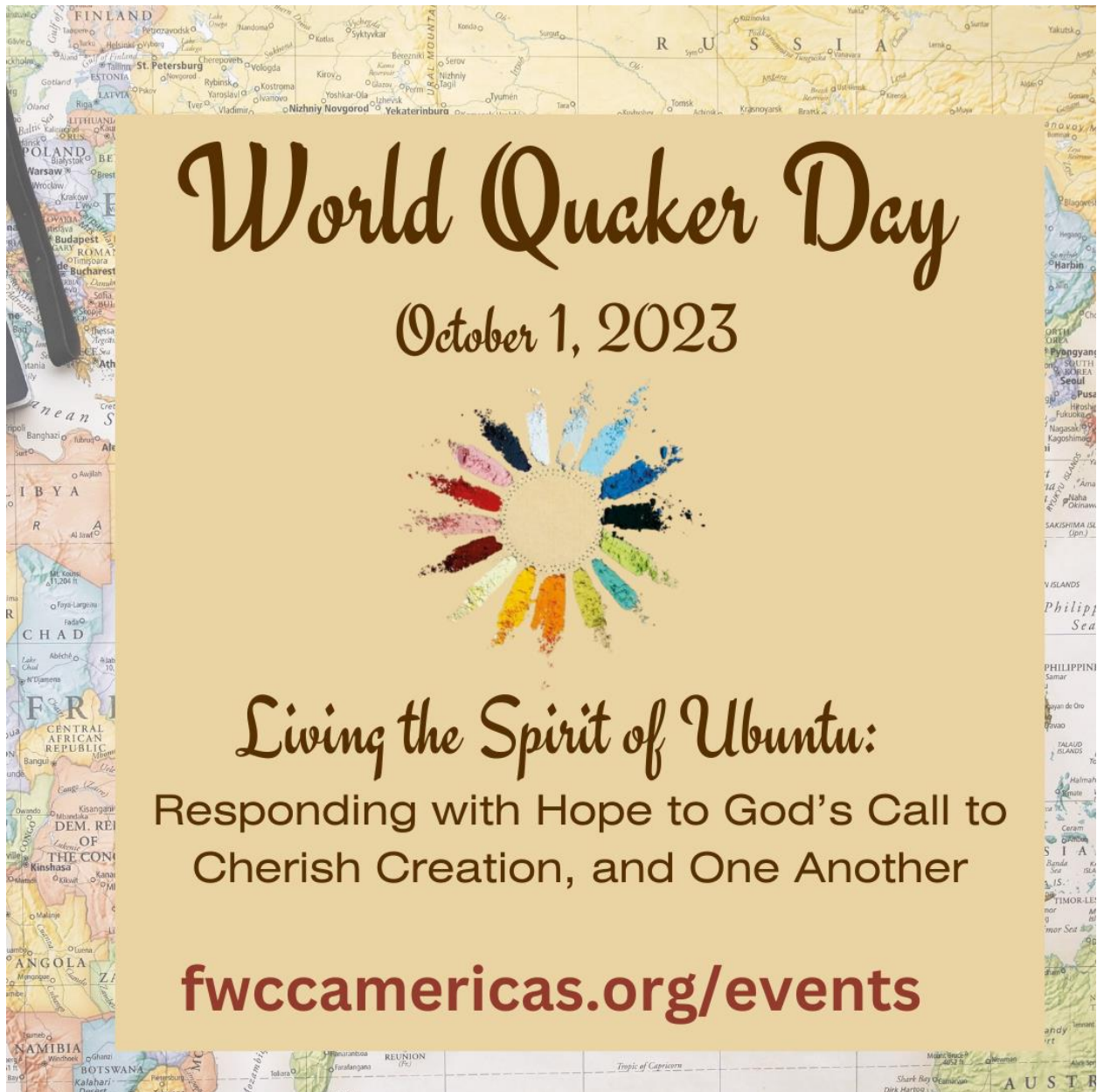
**Belonging in Unknown, Oct 2, 2023 7:30pm - 9pm Eastern Time, via Zoom.**

A First Monday Lecture with Matthew Armstead. Free to the public! Registration required. We spend most of our lives not knowing what's coming ahead – in childhood, the decisions of young adulthood, parenting, balancing elder care, and when losing our cognitive capacities.

Knowledge and being right are highly valued in our world, and not knowing carries risk. How do we welcome ourselves fully when we don't know? How might we open to live during climate chaos, love as empires crumble, and learn from the darkness as well as the light?



*Thanks to the generous support of the Friends Foundation for the Aging, we're able to make this and other free, online programs accessible to f/Friends of all ages.*



# World Quaker Day

October 1, 2023

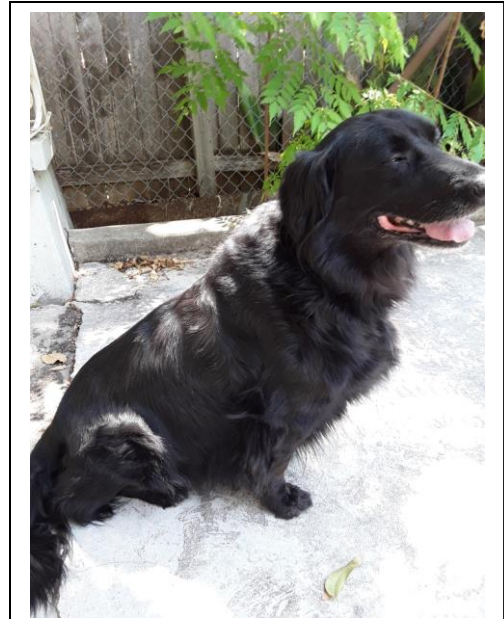
*Living the Spirit of Ubuntu:*  
Responding with Hope to God's Call to  
Cherish Creation, and One Another

[fwccamericas.org/events](http://fwccamericas.org/events)

Is Meeting going to the dogs?  
No, the dogs are going to Meeting.



Ziggy and his people, Petra and Lydia



Fiore waiting expectantly

### Jillian Randle did it!

She's now a for-real lawyer. We send her our best wishes for a busy schedule.

### Nominating Committee

The clock is ticking, Friends, to complete the roster of committees and officers for the coming year. If you feel called to participate more deeply in the life of the Meeting, or have questions, please ask Julie, Stephen, Val, or Denise.

### More Quaker Jargon

“Openings” is the term George Fox used to refer to his spiritual insights. We use it today in the same way. Think of it as a curtain drawn aside revealing a doorway into a new territory, waiting to be explored. The “Aha” moment.

## The Interfaith Welcome Coalition

We at the IWC, people of many faiths working together to help asylum seekers entering south central Texas, are deeply concerned by allegations of inhumane treatment at the border. Border militarization is greatly harming the most vulnerable among us while wasting billions in taxpayer money. **Join us in calling Texas Governor Greg Abbott today at (512) 463-1782 to demand the end of Operation Lone Star.**



## Pendle Hill

[October's Reading Group](#) will focus on *Radical Hospitality* (PHP #427) on the evening of October 18th, and [November's Reading Group](#) will explore *Plain Talk about Dying: The Spiritual Effects of Taking my Father off Life Support* (PHP #479). These events are free and will be hosted via Zoom. We look forward to seeing you there!

We're pleased to announce that the proposed syllabus for the 2024 season is available, with a tentative schedule, course descriptions, and leader bios. Whether you've already submitted your application, or if you're still in the discernment process, we hope you'll explore the many Spring Term resources! [Proposed Syllabus](#) | [FAQs](#) | [Free Info Sessions](#)

## Friends Journal – Quaker Speak

These short videos tackle many different topics, from silent worship, how to read the Bible, why Quakers don't take communion, to what do Quakers believe. Sometimes just one Friend, sometimes several will express their opinions on the topic. Always entertaining and informative, they answer the question: Can Quakers believe anything at all? No, not really. New videos are posted every Thursday and there is a vast archive of topics. Got five minutes? Visit [Quaker Speak](#).

## American Friends Service Committee

Our [archives](#) hold the records of AFSC and our over century of work. They provide a unique and singular view of the social, political, and economic movements of our time. Thousands of researchers have used the archives to develop books, articles, documentaries, exhibits, and more.

## Friends General Conference

The [Spiritual Deepening Program](#) gives Friends and newcomers opportunities to rediscover Quaker faith and thought, connect with Spirit, and build relationships with each other through sharing and deep listening. Through exercises, discussions, introspection, and creativity, participants share their spiritual stories, explore how Quaker thought and spiritual practices can transform lives, and go deeper together into the life of the Spirit.

## Friends Committee on National Legislation

[FCNL Fly-In Lobbying in Washington DC, October 15 – 17, 2023](#)

Join FCNL, a gathering of movement builders focused on learning and lobbying for humane, sustainable migration management programs.