



Seeking Wholeness 2015 FGC Gathering

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Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina

*Daily
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Wednesday Evening Plenary - 7 PM **Carrie Newcomer**

Join in the excitement with Carrie Newcomer in concert tonight! All ages welcome! Carrie, a much loved Quaker singer, songwriter and poet, is one of the definitive voices of the heartland and progressive spirituality, with an ability for sharp observation of the world. Her songs will touch our hearts, nourish our souls and lift our spirits. Her friend, Parker Palmer, will provide her introduction. Expect to be delighted! Read more at: <http://www.fgcquaker.org/events/carrie-newcomer>

Take Note!

For tonight's concert, everyone will be seated as they arrive. There will be **NO SAVING SEATS**. Come with your group or family if you want to sit together.

Weather permitting, Carrie's concert will be broadcast outside. Friends will be able to bring blankets to sit on the lawn.

Today's Events

Guitarist Miguel Pico

Noon, Gathering Bookstore. Miguel Pico, professional guitarist from Columbia, SA will perform solos and duets with Pat Campbell.

FCNL Lunch

Noon, Dining Hall - behind the elevator. Meet for lunch today with clerk of the FCNL General Committee. Do you get FCNL emails? Help set priorities? Come meet others in the FCNL network.

Today's Query

What help does the concept of "wholeness" bring to my spiritual practice?

School of the Spirit

12:30 pm - Spiritual Nurturer class 8, gather at the base of the stairs in the dining hall.

12 Step Center

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

Al-Anon

1:30, Coulter 204. There will be an Al-Anon meeting today.

Walt Whitman Poetry Club

4:30, Forsyth 329. Walt Whitman is back and will recite his poetry along with Camden poet Rocky Wilson.

Public Education and Racial Disparity

9:15 pm, 8th Floor Scott North Study Lounge. Black and brown youth and their families are disproportionately harmed by federal, state and school district policies. Join Friends in understanding the problems and how we can take action for equity.



Announcements

Travel Minutes

If you have a Travel Minute you would like signed by the FGC Presiding Clerk, please bring it to the Info Desk in the UC by 2:00 today. Signed minutes will be available for pick up at the Info Desk at noon on Thursday.

2016 Gathering Committee Meeting

The 2016 Gathering Committee will meet on Thursday at 3:15 PM in Killian 106. Any Northern Yearly Meeting Friends who are not on the Gathering Committee who want to participate in the Friday evening invitation program are invited.

Quaker Organizations Info Tables

Please visit the Quaker organizations that have tables with information at the back of the Gathering Bookstore, 3rd floor, UC. Open all day, every day.

Attention Scooters

Friends, please make sure that children's scooters are parked a good distance from any door, especially those operated automatically.

Invitation

On Thursday, people with disabilities are invited to meet outside the cafeteria - near the elevators - to talk about our experiences at FGC or other gatherings.

Ride Board

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

First Aid Room

The First Aid room is open at 1:30 PM in Blue Ridge Residence Hall 157.

FGC T-Shirt Reminder

Did you order a t-shirt when you registered for Gathering? Did you come to the FGC Info Desk to pick it up yet? If not, please come get it soon!

Singles Lounge - Scott 4th Floor

For anyone at Gathering without your partner and/or anyone without a partner...please join us to relax with good conversation and snacks. Decks of cards available. 9:15 PM until late night. Foot spas after 10 PM on Wednesday and Thursday.

Kalamazoo Friends

Friends with a Kalamazoo connection (past present, future?) are invited to visit at dinner on Thursday - outdoors, weather permitting, downstairs otherwise. Look for signs.

Dining Swipe Cards

Friends, please remember that your cards are only good for one swipe per meal period. There are a few Friends who are presenting them more than once during the meal period and they do not work for the additional swipe.

Wear-A-Sarong Day

Today is unofficial International Wear-A-Sarong Day! Dress up in a sarong, shuka, kilt, skirt, kanga, manskirt, or any other dress-like or skirt-like clothes. If you don't have something sarongy to wear, make sure to compliment others on their fabulous apparel.

--Sartorially yours, John Skinner

Questions about Service Dogs

Friends who have questions about another Friend's use of a service dog or assistive device use may contact Access Resources (Peg at 206-734-1914 or Danni at 914-282-5238). Please do not challenge or question the Friend involved.

Sidewalk Use

Please use sidewalks to protect the grass when possible. Thanks.

Announcements - Continued

Maintenance Issues

In the main lobby of each dorm, there will be a clipboard with Maintenance Issue Forms. If you have a non-emergency problem with your room or room key, please complete the form. Forms will be collected and turned into the university every morning.

For non-residential building issues, please leave the information at the Info Desk in the UC.

Leaving Wednesday?

For those leaving on Wednesday, please turn in your key before noon. Some of the rooms will be used for second half-Gathering attendees.

IMPORTANT: In the main lobby of your dorm, look for a box labeled *Leave Key and Card Here* to return your key and swipe card. Next to the box will be a clipboard for you to check off your name when returning your key and swipe card. The clipboard check-off is the only record FGC will have of your key and card return.

Lobbies with key-return boxes and clipboards:

Walker room with ping-pong table)
Scott (room with ping-pong table)
Blue Ridge and Balsam (main entrance lobbies facing each other other across the courtyard)

Leave sheets, towels, and trash pails in your rooms. University staff will take care of those when cleaning for the second half-Gathering arrivals.

Friendly Poetry Reading

On Thursday at 1:30 in the UC "New Room." Everyone is invited. Writers, bring copies and share your work. Listeners, share your spirit-filled ears. For information, contact Bill Mize at friendwill@aol.com or call 409-789-3800.

Meet with "The Group That Must Not Named"

Have an FL account? Ever had a metamour? Contact Kody Hersh 786-246-2566 or Shani Taylor 215-571-5455 about the Wednesday meeting.

Women's Center - Thursday Events

1:30, Forsyth 329. All women are invited to share your spiritual journeys over the last year (or longer) in traditional worship sharing format.

3:15-5:30, Forsyth 329. After worship sharing (at 1:30), we will divide into discussion topics determined by women present (women across generations, the assault on women's rights, etc).

FGC Committee on Harassment

This is a reminder of who to contact in case of issues of harassment. Members of the Harassment Investigation Committee during the 2015 Gathering of Friends include: Barry Crossno (General Secretary), David Haines (Clerk, LRCPC), Frank Barch (Presiding Clerk, FGC), Dennis Barrett, Marian Beane, Claire Cohen, Linda Hunter, David Nachman, and Sue Regen. Contact information is available at the Info Desk in the UC.