

## **ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS NEWSLETTER — OCTOBER 2014**

### **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
- Pastoral Care is offering a monthly Meeting for Healing on first Thursdays, 7 - 8 p.m.
- The North County mid-week meeting: First Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Call 410-439-2319 for more information.
- Meditation study group meets at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the meeting room
- NOTE: The deadline for submitting newsletter items is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month

OCTOBER 5: 9 a.m. Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship

OCTOBER 12: 8 a.m. Early Meeting for Worship; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship

OCTOBER 19: 9 a.m. Committee Meetings; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship

OCTOBER 26: 8 a.m. Early Meeting for Worship; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship; 1 p.m. Potluck lunch

CARE OF THE MEETING HOUSE: Peace and Social Concerns

### **QUERIES FOR TENTH MONTH: THE PEACE TESTIMONY**

Do you endeavor to live "in virtue of that life and power which takes away the occasion of all wars?" Do you work to make your peace testimony a reality in your life and in your world? Do you weigh your day-to-day activities for their effect on peacekeeping, conflict resolution and the elimination of violence? Are you working toward eliminating aggression at all levels, from the personal to the international? (Faith & Practice, p. 41)

### **MEETING FOR HEALING CHANGES TO FIFTH NIGHT LIGHT**

Dear Friends,

Pastoral Care would like to offer an alternative to our current first Thursday of the month Meetings for Healing. Attendance has been small for the last few months (two people), so we are laying Meeting for Healing down and starting something new—that you can do wherever you are!

Between 7-8 p.m., we offer Fifth Night Light, an opportunity for all in the meeting to hold in the Light all those in need of prayer. Each week, Pastoral Care will offer the names of those in the meeting who have asked to be held in the Light. If you have names of AFM people you would like added to or taken off the list, please let me know.

Spend as much time during that hour that is right for you. Wherever you happen to be.

All are welcome to join Pastoral Care in sending beaming Light to the following: Nancy K, Careen M, Jean C, Carol B, Harold and Kathy S, Alex S, Carol K.

Blessings to you all,  
Dotty

**DAYSPRING SILENT RETREAT FOR BYM FRIENDS**

Dear Friends:

The fall silent retreat for Baltimore Yearly Meeting Friends is coming soon. Dayspring's solitude and community, meadows and woods and ponds, warmth at the hearth and cool breezes stirring the towering trees await us. If Dayspring is new to you, [www.dayspringretreat.org](http://www.dayspringretreat.org) will give you a sense of it and there is a YouTube piece online created at an October BYM retreat. The registration form for October 10 - 13 is attached and pasted below. I hope you can be part of the SILENCE.

In peace,  
Jean

DAYSPRING SILENT RETREAT FOR BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING FRIENDS  
October 10 - 13, 2014

True silence ... is to the spirit what sleep is to the body: nourishment and refreshment. (William Penn)

Is your spirit in need of nourishment and refreshment? Come to the Silent Retreat at Dayspring for Baltimore Yearly Meeting Friends. We will keep the silence from Friday evening until after worship on Monday, enjoying the beauty of God's creation in meadows and woods, walking, resting, praying, reading, finding our own rhythms, listening for the Still Small Voice.

WHERE: Dayspring Retreat Center, 11301 Neelsville Church Rd., Germantown, MD 20876 (301-916-1131).

FACILITATOR: Jean C, Member of Annapolis Friends Meeting

ARRIVAL: 3:30 -7 p.m. Friday. (Dinner at 7 p.m.) DEPARTURE: 2 p.m. Monday.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Individual room in the Inn with Bible, bed, desk, sink, bed linens, blankets, towels and washcloth. Nine vegetarian meals in the Lodge dining room. Gatherings in the Yoke Room for community worship and shared solitude by the fireplace. Two hundred acres for roaming.

COST: \$290.

REGISTRATION: Deadline October 3 (if not filled earlier). Minimum number is 9 participants. Maximum is 18. Friends will be enrolled in the order in which checks are received.

BRING: Toilet articles, casual clothes, walking shoes, and a flashlight. Long socks and hats are recommended to deter ticks.

QUESTIONS? Call Jean C at 410-544-1912 or e-mail [jschristianson@gmail.com](mailto:jschristianson@gmail.com).

DIRECTIONS: From I-270 take the Damascus exit (#15-A), Route 118 to the north. Go 8/10 of a mile on Route 118 to MD Route 355. Turn left on MD Route 355 and go a VERY SHORT block. Turn right on Neelsville Church Rd. Continue 6/10 of a mile on Neelsville Church Rd. to Dayspring Retreat Center. OR From I-70 take Route 27 south at Mount Airy. It will merge into 355 (Frederick Rd.) continuing south. Turn left onto Neelsville Church Rd. (just before reaching Route 118) and follow directions above.

The emergency telephone number for Dayspring is 301-916-1131.

Make check for \$290 payable to Dayspring Retreat Center and send with registration form to Jean Christianson, 189 Edgewater Rd., Pasadena, MD 21122

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Special  
Needs \_\_\_\_\_

### **AFM CLEAN-UP DAY**

Friends,

At the request of MH&L Committee, we are inviting you to come on Saturday, October 11, from 9 a.m. to noon for our semi-annual clean-up day mix with friendly conversations, working in pairs or greater. Projects include trail work (kids welcomed), refrigerator c/u, shed repair, remake end garden, some weeding, remove & store screens, playground safety check, split&stack firewood, clean gutters. A light lunch will be served.

Thanking you all.

Sky E

### **DECONSTRUCTING RACISM DISCUSSION**

Dear Friends –

Our next deconstructing racism discussion will be Saturday, November 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the meetinghouse library. The group is under the care of AFM Ministry and Worship Committee. Friends gather every two or three months to talk about our recent experiences related to race and diversity. We open in silent worship, update each other on events in our lives, examine our own unaware racism, discern our individual and collective leadings for furthering equality and justice, and close in silent worship. Hope you can share in this exchange!

In peace,  
Jean

### **MEMORIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

Audrey Bass Todd died on August 6. She has been living at Kendal at Lexington in Virginia for several years. Her ashes will be buried in Ithaca, NY alongside her husband. Memorial funds may be sent to AFSC.

### **LIBRARY CORNER**

***Attention: We have several brand new books in the library. Check out the right side of the holder on the counter.***

“Following Jesus: The Heart of Faith and Practice,” by Paul Anderson

This book is written by an Evangelical Quaker minister. It emphasizes each individual personally contacting God and being open to the Spirit. It is comprehensive in its discussion of Quaker practice and testimonies. It is very readable.

Nancy K

### **QUAKER QUOTES FOR OCTOBER**

Let your lives and conversation preach, that with a measure of the spirit of God you may reach to that of God in all. (George Fox, 1675)

If each of us, individually, simply decided not to fight, not to let anger take over our hearts, to act always out of love and not out of fear or hate, then the world would be at peace. Isn't this all

Jesus asked? This is my prayer. (John Andrew Gallery, Reflections From A Prayer Vigil For Peace, p. 22)

We utterly deny all outward wars and strife and fightings with outward weapons, for any end or under any pretense whatsoever. And this is our testimony to the whole world. ... The spirit of Christ, by which we are guided is not changeable, so as to once command us from a thing as evil and again to move unto it; and we do certainly know and so testify to the world, that the spirit of Christ which leads us into all Truth will never move us to fight and war against any man with outward weapons, neither for the kingdom of Christ, nor for any kingdoms of this world. (From the November 21, 1660, declaration made to Charles II by George Fox and other Friends)

And all friends everywhere this I charge you... live in peace... and therein seek the peace of all men and no man's hurt.... And so... it is love that overcomes and not hatred with hatred, nor strife with strife. Therefore live in the peaceable life, doing good to all men, and seeking the good and welfare of men. (George Fox, 1659)

A good end cannot sanctify evil means, nor must we ever do evil that good may come of it. Let us try what love will do. (William Penn)

### **MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS MINUTES** SEVENTH DAY OF THE NINTH MONTH, 2014

Present were: Elise A (Clerk), Phil C (Recording Clerk), Carol B, Bob B, Kim F, Martha O'H, Nan & Sky E, Phil F, Will C, Mardy B, Martha B, Jack L, Careen M, Cairn K, Mary B, Lynada J, Barb T, Nancy Jo S, Jennifer D-M, Kimberly B, Joel R, Joanna T, and Minette C-S.

We began with centering worship. Our Clerk invited Friends to focus on clearness & how we can support each other.

1. Light House (Carol B provided a written report and added this): It is a good problem that the Light House nearly has outgrown its new building after only 4 years as its mission expands from simply sheltering the homeless to preventing homelessness, including training for employment, self-awareness, mentoring, other skills, and an alumni mutual-support network.

At the outset in the new building, the Lighthouse annual budget was \$800,000 per year; now, its budget is nearly \$2.2M, even though church-member donations are down. In the next 6 months, the Lighthouse will consider a long-term strategic plan for the first time other than its plan to get into its new building. A new LLC has been formed to house "social enterprise ventures" and to acquire more resources and space for the Lighthouse's expanding work, such as employment in culinary arts, maintenance, etc. As the new plan is developed, the Lighthouse will test these plans with its supporters.

Due to Light House board term limits, Carol will "roll off" the Light House board on 6/30/15. She asked AFM: a) to consider whether, as a founding member of the Light House organization, we wish to continue our role as a "partner church" with budgeted annual contributions & a board member, or to change this, and b) to decide who will represent us on the Board and who will be an AFM liaison (two positions). Friends approved AFM's continuation as a partner church and asked Carol to provide to the announce list and to Nominating Committee descriptions of what the Board representative & liaison roles involve.

Friends expressed our great appreciation to Carol for her 6 years of amazing board service & leadership during this important evolution of the Light House.

2. Pastoral Care (Jennifer-M reported): Pastoral Care (PC) announced completion of a 10-page Clearness and Support Committee description and guidelines. During the past year, PC Friends labored on this with deliberation, research, and revisions enriched by a meeting for learning, a workshop with Judy Sorum Brown, and still other meetings. PC Friends hope the guidelines will offer a useful resource for AFM, both for those who serve on a clearness or support committee, and those who request such committees for themselves.

One Friend stated that it is a wonderful part of Meeting that Friends care enough to sit in clearness for one another's life journeys. Another asked "how does one request a clearness committee?" Jennifer responded that one may contact PC in any manner with a request and PC will add this to the guidelines.

The Guidelines were joyfully received and a copy is attached to these minutes. They also will be distributed, put on the website & indexed in the AFM office binder.

3. Nominating Committee: (Barbara T announced): AFM's 2015 Nominating Committee will begin, over the next few months, to seek matches between AFM Friends' and attenders' gifts, our willingness and Meeting's needs, asking "Where are Friends led?" Committee clerks also will soon receive a call from one of our Nom. Com. members to learn more about your committee and its upcoming needs. All committees' members are encouraged to talk with one another about your work, 2015 needs, clerking, and spiritual centeredness. Nominating Committee members and their committee-hunting assignment this year are:

Nancy Jo S, CREC & Outreach, 443-440-7413, njsteetle@me.com  
Susan D, Nominating & P&SC, 410-268-4970, sstdap@yahoo.com  
Margaret H, Past. Care & M&W, 410-263-8330, holmes.fam@verizon.net  
Barbara T, St. & Fin, & Officers, 410-867-2473, bthomas60@comcast.net  
Bill K, MH&L, Trustees, & Library, 410-268-0460, b.kinzer@comcast.net

4. Building Use Coordinator (Minette C-S reported): The Building Use Coordinator (BUC) is essentially the point person for individuals and organizations outside the Meeting who wish to rent space in the Meeting House. To be effective, the BUC should be well-acquainted with the responsibilities of the position, plus readily available and equipped to carry out its tasks including- a) interacting by phone, email and/or in person with individuals looking to rent Meeting House space; b) providing information as to space availability, suitability for each renter's purpose, rental rates, and Meeting rules/restrictions; c) showing space to prospective renters who may be unfamiliar with layout and/or configuration; d) signing written Rental Contracts with each one-time, long term, or repeat renter (including annual contract renewals); e) collecting and tracking all rental payments, making sure they are provided in a timely fashion to the Treasurer; f) maintaining a Google internal rental calendar with scheduling, canceling and updating all changes promptly and accurately--a critical function to preclude "double booking"; g) making sure tenants have building access when needed and appropriate.

Minette also offered these recommendations for a new BUC: a) A BUC either should live or work within 15 minutes or so of the Meeting House or otherwise have regular business in Annapolis. (It is often necessary to meet new prospective renters on site to show the Meeting House. These times should be primarily at the convenience of the applicant--often Saturdays (daytime) or week-day evenings.) b) The BUC Mailbox should be checked at least weekly. c) A BUC should anticipate frequent phone calls and emails as to rental inquiries, scheduling and last-minute changes, and should be available for timely responses. d) The BUC should be a good listener for users' needs and resources, equally comfortable interacting with those seeking information by phone or in person.

There are pros and cons to acting as BUC: Pros- It is an opportunity to glow about the Meeting House and to help earn \$20,000-\$24,000 per year rental revenue for Meeting. You will interact with non-Quakers trying to expand their spiritual and community life, including many young people. Cons- It can be time consuming--2 to 6 hours per week--not including travel. Phone calls can be intrusive at different times of day. Riding herd on those who do not turn in their signed leases or send in their rent payments. A BUC needs to be flexible, friendly and "your best self" as much as possible.

Minette hopes Friends will find a successor within the next year. Friends thanked Minette for her tremendous service as she passes on this job that is so important not just to Friends but to many others in the community.

5. Building for the Future: (Kim F reported) Our Ad Hoc Building for the Future (BFF) Committee has worked to refine a program for possible expansion of the Meeting House, and feels we have made considerable progress. She explained a rough diagram that shows the current campus reorganized

between a "worship wing" and a "Kid Quake Zone," joined together with a core functions area including expanded restrooms, classrooms, worship space, library, & more. A two-page report is attached as part of these minutes, which might be considered a summary for Phase I.

Also attached is a proposed Scope of Services for the Evan Lippincott to provide specific tasks with the associated fees. BFF asked if Friends are ready to move forward with architectural planning services totaling \$14,200 that be paid in installment over the next year or more for this phase II planning.

One Friend suggested that we should hold additional listening sessions before moving forward with Evan's planning contract. Another asked how our tentative plans relate to AFM's parking problems. Kim acknowledged that we will need more parking; she suggested that existing parking can be restructured to permit more compact cars, or we can ask for a waiver. She suggested we should not have parking be the "driver" for our discussions. Friends agreed to continue this discussion at a future meeting.

On 9/17, AFM also will hold called meeting, facilitated by Phil C to discuss the possible acquisition and use of the next door property to become a) a solution to the parking problems, b) a temporary Meeting House during reconstruction, and c) a Dubois PEACE Center to share with other community organizations.

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 Phil C, Recording Clerk

#### **HOW TO SUBMIT NEWSLETTER ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Please submit items for the calendar and brief descriptions of events by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.
- Beth M 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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