

## ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS NEWS

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**Meetings for Worship:** **Annapolis Friends Meeting House, 351 DuBois Road, Annapolis**  
**First Days, 11:00 A.M.**  
**First Day School for Children 11:00 A.M.**  
**Nursery Care for Our Youngest 11:00 A.M.** (For questions call Cairn Krafft at 410 257 2379)  
**Meetings for Worship with a**  
**Concern for Business: 1<sup>st</sup> First Day of Month at 9:00 A.M.**  
**Adult Religious Education: As noted in calendar below**

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### JANUARY CALENDAR

01			<b>Meeting provides Lighthouse Shelter Supper (page 3)</b>
02		12:00 Noon -	Lunch Bunch
07	(1)	9:00 A.M. -	Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
		11:00 A.M. -	Meeting for Worship
		12:00 Noon -	Potluck
14	(2)	9:30 A.M. -	<b>Meeting for Learning: Who is Jesus? (page 3)</b>
		11:00 A.M. -	Meeting for Worship and First Day School
21	(3)	9:00 A.M. -	Committee Meetings
		11:00 A.M. -	Meeting for Worship and First Day School
		12:15 P.M. -	Children's Religious Education Committee Meeting
		9:00 P.M. -	<b>Newsletter Items Due:</b> email AFMeeting@ yahoo.com
28	(4)	9:30 A.M. -	<b>Meeting for Learning: Community (page 3)</b>
		11:00 A.M. -	Meeting for Worship and First Day School

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**Care of the Meeting House for First Month: Ministry and Worship**

### QUERIES FOR FIRST MONTH: MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

Are meetings for worship held in expectant waiting for Divine Guidance? Are Friends encouraged to share spiritual insights? Are special gifts of ministry recognized and encouraged?

Do you come to meeting with heart and mind prepared? Are you careful not to disturb the spirit of the meeting by late arrival or in other ways? *Faith and Practice*, p.37

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*For when I came into the silent assemblies of God's people, I felt a secret power among them which touched my heart; and as I gave way unto it, I found the evil weakening in me and the good raised up. Robert Barclay*

**TWELFTH MONTH MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH A CONCERN FOR BUSINESS  
MINUTES – DECEMBER 3, 2006**

Present: Leo Pickens (Clerk), Mary Kniskern (Recording Clerk), J. DeLorge McKeown, S. Oliva, P. Schenck, D. Lamb-Minor, W. & M. Candler, P. Favero, N. & S. Elsbree, H. & K. Saunders, B. Thomas, E. Albert, W. Jordan, P. Caroom, D. Sillars, D. Johnson, M. Ormsby, J. Mendleman, C. Hitchings, L. Lougee, D. Walizer, R. Slavin, B. Peregoy, K. Finch.

Meeting opened with Silent Worship.

MEETING HOUSE & LANDS reports that the committee recommends changing the plans for a pergola, approved at the January MFB, to a retractable awning over the patio, in part due to a significant increase in the price for the pergola, as well as concerns about covering and maintaining the pergola. Friends approve this recommendation, and entrust the committee with decisions pertaining to the purchase and installation of the proposed retractable awning with an electric motor.

In explaining the changes in the committee's budget, it is explained that painting the walls and sealing the cork floor have been moved from the Capital Replacement Fund into the annual maintenance budget. Some anticipated expenses for the Capital Replacement Fund include replacing the dishwasher and the water heater.

PEACE & SOCIAL CONCERNS proposes that we send a gift of \$100 to the Islamic Society of Annapolis as a contribution to their building fund. Friends joyfully support this proposal. Our discussion recognized the discrimination that Muslims have experienced in America, and appreciates the outreach they have offered to us and our Young Friends. This gift will come from the Emergent Social Concerns Fund. We refer the accompanying letter back to the committee to include the suggestions made in our discussion today, which will then be given to the Clerk of the Meeting to review, sign and send. A Friend suggests that we consider how we might let our light shine in the broader community, and somehow invite others to consider how they might also support this group. We refer this concern back to the committee, and invite Friends to contact the committee with suggestions.

TREASURER reports that we are almost 20% behind anticipated contributions prorated for this year, as well as behind historical patterns. He also points out that our budgeted amounts for unrestricted contributions have risen only 5% since 2000. Friends are invited and encouraged to seek Spirit's Leading on contributions to Meeting. Friends express their appreciation of the Treasurer's efforts.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE brings forward the third draft of the proposed budget, now balanced, for 2007. Of note: Office supplies are all now under the MH&L budget, with the exception of the newsletter and craft supplies for CREC. Discussion of Quaker Causes and a Friend's concern for clarification of the Young Friends' Opportunity Fund will be held in January. Friends are united in approving this budget as proposed.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE brings forward a proposed slate of committees and officers for 2007. This slate is revised throughout the year. Approval sends this slate of officers and clerks of committees to the Trustees for ratification during their meeting in January. Friends approve the proposed report with corrections/additions as discussed in this meeting, and an update will be brought forward to next month's Meeting for Business.

Held over: Quarterly Meeting report, Nursery report, P&SC- Darfur report, Quarterly Meeting Request

Meeting closed with Silent Worship.

These minutes were approved as read during the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Leo Pickens, Clerk

Mary Kniskern, Recording Clerk  

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***The Quaker meeting for worship is not a place for individual meditation, it is a community in which two or three are gathered together to wait upon the presence in the midst which links us all. Edward Hoare, Deepening the Spiritual Life of the Meeting, FGC, 1995***

## MINISTRY AND WORSHIP CORNER

### ADULT MEETINGS FOR LEARNING

January 14 -- Who is Jesus? (A focus on Jesus's calling the disciples and ministry)

January 28 -- Quaker Testimonies: Community

February 11 -- What Quakers Believe

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## PEACE AND SOCIAL CONCERNS CORNER

### ANNAPOLIS AREA MINISTRIES LIGHTHOUSE AND ANCHOR HOUSE SHELTERS

AFM provides the shelter meal each first Monday (Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> this month). Valerie Pawlewicz and Leo Pickens (410-280-0939) serve as our schedulers to identify Friends to coordinate monthly meals. We also collect non-perishable food items to deliver to the shelter after each first First Day.

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### PLEASE HELP WITH WINTER RELIEF IN NORTH COUNTY FEB. 18-25

Magothy United Methodist Church in Pasadena has asked our Meeting to help it provide emergency shelter for the homeless through the volunteer Winter Relief program in North County. During the week of Feb. 18-25, about 25 homeless men will be bussed each day from an intake center in Glen Burnie to spend the night at the church.

Peter Meredith is looking for Friends for the following roles:

- Transportation—picking up guests in Glen Burnie at 5 and taking them to the church, and/or picking up guests at the church at 7 a.m. and transporting them to Glen Burnie.
- “Chaperoning”—staying at the church as one of the two responsible adults (minimum) for one of the two night shifts (shifts last about 4-5 hours).
- Cooking/serving dinner. Guests eat at 7.

The need is greatest for male volunteers because this is a men-only shelter, so Winter Relief requires transportation and chaperoning to be done by males.

Please let Peter know if you can help; 410-647-2487 or [meredithp@att.net](mailto:meredithp@att.net).

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### LIGHT HOUSE SHELTER UPDATE

As a first move toward establishing a new, purpose-built shelter for families and individuals in need of transitional housing, Annapolis Area Ministries has signed a contract to buy 1½ acres of land between Hudson and Willow Streets near the Armory. The shelter must expand to fill an unmet need. Last year, it turned away 262 men and women and 52 families. If all goes as planned, AAMI will construct a shelter with 40-50 beds to replace the current shelter at 206 West Street. The new location is convenient to city buses and is in a quiet commercial neighborhood.

Annapolis Friends Meeting is extremely active at the Light House. This year alone, about two dozen Friends have cooked dinner, staffed the shelter on weekends or helped in the pantry, and many more have contributed food to the box by the Meeting House door.

Peter Meredith is the Friends' representative on the shelter's board and is also on AAMI's Outreach Committee for the Hudson Street project, charged with keeping the shelter's new neighbors informed about progress. Please let him know if you would like to know more about this long-needed project: 410-647-2487 or [meredithp@att.net](mailto:meredithp@att.net).

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## BRIDGES FOR PEACE

We would like to see more of us involved in the ongoing peace vigil Sundays after Meeting on the Eastport Bridge. This is part of Bridges for Peace which meets from noon (or thereabouts) to 1 p.m. Sundays on the Eastport bridge since March 2, 2003 (sometimes also from 1 to 2 p.m.) For more information please talk with Lee Ann Irwin or Will Candler. Also please visit <http://bridgepeace.blogspot.com/> and you will not only learn more about the vigil but see some photos of people you may recognize. We hope more of us will participate in this effort and support one another in our leadings for peace.

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## QUAKER CAUSES

We are proposing the following for Quaker Causes 2007. We have removed We Care and Friends and redistributed that money to Women for Afghan Women \$163.04 and FWCC \$100. Donations to Quaker Causes total \$4110

Cause	2007
ESC	822 (20% of \$4100)
AACRC	539.23
Lighthouse	909.13
BYM Camp	345.24
International Friends Center in Ramallah	184.95
Women for Afghan Women	163.04
Friends Peace Teams	164.4
AFSC	105.22
FCNL	105.22
Pendle Hill	105.22
Penn House	105.22
RSWR	105.22
Quaker Burial Grounds	102.75
FWCC	100
Washington Work Camps DC	85.49
Washington Work Camps UFUFUO	85.49
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## DARFUR UPDATE

-by Sylvia Oliva

“It’s not a steady deterioration. It’s a free fall and it includes Darfur, eastern Chad, northern Central African Republic.” These are the words of Jan Egeland, former U.N. undersecretary for humanitarian affairs, describing the long genocide in the Darfur region. The situation now parallels the Rwandan genocide.

While stepping up the violence, President al-Beshir, from his boom-town capital of Khartoum, is preventing basic relief from reaching thousands of his people, and has forced over 250 aid workers to pull out of Darfur since December 1<sup>st</sup>.

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## Darfur Update Continued:

Bringing it down to a more personal level: “They took the babies and children from their mothers’ arms, beat the women and shot the children.” (from a Darfur victim)

In such a dark time, I find my direction in the words of Mary Ellen McNish, General Secretary of AFSC: “...look for, hold fast to, and work to increase the light around you.”

Light is coming from within our Meeting, dear Friends! As a member of the Save Darfur Coalition, we supported their recent trip to the villages and refugees camps in Chad to meet many people and take photos and video footage; and their trips to the Middle East, Europe, Africa, China and Egypt to discuss the genocide with government officials.

Another ray of light: On December 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> the Coalition sponsored a Weekend of Prayer for Darfur, which coincided with International Human Rights Day. At our meeting house we held a quiet interfaith vigil on the Saturday evening. Nine people attended, including two from the Islamic Society of Annapolis. To mark the weekend, we were sent a 3’ x 8’ banner which reads: “A call to your conscience – SaveDarfur.org.” About 1,000 houses of worship, including Friends’ meeting houses, are now displaying this banner outside their building.

A minute concerning Darfur was approved at BYM Interim Meeting last fall. This basically endorses FCNL policy recommendations to the U.S. government for the Darfur area, and it encourages Friends to lobby for these with their Congressmen.

Remember our Proclamation for Darfur, which Meeting approved and sent to both President Bush and U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan? We got a reply from the White House; it is on the bulletin board in our lobby.

Chris Rozycki raised \$238.00 in funds for the Save Darfur Coalition at a Holidays of December party at her house. Thank you!

“Last but not least:” a big thank you to Holiday Market Committee and all who worked to make it so successful. Peace & Social Concerns Committee will send out the money allocated for Darfur immediately: half going to Doctors Without Borders and half going to the International Rescue Committee for their work in the Darfur area.

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## LIBRARY CORNER

### MAGAZINES IN YOUR AFM LIBRARY

We have three magazines in the library:

*Friends Journal (FJ)* published monthly out of Philadelphia. It’s “an independent magazine serving the Religious Society of Friends.”

*Quaker Life (QL)* comes from Richmond, Indiana published 6 times a year. It is “a ministry of Friends United Meeting.” Many of the articles are written by Friends pastors.

*Quaker Religious Thought (QRT)*, published twice a year, is sponsored by Quaker Theological Discussion Group. Their purpose is “to explore the meaning and implications of our Quaker faith and religious experience.”

All three publications offer interesting different points of view on Quakerism today. Both FJ and QL contain book reviews, letters to the editor, poems, meeting directories, personal news, ads as well as the articles. Usually each issue has a theme. QL speaks of churches (not meetings) and their ministry around the world. FJ articles are written by lay men (or women). Several of our members have had articles in FJ. QRT also has a theme with fewer articles so each is longer and deeper. There are book reviews of some length and a response from the author. There are no ads.

Any of these can be inspiring and give the reader personal spiritual experiences. You are invited to borrow any of these magazines. There are many older copies if you should need them. Please fill out your name on the appropriate pink card in the wooden box on the counter.

Other publications that we receive on a regular basis are *Quaker Theology* and *Quaker History*. Ann Riggs is co-editor of *Quaker Theology*. These journals are located in the Quakerism section.

Enjoy your library

## THE SECRET

-from Jane Stipe

Please join us on Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. for a 2-hour showing of *The Secret*. *The Secret* is a film that reveals how to apply universal laws and principles to improve every aspect of your life. A number of exceptional men and women who discovered and applied the principles of *The Secret*, went on to become known as the greatest people who ever lived. Among them are; Plato, Leonardo, Galileo, Napoleon, Hugo, Beethoven, Lincoln, Edison, Einstein and Carnegie, to name but a few.

Some of today's greatest teachers are presented in *The Secret* and will impart this special wisdom that has been known by so few. They include some of the world's leaders in the fields of business, economics, medicine, psychology, history, theology and science. Each of these teachers is living proof of the validity and power of the principles outlined in *The Secret*. Included are: 'Miracle Man' Morris Goodman, who tells his awe inspiring story of how he recovered from paralysis by using *The Secret*; Dr. Denis Waitley, who used various aspects of *The Secret* in training Olympic athletes and Apollo astronauts to reach new heights of human endeavor. Best selling authors and philosophers including Bob Proctor, John Assaraf, James Ray and Joe Vitale, explain how they have created lives of phenomenal success utilizing *The Secret*. Doctors in the fields of medicine and quantum physics explain the science behind *The Secret*. By applying *The Secret* these men and women present instances of eradicating disease, overcoming obstacles and achieving what many would regard as impossible.

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## QUAKER POTLUCK & DIALOGUE AT WILLIAM PENN HOUSE

You are invited to attend a potluck and Quaker dialogue at 6:30 PM on Sunday January 7, 2007. Our Program this First Day, "Peace and Reconciliation through Service," is presented by Felix Unogwum, Coordinator of Washington Quaker Workcamps. Felix Unogwu comes from a significantly small tribe (Idoma) in an area commonly referred to as "middle belt" in Nigeria. Due to religious, cultural, and political pressure from much larger neighboring tribes, most Idomans learn the art of conflict resolution at an early age and are apt to speak multiple languages, thus Felix's 7 languages. Felix moved to Sweden as a teenager after some horrifying experiences and was a refugee for several years. While a refugee, he co-founded and directed an immigrant human rights, bridge-building non-profit organization. Before joining Washington Quaker Workcamp, he worked with the group that helped institute health care for all in Massachusetts. At present, Felix is married with a 4-year son and has a Master of Science in Political Science, and an advanced degree study certificate in conflict resolution.

Our monthly potluck is the first Sunday of each month at 6:30 PM. This is an opportunity for fellowship among Quakers and attenders. Bring a dish to share; family members and friends are always welcome. William Penn House hosts groups and individuals who visit Washington to help make this a better world. We also host programs and seminars on peace and social justice issues and on Quakers, past and present. 515 East Capitol Street SE, Washington, DC 20003 Tel: (202) 543-5560

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***John Woolman experienced the mystical Presence of God long before it ever occurred to him that slavery was unethical. Then one day in his retail office someone asked him to write out a receipt for a slave. Something revolted in Woolman's conscience because, as a result of his spiritual consciousness, he was terribly present to that moment—awake, mindful. He didn't write the receipt. It was a personal matter for him. Gradually thereafter, he began speaking to his friends, to his meeting, to other meetings, about freeing the slaves. His ethics spontaneously grew from his spiritual sensitivity. No one pressured him to join any committees. He did not start with an ethical ideal of human rights and go to meeting in order to talk about it. It happened the other way around. He went to meeting to be present before God. His ethics was the flowering of Silence. Alfred K. LaMottte, 1982***

# ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS MEETING SILENT RETREAT AT DAYSPRING

February 9 - 11, 2007

*Be still and know that I am God (Psalm 46:10)*

Friends, I hope you can come share the silence of Dayspring Retreat Center. The warmth of spiritual community in the heart of winter, amid nature's beauty--what a blessing! Love and LIGHT to you as you consider joining in this adventure.

Details about the retreat follow, starting with excerpts from the Retreat Center's welcome letter:

*The purpose of silent retreat is the deepening of communion with God, with other persons and with oneself. ... (W)e make space for...a time of waiting in silence, in solitude, to hear the voice of the One Who speaks in everything that is, and who, most of all, speaks in the depths of our own being. (Thomas Merton)*

**LOCATION:** Dayspring Retreat Center, 11301 Neelsville Church Rd., Germantown, MD 20874 Telephone (in case of emergency): 301-428-9348

**DIRECTIONS:** 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.

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

- 1) About 50 years ago, Church of the Savior in Washington, D.C. was led to establish Dayspring as a silent retreat center. Two simple buildings overlook meadows, woodlands and ponds filled with wildlife. The Inn (18 single rooms, each with Bible, bed, sink, desk and reading chair) and the Carpenter's Lodge (living room with fireplace, dining room, kitchen and porch) are connected by a path.
- 2) Meals are vegetarian. They are prepared and eaten in silence. A Dayspring cook prepares the food. Retreatants carry out final preparation, set-up and clean-up.
- 3) Silence is maintained from Friday's opening meeting for worship through Sunday's closing worship.
- 4) Retreatants often bring Bibles, Friends writings or other devotional reading.
- 5) You will need toilet articles, warm casual clothes, walking shoes or boots and a flashlight. Bed linens, blankets, pillows, washcloth and towels are provided.

## SUGGESTED SCHEDULE:

### **Friday:**

4:00 -  
7:00 Arrival  
7:00 Dinner  
8:15 Introductions, Orientation,  
Worship Sharing, Meeting  
for Worship

### **Saturday:**

7:30 Wake-up Chimes  
8:00 Breakfast  
9:30 Meeting for Worship  
12:30 Lunch  
4:00 Tea  
4:15 Worship  
6:30 Dinner  
8:00 Meeting for Worship

### **Sunday:**

7:30 Wake-up Chimes  
8:00 Breakfast  
10:00 Meeting for Worship  
10:45 Break (Maintaining Silence)  
11:00 Worship Sharing  
12:30 Lunch  
2:00 Departure

## REGISTRATION

Make check for \$150 payable to Dayspring Retreat Center and give or mail to Jean Christianson, 189 Edgewater Rd., Pasadena, MD 21122. **We need a minimum of 10 registrants. Maximum capacity is 18. Your check will guarantee your spot.** Registration deadline is Sunday, 1/28. Checks will be deposited after the retreat. Feel free to call 410-544-1912 with questions.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

(Next Baltimore Yearly Meeting silent retreats are 6/15 - 6/17 and 10/5 - 10/8.)

*Bring the whole of your daily life under the ordering of the spirit of Christ. Live adventurously. In every situation seek to be aware of the presence of God, praying that spiritual energies in yourself and in others may be released for the furtherance of God's kingdom. Advices, London YM, 1964*

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*With diligence meet together, and with diligence wait to feel the Lord God to arise, to scatter and expel all that which is the cause of leanness and barrenness upon any soul; for it is the Lord must do it, and he will be waited upon in sincerity and fervency of spirit; ...and let none be hasty to utter words, though manifest in the light in which ye wait upon the Lord; but still wait in silence, to know the power working in you to bring forth the words, in the ministration of the eternal word of life to answer the life in all. Stephen Crisp, 1663*

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*We become what we do. A great religious interpreter of our times once said that he kissed his child because he loved her and that he kissed his child in order to love her more. Regular participation in corporate worship is a school and workshop in which those who would grow in the religious life, no matter how tenuous may be their present connections, should be in attendance. Douglas V. Steere, Prayer and Worship, FUP, 1978*

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