MEETING SCHEDULE

- Meeting for worship: 11 a.m. on First Days
- First Day School for children: 11 a.m. (joining Meeting for Worship from 11:45 a.m. to noon)
- Nursery care for our youngest: 11 a.m.
- Meetings for Worship with a Concern for Business: 1st First Day of month at 9 a.m.
- Adult religious education: As noted in the Meeting Calendar below and in Other Scheduled Items and Items of Note
- Early meeting for worship (weather permitting outdoors) at 8 a.m. on 2nd, 4th, and 5th First Days
- North County mid-week meeting: First Tuesday from 7 to 8 p.m., at 7627 Locust Grove Road, Glen Burnie. Call 410-439-2319 for more information.
- NOTE: The deadline for submitting newsletter items is end of day the Monday after Meeting for Business. Please include the word “Newsletter” in your subject line. (All committees and their reps, and all F/friends with leadings are welcome to submit items for inclusion).

MEETING CALENDAR

NOV 1: 5-6pm Light House Open Table
NOV 3: 9am-2pm Fall Work Day
NOV 4: 9-10:45am Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business; 11am-12pm Meeting for Worship; 12:15-1:30pm Potluck
NOV 5: Newsletter Items due by 5pm; 7-9pm MAJR Working Group
NOV 6: 7-9pm Green Team
NOV 7: 7:30-9pm Guided Meditation
NOV 8: 2:30-4pm Spiritual Friendship; 5-6pm Light House Open Table; 7-9pm CSGA Business Meeting
NOV 10: 2-4pm Deconstructing Racism
NOV 11: 8-9am Early Worship; 9:15-10:45am Meeting with Ann Venable – How Can BYM be Most Helpful?; 11am-12pm Meeting for Worship
NOV 13: 10am-12pm Transitions Workshop
NOV 14: 2-4pm Pastoral Care Committee Meeting; 7:30-9pm Guided Meditation
NOV 15: 5-6pm Light House Open Table
NOV 17: 1-4pm Climate Stewards of Greater Annapolis Seminar – Healthy Soils
NOV 18: 9:15-10:45am Most Committees Meet; 11am-12pm Meeting for Worship; 12:30-1:30pm Committees: CREC
NOV 21: 7:30-9pm Guided Meditation
NOV 22: 1-5pm Pastoral Care Thanksgiving Event; 5-6pm Light House Open Table Group
NOV 25: 8-9am Early Worship; 11am-12pm Meeting for Worship; Nov 25-30 Setup for Holiday Market
NOV 29: 5-6pm Light House Open Table

CARE OF THE MEETING HOUSE: Ministry and Worship Committee (Note: Peter T is assisting with mid-week check-in and reporting of any discrepancies found; Thank you Peter!)

QUERIES FOR THE ELEVENTH MONTH: Meetings for Business

Are meetings for business held in a spirit of worship, understanding and forbearance? When direction seems lacking, is this seen as a challenge to a more prayerful search for truth? Do we humbly set aside our own preconceived notions as to proper action, seeking instead Divine guidance as to the right course? Is the Meeting aware that it speaks not only through its actions but also through its failure to act?

Do you participate regularly in meetings for business, discharge faithfully your committee responsibilities, and assume your share of financial support of the Meeting?
SUPPORT FROM PASTORAL CARE: Conflict Transformation in Community

If you have experienced what you feel is an inappropriate behavior, we encourage you to speak to a member of Pastoral Care.

*Patty R., Minette, Nancy Jo, Kit, Minette

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

Meetings for Learning

Thinking About Race

Transitions with Kit Hanley

Getting Clear with a Clearness Committee

Meeting For Business Minutes November 2018

Guidelines for Submission to this Newsletter

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Meetings for Learning:

Generally 2nd and 4th First-Days 9:15-10:45am

11/11 Sunday 9:15am- BYM Development Director Ann Venable- Baltimore Yearly Meeting and Ken Stockbridge, BYM Presiding Clerk: How are we connected?
This meeting will be more of a time to listen to concerns, answer questions, and invite suggestions and ideas from Friends at Annapolis.

11/25 Sunday 9:15: No MfL due to Holiday Market set-up

12/9 Sunday 9:15am: Sylvia Oliva- Sacred Chant & Circle Dance
One Source that is within, between, and around us ... and then carry it into the world. No experience required. Bring a child, bring a friend. All are Welcome! Kid friendly!

12/23 Christmas Caroling

Part One of Four- An exploration of ten steps of the spiritual journey as experienced by early Friends and as experienced by modern Friends.

Part Two of Four- An exploration of ten steps of the spiritual journey as experienced by early Friends and as experienced by modern Friends.

Part Three of Four- An exploration of ten steps of the spiritual journey as experienced by early Friends and as experienced by modern Friends.

2/24 Sunday 9:15am: No MfL to honor Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting

Part Four of Four- An exploration of ten steps of the spiritual journey as experienced by early Friends and as experienced by modern Friends.

Upcoming Meetings for Learning (Dates TBA)

2018 Quakerism 101 Series
Ann Riggs- Quaker Organizations as part of Quakerism 101

Tom Wolfe: as part of Quakerism 101
History of Recorded Ministry in Unprogrammed Meetings

Other Upcoming Meetings for Learning

Susan Wolfe on the Culture of the Early Christians

Tim Mullady and Rizwan Jaka
Boy Scouts and the Quakers as an InterFaith Learning
With Rizwan Jaka from All Dulles Area Muslim Society

Beloved Heretic: A three act musical on the Life of Lucretia Mott

Lisa Sarro: Maryland Legal Aid: spoke at GAIN... legal aid available to lower income citizens in AACO

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Thinking About Race

Thinking About Race (November 2018) – Myles Horton Autobiography

“You have to be careful not to think that you’re somebody else. I’ve had to avoid thinking that I’m Nicaraguan or, when I was in India, that I was Indian. I have a tendency to want to identify with people. I have to say to myself, ‘Look, Horton, get as close to people as you can, have as much interest as you can, but don’t get things mixed up. You’re white, and black people can’t say they are color-blind. Whites and white-controlled institutions always remind them that they’re black, so you’ve got to recognize color.’ This doesn’t mean that you feel superior, it’s just that you’ve got to recognize that you can never fully walk in other people’s shoes. You can be only a summer soldier, and when the excitement is over, you can go back home. That doesn’t mean that you don’t have solidarity with black people and aren’t accepted: it just means that you have a different role to play.”


This column is prepared by the BYM Working Group on Racism (WGR) and sent to the designated liaison at each local Meeting. The BYM WGR meets most months on the third Saturday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Locations vary to allow access to more Friends. If you would like to attend, on a regular or a drop-in basis, contact clerk David Etheridge, david.etheridge@verizon.net.

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Transitions with Kit H.
Tuesday Nov. 13th, from 10am-noon in the Worship room, Kit will facilitate a workshop on Transitions. For you that might include retirement, loved ones passing, aging and health changes, or family shifts.

We will address fears, expectations, supports and opportunities. We will look to identify limiting beliefs and to recognize strengths that may need to resurface.

Please contact Kit at kihanley@verizon.net for questions and expressions of interest.

**Getting Clear with a Clearness Committee**

It has been said that if you give Quakers a task, their first action is to establish a Committee. Though no doubt said in jest, one can appreciate that within the Quaker Meeting the Committee is where important matters are considered. An Individual Member (or regular Attendee) can set up his/her own Committee – a Clearance Committee. The purpose of this Committee is to offer a safe and confidential space where one can air matters of serious personal significance, both large and small. Parker Palmer, a Quaker expert on interpersonal communication, has written -- "Behind the Clearness Committee is a simple but crucial conviction: each of us has an inner teacher, a truth voice, that offers the guidance and peace we need to deal with our problems. He went on to explain that..." because that inner voice can be obscured by both inward and outward interference, the function of the Clearness Committee is to help remove that interference so one can better discover one’s own wisdom...”.

After meeting with one’s Clearance Committee, once or even several times, one soon realizes that the intent of the Clearance Process is not to “fix” an individual but rather to provide a supportive and confidential environment in which she/he will be respectfully and compassionately heard.

If you are facing a major life event; trying to resolve a conflict; or simply seeking a safe space in which to examine an important personal, professional or spiritual decision, consider bringing it privately to the attention of a Pastoral Care Committee member. You will then be able to determine if a Clearness Committee is the right alternative for you.

Current Pastoral Care Committee Members:
Patty R. (Clerk); Nancy Jo S.; Kit H.; Minette C-S.

**Annapolis Friends Monthly Meeting (AFM)**

**Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MfB)**

**Eleventh Month, Fourth Day, 2018 (11/4/18)**

Present were: Wes J. (clerk), Phil C. (recording clerk), Ellen M., Martha B., Nan & Sky E., Jennifer D-M., Jeanne W., Jack L., Pat H., Mary B., Peter M., Bill K., Harold S., Karen C., Dot W., Barb T., Cairn K., Margaret & Will C., Pat S., Kit H., Cecile T., Mary D., Ann R., Ruth S., Patty R., Sheila M., Doug M. and Lee L.

Our clerk welcomed Friends to MfB and congratulated us on not arriving an hour early, despite our switch from Daylight Savings Time in the wee hours this morning.

1. We began with a brief review of recent activities and calendar items:

   a. For Meetinghouse & Lands Com. (MHL), Peter thanked all (about 10 AFM Friends) who took part in yesterday’s 2018 Fall Cleanup on a bright but windy day, primarily weeding and mulching in the parking median garden and in the flowerbeds nearest the Meetinghouse. Especially, he also appreciated contribution to this work by about 8 or 10 students and 3 parents from Chesterton Academy, who worked hard and effectively much of the morning; Peter also has sent them a thank you note. Beyond this outdoor work, Friends also completed routine tasks inside the Meetinghouse, and Ron DeAbreu added fresh paint in strategic locations.
b. On our calendar for 11/11/18 at 9:15 a.m., we will have a visit from Ann Venable BYM Development Director and Ken Stockbridge BYM Clerk will join us for our Meeting for Learning.

c. For Holiday Market Com., Cairn noted that our storage Pod will arrive on Monday so donated items can be stored there at the edge of our parking lot in preparation for our 12/1/18 Holiday Market. If possible, Friends are asked to deliver things in boxes; everything donated should be in good condition. Sheryl already has started an online photo gallery of donated furniture & special items.

Also for Holiday Market, one Friend noted that, last year, there was a Spanish-speaking shopper who had difficulty understanding the “donation only” purchase system. Cairn agreed that we will have a sign in Spanish by the door and on the webpage to explain this; also, we may add a colored dot to name tags of Friends who speak Spanish.

Another Friend suggested that we should do more outreach about Quakerism during Market.

d. As to our One America Movement project, Wes noted that a date still must be scheduled for a “fishbowl-type presentation and discussion” of this effort to establish a dialog about our shared history, racial tensions & related divides in our community and our country.

e. Another Friend suggested that we also should hold in the Light our “internal” ministries and committees’ work as part of Meeting for Business or otherwise. Our clerk invited Friends to suggest the best way(s) to do this.

f. Looking forward to our planned Potluck Lunch on 12/2/18, our clerk reminded Friends that Leo P. will be moving from the Annapolis area to New York State to join his spouse Valerie in late December. He suggested that we make Potluck in December an occasion to give Leo (and Valerie, if she can return) a send off and our thanks for all their contributions to Meeting over many years. Another Friend suggested that we also should invite participants in the Wednesday Meditation group that Leo has organized and led for many years. Another pointed out that she learned about the Meditation Group before she knew of Meeting and that the Mediation Group has its own important role within the community. Another suggested that Pastoral Care (PC) should ask Leo and Valerie about their availability before selecting a date and PC will be authorized to confirm this date & to make arrangements. Friends approved and Pastoral Care (Patty R) will pursue.

g. A Friend suggested that AFM should find a way to reach out in relation to last week’s Tree of Life (TOL) synagogue shooting. Our clerk agreed that we will pursue this. Another Friend reported that, at the national level, Friends General Conference already has sent a letter of condolence to the TOL synagogue.

2. For Pastoral Care Com.(PC), Kit and Mary presented AFM’s memorial minute for Carol Brantley who was such a vivid part of AFM as leader of the Lighthouse program, our early worship, our BUC committee, and many other displays of integrity, joy in living and Spirit. (The minute, in fact, already was offered at Carol’s memorial service last week and is attached.) Friends approved and thanked the Committee for this minute.

3. For Children’s Religious Education Com. (CREC), Wes reported that one child Penelope has expressed an interest in writing (during class time today with some adult assistance) a Children’s Christmas play. This will be presented on 12/23 just before conclusion of our usual Meeting for Worship time.

4. For our Peace & Social Concerns Com. (PSC), Mary D. reported that the A.A.Co. Industrial Areas Foundation recently held a successful launch and made its first demand for action relating to testing for lead in county public schools water supply earning national attention and has been renamed Anne Arundel Connecting Together (“ACT”). She invited Friends to join one of ACT’s six “action teams” that will gather on weeknights. Friends expressed their appreciation to Mary D. for her leadership with the ACT effort.

5. For Nominating Com., Patty presented a first reading of our AFM CY19 Slate of proposed officers, committee clerks and members. She noted that CREC, PSC, and Outreach each are seeking additional members, including a nursery coordinator, an email list manager, a convener for our Peace & Justice Center, a GAIN representative and other volunteer jobs. Patty noted that our Meeting only can continue our many good works if we have enough volunteers. (Friends recalled our AFM Peace and Justice Center, that gave rise to MAJR, Climate Stewards, and many other projects,
suggesting that we should have official liaisons to MAJR & Climate Stewards. Friends approved this liaison plan with Pat S. to report for MAJR and Wes to report for Climate Stewards. PSC will receive such liaison reports.)

6. For Stewardship and Finance Com. (S&F), Phil offered a first reading of the AFM CY19 Budget. (See attached.) Phil noted that our actual contributions in 2018 are behind the projected total, as we usually receive a substantial increase in December contributions that may result in a surplus. Pending the hoped-for arrival of such a surplus, Phil reported that S&F recommends delaying some possible Meeting House related expenditures including a) $10,000 annual increase to our building fund, b) $13,000 improvement in a new deck to replace steps outside the Multipurpose Room; c) $7,500 replacement of brown folding chairs, and d) $2,000 improvements to the Memorial Garden. He noted that we hope to restore most, if not all, these improvement recommended by our Meeting House and Land Committee with expected year-end contributions.

Phil also noted that the budget includes a new line-item increasing AFM’s annual Lighthouse contribution to $2,000 – as our annual $1,000 contribution had not been increased for more than 10 years. S&F also has proposed an increase in our Arundel Connecting Together (ACT) membership to $1,350, which also would be a line item. The result of these changes would increase our Quaker Causes & other external contributions by nearly $2,000 per year.

After some discussion, Friends agreed to continue our discernment as to the proposed budget in December when we also can update our progress with annual contributions.

7) One Friend expressed concern about handing out paper copies when AFM has committed to Environmental Stewardship and has implemented other reduction of waste efforts, including elimination of Styrofoam, composting food waste and recycling as much as possible. How to address the concern for hardcopies will require further consideration.

Our Clerk thanked everyone for their participation and we concluded with brief silence, understanding that our Clerk and Recording Clerk would finalize these minutes.

-These minutes respectfully submitted – P. Caroom, Recording Clerk

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Annapolis Friends Meeting

Committees, Officers & Representatives for 2019

Committee positions are volunteer with two-year terms beginning in January--e.g., (19) means that a member will serve starting in January 2019 and complete the term end December 2020. A term in which a member has served as clerk is designated by an underline.

Clerk: Martha Baer (19)  
Asst. Clerk: Karen Cunyngham (19)

Treasurer: Sue Podolin (14)(16)(18)  
Co-Treasurer: Julie Rouhi (18)

Recording Clerk: Phil Caroom (14)(16)(18)  
Asst. Recording Clerk: Ellen McBride (19)

Recorder: Karen Cunyngham (17)(19)
**Childrens’ Religious Education:** Co-Clerks: Jenn DeLorge McKeown (19) and Tim Mullady (19)

Members: Denise Figueiredo (12)(14)(16)(18)

Volunteer teachers:

Subcommittees: **Nursery Coordinator:**

- **First Day School Librarian:** Suzanne Spoor (14)(16)(18)
- **BYM Educational Resources:** Kim Finch (11)(13)(15)(17)

**Library Committee:** Co-Clerks: Dot Walizer (16)(18) and Susan Dapkus (15)(17)(19)

Members: Martha Lurz (17)


**Meetinghouse and Land:** Co-Clerks: Bob Bruninga (12)(14)(15)(17)(19) and Kim Finch (15)(17)(19)

Members: Doug McClelland (12)(14)(16)(18), Ron DeAbreu (16)(18), Scott Taylor (16)(18), Peter Taylor (16)(18), Van Vogel (16)(18), Stephen Poe (19)

Subcommittees: **Hospitality Subcommittee:** Marcia Ormsby (16)(18), Pat Else (13)(15)(17), Margaret Candler (18), Peter Meredith (19)

- **Building Use Coordinator (BUC):** Sheryl Grier (18)
- **Co-BUC:** Cecile Taylor (19)

- **Ad hoc Building for the Future Committee:** Kim Finch (15)(17), and others

**Ministry & Worship:** Co-Clerks: Tom Wolfe (17)(19) and Ellen McBride (18) (19)

Members: Elise Albert (15)(17)(19), Lynada Johnson (17)(19), Peter Meredith (19)

Subcommittees: **BYM Contact:** Jenn DeLorge McKeown

- **Quarterly Meeting Contact:** Jenn DeLorge McKeown
- **Interchange Contact:** Pat Schenck
- **Quaker History & Heritage (since 08):** Kim Finch
- **Quaker Burial Ground:** Phil Caroom (13)(15)(17)(19)
Silent Retreat Convener: Jean Christianson

Spiritual Friends Group Facilitator: Kit Hanley

Deconstructing Racism Convener: Jean Christianson

Nominating Committee: Clerk: Wes Jordan (19)

Members: Nancy Jo Steetle (12)(14)(16)(18), Susan Dapkunas (14)(16)(18), Patty Robinson (15)(17)(19), Barb Thomas (19)

Outreach: Co-Clerks: Lee Lougee (from mid-March – May) and Diane Evartt (16)(18)(19) and Margaret Holmes (19)

Members: Sheryl Grier (18), Arielle Jordan (18)

Subcommittees: Directory: Wes Jordan (16)(18)

Web Manager: Sheryl Grier (18)

Co- E-mail List Managers: Doug McClelland (15)(17)(19) and Jenn DeLorge McKeown (19)

Newsletter Editor: Susan Wolfe (16)(18)

GAIN Representative: -----------------

Pastoral Care: Co-Clerks: Patty Robinson (18) and Kit Hanley (18)(19)

Members: Nancy Jo Steetle (11)(13)(15)(17)(19), Minette Clarke-Swindle (18), Barb Thomas (19)

Subcommittee: Quaker Dudes: Karl Richmond (10)(12)(14)(16)(18) and Phil Caroom (16)(18)

Under the care of Pastoral Care: Fifth Night Light: Mary Barbera

Peace & Social Concerns: Clerk: Mary Dadone (17)(18)

Members: Jeanne Ward (16)(18), Ann Riggs (17)(19), Bonnie Perego (19)

Subcommittees: Peace & Justice Center: vacant

AFSC contact: vacant

FCNL contact: Jeanne Ward

Lighthouse Shelter Co-liaisons: Marcia Ormsby (07)(09)(11)(13)(15)(17)(19) and Sue Podolin (17)(19)
Minute for Carol Brantley

Carol was born July 23, 1947 in Elizabeth, New Jersey to Charles Brantley and Annie Lee Brantley. With her passing on October 17, 2018 she leaves her brother Glenn Brantley (Muriel) and sister Francena Brantley (who, known to us as Fran, became a beloved presence in our Quaker community during the year she was Carol’s support and companion in the time of her illness.) And Carol treasured her ties to her two nephews, two nieces, five great nephews, one great niece and the daughters of long-time friends for whom she hosted “Camp Carol.”

Carol’s spiritual journey began in the Baptist church where she played the organ and sang in the choir. She loved Gospel music. As an adult she found her spiritual expression in the practice of Kundalini Yoga. The third strand in the braid of Carol’s spiritual journey was the Annapolis Friends Meeting (AFM) community where she experienced spirituality and religion coming together.

Her professional work, her volunteer work, and her life as a member of the Annapolis Friends community all reflected her deep sense of the potential for all people to be whole, full contributors in the world, and to reflect the light of spirit in all they did. Whether it was as Board Chair and dedicated
volunteer for the Light House, or in her work with organizations on long-term
organizational change and the self-empowerment of women and people of
color—woven throughout all that Carol did were repeated expressions of the
Quaker values of simplicity, peacefullness, integrity, community, equality and
environmental stewardship.
She was instrumental in forming and stewarding the Annapolis
Friends Early Meeting for Worship that was held at 8:00 am on the second,
fourth and fifth First Days each month. She was a guiding presence for Early
Meeting, reaching out to everyone, and watching the Early Meeting grow over
the years. Her Early Meeting invitation emails always included a beautiful
photograph and a verse to help focus on the Light within. As Building Use
Coordinator, Carol was the face of AFM, welcoming a more diverse group of
people to rent our building and become part of our community.
A deep thinker, a regular meditator who understood that we all have
access to a rich spiritual life within, she loved beauty, and she embodied
beauty and elegance, with a striking memorable minimalism. She had known
suffering and loss and it had left her compassionate and generous.
Carol will be remembered for her quiet, calm, but passionate love for
the Chesapeake, including diving into its waters for the Polar Bear Plunge. A
woman of clear intent and desire to continually improve spiritually, Carol
meditated and engaged Spirit regularly. She treasured walking in silence near
the water and longed for silent retreats where she would gain greater
perspectives on her current life and the next steps to reach for an even deeper
connection with Spirit. Carol was a spiritual mentor who challenged the depth
of commitment to Spirit.
In her Annapolis Friends monthly meeting, Carol was often the
person who spoke most thoughtfully and directly to concerns often not seen or
voiced by others, especially when it came to matters of equality and
inclusion. In personal conversations, Carol listened deeply and
thoughtfully. She was widely respected, both within our meeting and outside,
for her wisdom, her personal strengths, her graciousness and her bold
spirit. She has brought us the gift of presence, of being fully present to the
moment. She was able to really see each of us, and love what she saw. She
has truly tested joy at her core, and we have been warmed by its light. The
gifts she brought us with her presence remain with us in spirit.

HOW TO SUBMIT NEWSLETTER ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please submit items for the calendar and brief descriptions of events by end of day the Monday after Meeting for Business.
- Susan W is the editor of the Annapolis Friends Newsletter. Please send any items for inclusion in the newsletter to her at annapolisfriendsmeeting@gmail.com. Please include the word “Newsletter” in the subject heading of your email.
- Friends also are asked to watch your email for announcements of meetings and to listen for announcements at the rise of meeting.
- Event and activity organizers, please also post your announcements on the bulletin board for those who do not use electronic mail!
- The Announce and Discuss Email Lists have been replaced with AFMAnnounce at GoogleGroups. Please email announcements to afm-announce@googlegroups.com. If you need to be added to the GoogleGroup, please email Doug at afmeeting34@gmail.com or send a request to join by visiting https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/afm-announce
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