



The Friendly News

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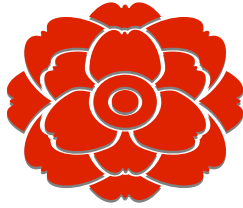
Two Events Reinstated from Pre-Covid

Friends will take two steps backward in September. We will reinstate two events that were discontinued because of Covid 19.

Mid-week soup and worship resumes September 20. It will not be a potluck, but Friends may choose to bring something of their own and share it. This event will be held the third Wednesday of each month, with soup and fellowship from 6-7 pm and worship from 7-7:30 pm. If parents wish to join, we will provide childcare but will need advance notice.

We will begin **Quaker Basics** during forum time in person and on Zoom, starting Sept. 24 at 11:30. Are you wondering about the weird way Quakers seek spiritual renewal? Or how we get anything done with the seemingly cumbersome business procedures? We have inherited a rich reputation for social justice and peace activism. But what are we doing lately to deserve it?

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September Query: How does my faith help me accept that death is part of living?

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



Please send October news, pictures & events by 9/25/2023 to newsletter@saquakers.org

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Special Events

- SEPT 3** Potluck 11:15
- SEPT 10** Forum 11:30 – TBA
- SEPT 17** Meeting for Business; Children: Faith & Play Story Time
- SEPT 20** SOUP, Fellowship & Worship 6:00-7:30
- SEPT 24** Quaker Basics: Early Friends 11:30 [In person & via Zoom]

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We had hosted a few sessions of the series before Covid shut us down in 2020. But like the legendary phoenix, we rise from the ashes to a new round of exploration. Sessions will have about an hour's reading, a brief presentation and then discussion, ending with worship sharing. Each session will have a different facilitator.

1. What early Friends found & relevance today	Dale & Von	9/24
2. Worship, why silence	Gretchen	10/8
3. The Light	Jim	10/22
4. Living Quaker Values [Testimonies]	Val	10/29
5. Conducting business	Bill W	11/12
6. Wider Quaker World & wrap up	Gretchen & Val	11/26

The order of 3, 4, & 5 may be changed depending on the facilitator's availability.

This series gives us the opportunity to get to know each other more deeply and share our spiritual journeys. We can give our personal perspectives and share peak experiences. We hope that those who begin the exploration will continue with all six sessions.

There are many resources to draw on: [QuakerSpeak](#) is excellent and our library has books and many pamphlets on all these topics. Friends Journal has an extensive [archive](#).

Quaker Basic Suggested Reading 2023

1. Early Quakers

Six Stages of Early Quaker Experience 19 p

Three Foundational Quotes, Fox, Penington, Fell, 1 p

2. Worship & Silence

“Silent Worship and the Inward Teacher”, Ch 23; 9 ½ p

Letters to a Fellow Seeker, Steve Chase

Our Practice of Silence, Daniel Seeger, 1 p

3. The Light

[Robert Griswold, “Experience”](#), 4 p

[Howard Brinton, “The Spiritual Message of the Society of Friends”](#) 2-2/2 p

4. Living Quaker Values [Testimonies]

“Quaker Faith and Social Action,” Ch 43; 11 p

Letters to a Fellow Seeker, Steve Chase

Introduction to Quaker Testimonies; AFSC, 2011

“Bearing Witness,” The Quaker Way, Rex Ambler 17 p

5. Meeting for Business

Reaching Decisions: The Quaker Method, Howard H Brinton 25 p

The Mind of Christ: Bill Taber on Meeting for Business, 21 p Michael Birkel, Ed.;

Pendle Hill Pamphlet 406

6. Wider Quaker World & Wrap Up

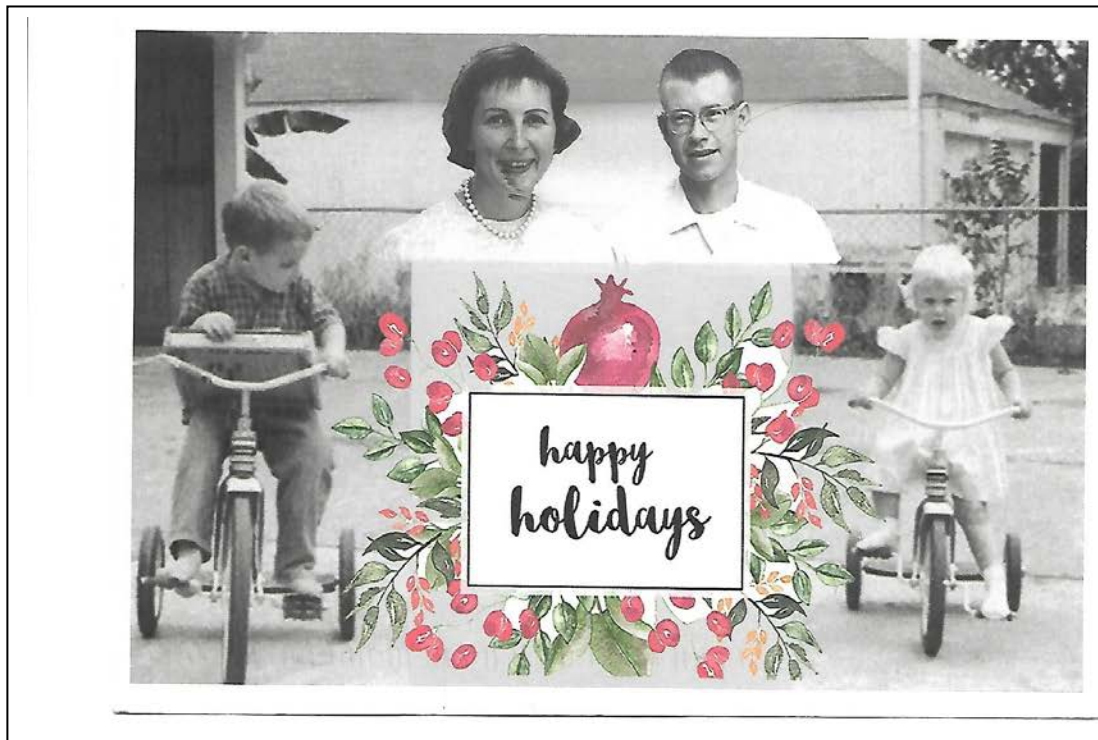
Report from the Middle: Reflections on Divisions among Friends Today, Doug Gwynn, pp 4-8

List of Quaker Organizations, 2 p

News of the Meeting

Marian H. Carter Feb 17, 1930 – Aug 22, 2023

Marian Hedleston Carter has been a vital part of FMSA for 60 years. She served on many committees and provided an institutional memory. She and her husband, Rusty, were instrumental in forming Friends Meeting in San Antonio. Marian let her mind be known. When she decided that a Meeting for Business had gone on long enough, she would gather her papers and head for the door.



Nominating Committee

Friends on the Nominating Committee seek to learn the gifts and interests of those attending worship to see where they might fit into the tapestry.

Descriptions of the various offices and committees are in the Handbook, available on the website [saquakers.org]. Currently, the committee is seeking one or two Friends to become clerk[s] for the next two years. Other positions are also under review. If you feel moved in this regard, or have questions, please ask Julie, Stephen, Val, or Denise.

More Quaker Jargon

Research shows that many Christian churches are losing attenders, while attendance at Friends Meeting of San Antonio is growing. People come out of curiosity, find peace in the silent worship, find answers to questions, find a loving community. And they return. Our fellowship is enriched by each seeker who finds us and extends their spiritual journey into Quakerism.

It's not always smooth sailing, for just as boats have their special vocabulary and jargon, so do Quakers. Newcomers, please be patient with us, and when in doubt, ask.

Children's Program



The children celebrate a successful gazpacho-making effort for the August potluck.

Starting September 17, the children will participate in Faith and Play, a Friends' curriculum of stories illustrating Quaker values. Four adult Storytellers have trained in this program, which will be held regularly each third Sunday of the month. Each story has figures or symbols to illustrate the theme. After hearing and responding to the story, they can play with the figures and draw their own illustrations.

On the first Sundays, after hearing a story, they will make soup or some other item to share with the Meeting. We take care that even the youngest can take part in the activities. The older ones help them.

The Interfaith Welcome Coalition

Seeks a **Downtown Staff Coordinator (part-time)** to help with the following crucial responsibilities.

Ensure efficient, mission-aligned work from Welcoming Associates by providing the following support and oversight:

- Create work schedules that cover all needed shifts (and adjust them as needed).
- Train new staff and ensure that current employees are performing well.
- Maintain alignment between the work of paid staff and volunteers.
- Act as a liaison to IWC leadership, Greyhound management, and partner orgs.
- Model excellent employee conduct with all stakeholders.
- Be the first point of contact for staff needing assistance, and
- Evaluate the performance of paid staff frequently, giving feedback as needed.

Collaborate with IWC staff and volunteers as well as with partner organizations by doing the following:

- Keep accurate records of arrivals and departures.
- Monitor inventory of supplies and restock as needed.
- Communicate needs to IWC leadership.
- Work as a positive, proactive, flexible teammate.

Perform other duties as assigned to support IWC's mission.

Pendle Hill

Resident Reunion, September 24, 2023

Alums are invited to join other Pendle Hill resident students, scholars, Friends in Residence, and staff from years past to celebrate Pendle Hill's 93rd birthday online!

2pm - 4:30pm Eastern Time (US & Canada) via Zoom. Free to all past residents and staff! Registration required. Register online or call 610-566-4507, ext. 137.

Executive director Francisco Burgos, director of education Frances Kreimer, and other current staff will host this online reunion, celebrating 93 years of Pendle Hill. Learn about our newly reborn resident student program, our podcast and pamphlets, and our many other invitations into the continuing experiment in spiritual learning community.

American Friends Service Committee

Win a chance to meet Joan Baez—and support AFSC!:

Joan Baez wants to fly one lucky winner and their guest to New York City to meet her at an exclusive screening of her new documentary “Joan Baez I Am a Noise.” And every entry supports AFSC! The more you donate, the more entries you earn for a chance to win and support AFSC. **Learn how to enter @ AFSC website.**

Friends General Conference

Resources in Spiritual Deepening Library

[A Quaker Way of Living with Dying](#) Growing old, even when that means facing physical or other changes, can help us focus on what is essential.

[Becoming Patterns and Examples](#) This topic explores how Quakers put faith into practice.

[Building a Meaningful and Connected Life](#) This Spiritual Deepening Library topic is under development.

Friends Committee on National Legislation

FCNL Violence Interrupters

Traditionally, cities have responded to community-level violence by increasing the presence of a militarized police force. This solution has repeatedly failed, with sometimes fatal consequences. A new solution, however, one that comes from within communities, offers a new way forward: violence interrupters.

Violence interrupters work within their communities to de-escalate violence before it happens, reducing the need for police intervention. These evidence-based programs are tailored to the unique needs of the neighborhoods they serve and lay the groundwork for lasting communal change.

[Urge Congress to make our communities safer by dedicating federal funding to violence interruption programs.](#)

To support this initiative, FCNL has established the 2023-2024 class of Advocacy Corps Organizers. These young adults from around the United States will be advocating for Congress to build safer communities by investing in **violence interrupters**.

FCNL Fly-In Lobbying in Washington DC, October 15 – 17, 2023

Join FCNL in Washington, D.C. for the inaugural fly-in! Learn and lobby with the Friends Committee on National Legislation on federal migration policy with programming and lodging at Friends Place. It is a gathering of movement builders focused on learning and lobbying for humane, sustainable migration management programs.

You will be housed at Friends Place on Capitol Hill, FCNL's Quaker guesthouse and learning center, located 5 short blocks from the U.S. Capitol. There is a range of affordable payment options, and there is a fund in our Meeting's budget to help with this. [Information and Application](#)