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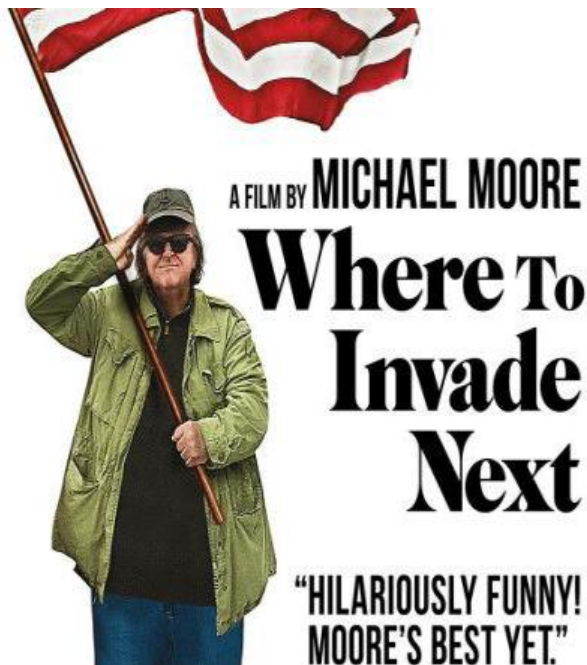
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All are Welcome!

NOTICE: We made a major error when we created our new website. As a result, we lost our subscriber list. If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, please send a message to newsletter@saquakers.org with "UNSUBSCRIBE" in the subject heading

Special Event

**FREE Movie Night for International Peace Day
Fri. Sept 21 – 7:30pm at the Meetinghouse**



Michael Moore considers the most pressing issues facing America and looks for solutions in unlikely places. One half comedy, one half polemic, this is a challenge for us all. Rudi Harst of Celebration Circle will lead us off with humorous anti-war songs. Bring your family, friends, neighbors **7:30 at the Meetinghouse**. If this free movie night is successful, what movie would you like to see next? Send suggestions to: announcements@saquakers.org

Calendar

- 2. Sunday
Meeting for Worship 10am
Potluck Lunch 11:15
- 9. Sunday
Meeting for Worship 10am
Forum: "Visions of Our Future" led by Jim
- 13. Thursday
Midweek Soup & Worship
Soup & _____ at 6pm
Meeting for Healing at 7pm
- 16. Sunday
Meeting for Worship 10am
Meeting for Business 11:30
- 17. Monday
Yoga with Greg 4:30-5:30pm
- 21. Friday (Peace Day)
MOVIE NIGHT!
Michael Moore's "Where to Invade Next" at 7:30pm
- 23. Sunday
Meeting for Worship 10am
Forum: "Quakers, Baptists, & Slavery", led by Rich
- 26. Wednesday
Midweek Meeting for
Worship 7-8pm
at Gary & Vivian's
- 29. Saturday
Memorial Service for Doug
Balfour. Time TBA
- 30. Sunday
Meeting for Worship 10am
Forum: "How do you become a Quaker?", led by Val

Other Events

A Meeting for Healing is a gathering when we can hold people, concerns, and situations in the Light. Messages may come, or F/ friends may hold their concerns in silence, joining with Spirit to make the changes we seek. We seek healing, or wholeness, not a cure in the case of illness. **Our Midweek Meeting for Worship on Thurs. Sept 13 at 7:00 will be such a focused worship.**

Memorial Service for Doug Balfour on Saturday, Sept 29th. Time TBA

In August, our Friend Doug Balfour died in the hospital. A former Clerk of the Meeting, he had eye problems and had attended meeting infrequently for the past year.

Doug Balfour's quiet testimony

Several months past, I called Doug and received his message to his Friends. Here are his words: The meeting and having family near are the most important, the easiest way to be happy, Doug says in this, his 70th year. Relaxing and doing what one wants are important. It's such a nice day! Doug appreciates the Quaker testimony of Simplicity, which has helped him through hard times.

Future Forums

Sept 9: "Visions of our Future," facilitated by Jim Spickard. This is a "threshing session". This traditional Quaker format is intended to get ideas out on the table, but it is explicitly NOT designed to come to any decision. Nor do people respond directly for or against others' ideas. Friends are invited to bring their ideas but to remain unattached to them. The point is to let the Spirit lead us as we consider what we both gain and lose by moving toward any particular future.

Friends may wish to read Emily Provance's article "Grief and the Promised Land" from the latest Friends Journal (<https://www.friendsjournal.org/the-grief-and-the-promised-land/>).

Sept 23 Rick McClatchy will share his investigation: Slavery in America prior to 1830 Among Quakers and Baptists. Rick attended Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas and received a B.A. in Bible. At Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, in Ft. Worth he received a M.Div. and Ph.D. He has served as pastor of four churches and taught in five universities or seminaries. In 1995 he starting serving as State Coordinator for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Oklahoma and moved in 2003 to San Antonio to serve as the State Coordinator for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Texas.

Sept 30: Quaker Questions: "How do you actually become a Quaker?" Facilitated by Val Liveoak and others. This is one of the questions submitted in response to Val's request that F/friends forward questions they have about Quakers and Quakerism. This question covers procedures for formal membership but also how one lives out being a Quaker in everyday life.

Oct. 14 [Tentative] How do Quakers view wealth and money? From Quaker Questions: How attitudes have changed from the origins of the faith to the present.

Oct 28: From Quaker Questions: How do Friends interpret the Bible? With emphasis on the New Testament four Gospels, how Friends today view of the context of each, the audience and the purpose of its writing, and how the original Quakers read the King James translation.

**The Ministry and Oversight committee plans to continue this series on "Quaker Questions".
Please put your questions in the box on the piano.**

The Southwood Bench has a story.



"Up in Urbana I went to a lumber store for something and, searching, came across the SOUTHWOOD sign with another saying 100 CHILDREN AT PLAY. I inquired and found that the owner of the store had developed a subdivision, giving it the name SOUTHWOOD. He erected the two signs at the entrance but was ordered by the city to take them down. They were now useless and I could take them if I wanted to. I kept them for the next 50-odd years until James, seeing it in my front yard, asked for it and said he'd make a bench. We told him to place the name underneath or at the back. But I did suggest the place for it, where it is now. Far too great a tribute. Though not, thinking of Janet. She's worth a great tribute." -- Ken

The Southwood send off



Aug. 5 was an opportunity to express our appreciation to these long-time Friends. More than 40 F/friends gathered for worship and 11 children for their program, followed by an overflow pot luck, finished with cake and ice cream. Purple, pink and yellow balloons festooned the breezeway walls. We presented the scrapbook of people and scenes, and tested the new – old wood bench now under the arbor. Janet and Ken have moved to St. Paul, Minn. to be near their family. The estate sale was at their home on Aug. 25 & 26. For anyone who would like to further support the Southwoods, art and other items that were not sold will be held for the 2019 Friends Fair.

Ken and Janet's Moving Day

by Jane, their daughter

It went well! Exhausting but well. They stayed in the lounge/ cafe area for a lot of the day while we unpacked and furniture was hauled in. Good for them to get out of their apt but a long day. Dad said it was fine down there. Frank got a free 42" flat screen TV from Craig's list working which was my biggest worry. It's very nice. So they were happily watching TV when we left at 7:00. Dad brought probably 40 sculptures! But there is plenty of storage so all is fine and their bed set looks lovely in the bedroom. -- Jane



The children are coming!

Woeeee! Our children's program is growing! It's great to have them, but we have to expand on the program we have so far. We don't want to make it a formal "curriculum" but rather suggestions of books and activities that are age appropriate, since we have a range from a few months to middle school. In Sept. we will begin a more defined approach with Community as the first topic. With this available, we hope to sign up a few more adults to work with the kids for specific days of the month. Renata is terrific and the present three adults are cooperating well. But everyone needs time in worship, too.

Please talk to Joni for more information and to volunteer.

Our Flowers & Grounds

Have you wondered about the plant to the right of the Meetinghouse Gate? *Diets Bicolor* is one of our popular, hardy butterfly plants. Learn more at

<https://youtu.be/DzXETe96MFY>



Miscellaneous News

We have a new website! The website at www.sanantonioquakers.org has been redesigned. It's easier to navigate and easier for us to maintain. It's got our calendar, events, information about Quakers and our Meeting, photos, and – coming soon – an announcements blog. We have more to build, but we're open for business. Surf on in!

Receipts for purchases for the Meeting that you consider donations are important to keep track of how much it actually costs to keep us going. You will [soon] find a box for these in the Community Room. That does not apply to items for pot luck, but for extra paper towels or dishwasher soap, for example.

A friendly chat with our elected officials is planned, with materials and help from Friends Committee on National Legislation. We hope to have enough volunteers to visit each congressional representative and senator in the lead up to the fall election. There will be one topic, and one visit to each. Ready to join in? Contact Bill S. for details.

Going SOLAR without panels on the roof? Could be. Property Committee is authorized to research and then make a bid for the CPS "Roofless" installations not on the property. Stay tuned for more details.

Key registration is needed to keep track of who has them. So if you have a key to Meeting rooms, please contact Bill S. asap.

New Signs are being designed and will go for bids in the coming month. The ad hoc committee hopes to have examples and numbers for the Meeting for Business in Oct.

Actress Zoey Deschanel discusses her ancestors' Quaker activism: As I have been perusing the genealogy series Who Do You Think You Are, I make a startling Quaker connection. Watch this! <https://youtu.be/7G0336f7Ztl>

A Poem by Mark Lee Hickman

*I am not why I told you living Fire
still burns Flesh away -ashes of
remembrance,
wild wind dull with sleeping sun.
A Fire in my brain
stirs the coals long
dead. my memories of
pain
recede until a leaden echo wakes
hot coals astir, a morning
in the Flesh
reawakened
by the
sounds
and wind drifts of morning.*

*I am not who I once was;
desire rests heavy on my tired limbs,
and what I was
in yesterdays body
ages with pain
reawakening
the soul's yearning to be born
aFresh, a Flame
rising
from the tall earth grasses
to be carried by the wind
beyond where Fire Fighters rest
and a Few Lillies grow*