

Second Hour Programs

Aug. 14th *Being Mortal*

Visitor Dr. Landrum will discuss this book by Atul Awande, and the end of life issues that it considers.

Aug. 21st *Worship Sharing*

Sherron Hays and Jane Purtle will lead on "Prayer".

Aug. 28th *No Death Penalty*

Executive Director of the Arkansas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, Furonda Brasfield, will tell us about how her organization, which considers both the moral and financial implications of capital punishment, works to abolish the death penalty.

Sep. 4th *Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business*

The Quaker process in action. A spirit-led business meeting.

Sep. 11th *Healing Energies*

A presentation by visitor Grace Culpepper.

Sep. 18th *Worship Sharing*

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.

Sep. 25th *Peace & Justice*

Morning Person

God, best at making in the morning, tossed stars and planets, singing and dancing, rolled Saturn's rings spinning and humming, twirled the earth so hard it coughed and spat the moon up, brilliant bubble floating around it for good, stretched holy hands till birds in nervous sparks flew forth from them and beasts—lizards, big and little, apes, lions, elephants, dogs and cats cavorting, tumbling over themselves, dizzy with joy when God made us in the morning too, both man and woman, leaving Adam no time for sleep so nimbly was Eve bouncing out of his side till as night came everything and everybody, growing tired, declined, sat down in one long descended Hallelujah.

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August 2016 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.**

August is one of the two months in the year when we make a special effort to support *Cooperative Emergency Outreach* with donations of food & toiletries, e.g. diapers, peanut butter, breakfast cereal, canned food — especially meat and fish, etc. Checks are also welcome. CEO is a co-operation between local faith groups 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 August, put them in the invitingly pretty box in the worship space, and then a kindly elf (thank you Mary, Jane, and others) will magically transport them to CEO.

Our **Quaker library** is closed until further notice.

Our meeting to review *Spiritual Friendships* found them to have been a positive experience for those who took part. If you are interested in joining is a future round of *Spiritual Friendships* please let a member of Ministry and Oversight Committee know.

The **book study group** meets next on Friday, August 19th at 6:30p.m., at the Meeting House (OMNI Center). Be prepared to discuss chapters *five* and *six* of *Healing the Heart of Democracy* by Parker Palmer. Deirdre Phillips (chap. 5) and Gladys Tiffany (chap. 6) will lead the discussion.

Our Quaker table at the Fayetteville **Farmers' Market** will be on Sept. 10th.

Thanks to sterling work by our *Religious Education Committee* we have a pretty full program of education second hours for the rest of the year. Some **highlights** to look forward to in the autumn are: Kathleen Johnson with an experiential second hour entitled "*Letting Go (In the Light or Anytime)*" in October; Denise Donnell from *Arkansas Human Rights* in November; and Maya Porter will be "*Walking in the Darkness*" in December.

Betty Blanch will be taking a sabbatical from the *Religious Education Committee*. Please let Betty Blanch, Jane Purtle or Mary Elsie marchant know if you'd like to **join** the committee.

We are planning to have a **weekend retreat** in the fall or early next year. Keep watching for news on that.

Remember that your *Ministry and Oversight Committee* is there to **help**. They are Deirdre Phillips (clerk), Leslie Coston, Mary Elsie Marchant, Annais Karliner, and Betty Blanch.

Until the completion of South Central Yearly Meeting's *Faith and Practice* we follow the guidance of Pacific Yearly Meeting's version:
<http://tinyurl.com/faithandpractice>

Our autumn book study will now probably be a 2017 New Year book study. The book chosen will be: "*Between the World and Me*" by Ta-Nehisi Coates. It is a bold and personal literary exploration of America's racial history. It offers a powerful new framework for understanding our nation's history and current crisis.