

Adelphi Friends Newsletter

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<p>WEEKLY SCHEDULE:</p> <p>Sunday:</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Early Meeting for Worship (small) (2nd Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship) 9:50 a.m. Singing 10:00 a.m. Meeting for Worship</p>	<p>MONTHLY SCHEDULE:</p> <p>Second Sunday (Third Sunday in May, July and August): Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business</p> <p>Fourth Sunday: Junior Meeting at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Fourth Sunday: Potluck at rise of Meeting</p>
<p>Takoma Park Friends Meeting (Preparative) under the care of Adelphi Meeting. Every Sunday: Meeting for Worship 10:00 a.m. on the upper floor at Still Point, 7009B Carroll Avenue, which is at the corner of Carroll and Westmoreland Street. See http://TakomaPark.quaker.org. Meeting for Worship for the Preparation of Business, fourth Sunday following Meeting for Worship.</p>	

THANKS FOR HELP, FROM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Religious Education Committee would like to recognize and thank those Friends who have served this summer, supporting the children's program for First Day. In June, Philip Payette had help in preparing some food for potluck and Lara Oerter led the group in music and movement.

In July, Mosi Harrington and Jamesen Goodman used lots of helping hands to plant annuals and perennials in the memorial garden. There are pictures of the gardening in the Meeting House basement. Karen Armstrong and Rob Duncan led the kids in their own "dream team meeting" to talk about what they liked about First Day School and what they would like to get rid of. Mary Leonard led the group in an encounter with wild animals and Ann Marie Moriarty led singing and rounds where the kids could make up their own verses.

There were five busy first days in August. John Stith led the group on two days. On one Sunday he taught teams how to use a compass and tape measure to follow directions to treasure and the other Sunday the kids made their own creative buttons. Amy Greene talked with the kids about giving and receiving and that old fashioned notion, the thank you note. Beth Anderson and June Confer read a book about playing at war and talked about peace day (September 21). The kids created and baked their own pretzels. April Downs led the enthusiastic group in games. The children were having so much fun, even potluck couldn't bring them inside.

Thanks to everyone who made this summer memorable!

CALLED MEETING FOR WORSHIP TO CELEBRATE A 13TH BIRTHDAY

Saturday, October 11th, at 11:00 a.m., please come to a Meeting for Worship on the occasion of the 13th birthday of Isaac Wolf Axtmann. Potluck/cookout to follow at Adelphi Meeting House. Isaac says: If you or a family member are thirteen or close to it, please consider this Meeting your own coming-of-age celebration! For more information, contact Joanna Axtmann at jaxart@infionline.net or (202) 723-4428.

CLASSES ON THE LIFE OF MOSES

Tuesday, Sept. 9, and the following Tuesdays, from 6:55 to 8:55 p.m., women interested in history and the Bible are invited to study the life of Moses. Children of all ages are welcome into their own classes taught by professional childhood teachers. Classes take place at Georgia Avenue in a church immediately off the beltway. For questions and carpooling, call Carol Nezzo, (301) 864-5267 or email cnezzo@yahoo.com.

COLOR AND CONTENT

A Color and Content Art Workshop with Joanna Axtmann starts September 18th. There will be ten sessions, each held Thursday mornings or evenings. There are bright green flyers in the Adelphi Meeting House front lobby. All are welcome! (202) 723-4428, or jaxart@infionline.net

BETHESDA FRIENDS MEETING EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

Introduction to Quakerism, September 7th and 14th. Quakerism 101 will be offered again this fall by the Adult Religious Education Committee. The course will consist of six or so sessions covering Quaker decision-making, Meeting for Worship, Quaker faith and practice, some of the history of the Society of Friends, and other topics. Quakerism 101 is intended for those new to Quakerism and those who have already been participating for a long time. We will have two organizing meetings with people who are interested in order to discover the best days and times to hold the class. The organizing meetings will be on Sunday, at rise of meeting, on September 7th, and at rise of meeting and at potluck on September 14. For more information, please contact Barbara Fichman at Barbara.Fichman@verizon.net or Gail Thomas at quakergail@gmail.com . We look forward to hearing from you.

Peace Vigils in Bethesda, September 14th and 28th. Our country is in great need of a different approach to matters of war and peace and our relationship to the rest of the world. To encourage our neighbors in Bethesda to consider alternatives to war, the Peace and Social Justice Committee will be hosting Peace Vigils from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. every Sunday between September 14th and November 3rd at the corner of Woodmont and Bethesda Avenues in Bethesda, near Barnes & Noble and the Landmark Theaters.

We will be displaying banners from the American Friends Service Committee about the costs of war and distributing cards from the Center on Conscience and War about alternatives to enlistment. The committee would really appreciate as much support from the rest of the Meeting as we can get. We will also be contacting other local congregations to join us. For details, contact Jane Meleney Coe at bethesdaafm@igc.org or (301) 320-5083.

Experiment With Light Sessions, September 14th and 28th. Experiment With Light is a meditative and centering practice based upon Rex Ambler's book, *Light to Live By*, which describes early Quaker meditative habits and translates them into a highly accessible process of clearness and understanding. Bob Denison led a one-day workshop at BFM in April, sponsored by the Adult Religious Education Committee. Since then a few participants have gathered a few times to practice what we learned and we are eager to share it with any and all who might be interested. This is an invitation to two such sessions on Sunday evenings, September 14th and 28th, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., at the home of Jane Meleney Coe, 6703 Pawtucket Road in Bethesda, near where River Road and Wilson Lane cross. Please come if you can. Feel free to contact her with questions and suggestions: (301) 320-5083 or bethesdaafm@igc.org.

Creating Peace and Justice: Practical Compassion for Social Action, September 23rd. On Tuesday evening, September 23rd, from 7:00 to 9:15 p.m., in the Meeting House, the Peace and Social Justice Committee is sponsoring the first of four sessions about a process by which we help to create peace and justice in our world and in our society. The other sessions will be on October 7th and 28th and on November 11th. Through activities, role playing, and small group work, the four-session series

will explore applying NVC (nonviolent communication) within the context of the challenges that peace and justice activists face in our daily lives and work, addressing such queries as: How can we maintain our own integrity and love of peace when we encounter others who hold very different ideas than our own? How can we give practical form to the values of compassion and nonviolence that are at the core of our peace and justice work? How can we stay connected to our deepest values and hopes in the midst of challenge and conflicts with family members, friends, colleagues, and those across the political divide? We will be learning practices that shift our focus from what we oppose to what we want to create; allow us to fully listen to others, even in times of great disagreement, to hear what is essential to them, and to give them the experience of being heard and understood; and to express clearly, without blame or criticism, what is of importance to us; and to increase our chances of continuing the dialogue to a satisfying conclusion. Some people might call this getting beyond the blame game. The sessions will be led by Jeanne Marcus, a founding member of Capitol NVC (see www.capitolNVC.org), a graduate of the 2007 North America NVC Leadership Program, and a certification candidate with the global Center for Nonviolent Communication (www.cnvc.org). This is open to anyone in Meeting who might be interested. No prior experience with NVC is needed. The favor of registration is requested. Contact Jane Meleney Coe at bethesdafrm@igc.org or (301) 320-5083. There will be a sliding scale cost of \$15-40 per session, or \$60-150 for the series. It is hoped that participants will attend all the sessions because each session will be the basis for deepening our understanding in the next session.

ARE Conversation: What is a Living Meeting? September 28th. On Sunday, September 28th, at 9:30 a.m., Peirce Hammond will guide a conversation on the attributes of a living Meeting and explore whether the same attributes apply to living a Quaker life. The session will be in the Music Room (basement) of the SAM Building across the courtyard from the Meeting House and will be the first of the Adult Religious Education Committee's offerings for those who have been through an introduction to Quakerism. That is not a prerequisite, however. For details, contact Frank Greve at greve-chalmers@gmail.com or (202) 686-5397.

Bethesda Friends Meeting is at the corner of Edgemoor and Beverly Lanes in Bethesda, three blocks from the Bethesda Metro. The information will be posted on our web site shortly: www.bethesdafriends.org

WILLIAM PENN HOUSE QUAKER POTLUCK AND DIALOGUE FOR SEPTEMBER

You are invited to attend a potluck and Quaker dialogue at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 7th. Our program this First Day is presented by Elaine Craudereuff of Friends General Conference (FGC) Advancement and Outreach staff support and a member of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, and Mel Snyder of the FGC Quaker Quest Traveling Team.

Quaker Quest is a dynamic new approach to outreach that has brought seekers to meetings all over England. It is based on the idea that Quakerism, "a spiritual path for our time," is simple, radical, and contemporary. In essence, Quaker Quest is a series of public open meetings on Quaker topics, which are presented in repeated cycles. The sessions follow a lively format which engages seekers intently for two hours. During each session three Friends speak briefly from the heart about the evening's topic. Seekers then divide into small groups, each facilitated by a Friend who makes certain that everyone has a chance to share. The three presenters then offer a second, shorter set of talks. A question and answer period follows. The program closes with a 30-minute Meeting for Worship.

William Penn House is located at 515 East Capitol Street SE, Washington, DC 20003. Telephone: (202) 543-5560, fax: (202) 543-3814, e-mail: info@WilliamPennHouse.org, www.WilliamPennHouse.org.

DEEPENING OUR FAITH, GROUNDING OUR PRACTICE

"Worship to Serve: Deepening our faith, grounding our practice" will take place on Ninth Month 14 at Homewood Friends Meeting House, 3107 North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21210. The speaker will be Tom Gates of Lancaster Friends (Philadelphia YM).

Program (young adults and young Friends encouraged to attend):

- 8:30 to 9:00 arrival (tea, coffee, juice, muffins)
- 9:00 to 10:30 Meeting for Business (will lead into meeting for worship)
- 10:30 to 11:30 Meeting for Worship (continuing from Meeting for Business, overseen by Homewood Ministry and Worship)

- 12:00 to 1:00 lunch (downstairs dining room)
- 1:15 to 2:45 Tom Gates, discussion following

RSVP's are requested for lunch, childcare, children's program, and overnight hospitality, preferably by Eighth Month 30. RSVP and info: Homewood Friends Meeting, (410) 235-4438 or homewoodfriends@verizon.net.

A PRESUMPTUOUS ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS MEETING PEACE EFFORT SUCCEEDS

As Israeli, Palestinian and U.S. governments struggle with the "Track I" peace negotiations, Geneva Initiative (GI) nongovernmental (NGO) representatives have made great strides in a "Track II" dialog on a central conflict between their people: how water should be allocated fairly and with cooperation to face drought and other environmental problems.

Palestinians and Israelis each sent five-member delegations, including both technical experts and representatives with close ties to their governments, for three days of intense discussions in Maryland on the difficult water issues between August 18 and 21, 2008. Annapolis Friends Peace and Justice Center recruited, as advisors, U.S. experts in the fields of engineering, economics, and water law, as well as mediators including a retired U.N. ambassador.

When GI representatives answered Annapolis Friends' Meeting's request to speak at a public forum during the Bush Administration's "Annapolis [Middle East peace] Conference" in November 2007, they discussed the possibility of a mutual project for mediation of the unfinished water component of GI's model peace treaty. After nine months of emails, research and consultations with neutral experts, the planned intensive water dialog came to pass.

"I've never felt we've been this close to a working agreement," eminent Israeli engineer Hillel Shuval exulted. Fadia Daibes-Murad, a Palestinian engineer and advisor to the Palestinian Water Authority agreed, "We are so much closer together than any time before."

GI water experts agreed to finalize the draft within the coming three months. The draft water agreement then will be offered to official government negotiators as a possible framework for water cooperation in the "final status agreement" that would bring peace to Israelis and Palestinians.

Shaul Arlosoroff, a director of the Israeli national water company who participated in the dialog, stated, "Not much more is needed to submit [the draft] to the final negotiating team." GI Palestinian executive director Nidal Foqaha added, "The [draft] agreement is beyond our expectations."

GI was established in 2003 by former Palestinian Authority and Israeli peace negotiators. The 2001 talks were called off with the onset of the Intifada and lack of support by the Bush Administration. But some negotiators on both sides agreed, with support of the Swiss government, to continue their work. After many months, they completed a detailed model peace treaty--"the Geneva Accord"-- which ultimately may represent the outline for an official treaty between the governments (see www.genevaaccord.org). Today, they still pursue various programs in Israel and Palestine to support the peace effort, as well as making efforts such as the water dialog to complete and refine the model peace agreement.

Interestingly, informal talks with Israelis and Palestinians during the water dialog revealed more extensive Quaker influences than we knew:

Professor Shuval recounted, "Eighteen years ago, I attended my first Israeli meeting with Palestinians, which was suggested by a group of Quakers at the University of Michigan. And, here, the ultimate meeting is sponsored by Quakers from Annapolis." Shuval also attributed some of his readiness to consider Palestinian claims to a more recent conflict resolution class taught by a Quaker.

Also, a several Palestinians either attended Friends School in Ramallah or sent their children or grandchildren there. One Palestinian has a son who will attend Earlham this fall. All expressed appreciation of Quaker process and support for peace initiatives, many asking questions about Quakers generally.

The participants were very clear that they wanted to keep this business-like, without special prayers from a rabbi and imam. We respected that desire, and yet invited Spirit's constant presence and support through silent and vocal prayer led and organized by Stuart Greene and supported by Friends from several Meetings and friends from several other faiths who joined our prayer circles in the evening and held us in prayer throughout the day.

This project never could have happened without all the support, advice, insightful questions, donations, enthusiasm, and volunteer work of so many Friends.

BYM SEEKS DIRECTOR FOR SHILOH QUAKER CAMP

Baltimore Yearly Meeting is seeking a Director for Shiloh Quaker Camp, a residential camp for children ages 9-14. This is a part-time year round position, with full time responsibilities during the summer camping season.

This applicant will be responsible for every aspect of making sure Shiloh Quaker Camp is a continued success. The applicant should be spiritually grounded and familiar with how children can be transformed by experiencing the wilderness and community. The director should be able to teach skills that will lead counselors in creating opportunities for spiritual growth among their campers. He or she must be familiar with safe and appropriate low-impact wilderness practices and be able to teach them and evaluate their implementation by others. He or she should also be organized, possess good social skills and be able to manage crises effectively. Applicants with experience in the Baltimore Yearly Meeting Camping Program are especially encouraged to apply.

To apply please send a resume and letter of interest along with three references to: Jane Megginson, Baltimore Yearly Meeting Camps, 413 S West End Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17603 or e-mail a resume and letter of interest with three references to jane@bymcamps.org. If you have questions please contact Jane at (717) 481-4870. Please apply by October 15, 2008. Our goal is to fill the position with a qualified candidate no later than December 15, 2008. Copies of the complete job description are available at: <http://www.bymcamps.org/staff.htm>. Baltimore Yearly Meeting, as a spiritual community, seeks to welcome all in participation of programs and in employment. The Yearly Meeting is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate in hiring based on race, gender, sexual orientation, disability, marital status, age, or national origin.

BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 5: BYM Interchange Deadline. Please submit all articles to Ann Whittaker, Administrative Assistant at admin@bym-rsf.org.

September 5-7 (Friday through Sunday): Young Friends Executive Committee. Contact Anne Bacon at am.bacon@comcast.net or (540) 662-5613 for more information.

September 7 (Sunday): Nottingham Quarterly Meeting at "The Brick Meetinghouse".

September 7 (Sunday): William Penn House Potluck, 6:30 p.m. Elaine Crauderueff from Friends General Conference and member of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, and Mel Snyder of the FGC Quaker Quest Traveling Team will share the excitement of the Quaker Quest program and how it will be offered in the Washington area. See earlier story in this newsletter.

September 14 (Sunday): Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting at Homewood Friends Meeting in Baltimore.

September 20-21 (Saturday and Sunday): Catocin Quaker Camp Work Weekend. See www.bymcamps.org for information.

September 26-28 (Friday through Sunday): Young Friends Conference at Friends Meeting of Washington. See www.bym-rsf.org/yf for more information.

September 27-28 (Saturday and Sunday): Opequon Quaker Camp Work Weekend. See www.bymcamps.org for information.

October 3-5 (Wednesday through Friday): Sustaining Our Spirit Led Service: A Consultation for Young Adult Quaker Professionals at the William Penn House in Washington, D.C. For more information contact Faith Kelly at faith@williampennhouse.org or (202) 543-5560.

October 4 (Saturday): Adelphi Friends Meeting hosts a benefit concert for Friends Wilderness Center featuring Richard Broadbent and Jesse Palidofsky at 7:00 p.m., 2303 Metzert Rd, Adelphi, MD. See www.friendswildernesscenter.org for more information or call (304) 728-4820.

October 4-5 (Saturday and Sunday): Shiloh Quaker Camp Work Weekend. See www.bymcamps.org for information.

October 10-12 (Friday through Sunday): BYM Silent Retreat at Dayspring Retreat Center. Is your spirit in need of nourishment and refreshment? Come to the Baltimore Yearly Meeting Silent Retreat at Dayspring. We will keep the silence from Friday evening until after worship on Sunday, enjoying the beauty of God's creation by reading, walking, resting, finding our own rhythms, and listening for the Still Small Voice. For more information call Jean Christianson at (410) 544-1912 or e-mail jschristianson@gmail.com. Registration deadline is October 3, or when full.

October 10-12 (Friday through Sunday): Pendle Hill, Youth Workers Training Retreat. This fast-paced, bully experiential workshop is a chance for new and current youth workers to build their skills, and expand their repertoire of games, activities, and responses to common youth issues. Explore issues of community building, child safety, working with challenging youth, group dynamics, and program development through games, activities, worship, and discussion. For more information contact Pendle Hill at www.pendlehill.org or call (610) 566.4507, ext. 3.

October 11: Friends Wilderness Center, Poetry in the Trees. During this annual fall poetry gathering, participants will read their own or others' works, or simply come to listen. Friends Wilderness Poet, Ron Weber, will facilitate. The event will run from 10:00 a.m. until mid-afternoon, as long as folks want to stay. Hiking before or after is optional. Bring a bag lunch. See www.friendswildernesscenter for more information or call (304) 728-4820.

October 18: BYM Interim Meeting at Charlottesville, VA., 1104 Forest Street. All BYM members are welcome. Come meet and share with Friends from other Monthly Meetings! For more information go to www.bym-rsf.org.

October 25-26 (Saturday and Sunday): Opequon Quaker Camp Work Weekend. See www.bymcamps.org for information.

"Seek Peace and Pursue It" -- Weekly silent vigil beside this large blue banner, each Saturday, noon to 1:00 p.m. on the West Lawn of the Capitol (nearest the wall along First St.; look for the banner). All are welcome. Please come and join in the vigil which encourages passers-by to take home something to think about. <http://www.bym-rsf.org/quakers/news/peacevigil.shtml>.

Submitting material to the newsletter: Ann Marlowe, the Newsletter Editor, welcomes any material of interest to the Adelphi Friends Meeting community. The best way to submit material is by e-mail to afm-newsletter@earthlink.net. Either attach a Word file to the e-mail or type the information directly into the e-mail. You may also submit clean, typed copy and photographs to the newsletter box in the meetinghouse. No handwritten material please. Deadline for submissions is noon of the last Sunday of each month.

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