

ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2016

MEETING SCHEDULE

- 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 the Meeting Calendar below and in Other Scheduled Items and Items of Note
- 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 (November 3) from 7 to 8 p.m., at 7627 Locust Grove Road, Glen Burnie. Call 410-439-2319 for more information.
- The 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 20th of the month (All committees and their reps, and all F/friends with leadings are welcome to submit items for inclusion).

MEETING CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 1: 7 p.m. Immigrant/Refugee Concerns Dialogue (MPR)

FEBRUARY 3: 7:30 p.m. Meditation Group

FEBRUARY 4: 7 p.m. Climate Stewards

FEBRUARY 7: 9 a.m. Meeting For Business; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship; 6:30 p.m. William Penn House Potluck

FEBRUARY 10: 7:30 p.m. Meditation Group

FEBRUARY 14: 8 a.m. Early Worship; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship; 12:30 p.m. Poetry Group

FEBRUARY 17: 7:30 p.m. Meditation Group

FEBRUARY 18: 7 p.m. Climate Stewards

FEBRUARY 20: 2 p.m. Deconstructing Racism

FEBRUARY 21: 9:15 a.m. Committee Meetings; 10:30 a.m. Hymn Singing; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship; 12:30 p.m.

Committees: CREC; 9 p.m. Newsletter Items Due

FEBRUARY 24: 7:30 p.m. Meditation Group

FEBRUARY 28: 8 a.m. Early Worship; 9:30 a.m. Meeting for Learning: People Seeking Refuge and Immigration in Maryland; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship; 12:30 p.m. Potluck

CARE OF THE MEETING HOUSE: Ministry and Worship Committee (Note: Peter T is assisting with mid-week check-in and reporting of any discrepancies found; Thank you Peter!)

QUERIES FOR SECOND MONTH: MEETINGS FOR BUSINESS

Are meetings for business held in a spirit of worship, understanding and forbearance? When direction seems lacking, is this seen as a challenge to a more prayerful search for truth? Do we humbly set aside our own preconceived notions as to proper action, seeking instead Divine guidance as to the right course? Is the Meeting aware that it speaks not only through its actions but also through its failure to act?

Do you participate regularly in meetings for business, discharge faithfully your committee responsibilities, and assume your share of financial support of the Meeting? (From BYM Faith & Practice, 1988)

OTHER SCHEDULED ITEMS AND REPORTS (Expanded in paragraphs following; all events at AFM unless otherwise noted)

[Immigrant/Refugee Concerns Dialogue \(February 1\)](#)

[Meditation Study Group \(February 3, 10, 17, and 24\)](#)

[Winter Silent Retreat at Dayspring \(February 5-7\)](#)

[William Penn House Potluck \(February 7\)](#)

[Climate Stewards of Greater Annapolis \(February 18\)](#)

[Deconstructing Racism Discussion – \(February 20\)](#)

[Meeting for Learning - People Seeking Refuge and Immigration in Maryland \(February 28\)](#)

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Immigrant and Refugee Concerns Dialogue – Monday February 1, 7 p.m.

Exploratory Gathering on Refugee and Immigration Concerns in Maryland
Monday, February 1st at 7 pm at the Meeting House

Dear Friends,

The Peace and Justice Center and the Peace and Social Concerns Committee are hosting a gathering to explore possibilities for Annapolis Friends to become engaged in Refugee and Immigration concerns.

Purpose: to pool thoughts about what we know and where we think we might want to go with immigration/refugee opportunities.

Agenda:

1. Hear from each attender about what he/she knows about and cares about.
2. Having listened to all, where might we begin as a group--or individuals?
3. Help to plan: Feb. 28 Meeting for Learning by George Casey on People Seeking Refuge and Immigration in Maryland

Other options? Contact Barbara T.

Hope you will be able to join us.

Barbara and Martha

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Meditation Study Group – Wednesdays, February 3, 10, 17, and 24, 7:30 p.m.

The meditation study group will meet Wednesdays at 7:30pm.

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Winter Silent Retreat at Dayspring February 5-7, 2016

Our winter silent retreat at Dayspring is coming soon. I hope you can experience the beauty of woods, meadows and ponds. I hope you can share the warmth of the fire at the hearth and in our hearts as we listen for the still small voice. Registration sheet is attached and pasted below. While Annapolis Friends will have priority at this retreat, all Baltimore Yearly Meeting Friends and friends of Friends are welcome and encouraged to register. We have always had plenty of room at the Dayspring Inn. In peace and LIGHT, Jean C.

ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS MEETING SILENT RETREAT AT DAYSPRING

February 5 - 7, 2016

Be still and know that I am God (Psalm 46:10)

Friends, I hope you can share in the silence of Dayspring Retreat Center. The warmth of spiritual community in the heart of winter, amid nature's beauty--what a blessing! Love and LIGHT to you as you consider joining in this adventure.

Details about the retreat follow, starting with excerpts from the Retreat Center welcome letter:

The purpose of silent retreat is the deepening of communion with God, with other persons and with oneself. ...(W)e make space for... a time of waiting in silence, in solitude, to hear the voice of the One Who speaks in everything that is, and who, most of all, speaks in the depths of our own being. -- (Thomas Merton)

LOCATION: Dayspring Retreat Center, 11301 Neelsville Church Rd., Germantown, MD 20874
(Telephone, in case of emergency: 301-916-1131.) See www.dayspringretreat.org.

DIRECTIONS: 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.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- 1) Over 50 years ago, Church of the Savior in Washington, D.C. was led to establish Dayspring as a silent retreat center. Two simple buildings overlook meadows, woodlands and ponds filled with wildlife. The Inn (18 single rooms, each with Bible, bed, sink, desk and reading chair) and the Carpenter's Lodge (living room with fireplace, dining room, kitchen and porch) are connected by a path.
- 2) Meals are vegetarian. A Dayspring cook prepares the food. Retreatants carry out final preparation, set-up and clean-up in silence.
- 3) Silence is maintained from Friday's opening meeting for worship through Sunday's closing worship.
- 4) Retreatants often bring devotional reading, personal journals, sketch books, knitting. Most importantly, we bring open hearts.
- 5) You will need toilet articles, warm casual clothes, walking shoes or boots and a flashlight. Bed linens, blankets, pillows, washcloth and towels are provided.

SCHEDULE:

Friday:

- 3:30-7:00pm Arrival
- 7:00 Dinner, Intros, Orientation
- 8:30 Worship Sharing, Meeting for Worship (Silence Begins)

Saturday:

- 7:30am Wake-up Chimes
- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:30 Meeting for Worship
- 12:30pm Lunch
- 3:45 Tea
- 4:00 Meeting for Worship
- 6:30 Dinner
- 8:00 Meeting for Worship

Sunday:

- 7:30am Wake-up Chimes
- 8:00 Breakfast
- 10:00 Meeting for Worship
- 11:00 Break (Maintaining Silence)
- 11:15 Worship Sharing
- 12:30pm Lunch
- 2:00 Departure

REGISTRATION

Make check for \$220 payable to Dayspring Retreat Center and give or mail to Jean Christianson, 189 Edgewater Rd., Pasadena, MD 21122. We need a minimum of 9 registrants. Maximum capacity is 18. Your check will guarantee your spot. Registration deadline is Friday, 1/29. Checks will be deposited after the retreat. Annapolis Friends are encouraged to ask AFM for scholarship assistance if the fee is an obstacle. Feel free to email jschristianson@gmail.com or call me at 410-544-1912 with questions.

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William Penn House Potluck – February 7, 6:30 p.m.

William Penn House hosts potlucks the first Sunday of most months. These potlucks are great opportunities for fellowship and conversation. After sharing dinner, there is a presenter who talks about a topical issue of the times, his/her leadings and work. Topics range greatly, and often can be as much about learning as they are about practicing listening, knowing that we will not always agree but we can learn to respect. Past topics have included:

- Environmental concerns
- Indian/indigenous rights
- Prison Ministry and Reform
- Faith and military service
- Homosexuality and the Bible

- Living with chronic and terminal illness
- Mental health and military veterans

There is no fee, and all are welcome. Just bring a dish. In addition, if you are interested in being one of the presenters, please contact us.

Potlucks start at 6:30PM. Presentations generally start at 7:30PM and last an hour. Check our calendar for the current list of topics and presenters.

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Climate Stewards of Greater Annapolis (CSGA) - Thursday, February 18, 7 pm

CSGA and the Maryland Climate Coalition (MCC) will gather at 7:00 p.m. Don Boesch, speaking on climate change science and policy. (This presentation will be the initial event in a speakers series cosponsored by CSGA and the MCC.)

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Deconstructing Racism Discussion – Saturday, February 20, 2 pm

Our next Deconstructing Racism discussion will be Saturday, February 20, 2 to 4 PM 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. I pray this invitation speaks to your condition. In peace and LIGHT, Jean C.

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Meeting for Learning: People Seeking Refuge and Immigration in Maryland – February 28, 9:15 am

February 28th's Meeting for Learning will be on the topic People Seeking Refuge and Immigration in Maryland. Contact George and Joel for further details.

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Quaker Causes: Afghan Women's Fund

Friends have asked to learn more about the Quaker Causes to which Annapolis Friends Meeting donates 10% of its unrestricted donations annually. Your Peace and Social Concerns Committee will be highlighting one of our causes each month.

Afghan Women's Fund (www.afghanwomensfund.org): For many years, both Quaker Market and Quaker Causes have supported the Afghan Women's Fund. Below is a description from Cairn Krafft and Careen Mayer. Beyond the modest amount we are able to give through our Meeting, we recommend that individual Friends consider this and other Quaker Causes in their annual giving.

"For nearly a decade, Afghan Women's Fund (AWF) has partnered with grassroots and volunteer organizations in Afghanistan to address the desperate needs of Afghan women for schools for their girls, medical clinics, wells for clean drinking water and irrigation, and women's collectives that offer literacy classes and vocational training. AWF's director, Fahima Vorghetts, grew up in Afghanistan. She is a recognized authority on humanitarian aid to women and children in Afghanistan, and has addressed the United Nations, appeared on the BBC and NPR, and has been featured in articles in the Baltimore Sun and the Washington Post. Fahima has had a long-standing relationship with Annapolis Friends Meeting, and considers herself part of our spiritual community. AFM supports Fahima's vital work as way opens for us, both through direct donation, and by encouraging Fahima to use our Quaker Markets as a venue to raise awareness of AWF's work and to raise funds to support that work through the sale of handcrafted

Afghan rugs, jewelry, and other items.”

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Changes to Fifth Night Light

Pastoral Care is using a new format, wherein names may be offered for holding in the Light (by the person who needs it, or by a friend who has permission to ask for Light for another), but the names will remain on the FNL list for only one month unless Pastoral Care hears otherwise. We hope this new format will be less burdensome, and offer what it is intended to offer-an opportunity for us to communally care for one another through prayer/the Light.

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Baltimore Yearly Meeting Annual Session 2016 – August 1-7

Annual Session is Moving!

Baltimore Yearly Meeting Annual Session will be meeting at Hood College in Frederick, MD, August 1 to 7, 2016.

Please visit [BYM's webpage](#) for more information about this year's event.

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Minutes from Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, February 2016

**ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS MONTHLY MEETING (AFM)
MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS (MfB)
THIRD DAY OF THE FIRST MONTH, 2016**

Present were: Wes Jordan (clerking), Phil C. (recording), George & Ruth C., Sky & Nan E., Lynada J., Jeanne W., Pat S., Barb T., Martha B., Phil F., Mary B., Wayne F., Karen C., Margaret H., Joel R., Elise A., Will & Mgt. C., Careen M., Kim F., Bill K., Ruth S., Kim R., and Bob B.

Opening: We began with centering worship. Our Clerk recounted how last week he had the opportunity to meet and talk former Pres. Jimmy & Rosalyn Carter in travel to Plains, Ga. He also noted that next month he will be travel to Nepal (so Asst. Clerk Martha B. will substitute clerking for the next MfB); Wes and family will use Nepal trip to bring needed donations to the Himalayan Children's Charity, a 501(c)(3) organization (such as jewelry-making supplies, art supplies, first aid kits, children's toys & clothes, & monetary donations). They will deliver any such donations from AFM, but will be limited to 200 lb baggage.

1. Misc short calendar notes/announcements:

-2/18, 7 p.m. at AFM: Climate Stewards of Greater Annapolis (CSGA) will present a guest speaker, prof. Don Boesch from the U of Md Center for Env. Science;
-2/20, 9 a.m.-noon, Friends are invited to a training on how to facilitate community dialogs at Unitarian Church, Dubois Rd. (RSVP required – contact Phil F. for more info.)
-2/20, 2 to 4 PM in the AFM library, Friends are invited to a Deconstructing Racism session to examine our own unaware racism & discern our individual and collective leadings to further equality and justice;
-2/20, in S.E. D.C. at 10:30, a D.C. refugee visitation program will explain how Friends may visit detention centers where refugees now are held awaiting federal hearings; if interests, contact Nan E.;&
-2/28, at 9:15 a.m., AFM will have a meeting for learning on immigration with a presentation by author & U. of Md. anthropology prof. Linda Rabben who has studied refugee issues for many years.

2. Pastoral Care (PC): a) Mary B. read a memorial minute prepared by PC as to Carol High Kinzer (see attached). Friends approved.

b) Mary also reported that David Ingalls passed away on Friday a.m. His family still is considering arrangements.

c) Mary also advised that our Fifth Night Light (FNL) procedure soon will change: after names are offered and placed

on the FNL list for holding in the Light (by the person who needs it, or by a friend who has permission to ask for Light for another), Pastoral Care will remove names from the list after one month unless Pastoral Care hears otherwise. We hope this new format will be less burdensome, and offer what it is intended - an opportunity for us to communally care for one another through prayer/the Light.

3. **Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting:** Barb T. reminded us that, on 3/13/16, AFM will host the next Quarterly Meeting (QM) here. Reviewing QM format, Barb noted that Chesapeake Quarter gathers Friends from a smaller number of nearby meetings than interim or annual sessions; we expect about 30 Friends from other meetings in addition to AFM Friends & attenders. Advance registration with final numbers to determine food and First Day School needs should be completed by March 6. Marcia O. and our AFM Hospitality subcommittee will arrange a light breakfast luncheon. Barb proposed this QM schedule:
8:15: Welcome and snacks
9:00: Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (run by Sarah Bur, Quarterly Meeting clerk)
11:00: Meeting for Worship
12:15: Luncheon
1:00: Program: "Developing a Peace and Justice Center—Opportunities for your Local Meeting"— Barb will lead a discussion of AFM's Peace & Justice Center and how other meetings may consider starting their own. Annapolis Friends will share our experiences about the difference a Friends Peace and Justice Center can make in lifting up leadings, building community internally and externally, and social action based on our testimonies. Additionally, ways, resources, and opportunities will be discussed

4. **2015 Budget Final Report and Surplus** – For Stewardship & Finance (S&F), Sky substituted for Karen C., and reported that, due to a December 2015 surge of AFM member donations, we achieved a year-end surplus of \$4,978. (2015 year-end financial statements are attached.) S&F recommends that \$4,478 be placed in the AFM building fund with \$400 to our adult scholarship fund & \$100 to the children's camping fund. Sky also noted that the Friends Fiduciary fund value actually fluctuates with the stock market.

MfB thanks Friends for increasing their year-end donations, so as to more than make up for our unexpected loss of rental income this year. Meeting approved the recommended disbursement of these surplus funds.

5. **BYM Vision Statement and Diversity:** Pat S. reviewed the BYM Vision Statement with proposed additional wording, committing BYM to work to become a more diverse community. With minor amendments, Friends approved Pat's proposed additions. This statement will be referred to Ministry & Worship (M&W) to meet with Pat for further consideration of whether AFM will produce our own minute on this subject & how Friends may consider the handout of "how to become an antiracist, multicultural institution."

6. **Ministry and Worship (M&W):** a) For M&W, Joel noted that there has been a recent increase in cellphones interrupting the silence of Meeting. M&W requests permission to purchase a sign to remind Friends to "Please turn off your cellphones & other devices."

b) Joel also asked Friends to consider an M&W proposal to transition to fewer initial door-openings, limited to 11, 11:10, & 11:15 as times for entry, rather than having repeated opening & closings of the door during early meeting. (The children still would enter in the last 15 minutes.) Some Friends spoke in opposition to such a rigid time guideline; the matter was referred back to M&W for further seasoning as to "gatekeepers" guidelines. Another Friend suggested that this question be highlighted in the newsletter to invite feedback.

7. **Meeting House & Land (MHL)** : a) For MH&L, Kim expressed appreciation for Friends approval of approximately \$4500 more to the Building fund.

b) She noted that plans are under consideration for a weekday evening of BFF & interested Friends on 2/15, 16 or 17 for an update as to possible building plans.

c) Based on our discussion, an AFM spring workday is planned for 4/23 with a rain date of 4/30. One major project will involve installation of a recently-donated large piece of playground equipment.

d) Bob B. noted that our neighbor Les Belcher has accepted our proposal for the lot-line adjustment – with Friends acquiring the 10,000 square foot in the rear of the property in exchange lesser square footage towards the front of the property to resolve the garage encroachment; Friends will contribute to the shared costs of this process (up to \$10,000). Now, the "nitty-gritty work" with the County's Planning & Zoning and Permits offices still must be done. Friends thanked Bob and the BFF subcommittee for finally resolving this long-running difficulty, freeing Friends to consider our own building expansion.

Closing: With surprise, our Clerk noted that we completed MfB on time. MfB closed with silent worship transitioning into MfW. Respectfully submitted, Wes Jordan, Clerk, and Phil C., Recording Clerk.

Attachments:

1) Memorial Minute for Carol High Kinzer: Carol High Kinzer lived a joy filled life. She embraced Quaker values of simplicity, integrity, peace, and equality in her daily life. She had a great sense of humor, and didn't take herself too seriously. She loved helping people.

Carol was born on October 16, 1930 to Dr. Carl and Christine High in Reading, Pennsylvania. She departed "ready for [her] next great adventure" on December 8, 2015. She leaves behind her loving husband, Dr. Charles W. (Bill) Kinzer, of Annapolis, Maryland; three daughters and three sons-in-law, Rebecca (Hoopes) and Michael Powers of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina; Ruth (Hoopes) and Gene Slavin of Crofton, Maryland; and Ellen (Hoopes) and Jerry Simmons of Hyattsville, Maryland; and five grandchildren, Brent and Kristen Powers; Kyle and Lauren Slavin; and Jackson Simmons. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ward Hitchings.

Carol graduated from Cornell University New York Hospital School of Nursing in 1953 with a Bachelor of Science in nursing. Over her career, she worked as a childbirth educator, and spent many years in public and school health and obstetrical nursing. She was an avid quilter, and a member of the Annapolis Quilt Guild. Carol loved reading, cooking and baking, especially pies.

Drawn by the peace testimony, Carol became involved in the Religious Society of Friends while living in Pennsylvania. After moving to Maryland, she became an active member of the Annapolis Monthly Meeting, serving on many committees over the years. She served on many Marriage Clearness Committees and stayed in touch with the couples. Most recently she was part of the Quaker Market Committee, often suggesting good recipients for market funds such as Smile Train.

Carol was passionate about worthy causes and was ready to share her convictions. She participated in many demonstrations and marches for worthy causes. Carol had a way of drawing others into action along the way. Her humor and good will always made it a wonderful journey.

Carol Kinzer welcomed all with her twinkling blue eyes, mischievous smile and infectious laugh. She listened deeply and always gave hope. Forever she is beloved by her family and many friends.

2) Year-end 2015 financial report – appendix follows MfB minutes.

3) BYM Vision Statement (with proposed amendments in bold): Baltimore Yearly Meeting is a worshiping community, gathered in the presence of the Divine, affirming that of God in every person. The Yearly Meeting knits Friends from the Chesapeake to the Appalachians into the larger Religious Society of Friends. **It is Friend of all genders and sexual orientation, ages, abilities, racial, ethnic and class backgrounds, and stages of life, who are actively seeking the Spirit's presence in our lives.** As Quakers, we seek to know and follow God's will for us as a gathered people, to speak the truth that is revealed to us, and to listen to the truth that is revealed to others.

We aspire to listen deeply and inclusively to each other, to actively welcome all, and to attend in joy and faith to the Inward Teacher, whom some call Light, some call Spirit, and some call Christ. **We will discern how to create a greater diversity of Friends in our worshiping community across nontheist, racial, ethnic and class barriers and how to welcome a wider variety of people.**

We aspire to teach and nourish Quaker ways of worship and service for this and future generations, to uphold and promote Quaker values and to support Friends Meetings in our region.

We seek to expand opportunities for Friends to meet together and know each other in that which is eternal.

We seek to serve others in love, to share our gifts and resources, to reach out to those in need, both friends and strangers, and to witness in the world to our shared experience of the infinite love of God.

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HOW TO SUBMIT NEWSLETTER ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please submit items for the calendar and brief descriptions of events by the 20th of the month.
- Susan W and Nicole S are the editors of the Annapolis Friends Newsletter. Please send any items for inclusion in the newsletter to annapolisfriendsmeeting@gmail.com. Please include the word "Newsletter" in the subject heading of your email
- 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!
- The AFM Announce (announce@annapolis.quaker.org) and Discuss (discuss@annapolis.quaker.org) E-Mail Lists are described on the AFM Information Web Page at <http://annapolis.quaker.org/information>

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