

# Seeking Wholeness 2015 FGC Gathering

Daily  
Bulletin



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Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina



## **Thursday Evening Plenary - 7 pm** **Parker Palmer**

"Wholeness does not mean perfection. It means embracing brokenness as an integral part of life."

Parker Palmer will name and celebrate five features of Quakerism that have transformed his life and work over the past forty years. He will also invite us to explore the brokenness revealed by our declining numbers and our failure to attract the many unchurched seekers who are looking for what we have to offer. How faithfully do we embody the best of Quaker faith and practice? How well are we sharing our version of the Good News with those who seek? Read more at: <http://www.fgcquaker.org/events/parker-j-palmer>

Join us for a sweet treat after Plenary! Friends Journal will provide snacks and drinks in the Bardo Lobby.

## **Today's Events**

### **Author Event in Illusions**

Noon - 1:00, Illusions (near the Gathering Bookstore). Avoid the crush in the lunch line and come spend some quiet time with Carrie Newcomer. Carrie will be available to sign copies of her book of poetry, *A Permeable Life*, as well as CDs. Both are available in the Bookstore.

## **Today's Query**

What daily practices am I finding in my relationships with myself and others that lead me to a greater sense of wholeness?

### **Debut New Play**

1:30, Coulter Recital Hall (260). A play, "Three Women," to be given a reading.

### **Tree Walk**

1:30, Outside Dining Hall near Balsam. Join us for a short walk around the WCU campus for an introduction to the many species of trees on campus.

### **North Carolina Quakers**

1:30, Forsyth 114. What's happening with North Carolina Quakers? Max Carter discusses the threatened split in NCYM-FUM. (Yes! It could really happen this summer.)

Friends of Chuck Fager - He is fine but needs rest. Please no phone calls! FaceBook, texts or flowers are all good - also puns and bad jokes!

### **Releasing Ministry Alliance**

1:30, Killian 116. Releasing Ministry Alliance invites you to give input to our plan to publicize and crowd-fund ministry among Friends and beyond.

### **Earlham School of Religion**

1:30, Forsyth 213. Why would an unprogrammed Friend go to seminary? Karen Tibbals will answer questions about this Quaker seminary.



## **Today's Events - Continued**

### **Earth Quaker Action Team:**

#### **Celebration and Announcement of What's Next**

1:30, Forsyth 115. The PNC action during last year's Gathering--which 200 participated in--played a crucial role in expanding EQAT's base and winning the Bank Like Appalachia Matters! campaign! Come hear what our collective action accomplished and what EQAT's next campaign will be.

### **Bernie Sanders Campaign Planning**

1:30, Forsyth 216. Let's get together and share information about grassroots organizing in the Bernie Sanders presidential campaign.

### **Quakers in Bolivia**

1:30, Forsyth 314. Join us to learn about the 33,000 Quakers in Bolivia and their passion for education.

### **White Privilege Conference Sharing**

1:30, Forsyth 302. Sharing by people who have attended or are interested in attending the White Privilege Conference. Why does FGC participate in the WPC? Come hear Friends talk about their experience and find out where it will be in 2016.

### **Jr. Gathering Multigen Activity**

1:30, Intramural Field. Join Katrina McQuail, Jr. Gathering clerk in a tag game called "Survival" that uses play to explore what life might be like as a carnivore, omnivore, or herbivore trying to survive. Meet Joe Bernstein at 1:20 between Balsam and the cafeteria to walk to the Intramural field together.

### **Public Education & Economic Justice**

3:15, Forsyth 114. An information session for parents and children interested in experiential, community-based middle school education. The school is in Celo, NC, one hour north of Asheville.

### **Musicians' Rehearsal**

3:15, Coulter 173. Musicians' rehearsal for Friday evening's International Folk Dance.

### **Underground Railroad Networking**

3:15, UC - in front of 203A. Does your Meeting have a graveyard in which runaway slaves or free African Americans are buried? Come share what you know.

### **Prisoner Visitation and Support**

3:15, Coulter 102. Co-founded by a Quaker, Prisoner Visitation and Support visits prisoners in Federal prisons. More visitors who can donate a few hours/month are needed.

### **Arthur Morgan School**

3:15, Forsyth 114. An information session for parents and children interested in experiential, community-based middle school education. Located in Celo, NC, one hour north of Asheville.

### **Song-Chants**

3:15, Coulter Recital Room. Join Paulette Meier in singing "song-chants" from her CD, *Timeless Quaker Wisdom in Plainsong*. Come and fill your spirit with the wisdom of early Friends.

### **12 Step Center**

6:30 am, Balsam 170, Th-F. Open Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting. Members of other 12 Step fellowships welcome. 24 hours or 42 years, keep coming back!

3:15, Coulter 204. Al-Anon meeting for anyone who has been affected by someone's drinking.

### **Nightingales**

9:15 pm, Coulter 103. Sing together in harmony. Bring a songbook if you have one.

### **Power Outage**

For your information: There will be a county-wide power outage from 7:30 - 8:00 am on Thursday morning.

## **Announcements**

### **Guilfordians and Fellow Travelers**

Meet and greet with Guilford president Jane Fernandes at 4 pm, outside Starbucks.

### **Gamelan Ensemble**

The Gamelan Ensemble will perform Friday at 4:45 in front of the Dining Hall. New players are welcome to join us Thursday and Friday at 3:15 in Coulter 451.

### **Hikes and Excursions**

Friends are self-organizing various hikes and excursions today and tomorrow. Please check the message board at the UC near the Info Desk under "H" for hikes and "T" for trips, etc.

### **Michael Wajda's Retirement Book**

If you would like to write something in Michael Wajda's retirement book, it will be at the FGC Info Desk until Friday at 5 pm.

### **FGC T-Shirts**

Pre-ordered t-shirts must be picked up at the Info Desk by today at 2 pm. If you don't remember if you pre-ordered, please feel free to come check.

### **Meetinghouse Funds Available**

Friends Meeting House Fund (an FGC Program) provides loans and grants to Meetings to help them build, buy or renovate their meetinghouses. If you would like more information contact Ken Miller at [kenm@fgcquaker.org](mailto:kenm@fgcquaker.org) or leave a note for him at the Gathering Office on 2nd floor of UC.

### **Interested in Leading a Workshop?**

12:45-1:15, near fountain. Interested in exploring the leading to run a workshop at Gathering 2016? Come visit with 2016 workshop co-clerks, Rich VanDellen and Becky Marty.

### **Attention Consignors**

You must count out your items at the bookstore on Friday from noon to 5:00 in order to be paid. No count out--no money.

### **People with Disabilities**

At 1 pm, people with disabilities are invited to meet outside the cafeteria (near elevators) to talk about experiences at FGC or other Gatherings.

### **Minecraft Monthly Meeting**

Friends interested in exploring the Minecraft online video game together, in the manner of Friends, are invited to share ideas and contact info at the fountain from 3:15-4:15.

### **Charlottesville Friends**

Past and present Friends are invited to gather for lunch around 12:30 today. If the weather is good, we'll meet on the side of the building facing Blue Ridge. If inclement, let's try for behind the sandwich grill spot in the upstairs dining room.

### **Ride Board**

Need a ride? Give a ride? Sign up sheets will be posted until Friday near the Info Desk. Go to the Info Desk if you have a van reservation and need to make a change.

### **Friends of Godly Play, Faith & Play**

Please join together for dinner and fellowship. Let's meet outside the dining hall by the door facing the fountain at 5:15 today.

### **Ban the Box**

Daryl Atkinson, Monday evening plenary speaker, encourages us to sign the petition banning the question about prior convictions from initial applications. For more information and suggestions, see Federal Ban the Box Initiative (<http://cfor.cc/fedbtb>), or the FGC site: <http://tinyurl.com/q5pggx9>

## **Announcements-Continued**

### **The Family Place**

"Discipline vs Punishment." Chuck Esser discusses nonviolent ways to discipline our youth at 4:00 in Balsam 102.

### **Rec Center Yoga Location Change**

All yoga classes at 3:15 on Thursday and Friday have been moved from the Rec Center to Bardo Black Room.

### **Memorial Service**

There will be a Memorial Service from 1:30 - 2:30 in the MultiPurpose Room in Blue Ridge Hall. If you have a Memorial Minute to read or if you want to honor those lost, please attend.

### **Cherokee Inscriptions on Campus**

Has Thee noticed Cherokee alphabet inscriptions above doorways and on walls into/inside Bardo Performing Arts Center? WCU has a strong Cherokee Studies program, one evidence of which is the Cherokee and English language identifications at Bardo PAC.

The Cherokee alphabet was invented by Chief Sequoyah about 1821 - the only syllabary ever created by one man - and one who could not read or write any other language.

-submitted by Jim Cavener

### **Locally Grown Dining Hall**

Away from our view at Courtyard Dining Hall, many people have spent hours washing and cutting up cases and cases of fresh vegetables and fruits for us.

We've eaten sweet potatoes grown in North Carolina and peaches from Georgia. Our salads, sauteed vegetables, and pizza toppings were grown in NC and the surrounding states.

Look for fresh berries and sweet biscuits to make shortcake at breakfast today, a treat from our highly competent chef, Kevin Wooten.  
-Helen Hebben, FGC Food Coordinator

### **Food Coordinator Position**

Interested in being the new Gathering Food Coordinator? Email me at [ruthr@fgcquaker.org](mailto:ruthr@fgcquaker.org) and expect a response in August.

### **Multi-Gen Activities--Correction**

All Multi-Gen Activities take place from 1:30 to 3:00. Please note that this applies to the Storytime, Reading to Children event on Friday in UC Cardinal.