

## Birmingham Friends

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**January 4, 2026**

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**Office Hours**

Monday & Thursday  
10 am – 2pm

**Sunday Zoom Host**

**01/04** Lauren Buckalew

**01/11** John Braceland

**01/18** Connie Eash

**Sunday Facing Bench Friend**

**01/04** David Jones

**01/11** Cindy Heck

**01/18** David Leonard

**Sunday Meeting House Greeter**

**01/04** Marcia Cole-Quigley

**01/11** Laurie Lewis

**01/18** Tom Martin

**Sunday Tech Assistant**

**01/04** Lauren Buckalew

**01/11** John Braceland

**01/18** Connie Eash

**Zoom Meeting Link**

**Sunday Meeting for Worship:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87404288806?pwd=WkpqYk0vMjFkbjJDYk0vR0ZwTitNdz09>

**Meeting ID:** 874 0428 8806

**Passcode:** 156446

**Dial:** 1(929) 205-6099 (NY) for all



## 1. Deepening Our Faith: Meeting for Worship

- Are our meetings for worship held in stilled, expectant waiting upon God?
- As we worship in the living silence, are we drawn together by the power of God in our midst? Do we experience a deep reverence for the integrity of creation?
- How does our worship nurture all worshipers, creating a deeper sense of community?
- How does our meeting encourage vocal ministry that spiritually nurtures the worshipping community?
- Do I faithfully attend meeting with heart and mind prepared for worship, clear of any predetermination to speak or not to speak, expecting that worship will be a source of strength and guidance?
- Does worship deepen my relationship with God, increase my faithfulness and refresh and renew my daily life, both inwardly and in my relationships with other persons and with all of creation?
- Does worship enhance my capacity for attentive, non-judgmental listening to others?
- How does participation in meeting for worship contribute to my life-long spiritual journey?

*Faith and Practice, 2017*

Let us honor and be attentive to the Spirit by not entering or leaving Worship during spoken messages.

## Calendar



**Sunday, January 4,**  
**8:30am -9:45am:** Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, hybrid.  
**10:00am:** Meeting for Worship, hybrid. Children and Youth.

**Wednesday, January 7,**  
**4pm:** Mid-week Meeting for Worship via Zoom.

**Sunday, January 11,**  
**10:00am:** Meeting for Worship, hybrid. Youth Committee. Children and Youth.

**Wednesday, January 14,**  
**4pm:** Mid-week Meeting for Worship via Zoom.

**Sunday, January 18,**  
**8:30am – 9:45am:** O&PC Committee Meeting, hybrid.  
**10:00am:** Meeting for Worship, hybrid. Children and Youth.  
**1:30pm:** Friendly Bible Study via Zoom.

**Wednesday, January 21,**  
**4pm:** Mid-week Meeting for Worship via Zoom.

**We need food, personal items and monetary donations for the West Chester Food Cupboard and Act in Faith! Please place items in the boxes in the Social Room. Thank you!**

## Announcements and Events

Newcomers to Quaker meeting are invited to attend **Exploring Quakerism**, a discussion series of four sessions with topics about Quakerism and how our meeting works. **The sessions will begin in January.** Dates will be set for the convenience of those who wish to participate. Let Sallie Jones ([salliebjones@gmail.com](mailto:salliebjones@gmail.com)) or Leslie Leonard ([lleonard@berkeley.edu](mailto:lleonard@berkeley.edu)) know of your interest and one of them will respond with more details.

**Friday, January 16, 5:30pm:** The Fellowship Committee will be having a “Penguin Night”, which will start off with a taco dinner, followed by a presentation/ slide show by Nancy Arnosti detailing her recent trip to Antarctica, the Falkland Islands, and South Georgia. For the children there will be games and activities. See flyer posted on the whiteboard in the foyer. A sign-up Genius/RSVP link was recently emailed to members by Andi Bolesta and is copied below for your convenience. **Save the date!**

<https://files.mail-list.com/a/bfriends/02382481.html>.

**Student Scholarship Notice:** Annually both Birmingham Friends and Concord Quarterly Meeting (CQM) award scholarships for students that meet the following criteria:

- 1) Have at least one parent who is a member of the Meeting;
- 2) Be matriculating at a school that is recognized as being a Quaker school by the Friends Council on Education (or its successor);
- 3) Be in a grade from kindergarten through twelfth.

The amount of the Scholarship is calculated by dividing the number of students that apply by the money that is available.

Applications are generally accepted in January and February. Please contact David Leonard at [leonard@berkeley.edu](mailto:leonard@berkeley.edu) for an application. For CQM, please contact Chris Stern at [concordquarter@pym.org](mailto:concordquarter@pym.org).

### January Birthdays

1	Isaac Abongela	8	Rick Echelmeyer	20	Laura Densmore
1	Rebeka Andjelani	9	Stephanie Kirk	20	Wyatt Pace
1	Maombi Isaac	12	Michael Waddington	21	Dale Frens
4	Jacob Wells	17	Sarah Blossom	24	Tyler Millichap
5	Sharon Will	17	Carmella Izzo	27	Chris Lang
6	Derek Bednarski	17	Cris deRitis	27	Lauren Mork
6	Abigail Hung	17	Sara Reichard	30	David Jones
7	Olivia McVeigh	19	August Eggerding		

### More Zoom Links

<b>Mid-week Meeting for Worship (Host – Connie Eash)</b>	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83934903246?pwd=st0FOCja-tLBCmnLrMvHn8YEfSGTLcb.1">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83934903246?pwd=st0FOCja-tLBCmnLrMvHn8YEfSGTLcb.1</a>
	<b>Meeting ID:</b> 839 3490 3246 <b>Passcode:</b> 644889