

Second Hour Programs

Dec. 10th *Immigration*

Immigration today and how US society can meet the challenges posed. Led by Gladys Tiffany.

Dec. 17th *Worship Sharing*

Deirdre Phillips will lead. 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.

Dec. 24th *Christmas Eve*

Dec. 31st *Friendly Potluck*

A time to informally socialize. A great time for visitors to find out about us.

Jan. 7th *Finance Committee*

A Meeting for Worship with Attention to Budget to plan our 2017 expenditure. All are welcome to attend.

Jan. 14th *Soil*

Clerk of our *Earthcare Committee*, Eric Fuselier, will help us delve into the mysteries of soil and how to prepare our gardens for the New Year.

Jan 21st *Worship Sharing*

Jan 28th *Prison Stories Project*

Visiting speaker Kathy McGregor.

Innocent's Song

*Who's that knocking on the window,
Who's that standing at the door,
What are all those presents
Laying on the kitchen floor?*

*Who is the smiling stranger
With hair as white as gin,
What is he doing with the children
And who could have let him in?*

*Why has he rubies on his fingers,
A cold, cold crown on his head,
Why, when he caws his carol,
Does the salty snow run red?*

*Why does he ferry my fireside
As a spider on a thread,
His fingers made of fuses
And his tongue of gingerbread?*

*Why does the world before him
Melt in a million suns,
Why do his yellow, yearning eyes
Burn like saffron buns?*

*Watch where he comes walking
Out of the Christmas flame,
Dancing, double-talking:*

Herod is his name

By Charles Causley (1917 – 2003)



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December 2017

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.**

Weighty Friends for 2018:

Clerk: LaDeana Mullinix.

Treasurer: Karen Takemoto.

Recording Clerks: Shelley Buonaiuto
& Gladys Tiffany.

Ministry & Oversight Committee:

Margaret Britain, Karen Takemoto,
LaDeana Mullinix, Maya Porter.

Newsletter: Leslie Coston.

The next meeting of *Quaker Earthcare Committee* will be on Friday, December 8th, after 5:00 p.m. at OMNI. All are welcome.

Peace and Justice Committee meets second Monday of the month at 5:00 p.m. Contact Maya Porter for more details.

Winter Quarterly will be February 2nd thru 4th at Dwight Mission, OK.

Greeters needed— please sign up on the calendar at *Meeting*.

Our *Meeting for Healing* continues on first and third Fridays at 1 pm. Contact Maya Porter for information.

New Year Open House drop-in starting 2:00 p.m. on January 1st at Karen Takemoto & LaDeana Mullinix's home in Farmington.

NOW is the time to send your Treasurer-in-waiting, Karen Takemoto, **your pledge for 2018**. A pledge helps your *Finance Committee* to plan expenditure for 2018. Please give your pledge well in advance of the January 7th *Meeting* so that it may be fed into the most excellent spreadsheet.

If you, or your committee, has any Quaker financial transactions (payments, refunds, donations) to make for 2017 please give them to Richard Phillips as soon as possible so that he can **finish the year** with tidy accounts.

Service and Social Concerns Committee will be **taken up** to serve Meeting in 2018. Contact Jane Purtle for more information.

Daniel Coston's painting "*Pepsi, please*" was juried in to the 23rd *Annual Artists of Northwest Arkansas (ANA) Regional Exhibition*. This prestigious annual event showcases the work of artists from the surrounding region - Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Missouri. The show is hosted this year at the *Community Creative Center* (505 W Spring St, in the Nadine Baum Studio) in downtown Fayetteville. Come and see it. The show will be up until January 8, 2018. It is free and open to the public.

Our seasonal gift giving to a **Christmas** family this year will be to our new friends from Cameroon – Stephanie Djmbi with li'l Elohim & Manfred Nyango. Please check your email for an invitation from Karen Takemoto to *SignUpGenius* to make a contribution. Gifts by December 15th please.

Our refugee friends from **Cameroon** are, since their six months introduction period is over, no longer under the care of Canopy. They are getting to grips with life in the USA, both have jobs, but, like so many of us when starting out, they still need the **help and support** of good friends. Here are *Go Fund Me* accounts to help Stephanie & Manfred.

<https://www.gofundme.com/BabyElohim>

<https://www.gofundme.com/ManfredDental>

"Thank you" to all those who served our Meeting in 2017 both officially and **unofficially**. 2017 has been a challenging and a busy year but we did much good work in our community, and there was wonderful spiritual feeling in our Meeting. May we continue to grow in each other's faith – we have very fertile soil for the Light to shine upon in 2018.