

ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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Meetings for Worship:

Annapolis Friends Meeting House
351 DuBois Road, Annapolis, Md. 21401
First Days, 11:00 A.M.

First Day School for children

11:15 A.M. (join meeting for worship from 11:00-11:15)
SUMMER BREAK STARTS 6/13. (See article p.4)

Nursery care for our youngest

11:00 A.M.

Meetings for Worship with a

Concern for Business:

1st First Day of month at 9:00 A.M.

Adult religious education:

As noted in calendar below

JUNE 2010 CALENDAR

06	(1)	9:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
		11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship followed by potluck
<i>07</i>				<i>Meeting provides Lighthouse Shelter Supper (See pg. 3)</i>
13	(2)	8:00 A.M.	-	Early Meeting for Worship
		9:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Learning - Friends Religious and Social Testimonies (See page 5.)
		11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship
20	(3)	9:00 A.M.	-	Committee Meetings
		11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship
27	(4)	8:00 A.M.	-	Early Meeting for Worship
		9:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Learning-Intro. to Quakerism (See pg.5)
		11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship
		9:00 P.M.	-	Newsletter items due: please email!

Care of the Meeting House for Sixth Month: Outreach

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?

Faith & Practice, p.39.

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MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS MINUTES - SECOND DAY OF FIFTH MONTH, 2010

Present were: Barbara Thomas (Clerk), Marcia Ormsby (Recording Clerk), and 28 other Friends and attenders. Our Meeting began with centering worship.

Steward and Finance Committee - Mary K. reporting: Considering the \$10,525 surplus reported last month, we reviewed the needs of Ann Riggs' extended ministry in Kenya. We reached a clear sense of the called to send that final portion of surplus \$925 to the AFSC Humanitarian Relief Efforts. It also was recommended that a fund raising effort be initiated through the Stewardship and Finance Committee, the formerly called adhoc committee with Patricia Robinson clerking. Appreciation was noted for the Stewardship & Finance Committee, readdressing this portion of the surplus.

Ministry and Worship Committee- Elise A. reporting: Our committee has joyfully accepted a membership request from Victoria Jaen and formed a clearness committee to support her process. It was recommended that the budget information for the Meeting, be included as information to be considered during her committee for membership.

Worship Sharing was conducted by our Clerk: The question of whether we should begin planning to improve or expand our Meetinghouse was asked through the following queries: What creature comforts (e.g. expanded facilities for Meetinghouse) do we need to fulfill our leadings in our Meeting and community? Is it time to engage an architect to develop a building plan (with range from minimal to visionary) to inform our community discernment? How might we form an oversight committee to shape and recommend next steps?

A worship sharing was heard and recorded. Conclusion: No sense of the Meeting was reached but searching for options and plans may be reasonable. Perhaps our Growing and Greening sub-committee could collect some options for us to continue to consider. Expending funds for these projects would need to come before business meeting for prior approval.

Closing Worship: These minutes were read and approved during Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. Meeting closed with silent worship.

Respectfully Submitted, Barbara Thomas, Clerk & Marcia V. Ormsby, Recording Clerk Clerk. (*Minor editing is made to this AFM newsletter edition.*)

CHESAPEAKE QUARTERLY MEETING TO BE HELD JUNE 13

Gunpowder Meeting in Sparks, Maryland hosts the next Quarterly Meeting on June 13 and cordially invites Friends to attend. The special topic for presentation and discussion will be Right Sharing of World Resources.

The featured speakers have traveled together on behalf of RSWR. Their presentations promise to be interesting and enlightening. So do join us!!!

To help the Friends at Gunpowder estimate correctly for the catered lunch, contact Steve Rives, Clerk, srrives@comcast.net or 410-472-4077, with the number of adults and the ages of children from your family who plan to attend.

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HOW TO SUBMIT NEWSLETTER ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – PLEASE NOTE NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR & EMAIL ADDRESS

- Please submit items for the calendar and brief descriptions of events by the deadline listed above in the calendar. Phil Caroom is the new editor of the Annapolis Friends Newsletter. Please send any items for inclusion in the newsletter to him at annapolisfriendsmeeting@gmail.com
- 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!

Announce List: announce@annapolis.quaker.org

Discuss List: discuss@annapolis.quaker.org

LIGHTHOUSE SHELTER, ANCHOR HOUSE SHELTER, AND PANTRY

AFM provides the shelter meal each first Monday of each month (June 7th this month). Peter Meredith (410-647-2487) and Marcia Ormsby (410-280-5025) serve as our schedulers to identify Friends to coordinate monthly meals.

URGENT REQUEST FOR PANTY SUPPLIES! STOCKS ARE VERY LOW

Due to the recession, homeless and unemployed families need for food and other supplies from the Lighthouse pantries has more than doubled in recent months, while contributions have fallen substantially. As a result, the cupboards soon will be bare unless Lighthouse supporters can respond to this challenge. Please give what you can. **Items may be placed in (or next to) the container in the lobby of the Meeting House.** Some needs include:

FOOD ITEMS: *For immediate individual use, single-size servings and smaller cans of food are welcome.*

This allows us to bag a greater variety of different foods and to keep the pantry bags as portable and easy to carry as possible for those who must walk with them home. Please wrap all donations individually (e.g. bagels, breads, etc.) so they are ready to be handed out to individuals & families.

For nonperishable supplies items in cans/jars/boxes, we welcome:

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| * Applesauce | * Baked beans | * Cornbread & muffin mix |
| * Crackers | * Gravy | * Hamburger / Tuna Helper |
| * Instant oatmeal / Oatmeal | * Jell-O | * Jelly |
| * Macaroni 'n' cheese | * Mayo. (small jars OK) | * Pancake mix |
| * RavioliOs/SpaghettiOs | * Syrup | * Assorted vegetables |
| * Canned meat: chili -hash- stew | * Cereal | * Coffee / Hot cocoa / Tea |
| * Corn | * Fruit | * Fruit Juice |
| * Green beans | * Pasta (macaroni,, etc) | * Peanut Butter |
| * Potatoes | * Rice | * Soup |
| * Spaghetti noodles | * Spaghetti sauce | * Tuna |

As to fresh items, volunteers also now are available to serve freshly-made meals to visitors looking for a hot meal at lunchtime several days each week. Meals are prepared whenever fresh meats and produce is available. Please consider donating any of the following :

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| * Fresh fruits | * Fresh vegetables | * Fresh or frozen meats |
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NONFOOD ITEMS:

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| * Paper cups and lids (for hot soup at lunch) | * Plastic spoons (for hot soup at lunch) |
| * Take-out containers (to give out donated food and leftovers) | * Aluminum foil |
| * Clear plastic wrap | * Clorox sanitizing wipes |
| * Contractor / heavy duty trash bags | * Freezer / storage bags (gallon & sandwich size) |
| * Paper plates | * Paper towels |
| * Toilet paper | * Dishwasher detergent |
| * Cleansers (all types) | * Bleach & dryer sheets |
| * Deodorant | * Hand sanitizer |
| * Socks & underwear (cotton - ladies' and men's) | * Toothpaste |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! For more information please contact : Michele Marshall 410/349-5056 ext14 or marshall@annapolislighthouse.org

LIBRARY CORNER: :-) **Still open for business as we are reorganizing :-)**

PLEASE look through your book shelves for books that you borrowed from AFM while you are cleaning, or looking for items for Quaker market. There are some that have been checked out since last May. Other Friends would like to use them so please return them to the box under the counter so they may be recirculated. The Library committee thanks you. For questions, please contact Nan Elsbree.

This Month's Book Review:

**A BEACH BLANKET BOOK THAT WILL MAKE YOU THINK ABOUT RELIGION! :
*TILL WE HAVE FACES (FICTION) - C.S. LEWIS***

In 1956, the same year C.S. Lewis published the last volume of the *Narnia* series, he also published his final and, reportedly, his own favorite novel *Till We Have Faces*.

Faces retells the myth of Cupid and the human beauty Psyche in the setting of a pre-historic Greece when the goddess Aphrodite still is a shapeless stone to which human sacrifices are offered. It is told in the compelling first-person voice of one of the princess Psyche's sisters, who unlike her perfect sibling, is so ugly that she wears a veil at all times to avoid others' disgust.

While this scenario may sound awkward, C.S. Lewis does a masterful job of giving his characters true-to-life motives and personalities. Their goals and "gods" may differ from our own, but their desires and need for spiritual understanding clearly speak to us.

I recommend the book if you a) like C.S. Lewis, b) ever were interested in mythology, and/or c) like a good story and can put up with some allegories and archaic sounding names. - Submitted by Phil C.

SUMMER BREAK ARRIVES FOR FIRST DAY SCHOOL

This summer we will be take a break from regular First Day School classes, beginning June 13 and continuing through August 22. **But, nursery care will continue as usual during the summer!**

During this time, we extend a warm invitation for children to attend some or all meeting for worship with their parents. Parents also may choose to spend some time with their children in the classroom or the Family Play Area. As a summer project, Phil Caroom also will invite children (& parents & anyone else interested) to spend a part of occasional First Day mornings improving our nature trail.

Phil say, to participate, children need to be able, at least, to maintain attention for about _ hour and to carry light objects – wood stakes, etc. They should wear shoes more sturdy than sandals or flip-flops to avoid poison ivy trouble. We will provide bug-spray and kid-sized work gloves. We will begin work on steps to climb the hillside towards the Unitarian's nature trail.) Parents should contact Phil at least a week in advance, so that supplies can be readied.

When First Day School resumes on August 29, we will have our usual organization of school supplies for Philadelphia during First Day School , followed by the swim-party potluck at Tricia Robinson's.

Questions? Please contact Cairn Krafft (cairnkrafft@comcast.net), Mardy Burgess (Mardypb@comcast.net) or for trail work, Phil Caroom (pcaroom@gmail.com).

Nursery Caretakers Needed: Spending time with our youngest Annapolis Friends is a joy that we invite you to share. You get to play, read to the kids, play again, tell stories, play more and have a snack! If you forgot how to play, the kids will remind you. Please consider volunteering in our nursery and contact Sylvia O. at soliva@erols.com.

ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE PROJECT UPDATE

Currently, some 40 community members have taken between 20 and 60 hours of Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) training. We have about 10 new facilitators ready to launch as hoped-for requests begin to arrive.

Our lead facilitator, Kit Hanley, along with members of Annapolis Friends Peace and Justice Center, has brought the expertise, quality, energy and focus enabling AVP to seed itself throughout our community. We have introduced this fun and engaging way of learning skills to manage conflict to numerous government, civil society and church-related groups in Annapolis. We believe the seeds will grow and that we are just beginning.

Next training dates for the Basic AVP:

June 11-13: Fri 6-9pm; St 9:30-6:30; Sn 12:30-7:30

June 21-23: Mon, Ts & Wed: 9:30am-4pm

Site: Annapolis Friends Meeting, 351 DuBois, Annapolis 21401

For more information, contact Barb Thomas at , bthomas60@gmail.com 410-867-2473.

Learn More: www.avpusa.org or www.avpinternational.org. Sponsored by: Annapolis Friends Peace and Justice Center Co-sponsors: Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Human Relations Commissions, and Light of the World Family Ministries Church .

MORE QUAKER CALENDAR ITEMS FOR JUNE

June 13- 9 a.m.: *Meeting for Learning on Quaker Religious and Social Testimonies:* Continuing for a second session. All are welcome!

We will consider the Quaker "religious testimonies" of (i) Direct communion with God, (ii) All of Life is Sacramental and (iii) Continuing Revelation and how they may express themselves in our "social testimonies" of Simplicity, Peace, Integrity, Community, Equality, and Earth Stewardship. (SPICES). Come and explore with Friends.

June 27: 9:00 a.m. : *Meeting for Learning on Introduction to Quakers.* Outreach Committee is offering this session, particularly for newer attenders who may have questions about Quaker faith and practices.

We expect to be guided by participants' interests, but will be prepared to address topics such as: unprogrammed worship, vocal ministry, worship sharing, testimonies, committee work, organizational structure, Meeting for Business process, roots and branches of modern Quakerism, and membership.

A Baltimore Yearly Meeting preview:

Thinking about race

At this summer's Annual Session of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, the opening speaker on Tuesday evening, August 3, will be Maurice Jackson, author of **Let This Voice Be Heard – Anthony Benezet, Father of Atlantic Abolitionism**, published in 2009. This is a wonderful opportunity for Friends to learn more about this influential Quaker, “universally recognized by the leaders of the eighteenth-century antislavery movement as its founder.”

Here are brief excerpts from the section of the book about Benezet and Benjamin Franklin:

p. 110: “Benezet knew the contradictions with the Quakers’ attitudes about wealth and slavery. He observed that ‘the great rock against which our society has dashed is through love of the world and the deceitfulness of riches, the desire of amassing wealth.’”

“Franklin continued to hold mixed views through the mid-1750s, when his attitude against slavery began to crystallize.”

p. 117: “Between his slaveholding days and the close of his life Franklin had come a long way.... Eventually his humanitarianism led him to understand that any black inferiority came not from a racial defect but from the institution of slavery. With that as an underlying belief, he embraced and fostered the work of Benezet.”

The BYM Working Group on Racism meets on the 2nd Saturday of the month except in summer. We consider issues around racial justice, share personal experiences, and plan BYM events and activities related to the topic of race. This group is self-selected, not nominated, as standing committees are.

For the moment, we are composed mostly of retirees. Where are the younger Friends? Say, those in their 50s and 40s? Not to mention 30s and 20s! We would love to hear from you and have you participate in our work on a regular basis. If interested, please contact eduverlie@jhu.edu.

MORE QUAKER QUOTES FOR SIXTH MONTH

If there is light in the soul, there will be beauty in the person. If there is beauty in the person, there will be harmony in the house. If there is harmony in the house, there will be order in the nation. If there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world. Chinese Proverb

Endeavor to make your home a place of peace and happiness where the presence of God is known. Try to live simply. Remember to value beauty in all its forms. Encourage the appreciation of music, literature and the other arts and the development of taste that will reject the worthless and the base. God’s good gifts are for all to enjoy; learn to use them wisely. From Advices, London, 1964.

Watch with Christian tenderness over the opening minds of your children. Seek to awaken in them the love of Jesus Christ and an understanding of his teaching. Uphold in your own conduct, and thus encourage in theirs, truthfulness and sincerity. Through example and training help them to recognize and obey the voice of God in their hearts that they may be joyful and willing in his service. Remember, at the same time, that there is a unique potentiality in each human being as a child of God, and that the Holy Spirit may lead your children along paths which you have not foreseen. From Advices, London, 1964, in Daily Readings from Quaker Writings Ancient and Modern, p.292, Linda Renfer, Ed.

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