

ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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Meetings for Worship:

Annapolis Friends Meeting House
351 DuBois Road, Annapolis, Md. 21401
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

DECEMBER 2010 CALENDAR

04	9:00 A.M.	-	Quaker Holiday Market 9A.M. -noon (see p. 4)
05	9:00 A.M.	-	Meeting...for Business
	11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship & potluck
	1:00P.M.	-	Speaker on Afghan women's fund (see p. 5)
12	9:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for learning/worship-sharing on Death and Dying
	11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship
19	9:00 A.M.	-	Committee Meetings
	11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship & <i>Children's holiday program - noon</i>
24	7:00 P.M.	-	<i>Christmas Eve Worship and fellowship.</i> We will gather for a short silent worship, singing and cookies and cider after. Children are invited to color pictures on the floor for the half hour worship. If you are able bring some cookies to share. The meeting provides hot or cold cider.
26	11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship
	9:00 P.M.	-	Newsletter items deadline: please email!

Care of the Meeting House for Twelfth Month: Outreach

QUERIES FOR TWELFTH MONTH: THE ENVIRONMENT

Am I concerned for the responsible use of natural resources and their nurture for future generations? Do I try to avoid wasteful consumption and pollution? Do I seek to preserve the beauty and balance of God's world? Do I honor the life of all living things, the order of nature, the wildness of wilderness, the richness of the created world? Do I seek the holiness which God has placed in these things and the measure of Light which God has lent them? **Faith & Practice**, p.41

PUMPKIN PATCH – THANKS!

The Pumpkin Patch raised more than \$20,000 for the Light House shelter this year. Thanks particularly to those of you who braved the rain to staff the tents on our day a couple of weeks ago. And thank you to everyone else who brought goods to sell, made a donation, or simply bought a pumpkin.-Peace, Peter

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ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS MONTHLY MEETING- MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS

Seventh Day of the Eleventh Month 2010

Barbara Thomas (Clerk), Marcia V. Ormsby (Recording Clerk) and 21 other Friends and attenders present. Our Meeting began with centering worship.

Nominating Committee: Leo P. reporting: The Committee will meet this Second Day, at 6:30pm at the Meetinghouse; the members of this committee were announced. The 2011 List of Committees, Officers and Representatives was distributed and is attached to these minutes; questions were asked and answered. Many Committees will be overseeing sub-committees for oversight and support; these representatives are invited to become part of their assigned overseeing Committee. Peace & Social Concerns Committee has been selected to offer an umbrella to our Representatives to groups serving outside our Meeting. Ministry & Worship Committee will also oversee Representatives as listed. A plea was made for more people to step forward to join the CREC Committee and to provide Nursery Care. We have been asked to recognize our growth and members' needs to serve or not to serve. All interested and those with suggestions are encouraged to be in touch with Nominating Committee members prior to the end of the year.

Stewardship & Finance Committee: Barbara T. reporting for Mary K.: The proposed budget has been sent through the announce list and extra copies are available. The specifics of the dollar amounts will be determined at the 12th Month Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. The line item from last month's report of unrestricted donations is noted to be increased from \$38K to \$40K. The \$10K to be assigned to the building committee will be added to the general budget of the Meeting. Several funds have been decreased to reflect the decrease in contributions. The details of the specific amounts increased, decreased and retained will be specified following next month's report. It was suggested that the speakers' fees, and honoraria be retained under their specific committees. Stewardship and Finance will offer a threshing session 01-23-11 to prepare a balanced budget. All are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

Baltimore Yearly Meeting Interim Report: Pat S. reporting: The Interim Meeting held Tenth Month 16th 2010, in Richmond, Virginia, was attended by three Annapolis Friends. Friends found unity with a Minute offered by the Indian Affairs Committee in support of U.S. ratification of the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. This Minute had been offered at the summer session in Eighth Month, 2010 and held over for consideration at the Interim Meeting. The U.N. Declaration has been passed by all the nations of the U.N. with the exception of the U.S. and Canada. It guarantees to indigenous peoples, self-determination; rights to land, territories and resources; cultural integrity; and respect for existing treaty rights. This Minute is available on line by visiting http://www.bym-rsf.org/quakers/pubs/minutes/Interim_Meeting_Oct_2010.pdf. Go to Attachment B in 2011 Yearbook.

BYM agreed to begin paying dues to Friends United Meeting, following several years of withholding, because of FUM's hiring policy, refusing gay Friends. Inter-visitation among and between liberal and conservative Meetings, were remarkable for breaking down barriers on the issue of gay rights. BYM Friends visited almost all United States FUM Meetings; Friends from Midwestern FUM Meetings and have been present at all BYM annual sessions for several years. While the FUM personnel policy has not changed, BYM has generated a fresh perspective to this issue. Most gay Friends present took a lead in supporting resumption of the payment of dues.

CREC: Carin K. reporting: In the past, AFM has contributed to families in need around the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. This year we cannot take on this effort, but perhaps another committee would like to help, or another method could be developed to offer food to those many families in need. Friends are reminded that many of our resources are being donated to the Lighthouse Shelter, which may supplant these Holiday Giving Efforts. We note gratitude to CREC for its prior contributions.

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11/10 MINUTES (CONTINUED) Announcements: 1) Child Welcoming: Next First Day, 11-7, we will have our annual Child Welcoming to convey a warm welcome to several children. We invite all children, including First Day Children, and their parents to participate in a special First Day School program at 11am in the main classroom. Then at 11:45 we will all move to the Meeting for Worship for the actual Welcome from the Meeting, led by Phil C. Participants and attendants are free to speak about the meaning of becoming a "Child of the Meeting." This will be followed by certificate signing by Meeting members and attenders for each child. Finally a Pot Luck will celebrate our new children and their families. We hope many of you will come and celebrate our families.

2) **Dayspring Silent Retreat:** The next opportunity for our Silent Retreat is scheduled for 2-18 to 2-20 in 2011. Please contact Jean Christianson for an application, especially if you would like to attend and need financial assistance. There is help available.

3) **End of Life Issues:** On Sunday, November 14, beginning at 9am, Pastoral Care will be presenting a meeting for learning on the topic of Death and Dying. The program includes a small group exercise, worship sharing with queries, and time to review some practical information and resources. Please join us as all are welcome.

4) **Stone Soup Sharing:** Please mark your calendars to join us on 21 November as we gather at rise of Meeting to celebrate Thanksgiving, simplicity, and our community, with a reading of the book 'Stone Soup' by John Muth. Enjoyment of a simple lunch of 'stone soup' and rolls, will accompany an opportunity to learn how to make the beautiful mandalas the children will be offering for sale at holiday market. If you would like to contribute a cup of cut up vegetables to our community soup, you may drop it off in the kitchen any time before 11 am.

5) **Radical Hospitality Workshop:** Great appreciation was mentioned for our 11-6 Seventh Day Meeting's all day workshop presented by Brad O. from the William Penn House.

Save Darfur Coalition: Sylvia O. reporting: "The Save Darfur Coalition and Genocide Intervention Network, two organizations that have been working together for years to stop the genocide in Darfur, have merged as of 11-1-10. The aim of the merger is to increase our powerful voice both for preventing and ending genocide in the world. In January 2011, Southern Sudan will have a referendum to decide if it will secede from the North. In view of this 'tinder-box' time, when violence threatens to erupt again, various bills have been presented in Congress. I urge that Friends, as individuals, contact their Senators and ask them to cosponsor S. Con. Res. 71, the Senate resolution to increase U.S. civilian capacities for the prevention of genocide and mass atrocities. Both FCNL and the Save Darfur Coalition support this legislation."

These minutes were read and approved. Meeting closed with silent worship. Respectfully, Barbara T, Clerk & Marcia O., Recording Clerk

LIBRARY CORNER:

The Library open house will be December 5th during pot luck This First Day will be busy. The library Committee (Beth C., Susan D., Esther G., Phyllis S., Nan E.) invite you to come briefly for an introduction the our library during Pot Luck or while you are waiting to reach the buffet table. The committee has worked very hard to rearrange and to make it easier to use. If you are unable to attend this First Day please contact any of us and we will be glad to help you any way we can. Also if you have suggestions for books that we might be able to use don't hesitate to donate them. See you this First Day!

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LIBRARY CORNER: (CONTINUED)

PS. The adult session on Death and Dying mentioned 3 Pendle Hill Pamphlets: # 355, #364 and # 311. These are available in your AFM library in the bins on the Quaker side of the room. We'll point them out on The 5th.

HOLLY JOLLY MARKET TIME ♪

The time we have waited for ALL YEAR is almost here! HOLIDAY MARKET TIME!! Mark your calendars for Saturday December 4th from 9:00 to 2:00.

As in the past, 75% of our market proceeds will support a nonprofit organization outside of our Annapolis Friends Meeting and 25% will support the work and needs of our own meeting. The 75% this time will support the work of Women for Afghan Women and directed to the Afghan Women's Fund that focuses on literacy for women and girls. Fahima Vorgetts has worked diligently to build schools and provide vocational training opportunities in Afghanistan. She has participated in many of our past holiday markets by selling rugs, jewelry and other items made by women in Afghanistan. Of the 25% of proceeds, \$100 will be given to the Children's Religious Education Committee to allow the children to choose the work and charity or charities they want to support. The children have been a very active part of this market and have made many items to sell. This contribution is in honor of their energy and leadings to be in mission. \$150 will be used to purchase 3 additional long white tables for the meeting house; and the remainder will be given to the Peace and Justice Center.

We are excited about offering again some special treats like the paperwhite bulbs, the fresh greenery arrangements, brand new books from FGC, and the now-famous Quaker bean soup mixes. In addition we are debuting the Quaker Qafe which will feature crepes (a la chef Douglas) and a variety of homemade soups and bread with specialty butters; the children's handmade crafts, and an expanded boutique of new and gently used fine clothing. So please begin setting aside those gently-used, look-like-new housewares, jewelry, clothes (especially holiday and professional), books, toys, electronics, sports equipment and more, (no furniture please).

We will need many helpers and here are some of the ways you may want to join in the holiday fun;

- * bake cookies, cakes, pies or muffins to sell the day of the market**
- * make soup to serve the day of market**
- * bring items to the meeting house the week prior to market and place items in the categories that apply to help make sorting a "lighter" task**
 - * sort items for a couple of hours, one or more evenings prior to market, between 5:00 - 7:00**
 - * set up and arrange items for display Friday evening Dec. 3rd from 4:00 - 7:00**
 - * volunteer to be a market elf and sell the goodies**
- * SHOP, eat, chat, enjoy, shop, EAT, chat, enjoy, shop, eat, CHAT, enjoy, shop, eat, ENJOY**
- * clean up after market from 2:00 to 4:00 Sat. Dec. 4th**
- * Please start telling your friends, neighbors, co-workers and family to save items and the date.**

Please check out the attached picture we are submitting to the Capital for publicity of the event and the flyer you can forward to friends or print and share with neighbors or coworkers. We hope you will help us support Women for Afghan Women and will join in the festivities. If you have any questions or comments please contact Margaret Holmes (Holmes.fam@verizon.net or 410-721-5551). Thanks in advance for everything!

QUAKER QUOTES FOR DECEMBER

This is the message of John Woolman: "I was early convinced...that true religion consisted in an inward life wherein the heart doth love and reverence God the Creator and learns to exercise equal justice and goodness not only toward all men but also towards all God's creatures. That...the mind was moved to love Him in all His outward manifestations." ...You cannot separate the inward experience of God from the outward obligation to live in harmony with Creation. Marshall Massey, Uniting Friends with Nature, Friend's Bulletin, 10/85

*In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning.
Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him.
All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men,
A light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower.*
John 1: 1-5

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward all.
Luke 21:14

DECEMBER POTLUCK SPEAKER ON THE AFGHAN WOMEN'S FUND

Please join us on Sunday, Dec. 5 about at potluck (12:30 or so) to hear about and support the Afghan Women's Fund. We will hear Fahima Vorgetts, director of Afghan Women's Fund, instead of JE McNeil, executive director of the Center on Conscience and War. JE will be coming to speak (information below) at potluck Jan. 2 instead.

Many of you already know Fahima and her relentless work to bring literacy, schools, medical supplies, vocational training, wells, etc. to the villages of Afghanistan. She will again be taking part in our Holiday Market with sales of Afghan products, the proceeds of which will continue this good work. But the bonus is that she will also update us on her work at potluck on the following day, slides included!

Pen Pal Letters

The letters we have received from the Philadelphia class will be posted in the large classroom this coming First Day. Please return your letter either by hard copy in the labeled letter basket in the large classroom, or by email to Cairn K. We would like to have all responses by December 12th so that we may get them back to the teacher for distribution to the students before the children leave for their holiday break.

**HOW TO SUBMIT NEWSLETTER ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
– PLEASE NOTE NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR & EMAIL ADDRESS**

- Please submit items for the calendar and brief descriptions of events by the deadline listed above in the calendar. Please send any items for inclusion in the newsletter to him at annapolisfriendsmeeting@gmail.com
- Friends also are asked to watch your email for announcements of meetings and to listen for announcements at the rise of meeting. •Event and activity organizers, please also post your announcements on the bulletin board for those who do not use electronic mail!

Announce List: announce@annapolis.quaker.org

Discuss List: discuss@annapolis.quaker.org

INVITATION TO ATTEND JEWELS OF QUAKERISM COURSES @ OLD TOWN FRIENDS

Old Town Friends invite you to come learn ways that you may be able to deepen your spiritual relationship with the Divine on Sundays @ 5 -6pm beginning January 9 through February 13, 2011.

All Friends and those interested in Friends are welcome. This is an excellent opportunity to visit the old meeting house where Baltimore Quakerism began in 1781, the original site of the Friends School of Baltimore, and the current home of the McKim Center, a youth center on whose board sits members of Stony Run Friends. The format requires no preparation!

- January 9 The Religious Society and the Silent Meeting for Worship
- January 16 Gospel Order, Spiritual Openings, Leadings & Ministry
- January 23 Witness and Testimony
- January 30 Spiritual Gifts in Community
- February 6 Discernment & Spiritual Practices among Friends
- February 13 Contemporary Quakerism: Contrasts and Connections

Format: 20-30 minute video segments followed by discussion / question & answer session
Attendees are invited to join Old Town Friends in worship after the session at 6pm.
Potluck at 7pm

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THINKING ABOUT RACE (December 2010) - From an email received in October from Fred Baldwin, Carlisle Friends Meeting, expressing some thoughts regarding school choice and how he feels that it relates to race : “I am convinced that Friends collectively are following a ‘tinfoil rule’ -- all shine with no weight or substance. Defining racism almost exclusively as a personal matter gets us off the hook for institutional racism, most obviously in public education. Quakers, who led the fight against slavery, look to be in the rear guard (if not actually the opposition) on treating urban black children as deserving of the same opportunities as white families who can afford to live in good school districts. Honest people can disagree about how to achieve more [school] choice, but I think failure to focus on the issue is one of our gravest sins of omission.”

The Baltimore Yearly Meeting Working Group on Racism takes no position on this concern but welcomes your thinking. Friends may comment on this or any other “Thinking About Race” items, at <http://racismwg.bym-rsf.net>. First register at webmanager@bym-rsf.net.

The Working Group meets most months on the third Saturday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, usually at Bethesda Friends Meeting or Friends Meeting of Washington. To attend, either on a regular or a drop-in basis, contact clerk Elizabeth DuVerlie at eduverlie@jhu.edu or Pat Schenck at pat.schenck@verizon.net.

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