

Second Hour Programs

May 14th *Informal Gathering*

As this is Spring Quarterly weekend the second hour will be an informal gathering with perhaps a presentation of whatever First Day School children have crafted.

May 21st *Worship Sharing*

Led by Scott Holloway. 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 28th *The Testimony of Climate*

Shelley Buonaiuto and the Climate Change Group will present on climate change and the Quaker testimonies.

June. 4th *Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business*

The Quaker process in action. A spirit-led business meeting. Note: the last business meeting before our summer hiatus.

June 11th *Bayard Rustin (1912-1987)*

About the Quaker civil rights activist presented by LaDeana Mullinix.

Word, Thought and Deed

*Tis writ, "In the beginning was the Word!"
I pause to wonder what is here inferred.
The Word I cannot set supremely high:
A new translation I will try.
I read, if by the spirit I am taught,
This sense "In the beginning was the Thought."
This opening I need to weigh again,
Or sense may suffer from a hasty pen.
Does Thought create, and work, and rule the hour?
'Twere best: "In the beginning was the Power."
Yet, while the pen is urged with willing fingers.
A sense of doubt and hesitancy lingers.
The spirit comes to guide me in my need,
I write "In the beginning was the Deed."*

—Faust (Part One), 1808, Goethe



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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.**

NOTE: As a **one month experiment** in changing the ambience of our Meeting, starting Sunday 14th, *Meeting for Worship* will take place in the large OMNI library (formerly our reception room). Children's *First Day School* will be in the small Quaker library room.

First Day School for *young'uns* continues on second Sundays of the month – this month May 14th.

Our Meeting is funded through your generous support. Please send your **donations** to our Treasurer, Richard Phillips, or put them in the wooden Friends donations box at Meeting. You may also pay by automated debit – ask Richard for details.

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>

Spring Quarterly will be from Friday evening on May 12th to midday on Sunday, May 14th at Dwight Mission, nr. Sallisaw, OK. This is a gathering of Quakers from Arkansas and Oklahoma.

If you are led to **present a second hour program** for the Education slot (second and fourth Sundays) please let the Education Committee know! If you are led to present a Worship sharing on a third Sunday then let Ministry and Oversight Committee know.

The **Spring Book Study** will begin soon. A proposed text is *"Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants"* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Called the work of *"a mesmerizing storyteller with deep compassion and memorable prose"* (Publishers Weekly) and the book that, *"anyone interested in natural history, botany, protecting nature, or Native American culture will love,"* (Library Journal).

After *meeting for worship* and a coffee break we usually have an optional second hour program. They are **organized during the month** thus:

- 1st Sunday: a business meeting;
- 2nd Sunday: an educational program;
- 3rd Sunday: a worship sharing;
- 4th Sunday: an educational program;
- 5th Sunday: a potluck.

Of course we sometimes shuffle the pack as the need arises.

Brandon Weston will be leading a **spring hike** on Saturday, June 10th at Lake Fayetteville (paved trail, Veterans Park entrance) from 9 a.m. until noon. Kids welcome.

It is hoped that our meeting can organize a **regular vigil** with the intention of addressing concerns around "soothing the soul of the nation". If you are interested in joining this or have particular ideas of how this might be achieved please contact Mary Elsie Marchant.

For the past four years, through the voluntary help of Maya Porter, Meeting has been supporting the *Sunday Supper* program that several churches established as part of an effort to **provide food for low-income people**. She volunteered to assist Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on the fourth Sunday of the month to serve dinner at Trinity Method Church on Garland Ave. She is now ready to lay that obligation down.

Does anybody feel led to continue our ministry to the community in this way? If someone else would like to take it up, please contact Maya for details. It means being at Trinity from about 3 until 5 o'clock on the fourth Sunday of each month. Thank you, Maya!