

Second Hour Programs

Sept. 14th Raising Grandchildren

A presentation by guest speaker Jan Judy about grandparents raising grandchildren.

Sept. 21st Worship Sharing

To be led by Karen Takemoto. 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.

Sept. 28th The Gospel of Q

Writer on religious matters - Bettina Lehovc - will talk about possibly the earliest recorded sayings of Jesus as noted by the mysterious "Q". The Q writings may give us a direct connection to the oral tradition of the first Christians.

Fall Quarterly will be the first weekend in **October (3rd – 5th)** at Robbers Cave State Park, Wilburton, OK.

An important Quarterly which will finalize our choice of speaker and theme for 2015 Yearly. Stay in the park cabins, or nearby motels for those in need of extreme comfort. Cost \$50 per adult. Register by Sept. 29th to Jan Michael of Stillwater Meeting.
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Quarterly means there will be no **Meeting for Worship with Attention for Business** in October. There will be a **called meeting** for Nominating Committee to report on **October 19th**.

Our September Query:

One morning, an aging master sent his apprentice to get some salt. When the apprentice returned, the master told him to mix a handful of salt in a glass of water and then drink it.

"How does it taste?" the master asked.

"Bitter," said the apprentice.

The master chuckled and then asked the young man to take the same handful of salt and put it in the lake. The two walked in silence to the nearby lake, and once the apprentice swirled his handful of salt in the water, the old man said, "Now, drink from the **lake**."

As the water dripped down the young man's chin, the master asked, "How does it taste?"

"Fresh," remarked the apprentice.

"Do you taste the salt?" asked the master.

"No," said the young man. At this the master sat beside this serious young man, and explained softly,

"The **pain of life** is pure salt; no more, no less. The amount of pain in life remains exactly the same. However, the amount of bitterness we **taste** depends on the container we put the pain in. So when you are in pain, the only thing you **can** do is to enlarge your sense of things. **Stop being a glass. Become a lake.**"



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September 2014

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 Fall **book study** will be *The New Jim Crow, Mass Incarceration* by Michelle Alexander. It will start **Friday September 19th** at 6:30p.m. in the meeting house. Please read the introduction as preparation for the first session – to be led by Gladys Tiffany. A copy is available from our library:

New Jim Crow, Mass Incarceration— Alexander argues persuasively that “we” have not ended racial caste in America; “we” have merely redesigned it. Jim Crow and legal racial segregation has been replaced by mass incarceration as a system of social control.

New book in our library:

Lessons — Peter Marchant. Written by our dear, late Friend “*Lessons*” is a short memoir of growing up Jewish in 1940s wartime England. This thoughtful and thought-provoking essay recounts his wartime experiences as a schoolboy, and post-war as a young man in the British Army of the Rhine when he visited with Jewish refugees in the former concentration camp of Bergen-Belsen. It also draws inspiration from his personal connection with Holocaust survivors. It is now available in our library.

A few copies of Pacific Yearly's *Faith and Practice* are available to be given to new members or attenders who may wish to deepen their knowledge of the Quaker way. Let Jane Purtle know if you need a copy. *Faith and Practice* is also available online: <http://tinyurl.com/faithandpractice>

The Nominating Committee for Fayetteville Friends Meeting is seeking someone to serve as Associate Clerk for 2015, whom then rises to **Clerk in 2016**. They also seek someone to serve on Ministry and Oversight Committee for 2015-2016 (2 year term).

While Meeting Procedures state that these positions should be filled by Friends who are Members of our Meeting, we believe that spiritual leadings guide our process. If you feel led, or see gifts in others to serve in this capacity, **please suggest names** to any member of the Nominations Committee: Cari, Jay, Deirdre, Maya, Karen.

Serving is a spiritually led process. The committee asks each of you to sit with this and see if you are called to this leading – or perhaps a tap on the shoulder is needed to nudge someone towards that leading, . . . which our committee may also do.

Please offer names by **mid September**. The committee hopes to be able to present a recommendation to Meeting at the October Meeting for Business.

Young Adult Friends – How about a board-game night? You know who you are! Cari Burke is your contact.

Potlucks:

Saturday 20th September 5p.m.

With Mary-Elsie Marchant at the Brentwood Community Park.

Saturday 25th October 6p.m.

At the home of Kathleen & Jay Johnson nr. Winslow– a bonfire picnic.

Fayetteville is a participant in *Compassion Games: Survival of the Kindest* which continues through September 21st. Register your random act of compassion or become a secret agent of compassion at: compassiongames.org

Our meeting donation to the Al Ahli Arab Hospital in **Gaza** was increased to \$375 by the addition of \$175 in individual donations. Thank you all. <http://www.jmeca.org.uk/al-ahli-hospital-appeal-updates>

Will there soon be a Fayetteville Quaker T-shirt available to purchase? Watch this space.

And will there be a Quaker information table at the Fayetteville Farmers' Market? Maybe. . . if you are willing to volunteer! – contact Betty to add your name to the volunteer list.