



# PHOENIX QUAKER MEETING NEWSLETTER

(Noticias de la reunión de los Amigos de Phoenix)

## JUNE 2026

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Sunday, June 7	10:00 – 11:00am	Meeting for Worship
Sunday, June 14	10:00 – 11:00am	Meeting for Worship
Sunday, June 21 Happy Father's Day!	10:00 – 11:00am	Meeting for Worship
Sunday, June 28	10:00 – 11:00am	Meeting for Worship



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## **SUMMER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- SAVE THE DATE! Half Yearly Meeting, September 25-27
- Advice and Queries
- A Quote From Thich Nhat Hahn
- What Would The Birds Say?
- FDS and Childcare
- Did you know?
- Call to Action!

## SAVE THE DATE:

### *Half Yearly Meeting*



Twice each year Friends from around Arizona gather for time in the Light together. Mark your calendar so you'll be free to join a fun and enriching break at Emmanuel Pines in Prescott for Arizona Half-Yearly Meeting Fall gathering.

**When:** September 25-27

**Where:** Emmanuel Pines in Prescott, AZ

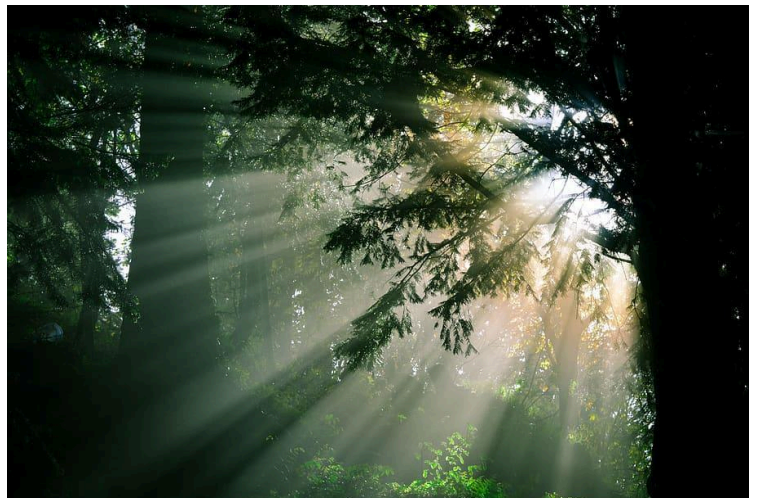
**Theme:** When we talk about "clutter," it's often more than just the physical objects in our homes; it's the mental "to-do" lists, the social obligations we keep out of guilt, and the old identities we no longer inhabit. We will explore ways to unpack this with interactive and fun activities for all ages!

## ADVICE & QUERIES:

### *The Light Within*

Friends Find that the Light Within:

- Accompanies, comforts and loves us as we seek Divine truth;
- Reveals who we are, including what we would prefer not to see about ourselves, and leads us out of spiritual darkness or dryness;
- Illuminates, inspires and transforms us;



- Shows us how to live with love, compassion and justice towards others;
- Gives us energy and power to change ourselves and the world in small ways and large;
- Leads us to the right decisions in our meetings for worship with attention to business;
- Provides ongoing revelation of God's truth.
- Recognition that God's Light is in every person helps us to overcome our apparent separation and differences from others; it leads to a sympathetic awareness of their needs and a sense of responsibility towards them. Friends believe that the more widely and clearly the Light is recognized and followed, the more the human family will come into harmony and peace. "Therefore," wrote George Fox, "in the Light wait, where unity is."

*(from Faith and Practice of Philadelphia Meeting)*

**Queries:** Do we consciously seek to be informed by the Light Within?

How do we use this Light in our Meeting?

How do we use this Light in our everyday lives?

## **A QUOTE FROM THICH NHAT HAHN**

Many of us worry about the situation of the world. We don't know when the bombs will explode. We feel that we are on the edge of time. As individuals, we feel helpless, despairing. The situation is so dangerous, injustice is so widespread, the danger is so close. In this kind of situation, if we panic, things will only become worse. We need to remain calm, to see clearly. Meditation is to be aware, and to try to help.



*~Thich Nhat Hahn*

*from Being Peace, 1987*

## WHAT WOULD THE BIRDS SAY?

What would the birds say of our politics?

Would the hawks and doves parrot the party line?

Would they laugh at our tweets?

What would the birds say?

How do birds get their news?

Do they watch Peacock and the Squawk Box?

Do they like Fox? Or are they afraid it might eat them?

Do the birds even care about the news?

What do the birds think of our militarism?

When the Eagles, and Osprey and Falcon take flight, are they in awe?

Or afraid of the shadows they cast?

Or are they reminded of the hubris of Icarus?

What future do they see for us humans?

Will we live with them in harmony, in the garden of Eden?

Will our DDT eventually result in a Silent Spring?

Or was Hitchcock right after all, and will the Birds prevail in the end?

I wonder what the birds would say.

*~Eric Malm*

## FIRST DAY SCHOOL & CHILDCARE



The children had their last gathering of FDS for this school year on May 10, with Nancy as their teacher. They created windchimes out of seashells and listened to ideas about how to be stewards of the earth.

Childcare was available through May 31st, with Jackson as the lead caretaker, and a volunteer each Sunday.

First Day School and Childcare take a break every summer, while their teachers are spending their summers in other cities and states. Both will resume the first Sunday in September. The childcare room is available for you and your children during the worship service this summer.

Jackson plans to return for the 2026-2027 school year to be the lead for the 0-5 childcare room. Reese will be stepping in as the leader of the Childcare and Nancy and Candace will continue to lead the First Day School.

***A BIG Thank You to all of the teachers, volunteers, and coordinators for this school year. A lot of work and thought goes into these volunteer jobs, and we appreciate you! Wishing you all loads of fun this summer!***

## DID YOU KNOW?

***The Friends Journal has a PODCAST series! Here it is!***

*A Podcast Exploring Quaker Faith in Contemporary Life*

Quakers Today explores Quaker thought, faith, and action for everyone seeking to deepen their spiritual life and navigate our changing world. In Season Six, we're going "into the wallet." Host **Peterson Toscano** is joined by new co-host **Diana Yañez**, a certified financial planner and Quaker. Together, they explore money not as personal math, but as a spiritual practice. From reparations to

ethical investing, we dive into "The Priesthood of All Believers, Economics" to learn how to align our resources with our deepest values.

You can listen to the **Quakers Today audio podcast** or watch the **extended video edition** on the [Friends Journal YouTube page](#). Each episode invites you to hear from writers, musicians, and thinkers who speak from the heart, grapple with faith, and share the insights they have discovered along the way.

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Three of the latest PODCAST titles available:

Quakers and Relational Finance; Quakers, Money & the Priesthood of all Believers; Sexuality, Gender Identities and Quakers.

You can find them here: <https://www.friendsjournal.org/podcast/>



## CALL TO ACTION:

### From AFSC

AFSC invites Friends across the country to gather in silent worship in public spaces to give witness to the rising authoritarianism and oppression in the United States.

Shared witness reflects core Quaker principles: peace, equality, integrity, and community. And taking action publicly is a visible commitment to justice and compassion.

By standing together in silence, we affirm that every person has worth, that fear and violence must give way to love and fairness, and that our communities thrive when all are welcomed.

***Our next actions will take place June 13 - 14.***

### Ukrainian Quaker Project

Anne Hainesworth, of Cape May Quaker Meeting, in New Jersey, visited Phoenix Meeting last year. She invited Friends here in Phoenix to send items for children in Ukraine to her, and she would get them to Ukraine. With the war in Ukraine now entering its fifth year, the needs of the children are increasingly urgent. Children have been displaced. They have lost loved ones. Their schooling has been disrupted. The First Lady of Ukraine, Olena Zelenska, has called for every day to be a "Children's Day".



Our response is to provide these children with warm clothing: handmade (knitted, crocheted, sewn) or purchased. Gently used items are also welcome. Winters in Ukraine are very cold. Electricity and heat are sparse. Summers are short and mild.

Also, we want to provide them with emotional support with arts and crafts projects, games and toys. Small stuffed animals (handmade or purchased) are a very welcome source of comfort.

We collaborate with Cape May Shelters Lutsk to ship our items to Ukraine. You can ship any of these items to: Anne Hainsworth, 111 Simpson Lane, West Cape May, NJ 08204.

A list of suggested items is provided. Please feel free to use your imagination when thinking about the way you want to help!

*Examples of items needed for infants to 18 years of age; they can be knitted, sewn, quilted, purchased new, donated or any combination!*

**CLOTHING:** Onesies, Underwear, Thermal Underwear, T Shirts, Socks, Leggings, Shirts, Dresses, Pants, Shoes/sneakers (new only please)

**OUTERWEAR:** Sweaters, Hats, Gloves, Coats, Boots

**BLANKETS** (all sizes)

**TOYS:** Puzzles, Legos, Small stuffed animals (handmade or purchased), Checkers, Chess sets

**ARTS and CRAFTS:** Crayons, Coloring Paper, Coloring Books, Watercolors for painting, Beading Kits, Paint by number kits, Play dough

*Alternatively, Vance Marshall has been working with a local Ukrainian group since 2024.*

*If you would like to donate money to the group, contact Vance.*

*(submitted by Nancy Marshall)*

## 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!

## Submissions for This Newsletter!

Do you write poetry, or create artwork? Would you like to share it with the community? Did you come across an interesting article and wonder if others at the Quaker Meeting would enjoy it? If so, send it along to Kari at [acumoxamama@gmail.com](mailto:acumoxamama@gmail.com) to be added to the next newsletter!

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

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

- Are Quaker Meetings Safe for Black People?  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xDDH7JJIf0>
- What Is Wrong With American Patriotism?  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1mpa3BU1DvM>



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