

## 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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### JULY 2006 CALENDAR

02	(1)	9:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
		11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship
		12:00 Noon	-	Potluck
03				<b>Meeting provides Lighthouse Shelter Supper (page 4)</b>
04		1:00 P.M.	-	<b>350th Year Celebration on July Fourth (page 7)</b>
09	(2)	11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship and First Day School
16	(3)	9:00 A.M.	-	Committee Meetings
		11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship
22		6:30 P.M.	-	<b>Potluck and Linda Heacock on AVP in Kenya (page 4)</b>
23	(4)	11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship
		9:00 P.M.	-	<b>Newsletter Items Due:</b> email AFMeeting@ yahoo.com
30	(5)	9:00 A.M.	-	<b>Exploring Membership Discussion (page 3)</b>
		11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship

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**Care of the Meeting House for Seventh Month: Ministry & Worship**

### QUERIES FOR SEVENTH MONTH: CARING FOR OTHERS

Do you respect that of God in every person? Do you search yourself for, and strive to eliminate prejudices such as those related to race, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation and economic condition?

In what ways do you accept and appreciate differences among your friends and associates? Do you avoid exploiting or manipulating others to accomplish ends, however worthy? *Faith & Practice*, p.40.

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***Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.  
This is the great and first commandment.***

***And the second is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.***

***On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. Matthew 22:37-40 (KJV)***

**SIXTH MONTH MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH A CONCERN FOR BUSINESS  
MINUTES – JUNE 4, 2006**

Present: Leo Pickens (Clerk), Mary Kniskern (Recording Clerk), J. DeLorge McKeown, P. Favero, B. Schulman, K. , S. Oliva, N.& S. Elsbree, P. Meredith, P. Caroom, H. & K. Saunders, W. Candler, J. Mendlemann, C. Mayer, J. Kniskern, T. & R. Hawkins, P. Schenck, C. Krafft, W. Jordan, B. Thomas, K. Finch, C. Hitchings, D. McClelland.

Meeting opened with Silent Worship.

Interim Meeting's request for response to the FGC Central Committee Minute concerning Sexual diversity:

Following a period of open Worship Sharing, Friends agree that AFM stands fully in support of the 2005 FGC CC Minute. We will send a letter including thoughts from our Worship Sharing and some of our relevant experiences.

Worship Sharing: "Is the use of the word "queer" appropriate?" "By our silence we condone prejudice, and it would be appropriate for us to have a Minute stating we recognize that God loves us all." "I fully support this Minute because, when I take out the labels which I do not understand fully, I support the message of the Minute." "Queer is appropriate in this context because it takes this out of the realm of political correctness." I am proud that, as Friends, we do not dampen the Light of those who seek a spiritual life." "This is a minimal first step." "Could we take this Minute beyond Friends' Meetings?" "Beyond accepting the Spiritual gifts of these Friends, we recognize 'that of God' in each person."

Meeting Experience: 1-Several years ago and with the impetus of a homosexual attender, we went through a process of increasing awareness culminating in a Minute supporting Ceremonies of Commitment. (enclosed in letter to IM/FGC).

2-MCC church (gay-lesbian worship group) meets here every Sunday night.

3-Those of us within the Meeting who are homosexual do not see an issue.

4-Two of our Young Friends have organized a GSLA group that meets here at our Meeting House.

We consider endorsing this Minute only our first step in renewing our voice and taking action in support of equality for all.

Pastoral Care:

The Clearness Committee of Beth Schulman & Ken Mayer recommends them for Marriage Under Care of Meeting on July 26th. Friends joyfully approve taking Care over this Marriage.

A Friend reminds us that we are making a commitment for the duration of the Marriage, and not just the ceremony itself. Another Friend invites us to consider forming a Marriage Enrichment group in this Meeting for support of this and other marriages.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer presented a financial overview, income/expense summary, balance sheet, and funds balance report. Of Note: Contributions & passive income are in alignment with historical rates. BYM has requested that we accelerate quarterly apportionment payments to pay at the beginning of each quarter, rather than at the end of the quarter. That request is reflected in adjustments to this year's payments so that we will have completed our annual apportionment with the Ninth month payment. The question was raised about how our support of the camping program compares with that of other Meetings in BYM. That information will be requested at Interim Meeting Camping Committee meeting. Friends express their appreciation of the Treasurer's efforts in crafting such a clear report.

Quarterly Meeting Third Month 12<sup>th</sup> Day:

Pat Schenck reported on highlights from Quarterly Meeting, some of which are as follows: The new Clerk of Quarterly Meeting is Ken Stockbridge. Friend Ken has been given a Traveling Minute to visit other Meetings, particularly those of FUM. Chesapeake QM requests a copy of our Spiritual State of the Meeting report.

Next Quarterly Meeting, hosted by Little Falls MM, will be held at Sheppard-Pratt Hospital on Sixth Month 11.

Email List:

The existing policy for use of the Meeting email list requests that Friends NOT use the list for jokes, recipes, stories, etc. The particular design of the list is to be used for "announcements of general interest" to the Meeting community (births/deaths/requests to be held in the Light/meeting reminders/changes). A question is raised about the appropriateness of sending materials related to Friends' Testimonies to the list at large.

Friends suggested some possibilities such as: multiple lists/sublists, using the newsletter or website for background information on Testimonies, vetting possible submissions through committees, or using a telephone tree for urgent matters. Friends express appreciation for the way the list is currently operating, and the democratic access to posting to the list, with conservative use of this list. Friends encourage updating and developing the website. **(Continued)**

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Outreach feels a need for Friend/s with experience in electronic communication to support this effort, and an urgent need for a webmaster.

Friends support formation of an *ad hoc* committee coordinating with Outreach committee, on how to move forward with electronic communications to best support our Meeting. Sylvia Oliva, Wes Jordan, Will Candler and Douglas McClelland have volunteered. Jim Krist will be invited, and a representative from Outreach committee will participate.

These minutes were approved at the completion of each item.

Respectfully submitted,

Leo Pickens, Clerk

Mary Kniskern, Recording Clerk

**ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS MEETING COMMITTEE CLERKS**

**COMMITTEE**

**CLERK OR CO-CLERKS**

**Children’s Religious Education:**

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**Trustees:**

Dot Walizer (410-721-4737)

**MINISTRY AND WORSHIP CORNER**

**INTERESTED IN EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP IN THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS?**

Dot Walizer is leading informal discussions of membership at 9:00 AM on fifth first days of the month (July, October, December). If you want to explore membership more formally, provide a letter about your interest to the Clerk of the Meeting. Ministry and Worship Committee will respond by working with you to form a clearness committee for consideration of your membership.

**MEETING HOUSE AND LAND COMMITTEE NOTES**

Meeting House & Land Committee appreciates the effort by all committee members in caring for the Meeting House. Due to your diligence this has worked well. To make disposing of recyclables easier the neighbors across the street are willing to allow us place our yellow bin with theirs and have agreed to return the bin to our porch. But we need to place our bin on their property Wednesday to be picked up Thursday. Keep in mind there are recyclables both in our office (paper) and kitchen (bottles, cans, plastic).

Friends might like to know that after 13 years at our Meeting House we conducted a pretty complete physical inventory of equipment & furnishings owned. The purpose was primarily to assure that our insurance would cover casualty loss of property in the form of equipment and furnishings. Approximately 380 items were tallied (folding chairs consisted of 127 items). We are missing 1 dark brown and 4 light brown folding chairs. What some Friends may not know is that almost 1/2 of the items (not counting chairs) were donated. Most items were physically identified. The information will be shared with Stewardship & Finance and is available to anyone interested.

*The gift of love is the gift of the power and the capacity to love, and, therefore, to give love with full effect is also to receive it. So, love can only be kept by being given away, and it can only be given perfectly when it is also received. Thomas Merton.*

## OUTREACH COMMITTEE

### LINDA HEACOCK TO SPEAK ON AVP IN KENYA ON JULY 22

“Why should I embrace Linda?”

These words are the title of the brochure that explains the ministry of Linda Heacock in Kenya. Linda will speak at the next Saturday Night Potluck on July 22 at 6:30 at the Meeting House.

Linda, of Richmond (VA) Friends Meeting, is following a leading to take the Alternatives to Violence Program (AVP) to Friends in Kenya through the African Great Lakes Initiative (AGLI). “Embrace” is the term used within Baltimore Yearly Meeting (BYM) for “releasing” a Friend, or affirming someone’s spiritual call to a certain type of work and giving them support for that work.

Linda’s leading has been embraced by her meeting and by BYM. She traveled to Kenya for six weeks in September-October 2005 to help conduct AVP training for five 3-day workshops to Friends Church members, police and community officials, paralegals, teachers, and youth. She has been invited to return this September to continue efforts toward the expansion of the AVP program.

AGLI began in 1998 when a delegation visited the great Lakes region of Africa to see how Quakers were affected by the crises in Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda and Kenya and to look for ways of promoting peacemaking and healing.

Linda writes, “Among the most meaningful experience I had while in Kenya was witnessing the powerful impact of AVP on participants. I believe the AVP training, originally founded by US Quakers in 1975, has been so universally effective because of its core concept of ‘Transforming Power.’ To me Transforming Power is synonymous with the Quaker ‘Inner Light,’ the belief that there is ‘that of God’ in every human being.”

Linda will speak and give a PowerPoint presentation on July 22 at the Meeting House. Potluck supper will be at 6:30, with Linda’s presentation scheduled for 7:30. So bring your question and something for potluck, and come learn about teaching conflict resolution skills in Kenya.

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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 (July 3<sup>rd</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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### FRIENDS SUPPLY LIGHT HOUSE PANTRY FOOD IN JULY

- Sandy Curry and Peter Meredith

Friends, once again we have the opportunity and the commitment to provide the bulk of the Light House Pantry food supply for the month of July along with members from St. Margaret’s Episcopal Church. This commitment from churches each month throughout the year means that the shelter can meet its own needs and continue to distribute over 150 bags of groceries to families in the Annapolis community with some reliability. With thanks for your generosity throughout the year, we hope that you will make a special effort to bring supplies for the shelter during the month July, and, in this way, confirm our belief that folks should not be hungry. Although any items are appreciated, a list of current needs of the shelter can be found in the Meeting House lobby during the last week of June. If you would like to serve in this way, please place your items in the green container in the Meeting House and they will be delivered to the Pantry. Thank you.

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## **PROPOSED PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT ON “NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND”**

Here is a proposed public service announcement to be run on WRYP (community radio in South County):

The following is a public service announcement made of behalf of the Annapolis Friends Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. Are you a high school student or the parent of a high school student? Under the “No Child Left Behind Act,” schools are required to release your family’s private information to military recruiters. If this bothers you, there is a solution. You have the right to opt out, if you request in writing that the school not turn over the student’s name, address, telephone listing and school records to the armed services or military recruiters. For more information, visit, [www.leavemychildalone.org](http://www.leavemychildalone.org)

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## **PROPOSED MINUTE IN SUPPORT OF PALM BEACH MONTHLY MEETING**

Palm Beach Monthly Meeting has written a minute of grave concern that its efforts to counter balance military recruitment has led to surveillance by the Department of Defense. For more information please visit [www.fcnl.org/civil\\_liberties/spying\\_minutes.htm](http://www.fcnl.org/civil_liberties/spying_minutes.htm). Bethesda Monthly Meeting has written a minute in support of Palm Beach, and we propose the following minute.

Annapolis Monthly Meeting supports and holds in the Light the Palm Beach Monthly Meeting in its work to convey Truth to high school youth about military recruitment, work that upholds Friend’s historic peace testimony. At the same time we hold in the Light the representatives of the U.S. Department of Defense and others who have surreptitiously monitored this work by the Palm Beach Meeting. We join Palm Beach Monthly Meeting in supporting alternatives to military service and opposition to the use of force to resolve conflict.

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## **PROCLAMATION FOR DARFUR**

We would like Meeting to consider the following for action. We view the following proclamation as a means to call upon the US and United Nations to take action to end the genocide in the Sudan.

WHEREAS in Darfur, Sudan, an estimated 400,000 innocent civilians have died in a brutal reign of violence now into its third year, more than 2 1/2 million are internally displaced or have fled into neighboring Chad, 3 1/2 million are hungry, and many suffer in overcrowded, unsafe refugee camps with grossly insufficient shelter, food, water, medical help or sanitation; and

WHEREAS on June 24th, 2004, for the first time in its history, the Committee on Conscience of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum declared a “genocide emergency” in the Sudan; and

WHEREAS on July 22, 2004 the U.S. Congress passed resolutions declaring Genocide in Darfur, Sudan; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Commission of Inquiry declared on January 25, 2005, “government forces and militias conducted indiscriminate attacks, including killing of civilians, torture, enforced disappearances, destruction of villages, rape and other forms of sexual violence, pillaging and forced displacement, throughout Darfur. These acts were conducted on a widespread and systematic basis ... The vast majority of the victims of all of these violations have been from the Fur, Zaghawa, Massalit, Jebel, Aranga and other so-called ‘African’ tribes”; and

WHEREAS on March 2, 2005 Senator Sam Brownback and Senator Jon Corzine introduced the Darfur Accountability Act, reiterating “that the atrocities taking place in Darfur are genocide” and calling for various measures that would serve as vital steps in bringing an end to the genocide; and

WHEREAS in June of 2006 the prosecutor of the International Criminal Court said he has documented evidence of thousands of killings of civilians in Sudan’s Darfur region and hundreds of rapes; and

WHEREAS as people of conscience and of peace, we have a particularly poignant responsibility to speak out against injustice on behalf of vulnerable and disenfranchised people across the globe;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, Annapolis Friends Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, hereby call upon the United States and the United Nations as leaders of the international community to intervene immediately and in a peaceful way to stop the killing, the rape, and the destruction of villages, and to assure that humanitarian relief reaches all those in need.

Also, we would like Meeting to consider joining the Save Darfur coalition, an alliance of over 100 faith-based, humanitarian and human rights organizations. Their mission is to raise public awareness and to mobilize an effective unified response to the atrocities that threaten the lives of two million people in the Darfur region. For more information visit <http://www.savedarfur.org/about/> We are also preparing to show “Hotel Rwanda” and a DVD on Darfur at the Meeting House.

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## NEWS ABOUT DARFUR CONCERN

News briefs: Violence is escalating in Darfur and spilling over into Chad. As not all the rebel groups signed the May 5th peace agreement, there is now infighting amongst the rebel groups, and attacks against innocent civilians within these groups as well as against the African Union. Morale is very low among AU troops because they have not been paid in two months. The World Food Program, who recently was forced to cut refugee food rations in half, was able to increase it to 84% minimum daily requirement. Hunger and disease are prevalent throughout the region. The prosecutor of the International Criminal Court reported that he has documented evidence of thousands of killings of civilians and hundreds of rapes. However, Sudan insists they will see justice done in their own courts, which would prohibit the ICC from prosecuting. Sudan still denies the genocide. The facts remain: 2 ½ million refugees, 3 ½ million people hungry, 400,000 have died in the past two years. Some good news: Congress just approved \$173 million in emergency funding for Darfur peacekeepers. The UN estimates it will take four months to organize a peacekeeping force for Darfur, but so far Sudan's president has not agreed to their presence.

The following minute was approved at Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business on May 7, 2006:

### MINUTE AGAINST GENOCIDE IN DARFUR

The Annapolis Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends believes that we are called to “seek peace and pursue it.” (Psalm 34:15) Recognizing that the people of Darfur, Sudan are victims of a genocide that is now into its third year, we are taking an active stand to help in the work to end the cycle of violence there, to promote safe passage of desperately needed humanitarian aid into the region, to allow the safe return home of millions of displaced Darfurians, and to support our nation's peaceful involvement to contribute to a just and lasting peace in the Sudan.

We are led by the words of Jesus at the beginning of his public ministry, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled,” and “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.” (Matthew 5:6,9) The words of the Qu'ran (49:9-10) also inspire us: “And if two parties of believers fall to fighting, then make peace between them. . . . Make peace between them justly, and act equitably. Lo! Allah loveth the equitable. The believers are naught else than brothers.”

All people of good will: we urge you to prayerfully discern what your responsibility is to our neighbors in the Sudan, and how you may be led to take action out of love. We invite you to join your efforts with all those working to help the people of Darfur in the following ways: (1) Be informed and spread the word about the genocide. Talk to people, encouraging them to also speak out and take peaceful actions. Write a letter to the editor about the situation in Darfur. (2) Advocate for appropriate and peaceful action by the United States government on behalf of the people of Sudan. Write letters to Senators, Representatives and other officials, urging them to help end the genocide. Write to President Bush or make telephone calls to the White House comment line. (3) Donate money to directly support the African Union peacekeepers and/or hold a fundraising event for them.

To learn more about the situation in Darfur and other ways you might help, visit the website: [www.SaveDarfur.org](http://www.SaveDarfur.org). Together, we have the power to stop the genocide. Act now. We must not fail the people of Darfur!

This minute has so far been mailed to 30 EU and NATO embassies in Washington, DC, 70 faith-based communities in the Greater Annapolis area, the National Council of Churches, the World Council of Churches, and the monthly meetings which comprise Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

Peace & Social Concerns Committee endorses the following “Ten Things You can Do right Now:” 1) Join the Genocide Intervention Network, 2) Contribute funds to support AU peacekeepers, 3) Write your member of Congress, 4) Support the Million Voices for Darfur postcard campaign, 5) Join the Power to Protect campaign, 6) Help in a fundraiser, 7) Consider divestment from Sudan, 8) Join the Be a Witness campaign to urge TV news networks to cover the genocide, 9) Lobby for a prominent envoy to be sent to reenergize the diplomatic process, and 10) As a community or a municipality, send a proclamation to the US and UN. All of these actions are significant and are spelled out in detail on the [www.genocideintervention.net](http://www.genocideintervention.net) website.

## BOOK REVIEW

-by Ria Hawkins

A new book in the library caught my attention when I was looking for a subject for this month's review. It is *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World* by Joanna Weaver. The subtitle is "Finding Intimacy with God in the Business of Life." That really spoke to my condition. However, I had not got very far into the book when I found myself arguing with it. Weaver is writing from a very fundamentalist view of the Bible and Christianity. However, the theme is important enough to keep me reading, and I have found that I can let her write in her religious language, and take the message to use in mine. The book is written with women in mind, but there is no reason why men would not find it equally helpful. Being over busy can happen to any of us.

She describes a familiar situation of being too busy, and of the need to take time out for prayer, and Bible study. Weaver discusses many aspects of our Martha lives and provides an amazing number of Bible quotes that give good advice. We have obviously been dealing with these problems for thousands of years. Each chapter has a study guide to take you further into the matter, and one chapter gives you tools for analyzing why you are doing all the things that you do. The conclusion that a closer walk with God must come first and the appropriate service grows out of that, won't come as a surprise to Friends. However, it is useful to be reminded of this fact—we forget it too often. This is an easy read and would make good vacation reading, as you might have time to ponder some of the ideas in it.

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## 350<sup>TH</sup> YEAR CELEBRATION ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY

In 2006, AFM is planning special events throughout the year to celebrate the arrival of Elizabeth Harris, a Publisher of Truth, to the Chesapeake Bay in 1656 and the beginnings of Quakerism in America.

Our first event is the **Annapolis 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade** to raise awareness about local Quaker heritage, the continuing relevance of Friends today, and also to have fun! **WE NEED FRIENDS TO PARTICIPATE!**

We will be marching and carrying banners with the theme "Quakers Then, Quakers Now". "Quakers Then" will be wearing colonial costumes and riding in a horse drawn carriage or walking alongside. If you have Quaker garb, or a Quaker bonnet, please bring it. If you don't want to wear it, perhaps we can convince someone else. "Quakers Now" will be marching wearing Quaker T-shirts (available from Annapolis Friends Meeting for \$10.00) or a favorite Friends T-shirt of your own. Bringing up the rear will be a contingent of hybrid cars, and maybe some bikes and runners.

Please accept our invitation to join the following activities on July 4th:

- 1:00 Potluck Picnic at Annapolis Meeting House. Bring a dish to share!
- 2:00 George Fox: The Unshakeable Quaker Presented by Wes Stone, Historical Actor/Interpreter
- 4:00 Marshaling for the Annapolis Parade Begins. Carpooling from Meeting House to Maryland Hall, decoration of carriage and parade preparation, costuming
- 5:45 Parade from Amos Garrett Boulevard to City Dock  
"Quakers Then" and "Quakers Now" (marching in spiffy Quaker T-shirts) carrying banners and accompanied by a convoy of hybrid cars (Bring yours!) Distance: approximately 1.5 miles of easy walking (downhill), or ride in one of the hybrid cars.
- 7:30 Concert by the Naval Academy Band at City Dock
- 9:00 Fireworks over the Annapolis Harbor  
City shuttle from the Navy-Marine Stadium available from 4 PM to midnight.

Questions? Need more information? Call Careen Mayer at (410) 757-3457

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## PICNIC & SWIM ON AUGUST 27TH

Join Friends for an end of summer picnic after Meeting for Worship on August 27th (1-5 pm) at Tricia Robinson's Ben Oaks Community Beach area. Ben Oaks Community Picnic Area is located beside the Severn River on Severnside Road in Severna Park (approximately 12 miles from the Meeting House). Swim in artesian well water pool that is jellyfish free; the Picnic area is shaded. Beverages and baked beans provided. A grill is available and bring a picnic dish to share.

Directions: From the Meeting, take Rt. 50 west to 97 north. Exit 97 at Benfield Road and make a right turn going south on Veterans Hwy. Make a left turn at West Benfield Road. Turn right onto Severnside Road, continue pass the swim area and park on the road beside the picnic area. For more information, call Tricia at 410 987-8675

## COLLECTION OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND CALENDARS FOR PHILADELPHIA

Although it seems like summer has barely started, it is time to start thinking about collecting school supplies for our friends in Philadelphia. If we each pitch in buying some of the supplies, we can ensure that these children will have the school supplies that they need for learning, and neither their parents nor the school can afford. The students will probably be the same ones we just met on AFM's first trip to Ferguson Elementary, since it appears that Lise Cheney, our teacher-partner, will be following these students into third grade. Items we are collecting are listed below. A collection box is located in the large children's classroom. Ruth Slavin will be coordinating the collection of school supplies over the summer, and updating the list as supplies come in. The collection deadline will be August 13<sup>th</sup>, so that we can fill in any gaps in time for Young Friends to create the individual school supply packages on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Lise Cheney and her family may be able to join us that weekend, so we will hope to see everyone at the meetingwide potluck and swim party at Tricia Robinson's community following meeting for worship. Thank you for all of your help in the past on this project, and your continued help in the future. If shopping isn't your bag, please feel free to make a financial contribution to help defray costs of filling in the supply gaps or shipping items during the year (Checks can be made out to AFM and given to Wes or Miles Jordan, AFM and current Young Friend's treasurers). If you have already started receiving 2007 calendars that you know you won't need, please slip those in the school supply collection box, since we pass those on to the children as well. If you have questions, please contact Ruth Slavin (410-721-5078) or Cairn Krafft (410 27 2379; [cairnkrafft@comcast.net](mailto:cairnkrafft@comcast.net)).

### Items for student packages:

- 150 composition books
- 90 packs (of 150 sheets) lined 3-hole paper, college or wide-rule
- 30 green heavy-duty folders with pockets and paper fasteners
- 30 red heavy-duty folders with pockets and paper fasteners
- 30 blue heavy-duty folders with pockets and paper fasteners
- 720 No. 2 pencils
- 60 black dry erase markers
- 30 pink pearl erasers
- 30 boxes crayons
- 30 boxes markers

### General items:

- copy paper
- construction paper
- used picture books for the class library
- blank 30 minute cassette audio tapes
- any sort of teaching materials
- games
- computer software (for imac)
- backpacks (new or in good condition)

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## ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS' FIRST TRIP TO FERGUSON SCHOOL IN PHILADELPHIA ON JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>

After several years of AFM support to "a school in Philadelphia," three carloads of AFM folks\* left Annapolis at 8:30 AM to visit the second grade class of Lise Cheney at 2000 N. 7<sup>th</sup>. Approaching the school, one child expressed "I wouldn't want to live here—why do people live here?" as we saw the evidences of poverty. Circling the school to find urban parking, the asphalt space with nothing on it beside the school didn't fit the grass and playground equipment mindset of the AFM children. Out of many murals, one with lavender flowers, and one with many names of fatalities and "Stop the Violence" were most memorable.

Inside a room, each student, then each AFM guest gave their name, age (if they chose!) and interests. The teacher later marveled that several students gave reading, math as interests. Mark Cheney, Lise's husband had prepared sliced turkey, and combined with items brought from AFM, we enjoyed a bountiful lunch in a school room, providing time to mingle

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with the children. Three girls sat with me: I asked about bedtime stories. One said, "I read to my little cousin." Then one asked me, "How many books do you have at your house?" When I said, "I don't know," her response was "Then you must REALLY have a lot if you don't know how many." Douglas played a Chutes & Ladders game, Jacqueline played Hangman, James on the computers (teacher purchased) and we all learned 'the silent game' (Ms. Cheney asking the students to put on their best movie star face).

Using a "two fingers up" as the signal for "if you see me" and "third finger down" for "I'm ready to think," Ms. Cheney and all of us went to her classroom. Wes Jordan gave step-by-step directions for folding origami paper. To the students' delight, Alex Singer was acclaimed as the 'finisher' for many paper cranes. AFM provided "s'mores" for all—which brought calls for more. The PE teacher hung out in the room, with PE "forgotten" on this special day.

The Ferguson students made a LARGE banner for AFM—look for it at the Meeting House. At goodbye time, Ms Cheney asked the students to sit at their desks, and AFM friends all circled to each student. We had been at the school about 3 hours—a very full time. Jennifer marveled at the "warmth with which the students welcomed us." Cairn now has a feel for the person behind the names that she has seen on lists.

Then our AFM group heard an explanation and history at the 4<sup>th</sup> and Arch Meeting House by a Chinese born woman. During this account, punctuated by an AFM child falling off a bench, we sat on cushions filled with original horsehair and saw the wooden shield on the girls' side stairs to ensure their modesty. Questions included, "Why did the women and men sit separately?"

We all walked to see the Liberty Bell, about 6 blocks away. Our next stop was at a South Philadelphia Italian restaurant, where Mark Cheney, via professional courtesy and to express his and Lise's appreciation for the years of support from AFM, treated our entire group to a multi-course feast. During dinner, Lise shared that 70% of the children in her class have a parent in the prison system and only 3 of her class have two parents at home. Mark said he "really admires my wife's profession and the impact of that on our children." By 8 PM, we filled the cars for the return trip, deeming it a most satisfying and appreciated day.

Summary by Lynada Johnson with contributions

\* Participants: Cairn & Douglas Krafft, Wes & Miles Jordan, Jennifer Collins-Foley & Jacqueline, Patrick & Caroline; Sarah, Ellie & James Blaser, Alex Singer, Lynada Johnson

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## QUAKER WORKCAMP IN WASHINGTON, DC July 16 - 23, 2006

Join other teenagers for a week of service and adventure in our nation's capital. In a small community of 10-25, we will explore social justice issues by making personal connections with some of the most vulnerable and marginalized members of our society and offering our labor to help meet pressing human needs. We will live simply together in Quaker community at William Penn House in Washington's Capitol Hill neighborhood, and our projects will take us to all corners of the city. Beyond our service projects, we will have time to explore DC, meet with activists and policy makers, learn about DC communities, and have fun together!

### WORKCAMP POSITIONS OPEN

Washington Quaker Workcamps is seeking candidates for the position of Workcamp coordinator. This is a full time position with benefits. The individual will coordinate and plan all Workcamp activities and programs.

William Penn House is seeking a temporary staff member to assist with a one-week Washington Quaker Workcamps program July 16-23, 2006. The workcamp leader will have two days of training / orientation the week before the workcamp, and one or two days afterward, as needed.

### WILLIAM PENN HOUSE QUAKER POTLUCK & DIALOGUE

There will **NOT** be a potluck on Sunday July 2. The August 6 potluck will be given by Kathryn Liss, AFSC program leader for the HIPP program for youth. Bring a dish to share; family members, neighbors and friends are always welcome. William Penn House, 515 East Capitol Street SE, Washington, DC 20003, Tel: (202) 543-5560 Fax: (202) 543-3814, e-mail: [info@WmPennHouse.org](mailto:info@WmPennHouse.org) Bring a dish to share; family members and friends are always welcome.

*Why are we so eager to categorize people? So we can conveniently predict their behavior. But the very act of categorizing people places limitations on their growth and behavior, because people (especially children) are very sensitive to what is expected of them. It is equally important not to do this to ourselves. The process of understanding a person, then, is more the act of paying attention and allowing him to unfold before us.*

*...In the same way that we allow our fellow humans to unfold before us, we let God unfold. This is the sense in which we seek to “understand” through our prayer. We do not grasp for understanding, we let it grow in us. Anne Cruro, Meditations on the Prayer of St. Francis (Pendle Hill Pamphlet 369)*

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*Divine love imposeth no rigorous or unreasonable commands, but graciously points out the spirit of brotherhood and way to happiness. John Woolman*

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*What does love look like? It has hands to help others. It has feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like. St. Augustine*

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