

The Herndon Light



4TH Month 10, 2019 A Newsletter of Herndon Friends Meeting - Quakers - Reston & Herndon Virginia 260

- April 27 5:30 pm Dinner (provided by M & O) and storytelling/social hour
- April 28 Earth Day activities following Rise of Meeting. All Welcome.
- April 28 (note date change) Fauquier Friends Worship Group, Bealeton Library Depot, 10877 Willow Drive North, Bealeton, Meeting for Worship and First Day School 11 am, hospitality before and after.
- May 5 Potluck following Rise of Meeting for Worship
- May 1 NO Meeting for Business
- May 19 Fauquier Friends Worship Group's 5th Anniversary. See story below.
- June 1 Graduation acknowledgments followed by potluck at Rise of Meetings. (other graduation acknowledgments may be on other dates.)
- July 29-August 4 BYM Annual Session, Hood College, Frederick MD

Queries

Do you establish family standards including the mutual obligations of youth and adults?

How do we get to know and care for our youth as individuals?

What have we learned from the wisdom expressed by our youth?

How do we share our deepest beliefs with our youth, while leaving them free to develop as the spirit of God may lead them?

Advices

Rejoice in the presence of our youth in meeting. Recognize and affirm the gifts that

they bring to the life of the meeting community and ensure to the maximum extent possible their well-being and safety.

Our youth need their peer groups. They also need opportunities to join with the whole group as an integral part of the meeting, sharing experiences that deepen relationships.

Part of sharing is learning our past as Quakers. Even more important is sharing what we as Quakers understand to be the Truth today and expressing the ways in which it shapes our lives.

Parents are their children's first teachers; the Meeting along with the parents need to help our youth understand what it means to attend Meeting for Worship. Our youth need specific

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 worshipping 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 and hearing accessible. LGBTQ+ welcoming and affirming. For more information call the Meeting's telephone answering machine at 703-736-0592. The Newsletter Editor is Jay McClendon. E-mail bluejay825@gmail.com Newsletter assembled addressed and mailed by Stacey LaRoy. Correspondence and contributions can be sent to PO Box 88 Herndon, VA 20172 Website: <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 Priscilla Chamlee at dandpchamlee@gmail.com; or Fred Cresson at cresson4@verizon.net, or Margaret Rogers at margaret.anne.rogers1@gmail.com, or Bert Curtis at bertedits@gmail.com

expectations placed upon them. It is important that our youth learn to be accountable for their own actions. All Friends need to be mentors to the youth in their Meeting.

Voices

To watch the spirit of children, to nurture them in Gospel Love, and labor to help them against that which would mar the beauty of their minds, is a debt we owe them; and a faithful performance of our duty not only tends to their lasting benefit and our own peace, but also to render their company agreeable to us. A care hath lived in my mind, that more time might be employed by parents at home, and by tutors at school, in weightily attending to the spirit and inclinations of children, and that we may so lead, instruct and govern them, in this tender part of life, that nothing may be omitted in our power, to help them on their way to become the children of our Father who art in heaven.”

John Woolman, c. 1760

All children are listeners, but some stop listening and remembering sooner than others. ...It makes me sad when I hear discussions about not introducing children to God until they are old enough to understand. I grew into the Lord's prayer, and I am still growing into it. All religious language, all devotional books, and particularly the Bible, provide growing room for young minds and spirits.

Elise Boulding, 1975

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

Deuteronomy 6:5-7 (NRSV)

I want that we may all show our faith by our works, by our honesty and justice and mercy and love; I want love to begin with little children; they should be governed by love, and

love only. I am glad the rod is so far banished in the family circles and the schools. Children love peace. The little child knows when it says, Mother, I love everybody. There is a Divine instinct in them which prompts to this feeling.

Lucretia Mott, 1876

Friends spoke to the queries out of the silence.

Minutes

For the Communications and Outreach Committee, **Jay McClendon** presented the concern of the committee that Herndon Friends speak out now for the LGBTQIA+ Community. He presented a proposed minute. Following discernment, MFB united with the following minute:

Minute of support for the LGBTQIA+ Community

Herndon Friends Meeting wishes to express our support and solidarity with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersexed, and asexual persons everywhere. We hold in the Light those who have been wounded by exclusion, hate, prejudice, and misunderstanding, as well as those who express that hate and prejudice. As we do so, we remember that Spirit dwells within each of us. Herndon Friends believe that God's love is inclusive and extends to all.

For the Greening Committee, **Margaret Rogers** presented the committee's recommendations for actions related to environmental concerns by reading two proposed minutes. After consideration and discernment MFB united with the following two minutes:

Minute of Investment in Ecological Stewardship

At this critical time, when human action endangers Earth's ecosystems, Herndon Friends Meeting is committed to reducing waste and our carbon footprint. We will invest our money and our time in indoor and outdoor improvements to our property that bear witness to our testimony of stewardship.

Minute on Use of Disposable Items:

As part of our testimony of stewardship, Herndon Friends' practice is to use re-usable items and avoid the use of disposable items, such as napkins, cups, plates, tableware, and single-service beverage containers whenever possible.

For the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, **Nathan Tice** read a proposed minute affirming our support and membership in Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions. After discussion and discernment MFB united with the following minute:

Minute on Membership in the Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions

Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions partners together with faith communities to develop local solutions to climate change. Herndon Friends Meeting affirms its membership in Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions and commits to make an annual donation to this group.

The Treasurer's Quarterly Financial Report, prepared by treasurer **Terence McCormally**, was presented by **Liz Willson**. **MFB accepted the report.**

Announcements

Religious Education Committee

The reviewed and updated HFM Youth Safety Minute is posted to the website and the bulletin board outside the baby room. The only revision is the addition of the cabin to our spaces for youth activities.

Hospitality Committee

At the May Potluck, new Associate member **Camryn Joy Williams** will be welcomed.

Graduation announcements for newsletter

Jay McClendon asks families who have a youth graduating from High School, College or other academic endeavor to send this information, and other interesting information

you would like included about the graduate to him for a story for the newsletter.

Ministry and Oversight

M & O asks that those who plan to attend the April 27 dinner at the meetinghouse notify **Meg Wallace** by emailing her at megwallace.wallace@gmail.com, or sign up on the sheet posted outside the kitchen at the meetinghouse. The Committee needs to know how much dinner to make.

BYM

Camp Registration is open.

<https://bymcamps.org/session-info/>

BYM Annual Session Dates are July 29- August 4. Annual Session is held at Hood College in Frederick, MD. You can attend for part or all of the event. Children attend free and, in the past, BYM has offered financial discounts to new attenders. M & O has budgeted funds to support Herndon Friends attendance.

Earth Day Celebration

At Rise of Meeting, in celebration of Earth Day (week), you all are invited to go outside and snap photos of all the living things on our property and upload them to iNaturalist. This is part of City Nature Challenge, an annual friendly competition between 160+ metropolitan areas around the world to see who can induce the most people to contribute observations to this huge citizen science biodiversity project that is documenting life on earth. You can help any time, but the competition is taking place April 26-29. It is fun to learn how to notice and name the plants, animals, and fungi that surround us.

Here are [instructions](#). The main thing to do before next week is to create a password. The purpose of iNaturalist is to document wild things, but just for fun it is okay to add photos of cultivated plants, as long as you mark the checkbox indicating that before uploading.

Here are the observations so far from Herndon Friends Meeting property:
<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/herndon-friends-meeting>

You can participate in City Nature Challenge on your own as well, plus there are numerous other events being held around the region which you can find here:
<https://citynaturechallengedc.org/>.

Next Sunday is also the day of our annual plant exchange.

Vegan snacks will be provided.

Plant Exchange

The 15th Annual Plant Exchange will be held as part of the Greening Committee Earth Day celebration on Sunday, April 28, both before and after Meeting for Worship. Please start digging, potting and separating, so that you can share the bounty of your home and garden.

Welcomed contributions include indoor and outdoor plants, bulbs, seeds, books, tools, and decorative planters. It would be helpful if you attach a note to identify the plants and provide suggestions for their care. Native plants are particularly appreciated, and please avoid bringing invasive plants. For more information, see www.invasive.org

Everything is free, but you are invited to donate to the Peace Awards offered to students in high schools in Fairfax County. For additional information contact Margaret Rogers at 703-495-9860 or send an e-mail to Margaret.Anne.Rogers1@gmail.com.

Fauquier Friends Worship Group

By Bonnie Stockslager

April 28--Fauquier Friends Worship Group at the Bealeton Library Depot, Worship and First Day School at 11 am, hospitality before and after

May 12--Mother's Day and 11:30 am Friendly 8s at Jean's in Warrenton

May 19--5th Anniversary Fauquier Friends Meeting for Worship, 11 am at the Bealeton Library Depot, Community is invited to 12:15 pm free vegan lunch and "Friends With Veggie Benefits" worship-sharing led by **Margaret Fisher**, closing at 2:15 pm.

June 16--(Father's Day)-- No Meeting for Worship at the Depot due to other activity there

June 23--Fauquier Friends Meeting for Worship, 11 am, Bealeton Library Depot

Also of Interest: Thurs May 9 "I'm Not Racist-- Am I?" event at Lord Fairfax Community College, The Barn, Warrenton, 7 to 10 pm. For more info, email to PeidmontRaceAmityProject@aol.com.

Other video viewings with discussion that same week in Warrenton and Culpeper.

Need cheering up? Try making a dandelion chain necklace. Smile at anyone who notices.

QuakerSpeak Videos

Did you know QuakerSpeak, a project of Friends Journal, releases a new video every Thursday? Check it out here:

<http://quakerspeak.com/>

Happy Easter from some of our Youngest Friends



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