

Second Hour Programs

Dec 11th FCNL

Friends' Committee on National Legislation

— Gladys Tiffany will update us on her most recent trip to Washington.

Note: this is a change from our previously advertised program.

Dec 18th Winter Bear

Led by Jay Johnson. Worship sharing is a themed worship led by an individual and often centering on a query or queries.

Dec 25th Christmas Day

There will be Meeting for Worship but **no planned second hour program.**

Jan 1st Finance Committee

A *Meeting for Worship with Attention to Budget* to plan our 2017 expenditure.

Jan 8th Enneagrams in Prison

Visiting speaker Kaye Bernard will talk about her work bringing self-awareness training and mindfulness meditation to the incarcerated.

Jan 15th Worship Sharing

Jan 22nd Native Herbalism

Brandon Weston will present on native plant education, gardening, and herbalism.

Winter Quarterly weekend.

Jan 29th Fifth Sunday Potluck

To be confirmed.

Feb 5th Meeting for Worship with

Attention to Business

The Heart-in-Waiting

*Jesus walked through whispering wood:
'I am pale blossom, I am blood berry,
I am rough bark, I am sharp thorn.
This is the place where you will be born.'*

*Jesus went down to the skirl of the sea:
'I am long reach, I am fierce comber,
I am keen salt spray, I am spring tide.'
He pushed the cup of the sea aside*

*And heard the sky which breathed-and-blew:
'I am the firmament, I am shape-changer,
I cradle and carry and kiss and roar,
I am infinite roof and floor.'*

*All day he walked, he walked all night,
Then Jesus came to the heart at dawn.
'Here and now,' said the heart-in-waiting,
'This is the place where you must be born.'*

—Kevin Crossley-Holland (2001)



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December 2016

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.**

Seasonal potluck this year will be at the home of LaDeana Mullinix and Karen Takemoto in Farmington – Saturday Dec. 17th at 5:30 p.m.

NOW is the time to send our Treasurer, Richard Phillips, **your pledge for 2017**. We had a shortfall of pledged funds in 2016, so if you need a reminder of how you stand with your 2016 payments, or if you will need a statement of your contributions for your tax records please let him know.

Because of the Holidays **First Day School** will formally next meet in the New Year – hopefully with a newly prepared syllabus. During the next couple of months the planned **First Day School** weekends would have clashed with holidays. But children are still always welcome to attend Meeting.

We are planning a trip to our friends at the **Islamic Center of Northwest Arkansas** for a bite to eat on a Sunday lunchtime in January. Possibly January 8th? Watch this space & our Yahoo mailing lists (**Ozark Quaker & Fayetteville Friends**) for more updates.

We hope to hold a **Movie Night** (or nights) in the New Year.

We are giving gifts to a **Christmas family** again this year. A single father of 2 girls (clothing size 5 & size 6/7). They have recently moved into their own apartment — starting from scratch with no furniture, and few personal belongings. You know what they need clothes and personal items for the girls, items for the home, beds & bedding, gas/gift cards, etc. - and fun things too. Bring gifts to Meeting on Dec. 11th for distribution Dec. 17th. Check with Karen Takemoto before buying any major items, or if you cannot bring your gift to Meeting.

Winter Quarterly will be on Jan. 20th - 22nd, 2017 at Dwight Mission, Tahlequah, OK.

Our **Meeting Retreat** is planned for Sat/Sun March 18th – 19th. It will be at Mount Sequoyah Retreat & Conference Center in Fayetteville. Keep the date!

Spring Quarterly will be on May 12th - 14th, 2017 at Dwight Mission, Tahlequah, OK.

Our **Quaker library** will re-open in the New Year. Re-shelving of books will take place on December 30th at 1:30 p.m.

It is confirmed that the Meeting “officers” for 2017 will be:

Clerk: Deirdre Phillips

Associate Clerk: Richard Phillips

Ministry and Oversight Committee:

Leslie Coston, Frances Hime; ; Deirdre Phillips; Richard Phillips; Maya Porter; Karen Takemoto.

Treasurer: Richard Phillips.

We are co-operating with St Paul’s Episcopal Church to welcome a **refugee family** to the area. This could happen in January. The family are from the Democratic Republic of the Congo; but have spent many years in a refugee camp in Malawi. The kitchen area of their new home will be the responsibility of the Quakers. We will have an orientation meeting in January to help us to understand the situation the family have come from and their particular needs. All will be welcome to attend.

Our 2017 **rummage sale** will be on February 11th at the hall at Rolling Hills Baptist Church. All proceeds to Cooperative Emergency Outreach. Our queen of the rummage sale will be organizing us once again – watch out for information from Margaret Britain and her team – maybe you can be in the team?!