

ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS NEWSLETTER – JUNE 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 (June 7) 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

JUNE 1: 7:30 p.m. Meditation Group
JUNE 4: 2 p.m. Deconstructing Racism
JUNE 5: 9 a.m. Meeting For Business; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship; 6:30 p.m. William Penn House Potluck
JUNE 7: 7 p.m. Peace & Justice Center
JUNE 8: 7:30 p.m. Meditation Group
JUNE 10: 12 p.m. Library Quaker Burial Ground Trustees
JUNE 12: 8 a.m. Early Worship; 9:15 a.m. Meeting for Learning; 9:30 a.m. Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting, Patapsco; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship; 12:30 p.m. Poetry Group
JUNE 15: 7:30 p.m. Meditation Group
JUNE 16: 7 p.m. Climate Stewards
JUNE 17-19: Dayspring Silent Retreat
JUNE 19: 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
JUNE 20: Deadline for Newsletter Submissions
JUNE 21: 7 p.m. General Body Meeting
JUNE 22: 7:30 p.m. Meditation Group
JUNE 23: 7 p.m. Climate Stewards
JUNE 26: 8 a.m. Early Worship; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship; 12:30 p.m. MPRm Potluck
JUNE 29: 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 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?

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

[Deconstructing Racism \(June 4\)](#)

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[Meditation Study Group \(June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29\)](#)

[Meetings for Learning \(June 12, 26\)](#)

[Organizing for Climate Justice at Pendle Hill \(June 16-19\)](#)
[Dayspring Silent Retreat \(June 17-19\)](#)
[Meeting for Business Minutes April 2016](#)
[Guidelines for Submission to this Newsletter](#)

Meditation Study Group – Wednesdays, June 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

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

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Deconstructing Racism Discussion Group - June 4th, 2-4 p.m.

Dear Friends,

The next deconstructing racism discussion will be Saturday, 6/4, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM in the meetinghouse library. The group is under the care of AFM Ministry and Worship Committee.

Friends gather every one or two 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.

We support each other as we seek and learn. We always welcome newcomers.

In peace, Jean

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Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build – Saturday, June 5th

Dear Friends,

On Sunday June 5, Habitat for Humanity Chesapeake will hold a volunteer day that aims to draw together members of many diverse faith traditions for a day of service at a Habitat work site.

The hours are 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. It's tentatively scheduled for McCabe Avenue in Baltimore, where Habitat owns 25 houses and is working on a project to revitalize the entire neighborhood, but it's possible the construction schedule at McCabe may dictate a switch to a different site.

The site can accommodate 12 volunteers and there are still places available. I'm working in Philadelphia that weekend and can't make it but I strongly recommend the experience. This is the first local Interfaith Build since at least 2010.

Registration is required. The person to get in touch with is Betsy Wilmerding at Habitat. Her email address is bwilmerding@habitat Chesapeake.org and her number is [443-296-5245](tel:443-296-5245).

Peace, Peter

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Thinking About Race – June 5th, 12:30 p.m.

THINKING ABOUT RACE (June 2016) – White Fragility

NOTE: the leader of the workshop described below will be speaking at the U-U Church of Annapolis on Sunday, June 5 at 12:30. Her topic there will be, "What Does It Mean To Be White?" The topic below will probably be a small part of her U-U presentation.

"White people in the U.S. live in the context of white supremacy. This context provides an insular, racially privileged social environment that builds our expectations for racial comfort while at the same time lowering our tolerance for racial stress. I term this lack of racial stamina 'White Fragility.'" White Fragility is a state in which even a minimal challenge to white entitlement and the white worldview becomes intolerable, triggering a range of defensive moves including argumentation, invalidation, silence, withdrawal and claims of being 'attacked' and not feeling 'safe.' These moves function to reinstate white racial equilibrium and maintain white supremacy. In so doing, our freedom is limited and the movement we need to create racial equity and justice is blocked. This workshop will provide an overview of white fragility and the perspectives and skills needed for white people to build their racial stamina and re-imagine more equitable and just norms and practices."

Description of a workshop offered at the White Privilege Conference (WPC17) by Robin DiAngelo. She holds a PhD in Multicultural Education, is Director of Equity for Sound Generations in King County/Seattle, Washington, and is a consultant and trainer. See more at:

<http://www.overcomingracism.org/resources/White-Fragility.pdf>. The WPC17 took place in Philadelphia, April 14-17, 2016. Eleven Quaker organizations were part of the 14-member Host Team, and five others were sponsors at various levels, including Baltimore Yearly Meeting. Friends General Conference had invited the WPC to Philadelphia. About a dozen people from BYM attended the conference, which had an attendance of 2500 people, 500 of whom were Quakers and 260 of whom were high school students.

This column is prepared by the BYM Working Group on Racism (WGR) and sent to the designated liaison 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 E., david.etheridge@verizon.net or Pat S., pat.schenck3227@gmail.com or 410-263-4529.

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Meetings for Learning – June 12th, 9:15-10:45 a.m.; June 26th, 9:15-10:45 a.m.

The Ministry and Worship Committee wishes to provide the following information on upcoming Meetings for Learning and Worship Sharing Session.

Over the past few months, several Friends have approached members of the Ministry and Worship Committee regarding sponsoring Meetings for Learning on the basics of Quakerism. This would be for both new attendees as well as for Friends who are seeking a review of the basic principles and practices of Quakers. The Ministry and Worship Committee has heard your requests and have developed the following schedule:

Quakerism 102 - Session 2

June 12, 2016 - 9:15 - 10:45 - Friend Joel R. will provide a Meeting for Learning on Holding Individuals in the Light, Vocal Ministry, Sense of the Meeting, Building Unity, and Silent Worship

Quakerism 102 - Session 3

June 26, 2016 - 9:15 - 1045 - Friend Leo P. will Lead a Meeting for Learning on Quaker Process and Threshing Sessions

Please note these topics are subject to changed based on feedback from Friends and suggestions for additional topics.

Thank you for your continued support of the Ministry and Worship Committee. Joel Rodkin, Clerk

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Organizing for Climate Justice at Pendle Hill - June 16-19, 2016

[Please join us June 16-19 for Powerful Faith-Based Organizing for Climate Justice at Pendle Hill.](#)

Pope Francis, the Dali Lama, and other religious leaders have increasingly proclaimed the moral urgency of addressing climate disruption. Rising to that call, people of faith are taking action– from community organizing to solarize neighborhoods, to lobbying state governments to forestall fracking, to engaging in a variety of nonviolent direct action campaigns. Skillful, strategic actions in these areas complement each other and strengthen the movement for climate justice.

[If you are ready to build your skills for faithful action on climate, please join us! Registrations made before May 2 will receive substantial savings.](#)

Beginning with multi-faith worship, we will use plenary sessions, workshops, and interest groups to deepen our capacity to work effectively with others in three skills tracks:

- lobbying and advocacy;
- constructive community resilience projects; and
- strategic nonviolent direct action campaigns.

Join other people of faith in building skills to achieve climate justice. [Register today.](#)

Please share this opportunity widely!

Hope to see you there,
Lina Blount
Communications and Outreach Coordinator
lblount@pendlehill.org

Pendle Hill is a Quaker study, retreat, and conference center.

Sign up for our monthly [e-newsletter](#) and visit our website to learn about our [adult education programs](#), including [Answering the Call to Radical Faithfulness](#), our new eight month online/on-campus program in spiritual activism and faith-based organizing.

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Dayspring Silent Retreat: June 17-19, 2016

Dear Friends: Dayspring's beauty, precious solitude and spiritual companionship await us at the end of the glorious season just now upon us. Registration form is pasted below. Please spread the information broadly among Friends. I hope you and others in your spiritual community can share in the blessings of this weekend retreat.

In peace, Jean Christianson

PS: Dayspring Retreat Center's website is www.dayspringretreat.org .

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DAYSPRING SILENT RETREAT: June 17 - 19, 2016

True silence ... is to the spirit what sleep is to the body: nourishment and refreshment. (Wm 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 Christianson

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

ARRIVAL: 3:30 -7:00 p.m. Friday. (Dinner at 7 p.m.) **DEPARTURE:** 2:00 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.

SCHEDULE

Friday:

3:30 -
7:00 Arrival
7:00 Dinner, Introductions, Orientation
8:30 Worship Sharing, Meeting for Worship

Saturday:

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

Sunday:

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

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 10th (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 Christianson at [410-544-1912](tel:410-544-1912) or e-mail jschristianson@gmail.com.

NEXT RETREAT: October 7 - 10, 2016

REGISTRATION

Make check for **\$220 payable to Dayspring Retreat Center** and give or mail to Jean Christianson, 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 10th. Checks will be deposited after the retreat.

Name(s): _____ Meeting: _____

Address: _____ Phone(s) _____

Email: _____

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[Here is reprinted a copy of the Minutes from last month’s Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. This was made possible because this meeting was held enough in advance of the publishing of the Newsletter that they could be included in last month’s Newsletter, along with the Minutes from the previous April MfB. This is not the normative condition. The June Meeting for Business will be held on June 5, so those Minutes will appear, as is usually the case, in next month’s Newsletter. Consequently, much of what is included here refers to events that have already happened, but are included for archival documentation]

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

Present were: Wes J. (clerk), Phil C. (recording clerk), George & Ruth C., Pat E., Jeanne W., Libby O., Barb T., Cairn K., Will C., Jennifer D.-M., Careen M., Mary B., Sue P., Jean C., Elise A., Bob B., Margaret H., Bill K., and Carol B.

Opening: We began with centering worship. Our clerk noted that, according to the internet, “there are at least 4,200 religions in the world which folks can join, so we’re glad you’re here.”

1. Miscellaneous Notices & Announcements:

Quaker Spring Market will be held Saturday, May 7 from 9 a.m.to 2 p.m. Friends, family and neighbors once again are invited to come and savor delicious food, buy spring plants, shop for flea market treasures, support Afghan Women’s Fund by purchasing handmade Afghan items, and to enjoy fellowship with members of AFM and broader communities.

Market proceeds will be divided as follows: the 1st \$100 will go to CREC and the children of our FDS program so that they can work through their own discernment process, and the remainder will be split among three causes: the Friends Peace Teams’ African Great Lakes Initiative for their peace work in Burundi; Germantown Elementary School’s Backpack Buddies Program for their work providing food for local children in need during the weekends when school breakfast and lunch programs are unavailable; and Little Pink Houses for their work promoting breast cancer recovery by providing free week-long beach retreats to breast cancer patients and their families. Friends also can support the Afghan’s Women’s Fund with purchases of handmade Afghan items.

Cairn passed a clipboard to recruit more volunteers for preparations (offering soup for those moving furniture today) including sorting, donating plants & baked goods, etc. On Market day, we will have representatives of at least two charities supported by the Market. She noted that, in 2015, Quaker markets raised over \$10,500, not including the Afghan fund, and urged Friends to keep up the great work!

Peace & Justice Center will meet Tuesday, 5/10, at 7 p.m. to continue our discussions as to immigration & refugees issues.

Deconstructing Racism, Saturday, 5/14, 2-4 p.m. will include discussion of AFM's Black Lives Matters initiative and how it may relate to our outreach on issues of racism.

As to other programs, Phil noted that Maryland Alliance for Justice Reform (www.ma4jr.org) held a well-attended meeting here last Thurs. & its next general meeting (location to be determined) will be 6/21. & Wes noted that other **Climate Stewards of Greater Annapolis (CSGAnnapolis.org)** meetings are pending & can be found on AFM's calendar or the group's webpage.

2. Treasurer's Report – Sue provided a written report (attached to these Minutes) and added the explanation that, at one-third way through the year, we have received about one-third of our rental income & one-third of our individual contributions. All seems on track, although there may be a little distortion as a few renters prepay at the first of the year & many individual contributors save their payments for year-end. Because our committee contingency & other reserve funds are healthy, committees should feel comfortable that we can afford our normal expenses.

3. BYM Statement and Diversity Vision – For Ministry & Worship (M&W), Joel provided a written report that M&W has sent comments to BYM on behalf of AFM. No further action is needed by MfB at this time.

4. Peace and Social Concerns Com. (PSC):

a) PSC recommends an Emergent Social Concerns donation to African Great Lakes Initiative (AGLI) for Friends Peace Teams (FPT) work in Burundi. Barb noted this fund, under PSC supervision, holds just under \$2,000 & has not been used much in the past year. She noted that the Market Committee has pointed out the request from FPT for their AGLI work for \$6,900; this amount is needed to implement (i) A four-day program of peace dialogues in face of violence erupting from Burundi leadership crisis and (ii) Trauma Healing ("healing and reconciliation of our communities"- HROC) workshops targeting the most troubled Bujumbura neighborhoods. (Pat noted that Mennonite Central Com. & Catholic Relief Services have recognized FPT as a valuable program & also may support it.)

Pat E., from her daughter-in-law's experience as a Burundi native with political asylum in the U.S., reports that since the long-running civil war & 1994 genocide —both Hutu and Tutsi—in Rwanda & Burundi caused the deaths of 1.2 million people in a year or two, regional conflicts & social chaos have continued on a low grade level. Burundi now is reported to be the poorest country in the world. In recent weeks, the violence has erupted again from wandering heavily-armed paramilitary gangs, although this is getting little world media attention.

In review, P&SC already has allocated & sent \$500 already to AGLI, the Market Committee also plans to donate 1/3 of our profits from Spring Market. PSC now requests \$500 more per Emergent Social Concerns Fund. Friends approved this request.

(b) FCNL's Request for Monthly Meetings to send their Priorities for 2017-19 (115th) Congress—As part of a biennial preparation for each new Congress, FCNL asks Friends for comments and suggestions as to updated priorities for what soon will be the 114th Congress in 2017.

AFM's PSC has suggested with two additions: 1) replacing opposition to war in Iraq with "any war" and 2) adding the concern embodied by the "Black Lives Matter" program. PSC requested Meeting's unity on this recommendation. Friends approved.

One Friend suggested that FCNL also should support reform & dialog as to Congress' procedural rules to avert partisan deadlock. Another suggested that FCNL should include indeterminate detention in Guantanamo, "extraordinary rendition" and drone attacks, subverting rights of due process. Friends approved resending AFM's amended suggestions to FCNL.

Barb noted with a table (inserted in these minutes) that, in the past two years, Annapolis Friends have been very active on issues identified by FCNL & have taken advantage of FCNL resources:

AFM
Environment: Climate Stewards of Annapolis
Phil Favero has created and led

FCNL (fcnl.org)
Jose Aguto, Sustainable Energy
& Environment, leads FCNL's

a region-wide effort for education and advocacy.

lobbying for bipartisan climate solutions.

Peace: Alternatives to Violence Project
Martha Baer leads AVP at MCI-J
All of us in our daily lives
Friends Peace Teams support

Kate Gould, Middle East Policy
David Culp, Nuclear Disarmament
Theo Sittler, Peacebuilding Policy
Genocide & Atrocities Prevention Act (S. 2551)

Justice & Human Potential:
MD Alliance for Justice Reform
Black Lives Matter initiatives
Refugee & Immigration issues

Allyson Neville, Prevention of
Violent Conflict; Yasmine Taeb,
Human Rights and Civil Liberties
Hannah Graf Evans, Immigration

c) Quaker Burying Grounds need for financial support—As an information item, AFM now has four representatives on the Galesville Quaker Burying Grounds Board: Phil C., Tim M., Connie P. and Jeanne W. Phil noted that AFM is the closest meeting to WRQBG & has a historic connection as the first yearly meetings there gave rise to BYM today. Because few burial plots remain to be sold, expenses now have exceeded income and the WRQBG endowment has been tapped in the past year. P&SC feels our contribution would better be through an annual Quaker Cause donation rather than an immediate Emergent Social Concerns Allocation. One Friend noted in past years that AFM donated \$500 per year; another suggested that WRQBG might be made a standing Quaker causes item or a restricted fund so that it does not lapse. One also suggested that WRQBG Trustees might send annual reminders to families of those buried & requests for donations; Phil accepted this suggestion but also explained that, due to aging of family contacts and people moving from the area, only a minority of families have viable contact information. After extensive discussion, Friends agreed to refer the matter to M&W for further discussion and possible recommendation to MfB, PSC or another appropriate committee.

5. Communications Survey – Discussion by Outreach of our AFM communications survey again was deferred for future consideration.

Closing: MfB closed with silent worship transitioning into MfW.

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

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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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