

Second Hour Programs

May 10th *Kazakhstan*

A presentation by Nina Buonaiuto informed by her experiences living and teaching in the Central Asian republic.

May 17th *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.

May 24th *Ozark Folk Healing - part 2*

Part deux! A presentation by Brandon Weston.

May 31st *Fifth Sunday Potluck*

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

June 7th *Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business*

The Quaker process in action. A spirited business meeting.

June 14th *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 Tiffany who attended the Yearly.

The Avowal

*As swimmers dare
to lie face to the sky
and water bears them,
as hawks rest upon air
and air sustains them,
so would I learn to attain
freefall, and float
into Creator Spirit's deep embrace,
knowing no effort earns
that all-surrounding grace.*

by Denise Levertof.



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May 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.**

Our monthly study group on Marcus Borg's *Embracing an Adult Faith* continues on the third Friday of the month, 6:30 p.m., at the home of Karen Takemoto and LaDeana Mullinix. You are welcome to join us. There is no preliminary study needed. The session comprises of a short video introduction by Marcus Borg followed by our Friendly group discussion. The next session will be on *Salvation* – led by Deirdre Phillips.

Now added to our library – *The God We Never Knew* by Marcus Borg.

Taste the vibrancy and the variety that is available by immersing yourself in a community of Friends for a week. The *Friends General Council Gathering* will be at Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC, July 5th-11th, 2015. The 2015 theme will be *Seeking Wholeness*. Registration is now open.
<http://www.fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering>

Join in with our Facebook group at:
"Fayetteville Friends Meeting (Quakers)"

We also have a Facebook group for those aged 18 to 30-ish:
"Fayetteville Friends-Young Adults"

Our Meeting supports *Cooperative Emergency Outreach* (CEO). Helping desperate families keep the power on, putting gas in their tanks to get them to doctor appointments, or buying work boots so they can go back to work are just a few of the ways that CEO volunteers make a real difference in Washington County. If you are looking for a way to give back, but have limited time, CEO can use you. They are open every weekday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. when four volunteer interviewers assess the needs of the clients, and give the necessary help. They have their regular schedule full, but a handful of substitute interviewers to fill in when regular volunteers are sick, have doctor appointments or go on vacation. Right now CEO needs new substitute interviewers. If you are interested in finding out how it works, please call Amy Field at 790-0827. If interested, you will be given a chance to *shadow* another interviewer before signing up. Once you sign up, it is simply a matter of watching your email to see when we need subs and responding as quickly as possible. You work only when it is convenient for you. Please consider giving it a try!

Friends will be aware that Nanci Ballew recently suffered a stroke. She is recovering well but still needs the aid of a helper. There will be a benefit to raise funds to pay a caregiver for Nanci. There will be a silent auction, music, food at the OMNI Center on Saturday May 9th from 6:00 pm. 'til 10 p.m. Come and have fun, sing, dance, bid, and **help a good friend**.

"Light gives of itself freely, filling all available space.

It does not seek anything in return; it asks not whether you are friend or foe.

It gives of itself and is not thereby diminished."

—Rabbi Michael Strassfeld.

"For me it was important that people come to value light. . . This world that we have around us is not a world that we receive, but more a world that we create, and make.

Now this seems a bit of a surprise because we really feel and we are very much attached to the fact that we are receiving these perceptions as opposed to creating them.

But we do create the reality in which we live."

—Quaker artist James Turrell.