

The Herndon Light



11th Month 12, 2017 A Newsletter of Herndon Friends Meeting - Quakers - Reston & Herndon Virginia 246

- 11/19 Adult Discussion Spiritual Journey Paul Murphy 9:00 AM
- 11/19 Fauquier Friends Worship Group 10:30 at the Bealeton Depot
- 11/19 Quaker Panel on Peacemaking Fauquier Friends 1:30-3:00 at the Bealeton Depot
- 12/2 Meetinghouse Clean Up day 9 to noon, followed by lunch and House and Grounds Committee
- 12/3 Potluck at Rise of Meeting for Worship
- 12/10 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
- 1/7 Potluck at Rise of Meeting For Worship
- 1/13-14 BYM JYFCON Junior Young Friends Conference at Herndon Meetinghouse 6-8th graders
- 1/14 Meeting for Business at 9:00 AM

Query 7 Home and Family

Do you regularly seek God's guidance?

Do you make your home a place of affection where God's presence is felt?

Do you allow time for family worship and spiritual exploration, taking care to include both the very young and very old?

How do you take care that commitments outside the home do not encroach upon the time and loving attention the family needs for its health and well-being?

How does the Meeting support families of all kinds in their attempts to improve communication, family life, and the rearing of children in an atmosphere of love?

Do you cultivate healthful and moderate habits, avoiding the hazards of drugs, intoxicants, and over-indulgence generally?

Can you keep a sense of humor and avoid taking yourself too seriously?

Meeting for Business 10/12/17

Clerk Cat Wilkins gathered 18 Friends for Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business at 9:00 a.m. on 11th month 12th day, with a reading of the 7th Query on Home and Family

Treasurer – Terence McCormally reported that the Finance Committee is preparing the year end report and the budget for 2018. Friends are encouraged to turn in receipts for reimbursement or for in-kind donations to ensure a more complete picture of our expenses. Contributions are on pace for the year; however, the budget does depend on Friends making year-end gifts. If Friends desire to change their automatic contribution deductions, please complete a new VANCO form and deliver it to the treasurer. The form is available in the Meetinghouse or from the treasurer

Peace & Social Concerns – Tim Stanley reported for the committee. Katherine Cole attended the last meeting and described the work of Sanctuary DMV a multicongregation interfaith alliance working to protect undocumented immigrants from unfair treatment. The committee recommends that the Meeting support the work of Sanctuary DMV and will donate \$200 from their budget for this year. The Committee suggests that this organization be included on the budget allocations for next year's gifts.

House and Grounds – Harry Tunis reported for the committee that the electrical work has been completed. The work included new wiring for the kitchen outlets, additional outlets for the kitchen and telephone room, a new light fixture in the

Herndon Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends holds Meeting for Worship at 660 Spring Street in Herndon each First Day (Sunday). Hymn singing begins at 10:15 am. An unprogrammed Meeting for Worship begins at 10:30 am and lasts about one hour. After worshiping with adults for 10-15 minutes, children and teenagers attend First Day School classes until the end of Meeting for Worship. The building is wheelchair accessible. For more information call the Meeting's telephone answering machine at 703-736-0592. The Newsletter Editor is Terence McCormally. Notices for the Newsletter can be sent to him at 2514 Trophy Lane, Reston, VA 20191 E-mail tmccormally@ffpcs.com. Newsletter assembled addressed and mailed by Meg Wallace **WEBSITE AT** <https://www.fgcquaker.org/cloud/herndon-friends-meeting>

The Care Coordinating Committee is available for Friends in need. If you need assistance because of an illness or other emergency, contact Abbey Compton, Clerk, at AbbeyComptonisHere@gmail.com; or Priscilla Chamlee at dandpchamlee@gmail.com; or Fred Cresson at cresson4@verizon.net, or Stacey LaRoy at stacebear@laroyfamily.com or Margaret Rogers at margaret.anne.rogers1@gmail.com

furnace closet and new dimmable LED lighting for the meeting room. Finally, wiring was installed underground to provide the cabin with outlets for lighting and a portable heater or fan. The furnace was checked and serviced, but the technician was unable to offer a solution for the fan noise. There will be a cleanup day on Saturday, December 2nd. The focus will be on inside work, cleaning bathrooms, kitchen cabinets, and furniture, with some light raking and gutter cleaning outside.

Ministry & Oversight – Inga Erickson announced that the speaker for the adult discussion on November 19 will be Paul Murphy, who will describe his spiritual journey. All ages are welcome. Christmas Sing/Christmas Eve plans are still being decided and will be announced soon.

BYM Called Interim Meeting – Harry Tunis reported on the specially called meeting held at Sandy Spring Meeting the previous day, Saturday, November 11. The main purpose was to present BYM's 2018 Operating Budget and 2018 Capital Budget for final approval. The Interim Meeting was united in approving the budgets as presented. Yearly Meeting income comes from three main sources. About one third of the operating expense of the meeting come from "apportionment", an amount assessed by BYM on each monthly meeting depending on the budget of the yearly meeting. This year the yearly meeting is requesting 24% of the unrestricted contributions received by the meeting. Another third of the budget comes from fees for BYM programs including the camping program, the Women's Retreat, and Annual Session fees. The remainder is raised through other contributions from individual Friends or Meetings, and occasionally by a grant from an outside entity. Friends are encouraged to donate, either directly by check or by automatic monthly deductions from personal accounts, just as we do for our monthly meeting. Information can be found on the BYM website: <https://www.bym-rsf.org/giving/gifts/ymgiving.html>.

Meetinghouse Use – The BYM Junior Young Friends (JYF) conference will be at HFM on the weekend of Jan. 13-14. A group of 6th -8th graders, with their Friendly Adult Prescence's (FAPS) will spend the weekend at the Meetinghouse. They have a business meeting, play games, and enjoy meals and fellowship. They sleep in the Meetinghouse and attend Meeting for Worship the next day. Since it's the second Sunday, there should be lots of help for sandwich making. Herndon Young Friends are especially encouraged to attend.

Keep Off the Grass!

Actually, the grass is fine, but House and Grounds does ask Friends not to trod on the new

landscaped bed or to climb or play in that very inviting fenced off place on either side of the front porch.

And remember to keep your portion of the new beds weeded and clear of trash—if you haven't signed up for a portion, or you forgot which part is yours, the map of the property is posted in the Meetinghouse.

Thanksgiving

by Linda McCarriston
(from "Talking Soft Dutch")

Every year we call it down upon ourselves,
the chaos of the day before the occasion,
the morning before the meal. Outdoors,
the men cut wood, fueling appetite
in the gray air, as Nana, Arlene, Mary,
Robin—whatever women we amount to—
turn loose from their wrappers the raw,
unmade ingredients. A flour sack leaks,
potatoes wobble down counter tops
tracking dirt like kids, blue hubbard erupts
into shards and sticky pulp when it's whacked
with the big knife, cranberries leap away
rather than be halved. And the bird, poor
blue thing—only we see it in its dead skin—
gives up for good the long, obscene neck, the gizzard,
the liver quivering in my hand, the heart.

So what? What of it? Besides the laughter,
I mean, or the steam that shades the windows
so that the youngest sons must come inside
to see how the smells look. Besides
the piled wood closing over the porch windows,
the pipes the men fill, the beers
they crack, waiting in front of the game.

Any deliberate leap into chaos, small or large,
with an intent to make order, matters. That's what.
A whole day has passed between the first apple
cored for pie, and the last glass polished
and set down. This is a feast we know how to make,
a Day of Feast, a day of thanksgiving
for all we have and all we are and whatever
we've learned to do with it: Dear God, we thank you
for your gifts in this kitchen, the fire,
the food, the wine. That we are together here.
Bless the world that swirls outside these windows—
a room full of gifts seeming raw and disordered,
a great room in which the stoves are cold,
the food scattered, the children locked forever
outside dark windows. Dear God, grant
to the makers and keepers power to save it all.

Thanksgiving Baskets

Melanie set a new high bar and kept everyone on task. Terence brought the boxes. Bert bought the gift cards. Keith, Fred and Tim took Renee, Eli,

David, Topher, Haley and Joe to Safeway to get the food. DeeDee handed out boxes as Friends left the Meeting room. Renee was masterful at quality control both at the store and checking each box. Dave and Liz loaded up the boxes into their cars for delivery to St John Neumann church this Thursday. Then I lost count because literally dozens of Friends carried in the food, sorted the cans, stuffed the boxes, and picked up the trash.

All in all Herndon Friends produced 65 boxes for delivery to Cornerstones annual Thanksgiving food program. Due to our masterful shoppers and bulk purchases, the boxes were produced for about \$49 instead of the projected \$60. By Sunday evening we'd collected \$2900 of the \$3200 we'd spent.

Chapter II: No se hablan ingles a la oficina de ICE

(They don't speak Spanish at the ICE office)

To recap my piece in the October newsletter, in September, I was one of 3 representatives of Sanctuary DMV who accompanied a campa to her ICE (Immigrations and Customs Enforcement) check-in. Previously to 2017, she was required to check in with ICE once a year; this would be her third check-in this year. That September visit took from 10 am to 1 pm. After she registered on time, the only thing that happened was that she was given an appointment to return in November.

On this day in November, we entered through security on time and proceeded to the crowded basement waiting room, (the one with the black window where the receptionist can see into the waiting room, but you can't see her, -you can just hear her voice through a speaker). The room was not only full this time, but the hall was full, and at least one person was being detained as we arrived. Our campa registered and within a few minutes, was approached by an employee who asked her to complete a form. After completing the form, and turning it in, about 1 hour later -around 9 AM, she was called to the black window, where she was advised that she was being entered into The Intensive Supervision Attendance Program (ISAP) which is an Alternative to Detention Program.

What is ISAP? According to an article dated June 9, 2017 from the Center for American Progress: <https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/immigration/news/2017/06/09/433975/alternatives-detention-profit-immigration-system/>

“ISAP is part of the Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS’) push for expanded use of alternatives to detention. Initially, the DHS envisioned alternatives to detention as “community-based supervision strategies” designed to mimic the effects of immigration detention—in

particular, to ensure that people show up for court appointments—without locking people up. In theory, alternatives to detention allow ICE to adjust the level of immigrants’ supervision based on their “assessed risk.”

ISAP is not a community-based alternative, however. It’s run by BI Incorporated, which is owned by Geo Group—a for-profit company that owns a sprawling network of prisons and detention centers.”

And what does this mean for our campa? Once a week she must travel from her home in DC to an office 1.7 miles from the Dunn Loring Metro . (Before ISAP she was checking in once a year at an office across the street from the Dunn Loring Metro.)

She must spend several hours at the BI office with each check in. She must wear a GPS device on her ankle and follow a curfew, thus making any regular job difficult, and increasing her anxiety. Any infraction of the rules can mean detention or deportation. She is not allowed to have any support person with her in the office at BI, so anyone who comes with her and waits outside won't know what's going on until and unless she comes out

Sanctuary DMV volunteers will continue to try to help by providing transportation to the BI office weekly, and by providing emotional support—and notification to her family if she is detained.

Herndon Friends Meeting is a part of the Northern Virginia cluster of the DMV Sanctuary Congregation Network which coordinates with congregations in Maryland and DC. To get more involved or ask questions, please contact me, Katherine Cole, kjcolem@gmail.com, or follow NOVA DMV Sanctuary Congregation Network on Facebook.

DMV Sanctuary Congregation Network is a network of faith communities dedicated to protecting immigrants and targeted communities in DC Maryland and Virginia. It is affiliated with Sanctuary DMV, a solidarity group that pledges to resist policy proposals to target and deport millions of undocumented immigrants and discriminate against marginalized communities including those who are black, indigenous, Muslim, Latinx, and LGBTQ+.

Quaker Program on Peacemaking

How do we count the cost of bitter conflict to the health and well-being of ourselves, our families, communities, our nation, and to the world? With trauma and fighting so prevalent, where and how can we seek a better way?

Sunday, November 19, 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm, the Fauquier Friends Worship Group will lead a panel on the topic of Peacemaking at the Bealeton Library Depot building, 10877 Willow Drive North, Bealeton. Local Quakers (Religious Society of Friends) welcome the community of all beliefs to attend and share on ways to deepen peace in a divided world.

Quakers have historically advanced the testimony of peace and are the only religion to date to have been awarded a Nobel Peace Prize. Yet, the surrounding evidence informs there is much work to be done, both individually and collectively, to bring hearts, minds and actions as living examples of the power of peacemaking. Peace is not just the absence of war and requires justice more than protest, communication more than complaint. Email fauquierfriends@gmail.com for more information.

As part of his FCNL Advocacy work, Jack Shinkman had a letter to the editor published in the Vienna Connection. You can read it online at

<http://viennaconnection.www.clients.ellingtoncms.com/news/2017/nov/13/opinion-letter-editor-10-year-old-asks-audit-penta/>

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