

ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS NEWSLETTER — AUGUST 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 2nd, 4th, and 5th First Days
- The North County mid-week meeting: First Tuesday (August 4) from 7 to 8 p.m., at 7627 Locust Grove Road, Glen Burnie. 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 20th of the month

AUGUST 2: 9 a.m. Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship

AUGUST 9: 8 a.m. Early Meeting for Worship; 9:15 a.m. Meeting for Learning—Aging in Place, led by Pastoral Care; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship

AUGUST 16: 9 a.m. Committee Meetings; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship; 12:30 p.m. [Picnic & Swim](#)

AUGUST 23: 8 a.m. Early Meeting for Worship; 9:15 a.m. Meeting for Learning—Introduction to Islam, led by Fatima A; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship; 1 p.m. Potluck lunch

AUGUST 30: 8 a.m. Early Meeting for Worship; 10 a.m. Worship Sharing; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship

CARE OF THE MEETING HOUSE: Pastoral Care

QUERIES FOR EIGHTH MONTH: OUTREACH

Do you as way opens, share Friends' principles with non-Friends? Do you witness to your Quaker faith by letting your life speak? Do you make non-Friends welcome in your meetings for worship? Do you find ways to encourage their continued attendance? (Faith & Practice, p. 40)

NORTH COUNTY MEETING

The North County Meeting is very small. Only a handful of people attend, but it is quite wonderful: an hour of quiet stillness shared.

Sometimes we meet indoors, and sometimes outside in a small screened porch, listening to the birds, and watching them at feeders.

When you miss regular Meeting, or need an additional quiet time during the week, join us in northeast Anne Arundel County at:

7627 Locust Grove Road, Glen Burnie
[\(410\) 439-2319](tel:4104392319)
1st Tuesday, 7 to 8 p.m. (next meeting August 4)

Diane

PICNIC & SWIM

You're invited to swim, life guard present, at an clear water pond, with a view of the Severn River and picnic under the trees, on August 16 after Meeting for Worship. Bring a dish to share--drinks will be provided. Please join us at Ben Oaks Community on the Severn, Severnside Drive, Severna Park, 21146.

From Annapolis - Take Rt. 50 to 97 north, exit #10 Millersville (Severna Park), Turn right before the light, onto Veterans Highway and turn left on West Benfield Rd. Right turn at Severnside Please park along the picnic table road. Tel: 443 784 7202

Peace & Joy,
Patty

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

Dear Friends,

It is that time of year to collect school supplies for those in need in our community. Last year we delivered school supplies to the After School Programs for Public Housing Communities (like Robinwood). It was greatly appreciated, so that is what we are aiming for this year. Every week there are 1 cent or 25 cent deals at Office Depot or Staples. These are great deals, but usually limited to 5 at Staples, or 3 at Office Depot. Please buy them if you are so inclined. Also asked for: notebook paper, composition notebooks, pencils, pens, and glue. These, and any contribution will be gladly accepted.

We will collect supplies now through mid-September. Please put supplies in coat area in the hallway. Hopefully we will put a bin there for collection soon. Many thanks for your help, dear Friends!

Ruth S and Cairn K

DECONSTRUCTING RACISM DISCUSSION GROUP

Dear Friends –

Our next deconstructing racism discussion will be Saturday, 10/3, 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 and LIGHT,
Jean

THINKING ABOUT RACE (SUMMER 2015) – FROM WAKING UP WHITE -- AND FINDING MYSELF IN THE STORY OF RACE BY DEBBY IRVING, 2014

Author Debby Irving will spend two days at Friends School of Baltimore in September. Over the summer, Trustees and faculty of Friends School, and perhaps also parents and students, will read *Waking Up White* in anticipation of her visit. The book is divided into 9 parts and 46 short chapters. Titles of some of the parts give a sense of what she covers: "Childhood in white," "Midlife wake-up calls," "Why didn't I wake up sooner?" "Inner work," "Outer work," and "Reclaiming my humanity." Each chapter ends with queries to answer or a statement to reflect upon, and she encourages readers to journal their responses and reflections. Here are the queries at the end of chapter 6, "From Confusion to Shock:"

"The late historian Ronald Takaki referred to the history taught in American schools as 'The Master Narrative,' the version of history told by Americans of Anglo descent. Think about what you did not study. Did you learn about Lincoln's views on enslaved black people? Anti-immigration laws of the nineteenth century? America's laws regarding who could and could not gain citizenship? The Native Americans who had once lived on your town's or school's land?"

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 on the third Saturday of most months (except in July and August) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., usually at Bethesda Friends Meeting or Friends Meeting of Washington. If you would like to attend, on a regular or a drop-in basis, contact clerk David E, david.etheridge@verizon.net or Pat S at pat.schenck3227@gmail.com.

QUAKER QUOTES FOR AUGUST

No one after lighting a lamp puts it under a bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

"Let me light my lamp," says the star "and never debate if it will help to remove the darkness."
(R. Tagore)

What does love look like? It has hands to help others. It has feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like. (St. Augustine)

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
This is the great and first commandment.
And the second is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.
(Matthew 22:37-40, KJV)

HOW TO SUBMIT NEWSLETTER ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please submit items for the calendar and brief descriptions of events by the 20th 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.
- 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

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