

## *ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS NEWSLETTER — JUNE 2015*

### **CALENDAR**

- Meeting for worship: 11 a.m. on First Days
- First Day School for children: Will resume on September 13
- 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
- The North County mid-week meeting: First Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Call 410-439-2319 for more information.
- Leo's meditation study group will be taking a break this summer. Please contact Scott T if you are interested in continuing to gather and meditate.
- NOTE: The deadline for submitting newsletter items is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month

JUNE 7: 9 a.m. Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship

JUNE 14: 8 a.m. Early Meeting for Worship; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship

JUNE 21: 9 a.m. Committee Meetings; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship

JUNE 28: 8 a.m. Early Meeting for Worship; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship; 1 p.m. Potluck lunch

CARE OF THE MEETING HOUSE: Outreach

### **QUERIES FOR SIXTH MONTH: HOME AND FAMILY**

Do you make your home a place of affection where God's presence is felt? Do you practice family prayer? Do you share your deepest beliefs and interests with all in the family? Do you grow together through sharing prosperity and adversity? Can you keep a sense of humor and avoid taking yourself too seriously? Do you establish family standards including the mutual obligations of children and adults?

Are you as children learning to be accountable for your own actions? Do you as parents help your children to grow in independence and responsibility? Do you consider the needs of grandparents and older members of the family circle? (Faith & Practice, p. 39)

### **WORSHIP SHARING ON FIFTH FIRST DAYS**

Worship sharing is a Quaker practice that combines elements of silent worship with ordinary discussion. A question is asked, usually about a spiritual topic, and Friends settle into silence, responding to the question out of the silence, and allowing a period of silent reflection between offerings. Speaking is optional. Friends are asked to maintain confidentiality about what is shared. Each person only speaks once until all who wish to have spoken.

Worship sharing allows a deeper sharing about one's spiritual life than is likely in ordinary conversation. Outreach Committee is sponsoring this program because several members felt they had learned what it means to be a Friend from the deep sharing they had heard at worship sharing sessions when they were new attenders. However, the same people continue to find it very rich.

The first session will be May 31 at 9:45 a.m. Subsequent sessions will happen on fifth First Days, which occur about four times a year.

Please come!

**BEST DINNER**

The next community dinner prepared by the BEST program at the Lighthouse Shelter will be held June 11 at 6 p.m. at the meetinghouse. The cost for adults is \$18. Kids 12 and under eat free. The menu includes meatloaf, mac and cheese (gluten free), salad, rolls, a vegetable medley, and pound cake with strawberries and whipped cream. Bonnie will be preparing s'mores on the patio.

The dinner will be followed by a GAIN meeting on "The Spirituality of Climate Change" at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend both.

Pat S is collecting money and would like to have it by June 3 in order to give a count to the cooks. Please give it to her at meeting or send her a check at 604 Greenbriar Lane, Annapolis 21401.

**MEETINGS FOR LEARNING**

On April 19, the Ministry and Worship Committee developed the following schedule for future Meetings for Learning. Please note that this is a tentative schedule and is subject to change.

Meetings for Learning will begin at 9:15 a.m.

- June 14, 2105 – The Life of William Penn - Tom W
- June 28, 2015 - Quaker 101 – 2nd Meeting for Learning – Dot W

Thank you for your continued support and interest.

The Ministry and Worship Committee

**CHESAPEAKE QUARTERLY MEETING**

Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting will meet June 14 at Little Falls Friends Meeting, 719 Old Fallston Rd in Fallston, MD.

After coffee/tea and a light breakfast, Friends will gather at 9:30 a.m. for the program: Sharing how your personal pursuits nurture your inner being. Worship at 11 a.m. will be followed by lunch, with the business meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Falston is in Harford County, about an hour's drive from Annapolis. To car pool, contact Pat S.

**DAYSRING SILENT RETREAT**

Dear Friends: Another opportunity for Dayspring's beauty, precious solitude and spiritual companionship awaits us. Registration form is attached and pasted below. Please spread the word to others in your spiritual community. I hope you can share in the blessings of this weekend retreat. In peace, Jean

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DAYSRING SILENT RETREAT: June 26 - 28, 2015

True silence ... is to the spirit what sleep is to the body: nourishment and refreshment. (William Penn, 1699)

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

SPONSOR: Annapolis Friends Meeting FACILITATOR: Jean C

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

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

BRING: Toilet articles, casual clothes, walking shoes, and a flashlight.

MEALS: Vegetarian meals are prepared by a Dayspring cook. Friends share final preparation, set-up and clean-up.

DIRECTIONS TO DAYSPRING RETREAT CENTER: 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.

COST: \$220. The fee covers a single room, 6 vegetarian meals, bed linens, blankets, towels and washcloth, meadows, ponds, woods, wildlife.....

REGISTRATION: Deadline is June 19 (or when full). Minimum number is 9 participants. Maximum is 18. Friends will be enrolled in the order in which checks are received.

QUESTIONS? Call Jean C at 410-544-1912 or e-mail jschristianson@gmail.com

NEXT RETREAT: October 9 - 12, 2015

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#### REGISTRATION

Make check for \$220 payable to Dayspring Retreat Center and give or mail to Jean C, 189 Edgewater Rd., Pasadena, MD 21122, with this completed form. We need a minimum of 9 registrants. Maximum capacity is 18. Your check will guarantee your spot. Registration deadline is Friday, June 19. Checks will be deposited after retreat.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### LUNCH AT WHOLE FOODS ON SUNDAYS

Friends are invited to enjoy lunch together after worship at Whole Foods in the Annapolis Towne Center every Sunday except the fourth, when we have potluck. No reservations are required, just show up and look for Friends. There is plenty of food to choose from between the salad bar, the hot buffet, the pizza counter, and the sandwich counter. All are welcome, with a special invitation to newer attenders. We'd like to get to know you!

Pat S

#### HOW DO YOU GET YOUR AFM INFORMATION?

There are a number of ways Friends can find out what is happening at AFM:

- This newsletter (emailed to the Announce list)
- The AFM website (<http://annapolis.quaker.org/>)

- Our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Annapolis-Friends-Meeting-Quakers/861939887156789>)
- Email (sent to the Discuss list or the Announce list, depending upon the topic)
- Announcements after worship

Which of these sources are you using? Watch for a survey to help Outreach Committee reassess how we inform Friends. Please be sure to turn it in. Thanks!

### **DO YOU HAVE AN OLDER LAPTOP TO DONATE TO THE MEETINGHOUSE?**

As Meetinghouse and Lands is transitioning the job of Building Use Coordinator (BUC), and looking at adding a position for a Maintenance, Operations and Management Assistant (MOMA), we are also looking at how we can use technology to make some of practices more efficient, as well as sharing the job functions. Having a non-personal computer available at the meetinghouse to check the rental and community calendars, prepare rental agreements, maintain digital templates, and maintain contact lists with our active and potential renters would be a big help, and allow the job duties to be more transferable. It does not have to be the most up-to-date—should be able to operate at least a Windows 7 level and the basic Microsoft suite of functions. Remember, we are a non-profit and charitable donations are deductible. If you have a computer you think might be suitable, please contact Kim F @[kfinch1407@gmail.com](mailto:kfinch1407@gmail.com) or let me know the next time see you.

Kim F

### **MEETINGHOUSE AND LANDS UPDATES**

Sharing our Facility: MHL and the Building Use Coordinator are looking for opportunities to spread the word the our meetinghouse and property are available for rental to profit as well as non-profit groups. While we have many regular renters, we are looking to enlarge our rental users, especially during the day time hours during the week – the Meeting Community and our affiliated groups fill most of the weekday evenings and weekends. We see that our meeting house is a good fit for a weekday club to meet for lunch, an office retreat, a workshop or training session, or even a board meeting. If you know of a group looking for a meeting space for business or (non-alcoholic) social reasons (birthdays, anniversaries , retirement, family reunion) at a reasonable cost, please suggest our meetinghouse to them as a possibility. Minette says the building sells itself once people see it. Additional information about renting the facility can be found on our website at <http://annapolis.quaker.org/rental.html>.

Recent "House" improvements: The committee is tackling a variety of upgrades to the facility. Our internet service has recently been upgraded to a FIOS connection to improve our internet accessibility and consistency. In combination with our new 50-inch flat panel this will allow for watching of live streaming or YouTube watch of events, such as Pendle Hill lectures. Within the next month we will be experimenting with equipment for Audio Conference Calling, which can be used to virtually attend meeting for business, or allow members to attend committee meetings by phone. The front door lock is being replaced due to its "quirkiness" after many years of valuable service, and many attempts to fix it. The new knob will retain the old locking mechanism, so all existing keys will continue to work after the work is complete.

Wheelchairs Available: We currently have three wheelchairs at the MH which are available as needed for lending. Two large-wheeled metal wheelchairs, but without foot rests, and one small wheeled travel-wheelchair, which is easier to move in and out of a vehicle. If one of these would be useful to you or for a family member for a short time (recovery from an injury, visiting relative) we are glad to share them with the community. All we ask is that a request be made to the clerks of MHL (so we know where they are) that they be returned in a timely fashion in good condition, and that at least one remains at the meetinghouse so we can accommodate visitors as needed.

Upcoming Maintenance Tasks Requiring "Downtime": Please note that the week of June 15 through 19, the floor of the multipurpose room will be re-coated and allowed to cure, and no activities can be held in the MPR that week. In addition, the piano will be spending the week in the kitchen, which will limit usage in the room as well. Friends will be asked to help remove the chairs, furnishings and plants from the room after Meeting for Worship on June 14th. General painting of the kitchen, foyer and

hallway will take place from June 28 through July 1 during the day, and should not interfere with evening use of the building.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim F, Co-Clerk, MHL Committee

### **THINKING ABOUT RACE: (JUNE 2015) – CONTINUUM ON BECOMING AN ANTI-RACIST MULTICULTURAL ORGANIZATION**

In March 2015 the Clerks of Baltimore Yearly Meeting and of BYM Interim Meeting announced that the Yearly Meeting had accepted a grant of \$250,000 from the Shoemaker Fund to address, in part, "...how can our Meetings at all levels be more inclusive and welcoming to all and build multi-cultural community?" They explained, "What we are contemplating is no less than a profound culture change that will permeate all we do and change us forever."

The BYM Group on Racism is looking forward to helping all of us in the Yearly Meeting discern how to live up to these commitments. One guide that can be helpful is a chart entitled "Continuum on Becoming an Anti-Racist Multicultural Organization" and developed by the Crossroads Ministry of Chicago, Illinois, <https://www.churchpublishing.org/media/5205/ContinuumAnti-Racist.pdf>.

That chart describes what an organization looks like at each of six points along that continuum. The chart does not tell us how to move along that continuum. We all must discern that together. It does, however, help us understand where we are now and the changes needed to move us to the next point on the continuum.

A beginning query: where would you place your Monthly Meeting now along this continuum?

This column is prepared by the BYM Working Group on Racism (WGR) and sent to the designated liaisons at each Monthly and Preparative Meeting for publication in their newsletter or other means of dissemination. The WGR meets most months on the third Saturday from 10 am to 1 pm, usually at Bethesda Friends Meeting or Friends Meeting of Washington. In June 2015, however, it will meet at Adelphi Friends Meeting. If you would like to attend, on a regular or a drop-in basis, contact clerk David E, [david.etheridge@verizon.net](mailto:david.etheridge@verizon.net).

### **QUAKER QUOTES FOR JUNE**

If there is light in the soul, there will be beauty in the person. If there is beauty in the person, there will be harmony in the house. If there is harmony in the house, there will be order in the nation. If there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world. (Chinese Proverb)

Endeavor to make your home a place of peace and happiness where the presence of God is known. Try to live simply. Remember to value beauty in all its forms. Encourage the appreciation of music, literature and the other arts and the development of taste that will reject the worthless and the base. God's good gifts are for all to enjoy; learn to use them wisely. (From Advices, London, 1964)

Watch with Christian tenderness over the opening minds of your children. Seek to awaken in them the love of Jesus Christ and an understanding of his teaching. Uphold in your own conduct, and thus encourage in theirs, truthfulness and sincerity. Through example and training help them to recognize and obey the voice of God in their hearts that they may be joyful and willing in his service. Remember, at the same time, that there is a unique potentiality in each human being as a child of God, and that the Holy Spirit may lead your children along paths which you have not foreseen. (From Advices, London, 1964, in Daily Readings from Quaker Writings Ancient and Modern, p. 292, Linda Renfer, Ed.)

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

THIRD DAY OF THE FIFTH MONTH, 2015

Present were: Wes J (Clerk), Phil C (Recording Clerk), Bob B, Nan & Sky E, Will C, Patty R, Kim F,

Karen C, Carl B, Pat S, Mary B, Susan P, Ruth S, Cairn K, Carol B, Lee L, Susan P, & Francis W.

We began with centering worship. Our clerk pointed out, in Quaker terms, leaders are "gatherers" or "clerks" rather than "hunters" or "executives." We can bear this in mind as we consider both the recent disorders in Baltimore and in the ongoing concerns of our own Meeting like yesterday's AFM spring market.

Particularly, we are grateful to Cairn & other Market organizers for all their time.

1. Comments/selections from BYM F&P & AFM By-Laws – Wes deferred this discussion.

2. Market Committee: As a preliminary report, Cairn thanked Friends for their time and involvement, reporting that the Market again was an incredible success including opportunities for outreach and to network with other groups such as the Light House Shelter, Climate Stewards & Services from the Heart. It's different from most yard sales, both in pricing and spirit. We also supplied to the Lighthouse shelter furnishings for residents' new homes and seedlings for the new kitchen garden. Cairn expects proceeds over \$2,500--very good for a Spring Market.

3. Interim Meeting Report – Outreach: Patty R. offered a report from 3/21/15 Interim Meeting at Patapsco Friends Meeting (attached).

4. For MHL committee and BFF subcommittee: Kim reported on various topics including:

- AFM had received a solar-produced electricity reimbursement of \$238 so far.
- We held our annual Spring Clean-up on 4/28/15; Kim thanked all who participated.
- Upcoming maintenance tasks include refinishing the cork floor in the main room & interior painting which briefly will interrupt weekday use of Meeting House; Friends will be asked to help empty the room & take items down from the hallway walls for these purposes.
- We will upgrade our AFM internet to Fios in the coming month to improve its reliability for our own and our renters' purposes. This capacity and addition of a hardwired speakerphone may enhance the desirability of AFM for daytime-weekday renters. MHL will consider adding additional phone jacks. This may enable us to view live-streaming and YouTube videos.
- MHL also is considering a switch to use of our solar electric as the primary source of winter heat.
- Bob B has begun work on another improvement he designed--a new attic access in the utility room.
- MHL also announces the adoption of a 3-ring binder Meeting House "Maintenance Log" kept in the office; Friends should use this to note tasks accomplished or needed, or we may directly email our MHL co-clerks Kim & Bob B.
- MHL also seeks more Friends to join the Hospitality Subcommittee that acquire supplies, provides refreshments for Memorial Services, special events, etc.; Ruth as sole active Hospitality Friend suggested that someday this committee might need its own budget and separate committee status. MHL also may reconsider Hospitality's description and duties, recruiting and possibly may recommend whether Hospitality should join another committee or become independent. AFM's clerks' committee also may consider this subcommittee's "structural" position. These questions about Hospitality will be considered again at a future Meeting for Business.
- The Building Use Coordinator (BUC) position will be taken on by Carol with assistance for Patty R for six months from 7/1/15, reviewing current policies to see if we can use new methods to be more efficient. MHL also will consider the job description for a possible new Maintenance and Operations Manager Assistant (MOMA).
- For the BFF subcommittee, Kim reported that 345 Dubois' owner Mr. B has continued expressing an unreasonable expectation for price of the property. He wants to meet with Friends directly with lack of progress between the attorneys. BFF proposes a small group to meet, hear from Mr. B, explain why AFM cannot support his valuation of the property for possible purchase, and discuss possible resolution of the encroachment issues. The proposed small group might include Wes, Kim, Bob & Phil.

Friends expressed concerns about the parameters of the discussions. One suggested that "brainstorming" alternate solutions might be a time-saving, unobjectionable way to progress. Another Friend expressed concern that there has been no opportunity since the last called-meeting for him to present his "arguments" on why he believes Friends are proceeding on the wrong route. Friends who expressed concerns about process agreed to stand aside, but Friends still did not reach unity on this.

Closing: Running short on time, all but the final section of these minutes were read and approved during Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. Meeting closed with silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wes J, Clerk, and Phil C, Recording Clerk

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

- o Please submit items for the calendar and brief descriptions of events by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.
- o 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).
- o Friends also are asked to watch your email for announcements of meetings and to listen for announcements at the rise of meeting.
- o Event and activity organizers, please also post your announcements on the bulletin board for those who do not use electronic mail!
- o 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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