PHOENIX QUAKER MEETING NEWSLETTER

(Noticias de la reunión de los Amigos de Phoenix)

NOVEMBER 2026

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Sunday, November 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, November 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, November 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, November 22	9:00 - 10:00am	Book Club: Letters to a Fellow Seeker A Short Introduction to the Quaker Way by Steve Chase
	10:00 – 11:00am	Meeting for Worship
	10:00 – 11:00am	Childcare Ages 0-5
	11:30am	Thanksgiving Potluck
Sunday, November 29	9:00 – 10:00am	5th Sunday Sing
	10:00 – 11:00am	Meeting for Worship
	10:00 – 11:00am	Childcare Ages 0-5

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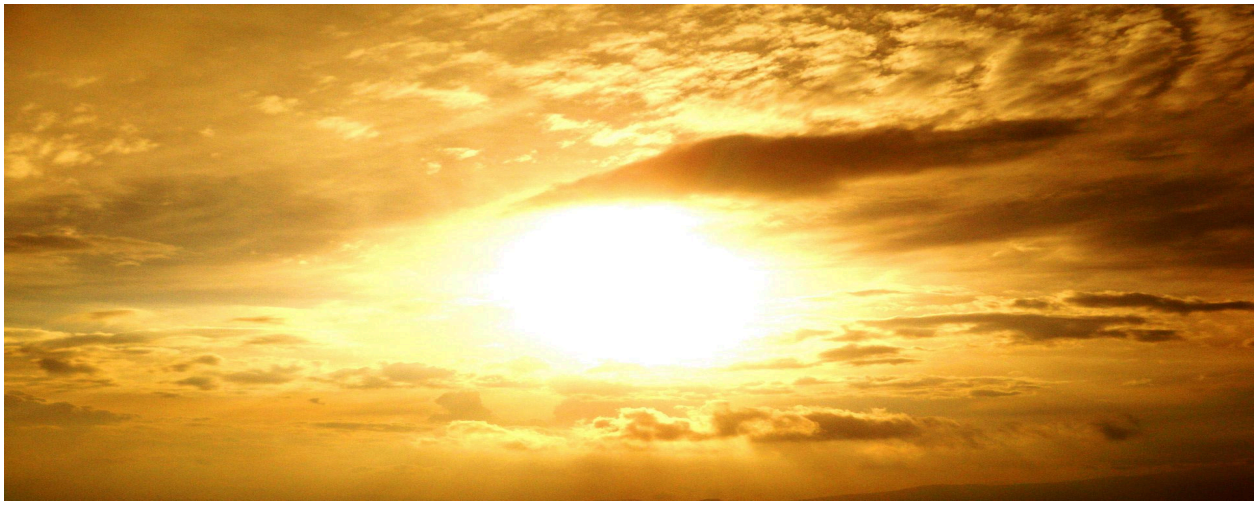
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ADVICES AND QUERIES



Advices

In all our fervor—in all my fervor—to be doing, have I paid too little attention to the power that lies in being? Do we remember that it is the spirit of our service, the aura that surrounds it, the gentleness and the patience that marks it, the love made visible that compels it, that is the truly distinctive quality that lifts Quaker service above lobbying, above pressure, above coercion, that inspires the doubtful, and reaches the heart of the adversary?

~Stephen G. Cary, 1979

Queries

- In what ways does your life reflect your faith?
- In what ways does your faith illuminate your life?
- How do you distinguish between the leadings of the Divine and the pressures of the needy?

~Intermountain Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice

AUTUMN REFLECTIONS

Vultures have taken wing south,

flying high over Silver City

as they do each year,

gliding the thermals of October's blue skies

south to warmer climes.

Soon only ravens will preside above us.

Hummingbirds too,

those heavenly messengers whose presence

is believed to bring divine wisdom to humanity,

have vacated the city. The nation.

A gelid season hints,

as hawks and doves

of the human sort...clash.

In times like these,

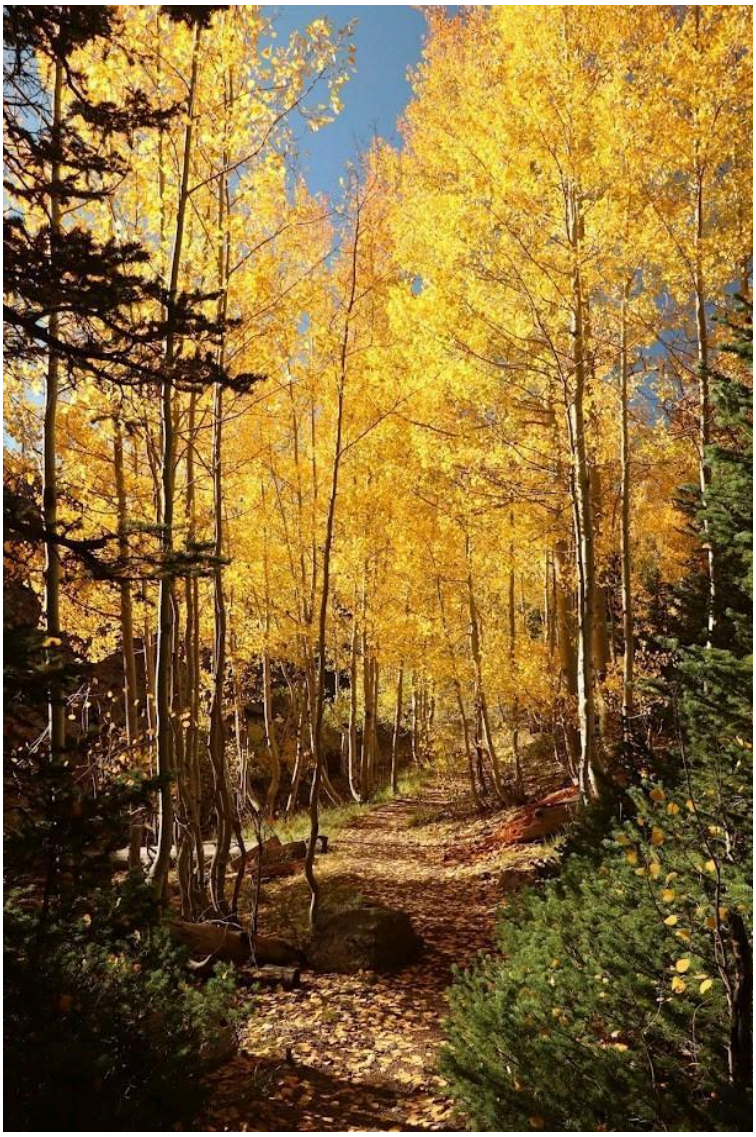
one must not look solely above

for the Light.

But deeply within.

And pray as Dan Berrigan once prayed:

"Oh God, give us mystics with hands."



~John Heid

AUTUMN SONG



Faced with the complex realities of post-truth,

with its noises, indifference,

disconnection and violence.

Faced with institutionalized mockery,

that which marginalizes,

which makes some less than others,

that disregards human dignity and sets its sights on profit at any cost.

Faced with the desire to silence justice,

to silence that inner voice who sees in the other person the very reflection of an incarnate divinity.

Over there,

This song arises, sprung from the land and its people.

Song of hope and encouragement

like a breath that fills life with colors

like a tree that opens itself to the silent but brilliant transformations of autumn.

Song that rises

no excuses

with prophetic voice

to firmly announce what does not yet exist,

that which has been given to us as a living and binding promise:

The embrace of peace and justice as the ultimate realization of love

where we recognize ourselves as one united humanity.

~Francisco Burgos

SAVE THE DATE!

Thanksgiving Potluck Luncheon

The Hospitality Committee is sponsoring a Thanksgiving luncheon at the Meetinghouse on Sunday, November 22, at the rise of Meeting. This will be a wonderful time for us all to celebrate each other and our spiritual community before joining other families and friends on Thanksgiving day.

This is in addition to our regular potluck on the second Sunday of the month (November 8 this year).

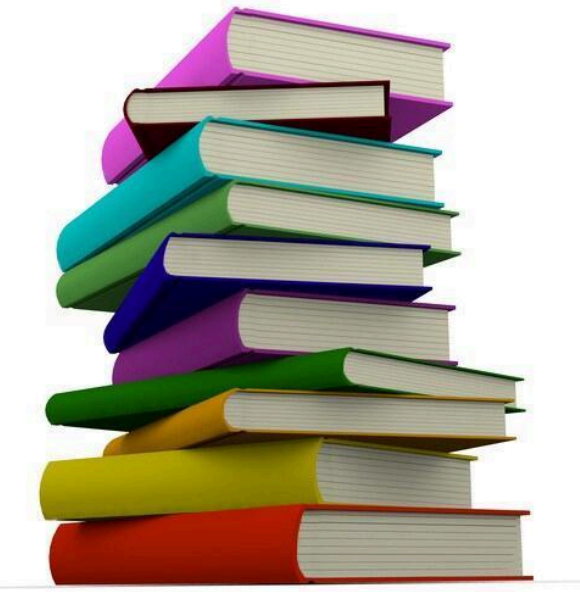
Vance and Nancy Marshall have agreed to bring a turkey, stuffing and gravy. **Please sign up on the bulletin board to bring another dish--vegetarian or vegetables, potatoes, cranberry, pies--whatever suits your fancy.**

Remember, Sunday, November 22: Quaker Meeting Thanksgiving potluck!

Be sure to mark your calendars!



BOOK DONATIONS FOR THE JESSELYN GAONA CLINIC LIBRARY



Friends, as we are cleaning out a bit of cutter, let's bring our no-longer-used children's books to Meeting for a donation to the clinic library that is being set up in Jesselyn's name and the clinic where she worked in west Phoenix. At this time, it's not clear whether the books are for reading at the clinic, library loaners, or give-aways. Bring books that could be any one of the three.

There will be a box in the Library marked "Dr. Jess's Clinic Library."

Please fill it up! We'll deliver from there.

Among other things, Jesselyn helped coordinate the First Day School Program until she was not well enough to come to Meeting. Let's honor and support her memory. Her two daughters regularly participate in our First Day School program.

Thanks,
Nancy Hicks Marshall, current coordinator, FDS

FIRST DAY SCHOOL AND 0-5 CHILDCARE



0-5 Childcare will be offered every Sunday in November. *Please reach out to Candace if you are willing to volunteer in the childcare room.*

First Day School will meet on ***Sunday, November 15th,*** taught by Candace, unless otherwise noted! Candace and Nancy are sharing the role of Convener for the FDS group.

ANDY GAONA JOINS THE ARIZONA COURT OF APPEALS

On Friday, October 30, after leading all 500 attendees in the pledge of allegiance, after the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals judge swore him in with the oath of office, Lena and and Maia Gaona robed their dad (as in putting his judicial robe on him), appellate judge Andy Gaona in his investiture as a fully robed member of Division 1, Arizona Court of Appeals.





~Submitted by Nancy Marshall

WHAT THE NEWSPAPER DID NOT PRINT

After processing the proposed Letter to the Editor from the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, the Business Meeting on September 20,2026, approved sending the following letter to several newspapers, including the Arizona Republic. Although it was apparently not printed, we did try to share our Friends' values on simple human decency.

Re: Letter to the Editor to oppose Name Calling

At a time when we as a society need desperately to reach out to each other in civility and discuss the issues facing us as a nation, we the members of Phoenix Friends Meeting (Quakers) call for everyone to turn away from name-calling, labeling, insulting and demeaning any other persons.

As Quakers, we seek that of God in every person. Therefore, it is of deep concern to watch and listen as those at the highest levels of our current administration frequently resort to slurs and insults instead of addressing issues legitimately raised.

Name-calling has always been around. But in recent years it has spread to all political parties, all religious groups, even sometimes within sects of tribes, religions, and ethnic groups. Let us all seek the better angels of our nature and be respectful in our thoughts and language.

Paulette Gehlker and Margaret Wright, Co-Clerks,

Phoenix Friends Meeting (Quakers)

~Submitted by Nancy Marshall

IN HONOR OF JUDY



Sunday, October 4, was Judy Lundy's birthday. She would have been 85. But having passed in December, she didn't make it.

Gloria Rios, friend Jeanie Dowd and Nancy Marshall honored Judy's memory by taking a trip that Sunday to Sedona. Judy wanted some of her ashes to be spread somewhere among the red rocks. We found a spot, honored Judy's wishes, and spent both lunch and the drive up and back sharing our memories of her. Mia accompanied us and took this photo of the three ladies saying a final goodbye to our friend. Goodbye, Judy, we will miss you.

~Submitted by Nancy Marshall

CALL TO ACTION:

Childcare Volunteers Needed

Have you signed up to volunteer with the **childcare ages 0-5**? Every Sunday we are seeking an adult volunteer to assist the childcare provider. Candace is now the Convener for the Childcare offering. Please let her know what date you would like to volunteer!

Your time is very much appreciated, spending time with the children is quite a delight!



IMYM Seeks to Hire a Youth & Families Program Coordinator

IMYM is hiring a Youth & Families Program Coordinator:

Intermountain Yearly Meeting (IMYM) seeks a Youth & Families Program Coordinator to strengthen belonging, connection, and spiritual life among children, teens, young adults, and families throughout our regional Quaker community.

IMYM includes Quaker Meetings and Worship Groups across the Four Corners states, as well as El Paso, Texas, and communities in Wyoming. The Coordinator works year-round with local Quaker Communities and plays a central coordinating role in youth and family participation at IMYM's Annual Gathering.

Click here for more info: https://imym.org/Youth-&-Families-Program-Coordinator

Free in the Library:

There's a box on the bottom shelf in the Library that is labeled Free Box. We've put materials from the Meeting that might appeal to you readers. Old copies of Western Friend, little pamphlets on a variety of topics. We've dated most of them by their time of arrival in the box. If they remain in the box after 60 days, we'll move them across the readers' rainbow bridge to readers in the sky.



Contact Nancy Marshall if interested.

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!

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, 111Simpson 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!

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 to be added to the next newsletter!

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