



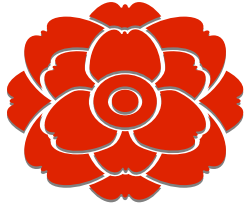
The Friendly News

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We are sad to report that James Mize died on June 26, 2024. A memorial meeting will be held at Friends Meeting of San Antonio on Saturday, September 21, 2024, at 10:00 am. His wife Joni will be with us that day. His obituary is available at <https://www.ashevilleareaalternative.com/obituary/James-Mize>.

Another sad report: Ken Southwood passed away on July 21, 2024, with his daughter, Jane, at his side. Ken would have been 99 in September. Jane wishes for a memorial meeting at FMSA in September or later. Ministry and Care will make suitable arrangements and inform Meeting. Ken and his wife Janet were treasured Friends, beloved of this Meeting, who were steadfast in their service at a time when our Meeting was experiencing a great deal of change. You may enjoy this article by Ken that was published in the March 2012 issue of *Friends Journal*: [“War, Compassion, and Devonshire Pasty.”](#)

Are you interested in news? Reading it? Collecting it? Sharing it? Would you like to do all these things in service to Friends Meeting? Then you are just the person to become the next Newsletter editor! If Meeting is to continue to put out a newsletter regularly, we need someone who is ready to pick up the torch of news to light our way forward. It's possible that this role could be shared by several people. Please contact Denise of the Nominating Committee. This will be the LAST newsletter under the current torch bearer.



AUGUST: Do I treat personal conflict as an opportunity for growth?

SEPTEMBER: Am I careful to speak truth as I know it and am I open to truth spoken to me?

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](#)
ID # 976 0522 6497; passcode: 194077
- **Friday Meeting for Worship – Fridays 8-8:30 AM**
[CLICK HERE to join by Zoom –](#)
ID # 976 0522 6497; passcode: 194077
- **1st Sunday Potluck Lunch; Children's Program**
- **3rd Saturday "Meeting for Weeding" (2nd Saturday in September)**
- **3rd Sunday Children's Program 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#**

Special Events

- AUG 4** Young Friends 10-11; Potluck
11 Forum: Gretchen on Non-Theist Quakers 11:30
18 Young Friends 10-11; No Meeting for Business in August
25 Forum TBA 11:30
- SEPT 1** Young Friends 10-11; Potluck
8 Forum: Rebecca on her experience at the FWCC conference in South Africa 11:30
15 Young Friends 10-11; Meeting for Business 11:30
21 James Mize Memorial Meeting 10:00
22 Forum: Where are we as a Meeting? Follow-up discussion, led by Bill W 11:30. A report of the July 28th initial discussion will be distributed prior to this forum.
29 Forum or fellowship

We will not publish a September newsletter. Current news will be shared in the weekly announcements. You can subscribe to weekly announcements at <https://sanantonioguakers.org/newsletters/>

Meetings have typically augmented individual contributions to Quaker and other organizations promoting peace and societal welfare. This Meeting has observed that historical practice for many years. Indeed, the Meeting's Handbook charges the Peace and Social Concerns Committee (P&SC) with proposing a budget of contributions to Quaker and local organizations, the budget being approved by Meeting, and then selects the recipients of this budgeted donation.

P&SC asks for your input as to which organizations donations should be made. There are very many organizations responding to the enormous number of needs in the Quaker and wider world, so discernment is necessary. In the last decade at least, FMSA's recipient list hasn't varied much. Perhaps that is where the Meeting's concerns continue to lie. But P&SC is examining whether that is so. What do you think are the organizations, national and global Quaker and local, most on the hearts and minds of FMSA? And importantly, what organization(s) do you personally support with your resources (time, effort, money) that align with FMSA's concerns generally?

Please respond to peace@saquakers.org or in writing to the P&SC mailbox in the Library (or by USPS). It would be most helpful to have a response by Thursday, 15 August.



Big Bend Sunset, photo by Jim Spickard

We offer the SCYM Peace & Justice Committee action information following the SCYM adoption of a minute on Gaza at the Spring Yearly Meeting.

Tragedy of Gaza - from SCYM Peace & Justice 7-15-24

What's happening in Gaza is beyond terrible. It's not good for either Palestinian or Jewish people! The situation is changing rapidly but not toward good solutions for anyone.

If Friends look at this situation with despair we're not alone. Americans can demand more of our government, and SCYM Peace & Justice will be sharing ideas for advocacy in the near future. If Friends or Meetings would like to support life and humanity in this challenging time, help is available.

Here are groups who share our concerns, and actions we can take with others that still make an impact.

Because of the rapid escalation of the situation, resources from these groups can help us prepare and build advocate muscle. They suggest options for action that keep pressure on decision-makers. When you add your voice it really counts.

Israel/Palestine action resources:

- American Friends Service Committee - [AFSC's Israel & Gaza resources page](#)
- AFSC Action Hour every Friday - [Register for AFSC Action Hour](#)
- Jewish Voice for Peace - [JVP's Act Now page](#)
- If Not Now – <https://www.ifnotnowmovement.org>
- US Campaign for Palestinian Rights - [USCPR's Take Action page](#)

When it's ready, SCYM P&J committee will send out a link to a larger P&J document describing some of the antecedents to the situation and offering ideas for action by Friends or Meetings for actions at the UN, US Government level, Congressional, and State legislative levels. Please join the new Peace & Justice Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61561300322733>

American Friends Service Committee - No Hunger Summer Campaign

AFSC is in the process of launching the [No Hunger Summer campaign](#) to urge leaders in 12 US states to opt into the SUN Bucks program and provide grocery-buying benefits to low-income families with school-age children. Since Texas is one of the states that has opted not to continue the SUN Bucks program past the summer of 2024, AFSC is recruiting Friends to on the ground to put pressure on TX officials. There are several things we need Quaker organizers to help with, including contacting government officials and spreading word of our campaign. You can read more about joining the campaign in the [No Hunger Summer Toolkit](#), and if you are interested in getting involved, please reach out to Ainsley at abruton@afsc.org.

American Friends Service Committee calls all Friends Meetings to join a large and growing interfaith coalition which seeks to dismantle Israeli apartheid. They ask that institutions and corporations stop supporting Israeli's violations of Palestine rights. South Central Yearly Meeting and Live Oak Friends Meeting, among others, have signed on. [As of February 2024]

Quakers Fast for Peace in Gaza and Israel by Sharlee DiMenichi
Quakers for Peace in Palestine and Israel, a group of at least 17 Friends from the United States, Ireland, and Venezuela, fasted and participated in virtual worship sharing on April 8 to express solidarity with Palestinians in Gaza, according to participant Claire Cohen. The event coincided with the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, during which believers fast from dawn to sunset.

Val riding from the airport in one of Cuba's 'classic' cars. Not one of the shiny ones the rich tourists swan around town in, but one that most people are able to use, in this case an old Lada from East Germany built in 1959.



Friends Committee on National Legislation Action Opportunities

The U.S. Must Call for a Ceasefire, De-escalation, and Humanitarian Access in Gaza [Contact your elected officials](#)

Tell Congress: Invest in Humane Migration Solutions [Contact your elected officials](#)

Tell Congress: Global Climate Assistance Helps Both the United States and the World [Contact your elected officials](#)



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