

Second Hour Programs

Nov. 13th *Human Rights*

Visiting speaker Denise Donnell from *Arkansas Human Rights* will discuss a variety of ways people of faith can stand in solidarity with the LGBTQ community.

Nov. 20th *Gifts of the Spirit*

A worship sharing led by Mary Elsie Marchant.

Nov 27th *Art of the Nativity*

From pre-Renaissance to the Moderns presented by Richard Phillips.

Note: Thanksgiving weekend.

Dec 4th *Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business*

The Quaker process in action. A spirit-led business meeting.

Dec 11th *Walking in the Dark*

Maya Porter will be discussing the value of walking in the dark as based on the book "Learning to Walk in the Dark: Because God Often Shows Up at Night" by Barbara Brown Taylor.

Dec 18th *Worship Sharing*

Worship sharing is a themed worship led by an individual and often centering on a query or queries.

Dec 25th *Christmas Day*

Jan 1st *Finance Committee*

A committee of the whole to consider our 2017 planned expenditure.

from Jubilate Agno

For I will consider my Cat Jeoffry.

For he is the servant of the Living God duly and daily serving him.

For at the first glance of the glory of God in the East he worships in his way.

For this is done by wreathing his body seven times round with elegant quickness.

For then he leaps up to catch the musk, which is the blessing of God upon his prayer.

For he rolls upon prank to work it in.

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For having consider'd God and himself he will consider his neighbour.

For if he meets another cat he will kiss her in kindness.

For when he takes his prey he plays with it to give it a chance.

For one mouse in seven escapes by his dallying.

For when his day's work is done his business more properly begins.

For he keeps the Lord's watch in the night against the adversary.

For he counteracts the powers of darkness by his electrical skin and glaring eyes.

For he counteracts the Devil, who is death, by brisking about the life.

For in his morning orisons he loves the sun and the sun loves him.

For he is of the tribe of Tiger.

For the Cherub Cat is a term of the Angel Tiger.

— Christopher Smart (1722—1771)



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November 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.

Because of the Holidays *First Day School* will formally next meet in the New Year – hopefully with a newly prepared syllabus. During the next couple of months the planned *First Day School* weekends would have clashed with holidays. But children are still always welcome to attend Meeting.

Our **Quaker library** is closed until further notice. But we hope to be able to reopen it early in the New Year. Decision to be made at December *Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business*.

Until the completion of South Central Yearly Meeting's *Faith and Practice* we follow the guidance of Pacific Yearly Meeting's version:

<http://tinyurl.com/faithandpractice>

Cooperative Emergency Outreach (CEO) will be newly available on first Saturday mornings 10a.m. 'til 12:00 noon in the New Year. They will need extra help – including interviewers. Please contact Jane Purtle or LaDeana Mullinix if you can help.

If you could attend CEO's House of Representatives twice a year; or would be prepared to sit on their Board please also let Jane or LaDeana know.

<http://www.ceofayetteville.org>

Do you have an idea for a worship sharing that you'd like to lead? **Please** let Deirdre Phillips know.

The next book study will be in the New Year. The book chosen is: *"Between the World and Me"* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. It is a bold and personal literary exploration of America's racial history. It offers a powerful new framework for understanding our nation's history and current crisis. If you have suggestions for a Spring book study then let Education Committee know.

Your **Nominating Committee** has proposed the following new Meeting "officers" for next year:

Associate Clerk: Richard Phillips

Ministry and Oversight Committee:

Frances Hime; Maya Porter; Karen Takemoto.

During the Nominating Committee process a number of people expressed concern with our **current meeting space**. Maya Porter will convene a meeting to set up a committee to consider our needs and our options. If you have a concern, then please join her on that committee.

We are planning to have a **weekend retreat** probably early next year. Keep watching for news on that.

Our next **rummage sale** will probably be in February. Watch this space and save your rummage.