

Worship at the Gathering

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Monday - Friday

Early Morning Outdoor Meeting for Worship under the care of Quaker Earthcare Witness Circle between St Vincent and Alumni Chapel (chairs in St Vincent's 112 please return)

**Meeting for Worship under the care of the Healing Center
7:30 am: Academic 350**

Community Worship -- 8:15 am Gallagher Upper Level

NEW THIS YEAR! We will start our day worshipping together as a community in family friendly worship. It will include music, stories, queries and open worship. It is half an hour and intended for absolutely everyone! Join us in being community together, creating Ripples, experiencing Spirit moving amongst us.

Daily Extended Meeting for Worship -- 9:15 am Gallagher 110 - This is an opportunity for those who want extended worship.

Meeting for Worship under the care of Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns (FLGBTQC) -- 3:15 pm Castellani Art Museum (Childcare in Academic 128)

Silent Grace at meals -- Friends will raise their hands to start the silence; at the completion, a designated person will say "Thank you, Friends."

Bible Half-Hour led by Regina Renee Ward -- 6:00 pm Castellani Art Museum

People and passages in the Bible that embody the Gathering theme (Ripples start where spirit moves) will be examined for their insight and inspiration for us living the theme in our daily lives. Lecture, reflection, discussion, and silence will all enhance our familiarity and understanding of the readings explored.

The Silent Center -- St Vincent's 310

The Silent Center is open from 12 noon to 11 pm each day. It is a place where you can go for silent reflection, prayer, or other nonverbal activities. Friends also use the space to journal, draw, read, sleep, or do other quiet things that sustain and nurture them. Note that this year, it is not the location of the daily extended Meeting for Worship- see above for that location.

The Labyrinth -- Lawn between O'Donoughue Hall and Lewiston Road

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Other Opportunities

All Gathering Opening Worship -- Sunday 7 pm Gallagher Upper Level

Gathering will open Sunday evening with the Thanksgiving Address, given by G. Peter Jemison of the Seneca Nation, the historical stewards of the land where we will be. These traditional words are used to open and close all Haudenosaunee gatherings, to bring the minds of people together as one in thankfulness of all that Mother Earth gives us.

Lifting up in prayer through Worship Sharing the Concerns of Trans-Women of Color --

Tuesday 3:15 pm – 4:15 pm Academic 127/129 - Harassment and hate violence are serious realities both for transgender communities, and for people/communities of color. People whose identities intersect with both of these communities are even more likely to experience violence and early death, trans women of color in particular. Using a video clip and/or a piece of writing (TBD) to get us started, through worship sharing and the help of spirit, Friends will explore various ways in which we are called to live into our peace testimony to help support and affirm the lives of trans women of color.

Meeting for Worship Under the care of Nontheist Friends -- Wednesday 4:30

St Vincent's 215 -- All Friends are invited to join in worship for an hour and, if desired, to stay afterward for discussion.

Meeting for Worship to Lift Concerns for Young Men of Color – Friday 3:15 pm – 4:15 pm

Academic 127/129 - Events during the past years have heightened our awareness of the precarious position of young men of color in our society. They have been killed by vigilantes; they have been stopped and frisked by law enforcement; they are disproportionately imprisoned for violation of drug laws. They disproportionately fill our prisons and jails. We meet together in worship to lift up a concern for the collective violence – direct and structural – we have brought against these young men and to ask Spirit to tender our hearts and open the way for us to witness against these injustices.

All Gathering Closing Worship -- Saturday 9 am Gallagher Gym -- An opportunity for all to close our week together.

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