



New Garden Meetinghouse, 1791

NEW GARDEN FRIENDS MEETING

Established 1754

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First Day Schedule

9:00 a.m.	Un-programmed Meeting for Worship
9:30 a.m.	Intergenerational First Day School
9:45 a.m.	First Day forums and classes for adults
10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
11:00 a.m.	Semi-Programmed Meeting for Worship

What do Quakers say?

There is something sacred in all people.

All people are equal before God.

Religion is about the whole of life.

We meet in stillness to discover a deeper sense of God's presence.

True religion leads to respect for the earth and all life upon it.

Each person is unique, precious, a child of God.

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263 Years of Continuous Quaker Ministry and Presence
in the New Garden / Greensboro Community
19th Day, 11th Month 2017

PLEASE ENTER THE MEETING IN WORSHIPFUL SILENCE

Each item in the order of worship arises out of the silence, which encompasses the whole hour. As a Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), we value these quiet moments in the presence of the Divine Spirit and our gathered congregation.

Worshipful Music

March from "Xerxes"

Welcome

Announcements

Hymn # 44

"We Plow the Fields"

Reading

2 Corinthians 9:11-12

Special Music

Adult choir

"Thanksgiving Prayer" text adapted from Ralph Waldo Emerson,
comp. Nancy Pitkin, arr. Jim Bain

Offertory

"Canzonetta" Victor Hollaender

Message

Margaret Webb

"Abundance and Giving"

COMMUNION AFTER THE MANNER OF FRIENDS After the planned message we enter into a period of worship that is based upon silent, expectant waiting. It is a distinctly Quaker form of worship. It is slightly different from meditation. This kind of worship (about 30 minutes) may be completely silent, or there may be those who are led to stand and speak. When we hear a speaker, regardless of whether we agree with what is said, or whether we understand what is being said, we hold that speaker in the LIGHT (pray for them) and consider that we may learn valuable lessons or be moved spiritually by what is being said. After the speaker finishes, we return to the silence and continue to worship expectantly. Friends are encouraged to allow a period of silence between speakers so that we may reflect on the message which has just been given. Early in the silence we may use our minds to think about words and music we have just heard, but hopefully we will get beyond the process of thinking to a place where the Divine Spirit leads and guides us into a deeper level of worship.

GREETING AFTER THE MANNER OF FRIENDS Friends extend the hand of fellowship (or hugs) in recognition that we are all children of God.

FIRST DAY at NEW GARDEN FRIENDS MEETING

9 a.m. Open Worship

Meeting Room (no childcare)

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Intergenerational First Day School

Friendship Hall

9:45 a.m. Adult Classes

Forum, Brotherhood, Spiritual Disciplines

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

Friendship Hall

11 a.m. Semi-Programmed Worship

Meeting Room

Regarding childcare:

9:30 - Noon Room 112

Infants-until toilet trained

10:30 - Noon Room 004

Toilet trained and up

NGFM encourages all children to attend Meeting for Worship. Please choose the option that is best for your family. Available to newcomers: "Helping Children Learn to Worship" pamphlet found in Meeting Room foyer.

Next Carry-In Meal and Monthly Meeting for Business

Sunday, December 3

Schedule This Week

Monday: November 20
7:45 p.m. New Garden Mindfulness Group / Parlor

Tuesday: November 21
2 p.m. Gilbert Circle / Parlor
2 p.m. Poetry Group / Room 109
4 p.m. Ukestra Practice / Room 109

Wednesday: November 22
11 a.m. Healing Prayer Group / Friends Home
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room
7 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation / Meeting Room

Please note:

The NGFM Office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24.

Today's Volunteers:

Ushers
Sydney Keskinen
Brandon Keskinen
Carter Lawe
Anya Lawe
Spencer Harris

Sound Team
Tom Lassiter
Kurt Keskinen

Greeter
Janice Reddick

Birthdays:

November 21
Ben Williard
November 22
Patrick Lawe
Karrie Manson
November 23
Molly Maynard

November 24
Marie Brown
Emmanuel Khamala
November 25
Hannah Aileen Carroll
Ken Marion
Robert (Bob) Mers
Russell Sciandra

Please hold in the Light:

John Furnas Rex Adelberger Jim Alley
Ben Alley Sandra Wilson Ellen Perry
Ann Appenzeller Bob Macmaster Charlotte Straney
Chris Johnston Al & Sharyn Carwile
Marshall (Dinah Flippin's brother)
Martha Gracie (friend of Charlotte Straney)

Children invited to make a joyful noise

New Garden Friends Meeting is starting a Children's Choir.

Children ages 3-12 are invited to gather in the choir room at 10:30 a.m. (immediately following Intergenerational Forum) each First Day for practice. The choir room is Room 121.

The Children's Choir is part of the Religious Education program at New Garden and will be directed by Marc Alley, the Meeting's music director.

We understand that life is busy, and that many will be unable to attend each and every First Day. But this should not stop Friends from participating. We hope that children will come as often as they can, and join us in making a joyful noise.

Seekers Classes set for February 2018!

Seekers classes will run for four Sundays from February 4 to February 25, from 3-5 p.m. and are wonderful for newcomers and also long-time members. We will cover the basics of Quaker history, the testimonies, and Quaker faith, Quaker community practices and business practices and variations among different branches of Quakers.

Join us to learn more about Quakerism and New Garden Friends Meeting. Please complete the registration form on the last page of this bulletin. Contact: Margaret Webb - 336-292-5487 or (pastormargaret@ngfm.org).

Reminders:

- > If you'd like to bring flowers for the Worship Room for any Sunday morning, you may sign up at the hallway bulletin board
- > The name tag system is to help folks get to know one another.
If you would like to get one please sign up at the table in the foyer.



If you choose to speak during the silence

please stand or raise your hand and wait for delivery of a microphone by an usher. Then hold it as shown in this photo.

December Schedule

Sunday, December 3

Decorating the Christmas Tree after 11 a.m. meeting
Carry-In Meal/Monthly Meeting for Business after 11 a.m. meeting

Saturday, December 9

Simple Christmas 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday, December 10

Alternative Christmas (before/after meeting)
Guest Speaker at Meeting for worship - Wess Daniels

Monday, December 11

Annual Cookie Bake (hosted by Cora Worth Parson Circle) 7 p.m.

Sunday, December 17

New Garden Choir - Christmas Music 11 a.m.
Christmas Caroling (meet at NG to walk to Friends Homes) 5 p.m.
Note: All invited for pizza in Friendship Hall after caroling

Thursday, December 21

Winter Solstice 6 p.m.

Sunday, December 24

Regular Morning services
Christmas Eve Service Welcoming music - 6:30 p.m.; program - 7 p.m.

Sunday, December 31

Un-programmed Meeting 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

A Litany of Thanksgiving

Howard Thurman

In Your presence, O God, we make our Sacrament of Thanksgiving.

We begin with the simple things of our days:

Fresh air to breathe,

Cool water to drink,

The taste of food,

The protection of houses and clothes,

The comforts of home.

For all these we make an act of Thanksgiving this day!

We bring to mind all the warmth of humankind that we have known:

Our mothers' arms,

The strength of our fathers,

The playmates of our childhood,

The wonderful stories brought to us from the lives of many who
talked of days gone by when fairies and giants and diverse kinds
of magic held sway;

The tears we have shed, the tears we have seen;

The excitement of laughter and the twinkle in the eye with
its reminder that life is good.

For all these we make an act of Thanksgiving this day.

Seekers Classes will run for four Sundays

February 4 to February 25, from 3-5 p.m.

Complete the form below and return to the meeting office by January 28, 2018.

**SEEKERS GROUP
REGISTRATION**

Please return this form by Sunday, January 28, 2018

Yes, I / we will participate in the Seekers Group.

Name (s) _____

Address _____

Phone (H) _____ (C) _____

Email _____

Childcare needed for children:

Name

Age
