

Second Hour Programs

April 9th *The Story of an Activist*

Led by Ernest Rando.

April 16th *Worship Sharing*

Led by Deirdre Phillips. Worship sharing is a themed worship led by an individual and often centering on a query or queries. Worship sharing helps us listen to each other in a deeply spiritual, loving, and prayerful way.

Note: Yearly Meeting Weekend.

April 23rd *The Lamb's War and Peace*

A consideration of the Quaker peace testimony and its roots in the early history of Friends. Led by Richard Phillips.

April 30th *Friendly Potluck*

May. 7th *Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business*

The Quaker process in action. A spirited business meeting.

A Letter from Imprisonment in Colchester Castle,1656:

“ . . . But the spring comes first. Oh! how pleasant, and beautiful is the spring in a barren field, where barrenness and deadness fly away. As the spring comes on, the winter casts her coat and the summer is near. . .

Now you are called to dress the garden; let not the weeds and wild plants remain. Fretting is a weed; anger is a weed; self-love and self-will are weeds; pride is a wild plant; covetousness is a wild plant; lightness and vanity are wild plants; and lust the root of all. And these things have had a room in your garden, and have been tall and strong: and truth, innocence and equity have been left out, and could not be found, until the Sun of righteousness arose, and searched out that which was lost, and brought again that which was driven away. Therefore, do not be idle, but come into the vineyard and work. Your work shall be to watch, and keep out the fowls of the air, the unclean beasts, the wild bears, and the subtle foxes. . . “

—Imprisoned for his Quaker beliefs
James Parnell died soon after writing this,
aged 18.



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April 2017 Support CEO month!

Meeting for Worship is on Sundays. It begins with worshipful singing and sharing at 9:30 a.m. followed by one hour of silent/waiting worship which starts at 9:45 a.m.

After worship on most Sundays there is a break for fellowship with coffee, tea, and snacks, which is then followed, at about 11:15 a.m., by an enlightening and enjoyable, “second hour” program.

**Visitors and enquirers are always
very welcome.**

April is one of the two months in the year when we make a special effort to support **Cooperative Emergency Outreach** (CEO) with donations of food & toiletries, especially needed right now are small bottles of dishwashing detergent, large boxes of dry laundry detergent, large boxes of cereal, and toiletries, etc. Checks are also welcome. CEO is a co-operation between local churches to support those with emergency needs. This is our time to step up and help. Your donations may be brought to Meeting on Sundays in April and then a kindly elf will magically transport them to CEO.

CEO does not currently need any more egg boxes.

Our Meeting is funded through your generous support. Please send your **donations** to our Treasurer, Richard Phillips, or put them in the wooden Friends donations box at Meeting. You may also pay by automated debit – ask Richard for details.

Until the completion of South Central Yearly Meeting's *Faith and Practice* we follow the guidance of Pacific Yearly Meeting's version. It is available online here:

<http://tinyurl.com/faithandpractice>

Spring Quarterly will be from Friday evening on May 12th to midday on Sunday, May 14th at Dwight Mission, nr. Sallisaw, OK. This is a gathering of Quakers from Arkansas and Oklahoma; all members and attenders of Meeting are welcome. Dwight Mission is in a pretty rural setting about a 1 hour 30 minute drive from Fayetteville. Contact Karen Takemoto for more information.

First Day School for **young'uns** continues on second Sundays of the month – this month April 8th.

If you are led to **present a second hour program** for the Education slot (second and fourth Sundays) please let the Education Committee know! If you are led to present a Worship sharing on a third Sunday then let Ministry and Oversight Committee know.

The 2017 sessions of *South Central Yearly Meeting* will be held at: Greene Family Camp, Bruceville, Texas, Thursday, April 13th, through Sunday, April 16th. The theme this **Yearly Meeting** is "*Climate Change, Environmental Racism, Friends' Faith & Practice — What's the Connection?*"

<http://www.scym.org/sessions/annual>

The **Spring Book Study** will begin soon – in May? A proposed text is "*Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants*" by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Called the work of "*a mesmerizing storyteller with deep compassion and memorable prose*" (Publishers Weekly) and the book that, "*anyone interested in natural history, botany, protecting nature, or Native American culture will love,*" (Library Journal).

Another **Movie Matinée** is planned at the home of Richard & Deirdre Phillips, in Prairie Grove, on Saturday, April 22nd at 1:30 p.m. Movie yet to be decided.

After *meeting for worship* and a coffee break we usually have an optional second hour program. They are **organized during the month** thus:
1st Sunday: a business meeting;
2nd Sunday: an educational program;
3rd Sunday: a worship sharing;
4th Sunday: an educational program;
5th Sunday: a potluck.

Of course we sometimes shuffle the pack as the need arises.