

ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2017

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 from 7 to 8 p.m., at 7627 Locust Grove Road, Glen Burnie. Call 410-439-2319 for more information.
- NOTE: The deadline for submitting newsletter items is end of day the Monday after Meeting for Business. Please include the word "Newsletter" in your subject line. (All committees and their reps, and all F/friends with leadings are welcome to submit items for inclusion).

MEETING CALENDAR

JUNE 6: 7-8pm North County Mid-Week Meeting

JUNE 7: 7:30-9pm Meditation Group

JUNE 9: 12-1:30pm Quarterly Meeting Quaker Burial Ground Trustees

JUNE 10: 2-4pm Working Group on Deconstructing Racism

JUNE 11: 8-9am Early Worship; 9-10:45am MFL Sacred Chant and Dance; 11am-12pm Meeting for Worship; 12:30-2pm Poets and Writers' Gathering

JUNE 13: 1-2:30pm Conversational Intelligence Book Discussion; 7-9pm Green Team Meeting

JUNE 14: 7-9pm MAJR Executive Council

JUNE 15: 7-9pm CSGA/GAIN/MCC Speakers Series: Climate Change Policy - Advocating from a Faith Perspective

JUNE 17: BYM Interim Meeting at Gunpowder Friends Meeting

JUNE 18: 9:15-10:45am Most Committees Meet; 11am-12pm Meeting for Worship; 12:30-1:30pm Committees: CREC

JUNE 22: 7-9pm Climate Stewards of Greater Annapolis Business Meeting

JUNE 23: 7-9pm CSGA Movie Night - "From the Ashes"

JUNE 25: 8-9am Early Worship; 9:15-10:45 MFL Green Team; 11am-12pm Meeting for Worship; 12:30-1:30 Potluck

JUNE 30-JULY 2: Dayspring Silent Retreat

JULY 2: 9-10:45 Meeting for Business; 11am-12pm Meeting for Worship; 6:30-8:30 William Penn House Potluck

JULY 3: 9pm Newsletter Items Due

JULY 4: 7-8pm North County Mid-Week Meeting

JULY 8: 2-4pm Working Group on Deconstructing Racism

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 THE SIXTH MONTH: *The Meeting Community*

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?

(See: [Statement on Spiritual Unity, 1964](#); [The Meeting as Caring Community](#); [Fellowship and Community](#))

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

[Meetings for Learning](#)

[Dayspring Silent Retreat](#)

[Meeting For Business Minutes June 2017](#)

[Guidelines for Submission to this Newsletter \(Changes as of March 2017!\)](#)

Meetings for Learning:

Generally 2nd and 4th First-Days

June 11th Sacred Dance and Chant "Playshop" Sylvia O. with special guest Michael Mansfield

Meeting for Learning will be a workshop (or "playshop") to learn Sacred Circle Dance & Chant. We are very fortunate to have a gifted professional, Michael Mansfield, who teaches in Berkeley, California to lead us. Note that this event will begin at 9:00 am in the multipurpose room. All are most welcome! Bring your children. Bring your friends who might be interested. It will be an enjoyable and enriching spiritual practice. Sponsored by Sylvia O. and free of charge. *also see attached flyer*

June 25th The Green Team

[Back to top](#)

DAYSPRING SILENT RETREAT: June 30 – July 2, 2017

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

**Annapolis Friends Monthly Meeting (AFM)
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MfB)
Sixth Month, Fourth Day, 2017**

Present (38) were: Wes J. (clerk), Phil C. (recording clerk), Jack L., Pat S., Nan & Sky E., Jeremy B., Cecile T., Julie R., Jennifer D-M., Mary B., Francis W., Barb T., Amy N., Ellen M., Wade L., Minette C-S., Will & Margaret C., Ann R., Cairn K., Martha B., Sheryl G., Bill K., Kim F., Sue P., Jean C., Peter M., Jackie P., Ruth S., Tom W., Marcia O., Lee L., Mardy B., Mary D., Lynada J., Carol B., and Cindy B.

Opening: We began with centering worship. Our clerk invited Friends to consider a quote from Baltimore Yearly Meeting (BYM) Faith & Practice (2013 draft edition) as to the interplay between the letter and the spirit of what Friends do.

1. Meeting activities in the past month were reviewed including Spring Market, hosting of the BYM working group on racism, threshings on the BYM's diversity survey & discussion of AFM's Black Lives Matter banner & racial concerns, Julie Harlow's report from Friends House in Moscow, and a BYM Meeting Clerks' retreat in Charlottesville.

2. Upcoming calendar items and notes: (All locations are at Annapolis Friends Meeting House unless otherwise indicated. For more details, see Announce List email.)

- 2nd/4th/(5th) Sun 8 am - early Meeting for Worship (MfW);
- 6/6- Midweek worship in North County
- 6/7, 7:30pm Meditation Group (NOTE: the group will take summer off after this until Sept.);
- 6/10, 2-4 p.m., Memorial Service for Beth Vernon
- 6/10, Deconstructing Racism,
- 6/11, 9 a.m., Meeting for Learning (MfL) on Sacred Dance; 12:30 Poets & Writers Gathering,
- 6/13, 7 p.m. Green Team meeting
- 6/15, 22 & 23, Climate Stewards of Greater Annapolis (CSGA) programs,
- 7/2, BYM Silent Retreat at Dayspring

Discussing notices from Baltimore Yearly Meeting (BYM), one Friend noted that we should not see BYM as "them," but as "us."

3. We also asked Meeting Clerks to plan for another AFM Clerks' Meeting, perhaps, after MfW on 7/30. (He will take an informal survey to confirm availability for this or another date.) He also previewed for Friends that, due to the overlap of BYM annual sessions, we will not have MfB during August.

Relating to AFM's committee process, Wes also discussed his concern that ad hoc committees such as the "Green Team" should have the opportunity of oversight from a standing committee. In this instance, he expressed appreciation that Peace & Social Concerns Committee has agreed to exercise oversight for the Green Team.

4. Scheduling issues:

a) Our Clerk raised the question of AFM's scheduling and process in relation to our monthly potlucks, as well as how "permission" is arranged for presentations during potluck. He added, which committee is in charge? Friends suggested reasons to move potluck back to MfB First Day, such as: a) making it easier for Friends to recall which day it is; b) avoiding conflicts with major holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas that occur later in the month; and c) easing scheduling for our Building Use Coordinator (BUC). Other Friends commented that we now have "long days" on most weeks. After this discussion, Friends agreed to re-schedule Potlucks back to First First Days, effective with Meeting for Business on 9/3/17; Meeting also agreed to refer oversight of Potluck to the Hospitality subcommittee of Meeting House and Land (MHL).

b) Early worship scheduling: Carol B. asked if there is a committee to offer oversight of Early Worship scheduling and related concerns. Ministry & Worship (M&W) agreed to do this.

c) Concerns as to MfB scheduling also will be referred to M&W and any recommendations will be returned to MfB in due course.

5. Ministry & Worship Committee: Tom W. reported various items including:

a) The plan that Meeting hymn-singing will be laid down until September.

b) M&W has recommended the membership of Francis W. in AFM. Friends joyfully approved. Francis thanked Friends for sharing his spiritual journey and looks forward to more exploits as a "Quaker monk."

c) Tom also happily reported nine other, new applications for membership all with Clearness Committees pending or in progress.

d) He also related M&W's recommendation that oversight of Ann R.'s healthcare chaplaincy should be moved from Chapel Hill Meeting to Annapolis Meeting. Friends heard some information about the nature of her chaplaincy and joyfully affirmed this transfer.

6. BYM Meeting Statistics (Diversity) Survey Threshing: As planned at our last Meeting for Business, Wes reported, about a dozen Friends met on 5/23/17 for a threshing session to further consider the Meeting Statistics Survey requested of us by the BYM Outreach and Inclusion Committee. The threshing sought more fully to consider the request and to see if we could come to a path toward unity among AFM Friends. After about two hours discussion, including review of a Survey Monkey online survey used by Friends Meeting of Washington (FMW) & careful consideration of a supporting missive from Dyresha Harris (Clerk of the BYM Outreach and Inclusion Committee), the threshing group agreed to present the following proposal to MfB:

The group proposed that AFM should offer a very simple online Survey, similar to FMW's, seeking responses as to ages, racial identities, and welcoming qualities of Meeting as filled out by members and attenders for their families. It could easily be completed in just a few minutes with anonymous responses allowed if desired. A paper version also could be prepared for those not online. Those who would choose not to respond would be free to (not) do just that.

Two benefits could be accomplished by this plan. First, we could respond affirmatively to the BYM request for our meeting data. More importantly, the group suggested, it could provide AFM with an inreach opportunity to further examine our meeting self-identity about which we can only generalize now without this kind of self-examination.

After further MfB discussion, Friends approved AFM's participation in the BYM diversity survey as recommended by the threshing results with our Recorder being supported by an ad hoc committee to accomplish this.

7. AFM's Black Lives Matter (BLM) Banner threshing session: We agreed to defer this topic until next MfB.

Closing: Due to shortness of time, the form of the final segment of these minutes was deferred to discretion of the Clerk and Recording Clerk. MfB closed with silent worship, transitioning into MfW.

[Back to Top](#)

HOW TO SUBMIT

NEWSLETTER ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Items in RED are new information as of March 2017

- Please submit items for the calendar and brief descriptions of events **by end of day the Monday after Meeting for Business.**
- Susan W is the editor of the Annapolis Friends Newsletter. Please send any items for inclusion in the newsletter to her at 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>~~
- The Announce and Discuss Email Lists have been replaced with AFMAnnounce at GoogleGroups. Please email announcements to afm-announce@googlegroups.com. If you need to be added to the GoogleGroup, please email Doug at afmeeting34@gmail.com or send a request to join by visiting <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/afm-announce>

CONTACT INFORMATION

ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS MEETING

Address: 351 DuBois Road, Annapolis, MD 21401

Telephone: 410-573-0364

Website: www.quaker.org/annapolis

Clerk: Wes J (wesjordan@comcast.net)

Building Use Coordinator: Carol B (afm.meetinghouse@gmail.com or 410-353-7400)

Newsletter Editor: Susan W (annapolisfriendsmeeting@gmail.com)

[Back to Top](#)