

ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2019

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

MARCH 1: 7-10pm Friendly 8s Group

MARCH 3: 9-10:45am Meeting for Worship with Attn to Business; 11am-12pm Meeting for Worship; 12:15-1:30pm Potluck; 6:30-8:30pm Wm Penn House Potluck

MARCH 4: Newsletter Items Due by 5pm

MARCH 5: 7-9pm Green Team

MARCH 7: 5-6pm Open Table – Library

MARCH 9: 3-6pm Memorial Service for David Ward

MARCH 10: 8-9am Early Worship; 9:15-10:45am Meeting for Learning: Our Life is Love (Pt. 4 of 4); 11am-12pm Meeting for Worship

MARCH 11: 7-8:30pm West River Quaker Burial Grounds Trustees

MARCH 12: 7-8:30pm Book Discussion

MARCH 13: 7:30-9pm Meditation Group

MARCH 14: 2:30-4pm Spiritual Friendship; 5-6pm Open Table – Library; 7-9pm CSGA Business Meeting

MARCH 17: 9:15-10:45am Most Committees Meet; 11am-12pm Meeting for Worship; 12:30-1:30pm

Committees: CREC; 12:30-2pm Pastoral Care Committee Meeting

MARCH 21: 5-6pm Open Table – Library

MARCH 23: 8am-6pm Baltimore Yearly Meeting

MARCH 24: 8-9am Early Worship; 9:15-10:45am Meeting for Learning: Sacred Dance & Chant; 11am-12pm Meeting for Worship; 12:30-2pm Friends Writing Together; 3-5pm Interfaith Action for Human Rights

MARCH 26: 2:45-4:45pm Book Discussion

MARCH 28: 5-6pm Open Table – Library

MARCH 30: 4-6pm Poetry Reading

MARCH 31: 8-9am Early Worship; 9:15-10:45 Worship Sharing TBA; 11am-12pm Meeting for Worship

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 THIRD MONTH: Personal Spiritual Life

Do you make time for meditation, prayer and worship? Do you read the Bible, the writings of Friends, and other inspirational works, seeking new light? Do you regularly seek God's guidance? Are you open to guidance and support and do you give thanks for them? Do you share your spiritual insights with others and willingly receive from them in turn?

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)

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Meetings for Learning:

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

3/24 Sunday 9:15am: Sacred Chant and Dance Sylvia Oliva

4/14 Sunday 9:15am: Tim Mulady: Boy Scouts and the Quakers as an InterFaith Learning
With Rizwan Jaka from All Dulles Area Muslim Society

4/28 Sunday 9:15am: No Meeting for Learning to allow for Spring Mart Set up

Upcoming Meetings for Learning (Dates TBA)

2019 Quakerism 101 Series

Ann Riggs and Dot Walizer: Quakerism 101

Other Upcoming Meetings for Learning

Sylvia Oliva wants date for Creation Spirituality MfL which was cancelled for snow

Lee Lougee contacted M&W about Friends House MfL

Wes Jordan on Non-Theism and Friends

Susan Wolfe on the Culture of the Early Christians

Tom Wolfe: [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 (March 2019) – European-American Collaborative

"We use the term 'white supremacist consciousness' not to refer to a group of people, but to a system of thought. White supremacist consciousness describes a way of thinking that takes for granted the legitimacy of an American society dominated by white norms and values. In other words, white norms and values are normalized, thus making their supremacy over other groups' norms and values implicit. It is this normalization that maintains the institutionalization of privilege based on race. We learned about this highly charged phrase from people of color, drawn from the discourse of Critical Race Theory (Delgado, 1995). As critical race discourse observes, many in our society fail to understand that racism is the institutionalization of privilege; it is not just a manifestation of prejudiced attitudes by individuals. When well-intentioned white people see themselves as 'not prejudiced' they often assume they are also 'not racist' because they are examining their personal attitudes instead of the way in which they participate in unjust distributions of power and privilege based on race."

From "Developing Capacity to Communicate About Race with Critical Humility," in **The Handbook of Race and Adult Education: A Resource for Dialogue on Racism** by the European-American Collaborative Challenging Whiteness (ECCW) <http://www.iconoclastic.net/eccw/>

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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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.

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Annapolis Friends Meeting E-mail Lists (Announce/Discuss)

Annapolis Friends Meeting maintains two e-mail lists, Announce and Discuss, both for different uses by members and interested attenders who choose to join them. If you are not a member or a regular attender of Annapolis Friends Meeting, then these lists probably have little interest for you. Conversely, if you are a member/attender and have interest in one list, then it is quite likely you have an interest in the other, so feel welcome to join both if you wish. Most do. Joining (Subscribing) requires a review by the list manager or vetting by the Outreach Committee; but leaving (Unsubscribing) can be performed at your discretion in the manner prescribed below.

The **Announce List** is for announcing events of concern directly relating to AFM and is meant to be used more restrictively. Announce List members are invited to use

afm-announce@googlegroups.com

in order to:

- * request to hold members of the community in the Light.
- * announce births, marriages, ceremonies of commitment, illnesses, deaths, or memorial services.
- * announce AFM and committee/subcommittee meetings or changes to previously announced meetings.
- * announce specific Annapolis Friends, Baltimore Yearly Meeting or Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting business.

To subscribe to the AFM Announce List, send an e-mail request with your desired address for inclusion to

douglasmcc2344@gmail.com

or

jenndelorge@yahoo.com

To automatically unsubscribe from the Announce List and thus stop receiving emails from it, send an email from the address to be dropped from the service to

afm-announce+unsubscribe@googlegroups.com

The **Discuss List** is for other more general concerns and more open discussion of issues or items that the list user believes of interest to the AFM community, e.g., items relating to peace or other Quaker testimonies, and for announcements of Quaker organizations and other groups with which Friends are affiliated. Another way of looking at the AFM Discuss List is to consider it an AFM blog for your posting items of interest for discussion among the Meeting community. More leeway is granted in the use of the Discuss list, but always use discretion and consider whether the prospective post is actually warranted for wide dissemination on either list.

To subscribe to the AFM Discuss List, follow the same method above by sending a request for inclusion in the e-mail list to either

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or

jenndelorge@yahoo.com

To automatically unsubscribe from the AFM Discuss List and thus stop receiving emails from it, send an email from the address to be dropped from the service to

afm-discuss+unsubscribe@googlegroups.com

In all cases, posts on both lists reflect list users' personal opinions and should clearly be understood to NOT reflect the consensus of Annapolis Friends Meeting.

If you have any questions or misgivings about using either Announce or Discuss to address e-mails to those wider audiences, be clear about posting to AFM Announce, consider deferring to Discuss, or perhaps address e-mails to a more restrictive and specifically targeted audience (many fewer addressees). Additionally, when responding to e-mails sent out via Announce and Discuss, be very clear in your mind about your intention to respond to the entire list. Alternatively consider sending a reply to the sender with a specific e-mail addressed to that person alone, thus obeying common e-mail courtesy.

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**Annapolis Friends Monthly Meeting (AFM)
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MfB)
Third Month, Third Day, 2019 (3/3/19)**

Present were: Martha B. (clerk), Phil C. (recording clerk), Sky & Nan E., Karen C., Amy N., Tom W., Barb T., Ellen M., Peter M., Jeanne W., Sarah S., Will & Margaret C., Mary B., Cairn K., Bob B.&Elise A., Sheryl G., Cairn K., Jean C., Kim F., Margaret H., Wes J., Patty R., Dot W., and Pat H.

Out of the silence, our Clerk welcomed Friends and offered Robert Barclay's quote: "when I came among the silent Assemblies of God's people, I felt the secret power among them which touched my heart...and I felt the evil weakening within me," noting that this still may describe us today.

As to plans for the upcoming Interim Meeting (IM) at AFM, Barb initially told Friends she is very glad to be back at Meeting from her cardiac recovery process. After explaining the role within Yearly Meeting of IM, Barb reminded Friends that we will host IM on Saturday, March 23. As a schedule, we expect:

-9 - 10:30 a.m. - AFM Hospitality Subcom., headed by Marcia, plans breakfast (coffee, bagels, etc.) for approximately 60 Friends.

NOTE: Generally, we will use catering including, we hope, the Lighthouse program. But, Hospitality also will invite Friends to sign up for particular duties, including serving, clean-up, drinks and desserts.

-10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - BYM committees meet - Unitarians will host 5 committees; AFM, the other 5.

-12:15 to 1:45 - Lunch is served for approximately 95.

- 2 - 6 p.m. - Meeting for Business at AFM.

- 6 p.m. - Dinner is served to an estimated 35-40 Friends.

Sky noted that, in the past, a shuttle from the UU parking lot to AFM has been helpful. Another Friend also reminded us that AFM children have guided Friends through the woods to the Meeting House. Barb suggested carpooling. Further details will be considered by Barb and our ad hoc IM planning committee.

All are welcome to participate in IM.

As to the progress of AFM's Spiritual State of the Meeting (SSOM) process, Ellen reported for Ministry and Worship Com.(M&W) that our SSOM sharing session two weeks ago resulted in requests from many Friends for another session. This has been scheduled for 3/17. Extension of this period for reporting also will permit committees to offer "spiritual state of the committees" reports— committees were urged to provide their reports to M&W promptly after 3/17 committee meetings. Friends approved.

Our Clerk noted that the process of contemplating our spiritual state is perhaps even more important than the efficiency of getting this written up. For M&W, Tom stated that a March 31 adult learning time also will provide a "threshing" or "first reading" of the compiled SSOM report; hopefully, this will assist Friends to approve the final report at our April MfB. We still hope to get the report turned in to BYM by its April 15 deadline.

Also for M&W, Tom noted that requests for particular topics of adult education sessions may be submitted to the Committee through him. The committee will discern optimum scheduling, giving some priority to topics of "Quaker education."

For Meeting House & Land (MHL) Com., Kim F. offered a three-part report:

- (i) She noted that our Spring Work Day was planned for Saturday, 4/20— the day before Easter— and asked whether Friends had any objections to this. Friends approved staying with this date.
- (ii) She reported MHL's recommendation that Carol's sculpture currently should stay under the roof of our front porch to the left of the entry, noting that the sculpture shows up well against the red brick wall. We can add to its protected zone with a twelve-inch raised platform with a wood-housing box to shield it during intensive use of the area, such as Quaker Market. (The box will be completed before April 27 in advance of the next Market.) Friends approved this plan.

(Kim also noted that other possible amenities such as a small plaque as to the statue's origin, composition, and its significance. She noted that Carol and other Friends have discussed that "maybe in the future" the statue may find a place inside the Meeting House.)

3) Finally, Kim noted, per our AFM Capital Improvements guidelines, that MHL should ask MfB's approval for improvements over \$500 in cost. Now, MHL requests approval for two parallel sections of fence (not a solid "wall"): one section- 4' tall and 16' long; another section that would be 5 1/2' tall and 32' long that together both could offer an esthetic enhancement of the Memorial Garden and could visually screen it from the maintenance and play areas. Installation is proposed before a possible impending rental of AFM for a summer day camp— as well as providing a visual enhancement. The estimated cost of the fence is \$1400.

One Friend asked whether a hedge such as arbor vitae has been considered as an alternative. Another MHL member noted that the ends of the fence will be large trees and that some plantings along with the fence are planned. Friends requested a diagram and stakes in the ground to help us visualize the project before its final approval, but also expressed appreciation to MHL for its efforts provide long-needed improvement for this area. Friends approved this concept, but MHL will bring back a final plan for approval.

(One of our Building Use Coordinators (BUC) noted that the daycamp is not a "done deal" even though the camp has begun to advertise online for this venue. Friends noted that we may need some restoration of our playground's mulch surfacing and a camp might require a good level of outdoor supervision to ensure children's safety.

For Pastoral Care (PC), Patty read a Memorial Minute for Ted Hawkins. (It is attached and incorporated in these Minutes.) Friends approved this minute with minor revisions. Patty also noted that Ted's Memorial Service will be held at Collington Retirement Community chapel, on Sat., 3/9 at 1 p.m.

Patty also noted that 8 a.m. AFM worship attender David Ward died this past Thursday. (His wife Judy Brown also long has attended early worship.) AFM will work with his wife to hold a Memorial Service at the Meeting House also on Saturday, 3/9 at 4 p.m. It is hoped that this timing might permit some Friends to attend both services.

A minute for David Ward will be offered next month.

Our Clerk noted that AFM's Peace and Social Concerns Committee recently received and supported a request for use of the Meeting House from Jack Lahr for a fundraiser benefiting Interfaith Action for Human Rights (IAHR) on March 24. Phil noted that, among IAHR'S founders, is Stony Run Friend Suzanne O'Hatnick; IAHR's primary concern involves misuse of solitary confinement. Also, he noted that Baltimore Yearly Meeting (BYM) has minuted support for IAHR and has directed that BYM's Peace & Social Concerns Committee maintain a liaison with IAHR.

(Yet another Friend noted that, historically, the practice of solitary confinement in American prisons was initiated by Philadelphia Quakers who, with good intentions, felt it might encourage rehabilitation; in later years, with "continuing revelation," more prison experience and scientific studies, Friends have come to realize that solitary actually has adverse impact on the mental health of most individuals; so, now, many Quakers have taken on the responsibility of seeking to "undo the harm" by reducing or eliminating solitary's improper overuse.)

Considering all these circumstances, Friends agreed on IAHR's use of the Meeting House and waiver of fees for the program. Jeanne W. Also noted that, because AFM's PSC Committee has agreed to cosponsor the IAHR program, Friends should also add this event to our AFM Facebook page and AFM online calendar. Friends also were in unity as to these plans.

As to Chesapeake Quarterly (CQ) Meeting, Phil reported that this meeting of primarily central Maryland meetings was held at Homewood Friends Meeting on 2/23/19 and that discussions focused on whether it would be appropriate for Maryland Quakers to form some sort of "Friends Committee on Maryland Legislation" comparable to the federal Friends Committee on National Legislation. After lengthy discussions of Friends' state level concerns (including environmental matters, criminal justice, immigrants, and more), CQ Friends agreed to establish a working group to further consider the questions and to make recommendations. One issue may involve whether it would make sense to seek broader interfaith involvement, such as Virginia's Interfaith Public Policy Center. Another issue might be whether it would make sense for AFM to have a special role, since our Meeting House facilities and our experience via AFM's Peace and Justice Center could help support the efforts of a wider group. Phil noted that the working group will announce itself and invite Friends to participate in further discussions on 4/6/19 at BYM Networking Day and at a BYM Annual Sessions workshop.

As to other upcoming items of interest, we heard various announcements including the following:

-Kim noted that a "Riverwise Congregations" / Master Watershed Stewards program is forming and has invited AFM to join faith groups' local efforts to safeguard our water sheds. A program will be held on 3/14 at 6 p.m. at Mt. Olivet Church in Parole. Kim also will post the announcement on the discuss list.'

-Phil reported that Maryland Alliance for Justice Reform ("MAJR"- now a statewide advocacy organization, but founded jointly by AFM and our neighbor St.Philips Episcopal Church) will hold its annual Lobby Day this Wednesday, 3/6, from 9:30-noon at the Md House of Delegates building, room 142. The group, now in its 5th year, will send volunteers to urge legislators to be "smart on crime," rather than "tough on crime," by voting to reduce costly overuse of incarceration and, instead, support measures to support more diversion, better prison practices, and rehabilitation. He will pass a clipboard at close of Meeting, inviting Friends to sign up for this 3/6 program.

-Peter announced that AFM & Methodists' shared Winter Relief homeless shelter effort is on-track this year with plentiful volunteers including our dinner. He will update Friends if more support is needed.

-Wes announced Climate Stewards of Greater Annapolis (CSGA) will meet at AFM on 3/7 and 3/21. More details will be sent on the AFM announce list & CSGA webpage.

-Dot for Library Committee noted that a 36” rotary paper cutter was found in the Library, but does not belong to us and no individual has claimed it. This device will be sold or donated if not claimed in the next two weeks. She also asked that Friend not donate books or leave other items in the library without first consulting the Committee.

-Tom W. reported that the Greater Annapolis Interfaith Network (GAIN) has begun an Annapolis Immigration Network which already has had some success, assisting a new-father immigrant to be released and united with his newborn son. Friends are invited to join Tom for an organizational meeting on 4/11 at 7 p.m. at St John Neumann Catholic Church.

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

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Memorial Minute for Edward (Ted) Kenneth Hawkins

Edward Kenneth Hawkins died on 12/8/18 aged 90 at Collington Retirement Community in Bowie, Md.

Ted was born to Ruby Annie and John Edward Hawkins in 1929 in Hereford in England, a small market town near the Welsh border, where he lived until he went to university in Hull. While studying in Hull he met Evamaria (Ria)

Guillery, a fellow student. He graduated with first class honors in economics and was offered a scholarship to do graduate study at Queens College in Oxford. After receiving his graduate degrees from Oxford in 1952 he married Ria and together they moved to Ibadan in Nigeria where Ted did research at the West African Institute for Economics and Social Research for 3 years.

Upon returning to England in 1955, now with a 9 month old daughter, he obtained a position as Research Fellow in African Studies at Nuffield College, Oxford. During his time at Nuffield College he spent one year in Uganda to research their road transport system, accompanied by his family with 2 children,

In 1959, shortly after the birth of their third child, the family moved to Sheffield where Ted was appointed to a lectureship in Economics at the University of Sheffield. During vacations he made several trips to Africa as a consultant, writing reports on transport systems. An invitation to be a consultant for the World Bank as part of a team studying the Spanish economy led to an appointment to work at the World Bank, and the family moved to Bethesda, Md. In 1963. He worked at the World Bank for 25 years, in many countries and departments.

Ted grew up attending an English Baptist church, while Ria grew up attending Quaker meetings. When they started dating, they shared their church attendance and went to Quaker Meeting in the mornings and to Baptist church on Sunday evenings. Before leaving Oxford for Sheffield Ted applied for membership in Oxford Meeting, and then became active member of Sheffield Meeting. After moving to the Washington area the family became founding members of Bethesda Friends, where Ted was an active participant, serving as clerk and on several committees,

He also became heavily involved in the Baltimore Yearly Meeting. He served on Stewardship & Finance, Supervisory Committee and Trustees. He became clerk of Trustees the year the Yearly Meeting bought camp Shiloh He helped to organize the financing of this second camp’s purchase and to bring the physical plant up to the standards needed to be operational. He soon realized that the former practice of one camping committee that could manage all matters concerned with camping was not adequate and he established the Camping Property Committee and the original committee became a Camping Program Committee. The Yearly Meeting also appointed a full time camp property manager.

Ted always had a concern for Third World countries, and in retirement became involved the Right Sharing of World Resources, a Quaker not for profit organization. He served on the board and shared the experience he had gained while working at the World Bank.

In 2000 Ted and Ria moved to the Collington Retirement Community in Bowie, Md. and eventually moved their Meeting membership to Annapolis Friends Meeting where he also served on Stewardship and Finance Committee and Trustees. Ted became involved in the life of the Collington community serving on the board of directors as well as several resident committees and the Collington Foundation. In his later years, Ted developed dementia, and his family was grateful for the support available in the Collington Community.

Ted cared very much for his growing family, which included his 3 children and their spouses, 7 grandchildren and their spouses/partners and 13 great grandchildren, who to his great delight all managed to visit him in the last 9 months of his life.

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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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