

ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS NEWS

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Meetings for Worship:

**Annapolis Friends Meeting House, 351 DuBois Road, Annapolis
First Days, 11:00 A.M.**

First Day School for Children

11:15 A.M. (Join Meeting for Worship from 11:00-11:15)

Nursery Care for Our Youngest

11:00 A.M.

Meetings for Worship with a

Concern for Business:

1st First Day of Month at 9:00 A.M.

Adult Religious Education:

As noted in calendar below

JANUARY 2010 CALENDAR

03	(1)	9:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
		11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship
		12:00 Noon	-	Postponed Christmas Program
		-	-	Potluck
04				Meeting provides Lighthouse Shelter Supper (page 3)
10	(2)	8:00 A.M.	-	Early Meeting for Worship
		11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship
17	(3)	9:00 A.M.	-	Committee Meetings
		11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship
24	(4)	8:00 A.M.	-	Early Meeting for Worship
		11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship
		9:00 P.M.	-	Newsletter Items Due: email
31	(5)	9:00 A.M.	-	Committee Meetings
		11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship

Care of the Meeting House for First Month: Ministry and Worship

QUERIES FOR FIRST MONTH: MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

Are meetings for worship held in expectant waiting for Divine Guidance? Are Friends encouraged to share spiritual insights? Are special gifts of ministry recognized and encouraged?

Do you come to meeting with heart and mind prepared? Are you careful not to disturb the spirit of the meeting by late arrival or in other ways? *Faith and Practice*, p.37

For when I came into the silent assemblies of God's people, I felt a secret power among them which touched my heart; and as I gave way unto it, I found the evil weakening in me and the good raised up. Robert Barclay

TWELFTH MONTH MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH A CONCERN FOR BUSINESS

MINUTES from Sixth Day of the Twelfth Month, 2009

Present: B. Thomas (Clerk), M. Ormsby (Recording Clerk), S&N. Elsbree, C. Krafft, L. Pickens, P. Favero, W. Jordon, W.&M. Candler, H. Saunders, E. Albert, K. Finch, P. Schenck, B. Peregoy, D. Walizer, J. Christianson, M. Clarke-Swindle, R. Veloso, P. Singer, J. Rodkin, V. Pawlewitz, D. Sellers, M. Clarke-Swindle, L. Lougee.

Our Meeting began with centering worship.

Ministry & Worship Committee: Elise Albert reporting:

The letter of transfer request for Melba Battin from Annapolis Friends Meeting to Princeton Monthly Meeting, under Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, was read. This request was reluctantly approved in loosing her, but joyfully approved in honoring her request. The letter will be recorded and our action reported to the Princeton Monthly Meeting.

Nominating Committee: Nan Elsbree reporting:

The first reading of the draft slate was distributed and heard. Discussion ensued and the final report will be offered next month. Next first day at 9am the Committee will be meeting and Friends are encouraged to attend, submitting their ideas and suggestions.

Stewardship & Finance Committee: Mary Kniskern reporting:

The 2010 balanced budget was distributed and discussed. Gratitude was expressed to Mary for her diligence. The final approval was offered and the Budget will be sent to the Trustees.

Treasurer's Report: Joel Rodkin reporting:

The Report was distributed and discussed. Appreciation was extended to Joel for his efforts. Friends approved this report.

Donations Ad Hoc Committee under Meetinghouse and Lands Committee: Cairn Krafft reporting:

This report was read and will be attached to these Minutes. We are grateful for the work done in this effort. The memory book will be constructed. Thought and prayer will be given to the ideas brought forth before any policies are adopted.

Christmas Eve Gathering: Nan Elsbree reporting:

At 7 p.m. Friends will gather for cider, singing and prayer and worship, lasting approximately 1 _ hours. Notice will be sent through the announce list.

William Penn House: Bonnie Peregoy reporting:

Information about the Penn House was presented and its Annual Report will be attached to these minutes. A plea was offered to find a young Friend to step up as our representative to the Board, with Bonnie continuing as a mentor to this new member. Gratitude was expressed to Bonnie for all her years of effort on this Board.

Website: Barbara Thomas reporting:

Since 9/08 no minutes or newsletters have been added to the website to preserve confidentiality, protecting the actual names from internet searches. No decision was made in this regard and this issue will be brought back to Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business.

These minutes were read and approved during Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business.

Meeting closed with silent worship.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Thomas, Clerk

Marcia V. Ormsby, Recording Clerk

Bring the whole of your daily life under the ordering of the spirit of Christ. Live adventurously. In every situation seek to be aware of the presence of God, praying that spiritual energies in yourself and in others may be released for the furtherance of God's kingdom. Advices, London YM, 1964

NEWSLETTER ITEMS AND LIST ADDRESSES

Please submit items for the calendar and brief descriptions of events, meetings for learning, etc. by the deadline listed in the calendar. Friends are asked to watch their email for announcements of meetings and to listen for announcements at the rise of meeting. Organizers of events are asked to post their announcements on the bulletin board for those who do not use electronic mail.

Announce List: [e-mail removed from website]

Discuss List: [e-mail removed from website]

CHANGE OF EDITOR

Starting with the February issue, Phil Caroom will be the able Editor of the Annapolis Friends Newsletter. We will notify you of any change in email address. Thank you all for the blessing and joy I have received from pulling together the news of all of the wonderful AFM activities for the past year.

ANNAPOLIS AREA MINISTRIES LIGHTHOUSE SHELTER, ANCHOR HOUSE SHELTER, AND PANTRY

AFM provides the shelter meal each first Monday of each month (Jan. 4th this month). Peter Meredith (410-647-2487) and Marcia Ormsby (410-280-5025) serve as our schedulers to identify Friends to coordinate monthly meals. We also collect non-perishable food items to deliver to the pantry after each first First Day. These items may be placed in the container in the lobby of the Meeting House. Please contact Carol Brantley for an updated list of items especially needed.

YOUNG FRIENDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – January 3, 2010

Due to the cancellation of activities on December 20 because of snow, the Young Friends Christmas Program is being rescheduled for 3 January at rise of meeting. Please join us then as we celebrate the ninth day of Christmas with the Young Friends' Christmas play, caroling led by Beth Chandler (Martin Krafft accompanying on piano), and a Christmas potluck.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Jennifer DeLorge-McKeown works at a School in Silver Spring where many families have needs. The children at Jenn's school range in size from about 4 - 12. They need hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, coats, and boots. They always need pants sizes 4 -6. Items may be gently used. It is worth asking at your local thrift shop to see if they will donate any items. CREC can provide a letter of support for this project, if that would be helpful. Please place items in the labeled bin in the large classroom. This will be an ongoing project over the winter.

SAVE THE DATE FOR SILENT RETREATS IN 2010

February 19-21, 2010 - Annapolis Friends Meeting Silent Retreat at Dayspring

June 11-13, 2010 - Baltimore Yearly Meeting Friends

October 8-11, 2010 - Baltimore Yearly Meeting Friends.

With diligence meet together, and with diligence wait to feel the Lord God to arise, to scatter and expel all that which is the cause of leanness and barrenness upon any soul; for it is the Lord must do it, and he will be waited upon in sincerity and fervency of spirit; ...and let none be hasty to utter words, though manifest in the light in which ye wait upon the Lord; but still wait in silence, to know the power working in you to bring forth the words, in the ministration of the eternal word of life to answer the life in all.
Stephen Crisp, 1663

The Quaker meeting for worship is not a place for individual meditation, it is a community in which two or three are gathered together to wait upon the presence in the midst which links us all. Edward Hoare, *Deepening the Spiritual Life of the Meeting*, FGC, 1995

John Woolman experienced the mystical Presence of God long before it ever occurred to him that slavery was unethical. Then one day in his retail office someone asked him to write out a receipt for a slave. Something revolted in Woolman's conscience because, as a result of his spiritual consciousness, he was terribly present to that moment—awake, mindful. He didn't write the receipt. It was a personal matter for him. Gradually thereafter, he began speaking to his friends, to his meeting, to other meetings, about freeing the slaves. His ethics spontaneously grew from his spiritual sensitivity. No one pressured him to join any committees. He did not start with an ethical ideal of human rights and go to meeting in order to talk about it. It happened the other way around. He went to meeting to be present before God. His ethics was the flowering of Silence. Alfred K. LaMotte, 1982

We become what we do. A great religious interpreter of our times once said that he kissed his child because he loved her and that he kissed his child in order to love her more. Regular participation in corporate worship is a school and workshop in which those who would grow in the religious life, no matter how tenuous may be their present connections, should be in attendance. Douglas V. Steere, *Prayer and Worship*, FUP, 1978

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