

## ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS NEWSLETTER — December 2012

### CALENDAR

- Meeting for worship: 11 a.m. on First Days
- First Day School for children: 11 a.m. (Joining meeting for worship from 11:45 a.m. to noon)
- Nursery care for our youngest: 11 a.m.
- Meetings for Worship with a Concern for Business: 1st First Day of month at 9 a.m.
- Adult religious education: As noted in calendar below
- Early meeting for worship (weather permitting outdoors) at 8 a.m. on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> First Days
- Meditation study group meets at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the main meeting room
- NOTE: The deadline for submitting newsletter items is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month

DECEMBER 1: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Holiday Market

DECEMBER 2: 9 a.m. Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship; 1 p.m. Potluck lunch

DECEMBER 9: 8 a.m. Early Meeting for Worship; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship

DECEMBER 16: 9 a.m. Committee Meetings; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship

DECEMBER 23: 8 a.m. Early Meeting for Worship; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship; 11:45 a.m. Children's annual Christmas program! Followed by refreshments

DECEMBER 24: 7 p.m. Christmas eve worship, carols, potluck treats

DECEMBER 30: 8 a.m. Early Meeting for Workshop; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship (no First Day School)

CARE OF THE MEETING HOUSE: 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)

### HOLIDAY MARKET

#### ♪ HOLLY JOLLY MARKET TIME ♪

The time we have waited for ALL YEAR is almost here! HOLIDAY MARKET TIME!! Mark your calendars for Saturday, December, 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Thanks to so many of you who gave us your suggestions as to which charitable organizations we will direct our proceeds. It was, once again, a very difficult decision for our committee and we hope you will help us support those that were chosen.

- \$100 will go to CREC for the children to decide where to donate
- 25% of the proceeds that will stay within AFM will go to Meeting House and Lands for the Solar Panels Project
- 75% of the proceeds to go outside of the meeting will be divided 60/40
  - 60% will go to Friends Peace Teams to support the African Great Lakes Initiative in Kenya
  - 40% will go to Friends United Meeting to purchase water filters for communities in Kenya

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 and 7 p.m.
- set up and arrange items for display Friday evening, November 30, from 4 to 7 p.m.
- 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 to 4 p.m. Saturday, December 1
- Please tell your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family to save items and the date.

We hope you will help us support all these causes and will join in the festivities. Attached is a flyer you can print out on holiday colored paper to display at your school, office, gym, or any place others might see it. Hand delivering it to neighbors and friends is a great way to share the information. If you have any questions or comments please contact Margaret H. (Holmes.fam@verizon.net or 410-721-5551).

## **ASSISTANCE FOR ADOPTED FAMILIES & HOMELESS SHELTERS**

Thanks to everyone who generously donated to our THANKSGIVING holiday dinners for our two adopted families.

Stay tuned to the AFM announce list for items requested for the CHRISTMAS dinners for these folks and for homeless residents of the Lighthouse shelter.

## **CHRISTMAS DONATIONS FOR LIGHTHOUSE SHELTER**

Here is a list of opportunities for helping the Light House this holiday season. Some involve donations of food or other items, but some simply require a little time. Michele Marshall, the center's volunteer coordinator, would love to hear from you if you feel moved to contribute; her contact information is at the bottom of this announcement.

1. Sponsor-a-Family: I will have "Wish Lists" for the families in our program. If you are interested in providing gifts for a family, please contact me and I will get the wish list to you. You can request a particular family size. We ask that all gifts be delivered to the Light House (wrapped and labeled please) by Monday, December 17.
2. Gifts for Individual Residents: We are asking for a Gift Bag marked "Male" or "Female" and “Small,” “Medium,” or “Large” with gift items inside. Here are a few gift item ideas:

- Gift Cards for stores within walking distance of the Light House such as: Target, Kohls, and Annapolis Mall shops
- Warm Gloves, Scarves, Hats
- New, unopened packages of underwear and socks
- Pre-Paid Phone Cards

Please note: All items are not required for all of the bags. The list above includes many items that are needed, but they will be appreciative of anything that they receive. We ask that the bags not be stapled and that they be delivered to the Light House by Monday, December 17.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like to volunteer to donate baskets, gifts, or sponsor a family. Thank you for your support!

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#### RECRUITING STARTS FOR WINTER RELIEF SHELTER VOLUNTEERS

For several years, Magothy United Methodist Church in Pasadena has asked our Meeting to partner with it to provide shelter for the homeless for one week through Winter Relief. Our dates for 2013 are Monday night, March 18 through Monday morning, March 25.

Peace,  
 Peter (410-647-2487)

#### CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

On Christmas Eve, a short Meeting for Worship will be held at 7 p.m. Children are invited and coloring sheets will be provided. Worship will be followed by singing, cider, and cookies supplied by those who would like to bring some.

#### MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS MINUTES

#### FOURTH DAY OF THE ELEVENTH MONTH, 2012

**Present were:** Elise A. (Clerk), Phyllis S. (Recording Clerk), and 26 other Friends and attenders. Our Meeting began with centering worship.

**Holiday Market announcement by Cairn K.:** The proceeds of the Holiday Market will be disbursed as follows: \$100 to CREC; 25% to MH&L for the Solar Panel Project; of the remaining funds,

- 60% will go to FRIENDS PEACE TEAMS to be directed to the African Great Lakes Initiative, and
- 40% will go to FRIENDS UNITED MEETING for Friends Theological College in Kenya for water filters.

**Nominating Committee:** Barbara T. presented the first reading of the NC's draft slate for 2013. The five Nominating Committee members have been gratified at the warm response and willingness among

Friends to serve our community. Although every committee has room for more, most have the members and leadership they need to have a productive year. Remaining vacancies are: liaison to FGC and Nursery Coordinator. The slate was discussed. Friends are invited to bring their concerns to the Nominating Committee. Our thanks to Nominating Committee for their work. (The slate appears in the newsletter below, and in the book of MfB minutes.)

**Stewardship and Finance Committee:** Karen C. presented the second draft 2013 budget. She reported that the Meeting for Learning held October 28 was very fruitful. Among the topics discussed were including in the budget a line item for the Lighthouse Shelter and the new line item under Ministry and Worship for Support for Ministry (under the care of M&W). There was no discussion of the standing funds at the MfL – AFM still agrees to budget \$10,000 each year to the Building Fund.

Karen then discussed some particulars about the 2013 budget that was presented at last month's meeting for business and responded to questions. Among items discussed were the Lighthouse Shelter line item, the various restricted funds under the care of MH&L, the Support for Ministry line item, the Committee Contingency Fund (which doesn't have a dollar goal amount yet), the disbursement of surplus funds, and the funding of standing funds that have been spent down. S&F and M&W will develop procedures for disbursing funds from the Support for Ministry line item over the following months.

Please contact S&F within the next week with additional thoughts about the 2013 budget. S&F and the Treasurer thank AFM Committees for their thoughtful budget requests.

**Quarterly Meeting:** Jennifer D.-M. reported that Annapolis Monthly Meeting has agreed to host CQM 3rd Month, 10th Day, 2013 (March 10, 2013). Friends are requested to consider joining the ad hoc committee for hosting the QM. Please contact Jennifer or Pat S. if you are lead to join the ad hoc committee. (The full report from the 9th Month, 23rd Day, 2012 CQM appears elsewhere in the newsletter at pp. 4-5, below, and in the book of MfB notes.)

**Discussion of AFM's role in GAIN:** Mardy B. and Barbara T. sought input from Friends about AFM's participation in and hopes for GAIN in the coming year. GAIN is a source for networking with other faith groups. The questions to consider are if AFM will continue to be a member (\$100 dues) and if we will sponsor one interfaith/community-based program a year at AFM. ACTION: AFM in unity to remain in GAIN and to sponsor one interfaith/community-based program a year at AFM.

**Closing:** These minutes were read and approved during Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. Meeting closed with silent worship.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elise A., Clerk, and Phyllis S., Recording Clerk

NOMINATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS (FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL AT NEXT BUSINESS MEETING):

**AFM Committees, Officers & Representatives for 2013**

All committee positions are volunteer. Terms are for two years. Terms begins in January of the year noted and end the following December (e.g., a “(13)” means that a member will serve starting in January 2013 and complete the term in December 2014).

**Clerk:** Elise Albert (11)(13)  
**Treasurer:** Joel Rodkin (10)(12)  
**Recording Clerk:** Phyllis Singer (11)(13)  
**Recorder:** Phyllis Singer (13)

**Asst. Clerk:** Wes Jordan (11)(13)  
**Asst. Treasurer:** Sue Podolin (13)  
**Asst. Recording Clerk:** Phil Caroom (11)(13)

**Childrens' Religious Education:** Co-Clerks: Kimberly Benson (10)(11)(13) & Joanna Tobin (10)(11)(13);  
Tim Mullady (10)(12), Denise Figueiredo (12), Phil Favero (13), Carolyn Moloney (13), Eleni Eleftheriou (13)  
Nursery Coordinators: vacant  
Homeschooling Subcommittee: Co-clerks: Kimberly Benson (11)(13), Eleni Eleftheriou (12); Denise Figueiredo (13), Joanna Tobin (11), Cairn Krafft (09)(11)(13), Sarah Blaser (09)(11)(13), Mardy Burgess (09)(11)(13)  
First Day School Librarian: Beth Chandler (11)(13), Asst. Clerk: Susan Dapkunas (12)  
Youth Programs Subcommittee: Ruth Slavin, clerk (11)(13); Cairn Krafft (11)(13), Mardy Burgess (12)  
Young Friends' Officers: Vacant, BYM Camping Correspondent: Wes Jordan (13)  
BYM Educational Resources: Kim Finch (11)(13)

**Library Committee:** Clerk: Beth Chandler (10)(12); Nan Elsbree (10)(12), Phyllis Singer (10)(12), Collette McKie (11)(13), Suzanne Spoor (12); Friends Poetry Gathering Facilitator: Dotty Doherty (09)(11)(13)

**Meetinghouse and Land:** Co-clerks: Careen Mayer (10)(12), Wes Jordan (10)(12)  
Tom Baker (12), Mark McFadden (12), Karl Richmond (12), Bill Kinzer (04)(06)(08)(10)(12), Bob Bruninga (12), Doug McClelland (12), Jamie Moloney (13)  
Hospitality Subcommittee: Bonnie Peregoy (10)(12), Nan Elsbree (12), Pat Else (13)  
Building Use Coordinator (BUC): Minette Clarke-Swindel (13)  
Back-up Coordinators: Sky Elsbree (07)(09)(11)(13), Karl Richmond (07)(09)(11)(13)

**Ministry & Worship:** Clerk: Tricia Robinson (11)(13); Jennifer Delorge-Mckeown (10)(12), Kim Finch (10)(12), Martha O'Hehir (11)(13), Esther Geil (12), Pat Else (13)  
Representative to BYM: Pat Schenck  
Representative to Quarterly Meeting: Jennifer Delorge-Mckeown (11)(13) (seeks alternate)  
FGC Meeting Contact: vacant, Rep for Interchange: Pat Schenck (willing but seeking replacement)  
Quaker History & Heritage (since 08) Kim Finch (12), Quaker Burial Ground: Phil Caroom (13)  
Silent Retreat: Jean Christianson  
Support Group for Ann Riggs (Friends Theological College): Clerk: Marcia Ormsby (11)(13)  
Spiritual Friendship Group Facilitator: Tricia Robinson, Deconstructing Racism: Jean Christianson, Convener

**Nominating:** Clerk: Barbara Thomas (10)(11)(13); Cairn Krafft (10)(12), Margaret Holmes (11)(13), Nancy Jo Steetle (12), Bill Kinzer?

**Outreach:** Clerk: Pat Schenck (12); Peter Meredith (10)(11)(12), Mardy Burgess (12), Ruth Slavin (12), Bonnie Peregoy (12), Will Candler (12), Web Manager: Wes Jordan (12) Asst: Ken Mayer (since 2007)  
E-mail List Manager: Esther Geil (11)(13), Directory Editor: Stephanie DeAbreu (12)  
Newsletter Editor: Beth Mayer (13), Asst. Phil Caroom (13)  
GAIN: Rep. Mardy Burgess (12), Asst. Peter Meredith (10)(12)

**Pastoral Care:** Clerk: Mary Barbera (09)(11)(12); Nancy Jo Steetle (11)(13), Dotty Doherty (12), Stephanie DeAbreu (13), Nan Elsbree (13), Lynada Johnson (13), Sheryl Ingram (13)  
Quaker Dudes: Head Dude/Convener: Karl Richmond

**Peace & Social Concerns:** Clerk: Carl Benson (10)(12); Ted Hawkins (10)(12), Lee Lougee (10)(12), Martha Baer (10)(12), Harold Saunders (10)(12), Don Sillars (10)(12), Margaret Candler (12), Jack Lahr (12), Carol Brantley (12); Peace & Justice Center Working Group: Co-Facilitators: Phil Favero (10)(12) & Kit Hanley (12)  
AFSC Contact: Barbara Thomas (12), FCNL Contact: Jack Lahr (13)  
Lighthouse Shelter Liaison: Marcia Ormsby (07)(09)(11)(13) Lighthouse Board: Carol Brantley (09—until LH term ends), Wm. Penn Hs. Rep: Connie Parks (12), National Religious Campaign Against Torture: Jack Lahr (12)

**Stewardship & Finance:** Clerk: Karen Cunyningham (11)(12); Carol Kinzer (10)(12), Sky Elsbree (12), Barbara Thomas (12), Joel Rodkin, ex officio (08)(10)(12), Bill Roberts (13), Sue Podolin (13) Quaker Market Subcommittee Clerk: Cairn Krafft (12)(13) Careen Mayer (11)(13), Kit Hanley (11)(13), Margaret Holmes (07-12) (13)

**Trustees:** Clerk: Ted Hawkins (12); Elise Albert (11)(13), Marcia Ormsby (12), Mary Kniskern (13)  
Note: for information purposes only—no meeting approval required  
Signing Authority for AFM Accounts: Friends Fiduciary Trust: Treasurer/2 Trustees & Minute from Meeting approving withdrawal; Checking Account: Treasurer/Clerk of S&F/Clerk of Trustees  
CD: Treasurer/Clerk of S&F/Clerk of Trustees/Asst. Treasurer; Savings Account: Treasurer/Clerk of S&F/Clerk of Trustees; Safe Deposit Box: Clerk of S&F/Trustee/Trustee

**Members of BYM Committees:** (3-Year Terms Appointed by BYM)  
Search Committee, Rep to Friends Peace Teams, Rep to AFSC Corp: Barbara Thomas (11)  
Working Group on Racism: Pat Schenck, Friends in Unity with Nature: Will Candler (10), Tricia Robinson (10)  
Nominating Committee: Karen Cunyningham (10) Rep to FGC: Tim Mullady (11)

**Members of FGC Committees:** FGC Rep on Scouting: Tim Mullady  
FGC Co-clerk, CIRC, & Central & Executive Committees: Dot Walizer  
FGC Christian Interfaith Relations: Ann Riggs; FGC Rep to World Council of Churches: Ann Riggs  
Friends Theological College Principal: Ann Riggs

## REPORT FROM CHESAPEAKE QUARTERLY MEETING

*9th Month, 23rd Day, 2012 - Hosted by Sandy Spring Friends Meeting*  
*<http://chesapeake.bym-rsf.net> - by Jennifer D. M.*

**Calendar:** Annapolis has agreed to host CQM 3rd Month, 10th Day, 2013. Is it time to gather a committee?

**Report on Seneca Valley:** At this point it appears Seneca Valley Meeting will likely be laid down, although that decision had not been officially made through Sandy Spring at the time of QM.

**Update on Friends Fiduciary Minute:** Friends Fiduciary has divested from Caterpillar Inc., Hewlett-Packard Co. and Veolia Environment after reviewing these companies' involvement with Israel's involvement in Palestinian lands.

Report on Quaker Youth Pilgrimage -- Rory Kennison

**Young Friends in the Quarter:** Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting has the Matthews fund to support Young Friends and Young Adult Friends to develop spiritual leadership. Rory Kennison, of Homewood Friends Meeting, used this funding source to attend Quaker Youth Pilgrimage (FWCC). This experience led to Rory learning more about the history of Quakerism, her own spirituality and spiritual journey. Rory not only was able to visit Pendle Hill and Swarthmore Hall but learned about Quakers in the EU today. She was surprised to learn that 75% of Quakers worldwide are programmed and place great importance on the Bible. Out of this experience she learned to get to know the Bible is “not this scary book.” Most importantly, as a Young Friend who identifies as transgender, she felt very accepted and loved and she used the time to learn about herself. As part of their experience, the Youth cleaned an old graveyard without stones, prevented river erosion and painted a fence. She is still in touch with the other members of the group and is considering the possibility of going to Yearly Meeting with intervisitation, particularly to Indiana Yearly Meeting and other programmed Meetings to reunite with friends met during QYP.

**John Calvi:** <http://chesapeake.bym-rsf.net/2012/09/23/119-102012-john-calvi-talk-and-workshop-at-stony-run/>

The Baltimore Quaker Peace and Justice Committee of Homewood and Stony Run Friends Meetings is honored to invite you to two events featuring John Calvi. John is a noted Quaker healer and Certified Massage Therapist with a gift for releasing physical and emotional pain following trauma. His life’s work of gentle healing of victims of torture and compassionate witness and awareness of use of torture also led him to found the Quaker Initiative to End Torture (QUIT). See [www.johncalvi.com](http://www.johncalvi.com).

**Harnessing America’s Compassion to End Torture:** Friday, November 9 at 7:30 p.m. (free admission, donations accepted). This lecture and group exploration will focus on different ways that we as individuals and as a group can shift the dynamic in American life so that there is widespread acknowledgement and opposition to the use of torture.

**The Goodness Workshop:** Saturday, November 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (\$35 before Nov. 2, \$40 after). Beyond self-image and self-esteem is that sense of goodness in the core of our being. Feeling the stresses and wounds of life? Need a respite from draining work? Seeking to lessen the pain and find peace and healing deep within yourself? This workshop will focus on ways of getting in touch with this inner goodness in our core. Life stories, energy work and time to consider our best, this workshop will keep a tender, restful and gentle tone. A light breakfast (available from 8 a.m.) and vegetarian lunch are included.

For more information or to register, call 443-703-2590, ext. 3

**FCNL sign ups:** <http://chesapeake.bym-rsf.net/2012/05/06/fcnl-seeks-sign-up-for-visits-to-legislators/>

The Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) regularly asks Friends to contact their Congresspersons and Senators about important legislation. On the ladder of engagement in this process, next to the top is a visit with the Congressperson and the rung just below is a visit with the Congressperson’s legislative aide. (The first rung has our emails to them.)

Since Congressional districts often included Friends from several Meetings, and having Friends from several Meetings visit a Congressperson or aide together is probably a plus, it is important to know which Friends in which Meetings are led to this witness, are in which district, and could be available for weekday meetings. Thus the sign-up sheet at this link is for this purpose. Also see the FCNL lobby page. You can look up your Congressional District at FCNL’s Congressional Directory, but this shows the districts before redistricting, which takes effect for this year’s elections. For the new districts, see the Maryland Interactive Redistricting Map. If your district changes, indicate both on the sign-up sheet.

If someone from each Meeting in the Quarter could be responsible for circulating it at his/her Meeting and returning it to Stan Becker (3822 Tudor Arms Ave, Baltimore, MD 21211, sbecker@jhsph.edu) we can begin to organize our collective voice better. The list will be shared among the Baltimore Yearly Meeting representatives to FCNL and allow us contact Friends to plan and coordinate visits.

#### QUAKER QUOTES FOR DECEMBER

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)

#### HOW TO SUBMIT NEWSLETTER ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please submit items for the calendar and brief descriptions of events the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.  
Phil Caroom is the editor of the Annapolis Friends Newsletter. Please send any items for inclusion in the newsletter to [annapolisfriendsmeeting@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:announce@annapolis.quaker.org); Discuss List: [discuss@annapolis.quaker.org](mailto:discuss@annapolis.quaker.org)

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