

2019

Friends' Calendar

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O I beseech you people, for the Lord's sake, wait for the Light of Christ to guide you. Learn of Him to be meek and lowly. Then happy are you, for He dwelleth with the Humble; but He beholdeth the Proud afar off. This new birth, which is a true work, a sincere and heavenly work: it will make you for ever. O make room for Christ in your hearts or else he is never like to dwell with you. He loves to dwell with the poor and humble and contrite Spirit. He abhors the proud. He will empty your souls, that He may fill them.

William Dewsbury, 1688

Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness. Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He will do it. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your judgment as the noonday. Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him.

Psalm 37:3-7, NASB



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Quaker spiritual community has been rooted in that ... experience of being united in the Love of God which can come in favored times of corporate "waiting on the Lord[.]" Friends took Jesus' commandment to love one another and the statement that love for one another ... would be a sign that they were truly his disciples ... , not only as a serious call, but as an observable experience.

Patricia Loring, 1992

SECOND MONTH

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I give a new commandment to you: 'Love one another; just as I have loved you, you should also love one another.' ...		1	2	3	4	5
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27	28	29	30	31	<p>... Every person will know by this that you are my disciples, if you shall have love one to the other.</p> <p>John 13:34-35, Aramaic Bible in Plain English</p>	

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At the same time there is much joy in travelling in the ministry under the experience of the Holy Spirit. We watch God at work in us and feel the Lord's power accompanying us everywhere we go. There is joy whenever the perfect will of God is done through me, and the voice of the Lord is experienced in my heart. There is joy when souls turn to Christ in repentance.

Priscilla Makhino, 2011

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I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. Galatians 2:20, NASB					1	2
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24	25	26	27	28	I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance. Luke 5:32, NASB	

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Under this feeling it was no light thing to break the silence in ... meeting for worship, and when anyone did it was felt that he had something to say, something that was in harmony with the spirit of the meeting, and if others followed, they continued in the same line, and the result was to carry the congregation in the direction of a real spiritual blessing.

Allen Jay, 1831-1910

FOURTH MONTH

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As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and the dominion forever and ever amen. <small>1 Peter 4:10-11, NKJV</small>					1	2
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But this was the least of our sorrow: the loss of goods, beating and hurling to and fro, and dragging out of our Meeting House, and many other abuses which the Lord made us able to go through and sanctified unto us.... In the time of suffering, did a selfish separating spirit begin to break forth among us, which added to our affliction and sorrow, more than all our persecutors could do.

Elizabeth Stirredge, 1634-1706

FIFTH MONTH

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28	29	30	<p>I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Ephesians 4:1-3, NKJV</p>			

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Fifth Month

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When we are ill-treated, it is especially important for us to affirm our sacredness.... May hope be strengthened when we see God or the divine in those with whom we differ or even in those who impose the persecution! Let us respect and honor all people, for all of humankind is created in the image of God--without exception.

Jean Zaru, 2017

SIXTH MONTH

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Then God said, "Let us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have domain over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in his own image; an image of God he created him; male and female he created them. Genesis 1:26-27, NKJV			1	2	3	4
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Sixth Month

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Let us lay down all self-will and be ready to receive and use whatever gift is given us. Let us be thankful to be allowed to live in simple discipleship of Jesus without being led into temptation by great gifts. And finally let us ask that we all without distinction be given the gift promised to all members of the Body of Christ—the highest of gifts, which is love; that is to say, we ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Eberhard Arnold, 1934

SEVENTH MONTH

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<p>But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all.... For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many are one body, so also is Christ for by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or freed – and have all been made to drink into the same Spirit.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">I Corinthians 12:7, 12-13, NKJV</p>						1
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I would recommend to saints, elders and all sober people in the colony of Sierra Leone to unite together and adopt the mode of meeting together once a month and at this meeting, converse with each other for your mutual good, but above all things, let your meeting be owned of the Lord.

Paul Cuffe, ca. 1831

EIGHTH MONTH

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28	29	30	31	<p>For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.</p> <p>Matthew 18:20, NKJV</p>		

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Eighth Month

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God's ministry in each congregation is so essential. The different ministries come to be the practice of the spiritual gifts by the believers We shouldn't be afraid of assuming our own gifts, because some of us can have several gifts, and in this way we are able to work in several ministries. These ministries can be small and easy, or they can be big and difficult as well.

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Emma Mamani Condori, 2010

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<p>There are diversities of gifts but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1 Corinthians 12:4-7, NKJV</p>				1	2	3
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Well, but then where does this cross appear, and must be taken up? I answer within: that is, in the heart and soul; for where sin is, the cross must be.... [W]here sin lives, there it must die: it must be crucified.

William Penn, 1644-1718

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29	30	<p>Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Matthew 16:24-25, NKJV</p>				

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When compared to bodily action, what could seem more inactive than waiting upon God? The modern world asks, "Where will that get you?" ... Yet, as we have seen, it was precisely through this and other apparently inactive means that the early Friends came into a power of whole action that surpasses anything that we experience today. ... I think that we in this age of decreasing inner action, of ever increasing outer activity, we have a profound lesson to learn from the early Friends.

N. Jean Toomer, 1947

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In returning and rest shall you be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength. Isaiah 30:15, NKJV		1	2	3	4	5
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27	28	29	30	31	And when [Jesus] had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. Matthew 14:23, NKJV	

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Eleventh Month

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There is no schism, nor division, nor contention nor strife in the heavenly Jerusalem nor in the body of Christ; it a spiritual house, composed of living stones. Christ is not divided, for in Him there is peace. ... But in the world below ..., and in its spirit, there is trouble. Therefore, keep in Christ and walk in him.

George Fox, 1624-1691

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Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries and the like; of which I tell you before hand, just as I also told you in the time pass, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. Galatians 5:19-21, NKJV					1	2
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Deep within us all there is an amazing inner sanctuary of the soul, a holy place, a Divine Center, a speaking Voice, to which we may continuously return.... It is a Light Within which illumines the face of God and casts new shadows and new glories upon the face of men. It is a seed stirring to life if we do not choke it. It is the Shekinah of the soul, the Presence in the midst. Here is the Slumbering Christ, stirring to be awakened, to become the soul we clothe in earthly form and action. And He is within us all.

Thomas Kelly, 1941

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29	30	31	<p>In him was life, and the life was the light of men. John 1:4, NKJV</p> <p>For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:6, NKJV</p>			

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Names of the Months and of the Days of the Week

From the practice of the Jews before the Babylonian Captivity, it seems probable that at first the months were simply numbered, not named. This is a clear and rational procedure and is found in the early Scriptures, so the Society of Friends felt called upon to use the Scriptural names of the days of the week and of the months instead of those names which are in common use and which are, for the most part, derived from the names of pagan gods.

Other religions (Christians, Jews and Muslims) as well as Friends have similar views on this subject. Richard Baxter, the English non-conformist of the Seventeenth Century, said: "It were to be wished that the custom were changed of using the names of week-days which idolators honored their idols with — as Saturday, Monday, and the rest. So for the months."

Friends did not object to the names "September," "October," "November," and "December," but objected to their use since the months they name are no longer the seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth months.

January was named for Janus, an old Roman god.

February was named from the *Februa*, the expiatory ceremonies which the Romans held in honor of their dead in this month.

March was named for the Roman god Mars, who, at the time of the naming of the month, was primarily a god of agriculture, the symbol of spring-time and youth. It was only after the artificial identification of Roman gods with Greek gods that Mars became the god of war, the counterpart of Ares.

April is derived from the same root as the Latin *aperire*, which means "to open". Thus April is the month of opening buds and flowers.

May is of uncertain origin, perhaps from the Roman goddess Maia, or from *maiores* (the older).

June may have been named for the Roman goddess Juno, or from *iuniores* (the younger).

July, originally *Quinctilis*, was renamed for Julius Caesar, who was born in that month.

August, originally *Sextilis*, was chosen by the Roman emperor Augustus to be renamed in his honor because of the many fortunate events in his life that had occurred in that month.

The practice of naming the days of the week is derived from Egyptian astronomy. It did not become firmly established in our civilization until the time of Theodosius at the end of the Fourth Century C.E. Curiously enough, it was the Roman custom of lettering the successive days of a *nundinum* (a period of eight days, in addition to the current day) which gave rise to the modern custom in some Christian groups whereby the dominical letter is determined. The days of the week are lettered from A to G, just as the Romans lettered the days of a *nundinum* from A to H.

According to the Egyptian astronomers the sun and moon were planets and the order of the planets in terms of their distance from the earth was as follows: Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, sun, Venus, Mercury, moon. One hour of each day, beginning with the first, was consecrated to each of these "planets". The whole day was consecrated to the planet to which belonged the first hour. If the first day be consecrated to the sun, to which belongs the first hour, then the first hour of the next day will belong to the moon and the day will be the moon's day (Monday) and so on. After the cycle has been completed, the first hour of the eighth day will belong to the sun again, and it will again be the sun's day (Sunday).

Our names of the days of the week are derived from Anglo-Saxon names and these in turn are named for the Saxon gods who approximate to the Roman gods for whom the days were named. The Roman names have survived, to an extent, in Spanish, French, Italian and other languages derived from or greatly influenced by Latin.

The day of Mars was called the day of Tiw, the god of war (Tuesday).

The day of Mercury was called the day of Woden, chief of the gods, whose attributes corresponded more nearly to those of the Roman Mercury than to those of Jupiter, chief of the Roman gods (Wednesday).

The day of Jupiter, who was believed to hurl thunderbolts, was called the day of Thor, the god of thunder (Thursday).

The day of Venus was called the day of Frigg, queen of the gods, who was sometimes confused or identified with Freyia the goddess of love (Friday).

The seventh day was still called the day of Saturn, the sower of seed (Saturday).

No doubt most Christians unthinkingly use these names, or else they use them merely in conformity to the general custom. Although general custom can, in the long run, determine the correctness of language and vocabulary, it cannot pass upon right and wrong. And so, some Christians still feel that the use of these names for months and days, derived as they are from non-Christian sources, is inconsistent with the tenets of the Christian faith.