



Worship with Whittier First Friends Church August 1, 2021



Church Announcements

God is the Great Giver and has given much to us. The contributions you make are vital to the life of the meeting. Please consider offerings through mail (mark envelope - Attn: Asst. Treasurer) or the Donate Now button on the church's website.

If you have prayer needs or spiritual concerns, please call or email the pastors, Micah Bales and Faith Kelley, or any member of Ministry and Council.

(Today we will be joining **Whittier First Friends Church** at their Zoom worship service **at 11:00 AM**. Whittier is also a part of the Western Association of Friends along with BFC.)

Sermon by Phone - Listen to the sermon each week on the website or our sermon by phone service. To listen to the sermon on your phone, **call 510-201-9143** at any time to hear each week's message. New sermons are uploaded on Sunday afternoons.

There will be no Bible Study this week.

Sunday August 8 at 11:00 AM we will hold our next **Intergenerational Worship** focused this time on God's faithful, continued presence with us wherever we go. Join us for songs, prayers and discussion along with a brief period of open worship and sermon.

7th Annual Interfaith Blood Drive, Tuesday August 10, 2021. Sponsored by Congregation Netivot Shalom, The Way Christian Center, Pacifica Institute, Qal'bu Maryam Women's Mosque, Berkeley Buddhist Monastery, Vedanta Society Berkeley. We need you to step up now to make this year's drive a success! And why not ask a friend, neighbor, or co-worker to join you while you're at it? Be someone's hero! Netivot Shalom, 1316 University Ave, Berkeley. To schedule your appointment by phone call 1-800 RED CROSS (1-800-733-7267) or click for link to sign up.

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=CNS>

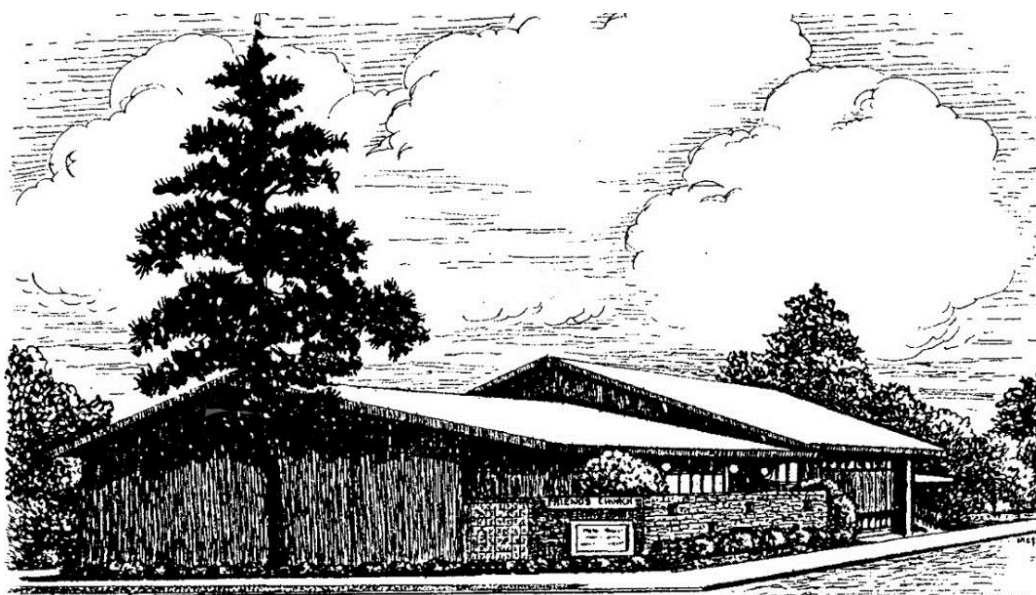
The **Quaker Religious Education Collaborative** is hosting an online conference, August 13-15, 2021: Integrating Lessons Learned and Leadings that Light the Way. The Quaker Religious Education Collaborative (QREC) is a grassroots network of Friends holding a sense of stewardship for life-long Quaker faith formation through religious education. [Click here for more information.](#)

Friends United Meeting's International Prayer Gathering will meet on Zoom at 9:00 AM Pacific on Friday August 20. Join Quakers from around the world in prayer and sharing each other's concerns. Join us on Zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81401601535> Or call 929-205-6099. Meeting ID: 814 0160 1535

Open Worship Sunday will be August 22 (instead of the normal third Sunday of the month). Come enjoy an extended period of waiting worship as we collectively listen for God's message to us.

Barclay Press and **Pendle Hill** are collaborating on the *Illuminate* Summer Speaker Series, 2nd and 4th Mondays, June 14 to August 23, 7:30–9 p.m. ET via Zoom. Join us for a series of evening discussions with authors of the Barclay Press *Illuminate* Friends Bible study summer curriculum on Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians. [Click here for more information.](#)

Keep up with BFC throughout the week. Join the announcement listserv by emailing Faith at pastor@berkeleyfriendschurch.org and follow us on Facebook.



**Praises and Petitions of Berkeley Friends Church
August 1, 2021**

- We thank you for the gift of your word, the bread of heaven. Help us hunger for your peace and righteousness over the things of this world.
- We pray for **loved ones** in our circles of care: All those diagnosed with, suffering from, or recovering from serious illnesses including **Liz's classmate Allie, Joe Williams, Dianna's friend Sebastian, Robbie Williams, Marilyn's friend Bruce, Faith's cousin Vicki, Veneita Porter, Donna Bales, Jayne's relative Quincy** and **Stanley Chagala Ngesa**.
- We ask for God's presence with **Friends not able to be with us: Charles Blue and Janice Wells**.
- **We pray for all those who are sick with Covid around the world.** May the vaccine be distributed more quickly and equitably. Gives us wisdom and peace as we begin to return to some of our before-time routines. Protect those who can't get vaccinated from infection, particularly from the Delta strain. We particularly pray for **Louise's relatives: Andrew, Tiana and Rowan**.

- We pray for **Jean, Chuck, Pam and Crystal on the death of John Maurer**. Comfort them in their grief. We too mourn the passing of our friend and fellow disciple John. He embodied faithfulness and constancy in our community for many years. We thank you for the many gifts he shared among us.
- We pray for **Joe Williams**, sick in the hospital. May the tests the doctors are running bring some answers. May he be able to return home soon and get the care he needs there.
- We ask for **rest when we are tired and weary**. We all too often think that working for you means that we must always go, always do. But rested on the seventh day and call us to do the same. May we each be able to take the time we need to recharge. Keep us from taking on too much. May we trust that if we are faithful to what you have asked of us, you will take care of the outcomes.
- We pray for **our community as we discern the way forward to returning to in person worship**. Give us wisdom, patience and insight into your will. Give us the tools we need to discern. Knit us together in your love and grace.
- Loving God, **have mercy on us**. Too often we have been greedy, grasping for what is not ours even though we have enough. We have forgotten your promise: that you will fill us with the bread of life. Like the crowds that followed Jesus, yet did not understand what he had given them, we seek bread for our bodies more than we seek the bread of heaven. Forget our sins, take away our guilt. Purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean.

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