

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.</p> <p>Every Sunday: Meeting for Worship 10:00 a.m. at the Liz Lerman Dance Exchange, 7117 Maple Street, Takoma Park. See http://TakomaPark.quaker.org.</p> <p>Meeting for Worship for the Preparation of Business, fourth Sunday following Meeting for Worship.</p>	

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUNG FRIENDS HAITI FUND RAISER

A photo essay by Rebecca Hamilton-Levi

On February 15th the Middle School Young Friends baked cookies and sold coffee as a service project, organized by Joanna Axtman, in support of Just Haiti, a Haitian coffee growers' cooperative.



More photos on following page.



TESTING THE WATERS, A RETREAT DAY

This retreat day, Saturday, March 28, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Alexandria Friends Meeting, will be facilitated by the core teachers of the School of the Spirit Ministry's program "On Being a Spiritual Nurturer." The retreat day is intended for those discerning whether they are led to apply to the two-year program beginning in September 2009. Friends seeking a short retreat are also very welcome. There is a requested \$25 donation at the door.

The program "On Being a Spiritual Nurturer," now gathering its eighth class from across the country, is designed for those led to pay particular attention to God's transforming, guiding, and healing work.

The program is grounded in the traditional Quaker practice of deep listening and of individual formation within community. Much more information about the program can be found at <http://www.schoolofthespirit.org>.

Overnight hospitality is also being sought for a few Friends traveling from afar. If you can offer a bed, please email info@schoolofthespirit.org or call Mike Green at (919) 929-2339.

MARYLAND UNITED FOR PEACE & JUSTICE CONFERENCE

Maryland United for Peace & Justice (MUPJ) will be holding its annual all-day conference Saturday, April 4 (7) at the Church of the Resurrection in Burtonsville. See www.mupj.org.

THIRST FOR PEACE & JUSTICE

As part of its monthly film series "Reel & Meal Deal at the New Deal" the Prince George's Peace & Justice Coalition will show the movie Thirst on Monday, March 16, at 7:00 p.m. for free. The movie tells the stories of communities in Japan, Bolivia, India and the United States that are facing challenges, as water becomes the most valuable commodity of the 21st century.

Shown at the New Deal Café, 113 Centerway, Roosevelt Center, Greenbelt, MD 20770, the movie will be preceded by a vegetarian meal for \$13. The movie will be shown using a projector paid for by the Meeting, so you're especially encouraged to attend. For details see www.justpeace-pgmd.org.

WORKCAMP OPPORTUNITIES AT WILLIAM PENN HOUSE

If you know of dynamic young people with a passion to make a difference, please let them know about the following William Penn House's 2009 workcamp opportunities for Quaker youth and young adults. The coming year holds a wealth of amazing activities for them, and we are so excited about the opportunity to expand minds and open hearts.

HIV Leadership Program – Dates TBD, college students. Working with peers from other colleges, including peers with HIV, participants will learn about HIV/AIDS as it exists in and flows through Washington DC in terms of programs, policies, and funding. The emphasis is on developing community leadership for prevention through education and testing, while understanding the global issues and common challenges that slow effective prevention efforts.

Minimum of two students per college or community affiliation. There is no charge to participants. Please contact Brad Ogilvie at (301) 257-5348 or brad@williampennhouse.org for more information.

Eco-Workcamp – June 28 to July 5, all ages, including families, and open to full or partial-week participation; fees vary accordingly. This workcamp, as the name suggests, has an environmental theme. We participate in a wide range of activities from litter and invasive plant removal to recycling during the nation's largest festival (The Smithsonian Folk Life Festival). We also learn to make natural hair and body products, and, weather permitting, cook with a solar oven. The week is capped off with the Capital Fireworks on July 4. We have four scholarships for this program for high school students. Please contact Brad (info above) for an application. We have varying rates depending on numbers of days.

Friends High School Workcamp – July 5-11, high school students; \$250/person, covers all costs. "How can we serve God Through the Friends Testimonies?" Through a variety of activities, we will provide a glimpse at how Friends are living out the testimonies in their daily lives. The activities will include a variety of service and volunteer activities that address a range of social and environmental issues such as poverty, nutrition, homelessness, HIV/AIDS, and the environment.

We will also learn about the relationship between activism and religion. Through personal reflection and worship-sharing time, the participants will explore the common threads of Quakerism that can support efforts of Friends to address these issues using the resources—including the internet—to speak truth and bring action for positive change in daily activities.

There's no place like Washington, DC. In many ways it is a microcosm of the world. It is a city of incredible wealth and power that also contains some of the highest rates of poverty and HIV, and the worst environmental conditions in the country. It is a city built on myths that distort our visions, and is a city that influences people throughout the world. Our mission is to provide youth with an opportunity to develop a holistic vision to social justice that ties directly to Quaker principles and practice. We hope that you'll consider joining us in these, or future, endeavors.

If you would like to talk to me about any of the workcamps mentioned above or to plan another workcamp for your group, please feel free to call me at (202) 543-5560 or email me at wqw@williampennhouse.org.

--Greg Woods

WILLIAM PENN HOUSE MID-MONTH POTLUCK AND SEMINAR SERIES

You are invited to attend a potluck and seminar at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 15. Our Program this First Day is presented by Walter Brown of Langley Hill on "Friends Conference on Religion and Psychology (FCRP)".

The FCRP is an historic and well-respected conference dedicated to individual spiritual exploration and growth with a focus on in-depth psychology, specifically Jungian psychology. The conference has a format of four long plenary sessions interwoven with four workshop sessions of the same length along with some other rewarding and fun events spread over the three-day Memorial weekend. This year the plenary speaker will be the psychotherapist and author Miriam Greenspan, whose topic will be "Healing Through the Dark Emotions: From Grief, Fear, Despair to Gratitude, Joy and Faith". Walter is a member of Langley Hill Monthly Meeting and a psychologist.

Due to the success of our potlucks we have added mid-month programs which are not limited to Quaker speakers but will include others who share our commitment to peace and social justice. Please join us for this expanded opportunities to meet together in community. Bring a dish to share; family members, neighbors and friends are always welcome. Note: William Penn House is an alcohol and tobacco free facility.

William Penn House is located at 515 East Capitol Street SE, Washington, DC 20003, (202) 543-5560, www.WilliamPennHouse.org.

SUMMARY OF UPCOMING WILLIAM PENN HOUSE POTLUCKS, DIALOGUES AND SEMINARS

Sundays on dates as shown, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Bring a dish to share. William Penn House 515 East Capitol Street SE, Washington, DC 20003, (202) 543-5560, www.williampennhouse.org.

March 15, Friends Conference on Religion and Psychology. Walter Brown. Walter will give an overview of the annual Conference on Religion and Psychology. Walter is a member of Langley Hill Friends Meeting and a practicing psychologist.

April 5, A New Conversation about Sexual Identity and Orientation. Peterson Toscano. Please join us for an afternoon of conversation about sexuality, sexual diversity, sexual orientations, and the lives of people.

April 19, The Greening of William Penn House. Staff of WPH and the District of Columbia. We will explore the process of installing a vegetated roof on the William Penn House and other steps to make this House a part of a demonstration on how to green own homes.

May 3, Reflections on Service with Quakers in Zimbabwe. Steve Brooks. His experiences as a volunteer at the Hlekweni Friends Rural Service in southern Zimbabwe with a slide-show and discussion.

June 7, How Life Changing Illnesses have Deepened our Spirituality. Panel of Byron Sandford on Parkinson's disease, Brad Ogilvie on HIV/AIDS, and Sara Satterthwaite and Susan Griffin on cancer.

BYM COMMITTEE AND INTERIM MEETING DAY

All are welcome to attend BYM Committee and Interim Meeting Day at Sandy Spring Meeting on March 21. Many Yearly Meeting committees meet in the morning, and we hold Interim Meeting for Business in the afternoon. Much of the work of BYM is done through its committees, and the Interim Meeting acts for the Yearly Meeting between Annual Sessions, taking special responsibility as the employer of our BYM staff.

Committee and Interim Meeting Day is packed with busy agendas and work to be done, but something else is going on at a level deeper than the busyness. As we work with one another on committees or conduct business in worship, we become part of a wider community of Friends. By participating in committee meetings, we connect with Friends from other Meetings who share our interests and concerns. Many BYM committees have "open" meetings, which means they welcome participation from those who have not formally become committee members. Spring Committee Day is a good time to attend the meeting of a committee that might interest you. If, after the meeting, you feel a leading toward service on a particular committee, you may volunteer for that committee by speaking to a member of Nominating Committee. By participating in business meeting, we bring the concerns of our office, properties and camps into the Light so that our responsibilities may be carried out in good order according to the will of the Divine as best we can discern it. We are blessed by every Friend who attends and brings his or her own piece of the Light.

Committee and Interim Meeting Day also provides an opportunity for Friends to connect informally and to have fun. Over lunch and supper, we enjoy the fellowship of the table, catching up, making new friends and sharing our stories. After supper, Sandy Spring Friends will treat us to a Coffee House and Talent Night, promising great entertainment. All are welcome to participate.

Sandy Spring Friends would like to know how many will be attending Committee and Interim Meeting Day, so please reply to RSVP form. Looking forward to seeing you March 21.

The Schedule and RSVP form are online at this link: <http://www.bym-rsf.org/quakers/news/IMMarch2009.pdf>

BYM CAMPING

It may be the dead of winter, but now is the time to spread the word about the magical Virginia summers at Opequon and Shiloh.

Enrollment began early this year with a new system guaranteeing you the spot you asked for the moment you submit your registration. Some units are already filling up, but there are still a good number of open slots at Opequon and Shiloh.

We need your help to make sure these life-changing camps are filled to capacity this summer. Here are three things you can do to help:

1) Spread the word at your meeting, church, school, office, or community group. Tell friends, family, co-workers, and associates how camp has changed your life or the lives of your children. A brand new brochure for you to distribute is coming soon. To get some, email Nathan at nbharrington@yahoo.com.

2) If you have a Facebook account, join our groups: Shiloh Quaker Camp, and Quaker Camp Changed My Life.

3) Host a house party for new camp families. We'll send you invitations, brochures, a slideshow, and a guest speaker. All you need to do is invite prospective families from your circles. For more information, email Nathan at nbharrington@yahoo.com.

Together we can introduce hundreds of new people to the camps that we all love.

--Nathan Harrington, Camping Program Committee

BYM ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 7-8 (Saturday and Sunday). Junior Young Friends Conference at Gunpowder Friends Meeting, 14934 Priceville Rd, Sparks, MD. See www.bym-rsf.org for information.

March 8-14 (Sunday through Saturday). North Carolina Friends Disaster Service, Help Build a House in Goldsboro (area), NC. For more information contact Wiley at wshore@yadtel.net.

March 8 (Sunday). Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting at Baltimore, Stony Run Friends Meeting, 5116 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD. For more information contact Ken Stockbridge at kstock@pipeline.com.

March 15 (Sunday). William Penn House Potluck, 6:30 p.m., 515 E. Capitol St, SE, Washington, DC. Walter Brown of Langley Hill Friends Meeting on Friends Conference on Religion and Psychology. See www.williampennhouse.org for more information or call (202) 543-5560.

March 21 (Saturday). BYM Interim Meeting at Sandy Spring Friends Meeting, 17715 Meeting House Rd, Sandy Spring, MD. Stay for dinner and enjoy talent from Sandy Spring Friends Meeting folks. For more information see www.bym-rsf.org.

March 28 (Saturday). School of the Spirit Retreat: "Testing the Waters." If you are curious to know more about the School of the Spirit Ministry's program On Being a Spiritual Nurturer, attend this retreat at Alexandria Friends Meeting at 8990 Woodlawn Road, Ft. Belvoir, VA from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information about the program visit the website www.schoolofthespirit.org. To register for the day, send an email to info@schoolofthespirit.org. There is a \$25 suggested donation.

April 1 (Wednesday). Application deadline for Miles White Memorial Scholarship. For more information contact Andrew Passmore at apassmore@comcast.net.

April 5 (Saturday). Friends Wilderness Center, Poetry by the Fire. Come join Poet Ron Weber and others around the fire at Niles Cabin beginning at 10:00 a.m. See www.friendswildernesscenter for more information.

April 5 (Sunday). William Penn House Potluck, 6:30 p.m., 515 E. Capitol St, SE, Washington, DC. Peterson Toscano will perform his one-man play *Transfigurations*. See www.williampennhouse.org for more information or call (202) 543-5560.

April 6 (Monday). Deadline for *Interchange* articles. Send short articles to admin@bym-rsf.org.

April 17-19 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday). Young Friends Conference, Williamsburg Friends Meeting, Montessori School, 4214 Longhill Rd, Williamsburg, VA. See www.bym-rsf.org for information.

April 18 (Saturday). BYM Stewardship & Finance Committee Apportionment Meeting at Sandy Spring Friends Meeting, 17715 Meeting House Rd, Sandy Spring, MD. If your Meeting has questions or concerns about its apportionment share, please send a representative to this meeting. Clerks, Treasurers, and/or Clerks of Stewardship and Finance for Monthly Meetings are encouraged to attend. See www.bym-rsf.org for information.

April 18 (Saturday). BYM Pastoral Care Workshop at Frederick Friends Meeting, 723 N. Market St, Frederick, MD. For more information and to register, contact Virginia Schurman at vschurman@ccbcmd.edu or (410) 527-3919.

April 19 (Sunday). Centre Quarterly Meeting, State College Friends Meeting, 611 East Prospect Ave., State College, PA. For more information go to www.statecollegefriends.org.

April 24-25 (Saturday, Sunday). Opequon Work Weekend. See www.bymcamps.org for more information.

April 25 (Sunday). BYM Pastoral Care Workshop at Richmond Friends Meeting, 4500 Kensington Ave., Richmond, VA. For more information and to register, contact Virginia Schurman at vschurman@ccbcmd.edu or (410)527-3919.

"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 Street; 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.shtm>.

Order a classical CD for York Monthly Meeting First Day School. York Monthly Meeting is raising money to fund construction of a small building to be used for their First Day School and other activities. Friends Ed and Fran Norton have recently cut a CD, *A Musical Feast*, by their Flute and Friends Trio (Flute, Harpsichord/Keyboard, and Cello) and are donating proceeds to the First Day School Building Fund. The CD contains 22 tracks of diversified classical music that is well suited for quiet listening and meditation. Cost: \$17.30. Make checks out to: Edward Norton or contact Ed or Fran at (240) Runaway Road, Abbottstown, PA 17301. (717) 259-6388, Edandfran2@verizon.net.

Would you prefer to get the *Interchange* on-line and not on paper? The *Interchange* will be emailed to all who would like to receive it sooner than by bulk mail or would like to conserve paper. Contact Ann Whittaker at (301) 774-7663 or admin@bym-rsf.org with your current email address if you would like to receive the *Interchange* via email. Please include your mailing address so she knows whom to remove.

As always BYM is in the process of cleaning up its database. Your patience is greatly appreciated and your corrections are welcome. Contact Ann Whittaker at (301) 774-7663 or admin@bym-rsf.org with any corrected information.

Remember, for updated information, check www.bym-rsf.org.

The annual FUM Chain of Prayer begins January 1 and continues through Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2009. Meetings in North America, Africa, Cuba, Jamaica, Ramallah and Belize make a "Chain of Prayer" by signing up for a day to pray for the ministries of FUM as well as its member Monthly Meetings. Some Meetings have special prayer gatherings, others ask individuals to sign up for half-hour time slots and many take up a special offering for the minis-

tries of Friends United Meeting. Please complete and submit the online registration form at http://www.fum.org/naministries/ChainofPrayer_index.htm.

AFSC Service Project in Mexico 2009. Application Deadline, March 20, 2009. The project runs from June 25-August 8. Participants (18-26 years of age) will live together in indigenous communities in the mountainous northeastern region of Puebla, Mexico, commonly called the Sierra Norte de Puebla. After four days of orientation, including a two-day home stay with a local host family (community immersion), participants are divided into five groups. Each group of about 10 to 14 spends the next seven weeks living as a family in an indigenous village. For additional brochures and information, contact The American Friends Service Committee, IPLAC, Mexico Summer Project, 1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102, (215) 241-7162, fax (215)241-7026, mexicosummer@afsc.org; www.afsc.org/mexico-summerproject.

Sidwell Friends announces Quaker Trekker 2009 (Grades 8-12) June 8-22. Registration Deadline, April 1. Journey to the center of Quakerism in the Lake District of England and retrace the footsteps of George Fox. Explore Quaker history, experience different Friends' traditions and forms of worship, participate in a service project, and gain an understanding of the Quaker process while forming a community of lasting friendships. Cost \$4,200 which includes meals, lodging, and airfare from Washington, DC. For more information go to http://classic.sidwell.edu/summer/programs/overnight_England.html.

IN MEMORIAM

To Esther Webb, the theological dispute
between faith and works
was a non-issue.

She lived her Quaker faith
as if good works was
what everyone was
called to do, all
the time.

For years, she was the Peace
and Social Order committee.
Others on the committee
had to run to keep up.

They were so willing for her to lead
that when she decided to step down
the committee foundered.

Every First Day she had petitions to sign,
letters to write, phone calls to make.
Almost always she had a small
packet of stamps for me
to forward to RSWR
to make possible
micro-economic
development in
the third world.

I many times resisted her
flooding the time for worship
with her political issues.

Unfazed by my gentle eldering,
she continued to educate us all
as to what she felt our faith
required of us, inviting us
to protests and vigils
where she could
always be found.

Hers was a gentle persuasion
against some hard foes:
War, the death penalty,
budget priorities of
death and destruction,
sexism and racism
in all forms.

Before my mom died
she used to send us weekly letters
filled with good advice and clippings
from her church bulletin and newspaper.
She had a good sense of humor
and always enclosed anecdotes
she found amusing.

My kids used to laugh
not just at her humor but at her
letters stuffed with insights
and good advice.

Since her death, my mail box
is mostly filled with full color ads
for items I neither need nor want,
But what I would give for
another letter from my mom.

Likewise we will miss the gentle
leading of Esther making sure we knew
of upcoming demonstrations or votes
on the vital issues of our time.

Without a doubt, leaders
of value such as Barack Obama
stand today on the shoulders of people
such as Esther who opposed war,
preparations for war, torture,
and the brutal and anonymous
machines of warfare.

Will he live up to the lives of these saints
who clogged the jails of injustice
with their own bodies?

Or will he allow the inertia
and the power of the military
industrial complex to hold sway?
Building ever more sexy and shiny
machines of death for dollars we do not have
and chasing the one man even George Bush
could not find?

I suspect, though she loved him dearly,
Esther would have been the very first
to tell him that no war is a Holy war
and patriotism is a false God
not worthy of our faith.

She believed in
the power of non-violence
to overcome evil in all its forms.
She would have been the first
to elder a younger Obama.

I hope he listens.

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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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