

The Langley Hill Friend

SECOND Month 2014

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“Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaint. As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” ~

1 Peter 4:8-10



Calendar

Recurring Events

Sundays 9:00 am "Drop-in" Worship Sharing in the Teen Room upstairs.

9:30 am Early worship in the meeting room

10 am Meeting for worship (9:30 on business meeting day)

First Sundays 9:15 Singing ♪♪ 10:00 Worship. 11:00 Fellowship. Noon Potluck Lunch.

Second Sunday 10:30-12:00 Meeting for worship with a concern for Business

2nd Tuesday 7:30-8:30 Mid-Week Worship

Saturday 12-1 pm Witness on Mall "Seek Peace and Pursue It" (Contact Bill Mims 703-281-7293)

Upcoming Events at Langley Hill – and Elsewhere

2/15 Saturday Deadline for BYM Annual Session workshop proposals See next page

2/15-18 Sat-Sun BYM Young Friends Conference at Langley Hill

2/16 Sunday 11 am 2nd hour: Georgia Fuller on Kenya.

2/21-23 Fri-Sun FCRP Friends Conf. on Religion & Psychology

2/23 Sunday 11 am Spiritual State of the Meeting worship sharing - see next page
noon Peace Committee Meeting, all welcome, in meeting house

2/24 Monday 7:30 Outreach Visioning meeting at the meeting house

3/7 Concert: Carrie Newcomer, in Shepherdstown See page 7

3/22 House concert: Castle Bay, from Maine See page 7

3/23 Noon Peace Committee Meeting, all welcome, in meeting house

To Schedule Second Hours, contact Jeanne Houghton 703-609-1065
For other uses of the Meeting House contact SHEILA BACH **304-728-4820**

How Is the Spiritual State of Our Meeting?

Second Hour, February 23

Every year, we examine this question because it is central to our relationship to the Divine as members of the Langley Hill community and the quality of our meetings for worship. Last year we identified six queries of special importance with the intention of revisiting them annually.

As the Ministry and Worship Committee prepares for the SSOM second hour on February 23, we would like members and attenders to consider these queries. You can share your thoughts directly with any member of the M&W committee or its clerk (Tim Hunt: tghunt2@gmail.com) or participate on the 23rd.

Here are the queries:

1. How do we attract the young singles, couples and families to make Langley Hill a vibrant, multi-generational community?
2. Do we keep hidden the glories of our Meeting's experiences to the detriment of others and ourselves? How do we build a diverse community?
3. Do we do enough to nurture our children's spirituality and find opportunities to explore with us their spiritual quests and questions? What can adults learn from our younger members?
4. Is the "tent" of Quaker beliefs in OUR meeting properly sized? Do differences in beliefs and values challenge our community to deepen and grow?
5. Do we know who we are spiritually? Do we share enough our convictions and doubts even if it creates tension? Do we have common language to talk about our faith?
6. Do we let a message season too long or perhaps fail to share a message when it is not meant for us? Do we talk when we should be listening for the Truth?

"Our first task is to love one another, to be valiant for the truth upon the earth, and to remain attentive to the true spirit in all that we do." Newton Garver

NOTE that the event below is the following night, Monday 2/24

Growing Our Meeting –

Outreach "Visioning" Meeting – All invited! Monday 24 February 7:30PM – at the Meetinghouse

The Advancement and Outreach Subcommittee welcomes everyone to join a discussion about future outreach opportunities for the Meeting.

We will examine

- enhancing and expanding our current A&O efforts,
- the role public sessions of Quaker Quest might serve, and
- how one member's leading to start a new worship group in northern Virginia fits our outreach objectives.

The goal is to discern what broad efforts match our core outreach objective to attract young singles, couples and families to Langley Hill.

Please come and let us hear your perspectives as this important process begins.



Notes from February 9 Meeting for Business



Are we careful to keep our jobs and social activities from absorbing time and energy that need to be given to spiritual growth and service to others?

The **Flower Committee** annual report was brief but complete. Lynne Corn said the committee rarely meets, but hoped all appreciate the weekly arrangements provided. We surely do!

Robert Trussell's membership was warmly approved. Welcome, Robert.

We approved these **nominations**: Nuala Cohen for the Peace & International Outreach Committee, Jeannette Smith for the Publishing and Communications Committee and as Co-Clerk of the Religious Education Committee, and Ann Bauer for the Social Concerns Committee. Mel Snyder continues on Ministry & Worship for a 7th year as well as serving as convener of the Working Group on Racism. Virginia Colin's experience as Building calendar keeper continues though her name is no longer on the roster.

Finances still OK. Still need to increase our autogive contributions and continue non-autogive. Septic system expenses will eventually be done; not so costs of mailing the newsletter. Semi-annual loan repayments to members will be paid in March. We received a bequest of \$5,000 from Archer Taylor, a founding member of the meeting. Uses TBD. See Treasurer's report, next page.

Jeannette Smith reported on the **RE program**, which is using a new approach with the First Day School curriculum. The children study a specific Testimony for a portion of the year, using that as a focus for work with the Bible, Quaker history, and other aspects of the RE program. In the spring, they will be considering the testimony on stewardship. We were asked to consider whether we could spend 5 to 10 minutes talking with an RE class about why this testimony is important to us and how we live it in our lives. This will help the children connect the testimony to how they live their own lives as well as

to help them get to know individual older friends. Those present appreciated the new approach and shared thoughts on how to think about and teach stewardship. Among them were these:

- Stewardship is not just about protecting the Earth; it is also about where and how we spend our money. Because we don't have a collection plate, our children don't see where the money comes from to support our Meeting and other Quaker bodies.
- Stewardship is also about caring for our building and property.* The kids participate in a building work day? They could learn about our committees and how their work is also stewardship.
- Stewardship also means being careful not to own more than we can care for and not letting our positions, and our work for the meeting, compromise our spiritual lives.

The Peace & International Outreach Committee, which sponsors **peace awards** for a student at Langley High School and at McLean High School, proposed that the award recipients be invited to come share with us, especially young friends, the peace work they've been honored for. The proposal goes to Junior Monthly Meeting for their consideration.

The Social Concerns Committee is working on a project to provide homework help to children at the Arlington Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless shelter one evening a month, and a friend wondered whether some of our younger children could be included in this project.

* House & Grounds proposed to work with Ann Delorey from RE to make stewardship of our building & grounds the focus of the March 30th intergenerational worship sharing Second Hour.

Do we stay tender and open to the leadings of the spirit?

**Langley Hill Friends Meeting
General Fund
February 9, 2014**



	Jul 2013 - Jan 2014	FY 2013-14	
	Actual	Budget	Portion
Portion of Year			58%
Income			
Contributions (Autogive)	\$37,188	\$71,000	52%
Contributions (non-Autogive)	\$38,605	\$55,218	70%
Contributions (TOTAL)	\$75,793	\$126,218	60%
Other (Interest, MH Use, etc.)	\$6,588	\$7,727	85%
TOTAL	\$82,381	\$133,945	62%
Expenses			
Meeting House	\$14,649	\$20,872	70%
Administrative	\$1,792	\$4,910	36%
Publishing	\$672	\$1,000	67%
Committees	\$648	\$9,950	7%
Religious Ed	\$1,889	\$10,841	17%
BYM	\$17,863	\$24,190	74%
Contributions to Other Organizations	\$13,100	\$21,000	62%
Transfers to Other Funds	\$0	\$5,500	0%
Contingencies	\$0	\$500	0%
Loan Repayment	\$19,210	\$35,182	55%
TOTAL	\$69,823	\$133,945	52%
Net Income	\$12,559	\$0	

Bank Accounts & Investments	\$135,847		
Money Loaned Out to Others	\$40,056		
Mortgage Principal Balance	\$211,405	\$325,000	65%
	Outstanding	Original	% Left to Pay

Building Use Committee Report

January 2014 for the Calendar Year 2013

In 2013, our committee continued to use a flexible rental contract suitable for a variety of individuals or groups renting one or more rooms in the building for a variety of purposes and a variety of durations. While referring to general guidelines for rental rates for various parts of the building, we continued to set rental fees on a case by case basis.

We had some frequent renters in 2013. A small women's mindfulness meditation group led by Rashmi Nair-Ripley and Carolyn Stachowski met here almost every Saturday morning that was available. From May through December, the group first known to us as the Open Church, led by Dale Jarrett and Brenda Johnson, met here for one rehearsal and one worship concert almost every month. A member of the Meeting rented a room for providing professional services to clients from time to time. During cold months Gwynneth VanLaven's drum circle met here some Sunday afternoons.

There were also some single-event rentals: one June wedding, two separate mindfulness meditation retreat days organized by Rashmi and Carolyn, and a yoga weekend led by the Isha Foundation.

Rentals generated \$4567.50 income for the Meeting's operating budget in 2013.

A number of Quaker groups used our building: BYM's Unity with Nature Committee, BYM's Faith and Practice Committee (for a discussion with members of several Meetings), BYM's Supervisory Committee (to meet with the clerks of almost all of the BYM Committees), FCNL for an all-day staff retreat, and Young Adult Friends for an afternoon.

All year we hosted lunch or snacks for the participants of vigils protesting the use of weaponized drones. The vigils took place in front of the CIA on selected Saturdays.

With joy, we can report that members and attenders made extensive use of the building for worship, committee meetings, game nights, book discussions, adult religious education programs, Spiritual Formation group meetings, a day of Quaker Quest training, potlucks, welcoming new members, a wedding, guest presentations, including a

performance of "The Women of Troy" by the Traveling Players (high school students), anti-racism discussions, book sales open to the public, a party, and a Christmas program.

Finally, our friends and neighbors at the Country Day School used the meetinghouse for a small number of rehearsals and performances.

We hope to see uses of the building by members of the Langley Hill community, other Quaker groups, and renters continue to increase. Members and regular attenders may use the building free of charge for activities with no charge for admission or fees, whether private or open to the community. They must coordinate in advance with the Calendar Keeper, comply with all rules for use of the building, and clean up and lock the building after use. Members and regular attenders who wish to use the building for commercial activities (activities with a fee for admission or a fee for services) are expected to pay rent. The amount of rent is determined through discussion with this committee.

For all requests from members and others, the Building Use Committee retains discretion to waive or adjust rent (a) to accommodate low-income groups whose activities the Meeting wishes to support or (b) otherwise to promote Quaker activities and values. The Building Use Committee also retains discretion to deny requests for use of the building that it considers to be inconsistent with Quaker values or otherwise of concern to the Meeting community.

We would be glad to see our building become a more actively-used community asset and a better source of income for the Meeting. We need to find more effective ways to let the community know about the availability of this beautiful building. The committee welcomes ideas and support from the wider Meeting community. Please tell your friends and colleagues about our meeting house if you hear of a suitable activity in need of a venue. Word of mouth remains our most effective form of outreach.

Sheila Bach, clerk, Virginia Colin, past clerk, Jim Laity, and Lauren Stockbower

One Church / One Body Pledge

By Jim Wallis, President, *Sojourner's* <http://Sojo.net>



“Because of recent events that demonstrate the racial challenges ahead, more than 70 Christian leaders (white, African American, Hispanic, Asian American, and Native American) are launching a pledge called “One Church One Body.” The pledge invites everyone to engage three commitments:

- to help build a multiracial faith community;
- to help fix an unjust criminal justice system; and
- to protect voting rights for minority citizens.

“Consider joining us in our pledge and do not shy away from seeing *12 Years a Slave*. It’s the start of a conversation that’s long overdue.”

To sign the pledge (individuals can sign as well as congregations):

<https://secure3.convio.net/sojo/site/Advocacypagename=homepage&page=UserAction&id=729&autologin=true>

For the whole article, see:

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jim-wallis/the-most-controversial-se_b_4157353.html?utm_hp_ref=email_share

The BYM Working Group on Racism meets most months on the third Saturday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, usually at Bethesda Friends Meeting or Friends Meeting of Washington. If you would like to attend, on a regular or a drop-in basis, contact clerk David Etheridge, david.etheridge@verizon.net.

White Anti-Racism Network of the Baltimore Racial Justice Action Presents:

Trayvon Martin: The Criminalization Of Black and Brown Youth, And How White People Can Work For Racial Justice

6:30 pm Wednesday, February 19th
Stony Run Friends Meeting, Baltimore

As we approach the 2nd anniversary of Trayvon Martin’s murder, this two-hour program offers an opportunity to examine the criminalization of black and brown youth. We will look at personal feelings and consider both the racist narrative that underlies that tragedy and others, and the structural racism within American society.

This event is intended to foster an open and honest discussion among white people in Baltimore about the role we can play in fighting racism for a more just society, particularly in the area of criminal justice. Together, we will try to define what it means for white people to act directly to transform cultural, social and economic structures in order to promote and support racial justice and racial equity. We are intentionally creating a space for white people to learn, struggle and grow together. Too often, this burden of educating white people about racism falls on people of color. As white people, we must take responsibility for our role in ending white privilege, which includes educating each other about racism and how we benefit from it.

This program is co-sponsored with the Baltimore Quaker Working Group on Racism.

Questions? bmoreantiracist.org, bmoreantiracist@gmail.com Baltimore Racial Justice Action is a member of Fusion Partnerships



TWO Upcoming Concerts



Carrie Newcomer Concert

Friday 7 March

Shepherdstown, WV

Carrie Newcomer will be giving a concert on Friday, March 7 at the Presbyterian Church, 100 West Washington Street in Shepherdstown WV. The small but vibrant Shepherdstown Friends Meeting is sponsoring this concert. Donations for this concert go for local charities. If you want to hear Carrie, this is a good chance.

Hope to see some of you there!

Sheila Bach

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<https://www.facebook.com/events/245605232282038/>

<http://www.carrienewcomer.com/>



Castlebay House Concert

Music, Song, and Story from the Celtic Lands and the Coast of Maine

Saturday March 22

Home of Ann Bauer & Steve Woodbury

We are hosting a house concert on Saturday, March 22, featuring our friends Julia Lane and Fred Gosbee from Maine. Their traditional and original songs are supported with Celtic harp, 12-string guitar, fiddle & woodwinds. (Check them out at www.castlebay.net.) We are lucky they have added northern Virginia to their busy touring schedule!

Suggested donation \$15 (\$40 max family).

For directions and reservations call either of us at 703-425-5943 (between 9:00 am and 9:00 pm); we need to know how many chairs to borrow.

Steve Woodbury and Ann Bauer

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 Doug Neal
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 Susan Sassner
 Mark Van Raden

APPOINTMENTS & REPRESENTATIVES

(Committee / Other Appointments - Listed Here for Reference Purpose Only)

Marriage Celebrants Laurie Wilner (no renewal date)
 Steve Woodbury (no renewal date)

Meeting Calendar Sheila Bach (Building Use appointment)

Second Hour Calendar Jeanne Houghton (M&W appointment)

FCNL Representative(s) Bill Mims (Peace Appt.)

Religious Education Coordinator vacant

Ad Hoc Advancement & Outreach Georgia Fuller, Jeannette Smit, Mel Snyder
 (Ministry & Worship Committee)

Ad Hoc Committee on Racism Mel Snyder, Jeanne Houghton, Ollie Moles, Ann Varnon,
 (Ministry & Worship Committee) Babs Williams

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(Serving as way opens with no defined term)

BYM Representatives Bill Mims (Adult Program) &
 Jeannette Smith (Youth Program)

BYM Interchange Liaison Jeanne Houghton

AFSC Representative AFSC Reorganized; Soc Concerns reviewing appt

Friends Wilderness Center Alan Swanson

William Penn House Bill Flanagan

Washington Quaker Work Camps Jim Hersey

Liaison with Country Day School John Surr

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Virginia Interfaith Council on Public Policy Babs Williams

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