

Goose Creek Friends

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

QUERIES FOR TENTH MONTH

The Peace Testimony

- Do you endeavor to live “in virtue of that life and power which takes away the occasion of all wars?”
- Do you work to make your peace testimony a reality in your life and in your world?
- Do you weigh your day-to-day activities for their effect on peacekeeping, conflict resolution and the elimination of violence?
- Are you working toward eliminating aggression at all levels, from the personal to the international?

GOOSE CREEK NEWS

A memorial was held in good order for Carolyn Taylor on Saturday, October 3.

Friends are invited to make individual contributions to match Goose Creek’s $2,000 donation to the Refugee Welcome Network in Washington County, Maryland (sponsored by the Hagerstown Area Religious Council). Information about the Network and a donate button can be found at https://harccoalition.org/programs/refugee-welcome-network.

FROM MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH A CONCERN FOR BUSINESS

Eighth Month

Friends approved with thanks the report of the Technology Subcommittee, including that “Sub” be dropped and that it be considered a full committee. There is a new copier in the office. Finding a hearing assistance solution remains ongoing.

Patricia Barber reported on our contributions to the Refugee Welcome Network in Washington County, Maryland. With the current governmental policy towards our borders and immigration, there is a diminution of new immigrants, but the ones remaining continue to need support which may include rental assistance, life support, and legal matters. Patricia asked for matching funds to support the present $2,000 donation from Ministry and Worship.

Friends approved donations to the US Campaign to End the Death Penalty and to the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank.

COMING SOON

October Second Hour: Deepening Our Worship Experience in Quaker Meeting | Oct. 11

The Ministry and Worship Committee will host this presentation on Quaker worship. How do we prepare ourselves for God’s presence to fill the worship space? When have we been touched by God? What is the collective spiritual experience of a

Life of the Meeting

COMING SOON (CONT'D)

gathered meeting? How do we discern that we are being led to offer vocal ministry?

Would you like to learn to be a bellringer?

Carolyn Ormes will lead sessions on how to ring hand bells at the Meeting House at 2pm on October 11, 18, and 25.

November Second Hour: Deepening Our Worship Experience in Quaker Meeting, Continued | Nov. 8

Gather with Friends to talk about our experiences of Quaker worship in a worship sharing format.

FROM BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING

Jesus' Friends Worship Sharing
Sunday, October 18, 3 – 5:00 PM

Email jesusfriends@bym-rsf.org to receive Zoom credentials and the scripture reading for this month.

2027 BYM Retreat for Women+
March 5 – 7

Registration is now open (https://bit.ly/4hxtSlr)! This beloved, annual event in our Yearly Meeting gathers more than 100 women+ from across our region (and beyond) for a weekend of reflection, spiritual refreshment, community, small group sharing, worship, and music among women+. The 2027 retreat will take place March 5-7 at the Pearlstone Retreat Center in Maryland. A variety of registration price-points and financial aid are available. +We are a people with differences, including different sexual orientations, gender expression, abilities, ages, race and ethnicity, economic status and theological perspectives. All are welcome!



RECURRING GATHERINGS | ALL ARE INVITED

COFFEE & QUAKERISM

Second Fridays · 10:00 a.m.–noon
Informal conversation about all things Quaker in Friends' homes, with a Zoom option. Details arrive by email.

GOOSE CREEK HIKES

Second Saturdays · 10:00 a.m.–noon
Goose Creek hikes take place during the clement months of the year. Details arrive by email.

GOOSE CREEK READING GROUP

Third Saturdays · 10:00 a.m.–noon
Informal conversation about all things Quaker in Friends' homes, with a Zoom option. Details arrive by email.

Calendar

SUNDAY
OCT 11
11:00 AM

Second Hour
Goose Creek Friends Meeting House

SUNDAY
OCT 11
2:00 PM

Hand Bell Lesson
Goose Creek Friends Meeting House

SUNDAY
OCT 18
2:00 PM

Hand Bell Lesson
Goose Creek Friends Meeting House

SATURDAY
OCT 24
1:00 PM

4th Annual Musical Extravaganza and Pastor's 8th Anniversary
Mt. Olive Baptist Church warmly extends an invitation for you to join us as we celebrate our Pastor, Reverend Roderick Sheppard's 8th Anniversary with a Music Extravaganza IV. The MOBC Music Ministry will be sponsoring the event. Please come prepared to WORSHIP, SING AND PRAISE GOD!!!

SUNDAY
OCT 25
11:00 AM

Ministry & Worship Committee Meeting
Goose Creek Friends Meeting House

SUNDAY
OCT 25
2:00 PM

Hand Bell Lesson
Goose Creek Friends Meeting House

SUNDAY
NOV 1
11:00 AM

Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business

SUNDAY
NOV 8
11:00 AM

Second Hour
Goose Creek Friends Meeting House

SUNDAY
NOV 15
11:00 AM

Second Hour
Goose Creek Friends Meeting House

"It is not our Quakerism, or our pacifism, or our knowledge, or skill, or emotion that overcomes hate and violence. We shall surely fail if we become proud of our virtue and traditions and become vain in our witness. We shall fail if we think the power that may move through us is our own. The power is not ours, it is God's. . . The foundation is faith in the power of God's love to transform us and our society and to bring justice to the poor and the oppressed. Our task is to act, as best we understand what we are led to do, in obedience to that power."

– Mary Lord, 2002

NEWSLETTER

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SUNDAYS

Meeting for Worship – 9:45 AM

First Day School & Oakdale Nursery – 10:00 AM

Meeting for Worship can be joined via Zoom by clicking or copying into your browser this address: https://bit.ly/4g4G9ee

Meeting ID: 833 5073 7205

Passcode: 061785

FACING BENCH

October
Jackie Kosbob & Nancy Robinson

November
Patricia Barber