



GRASS VALLEY FRIENDS MEETING

*Of the Religious Society of Friends
College Park Quarterly Meeting,
Pacific Yearly Meeting*

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**First Days: 9:00am Singing at the Meeting House
10:00 am Silent Meeting for Worship**

Newsletter, Third Month, 2020

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We value the simplicity & tranquility of the Sierra Friends Center & want to ensure safety and clean dust-free air for the residents, visitors & neighbors of Sierra Friends Center. We expect observance of the 10 mph speed limit on Woolman Lane & on the school property.



A Blessing for Washing Hands during a Pandemic

As we wash our hands
We pray,
Blessed is the Soul of the Universe,
Breathing us in and breathing us out.
May our breaths continue
And our health and the health of all
Be preserved
In this time of sickness and fear of sickness.
Holy Wholeness,
We take as much responsibility for this as we can
By observing the obligation to wash our hands
Thoroughly:
For as long as it takes to say this prayer.
Amen

יְדִים נְטִילַת עַל וְצִנּוּנוֹ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו קִדְּשָׁנוּ אֱשֶׁר הָעוֹלָם מֶלֶךְ אֱלֹהֵינוּ ה' אַתָּה בָּרוּךְ

Barukh atah adonai eloheinu melekh ha-olam asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu al netilat yadayim

MEETING CALENDAR

First Sunday

- Program to be announced

Second Sunday

- Silent Meeting for Worship, Potluck, Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business

Third Sunday

- As announced

Fourth Sunday

- Spiritual Life – Talking with a Dying Friend or Family Member

Fifth Sunday

- On Fifth Sundays we hold a Family Meeting for Worship. *Children and adults gather and spend 20 minutes in storytelling, 20 minutes in singing and 20 minutes in silent worship.*

Calendar Updates (including cancelations) will be provided via the GVFM Telephone Tree. IF you do not receive messages via the Telephone Tree, contact Pat Phillips pephillips1949@gmail.com and ask her to add you to that list.

HAPPENING NOW

- **Sunday, March 22:** Spiritual Life –Talking with a Dying Friend/Family Member
- **Sunday, March 29:** Fifth Sunday Children's Program with special listening session for parents

HAPPENING LATER

- **Saturday, May 2, 2020:** Memorial Service for Bob Barnes, 2p.m., Friends Meeting House
- **Saturday, May 9, 2020:** **Memorial Service for Dave Barnett, 2p.m. Friends Meeting House
Creating Communities Beyond Bias's 3rd Annual **Love Walk
- **May 15-17, 2020:** College Park Quarterly Meeting gathering at Ben Lomond Quaker Center
- **May 31, 2020,** Listening Meeting for Parents

[Ben Lomond Quaker Center](#) 2020 Program – Scholarship Funds are available to help you attend these sessions

- **Mar. 24th – Mar. 29th**
Practices for Supporting Faithfulness with Marcelle Martin
- **Apr. 17th – Apr. 19th**
Choosing Peace: Nurturing Ourselves as Peacebuilders in a Divided World with Bridget Moix

[Pacific Yearly Meeting Calendar - Youth Programs Fund](#) (of the Bob Vogel Endowment): Applications due on or before March 20, June 20, September 20, and December 20

GLOSSARY- Abbreviations and terms used in the GVFM newsletter

M&O: Ministry and Oversight

PacYM: Pacific Yearly Meeting **PHP** – Pendle Hill
Pamphlet

FGC: Friends General Conference

QUNO: Quaker United Nations Office

FASE: Friends Association for Services to the Elderly

CPQM: College Park Quarterly Meeting

RSWR: Right Sharing of World Resources

Threshing Session: A meeting at a separate time that is specifically not for decision-making; normal practices of a Quaker meeting for business are relaxed so that Friends may speak more than once to an issue, may speak to a point just made, or may ask a question of a previous speaker

MINUTES & RECORD & Online Worship

Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business, March, 2020

Due to health concerns generated by the coronavirus pandemic, this meeting was canceled

Friends who wish to practice “social distancing” are encouraged to explore and utilize on-line opportunities to share Meeting for Worship. Some of these opportunities are:

- [Western Friend Worship and Fellowship Online](https://westernfriend.org/quaker-worship-and-fellowship-online): <https://westernfriend.org/quaker-worship-and-fellowship-online>
- Ben Lomond [Quaker Center Online Meeting for Worship](http://www.chatzy.com/frame/QuakerCenter): <http://www.chatzy.com/frame/QuakerCenter>
- Woodbrooke Online Meeting for Worship: <https://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/about/online-mfw/>



More from Ben Lomond
Quaker Center

Ben Lomond Quaker Center, in the forest near Santa Cruz, CA, has a daily virtual Meeting for Worship from 7:30 to 8 am, Pacific Time. This could be a resource for anyone who can't attend a Meeting on Sunday for any reason, of course, or for those who would like to worship with other Quakers during the week.

At a time when people are concerned about the coronavirus, the virtual Meeting might be particularly welcome. It is entirely silent--there are no microphones to pick up you sipping coffee--so if you feel called to give ministry, you do so by typing.

If you paste or type the web address below into your browser address bar you can (I hope) access it. Please let me know if you have trouble with that.

- <http://www.chatzy.com/frame/QuakerCenter>

Third Month Queries: Meeting for Worship

The heart of the Religious Society of Friends is the Meeting for Worship. In direct communion with God, we offer ourselves for God's will. Our daily lives are linked with the Meeting for Worship, the Meeting for Worship with our daily lives.

Come regularly to Meeting for Worship, even when you are angry, tired, or spiritually cold. Bring your joys and your hurts, and the needs of other people. Accept and support each other in the community where God dwells among us. As you do so, you may find the grace of prayer.

At times the Spirit may prompt you to speak in Meeting. Wait patiently to know that the sense and the time are right. When you are sure, have confidence that the words will be given to you. Listen to the ministry of others with an open spirit. If it is not God's word for you, it may be for others. After a message has been given, allow time to ponder its meaning and to let the Meeting return to silent worship. In speech and in silence, each person contributes to the Meeting.

- *Do I come to Meeting with heart and mind prepared for worship?*
- *In both silent and vocal ministry, do I respond to the leadings of the Holy Spirit, without pre-arrangement and in simplicity and truth?*
- *Am I careful not to speak at undue length or beyond personal spiritual experience?*
- *Do we meet in expectant waiting for the promptings of the Divine Spirit?*
- *Are we drawn together in a living silence by the power of God in our midst?*

[FRIENDS GENERAL CONFERENCE
NEW & NOTEWORTHY](#)



QUNO- A Quaker Presence at the United Nations

By Shera Banbury

Does a young person whom you know want to work as a programmer assistant at QUNO Geneva in human Rights & Refugees; Peace & Disarmament; Climate Change & Sustainability. Get an application in before April 6, 2020.

Human Rights & Refugees, Children of Prisoners will be a topic at the UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Kyoto this April QUNO recently published [Children of Incarcerated Parents: International Standards and Guidelines](#).

Look online for QUNO New York, In & Around the UN – March2020 newsletter. Fifteen years ago , 2005, the UN formed its Peace Building Commission(PBC). In February, Rachel Madenyika, QUNO's conflict prevention program lead attended a 55-person conference in the UK that focused on the complementary, rather than mutually exclusive, relationship between human rights and conflict prevention. Quaker UN offices have been a part of UN growth focusing on sustainable and people-centered strategies for peace for 73out of the 75 years since it got its Charter.

In February, QUNO cohosted the launch of the Civil Society-UN Prevention Platform. Quaker House creates space for frank and constructive conversations on the UN's capacity to build peace. The civil society consultation was the only one of its kin.

REMEMBER: Now We May Donate to GVFM Online!

[GIVE](#)
(LIVE LINK)

CANCELLED!!!

Friday, March 27, 2020

Singing and Meeting for Worship at 10:30a.m.,

Atria, 150 Sutton Way, Grass Valley, CA 95945

Upstairs TV Lounge



PRAYER TO HEAL

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.”

At your command, the sick were made well.

Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus.

May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride,

which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.



**KEEP
CALM**

WE WILL

**GET THROUGH
THIS TOGETHER**

Grass Valley Friends Meeting (GVFM) Contact Information

(Updated 6-9-19):

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- **Outreach Committee:** Gordon Starr, Sharon Davisson, Gordon Bishop, Hilary Ellis-Lavigne, and Dianne Marshall
- **Peace and Social Justice Committee:** Dean Olson, Karen Olson, Reed Hamilton, Beth Kemplin
- **Spiritual Life Committee:** Gordon Starr, Sandy Kewman, Amy Cooke, Don McCormick

Reminder:

*This information is updated as of 6/9/19.
Committee Clerks to be announced.*

**Newsletter items for the 4rd month issue are due
Tuesday, April 14, 2020 by 10:00 a.m.**

No PDFs and no formatting, please.

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