

Second Hour Programs

Aug. 10th *Truth to Nature*

The Pre-Raphaelite school of painting was active in 1850s Britain. Their exquisitely detailed paintings are often imbued with hidden symbolism and social commentary. Richard Phillips will decode the secrets for us with a digital slide presentation!

Aug. 17th *Worship Sharing*

Jay Johnson will lead us in considering a spiritual writing of **Thomas Merton**.

Aug 24th *The Peaceable Kingdom*

In 1830s Pennsylvania **Edward Hicks** depicted his Quaker conception of faith through his paintings. Over sixty of them on the same subject: Isaiah 11:6-8. Presented by Betty Blanch.

Aug. 31st *Fifth Sunday Potluck*

A time to informally socialize, with whatever refreshments we might bring. A great time for enquirers to visit.

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

The Quaker process in action. A spirited business meeting.

Sept. 14th *Raising Grandchildren*

Presented by guest speaker Jan Judy.

The Peaceable Kingdom

*The wolf did with the lambkin
dwell in peace*

*His grim carnivorous nature
there did cease.*

*The leopard with the harmless kid
laid down*

*And not one savage beast
was seen to frown.*

*The lion with the fatling
on did move*

*A little child was leading them
in love.*

*When Great Penn his famous
treaty made*

*With Indian chiefs beneath the
Elm-tree's shade.*

— Edward Hicks, c1846

August 4th 'til 31st Edward Hicks' painting will appear as a billboard on Hwy 71 south of Fayetteville as part of *Art Everywhere*.

www.arteverywherus.org



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CEO FOOD DRIVE 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.**

New books in our library:

The Beautiful Soul of John Woolman, Apostle of Abolition—Thomas P.

Slaughter. This penetrating biography shows how this Quaker mystic transformed into a prophetic figure. His preaching against slavery, forced labor, war taxes, and consumerism was infused with a benign confidence that ordinary people could achieve spiritual perfection, and this goodness gave his message persuasive power and enduring influence.

New Jim Crow, Mass Incarceration—

Michelle Alexander. Alexander argues persuasively that “we” have not ended racial caste in America; “we” have merely redesigned it. Jim Crow and legal racial segregation has been replaced by mass incarceration as a system of social control.

A Testament of Devotion—Thomas

Kelly. By the renowned Quaker teacher Thomas Kelly. Plainspoken and deeply inspirational, it urges us to center our lives on God's presence, to find quiet and stillness within modern life, and to discover the deeply satisfying and lasting peace of the inner spiritual journey.

Invention of Wings—Sue Monk Kidd.

This bestselling novel is based on the life of Sarah Grimké, 19th-century abolitionist and women's rights pioneer. The action is set in motion on Sarah's eleventh birthday, when she is given ownership of ten-year-old Handful, who is to be her handmaid. We follow their remarkable journeys through thirty-five years, as both strive for a life of their own, dramatically shaping each other's destinies and forming a relationship marked by guilt, defiance, estrangement and the uneasy ways of love.

This is our **Food Drive** month to support CEO. Please make an extra effort to support this month's appeal..

The **Fayetteville anti-discrimination ordinance** is facing vocal opposition. Please come and support its third reading on Tue. August 19th, (doors opening at 5:00). A personal short statement to defend Christianity as a compassionate doctrine would be valuable. Other defenses of fairness and equality are also welcome

Our Fall **book study** will be *The New Jim Crow, Mass Incarceration* by Michelle Alexander. It will start in September – third Friday evenings? Time & place to be confirmed.

Potlucks:

September (date to be confirmed).

With Mary-Elsie Marchant at the Brentwood Community Park.

Saturday 25th October (after dark)

At the home of Kathleen & Jay Johnson – a bonfire picnic.

In recognition of the humanitarian need during the conflict in **Gaza**, Meeting came to unity in deciding to make an immediate donation (with additional personal contributions) to the Al Ahli Arab Hospital there.

<http://www.jmecca.org.uk/al-ahli-hospital-appeal-updates>

New *Pendle Hill Pamphlets* in our library:

The Light Within Then and Now—Rex Ambler. An exploration of how early Friends thought about and engaged with the Light. How could we be enriched - as individuals and as a community - by recovering some of the early Quaker experiences of Light?

But Who Do You Say that I Am?—

Douglas Gwyn. Doug Gwyn explores the different stances Quakers have assumed in relation to Christianity.

Plow Up the Fallow Ground—Lu

Harper. Lu Harper explores the depth and variety of insights that can be found in biblical images of field and vineyard. What wisdom did early Friends find in these passages, and what do they say to us today?

Radical Hospitality—Lloyd Lee Wilson.

Radical hospitality is a way of being in the world that helps to bring the Kingdom of God into full realization. The author finds in the events of Jesus's life and in his parables lessons in how to be part of the Kingdom.

Spiritual Accompaniment—Cathy &

Elaine Emily Wailing. In 2008, Elaine Emily visited Australia Yearly Meeting. Cathy Wailing traveled with her as her “eldering” companion. In the tradition of Friends - a faithful companion who accompanies, praying with and for, advises, and helps the traveller to remain faithful to their callings. This jointly written account, expanding on Cathy's journal, explores the lessons, challenges, and gifts of that experience.