

ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 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. (but not in August)
- 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 (August 2) 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

AUGUST 1-7: BYM Annual Sessions in Frostburg

AUGUST 7: Meeting For Business (not this month); 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship; 6:30 p.m. William Penn House Potluck

AUGUST 8: 7 p.m. Planning Meeting for GAIN's October Interfaith Café

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

AUGUST 20: 2 p.m. Deconstructing Racism Working Group

AUGUST 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

AUGUST 28: 8 a.m. Early Worship; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship; 12:30 p.m. MPRm Potluck; 12:30 p.m. Poetry 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 EIGHTH 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)

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Deconstructing Racism: Saturday, August 13 from 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

Dear Friends,

The next deconstructing racism discussion will take place Saturday, 8/13, 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 month or 2 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, and discern our individual and collective leadings for furthering racial justice. We close in silent worship.

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

In peace, Jean

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Potluck Picnic & Swim – Sunday, August 21 after Meeting for Worship

The August Pot Luck will be held at the Ben Oaks Community Beach in Severna Park Picnic under trees and swim in an artisan water pond - lifeguard present and children play area. Bring a dish to share. Ben Oaks Community Beach is located on Severnside Drive in Severna Park 21146

Directions from Annapolis

Take Rt 50 west to Rt 97 north. Take exit #10 Millersville/Severna Park from Rt 97. Turn right before the light onto Veterans Hgwy and turn left at the light onto West Benfield Road. Right turn at Severnside Drive.(about a mile) Continue past pond and park on hill by picnic area Tel [442 784 7202](tel:442-784-7202)
Patty R.

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Joel Rodkin's Memorial Service: Saturday, September 10 at 2 p.m.

Joel's Memorial Service will be at 2:00 p.m. on September 10 at the Meeting House. A reception will follow.

Karen has asked whether there is anyone who could help her with audio recording the service. If anyone has expertise in this area, and equipment (or ideas of how to rent) please contact Karen at kpell851@comcast.net

I know we all continue to hold Karen, Joel's family and all who grieve in God's healing light,

Mary B. for Pastoral Care

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Habitat for Humanity Chesapeake Interfaith Build: Sunday, September 25, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

These are full work days designed to bring together people of many different faiths to work side by side. Lunch is provided. A construction crew will provide training and oversight.

If the either build is of interest, please let Betsy Wilmerding of Habitat Chesapeake know by email at bwilmerding@habitatchesapeake.org. She will mark people down on a first come, first serve basis, trying also to include as many different faiths as possible (tell her with AFM).

Habitat is asking that participants commit to the entire day because it's hard on construction staff to have people come late or leave early.

Peace, Peter
[410-647-2487](tel:410-647-2487)

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

Present were: Wes J. (clerk), Phil C. (recording clerk), Carol B., Martha O'H, Mary D., Martha B., Nan & Sky E., Mary B., Pat S., Tom W., Cairn K., Pat E., Janice W., Will and Margaret C., Careen M., Sue P., Jean C., Ruth C., Dot W., Bill K., Barb T., Elise A., Kim R., Marcia O., and Lee L.

Opening: We began with centering worship. Our clerks of Meeting and Pastoral Care invited us to extend this time, holding Joel Rodkin and Karen Pell in the Light as Joel enters hospice this week, keeping them with us in spirit. Friends also welcomed the news that George Casey is home after his hospital stay.

- 1) **A review of July events and calendar items** –
Recurring - 8am - early morning worship is held on the 2nd, 4th and, if applicable, 5th First Days;
7/3-6:30 p.m. -William Penn House potluck;
7/9 -2pm –Deconstructing Racism workgroup;
7/10 - 9:15am - Meeting for Learning,
-12:30pm AFM clerks meeting;
7/12 -7pm - P&JC meeting;
7/17- 9:30 am - committee meetings, 12:30 Poetry Group meeting, newsletter items due; and
7/24- potluck after MfW.

Friends are encouraged to provide timely updates & changes to the AFM calendar & newsletter!

2) **Synopsis of Meeting for Learning** – Wes reviewed a summary (attached) of our Meeting for Learning on 7/26/16 that focused on the workings of Friends Meeting for Business process.

3) **Market Wrap and Lessons Learned** – For Market Committee, Cairn reported: “Another successful Quaker Spring Market took place here on 7 May 2016. We welcomed 218 non AFM-shoppers, plus many from our AFM community. Proceeds from Spring Market 2016 totaled \$5,807.80. Of those funds, the first \$100 went to our First Day School for the children’s charity discernment process with \$1,902.60 to each of the following causes: Friends Peace Teams (AGLI) for their peace work in Burundi; Germantown Elementary School’s Backpack Buddies Program for food backpacks to children in need; and Little Pink Houses of Hope

for breast cancer recovery via free beach retreat weeks for patients and their families. In addition to support for these causes, we were happy to support Afghan Women's Fund (AWF) and its director, our dear friend Fahima Vorgetts Gaheez, by providing a sales venue."

Friends thank to Cairn and other Friends whose volunteer work made all this possible!

Cairn added, "Mark your calendars for Holiday Market on 3 December, and its prequel, a benefit concert from our own renowned Scottish vocalist, Katrine Anderson, to be held on 5 November. Many thanks to Katrine! We hope all can attend. If you have special vintage items you would like to donate to Quaker Market, please let us know, since a knowledgeable friend of the AFM community is helping us to sell these items online. No need to wait until December as these items can be marketed any time."

4) **Ministry & Worship (M&W)**— Martha O., act as Interim Clerk in Joel's absence, offered three reports: **Early worship:** "After consideration of the request of several Friends, M&W concurs that Early Worship, at 8-9 am (increased in recent years to 2nd, 4th, and 5th First Days), should be embraced and protected by all Friends. We would like our Early Worship noted in all current AFM publicity [including but not limited to signage on the street, in the lobby, and notices online and in Friends Journal], plus outreach notices. Additionally, we implore Friends to protect the sacred silence of the Early Worship Meeting by maintaining quiet in the lobby, kitchen and hallway until the close of this Meeting for Worship.

"[M&W will] meet with Friends Carol and Dot to learn how else we may best support and embrace the Early Morning Worship. We ask Friends to consider the need to come to a formal agreement that there are these two sacred meeting times and appropriate procedures should publicize it and protect its Sacred Silence."

In discussion, Friends approved these recommendations and agreed to continue our considerations of: whether there are more good ways to increase awareness of Early Meeting, whether we should have an electronic sign on Dubois Road, whether to expand Early Meeting sessions to weekly, and how to help Friends at early and later MfW stay in contact and feel part of the same community.

As to vocal ministry, Martha reported that M&W has considered issues of vocal ministry and eldering in relation to Meeting for Worship. We will have a Meeting for Learning on this topic on July 24, 2016. In the meantime, M&W offers this draft minute for discussion:

"Meeting for Worship and vocal ministry are the responsibility of the Ministry and Worship Committee. Since it is our practice that a member of Ministry and Worship serving as greeter, or the Clerk of our Meeting, close MfW, we suggest that either our Clerk of Meeting, or members of Ministry and Worship, should solely responsible for any eldering during worship. But we raise this concept for further discussion by MfB.

"If you feel a particular message is burdensome, secular or too long, please remember that it may indeed speak to another Friend's condition. At the same time, as a speaker, please remember that concise, seasoned messages are easier to understand.

"In any case, if you find yourself unable to listen to a message, please feel free to slip out of the meeting room for a few minutes, or simply to stand silently, and, later, bring your concern to the Ministry and Worship Committee. In this, and in all things, please let us all strive to be tender to one another as we seek Light together."

In discussion, one Friend suggested that the word "solely" might better be "primarily." Other traditional means of eldering, we recognize, may include speaking with the attender after meeting, inviting him or her to attend a Meeting for Learning, etc. Friends recognized this is a "first reading" of the proposed minute, and M&W will continue its consideration of this issue. Friends are encouraged to email other suggestions to Martha.

Announcements: M &W has been asked to reconsider how we make announcements at the rise of Meeting for Worship. The announcements and clipboard processes sometimes add another 30 minutes to the meeting and, some feel, not efficient. We encourage Friends to suggest new formats for streamlining the announcement and clipboard process.

5) There will be **no Meeting for Business in August** as many Friends will attend Baltimore Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions in Frederick at that time.

Closing: MfB closed with silent worship transitioning into MfW.
Respectfully submitted, Wes Jordan, Clerk, and Phil C., Recording Clerk.

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DC Detention Visitation Network Training

Friends

There may be an opportunity to have Erin from DC Detention Visitation Network do a training session at AFM for visiting refugees being detained in MD. Training is 1 1/2 hours.

What is DC Detention Visitation Network?

It is an organization that recruits and schedules visitations of refugees who are being held in either Jessup(Tues or Sat nights) or Snow hill(Last Friday of the month) prisons.

What does a visitor do?

They visit as a friend. They do not attempt to do anything about the refugee's situation. they give a break to the day listening to whatever the person needs to talk about. Anything that is discussed of course is confidential.

How do you get there?

Transportation is provided. When I went to Snow Hill I met them at the shopping center just before the bay bridge.

I have only had one visit. I talked with 3 different men for 1/2 hour each. I plan to continue this for a while. It seems a small thing to do but I think it helps these folks who feel forgotten. They have no idea when they will get out or when they might have a hearing.

If you feel this is something you might like to do contact me and we will try to arrange a training in the fall.

Nan

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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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