

MANHATTAN MONTHLY MEETING

Manhattan Monthly Meeting continues to meet on First, Third and Fifth First Days at 9:30 A.M. in Room 1 at 15th Street. On Second First day, at 10:00 A.M., we meet for Bible Study. Our Bible Study theme for this year is: "Women in the Old Testament". Meeting for Business is held on First First Day of each month, with additional business tended to at the rise of each Meeting. Our Conference Telephone Prayer Meeting is held on third Tuesdays from 8:00- 9:00 P.M. Current membership stands at eleven adults and one junior member.

Our First Day School collaborative program with Fifteenth Street had our children partnering through Skype with Gisenyi, Democratic Republic of Congo, with a short film, introducing themselves and our Meeting House. Helen Garay Toppins, of Morningside and the Quarter, will conduct a class with our children also participated in the Middle and High School group discussion "Fit for Freedom Not for Friendship" led by Helen Garay Toppins, of Morningside and the Quarter. Helen began with a community building project (with papers and tape, segue led into Black History & Women's' History months and then shared with us on how Fit for Freedom ties in.

Our clerk is travelling in western Kenya overseeing the completion and registration of the Davanga school building. On March 1, the school opened its door to over 100 children, most of who are orphaned, as a result of the AIDS epidemic.

Chain of Prayer: This year our meeting is participating in FUM annual Chain of Prayer, January 1 through Pentecost Sunday, June 12, 2011. This years theme "Transforming Lives" is taken from *Romans 12:2*, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." (KJV).

Our Meeting welcomed David Herendeen as its interim pastor, while our search committee explores the wider Friends community for Noel Palmer's replacement. As we continue our spiritual journey, maintaining a healthy Christ centered life and bringing a renewed sense of connection are foremost in our meeting.

In Love and Friendship,

Gloria P, Thompson,

Interim Acting Clerk

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