

QUAKER CENTER

2019 Program Calendar

January 25-27	Come as You Are - Reading the Bible with Friends The Bible is a precious and challenging resource for Quakers. Does it have a place in your religious life? This weekend will feature group reading and reflection on varied passages. Enthusiasts and doubters all welcome.	Stephen Matchett
February 22-24	Faithful Living in Challenging Times How do I know what faithful action is required of me, today? How can we be more open to direct Divine nudges? How might we help one another lead more faithful lives?	Marty Grundy and Connie Green
March 19-24	Quaker Revival The Society of Friends is begging for revival. This workshop will delineate the essential principles of Quakerism and consider what living faithfully in accordance with them requires of us today.	Paul Buckley
May 10-12	Renewing our Meetings to Welcome New Quakers At times Friends are afraid: "We don't have enough young people!" And new folks can be discouraged: "This meeting doesn't meet my needs!" There is a third path: calm, deep meeting renewal. For a preview, go to quakernewrenew.wordpress.com .	Henri Ducharme and Hilary Burgin
May 31 – June 2	Abundance and Justice in our Common Home Summoning gardeners and prison justice reformers, mystics and peace advocates for a time of deep listening stemming from our interconnections. Through history, story-telling, and worship-sharing, we seek an ecology of hope, ways of integration and action.	Shelley Tanenbaum and Sara Wolcott
June 22-29	Quaker Service and Art Camp Rising fifth to ninth graders learn about Quaker faith and practices, share time in nature and build community through art, service, campfires, singing, games, hikes, and more.	Camp Staff
July 29 – August 3	Family Work Camp A camp for all ages! Build community while constructing, repairing, prepping, painting, cooking, cleaning. Deepen community by worshiping, playing, hiking, singing, chatting.	Jesse Keesaw and Quaker Center Staff
August 30 – September 1	Clerking with Joy and Enthusiasm This workshop is designed for all, regardless of experience, who want to dive more deeply into Quaker decision-making. We will explore the interrelated roles of presiding clerk, recording clerk, committee clerks, and "clerks-in-waiting," providing a practical and spiritual framework for finding unity in the Spirit.	Barbara Babin and Jamie Newton
September 27-29	Holiness: The Soul of Quakerism This course will explore the nature of holiness as it has been described, interpreted, and lived out by Quakers across time and cultures, and what meaning it might have in the secularized world of Quakerism today.	Carole Spencer
October 25-27	The Pursuit of Wisdom Where is wisdom? How shall we live? In this workshop we will seek wisdom for the inward life from the Epistle of James, the ancient Christian monastics, and Quaker mystic and social reformer John Woolman.	Michael Birkel
November 15-17	"In the world but not of it": Quaker Spiritual Community over Time This course looks at the changing relationship between Quakers and wider culture over three and a half centuries and the ways in which Friends have tried to nurture authentic spirituality as 'mystics in the midst.'	Ben Pink Dandelion
November 18-20	Building the Blessed Community: Nurturing Authentic Quaker Spirituality How do we make our Meetings vibrant and Spirit-led when we are all so busy, and beset by the worries of the world? How do we realize our gifts in a secular world?	Ben Pink Dandelion
December 6-8	10th Annual Music and Dance Retreat A joyful, simple, reduced-cost weekend of music with various styles of group singing, folk dancing, instrumental jams, and a community dance on Saturday night.	Participant Leaders
December 27 – January 1	Is God Violent? Making a New Beginning with the Bible Often criticized for its violence, the Bible can also be understood as profoundly subversive of "sacred violence," manifesting an emergent empathy for victims. Based on the work of Rene Girard, this way of reading has profound implications for peacemaking.	Tom Gates

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