

OLYMPIA MONTHLY MEETING Opportunities

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The following are on-going gatherings and groups. All members and attenders, both new and long-time, are welcome to participate. For Study and Sharing Groups, to confirm there has been no schedule change, please contact the listed person.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

MEETING FOR WORSHIP

We worship every Sunday morning at 10 a.m. in the meetinghouse at 3201 Boston Harbor Road NE, Olympia, WA 98506. Coming from Olympia it is just past Priest Point Park and the intersection of Boston Harbor and Flora Vista roads. In a Quaker Meeting for Worship, we wait in expectant silence, with no planned program, seeking to experience the source of life and truth.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM -- Our children are an important part of Friends Meeting. They join us for the first fifteen minutes of Meeting for Worship, then at approximately 10:15 go to the children's program, called "First Day School," with childcare for the youngest.

- 1) Birth through Kindergarten enjoy playtime with Childcare
- 2) Elementary school children have sessions with activities around a theme related to Quaker testimonies and values
- 3) Central and Junior Friends—Program for Middle School and High School includes sessions, service opportunities, and outings.

The children rejoin us after the rise of Meeting for Worship. During social time there is childcare outside only. Please watch your child while they are in the building after the rise of Meeting.

SUNDAY SOCIAL TIME -- Following the rise of Meeting for Worship and introductions, we enjoy a social time with coffee, tea, and light refreshments.

QUERY SUNDAY -- On the 3rd Sunday of each month, a query for consideration, reflection and worship sharing is read during Meeting for Worship. The query for the month is listed in the Newsletter.

EARLY WORSHIP -- On the 3rd Sunday of each month, 8:30-9:30 a.m., in a classroom at the Meetinghouse and under the care of Worship and Ministry.

MEETING FOR WORSHIP FOR BUSINESS -- We gather the second Sunday of each month about noon, following a break after Meeting for Worship, for a business meeting in a worshipful setting, guided by the clerk. These meetings include committee reports, discussion, & decision-making. All are welcome. Local Quaker meetings are called "monthly meetings" because they gather once a month to conduct business.

BREAKFAST POTLUCK -- Every 1st Sunday of the month, 9 a.m., at the Meetinghouse. Bring something to share, if you can; come join one another for social time and breakfast prior to Meeting for Worship.

SUNDAY MORNING SINGING -- Each Sunday except the first Sunday of the month, from 9:30 to 9:55 a.m., at the meetinghouse. Open to all on a walk-in basis. Contact: Elinor Jordan (ElinoreJordan@yahoo.com) or Susan Campbell (Campbell.Susan57@yahoo.com).

SOUP AND SEMINAR -- Occasionally, following Meeting for Worship, there is a "Soup and Seminar," which features a presentation or discussion as well as a light lunch. See the Newsletter or Meeting website for the schedule.

STUDY AND SHARING GROUPS

PRAYER CIRCLE – Meets every first Sunday from 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. to pray for those who have asked to be “held in the light”. Add your Light/Prayer energy to this prayer ministry. Come join the prayer circle or add your name to the email list. Contact: Judith Bouffiu (JKBouff@gmail.com)

WOMEN'S DINNER POTLUCK – Meets every 2nd Friday 6 p.m., at the Meetinghouse. Potluck dinner 6 p.m., sharing about our lives, concerns and joys follows (about 7 p.m.). Contact: Celeste Dodd (360-867-3133)

MEN'S BREAKFAST POTLUCK – Meets every 2nd Saturday at the Meetinghouse. Coffee at 8 a.m., sharing begins around 8:30 a.m. Contact: Vince Schueler (Vince.Schueler@q.com)

QUAKER SPIRITUAL LEARNING -- Programs provide opportunities to share concerns, leadings, study or research, as well as experience of spiritual growth, and may include outside speakers. Sessions are often held on 3rd Wednesday evenings. Contact: Judith Bouffiu (JKBouff@gmail.com) or Anne Mills (Millsa804@gmail.com)

NEWCOMERS' CLASS ON THE QUAKER WAY – An introduction for those who are new to Quakerism or to this Meeting in the last couple of years -- to the Meeting and to the wider Quaker world. We recognize the commonality among Quakers while cherishing the diversity. This class is usually offered every year, in the fall. Contact: Sam Merrill (SamMerrill3@comcast.net)

FRIENDLY STUDY GROUP – This group wrestles with engaging, stimulating ideas, suggested by books, videos, or other sources. The Friendly Study Group meets the second Tuesday of the month, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the Meeting House. Contact: Nancy Irving (NIrving47@hotmail.com)

BIBLE STUDY GROUP -- Meets the first Sunday of each month at 11:45 a.m. in a classroom at the Meetinghouse. Contact: Deborah Lewis (206-218-6921) or Anne Mills (Millsa804@gmail.com)

GENDER IDENTITY SUBCOMMITTEE -- Meets periodically to continue the Meeting's work to welcome and support Transgender and Gender Diverse people. Contact: Karma Arslanian (Karma.Arslanian@gmail.com)

UPROOTING RACISM SUBCOMMITTEE -- Informing ourselves and engaging to reduce or eliminate systemic racism. Meets 3rd Mondays, 5:30-8:30. Contact: Steven Aldrich (Stvnald@aol.com)

UNDOING RACISM BOOK GROUP -- Meets 2nd Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30.

MORE WAYS to learn about Quakerism or to become more involved in Olympia Monthly Meeting:

- Monthly Newsletter. Copies are on the table inside the meeting space, as are cards to have the newsletter e-mailed (or mailed) to you or be listed in or make changes in the directory. Contact: HearthKeeper@OlympiaFriends.org
- Check out our website: www.olympiafriends.org
- If interested in serving on a committee, contact Alan Mountjoy-Venning (360-943-2503 or AMVenning@gmail.com).
- Books are available for checkout in the library in the foyer of the Meetinghouse. Computer-based, it requires an ID Number and PIN; contact Ramona Hinkle (RamonaHinkle@yahoo.com).
- To schedule the building for an event, email HearthKeeper@OlympiaFriends.org or website: meetinghouseatpriestpoint.com. Use of a classroom for a committee meeting does not require scheduling.
- Poem, book review or event for Newsletter – Contact coordinator Dan Pens at Newsletter@OlympiaFriends.org.