



Worship with Whittier First Friends Church

May 2, 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.)

We are "Seeking Peace Around the World!" Each summer at First Friends Church in Whittier, California we organize **Peace Camp for the children (1st to 8th grade)** of our Meeting and also invite friends from our community. This summer we are hoping to broaden our scope to include Quaker Friends from around the world.

Because of the pandemic, our camp will gather virtually so this provides us with an opportunity that we've never had before. We hope to inspire children near and far to join us for a week of sharing and fun! Ideas for connecting with others are just in the beginning stages but we decided to reach out to you and your families and inquire if you would be interested in coordinating with us in this endeavor.

Peace Camp will take place beginning on Monday, July 19, 2021 and close on Friday, July 23rd. Daily, virtual meet up will commence at 10:00 a.m. and close at 11:30 a.m. (PST). Our camp directors, myself and Candice Ryder, will be prepared with a series of activities to engage the children in reflecting, seeking and sharing peace in the world around us.

Please consider joining with us in this journey! If you, or someone from your Meeting is interested in attending we would love to hear from you. Your responses will help us to continue our planning and generate our invitations. If this does not seem like something your own children from your meeting would be able to take part in, perhaps you can help us with a short video sharing what Peace means to your community.

Thank you for your prompt reply,
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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.

2021 Berkeley Crop Hunger Walk:

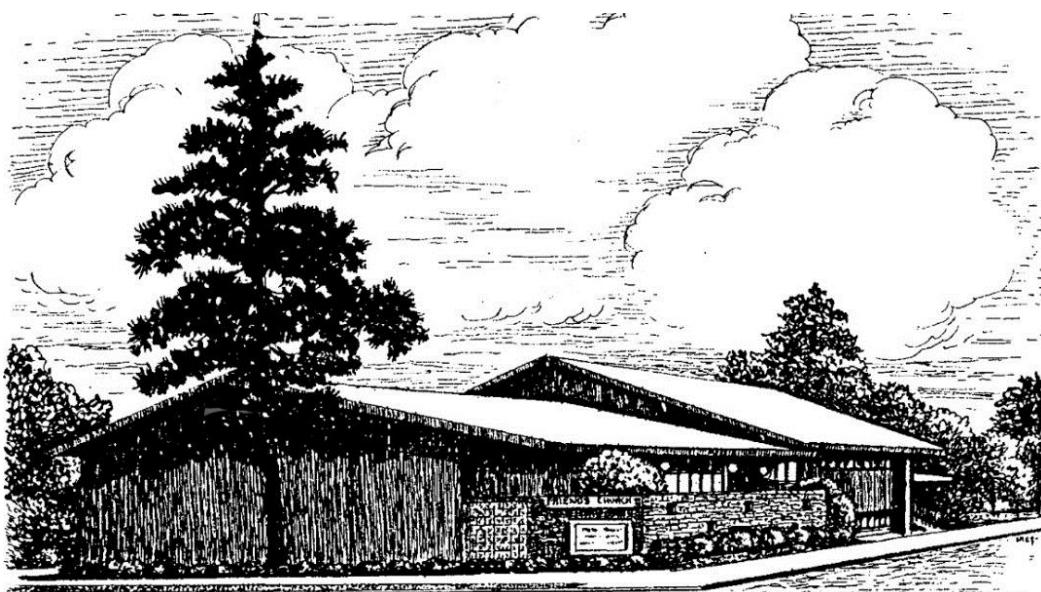
The 2021 Berkeley Crop Hunger Walk will be a seven day virtual walk. The kick-off will be on Sunday May 2nd and the walk will last until Saturday, May 8th. All funds raised will go to Church World Service (or partner organization if you wish), Berkeley Food Pantry, Youth Spirit Artworks, and Dorothy Day House of Berkeley. Please join the virtual walk or donate to a walker by visiting [CROP Hunger Walk - Berkeley Quakers](#). Please also follow us on Facebook: [CROP Hunger Walk - Berkeley CA](#) and Instagram: [Berkeley CROP Walk](#)

The Future of Worship: Hybrid, Online, & In Person- A conversation among Western Quaker Meetings on May 7th to 9th, 2021. Quaker Center & Western Friend are inviting representatives from western Quaker meetings and other Friends for an online gathering to explore ‘ways that are opening’ for Quakers to worship together as and after pandemic restrictions are lifted. [Registration here](#).

Virtual Singalong Concert- You are invited to take part in a virtual singalong concert as a benefit for [Project Voice](#), an immigration justice program of the American Friends Service Committee. **Repairing the Breach: Songs for the Journey Saturday, May 15 - 7:00 pm** Pacific Time. Info & tickets at: [riseupandsing.org/events/repairing-breach-northwest](#)

Registration for Friends United Meeting's annual **Stoking the Fire Retreat: Hope and Light** is open. The retreat will be **May 21–23, 2021** and held on zoom. A [schedule and registration](#) can be found on the FUM website.

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

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- We thank you for **friendship and companionship** in our lives. You have made us to be in community with others. We are grateful for those people in our life with whom we find connection, support and love.
- 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.** May they get the care they need. May their symptoms be mild and pass quickly. Protect all those whose work makes them risk infection-doctors, nurses and other medical personnel, bus drivers, grocery store workers and daycare workers. Help everyone who wants to get vaccinated quickly. May those of us waiting our turn be patient. Help us all to continue to do our part to slow the spread of the virus.
- We pray for **Friends United Meeting**, our wider Quaker fellowship. Help us to support each other and build bridges across the wide diversity of Friends. We lift up in prayer the staff and the important projects that FUM supports.
- We pray for **the many places in the world where COVID is running rampant.** May they have enough space in hospitals, PPE and treatment options. May those of us in wealthy countries with more than enough vaccines share it readily with those in need. Stop the spread.
- We pray for **our planet.** May we be good stewards of all that you have given us. May we respect your creation for the wonder that it is. Show us how to change our lives and our government's policies to protect our home.
- We pray for the **Berkeley Food Pantry.** In this time of increased need and hunger, give the staff and volunteers the energy and drive they need to meet the demand for help. May they have the resources they need. We pray for the guests who come for food. May they find what they need, enjoy the food and feel valued and cared for.



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