

PHOENIX QUAKER MEETING NEWSLETTER

(Noticias de la reunión de los Amigos de Phoenix)

MARCH 2025

MARCH 2026

Sunday, March 1	9:00 – 10:00am	Faith and Practice Discussion
	10:00 – 11:00am	Meeting for Worship
	10:00 – 11:00am	Childcare Ages 0-5
Sunday, March 8	9:00 – 10:00am	Peace & Social Concerns Meeting
	10:00 – 11:00am	Meeting for Worship
	10:00 – 11:00am	Childcare Ages 0-5
	11:30am	Potluck Lunch/Fellowship
Sunday, March 15	9:00 – 10:00am	Experiment with Light
	10:00 – 11:00am	Meeting for Worship
	10:00 – 11:00am	First Day School (Sunday School)
	10:00 – 11:00am	Childcare Ages 0-5
	11:30am	Business Meeting (MFWFB)
Sunday, March 22	10:00 – 11:00am	Meeting for Worship
	10:00 – 11:00am	Childcare Ages 0-5
	2:00pm	Memorial Service for Jesselyn Gaona (Tempe)
Friday - Sunday, March 27, 28, 29		Spring Half Yearly Meeting in Tucson
Sunday, March 29	10:00 – 11:00am	Meeting for Worship
	<i>There will be no Childcare due to Half Yearly Meeting.</i>	

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



- Spring Half Yearly Meeting
- Please Join us for Jesselyn Gaona's Memorial Meeting
(Sunday, March 22, at 2:00pm at the Tempe Quaker Meeting)
- Judy Lundy's Memorial Meeting and Memorial Minute
- Vance Marshall's Travel tales with Progresa
- An Arizona Quaker Friendly Connection
- First Day School and Childcare
- Call to Action

Save the Date: Spring Half Yearly Meeting

March 27, 28 & 29



Gather with Arizona Friends
for fun and fellowship

led by **Barry Crossno**,
Secretary of Friends General Conference

“The Meeting Experience”

Hosted by Pima Monthly Meeting in Tucson
Children’s Program Available

Register at: ahym-registration.pmm.life

JESSELYN GAONA MEMORIAL MEETING

When: Sunday, March 22, 2:00pm,
at Tempe Quaker Meetinghouse,
318 E 15th St, Tempe, AZ 85281

Please join us at the Memorial Meeting for Jesselyn, which will be held on Sunday, March 22 at 2:00 pm, at the Quaker Meetinghouse in Tempe, 318 East 5th Street, Tempe, between University and Broadway. Her mother shares that she attended the Tempe Meeting as a child, but later as an adult, she attended Phoenix Friends Meeting. They

decided to go to Tempe for the memorial because their family has a lot of memories there.

Her place of work, Wesley Community & Health Center, hosted a wonderful celebration of Life for Jesselyn. Here are some photos, submitted by Nancy Marshall.



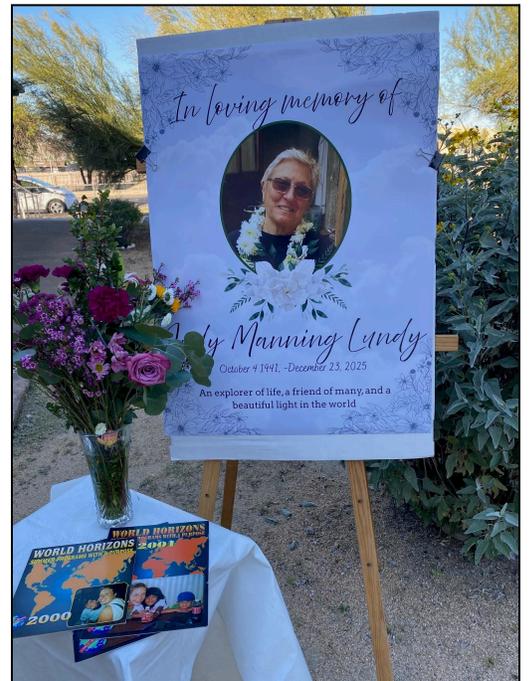
JUDY LUNDY'S MEMORIAL MEETING

Francisco, Executive Director of Pendle Hill, January 28, 2026

The room was full, and the remembrances were many as we celebrated the very full and loving life of our dear friend, Judy Manning Lundy, on January 31st at Phoenix Quaker Meeting.



*Photos submitted by
Nancy Marshall*



Judy Lundy's Memorial Minute

Judith Susan Manning was born on October 4, 1941, in Bronxville, New York.

Her parents were Armin and Anita Manning.

Judy spent most of her childhood years in Bronxville, Westchester County, NY. She attended Bronxville public schools. Her two best friends from Kindergarten through the eighth grade were Heather Allison and Margie Poole.

For reasons not remembered, Judy was always nicknamed "Ollie."

She had an aunt who wanted her to learn about the wider world and would take her into New York - the Metropolitan Museum and other places to broaden her view of the world.... THAT certainly took root!

Judy graduated from Valparaiso University, Indiana, in 1963 with a Bachelor of Science. Soon afterward, she attended Syracuse University in New York with a Master of Arts in International Education.

From 1968 to 1987, Judy worked for Operation Crossroads Africa (OPA) under the leadership of Dr. James Robinson. She directed a high school student exchange program and developed and oversaw self-help projects in 28 Caribbean and Central American countries, providing volunteer opportunities for several thousand high school students.

Somewhere along the way, Judy met and married Donald Leroy Lundy, and "Lundy." At first she worked for World Horizon International from 1987-2001, creating cross-cultural exchanges and community projects for high school students world-wide. At some point Judy and Lundy together bought out the organization and supervised 20 staff in developing and leading programs worldwide.

During this period of roughly 30 years of international service projects, Judy acquired a dozen passports which show that she visited at least these countries: Burma, Venezuela, Grand Cayman, Hungary, Scotland, Colombia, Italy, Lithuania, Switzerland, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Sweden, Egypt, Antigua, Hong Kong, Kosovo, Morocco, Laos, Iceland, Dominican Republic, Lithuania, Holland, Korea, Denmark, Portugal, South Africa, Tasmania, Thailand, Mexico, Australia, Malaysia, Belize, Namibia, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Panama, Guatemala, Uganda, Bahrain, Uruguay, Jamaica, Jordan, Argentina, Brussels, Montenegro, the city of Dubrovnik, Nevis, Philippines, Spain, Somalia, Suna, Kamakora, Cuba, Egypt, Samoa, Singapore, the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Laos), Malaysia,

Zimbabwe (including Victoria Falls), Hong Kong, Guadeloupe, Barbados, Bangkok, Thailand, the Virgin Islands, Myanmar, Dominican republic, India, Mogadishu, Jamaica, Belize, Jamaica, St. Maarten, Nepal, Republic of Dahomey, Cayman Islands, Japan, Nigeria, Panama, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Togo, Commonwealth of Dominica, Trinidad & Tobago, Haiti, Montserrat, Santa Lucia, South Africa, Costa Rica, Brazil, British Virgin Islands, Bahamas, St Vincent, Grenada Cambodia, Vietnam, Swaziland, Chile, and Ethiopia. (I am sure I missed some).

Back in the United States, settling with Lundy in Scottsdale, Judy worked for Childhelp, Inc., from 2001-2011. She was responsible for the over-all program of leisure activities for four group homes for girls from CPS, helping them into proper adulthood behaviors and independent living skills.

Judy had friends and made friends everywhere she went. She volunteered at Andre House. She started a dinner group with Barb Carringer. She played games via phone and zoom during the Pandemic, participated in a current events group and a book group after meeting.

Nancy Bujold at the Via Linda Senior Center. She knew the names of more places than anyone, and when she spoke up in book group, she was "spot on."

Judy loved her Nancy Drew books and read many biographies, especially of women. She also became renowned for wearing Easter Bunny ears at Easter.

Judy began attending Phoenix Quaker Meeting in about 2012, and there she expanded her Easter repertoire to include a full-blown Easter Bunny head to charm the children from Sunday School. Said her friend Nancy Bujold, Judy ended every phone call saying, "You know I love you, girl." Judy also became involved in the charitable efforts at meeting. When an opportunity arose to travel to Bolivia to see how Friends were aiding Bolivian scholarship students, Judy joined the study tour. She quickly found a need of the youth for sports equipment and raised only from her fellow-travelers, went to a local store, and came back with a few soccer balls and other sports intel for the students. She also found time to gather a group of fellow-travelers to go

to a show of Lady Bolivian Wrestlers, complete with their bola hats and wide skirts. When Judy's beloved husband Lundy died, she kept herself company with Hank, a mixed-breed dog who became a devoted companion. He definitely protected her from other dogs, and maybe some people too. Early in the summer of 2023, shortly after Hank passed over the rainbow bridge into dog heaven, Judy suffered a few strokes, felt some of her memory slipping, and moved into assisted living at Sunrise of Scottsdale. She quickly became known as the "ambassador" of Sunrise. In December of 2025, the day after a lovely luncheon out with friends, she became ill and slipped into a coma.

Judy died on December 23, 2026.

Judy left no children. But she leaves behind dozens and dozens of friends from all over the world who loved her, remembered her love and sent her birthday cards. We all feel a great sense of loss in her passing. She lived an incredibly full life of world-wide adventure and service. The angels will be glad to feel Judy's love and joy amongst them.

~Submitted by Nancy Marshall

VANCE MARSHALL'S TRAVEL TALES WITH PROGRESA

I recently traveled to Antigua, Guatemala with a Quaker-based group called Progresá. The group gives university scholarships to Guatemalan students. Numerous students wanted to further their English language skills and we went to provide one-on-one instruction. My student is Debora Yojero, who already speaks Kaqchikel (her first language) and Spanish. She exhibits warmth and kindness; leading us to have an enjoyable week. We read to each other and sang many songs in English. Afternoon walks around town gave us a chance to utilize both English and Spanish. The Mayan influence remains imprinted on the people there with 40% + being indigenous. Lush, rugged mountains make travel challenging, but we fit Lake Atitlan into our schedule. It's a lovely lake surrounded by 7 dormant (I hope) volcanos. The villages around the lake have been inhabited.



~Submitted by Vance Marshall

AN ARIZONA QUAKER FRIENDLY CONNECTION

Arizona Quakers can network and develop friendships around the state for many worthy causes. Here, Cathy Atkinson of Flagstaff Meeting and Nancy Marshall of Phoenix Meeting shared a table at a Phoenix fundraiser for Valley Life, a nonprofit that supports group homes for special needs adults. Kathi brings extra culinary knowledge from her work at San Francisco de Asis Catholic School in Flagstaff. Nancy connected Kathi with her friend Doris, of a local Presbyterian church, who chairs the Board of the Molly Lawson Foundation for special needs programs. Kathi now serves on the Molly Lawson board and Nancy takes credit for the connection. Every table had a theme and a hat. Ours was "South Pacific" and Nelly Forbush nurses' hats.

~Submitted by Nancy Marshall



FIRST DAY SCHOOL & CHILDCARE



First Day School met on February 15. The kids learned about how chocolate and chocolate bars have Quaker roots! Cadbury chocolate was founded by John Cadbury, a member of a prominent Quaker family in Birmingham, England, in 1824. Cadbury developed cocoa and drinking chocolate as a healthy, non-alcoholic alternative to alcohol, aiming to combat poverty related to alcoholism. The kids were able to savor the chocolates that they were given as they joined the rest of us for worship.

We plan to meet on the 3rd Sunday of every month through May, with an additional Sunday a month, if more than one family can attend, and a teacher is available. Please watch the weekly email the Saturday before to find out if FDS is meeting.

Our childcare for children ages 0-5 is growing!

Please consider volunteering one Sunday between now and the end of May for childcare.

Please contact Kari at acumoxamama@gmail.com or 585-315-5155 (text or call) and let her know which Sunday you would like to volunteer.

We are looking for a new Childcare Leader for the 2026-2027 School Year. Please reach out to Candace or Kari, if you would like more information. We appreciate your serious consideration of this volunteer position!

Childcare Adult Volunteer Schedule for March, 2026:

March 1 - *Candace W.*

March 8 - *Zach B.*

March 15 - *Kari H.*

March 22 - *Jay M.*

March 29 - ***No Childcare provided.***

There will be no childcare on Sunday, March 29th, due to the Half-Yearly meeting in Tucson.

We are currently seeking volunteers for April 12th and April 19th.

Please let Kari know if you can volunteer either day.

CALL TO ACTION

Arizona Faith Network and Corazon AZ are partnering with Interfaith Alliance, Sojourners, Faith in Action, Horizons Project, Freedom Trainers, Political Research Associates, and Georgetown Center for Faith and Justice to host a *Faithful Training of Trainers* (ToT) in Phoenix, March 4-6 for clergy and faith organizers/leaders across Arizona. It is an in-person deep dive retreat focused on nonviolent strategy, strategic noncooperation, and the role of faith leaders in resisting authoritarianism. Housing, meals and stipends are provided, stipends are provided.

Apply here: <https://bit.ly/AZFaith>

When: March 4, 8:00am to Friday, 9:00pm (Mountain Standard Time-Phoenix)

Organizer: Gretchen Reinhardt – cbd.gretchen@gmail.com

Food Donations Wanted

Phoenix Quaker Meeting is currently accepting non-perishable food donations, as well as pet food, for the Paradise Valley Food bank. You may bring them into the Meeting House and look for a bin in the main room to put the items in. They will be delivered directly to the food bank. If you are not able to bring donations to the Meeting House, please consider finding a food bank close to home to take your donations to. Thank you, every donation counts!



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

Here are the links to *QuakerSpeak* that were included in February's Saturday reminder emails:

- Transforming Quakerism in Troubling Times
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RfKCPVgtgzM>
- Exploring Jiwasu: A Communal Philosophy of "We-ness."
with Ruben Hilari Quispe
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m5macurmlHo>
- Quakers Sue DHS Over ICE Enforcement
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JGoJ1m_FGMM



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