

Worship with Whittier First Friends Church

August 9, 2020 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM

Church Announcements

Your financial contributions are vital to the life of the meeting. Please consider offerings through mail 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 Sunday August 9 at 11:00 AM**- Joint worship with Whittier First Friends with Nikki Holland, FUM missionary to Belize, preaching.

Bible Study starts 7:30 PM on Tuesdays via Zoom. We are discussing David Johnson's book, "Jesus, Christ and Servant of God: Meditations on the Gospel According to John." You do not need to have read or have a copy of the book available as we read a discussion and then discuss.

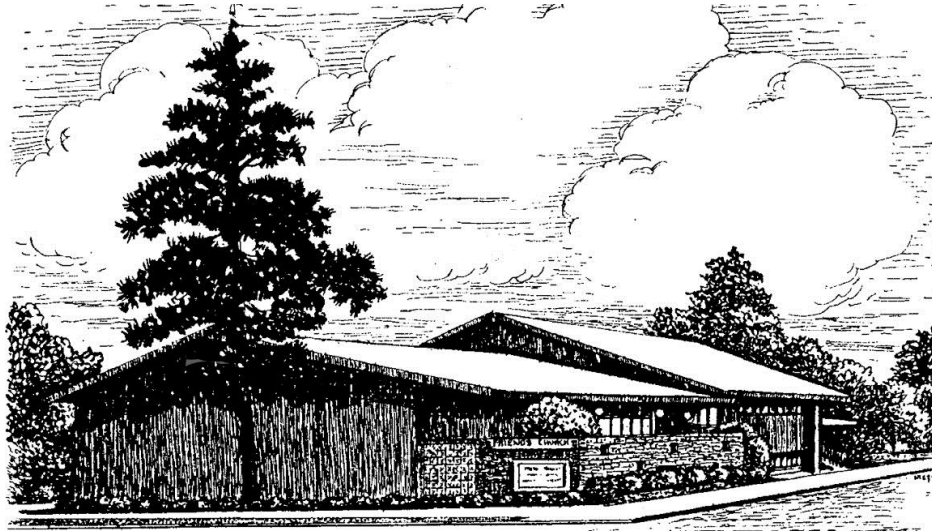
Spiritual Potluck- Thursday August 13 at 8:00 PM. Bring something to share! A piece of scripture, a poem, a prayer, a passage from a book. Whatever is feeding your soul right now and you'd like us to partake in as well.

Friends World Committee on Consultation is hosting a global worship on **Saturday, August 15 at 4:00 – 05:30 PDT** to mark 100 years since the first world-wide, inter-branch gathering of Quakers in opposition to war in 1920. Time together will focus on what compelled Friends in a post-war environment and what inspires us now to continue in our work for a peaceful world. How has God called us for these 100 years? To what can we testify today? Register for the global worship via [Eventbrite](#) to get the Zoom link.

Happy Hour – Come hang out with folks from Berkeley Friends Church from 8:00 to 9:00 PM, **Friday August 28**. We have no agenda. Just a time to chat, connect and enjoy each other's company. Check for log in details on listserv announcements.

Census 2020: Don't forget to respond to your notice either online, by phone or by paper form after April 8th. The census will only ask 9 questions and by law cannot be shared with anyone including ICE, the police, or other government agencies. An undercount will have a huge effect on our area. For example, if we have an undercount of 6% in Alameda County, the county will lose \$1 billion over 10 years. For more info see www.acgov.org/Census2020

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 9, 2020**

- We **thank you for the joy of surprises**, that even in our years of life on earth there are still new things to discover and wonder at.
- 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, Tomi's friend Katie, Joe Williams, Diana's friend Sebastian, Robbie Williams, Marilyn's friend Bruce, Lorryng's sister Candace, Faith's cousin Vicki and Sam Kumao.**
- We ask for God's presence with **Friends not able to be with us: Julie Rowlette, Charles Blue, Janice Wells and Joe Williams.**
- We pray for **all those who are currently sick with COVID-19.** Give their doctors and nurses wisdom on treatments. Comfort the family who can't be with them. Provide the resources that are needed to care for them well and safely. We particularly remember: Faith and Micah's friend **Steve Williams.**
- We pray for **David Thompson** as he continues to recover. May he get the continuing care he needs. May the medicines work and may he feel better quickly.
- We pray for the **people of Beirut** after the deadly explosion there. We mourn the lives lost and the homes destroyed. Bring healing and help to the survivors. Give hospitals and humanitarian aid organizations the supplies and staff they need.
- We pray for all the **students and families who are starting school** in the next few weeks. Give the children a sense of peace and belonging, even from a distance. Help them to learn and grow throughout this year. Give the parents patience and wisdom as they help their children figure out what learning looks like this year. Give the teachers and staff the help they need to nurture our children.
- We pray that you would **make your will known to us** as a community. Guide us in all we do. Give us a vision for the future that is faithful, loving and hopeful. Make us repairers of the breach and repairers of streets to dwell in.

- We ask for protection for **all those who are imprisoned** now. Keep them from getting COVID. Allow the justice system to be merciful and humane enough to release those who should be and to make changes to prevent the spread among those who can not be. We pray specifically for San Quinton prison and the outbreak there among the incarcerated and staff.
- We pray for **peace in our world and an end to nuclear weapons**. On this week of anniversaries, we repent from our county's use of nuclear bombs on the people of Japan. Our hearts break with the destruction, suffering and loss of lives. Show us how to beat our swords into plowshares.
- God of mysterious ways, you **take our fears and turn them into triumphs**. You remind us that you are always with us and that we do not need to fear the wind and waves of life. Encourage us to step out of the boat; to come across these difficulties to your redeeming and transforming love. Give us courage and strength, joy and peace for all the times ahead.



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