

## ***Second Hour Programs***

### **Sep. 11<sup>th</sup> *Healing Energies***

A presentation by visitor Grace Culpepper.

### **Sep. 18<sup>th</sup> *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.

### **Sep. 25<sup>th</sup> *The World We Seek***

Our *Peace and Justice Committee* will present a program that looks at how we can work to affect policy change, including the work of *Friends Committee on National Legislation*.

### **Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> *Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business***

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

### **Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> *Letting Go* *(In the Light or Anytime)***

A didactic and experiential program led by Kathleen Johnson.

### **Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> *Worship Sharing***

### **Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> *Poetry Sharing***

### **Oct 30<sup>th</sup> *Fifth Sunday Potluck***

A time to informally socialize. A great time for visitors to find out about us.

### ***The Real Prayers Are Not The Words, But The Attention That Comes First***

*The little hawk leaned sideways and, tilted, rode the wind. Its eye at this distance looked like green glass; its feet were the color of butter. Speed obviously, was joy. But then, so was the sudden, slow circle it carved into the slightly silvery air, and the squaring of its shoulders, and the pulling into itself the long, sharp-edge wings, and the fall into the grass where it tussled a moment, like a bundle of brown leaves, and then, again, lifted itself into the air, that butter-color clenched in order to hold a small a small, still body, and it flew off as my mind sang out oh all that loose, blue rink of sky, where does it go to, and why?*

—Mary Oliver (2005).



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## **September 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.**

The final meeting of the **book study group** will be on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm at the Meeting House. Be prepared to discuss chapters *seven* and *eight* of *Healing the Heart of Democracy* by Parker Palmer. Deirdre Phillips and Gladys Tiffany will lead the discussion.

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.

Our **Quaker library** is closed until further notice.

Remember that your *Ministry and Oversight Committee* is there to **help**. They are Deirdre Phillips (clerk), Leslie Coston, Mary Elsie Marchant, Annais Karliner, and Betty Blanch.

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>

Our Quaker table at the Fayetteville **Farmers' Market** will be on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, 8 a.m. until noon. Helpers are signing up to do one hour slots, come and join the crew at our table. Or just drop in and see us there.

The **Arkansas/Oklahoma Fall Quarterly Meeting** will be once more at the lovely setting of Robbers Cave State Park, Wilburton, OK From the evening of Friday October 7<sup>th</sup> 'til Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup>. Cost \$40 per adult – a bargain reduced from last year (children under 14 free).

<http://tinyurl.com/FallQuarterly2016>  
Register by Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> with Jan Michael of Stillwater Meeting.  
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A ***Nominating Committee*** has been formed. It is Mary Elsie Marchant (clerk); Frances Hime; Annais Karliner; Deirdre Phillips; Maya Porter. They will soon be contacting you for your leadings on whom should be our next Associate Clerk and two open positions on *Ministry and Oversight Committee* for 2017- replacing Annais and Betty.

Thanks to sterling work by our *Religious Education Committee* we have a pretty full program of education second hours for the rest of the year and beyond. Some **highlights** to look forward to in the autumn are: Denise Donnell from *Arkansas Human Rights* on November 13<sup>th</sup>; Richard Phillips will help us look at the Art of the Nativity from the Renaissance to the Moderns on November 27<sup>th</sup>; Maya Porter will be leading us *"Walking in the Darkness"* on December 11<sup>th</sup>; and January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 will bring us Kaye Bernard and her work with enneagrams in prisons.

We are planning to have a **weekend retreat** in the fall or early next year. Keep watching for news on that.

#### ***Query for September:***

*Do we structure our lives in order to keep them uncluttered with things and activities?*

*Do all aspects of our lives bear the same witness? Do we center our lives in the awareness of the presence of God so that all things take their rightful place?*