

ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS NEWSLETTER – MARCH 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
- North County mid-week meeting: First Tuesday (March 1) 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

MARCH 2: 7:30 p.m. Meditation Group

MARCH 3: 7 p.m. Climate Stewards

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

MARCH 9: 7:30 p.m. Meditation Group

MARCH 11: 12 p.m. Library Quaker Burial Ground Trustees

MARCH 12 & 13: BYM Interim Meeting, Langley Hill

MARCH 13: 8 a.m. Early Worship; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship; 12:30 p.m. Poetry Group 9 a.m. Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting

MARCH 16: 7:30 p.m. Meditation Group

MARCH 17: 7 p.m. Climate Stewards

MARCH 20: 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

MARCH 23: 7:30 p.m. Meditation Group

MARCH 27: 8 a.m. Early Worship; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship; 12:30 p.m. Potluck

MARCH 30: 7:30 p.m. Meditation Group

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 FIRST MONTH: MEETING FOR WORSHIP

Are love and harmony within the Meeting community fostered by a spirit of open sharing? Do you endeavor to widen your circle of friendships within the Meeting, seeking to know persons of all ages and at all stages of the spiritual journey? Does the Meeting provide for the spiritual refreshment of all members and attenders? Do Friends provide spiritual and practical care for the elderly, the lonely, and others with special needs?

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

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Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting – March 13th

Dear Friends - I hope that you will consider joining us for Quarterly Meeting on March 13th at Annapolis Friends Meeting. Quarterly Meeting is a great opportunity to connect with Friends from afar. I hope you can join us.

Please announce Quarterly Meeting at your Meetings. Attached is a flyer for the upcoming meeting and the approved minutes from our meeting on 9/27/15 at Gunpowder Meeting.

Schedule:

9:00 Welcome and snacks

9:30 Meeting for Worship with Attention To Business

Tentative Agenda (email ChesapeakeQM@gmail.com with suggested agenda items)

- Congregations Restoring Creation: 50,000 Actions Campaign

- Maryland Environmental Legislation: Update

- Maryland Alliance for Justice Reform: Legislative Update

- Reports from Monthly Meetings

11:00 Meeting for Worship

12:15 Luncheon

1:00 Program: Developing a Peace and Justice Center: Opportunities for Monthly Meetings

Annapolis Friends Meeting's Peace and Justice Center has born many fruits. In 2008, they hosted and facilitated international negotiations between Israeli and Palestinian delegations which resulted in the Water Rights Agreement for the Geneva Initiative. Recent activities led to the formation of the Climate Stewards of Greater Annapolis Working Group, work on prison reform that led to the creation of Maryland Alliance for Justice Reform, and ongoing support for the Alternatives to Violence Project training in prisons and communities. Annapolis Friends will share thoughts on: *Why have a Peace & Justice Center when there are already Peace & Social Concerns Committees? How to get one started? Who follows it through? What are the opportunities such an undertaking can provide?*

Children's First Day School and childcare provided. Please let us know the number and ages of children attending by Friday 3/4/16 @ ChesapeakeQM@gmail.com.

Important Note: Remember that 3/13 is the beginning of Daylight's Saving Time....so we will be springing forward that day!

In Light and Love,

Sarah B

Clerk, Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting

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The aim of Quaker worship is that our words and our lives speak divine truth and love. Doug Gwyn, A Sustainable Life, 2014

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Meditation Study Group – Wednesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 7:30 p.m.

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

Thinking About Race (March 2016)

Another "Hard Look at How We See Race"

This anecdote is from Jennifer Eberhardt, PhD, a professor at Stanford University (and an African-American), whose specialty is research on bias. It appears in "A Hard Look at How We See Race," by Sam Scott, published in Utne Reader, Winter 2015, originally published in the September/October 2015 issue of Stanford Magazine <http://www.utne.com/politics/social-psychology-racial-disparity-zm0z15wzdeh.aspx?PageId=8#ArticleContent>

"Eight years ago, she was flying back to California from Harvard, where her husband was teaching winter term, when the middle of their three sons pointed out a man he said looked like his dad.

"Eberhardt was bemused. The stranger was probably the only black male on the plane, but he was crowned with long dreadlocks, not exactly a ringer for her decidedly bald husband. But before she could quiz him for the connection, the 5-year-old added, 'I hope he doesn't rob the plane.'

"Even with her vast knowledge of the insidiousness of bias, Eberhardt was floored. Her son grew up in one of the most educated areas in the country, watched little television and hardly seemed to notice race. And yet he had connected blackness and crime and his father, the parent he was probably closer to at the time.

"'He didn't know why he said it. And he didn't know why he thought it,' she says. 'But at 5, you already have what you need, to come to that conclusion.'"

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 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Locations vary to allow access to more Friends. If you would like to attend, on a regular or a drop-in basis, contact clerk David Etheridge, david.etheridge@verizon.net.

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William Penn House Potluck – March 6, 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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Quaker Causes: Friends Wilderness Center An Annapolis Friends' Meeting "Quaker Cause" by Suzanne C

The Friends Wilderness Center (FWC) was founded in 1974 as a non-profit Quaker spiritual sanctuary. It is a place of peace and tranquility where the sights and sounds of nature offer relaxation and renewal. FWC is a rustic 1400 acre environment in Jefferson County, WV on the Rolling Ridge Foundation property, land acquired and bequeathed as a wilderness preserve by a Quaker couple, Henry and Mary Cushing Niles. Under the auspices of BYM, FWC compliments the BYM camp facilities, offering the wider community a wilderness environment for spiritual retreat and multi-generational experiences. Various accommodations are available including Bed & Breakfast lodging in the original Niles cabin. FWC relies on donations from individuals and monthly meetings to sustain and preserve this unique Quaker resource for all who seek the Light in the solitude of nature. The annual budget is extremely modest, but funding frequently falls short jeopardizing the ability to ensure that Quaker philosophies and values. This is special sanctuary for the Peace and Social Concerns Committee to support.

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**ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS MONTHLY MEETING (AFM)
MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS (MFB)
SEVENTH DAY OF THE SECOND MONTH, 2016**

Present were: Wes J. (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 Friend 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 Friend 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.

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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

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