

The New Garden Friend

Newsletter of New Garden Friends Meeting

December 12, 2018

Updated List for Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 16

Alternative Christmas 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Join us to eat, chat, and shop! We invite refugees and non-profits to display their valuable work and offer us ways to give to friends and family by buying gifts and honor cards. This then helps refugees support themselves and organizations to help others. Lunch and treats will also be available for purchase. Those participating include: Taste The World, Turkish Crafts, Ten Thousand Villages, Urban Ministry, Nana's Treats, Renaissance Cooperative, Biz Kids, Juana's Items, Gate City Quilt Guild, AFSC, Quaker House and Ecuadorian Crafts.

Special Forum Speaker 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

Join us in the parlor, for a special speaker. Fahima Gaheez lives in Pittsburgh, PA, and works with the Afghan Women's Fund, a 100% volunteer organization. The Afghan Women's Fund works to empower women and girls through education and self-sufficiency in Afghanistan. Because they believe that the key to empowerment is education, they have started and built many schools and literacy classes for adult women. They also provide vocational trainings for women, clinics, dig wells, and donate school and medical supplies. Fahima will also have a booth at Alternative Christmas, and will be selling Afghan Rugs.

Caroling at Friends Homes 4:45 - 8 p.m.

Friday, December 21

Winter Solstice 5 - 9 p.m.

Sunday, December 23

Christmas Carols/Christmas Hymn Sing 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. Choir will bring message in song 11 a.m. service

Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve Service (music at) 6:30 p.m. (service at) 7 p.m.

Lunch and Learn - December 16

The topic for this month's First Day Lunch and Learn on December 16 will be based on Quaker singer/song writer John McCutcheon's ballad "Christmas in the Trenches." We hope this will stimulate some meaningful discussion. Please bring your lunch and join us after the rise of Meeting for Worship. We plan to start at 12:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Sara White, at 336-253-1319 or (sarawhite27410@gmail.com).

Christmas Honor Cards

The sale of the Christmas Honor Cards in support of local non-profits will take place each First Day, through Sunday December 16 (the day of the Alternative Christmas Event). At the rise of meeting, please find us at a table in the entryway by the kitchen We hope to expand our outreach in two ways this year: we'll offer more days of the sale of the cards (for those of you who actually *do* get your holiday cards sent early), as well as expanding our group of non-profits who will benefit.

Call Cathy Hamilton for more information: 336-601-0304 or email: (cathyhhamilton@gmail.com).



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Deadlines

To be considered for publication in the next newsletter, items **must be received by noon Monday**. Please include your name, phone number and email address.

Items for the New Garden Sunday bulletin must be received by noon on Thursday.

Question? Call Sharon Burton, 336-292-5487.

6-Week Course on Quaker Classics

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Sundays from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. January 6 - February 10

There is no "Quaker canon" (It would be tough for a pacifist group to have one!), but there are cherished texts that have inspired, informed, and guided Friends through the centuries and help define the core of Quaker belief, practice, and spirituality. Margaret Webb and Max Carter will lead this discussion-oriented course, encouraging participants to explore the literature that has not only stood the test of time among Friends but in many instances has been included in lists of the best devotional literature in religion worldwide. We'll explore excerpts from the journals of George Fox and John Woolman; read the spiritual insights of Howard Thurman, Isaac Pennington, Margaret Fell, Elizabeth Bathurst, and Caroline Stephen; see why Thomas Kelly's "A Testament of Devotion" has moved so many. The class will be held on January 6, 13, 20, 27, and February 3 and 10 at 6:30 p.m. at New Garden Friends Meeting.

All participants should purchase a copy of *Quaker Spirituality: Selected Writings* edited by Douglas V. Steere.

Several copies are also available to borrow so contact Max or Margaret if you would prefer to borrow one.

To register for this class please contact Margaret Webb at (pastormargaret@ngfm.org) or 336-292-5487 and Max Carter at (mcarter@guilford.edu).

Meetings

Wednesday: December 12

- 11 a.m. Healing Prayer Group / Friends Home
- 6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room
- 6 p.m. High School Young Friends / YF space
- 7 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation / Meeting Room

Sunday: December 16

- 5 p.m. Young Friends Sunday Night Supper / FH

Tuesday: December 18

- 4 p.m. Ukestra / Brotherhood Room

Birthdays

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| December 6 | December 10 |
| Jonathan DePass | Martha Dentiste |
| December 7 | Marcy Maury |
| George House | December 11 |
| December 9 | Lynne Gantz |
| Beverly Cox | |

American Friends Service Committee News

AFSC invites contributions!

Do you want to help local families who are suffering after having a loved one detained or deported to the Triad Immigrant Support Fund?

Go to: tiny.cc/triadcrisisfund to donate. These funds will be used to support families impacted by detention and deportation.

AFSC General Secretary to speak Saturday, January 12

Please join AFSC general secretary Joyce Ajlouny on Saturday, January 12 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at New Garden Friends Meeting.

Come meet Joyce and learn about the strategic planning process that she is leading as AFSC turns the page on a century of building peace with justice.

Prior to joining AFSC as general secretary in September 2017, Joyce worked in international development and served as the director of the Ramallah Friends School in Palestine.

Join in the Spirit of Giving

Join us in the spirit of giving this month!

Please join us ... fill a box with non-perishable food items according to this list and bring your box to the Christmas Eve Candlelight Meeting for Worship.

Each day add an item to a box. On Christmas Eve donate the contents for a food bank.

- 1 - box of cereal
- 2 - peanut butter
- 3 - stuffing mix
- 4 - boxed potatoes
- 5 - macaroni & cheese
- 6 - canned fruit
- 7 - canned tomatoes
- 8 - canned tuna
- 9 - dessert mix
- 10 - jar of applesauce
- 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- 12 - cranberry sauce
- 13 - canned beans
- 14 - box of crackers
- 15 - package of rice
- 16 - package of oatmeal
- 17 - package of pasta
- 18 - spaghetti sauce
- 19 - chicken noodle soup
- 20 - tomato soup
- 21 - can of green beans
- 22 - can of mixed vegetables
- 23 - can of carrots
- 24 - can of green beans