

# Adelphi Friends Newsletter

2012, First Month

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SCHEDULE:	MONTHLY SCHEDULE:
<b>Meeting for Worship: 10 a.m. Sunday</b>	<b>Second Sunday</b> (Third Sunday in May, July and August): Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business
<b>Singing (prior to Worship): 9:50 a.m.</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday:</b> Junior Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
<b>Meeting House open for silent meditation from 9 to 9:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday:</b> Potluck at rise of Meeting
<b>Takoma Park Friends Meeting</b> (Preparative) under the care of Adelphi Meeting. Every Sunday: Meeting for Worship 10:00 a.m. at the Liz Lerman Dance Exchange, 7117 Maple Street, Takoma Park. See <a href="http://TakomaPark.quaker.org">http://TakomaPark.quaker.org</a> Meeting for Worship for the Preparation of Business, fourth Sunday following Meeting for Worship.	

## An Epistle to Quaker Meetings Everywhere

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Two members decide they will be sisters after the 2012-01-08 Meeting for Worship.

## **Our Epistle to Baltimore Yearly Meeting and Friends Everywhere**

Our last Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business of 2011 confirmed our decision to issue an epistle to every Friends Meeting in the world. Although we were prompted to act by the decision of Baltimore Yearly Meeting's Interim Meeting to resume funding of Friends United Meeting (FUM), our process has broadened to a thoughtfulness of Friends who may be or feel excluded in their localities. We authorized the ad hoc committee that has been laboring on this to refine our response. Here is an updated version of the committee's draft of our epistle. This text is currently being read by weighty Friends from outside Adelphi who may be able to help us understand the reactions it may receive. Thank you to the committee's clerk, Marcy Seitel, [marcyseitel \(at\) yahoo.com](mailto:marcyseitel@yahoo.com).

To Friends Everywhere,

We at Adelphi Monthly Meeting are deeply concerned that there are Friends in any Meeting or Quaker organization who cannot be honest about their intimate relationships and know that they are honored and fully included in their worship and work communities. Such a condition diminishes not just those relationships, but all in the community as we endeavor to minister to one another. We witness to our conviction that every person should be able to live out fully what God is leading them to do in their lives.

The Spirit that resonates in our souls is one that affirms love, that celebrates love, that rejoices in the presence of love. When we embrace that of God in everyone, including the full richness of the loving relationships in our Meeting, our worship deepens and our community is enhanced.

After laboring for almost a decade, Adelphi Monthly Meeting approved a minute affirming same-sex marriage in 1991. We have done our best to welcome equally gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning, and heterosexual Friends into the life of our Meeting. The first same-sex marriage under Adelphi's care was celebrated in 2006. After twenty years, Adelphi's policy on same-sex marriages continues to feel Spirit-led.

We of varied sexual orientations and gender identities worship together and accomplish the committee work of our monthly Meeting. We raise our children and minister to one another in the wide variety of ways that the Spirit leads us. Our Meeting recognizes "the Light in all sincere, loving, supportive relationships, which are characterized by growth and in which faith, hope, love, and truth abide." Although we do the work of community imperfectly, we have all been blessed by the open, accepting, and loving atmosphere of our Meeting.

Adelphi works hard to be a welcoming place for young people from our monthly and yearly Meetings. We owe our youth the guarantee that Adelphi be a safe place where our community will defend their basic human rights, including their right to have responsible loving relationships without discrimination of any sort.

Our lives are better for this. We are grateful for the gifts each member brings to our faith community. We have been uplifted by the openness with which our children accept differences.

Our Meeting is now considering whether we have a corporate leading to organize a gathering for Friends with a concern for the loving inclusion of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning Friends in their meetings and within the wider circle of Friends. Perhaps there are other Meetings or individuals with similar leadings. We would like to hear from you.

We treasure our kinship with all Friends. We have genuine, heartfelt connections to Friends and Meetings around the world. We have built relationships by worshipping and working together, by sojourning and through visitation. We are filled with hope that, through continuing dialogue within the

wider Quaker community, we can come to an understanding that allows us to walk gently over the earth, answering that of God in every person and slighting none.

This is our experience. This is our witness.

In Love and Light,

Jade Eaton, Clerk  
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## Weddings Photos

Carmen “Wren” Beckett and Sam Flower Horne wed on Eighth Month, twentieth day at Sandy Spring Meetinghouse. Photos are now available. Thank you, Alexander Barnes. You can see more photos here:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10150361397127033.402680.594202032&type=1&l=48738954f5>



From: Kimberly Spencer  
**Subject: announcement ad**  
Date sent: Wed, 23 Nov 2011 13:14:00 -0800 (PST)

I am retiring from the school system in January. I am turning towards a new life as a homesteader, on a nice piece of land with a straw bale house, and vegetable garden, goats, chickens, and a clay bread oven. I am seeking a like minded person or persons to invest in land and a home we can design ourselves in the southeastern PA area. Another Adelphi family has just bought a farm near there, too. Please respond at biofarmer68 (AT) yahoo.com. Thanks.

**Music CDs available: \$15**

Dyann Waugh has CDs available of her music. They are \$15 each.

**Maryland Peace and Justice Conference need volunteers**

Volunteers are needed to help with the 27th Annual Maryland Peace and Justice Conference to be held on Friday and Saturday, April 19 & 20, 2012. It will be held at the Episcopal Cathedral Church of the Incarnation, 4 E. University Parkway, Baltimore, 21218. The theme is: "Peacemaking in the 21st century; 25 years of working for peace and justice in Maryland."

Please Contact Paulette Hammond, Secretary, Maryland United for Peace and Justice, at 410-747-3811, phamm001@earthlink.net or paulette.d.hammond@questdiagnostics.com, or Tony Langbehn at 301-390-9684, tonylang4peace@gmail.com.

## Photos

2011-11-06, Adelphi meets for Worship at Friends Community School:



Chloe and Leann Poteet



Cedric Calhoun, Amanda Wenner-Calhoun, Gavin and Vivian



Ob Cooler-Smith helps clean up after hospitality on 2012-01-15.

### Good News, © 2011 by Harold Confer

I don't like to read the newspaper,  
the bad news is legion,  
not a good way to  
start my day.

If Matthieu Ricard,  
a Buddhist monk from Tibet  
is correct, we need to start  
each day meditating  
on compassion.

The news does not usually  
set me up for such  
fruitful meditation --  
but today was different.

Last night, Venezuelan  
police found the abducted  
National's catcher and  
returned him unharmed  
to his family.

The newly appointed  
female Episcopal bishop  
says she will try to rebuild  
the liberal wing of the church.

Three young cub scouts  
just came to collect non-  
perishable food for the  
homeless and hungry.  
Their eagerness  
and happiness  
were infectious.

My cup of compassion  
and hope is overflowing.  
This is the way to  
start my day.

It is no surprise  
the doxology begins,  
"Praise God from whom  
all blessings flow."  
We are so blessed!

### Did you know?

. . . that the full text of Baltimore Yearly Meeting's Faith and Practice is available on-line?

<http://www.bym-rsf.org/publications/fandp/>

Adelphi Friends Meeting  
2303 Metzert Road, Adelphi, Maryland 20783  
Minutes, Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business  
Tenth Month, 9, 2011

**Adelphi Friends Meeting** 2303 Metzert Road, Adelphi, Maryland 20783  
MINUTES--Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business, Tenth Month, 11, 2011

The meeting opened with a period of silent worship with 27 Friends present.

The clerk read from "When Friends are not in Unity", Proposed Revisions, BYM Faith & Practice:

*Friends who feel they cannot agree with what they perceive to be the weight of the Meeting are advised not to yield to the temptation to absent themselves from the Meeting for Business in order to spare both themselves and the Meeting. Such an absence implies a lack of faith in the Meeting's access to divine guidance and its ability to find unity. . . . The search for the course of action that will help the Meeting find unity—or the resolution of the problems caused by disunity itself--rests with the entire community.*

**Clerk's Mail**

The Meeting received thank-you notes from African Great Lakes Initiative and Friends International Center in Ramallah acknowledging Adelphi's contributions.

One Friend reported that the group of Young Friends who stayed at Adelphi Meeting two weeks ago sent a thank-you note.

The Legislative Initiative against the Death Penalty sent an application for 11<sup>th</sup> grade students inviting essays about the death penalty. This application was referred to Peace and Social Concerns.

Peter Curtis sent a letter saying he was taking a leave of absence from AFM due to lingering negative feelings within meeting toward FCS that limit the ability of the AFM to consider objectively co-locating AFM on school property. He will return when Adelphi begins a clearness process about its relationship to the school. His concern was noted and his letter referred to Pastoral Care with a suggestion to contact Peter.

**Approval of September Minutes**

2011-10-01> The September minutes were Approved as corrected.

**Trustees**

1. Request from Wendy Oliver to use White House  
Wendy Oliver's request to use the White House two days a week for a playgroup was referred to the Trustees.

The trustees are still gathering information with the hope that they can soon move forward with a letter of understanding. The county usually pays its expenses by credit card. Adelphi is currently not set up to handle this form of payment but this might

change in the future.

Several Friends expressed concerns about the issues of liability and possible inspection of the facilities by the county, and emphasized the need to enter into any such agreement with full understanding of what is involved.

One Friend suggested that an alternative to making Adelphi's facilities available would be to work together to find another location for the playgroup.

If the use of Adelphi's facility is approved, the agreement would conform to the current guidelines for facilities use, including the provision that the agreement would start with a 90-day trial period and would be evaluated at the end of that time. The Trustees will report progress on this issue at next month's business meeting.

## 2. Adelphi's Relationship with Friends Community School

Since AFM made the decision to found Friends Community School, there have been discussions within the AFM community about the relationship of the Meeting to the school, which remains under its spiritual care. Some in meeting have expressed negative feelings about the school.

Last October, the trustees recommended the establishment of a peace team to include members of Ministry and Worship, Pastoral Care and members of the FCS Board. One trustee reported that an initial meeting had been held in the spring to discuss a process for addressing this concern. She reported that in the course of this meeting, it became evident that there is a need for clearness within Meeting about the relationship to the school as well as between the Meeting and the school.

Further progress has not been made on this issue, but the trustees will reconvene on November 2 to resume discussion. Three of the six trustees are coming to the end of their term, so future discussion will proceed with the new members in place after the first of the year.

## Nominating Committee

2011-10-02> Nominations presented for second readings, and Approved:

Name	Position
Arthur Karpas	Ministry and Worship Committee
Nancy Lundeberg	Hospitality Committee
Anne Dievler	Outreach and Fellowship Committee

These Nominations were presented for First Readings:

Name	Position
Chris Daw	Adult Religious Education Committee
Karen Moore	Finance Committee
Rachel Gates	Library Committee
Michael Dunne	Library Committee
Judith Mulvey	Library Committee

Name	Position
Suzy Wald	Peace and Social Concerns Committee
Amy Greene	Recording Clerk
Eric Hanson	Treasurer, Takoma Park Preparative Meeting and assistant treasurer, Adelphi

The Nominating Committee has reaffirmed the current policy that most appointments are for a three-year term. The term for key positions (clerk, assistant clerk, and treasurer) is two years with the possibility of extension for as long as six years.

Pastoral Care continues to be extremely short-staffed. Meeting membership is a requirement for serving on this committee.

**Ad Hoc Committee on FUM Personnel Policy**

The committee met after the last business meeting but was unable to come to unity on the issue of financial contributions to Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

The committee also presented a revised epistle witnessing to Adelphi’s position on same-sex relationships for distribution to the wider Quaker community with the funding issue deleted.

Several Friends commented on the necessity of wide distribution of such an epistle within the Adelphi community for review and comment before it is sent out.

Possibilities suggested for publicizing the epistle:

- Attachment to Silent Announcements
- Email to all
- Second Hour or Zero Hour
- Called meeting for business immediately after Meeting for Worship
- Consider this as a first reading

One Friend commented that often email hampers our communication and suggested that those with feedback be asked to call members of the committee directly. The clerk asked that the ad hoc committee to: consider ways to make the epistle known to the Adelphi community and report back to business meeting next month, and to make recommendations as to how to proceed with this issue as a whole beyond the epistle.

**Peace and Social Concerns**

The Committee presented the 2012 funding allocation for groups doing peace and justice work for a first reading. If the full amount cannot be budgeted, the committee will reduce the allocations for the two largest grantees, Housing Initiatives Partnership and Healingworks.

Organization	Amount
Housing Initiatives Partnership	\$3500
Healingworks	\$3500
Prince George’s County Peace and Justice Coalition	\$900
Maryland United for Peace and Justice	\$1200
Trans-Dignity	\$1000
CASA de Maryland	\$500

Organization	Amount
Jubilee Jobs	\$961
Total	\$11,561

### **Facilities Working Group**

The facilities report sent out an email seeking approval for these proposed future actions:

- define plans for further study of current site
- explore feasibility of moving to Friends Community School
- authorize spending up to \$15,000 for professional services to evaluate options

The discussion of this topic focused on the division that exists within Adelphi regarding Adelphi's relationship to FCS. Concern was expressed that the option of moving the FCS was receiving less attention and study than the option of staying in place.

The committee reported that it sensed that many Friends favored staying in place and so plans for the current site are more developed than other options. The committee reiterated that the option of moving to the FCS grounds was still being considered, that it needed more information on the FCS site but that it had been reluctant to approach FCS until the committee had a clearer idea of a proposal for building on that site.

2011-10-03> The requests from the Facilities committee were Approved.

### **Finance Committee**

Due to the lateness of the hour, the first reading of the 2012 budget was held over to the November meeting. Highlights of the 2012 budget include:

- The addition of \$1000 to each of the Quaker and community organizations
- An unrestricted contribution to Baltimore Yearly Meeting
- An increase for the House and Grounds committee

A suggestion was made that, after the first reading in November, a called Meeting for Worship for the Purpose of Business be held to obtain approval so as not to delay the budget process further.

### **Second Hour on Disunity**

The way Adelphi handles disunity and conflict was a recurring theme during the meeting. The clerk asked that the Ministry and Worship Committee, working with Adult Religious Education Committee, work to schedule a second hour on this topic.

### **Announcements**

Michael Newheart's mother has died, and the family has gone to St. Louis to take care of details. The Meeting was asked to hold the family in the Light.

The meeting ended with a period of closing worship.

Jade Eaton, Assistant Clerk

Amy Greene, Assistant Recording Clerk

**Adelphi Friends Meeting**  
2303 Metzerott Road, Adelphi, Maryland 20783  
**Minutes, Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business**  
**Eleventh Month, 13, 2011**

**Adelphi Friends Meeting** 2303 Metzerott Road, Adelphi, Maryland 20783  
MINUTES--Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business, Eleventh Month, 13, 2011

The meeting opened with a period of silent worship with 44 Friends present.

The clerk read from Some Fruits of Solitude (1693) by William Penn

*The humble, meek, merciful, just, pious, and devout souls are everywhere of one religion; and when death has taken off the mask they will know one another though the divers liveries they wear here makes them strangers. This world is a form; our bodies are form; and no visible act of devotion can be without forms. But the less form in religion, the better, since God is a spirit . . . .*

**Meeting Minutes** 2011-11-01> The October minutes were Approved as presented.

### **Clerk's Mail**

The clerk read a letter dated September 25, 2011 from BYM Young Friends expressing their thanks for the use of Adelphi's facilities for their weekend gathering.

The clerk has received expressions of thanks for financial donations from the following organizations:

- Friends House
- American Friends Service Committee
- Pendle Hill
- William Penn House
- Free the Slaves
- Friends Committee on National Legislation
- Friends General Conference

2011-11-02> The request from Davidson (NC) Friends Meeting to accept Patrick Lozado as a sojourning member was Approved.

2011-11-03> The request from Michael Newheart for a Traveling Minute for his travel to Kenya was Approved.

2011-11-04> The request from Betsy Costillo to use the meetinghouse for an herbal craft-making workshop on Saturday, December 10 was Approved.

### **Ad Hoc Committee on FUM Personnel Policy**

The committee brought four items for discussion:

1. The epistle to the wider Quaker community
2. The letter to Baltimore Yearly Meeting
3. The proposal for funding the distribution of the epistle
4. The consideration of the organization a conference on this topic (and whether the current ad hoc committee should carry this forward or if a new committee is needed)

Two documents, the epistle to the wider Quaker community and the letter to Baltimore Yearly Meeting, have been under development for the past several months.

The epistle is Adelphi's statement to the wider Quaker community witnessing to Adelphi's position on same-sex relationships. A revised version of this epistle was presented showing changes made since last month's meeting for business.

The letter to Baltimore Yearly Meeting requests that all funds provided to FUM be accompanied by a note that stating that Adelphi objects to FUM's personnel policy on same-sex relationships and requesting that this policy be changed.

Concern was expressed that these communications not come as a surprise to BYM. The committee confirmed that BYM has been made aware of Adelphi's thinking on this matter outside of formal communication channels.

2011-11-05> The text of the epistle to the wider Quaker community was Approved with the understanding that the committee will take into account the edits suggested during the meeting.

2011-11-06 The text of the letter to Baltimore Yearly Meeting was Approved with the understanding that the committee will take into account the edits suggested during the meeting.

The issue of funding to distribute the epistle by mail was moved to the portion of the agenda dealing with the budget.

### **Trustees**

The request from Wendy Oliver to use Adelphi's facilities for the pre-school group has been withdrawn. Wendy's group will be able to use the Judy Center.

Some concern has been expressed about whether or not parking at Adelphi is compliant with current parking regulations. More detail on this subject will be provided at the December meeting.

### **Pastoral Care Committee**

2011-11-07> The request for membership from Kathy Simonetti was Approved.

2011-11-08> The request for membership from Janaki Spickard-Keeler was Approved

### **Nominating Committee**

2011-10-09> The following names presented for second readings were Approved.

Name	Position
Chris Daw	Adult Religious Education Committee
Karen Moore	Finance Committee
Rachel Gates	Library Committee
Michael Dunne	Library Committee
Judith Mulvey	Library Committee
Suzy Wald	Peace and Social Concerns Committee

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Amy Greene	Recording Clerk
Eric Hansen	Treasurer, Takoma Park Preparative Meeting and assistant treasurer, Adelphi

**Finance Committee**

The 2012 budget was presented for a first reading. The 2012 budget reflects a 7% increase over the 2011 budget. Some of the areas with increased budgets include:

- Quaker organizations
- Community organizations
- Apportionment
- A one-time contribution to Baltimore Yearly Meeting (as many meetings are struggling and cannot pay their usual amounts)
- New line item for diversity camping scholarship
- House and Grounds Committee

Donations have been very consistent by month from year to year. The traditional spike in giving in November will again be necessary this year in order to meet budget goals.

A called Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business will be held on Sunday, November 27 for the second reading of the 2012 budget. Attenders will be urged to raise their giving by 7% in 2012 to match the budget. In December the committee will report on the fiscal year and the balance remaining in each account.

2011-11-10 The budget for Takoma Park Preparative Meeting was Approved as presented. The budget has undergone two readings within Takoma Park.

**Peace and Social Concerns**

The Committee presented the 2012 funding allocations for groups doing peace and justice work for a second reading.

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2011-11-11 These allocations were Approved.

**Ministry and Worship Committee**

2011-11-12 A memorial minute for Esther Webb was read. This minute was Approved.

Copies will be sent to the Friends Journal, Baltimore Yearly Meeting, Adelphi's newsletter contact, and the Memorial Garden committee.

[INSERT TEXT OF MEMORIAL MINUTE]

### **House and Grounds**

The Meeting visitor Kwame, although he is not homeless, has spent quite a bit of time on Adelphi's grounds over the past few months.

Outside faucets have been left running with dire consequences for Adelphi's water bill, trash has been pulled out of the dumpster, and several attenders with business at Adelphi on weekdays have felt intimidated when Kwame was seen on the grounds. Our property signs have disappeared.

A high degree of concern was expressed over this situation. (Kwame has been invited to attend Meeting but has not done so.) Several points were made:

- Such a perennial risk impairs our community-building. We are putting the entire community at risk and don't want to have regrets later about not having acted.
- Other Meetings have had troublesome experience with visitors of this kind.
- We need to be mindful of our response as Quakers – we need to respond to Kwame's need as well as to our own.

2911-11-13 The request to ask Kwame to leave the premises was Approved.

2911-11-14 The request to contact Community Policing to ask them to keep an eye on the Adelphi property was Approved.

2911-11-15 The request to provide Kwame with a list of resources that might help him was Approved

2911-11-16 The referral of the issue of replacing the signs to House and Grounds was Approved.

2911-11-17 The referral of further actions on this issue to the Trustees was Approved

The meeting ended with a period of closing worship.

## **Calendar of Events**

REGISTER NOW - ALL WELCOME

Axtmann Art Workshop "Color & Content", 10 sessions, Thursday mornings & evenings, & NEW TIME: Friday mornings STARTS 2/16/12. FOR MORE INFO: contact Joanna (202) 723-4428 or joanna.axtmann@gmail.com - blue flyers in Meeting foyer(sliding scale/barter welcome)

### **2012-02-05, First Day**

**William Penn House Quaker Potluck & Dialogue.** You are invited to attend a potluck and Quaker dialogue at 6:30PM on Sunday

On February 5, the presenter will be Friends General Conference's new General Secretary Barry Crosno, who

will be talking about his vision for FGC. This is a great opportunity for Monthly Meetings to hear more, as well as those who are curious about how Quaker Meetings connect to learn more. Barry will share his journey with lessons from Buddhism, Quakerism and how these two spiritual disciplines can together enhance the Religious Society of Friends. He will share his quest to make Quakers a viable, vibrant path to spiritual life and the role of FGC in making this path accessible to others. Barry was appointed to the position of General Secretary a year ago and began his service in June. Barry is a member of Dallas Monthly Meeting, served on the Pendle Hill staff prior to accepting his new job.

Our monthly potluck is on the first Sunday of each month at 6:30PM. This is an opportunity for fellowship among Quakers, attenders and fellow seekers. 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 hosts groups and individuals who visit Washington to help make this a better world. We host programs and seminars on peace and social justice issues and on Quakers, past and present.

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From: "Alison Duncan" <youthsec@bym-rsf.org>  
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Subject: February Young Friends Conference  
Date sent: Fri, 6 Jan 2012 11:47:53 -0500

Dear Young Friends, Parents, MM Newsletter editors, and MM RE clerks,

The next Young Friends conference will be February 10-12 at Homewood Friends Meeting, 3107 North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21218 (or [homewoodfriends.org](http://homewoodfriends.org)). For each conference, Young Friends should arrive after 7pm on Friday night, and leave at 11:30 (the rise of Meeting) on Sunday morning. YFs are encouraged to bring a sleeping bag, pad, pillow, clothes, toiletries, and anything they think will help build community: games, music, or sports equipment.

This year, pre-registration is required two weeks in advance of each conference. Every registration WILL BE accepted that is received or postmarked by January 27th. After that, Young Friends will be placed on a waiting list, and registered as space permits. The cost for someone who has pre-registered is \$50, while the cost for someone who registers within two weeks of the conference will be \$60. Financial aid is available upon request.

There are three ways to pre-register for a 'Con'. You can mail a Registration form, a Medical form, and a check made out to BYM to the office: 17100 Quaker Ln Sandy Spring, MD 20860. Or, you can fax the same forms to 301-774-7087, and pay online. To pay online, click on the 'donate now' button on the BYM website ([bym-rsf.org](http://bym-rsf.org)), then 'click to make a donation now' and follow the directions to register for a BYM conference or retreat. Lastly, you can send Alison an email at [youthsec@bym-rsf.org](mailto:youthsec@bym-rsf.org), telling her that you plan to go, and bring your paperwork and payment with you. A link to the forms (and a whole lot more) can be found at the Young Friends website, [yf.bym-rsf.net](http://yf.bym-rsf.net). Young Friends who have already turned in a Medical form this school year only need Registration forms.

This is a link to an encouraging article about the importance of activities away from home (camp) in the preparation of kids for college (<http://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/smores-and-more/201112/creating-advantage-in-college>). I thought you might find it interesting.

Future dates places are: March 30-April 1, which will be a bus trip to a service location, and May 25-27 (Memorial day weekend). If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

In the Light,

Alison Duncan

The *Adelphi* budget sets aside money each year for *camping scholarships*. If **your child** hopes to attend a *BYM camp (Catocin, Shiloh, Opequon, or Teen Adventure)*, a Quaker

camp under the care of a meeting, or a camp run by a Quaker school, and financial assistance from meeting might make a difference in whether you can afford it, please contact our treasurer, Martha Gay, for more information on the application process.

### **2012-07 and 2012-08**

**Friends World Committee for Consultation:** FWCC will soon begin the search for two adult leaders and fourteen *young Friends ages 16-18* from the Section of the Americas to participate in the **2012 Quaker Youth Pilgrimage to the United Kingdom and the Netherlands**. An equal number of leaders and young Friends from the Europe and Middle East Section will join the Section of the Americas Friends for this pilgrimage. Hosted by FWCC's Europe and Middle East Section, this month-long pilgrimage will take place from **mid-July through mid-August 2012**. Details are still in the planning stage, but you can expect application forms for potential pilgrims and leaders to be available soon from our website. The Pilgrimage is an opportunity to promote loving understanding within the Quaker worldwide family. Please encourage *young Friends* to consider this life-changing opportunity for spiritual growth. For more, see [newsletter@fwccamericas.org](mailto:newsletter@fwccamericas.org)

## **BYM Announcements**

**First Month 2012**

### **January 27-29 – *BYM* - Women's Retreat at Skycroft Conference Center, Middletown, MD**

The theme for this year is *Women of Power and Presence: Sharing Stories of Courage and Transformation*. Stepping into our power can be a present we give ourselves in the moment. Sometimes we do it because it seems like the right thing to do. At other times it seems like the only choice available to us. Moving through the butterflies, inertia, self-doubt and indecision, we find the strength and courage to speak up, stand up and stretch to our highest selves. Sharing our stories isn't bragging, it's validating ourselves and inspiring to others. After all "*You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure about you. We were born to manifest the glory of God that is within us.*" — Marianne Williamson. From Friday evening until mid-day on Sunday, there will be Meetings for Worship, singing, worship sharing in small groups, and an entertaining coffee house. There will also be a variety of workshops, items by our Quaker artisans for sale, delicious meals, fellowship, laughter, and fun. Scholarships are available. Please see [www.bymwomensretreat.org](http://www.bymwomensretreat.org) for all of the planning details and registration information.

### **January 21 - Saturday – Stargazing at Friends Wilderness Center**

Gather at Friends Wilderness Center for sparkling winter skies and stargazing at 7:00 pm. There is a limit of 30, so please contact Sheila Bach (304.728.4820 or [snbach@earthlink.net](mailto:snbach@earthlink.net)) to let her know you will be coming or if you need to cancel a reservation. Suggested donation is \$10.00 per person. FWC is near Harper's Ferry, WV. Visitors may arrange to stay at the comfortable Niles Cabin.

### **January 30 – *BYM* - Deadline for *BYM's Interchange* newsletter**

The deadline for articles for the Winter 2012 edition of the Yearly Meeting's newsletter is the last Monday of January. Send news of your Meeting, committee, or other activities across the Yearly Meeting community by this date. Late submissions may not be able to be included. Remember that brevity is appreciated, as space is limited. Send your article, and any images,

to the Yearly Meeting office. ([admin@bym-rsf.org](mailto:admin@bym-rsf.org))

**February 5 – Sunday – Barry Crossno, General Secretary of Friends General Conference – Penn House potluck**

Barry will speak on “Friends: A Vision of Our Future.” He will share his journey with lessons from Buddhism and Quakerism and suggest how these two spiritual disciplines can together enhance the Religious Society of Friends. He will share his quest to make Quakers a viable, vibrant path to spiritual life and the role of FGC in making this path accessible to others. Barry was appointed to the position of General Secretary a year ago and began his service in June. Barry is a member of Dallas Monthly Meeting, served on the Pendle Hill staff prior to accepting his new job. Potluck begins at 6:30 pm. For more information, see the William Penn House website. ([williampennhouse.org/potlucks](http://williampennhouse.org/potlucks)) The William Penn House is at 515 E Capitol St SE, Washington, DC.

**February 10-12 – *BYM* - Young Friends Conference at Baltimore (MD) Homewood Meeting**

In recognition of the Valentine’s Day weekend, the theme will be *Love*. Young Friends should arrive beginning at 7:00 pm on Friday. For information, check the YF website ([yf.bym-rsf.net](http://yf.bym-rsf.net)) or contact Alison Duncan. (301-774-7663 or [youthsec@bym-rsf.org](mailto:youthsec@bym-rsf.org)) Please remember that the deadline to register and be guaranteed a slot is two weeks before the conference (January 27). Any one registering after that date will be placed on a waiting list and may not be able to attend.

**February 17-19 – Annapolis Friends Meeting Silent Retreat for Friends at Dayspring**

Is your spirit in need of nourishment and refreshment? Come to the Silent Retreat at Dayspring for Friends. Members of Annapolis Friends Meeting will be given priority in registration, and Friends from Baltimore Yearly Meeting are invited to join them. The Retreat has never been full, so please join us!. We will keep the silence from Friday evening until after worship on Monday, enjoying the beauty of God’s creation in meadows and woods, reading, walking, resting, praying, finding our own rhythms, listening for the Still Small Voice at Dayspring Retreat Center in Germantown, MD. The cost of the retreat is \$210.00. For more information, contact facilitator Jean Christianson of Annapolis Friends Meeting. (410-544-1912 or [jschristianson@gmail.com](mailto:jschristianson@gmail.com))

**February 18 – Saturday – *BYM* - Clerking and Leadership Workshop – Charlottesville (VA) Meeting**

The very popular Leadership Training Seminar will again be led by Arthur Larrabee, General Secretary of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. Arthur is highly regarded for his knowledge and the excellence of his presentations. Every prior session has filled well in advance, so early registration is highly recommended. The BYM Nominating Committee warmly invites you to come to Charlottesville (VA) Friends Meeting, and hopes that this more southerly location will be more convenient for Friends in Virginia. Attendance is limited to 50 participants, and the fee is \$50.00. Friends interested in learning how to become effective clerks and assume leadership positions in local Meetings, on committees, or with the Yearly Meeting are invited! For more information, contact Wil Stratton (540-463-3863 or [wstratt@kalexres.kendal.org](mailto:wstratt@kalexres.kendal.org)) or Laura Nell Obaugh. ([lauranell@att.net](mailto:lauranell@att.net)) To register and pay for the training online, go to [http://www.bym-rsf.org/event\\_calendar.html/event/2012/02/18/clerking-and-leadership-workshop](http://www.bym-rsf.org/event_calendar.html/event/2012/02/18/clerking-and-leadership-workshop).

### **February 19 – Warrington Quarterly Meeting at Menallen Meeting House**

Menallen Friends Meeting (Biglerville, PA) will host Warrington Quarterly Meeting. For information, contact Andy Hoover, Clerk. ([Quakers@PA.net](mailto:Quakers@PA.net) or 717-240-7527)

### **February 20 – Monday – *BYM* – Yearly Meeting Office Closed for Presidents Day**

### **February 24-26 – 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Washington Friends Conference on Religion and Psychology**

What was the nature of the conversation between famed psychologist Carl Jung and Quakers, including BYM Friends? How does it, and the broader field of psychology, enlighten our lives and faith today? Please attend the Friends Conference on Religion and Psychology at the lovely Claggett Center in Buckeystown, MD, near Frederick. The theme will be *The Story of the Friends Conference on Religion and Psychology*. Attend a lively mix of plenary sessions and interest groups. For information, see the website at [fcrp.quaker.org](http://fcrp.quaker.org).

### **March 4 – Sunday – *BYM* - Nottingham Quarterly Meeting at Nottingham Friends Meeting**

Nottingham at Oxford (PA) Friends Meeting will host the Third Month 2011 session of Nottingham

Quarterly Meeting. For information, contact Douglas Eaby, Clerk. (717-786-7810 or [jpeaby@epix.net](mailto:jpeaby@epix.net))

### **March 11 – Sunday – *BYM* - Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting at Stony Run**

Baltimore Monthly Meeting, Stony Run (MD) will host the Third Month 2011 session of Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting. For information, contact Ken Stockbridge, Clerk. (410-997-4165 or [kstock59@gmail.com](mailto:kstock59@gmail.com))

### **March 17 – Saturday – *BYM* – Interim Meeting at Charlottesville (VA) Friends Meeting**

Get to know Yearly Meeting Committees and Friends from other Meetings! Be a part of important decision making. Join Friends for morning committee meetings and the afternoon's Interim Business Meeting. Charlottesville Friends Meeting and Tandem Friends School are jointly hosting the Third Month Interim Meeting. Friends will begin gathering at 10:00 am at the school (279 Tandem Lane, Charlottesville, VA 22902). Committee meetings and lunch will be at the school, then the afternoon Business Meeting will be held at Charlottesville Friends Meeting with dinner following the rise of Meeting. Please note that the date of March 24 listed in the 2011 Yearbook is incorrect. The correct date is the 17<sup>th</sup>. Check the [BYM website](#) for more information.

### **FLASH BULLETINS**

#### **Measuring Up to the Year End Challenge! We're Close!**

To encourage us to give full measure, a Friend among us has come forward with a generous challenge offer. This Friend will give Baltimore Yearly Meeting a gift of \$5,000 if aggregated new gifts from Friends total \$50,000 between November 1 and December 31. We are grateful to Friends who have already responded with gifts of all sizes! As of December 22, Friends across the Yearly Meeting have contributed a total of \$39,440 since November 1. With the help of many Friends "from the Chesapeake to the Appalachians" we will be able to meet the challenge and finish the year in a strong position. To count toward the challenge, checks must be dated December 31, 2011 (or earlier) and received in the Yearly Meeting office no later

than Friday, January 6, 2012. Online transactions much be completed by December 30. (<http://www.bym-rsf.org/donate.html>)

### **BYM - Camp Cookbooks Available!**

BYM Camp Cookbooks are available from the Yearly Meeting Office. They cost \$20, (plus shipping) with each book sold helping to fund the Camp Shiloh Pond project. Just buy and cook – and then we can dig in! You can order them online through the Yearly Meeting's website at [bym-rsf.org/publications/purchases.html](http://bym-rsf.org/publications/purchases.html).

### **Jonathan Taylor Scholarship Fund Applications Being Accepted!**

The Jonathan K. Taylor Swarthmore College Scholarship Fund is administered by Baltimore Monthly Meeting, Stony Run to provide support to students attending Swarthmore College in Swarthmore, PA. Preference goes to members of the Baltimore Yearly Meeting community. For the 2012-2013 academic year, there are funds up to \$15,000 to be distributed among the successful applicants. For more information, or to apply, contact Cindy Maier. ([cmaier@theodysseyschool.org](mailto:cmaier@theodysseyschool.org))

### **Help Play *Quaker Life's* New Game!**

*Quaker Life's* Facebook page will soon be featuring a contest entitled, "Name that Friends Meeting." Each week we will include a photo of a meetinghouse and invite our friends to guess which meeting is pictured. We can't travel to all of your meetings to take these photos, so we're asking you to submit your photos to us! Photos can be of the entire building or a unique feature to your meeting; they can be inside or outside photos; be as creative as you like! Please submit up to three photos. The first Friend to guess the meeting pictured will receive a subscription to *Quaker Life* (for themselves, a friend, a prisoner or someone who can't afford one). What a deal! Photos can be submitted by email in jpeg format to [quakerlife@fum.org](mailto:quakerlife@fum.org), or mailed to Quaker Life, 101 Quaker Hill Dr, Richmond, IN 47374. Please include an SASE if you would like your photo returned. Let us know if you have any questions. If you aren't already a friend of *Quaker Life*, become one so that you too can participate in this contest! ([www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Quaker-Life-magazine/70876980134](http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Quaker-Life-magazine/70876980134))

### **Pauline Underwood Memorial Scholarship Essays Being Accepted!**

The Legislative Initiative Against the Death Penalty is offering a scholarship of at least \$1,000.00 to be awarded to a member of the high school class of 2013. Named in memory of Pauline Underwood, a tireless advocate for the abolition of the death penalty, the award will be deposited in the student's account at the college or trade school of her choice. To apply, the student must submit an essay write on a topic pertinent to the abolition of the death penalty. The essay is to be no more than 750 words in length, and may have been also used for class credit. Submissions are being accepted between October 1, 2011 and April 30, 2012. For more information and an application, contact Joan Anderson of Carlisle Friends Meeting. ([joan@turningflower.org](mailto:joan@turningflower.org)).

### **Be a Part of FUM's Chain of Prayer**

Friends United Meeting is preparing for their Chain of Prayer 2012. Running from January through June, the Chain of Prayer is one way Friends can partner with other Friends in the Meeting and with other Meetings. For 2012, the theme will be *A Great People to be Gathered for Worship, Service, Mission, Witness, and Vision!* Meetings can join online ([www.fum.org/naministries/chain\\_2012\\_response\\_form.htm](http://www.fum.org/naministries/chain_2012_response_form.htm)) For more information or to sign up, go to the FUM website ([www.fum.org/naministries/ChainofPrayer\\_index.htm](http://www.fum.org/naministries/ChainofPrayer_index.htm)) or contact

Kim Schull. (765-962-7573 or [kims@fum.org](mailto:kims@fum.org))

### **Grants for the study or practice of Christian Mysticism**

The Elizabeth Ann Bogert Fund supports the study and practice of Christian mysticism, with grants of up to \$1,000 to selected individuals, groups or institutions. The deadline is March 1, 2012. For an application contact: Miriam Feyerherm. ([mfeyerherm@atlanticbb.net](mailto:mfeyerherm@atlanticbb.net))

### **Work for Peace in Washington, DC**

The Herbert Scoville Jr. Peace Fellowship provides college graduates with the opportunity to gain a Washington perspective on key issues of peace and security. The Fellowship's Board of Directors selects a group of outstanding individuals to spend six to nine months serving as full-time junior staff members with a participating organization. These positions are supported by a stipend from the Fellowship. Applications for the Fall 2012 Fellowships will be accepted beginning in December, with a deadline in January 2012. For full information, see the Fellowship's website at [www.scoville.org](http://www.scoville.org).

### **Volunteer with FCNL!**

FCNL is looking for volunteers to help create a welcoming environment for people visiting or calling. They are particularly interested in Friends who could volunteer on a weekly basis. Tasks could include staffing the reception desk, giving public tours of the first 'green building' on Capitol Hill, phone banking, and assisting with *War is Not the Answer* mailings. If interested, or for more information, contact Emily Temple, Campaigns Program Assistant. (202-903-2504 or [emily@fcnl.org](mailto:emily@fcnl.org))

### **Be Part of the Camp Alumni Matching Grant! – We're Almost There!**

*As of this month, THIRTEEN camp alumni have signed up to make monthly donations to the Camp Alumni Fund. TWO MORE monthly donors will help us obtain another \$500 for the Alumni Fund.*

Did Quaker camp change your life? Here is a way to say thanks. The BYM Camp Alumni Fund receives gifts made via *monthly automatic donations* from the Camp community. This year, an alum has offered to give the BYM Camps \$100 for each new Camp donor who signs up for automatic monthly giving, up to a total of 15 donors. (\$1,500) The new donors must commit to a minimum of \$15 per month, and agree to remain in the program for 12 consecutive months. By signing up for monthly giving, camp alumni extend their own gifts *and* will be admitted to the Camp Alumni Reunion for free! To enroll in the monthly giving program for the BYM Camps, contact Robinne Gray, Development Director. (301-774-7663 or [rgray@bym-rsf.org](mailto:rgray@bym-rsf.org))

### **Free Quaker Pamphlets Available**

Enrich your Meeting's Religious Education program or Book Club experience at no cost! Enjoy quiet time at home with wonderful Quaker writers! There is an assortment of great Quaker pamphlets and talks available at two websites. Explore [www.fwccamericas.org/publications/wqf.shtml](http://www.fwccamericas.org/publications/wqf.shtml) and [pamphlets.quaker.org](http://pamphlets.quaker.org)!

### **Work with and for Friends**

#### **FCNL Seeks Development Director**

The Friends Committee on National Legislation is seeking an experienced Friend to serve as their Director of Development. Applications are being accepted until the position is filled. For more information, including the full job description, see the FCNL

website. ([fcnl.org/about/jobs/director\\_of\\_development/](http://fcnl.org/about/jobs/director_of_development/)) Letters of interest and resumes should be sent to Diane Randall, Executive Secretary, at [jobs@fcnl.org](mailto:jobs@fcnl.org).

### **FAHE Looking for new Coordinator**

The Friends Association for Higher Education is hiring an administrative coordinator. They are especially interested in applications from alumni of Quaker-Identified institutions of higher learning. For details, including the complete job description, see their website at [legacy.earlham.edu/~fahe](http://legacy.earlham.edu/~fahe). Applications or other inquiries should be sent to Gary Farlow, Clerk of FAHE, at [gary.farlow@wright.edu](mailto:gary.farlow@wright.edu).

### **William Penn House seeking Intern**

The William Penn House is accepting applications for a full-time intern. Room and board, health insurance, and a stipend are included. For full information, see their website. ([www.williampennhouse.org/internships](http://www.williampennhouse.org/internships))

### **FCNL Hiring Legislative Secretary for Sustainable Energy and Environment Program**

The Friends Committee on National Legislation's legislative secretary keeps current on evolving knowledge on issues related to sustainable energy and the environment, analyzes legislation, and lobbies members of Congress on these priorities. For more information, including the full job description, see the FCNL website.

([fcnl.org/about/jobs/job\\_opening\\_environmental\\_legislative\\_secretary/](http://fcnl.org/about/jobs/job_opening_environmental_legislative_secretary/)) Letters of interest and resumes should be sent to Ruth Flower, Legislative Director, at [jobs-env@fcnl.org](mailto:jobs-env@fcnl.org).

### **FCNL Offering Internships**

The Friends Committee on National Legislation begins accepting applications for 2012-2013 internships on January 1, 2012. Applications must be received by the 12<sup>th</sup> of March, 2012. For full information, including application materials, see their website. ([fcnl.org/about/jobs/intern/](http://fcnl.org/about/jobs/intern/))

### **Important BYM Information:**

***Sign up for BYM's monthly auto donor program.*** You can easily sign up for BYM's monthly donor program – a convenient, budget-friendly way for each of us to provide sustained support our Yearly Meeting can count on. *It's easy to join!* To learn more about the program or to obtain an enrollment form, contact [Robinne Gray](#), Development Director (301-774-7663).

**BYM is on Facebook!** Quakebook, the Yearly Meeting page, delivers brief news items for our fans. It's a great way to stay in touch with Friends across the Yearly Meeting. We're at 350 fans and growing! Just search for Baltimore Yearly Meeting and click on "Become a Fan."

**Remember** – for updated information, check [www.bym-rsf.org](http://www.bym-rsf.org)

## **BYM Yearbook Updates!**

**Calendar of Meetings Changes:  
Third Month 2012 Interim Meeting:**

CHANGE DATE: March 17, 2012

**Committee Appointment Changes:  
Friends General Conference, Central  
Committee:**

**Meeting Information Changes:**

**Adelphi Friends Meeting**

Clerk: Jade Eaton  
Assistant Clerk: Michael Levi  
Treasurer: Martha Gay

**Alexandria Friends Meeting**

Recorder: Katherine Spivey

**Bethesda Friends Meeting**

Clerks: Ellie Fink and Gail Kohanek  
Adult RE: REMOVE Barbara Fichman and  
Gail Thomas  
Pastoral Care: REMOVE Shelly Kirilenko  
Stewardship & Finance: REMOVE Doug  
Smith & Mike Wallace

**Blacksburg Friends Meeting**

Ministry & Oversight: Carole McNamee  
Nominating: Jay Wilkins  
Quaker Earthcare: ADD Liz Tuchler  
Religious Education: Elizabeth Briggs  
Stewardship & Finance: Jay Wilkins

**Charlottesville Friends Meeting**

Friendship: Elizabeth Shillue  
Overseers: Kelly Ceppa

**Goose Creek Friends Meeting**

Clerk: Suellen Beverly

**Gunpowder Friends Meeting**

Indian Affairs: Anna Brown  
Nominating: Suzanne Lacey

**Herndon Friends Meeting**

Email: [clerk@herndonfriends.org](mailto:clerk@herndonfriends.org)  
Clerk: Margaret Fisher  
Assistant Clerk: Kim Glazer  
Ministry & Oversight: Kim Glazer  
Peace & Social Concerns: Edward "Ed"  
Markham  
Treasurer: Devin Mahoney  
Trustees: Worth Kirkman

**Homewood Friends Meeting**

Assistant Clerk: Vacant  
Recording Clerk: Barbara Katzenapple  
and Rebecca "Rep" Pickard

**Hopewell Centre Monthly Meeting**

Interim Meeting Representative: James  
"Jim" Riley  
Peace & Social Justice: Eloise "Ellie" Haun  
Religious Education: REMOVE: Michael  
"Mike" Hambach

**Langley Hill Friends Meeting**

Clerk: Mary Yeaney  
Treasurer: Douglas "Doug" Smith  
Peace & International Outreach: Laurie  
Wilner  
Religious Education: Remove Dona  
Boyce-Manoukian  
Social Concerns: Remove: Chris Brow  
Interim Meeting Representative: William  
"Bill" Mims

**Maury River Friends Meeting**

Clerk: Katherine Smith  
Recording Clerk: Nancy McLaughlin  
Newsletter Editor: Richard Barnes  
Peace & Justice: Remove James "Jim"  
Warren  
Worship & Ministry: James "Jim" Warren

**Patapsco Friends Meeting**

Assistant Clerk: John Farrell  
Assistant Treasurer: Karen Ownbey  
Recording Clerk: Karen Ownbey  
Advancement & Outreach: REMOVE  
Rosemary Davis  
Ministry & Care: REMOVE Terry Griffith  
Nominating: REMOVE James "Jim" Rose

**State College Friends Meeting**

Recording Clerk: Peg Hansen  
Assistant Recording Clerk: Claudia Wilson  
Recorder: Betsy Gamble  
Care & Concern: Dorothy Habecker  
Finance: Kerry Wiessmann  
Nominating: Darlene Clark  
Religious Education: Cynthia "Cy"  
Merriwether deVries

**Directory Changes:**

Gemmill, Mary M.  
CHANGE: [mmgemmill55@gmail.com](mailto:mmgemmill55@gmail.com)

Hill, Thomas C. "Tom"  
CHANGE: [quakertomhill@gmail.com](mailto:quakertomhill@gmail.com)

Laity, James "Jim"

CHANGE: [jlaity@omb.eop.gov](mailto:jlaity@omb.eop.gov) (preferred email)  
ADD: 703-862-8253 (mobile)

### **Go to the FWCC World Conference**

Friends World Committee for Consultation is now accepting application for open places at the World Conference of Friends to be held in Nakuru, Kenya in April 2012. To learn more about the World Conference, see their website. ([www.saltandlight2012.org/](http://www.saltandlight2012.org/)) To register for the World Conference, go to [www.saltandlight2012.org/openplaces.html](http://www.saltandlight2012.org/openplaces.html).

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**Moving? New phone number? New email address? YM needs your help keeping the database updated.** The Yearly Meeting needs your help keeping our contact information up to date. Send any updates to the office, or call 301-774-7663. Don't forget to send directory updates to Adelphi Friends Meeting Directory Committee too, [rrenner \(at\) igc.org](mailto:rrenner@igc.org)

## **FGC Newsletter and announcements**

Friends General Conference (FGC) has a newsletter available. To subscribe, sign up at: <http://www.fgcquaker.org/subscribe>

## **AFM Newsletter Announcements**

### **Adelphi Friends Meeting Newsletter, 2012, for the First Month**

You can download the latest edition of our directory and photo gallery from our web page. They are password protected, so ask at Meeting for the password: [AdelphiFriends.org/attenders.html](http://AdelphiFriends.org/attenders.html)

Any attender of Adelphi Friends Meeting can submit material for the Newsletter. Send contributions to: [afm-newsletter@adelphifriends.org](mailto:afm-newsletter@adelphifriends.org)

Reports on events, with photos, are also encouraged. For text submissions, plain unformatted text is preferred. Deadline for submissions is noon on the last first day of each month.

### **Financial Contributions:**

Please place in box in the foyer, or send to Doron Antrim. Visit us at [adelphifriends.org](http://adelphifriends.org)  
Adelphi Friends Meeting, 2303 Metzertott Rd., Adelphi, Maryland 20783, (301) 445-1114