

Second Hour Programs

Jan. 10th *State of the Meeting*

A time to reflect on our past year and to compose our report to Yearly: *Living Water from the Well: Renewal in Quaker Community; In-Dwelling and Out-Pouring; Sustainability — Sustenance.*

Led by Mary Elsie Marchant.

Jan. 17th *Sacred Space*

A worship sharing led by Mary Elsie Marchant.

Jan. 24th *Nones, Dones, & SBNR*

A discussion of the religiously unaffiliated and those who are spiritual but not religious. Led by John Blanch.

Feb. 7th *Captain Paul Cuffee*

To celebrate *Black History Month* we have a presentation by Richard Phillips about the Quaker son of a slave who had adventures on the high seas in the 18th century and became a notable ship-owner and philanthropist.

Note: *February Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business* is **postponed** until the second Sunday in the month:

February 14th *Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business*

The Quaker process in action. A spirited business meeting.

The Sixth of January

The cat sits on the back of the sofa looking out the window through softly falling snow at the last bit of gray light.

I can't say the sun is going down.

We haven't seen the sun for two months.

Who cares?

I am sitting in the blue chair listening to this stillness.

The only sound the occasional gurgle of tea coming out of the pot and into the cup.

How can this be?

Such calm, such peace, such solitude in this world of woe.

— David Budbill



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January 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.**

A new year brings new resolution for another **Friendly hike**. Our plan is to find a sunny Saturday afternoon and head down the Kingfisher Trail at Lake Sequoyah, (about 15 mins. drive east from the center of Fayetteville). Perhaps 1/16 or 1/30? Notification by email lists and Facebook.

Our intrepid scout did a quick reconnaissance and reports that it is listed as 3.9 miles but seemed shorter. It's rated "easy" which means mostly level ground. The trail starts on the north side of the marina area; the trailhead is well marked with a nice sign. The trail skirts the east-northeast quarter of Lake Sequoyah. The first half mile is a little ho-hum because it is adjacent to a roadway. Once it veers closer to the lake and away from "civilization" **things become more interesting**.

It's an out-and-back trip that follows the same trail both directions. The far north end of the trail terminates at an open meadow. I saw a couple of houses in the distance across **the meadow**. This suggests that hikers could probably only hike half the trail if we staged a car near those houses.

<http://www.fayettevilleflyer.com/2013/01/06/all-quiet-on-the-lakefront-at-lake-sequoyah-trail/>

December Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business confirmed the following people to posts serving meeting in 2016:

Associate Clerk: Deirdre Phillips;

Ministry & Oversight Committee:

Leslie Coston & Annais Karliner;

(along with Betty Blanch, Mary Elsie Marchant & Deirdre Phillips);

Recording Clerk: Maya Porter;

Treasurer: Richard Phillips;

Archivist: LaDeana Mullinix.

Our current *Associate Clerk*, Mary Elsie Marchant, **will become Clerk**.

A big THANK YOU to those who have stepped down from their Meeting roles of last year; and a hearty CHEER for those who are taking up new roles for us in 2016 — and beyond.

Until the completion of South Central Yearly Meeting's *Faith and Practice* we follow the guidance of Pacific Yearly Meeting's version. It is available online here:

<http://tinyurl.com/faithandpractice>

Our **Winter Quarterly Meeting** will be at Dwight Mission which is northwest of Sallisaw, OK. It will be on the weekend of January 22nd—24th, 2016. Registration is required **by Jan. 11th!** Details from Tina Cofin of Little Rock Meeting. Email: carillontc@aol.com

The 2016 South Central Yearly Meeting will be Thursday, March 24th – Sunday, March 27th at the Greene Family Camp, Bruceville, Texas.

<http://www.scym.org/yearlymeeting>

Now that the restaurant next door to the Meeting House has opened, and as part of our good neighbor policy towards them, you may wish to leave the parking lot adjacent to the meeting house for our visitors and those with disabilities, thereby leaving plenty of space for potential customers of the restaurant. There is **ample parking** next to *Liquor World* just up the road.

Education Committee is looking towards a Book Study Group for 2106. Perhaps "*Being Mortal*" by Atul Gawande? Let the committee know if that interests you or give them your suggestion.