

## ***Second Hour Programs***

### **Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> *Judicial Equality***

Visiting speakers Linda Farrell and Dr. Rita Officer will present a program about the JEMI coalition (Judicial Equality for Mental Illness). Formed following the tragic death of an inmate at the Benton County jail it is a coalition of the judicial community, the mental health community, and Washington and Benton County jails.

### **Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> *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.

### **Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> *State of the Meeting***

Each year we report the state of our meeting to our yearly meeting (South Central Yearly Meeting). Bring your ideas of what significant events of 2014 we should include in our letter. This is a great opportunity to reflect on the past year communally and spiritually.

### **Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> *Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business***

The Quaker process in action. A spirited business meeting.

"The Lords therein buried, after their deaths were canonized as gods, and it was said that they did not die, but wakened out of a dream they had lived; this was the reason why the ancients say that when men died they did not perish but began to live again, waking almost out of a dream, and that they turned into spirits and so they said to the dead:

*'Lord or Lady, wake, for it begins to dawn, now comes the daylight for the yellow-feathered birds begin to sing, and the many-colored butterflies to flying';*

and when anyone died, they used to say of him that he was now *teotl*, meaning to say he had died in order to become spirit."

—Bernadino de Sahagún writing on the Aztecs in *The General History of the Things of New Spain* c. 1545.



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## **February 2015**

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.**

**Peace and Justice Committee** is infused with a new enthusiasm and leadings. Maya Porter is the clerk of the committee. Contact her if you would like to be involved.

Our meeting is funded through your generous support. Please send your **donations** to our Treasurer, Cari Burke, or put them in the wooden Friends donations box at meeting.

**South Central Yearly Meeting 2015** is April 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> at Greene Family Camp, Waco, TX. Registration opens February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**AR-OK Spring Quarterly 2015** Will be **April 24<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>** at Lake Fort Smith State Park, AR.

Fayetteville **Quaker t-shirts** are coming soon – in time for your summer wardrobe – probably in a stylish shade of blue. The cost will be around \$12. Watch out for ordering details soon.

Please be sure to leave spaces for **car parking** at the south/west side of the meeting house for visitors and disabled. Preferred parking for the fit, and those in need of exercise, is at *Liquor World* just up the road. Please leave the parking area next to the restaurant clear for their customers.

A proposed booklist for our spring **book study group** is here:

*A Sustainable Life: Quaker Faith and Practice* by Douglas Gwyn; *Wisdom Jesus* by Cynthia Bourgeault; *Varieties of Religious Experience* by William James; *Essential Writings: Rufus Jones, Quaker Way* by Rex Ambler; *Quakers: A Very Short Introduction* by Pink Dandelion; *The Soul of Money: Reclaiming the Wealth of Our Inner Resources* by Lynne Twist; *Growth of the Soul* by Knut Hamsum; *The Meaning of Jesus: Two Visions* by Marcus Borg; *How I Learned What Matters Most* by Marcus Borg.

If you are interested in joining the book study group please let Mary Elsie Marchant or Jane Purtle know your first and second choice of books.

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**Attendees:** If you want to know more about Quakerism, we would like to give you a copy of our *Faith and Practice (Pacific Yearly Meeting)*. Please speak to the clerks or Jane Purtle to secure a copy.

Our **Healing Circle** takes place in the office at the Meeting House on Fridays at 1:00 p.m. Let the participants (usually Maya, Jane, Betty, & Deirdre) know of any concerns for healing that you would like them to hold in the Light. You are also welcome to join them and so add **your** Light to the circle of Friends.

We are planning **seasonal hikes** that will draw on the expertise of Eric Fuselier and Brandon Weston to learn about each season's wild edibles, and medicinal plants. And spring is just around the corner! O Joy! Watch this space for hiking news.

Brandon Weston holds a monthly open house with **spiritual cleansing** and healing sessions using various folk traditions, e.g. Ozark/Appalachian & Mexcan/Curanderismo. The February session is on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>. Drop by between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. for a quick cleansing; or hang out for a while and enjoy a drink and some snacks. There is no charge but donations are always accepted to help pay for supplies. You can find out more, or send him prayer or healing requests at:

mountainmanhealing@gmail.com