

New Garden Friends Meeting

First Day Notes

January 18, 2019

Meeting for Worship (Worship Room):

9 a.m. Unprogrammed

11 a.m. Semi-programmed

New Garden Friends Meeting encourages all children to attend Meeting for Worship. Many families choose to bring their children for the programmed message, and leave with a childcare helper prior to the silence. Some opt to stay for the entire duration of Meeting for Worship. However, if neither of these options work for your family, childcare is available. Please choose what is best for you.

Activities packets and crayons are available outside the Meeting room. We keep a blanket and quiet(er) toys near the facing bench for our Littlest Friends to participate in “Meeting for Wiggles”.

Intergenerational First Day School (Friendship Hall): Intergenerational forum is held once a month, generally on the second Sunday of the month. This month, it has been rescheduled for January 27th.

Schedules may be obtained electronically, or from the Religious Education office.

Childcare during Meeting for Worship (10:30-rise of Meeting) with Eva Houston and Carolyn Vallejos

Brotherhood Class (9:45-10:50, Rm. 111): The Brotherhood class is a group of men and women who are interested in Bible study. All are welcome to join. This winter, we are doing a 3 month long unit on the gospel of Luke. We’ve found that spending this much time on one book of the Bible is rewarding. It allows time to look closely at the text and reflect on its context in the larger writings of which it is a part. There are tensions and complexity in these texts, reflecting and illuminating doubt and faith, the

great problems we face in the modern world, and different perspectives on our hope for the future. We discuss these, drawing both on historical interpretations by Fox and Fell, Woolman, and contemporary Quaker authors, as well as other contemporary scholars.

Each class can be appreciated on its own, so you may attend as you are able. This week, “Lost and Found”

Spiritual Disciplines (10:00- Rm. 109): Karen Garraputa leads this book discussion group. Feel free to join as we discuss the spiritual discipline of care of the Earth.

Adult Forum (9:45-10:50, Parlor): Marilyn Lane-Morgan, Gertrude Beal, and Susan Poulos will join us to share their thoughts and “Aha!” moments from their recent attendance at a Racial Equity Institute training.

The Racial Equity Institute (REI) is committed to bringing awareness and analysis to the root causes of disparities and disproportionality in order to create racially equitable organizations and systems. Even 50 years after significant civil rights’ gains, the impact of race continues to shape the outcomes of all institutions. REI trainers and organizers help individuals and organizations develop tools and processes to challenge patterns of institutional power and to grow institutional equity. Their approach has a movement orientation, always focused on organization toward institutional change with equitable and just outcomes for people of color (See Parker Palmer, <http://www.couragerenewal.org/parker/writings/divided-no-more/>). The Racial Equity Institute recognizes many intersecting oppressions, but their belief is that racism is the glue that connects all oppressions, and thus their focus is on race and the injustices that stem from racialized history and belief systems that are reflected in American culture and institutions.

Children’s Choir (10:30-10:45, choir room): Children of all ages are invited to join us in the choir room to make a joyful noise!

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