

Worship at the Gathering

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Monday – Friday

Early Morning Outdoor Meeting for Worship under the care of Quaker Earthcare Witness -- 6:30 am Haehn: Patio

Morning Prayer with Sisters of St Benedict -- 6:45 am Monastery: Sacred Heart Chapel -- Friends are invited to participate in Morning Prayer with the Sisters of St Benedict. Prayer consists of chanting, responsive readings, and generous periods of silent reflection. **Meet in the Gathering Place (lobby) of the chapel at 6:45 for brief orientation by the Sisters.**

Meeting for Worship under the care of the Healing Center -- 7:30 am Regina Hall Fireside Lounge

Bible Half-Hour Led by Linda Hall -- 8:00 am Gorecki Center 204C

People and passages in the Bible that embody the Gathering theme (be humble, be faithful, be bold) will be examined for their insight and inspiration for us in living the theme in our daily lives. Lecture, reflection, discussion and silence will all enhance our familiarity and understanding of the readings explored.

Daily Extended Meeting for Worship -- 9:00 am Spirituality Center: Meditation Room – This is an opportunity for those who want extended worship.

Meeting for Worship under the care of Friends of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Concerns (FLGBTQC) -- 1:30 Haehn Center: Alumni Hall (Childcare in Ardolf: Student Lounge) NOTE: This is a different time from previous years.

Silent Grace at meals -- Friends will raise their hands to start the silence; at the completion, a designated person will say “Thank you, Friends.”

The Silent Center -- Spirituality Center: Meditation Room

The Silent Center is open from 8 am to 10 pm each day. In addition to hosting the daily extended Meeting for Worship, it is a place where you can go for silent, reflection, prayer, or other nonverbal activities. Friends also use the space to journal, draw, read, sleep, or do other quiet things that sustain and nurture them.

The Labyrinth -- Outside the Spirituality Center

There is a stone Labyrinth outside the Spirituality Center. Labyrinths have been walked as a spiritual practice since the earliest days of humanity. In a labyrinth, there is one way in to a center space and then the same way out, without dead ends or confusing turns. Each experience of the labyrinth is unique. However, not unlike meeting for worship, the more thoroughly one prepares by praying for openness and revelation, the more rewarding the experience usually is.

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Other Opportunities

All Gathering Opening Worship -- Sunday 7:30 pm BAC: Escher Auditorium

An opportunity for all to gather and start our week together.

Lifting Up in Prayer Through Worship Sharing the Concerns of Trans-Women of Color -- Tuesday 3:15 pm BAC 109

-- Harassment and hate violence are serious realities both for transgender communities, and for people/communities of color.

People whose identities intersect with both of these communities are even more likely to experience violence and early death, trans women of color in particular. Using a video clip and/or a piece of writing (TBD) to get us started, through worship sharing and the help of spirit, Friends will explore various ways in which we are called to live into our peace testimony to help support and affirm the lives of trans women of color.

Meeting for Worship Under the care of Nontheist Friends -- Wednesday 4:30 pm

Henrita 107 -- All Friends are invited to join in worship for an hour and, if desired, to stay afterwards for discussion.

Meeting for Worship with Concern for Racial Healing -- Thursday 3:15 pm BAC: Rehearsal Hall

Meeting for Worship to Lift Concerns for Young Men of Color -- Friday 3:15 pm

BAC: Rehearsal Hall -- Events during the past year have heightened our awareness of the precarious position of young men of color in our society. They have been killed by vigilantes; they have been stopped and frisked by law enforcement; they are disproportionately imprisoned for violation of drug laws. They disproportionately fill our prisons and jails. We meet together in worship to lift up a concern for the collective violence – direct and structural – we have brought against these young men and to ask Spirit to tender our hearts and open the way for us to witness against these injustices.

Meeting for Worship under the care of FLGBTQC Worship -- Saturday 9 am

Haehn Center: Alumni Hall

All Gathering Closing Worship -- Saturday 9 am Monastery: Sacred Heart

Chapel (Enter through the Gathering Place) -- An opportunity for all to close our week together.

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