

Second Hour Programs

Sep. 10th *Peace & Justice*

What peace and justice issues are important to us?

Sep. 17th *Monkey Mind II*

"Monkey Mind: How do we deal with it during *Meeting for Worship?*" Led by Maya Porter.

Sep. 24th *Book Review*

Betty Blanch & Jane Purtle will discuss with us a couple of books from our Quaker library: "*Shaping a Personal Myth to Live By*" & "*For that Solitary Individual, An Octogenarian's Counsel on Living and Dying*" (Pendle Hill pamphlets) by John Yungblut from Jane and "*Rufus Jones Essential Writings*" selected by Kerry Walters from Betty.

Oct. 1st *Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business*

The Quaker process in action. A spirited business meeting. All are welcome.

First Lesson

*Lie back daughter, let your head
be tipped back in the cup of my hand.
Gently, and I will hold you. Spread
your arms wide, lie out on the stream
and look high at the gulls. A dead-
man's float is face down. You will dive
and swim soon enough where this tidewater
ebbs to the sea. Daughter, believe
me, when you tire on the long thrash
to your island, lie up, and survive.
As you float now, where I held you
and let go, remember when fear
cramps your heart what I told you:
lie gently and wide to the light-year
stars, lie back, and the sea will hold you.*

— Philip Booth



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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.**

The final session of the book group will be Friday, September 22nd at 6:30 p.m. at the home of LaDeana Mullinix & Karen Takemoto in Farmington. The text is "*Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants*" by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Mary Elsie Marchant will be leading discussion on the following chapters. Come along even if you haven't read: *Sitting in a Circle; Putting Down Roots; The Sacred and the Superfund; Epilogue: Returning the Gift.*

We now have a *Quaker Earthcare Witness* Committee. Eric Fuselier is the Clerk of the committee. The meetings will be on the second Fridays of the month at the meeting house. All interested in the intersection of Quaker beliefs and **care for our planet** are welcome. Next meeting Friday 8th September at 5:30 p.m.

Let our clerks know if you are willing to help with **baby care** during *Meeting for Worship*.

Our **Fayetteville Farmers' Market** outreach table will be on October 14th. The "chiefs of fun" for this will be Karen Takemoto and Gladys Tiffany. Let them know if you can help on the day or can help with preparing fun activities.

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 6th 'til Sunday October 8th. Cost \$40 per adult (children under 14 free). Look for a more retreat-like event this year as we use our usual morning/afternoon workshop time to explore some ideas from the Philip Gulley book *The Evolution of Faith: How God is Creating a Better Christianity*. As usual there is some free time after lunch and ample opportunity for visiting, singing, and games in the evening.

Register by Oct. 4th with Jan Michael of Stillwater Meeting.
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Joyful news that Stephanie (from Cameroon) and her new baby boy – **Elohim** – are doing just fine.

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

OMNI are looking for financial sponsorship of their planned **solar power** panels for the meeting house. Contact Gladys or Richard Tiffany if you can be of help.

The **spiritual friendship groups'** informational Second Hour is rescheduled for October 15th.