

Second Hour Programs

June 8th *Impressions of Yearly*

A report on the *South Central Yearly Meeting* (of which our meeting is a member) that took place in Texas in April. Presented by Gladys and Richard Tiffany who attended the Yearly.

June 15th *Worship Sharing*

Led by Elizabeth Bullock-rest on the Rumi poem "*That Lives in Us*".
(see next column)

June 22nd *Nature that Nurtures*

Led by Frances Hime.

June 29th *Fifth Sunday Potluck*

A time to informally socialize, with whatever refreshments we might bring. A great time for enquirers to visit with us.

July 6th *Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business*

The Quaker process in action. A spirited business meeting.

That Lives in Us

*If you put your hands on this oar with me,
they will never harm another,
and they will come to find
they hold everything you want.*

*If you put your hands on this oar with me,
they would no longer lift anything to your
mouth that might wound your precious land –
that sacred earth that is your body.*

*If you put your soul against this oar with me,
the power that made the universe will enter your
sinew from a source not outside your limbs,
but from a holy realm that lives in us.*

*Exuberant is existence, time a husk.
When the moment cracks open,
ecstasy leaps out and devours space;
love goes mad with the blessings, like my words give.*

*Why lay yourself on the torturer's rack
of the past and the future?
The mind that tries to shape tomorrow beyond its
capacities will find no rest.*

*Be kind to yourself, dear – to our innocent follies.
Forget any sounds or touch you knew
that did not help you dance.
You will come to see that all evolves us.*

–Rumi



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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.

We had a wonderful Quarterly at Lake Fort Smith. There was a great deal of **deep spiritual food for thought** to be found in our worship sharings and workshops. Quakers from Arkansas and Oklahoma gathered, shared, ate, told jokes and stories, and sang together, building a wonderful fellowship. Your editor will always remember sitting on the back porch in the darkening twilight in a group of happy singers, accompanied by guitars, we were *“wa-wa-wa-waltzing with bears”*. Thank you to those who organized and worked so hard to make the weekend such a success.

See **you** there next year?

If there is a worship sharing **you are led to give** please let a member of M&O know.

We need more **greeters** for the meeting on Sundays. Please consider signing-up to meet and greet – and optionally hug. Let Maya Porter or another member of *hospitality committee* know a date that works for you.

Remember to keep your diaries free for ***Camp Cleanup*** on **Saturday June 21st**. We have volunteered to help make ready a Summer Camp for Native American children in Oklahoma in 2014 - Quivering Arrow Camp. It is a project of Hominy Friends Church and the Kikapoo Friends Center, and is held in the grounds of Council House Friends Church, Wyandotte, OK. That is just south-west of Joplin, MO. It will be an opportunity for us to work on a very **worthwhile service project** and to work in true Friendship with programmed Friends in Oklahoma.

<http://www.councilhousefriends.org/camp.html>
Karen Takemoto is our leader in this, more details of possible car-pooling nearer the date.

A couple of dear Friends have been in and out of **hospital** recently. Please hold them in the Light. Remember we have a weekly healing circle where Friends gather to join in sending prayers and healing energy to those in need. You are welcome to join in this spiritual venture. It happens in the Meeting House library at 1:00 p.m. on Fridays. Maya Porter has more details.

Our May potluck was well attended despite the change of day. We had a most pleasant gathering hosted by Shelley and Michael Buonaiuto. Over a dozen of us came together to share **good food and good company**.

**Friends General Conference Gathering, June 29th – July 5th.
At CALU, Pittsburgh, PA.**

Theme: ***Let Love be the First Motion***
Registration is now open, late fee after June 1st. On the banks of the Monongahela River, the California University of Pennsylvania (CaL U) is 35 miles south of Pittsburgh.

<http://www.fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering>
The Mary Fisher Travel Fund is available to help those in need of financial assistance to attend the Gathering – and first time attenders are eligible for a matching (or more) scholarship grant from FGC. Contact a member of M&O.

The book that outlines our *Faith and Practice* may be read online here:
<http://tinyurl.com/faithandpractice>