

Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting Silent Announcements Second Month 23, 2020

Deadline **Thursday 5pm**; send submissions, and requests to receive e-Announcements, to Newsletter.ssmm.rs@gmail.com

Meetings For Worship

Sandy Spring Meeting House

9:00 am all First Days

11:00 am all but first First Day*

7:30 pm each Fifth Day with Potluck at 6pm

**the first First Day each month Worship with a Concern for Business begins at 10:15am (summer some holidays -check calendar)*

Friends House Stabler Hall Conference Room

10:00-11:00 am each First Day (some Friends

House residents come at 10:30am)

Regularly Scheduled Events

First Days:

Second 10:10am

Hymn Sing in Lyceum, everyone welcome!

Second & Fourth 9:00am

Bible Study, CH 101; Roger Starr (301) 649-6841

Fourth 10:10am

Quaker Reading Group, CH 201, maryleastevenson@gmail.com

Third 4:00pm

Sacred Harp Sing, School House, Potluck follows; Anne & Dave Greene 301-570-3283

Every 4:00 pm

A Course in Miracles, 15716 Thompson Rd., Messages: 301-384-9411

Second Days(all)

7:30pm

Ballroom Dancing Lessons, (FREE) CH Lyceum; Anne & Dave Greene 301-570-3283

Seventh Days

Third 6pm-9pm

Simple Dinner followed by activities, CH Lyceum, Community Life Cmte.

Calendar – SSMM Website: <http://www.sandyspring.org>

2/23	Sun	6:30pm	Town Hall to End ICE in Howard County in Columbia, MD. See p 7.
2/23	Sun	12:15-2pm	Worship sharing drop-in opportunities to voice your priorities for FCNL's 2021-22 Congress lobbying
3/2	Sun	10:00	Art for kids so parents can come to Meeting for Business; family potluck after
3/2	Sun	10:15am	Annual Reports from Finance and Trustees due Third Month.
3/2	Sun	10:15am	Meeting for Worship with Concern for Business, Meeting House; no 11 am Worship, potluck after
3/8	Sun		BYM Camp Scholarship applications due; see p 9
3/8	Sun	12:15-2pm	Worship sharing drop-in opportunities to voice your priorities for FCNL's 2021-22 Congress lobbying
3/15	Sun	12:15-2	Worship sharing drop-in opportunities to voice your priorities for FCNL's 2021-22 Congress lobbying
3/13	Fri	7-9:30	<i>Fanning the Eternal Flame with Marcelle Martin</i> Retreat, Part I, register ahead, see p 2, flier p 8
3/14	Sat	9:30-4:30	<i>Fanning the Eternal Flame with Marcelle Martin</i> Retreat, Part II, see p2, flier p 8
3/21	Sat	6pm/7pm	Alice Bowman talks about the New Horizons space exploration project after Simple Dinner
3/22	Sun	12:45pm	Committee Clerks Spring Meeting, Rm 204. Note new date
4/5	Sun	10:00am	Easter Egg Dyeing - Please bring 2 dozen eggs; parents can come to Meeting for Business; family potluck
4/5	Sun	10:15am	Annual Reports from Membership & Spiritual Care and Cmte on Aging due Fourth Month.
4/5	Sun	10:15am	Meeting for Worship with Concern for Business, Meeting House; no 11 am Worship, potluck after
4/5	Sun	2pm	Memorial Meeting for Peg Gibian, Meeting House. Reception location tba

Queries for Second Month: Meetings for Business (from BYM *Faith and Practice*)

- ☞ Are meetings for business held in a spirit of worship, understanding and forbearance?
- ☞ When direction seems lacking, is this seen as a challenge to a more prayerful search for truth?
- ☞ Do we humbly set aside our own preconceived notions as to proper action, seeking instead Divine guidance as to the right course?
- ☞ Is the Meeting aware that it speaks not only through its actions, but also through its failure to act?
- ☞ Do you participate regularly in meetings for business, discharge faithfully your committee responsibilities, and assume your share of financial support of the Meeting?

Life Events & News of Friends: Please hold these Friends in the Light:

- ♥ **Ellen Cronin** fell 3 weeks ago and sustained fracture of her pelvis. She is grateful to be walking with a walker. Prayers welcome.
- ♥ **Peg Gibian** passed away 2/2 at age 102. A Memorial Meeting is planned for 4/5 at 2pm in the Meeting House.
- ♥ **Donald (Don) Gann** of Stony Run MM, very active in BYM for years along with Gail his wife, (and Inward Bound with Barry Morley held here) died last week. His Memorial Meeting will be March 28 at Stony Run. Time not set yet.
- ♥ **Nora Caplan** is in Thomas Hall after release from the hospital. No visitors yet please, cards appreciated.
- ♥ **Mary Ann Beall** is recovering, would welcome phone calls 301-570-8401 and as she is able, occasional visitors (please call first)

SSMM Committee Announcements ssmm.rsrf@gmail.com

Community Life: Charles Greene will organize **Labor Day retreat at Catoctin**. He will need help and volunteers. Anyone who has an idea for a workshop to suggest, or better yet to offer, please let him know. Volunteers for activities for adults and children, kitchen help (we have a cook/manager!) and general organization also needed – as are families and others to come partake of the fun and fellowship! 240-755-0296, cagreene2@gmail.com

FUN: Interfaith Power and Light Creation Care calendar - May this **Lenten season, that begins Wed, Feb 26** serve as a wake-up call to be mindful of the ways that our daily choices impact everyone, especially our neighbors throughout the world most impacted by the effects of climate change. *The calendar for Maryland is on pp. 7-8.*

Quaker Voice of Maryland has chosen *four advocacy days* that we will be attending as a group to bring our Quaker voice to Annapolis. We chose them because they align with our legislative priorities this session and we invite you to join us on one of these dates: **Feb. 26**, 8:30am - 1:30pm, Maryland Alliance for Justice Reform Advocacy Day; **March 10**, 9 - 11:30am, Strong Schools Maryland Advocacy Day. *See p. 9* for more details.

Hometime Habitat - Stories of Bringing Nature Home - a 90 min FREE documentary focuses on how and why native plants are critical to the survival and vitality of local ecosystems. There will be a discussion with filmmaker, Catherine Zimmerman and Montgomery County RainScapes Program Manager, Ann English, after the movie. **Sun, Feb 23** from **4:00-6:00PM** at Clara Barton Community Center (7425 MacArthur Blvd. Cabin John).

United by The Climate Crisis - an *online event* sponsored by the Post Carbon Institute, with Katherine Hayhoe, climate scientist, professor in Department of Political Science, a director of the Climate Center at Texas Tech University, on **Mon, Mar 2 at 12:30pm..** During the webinar Dr. Hayhoe will share inspirational stories of unexpected climate allies, why we need to unite beyond politics, religion, or background, how to find and use language that resonates with others and ways to utilize shared values in inspiring others to take action. Contact Toni Hudson johudson@erols.com for reservation information.

Ministry & Counsel: Reading Group: Our new book is Thomas Kelly's *The Eternal Promise*, available on-line at Amazon and at the FGC bookstore. In Feb, the foreword, editor's preface and pages 1-6 will be our topic worship sharing. We meet on Feb 23, CH 201, at 10:10. For further reading Joan recommends Collin Saxton's short paperback *Living the Eternal Promise, a Guide for Individual and Group Reflection*, available at Amazon and FGC. Contact person: Mary Stevenson, maryleastevenson@gmail.com 301-927-1874

Fanning the Eternal Flame with Marcelle Martin Retreat, March 13-14: Read *Our Life is Love*. *See flier p9.*

Peace: There will be a **Town Hall to End ICE in Howard County** on **Sun, 2/23** at Oakland Mills Village Center in Columbia at 6:30 pm. *See p. 6*

Religious Education: BYM Camp registration is open. Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting supports Meeting families with a *scholarship of 1/3 of the cost of camp* for each camper. Please send the **application on p. 10 by Mar 8** to robinmcc@verizon.net for each camper (or you can modify the form for multiple campers in a family with a row for each camper: name, camp, number of weeks, grade, and age.)

Related Organizations

Baltimore Yearly Meeting bym-rsf.org/

Young Friends Conferences:

April 3-5: Service Conference: State College or Gunpowder
May 22-24: Sandy Spring Friends Meeting

Junior Young Friends Conferences:

March 7 – 8: Adelphi Friends Meeting (Adelphi, MD)
May 1 – 3: Catoctin Quaker Camp (Thurmont, MD)

See the Working Group on Racism article on p. 11.

March 21 – Third Month Interim Meeting at Hopewell Centre Monthly Meeting (Winchester, VA. Check the Yearly Meeting website for more information. (www.bym-rsf.org/events/interim/third20.html)

April 4 – Reparations Action Group Workshop (Location TBA). The Reparations Action Group is excited to announce our upcoming Spring workshops. Black Friends, Indigenous Friends, and other Friends of Color do not need to pay for this workshop; it is free to attend. The course will be delivered at various Meeting House locations in the area. To register, please go to forms.gle/DNEj1NeoFwNFH9Wn7 and fill out the form in its entirety. For any questions or concerns please contact Nikki Richards, Clerk of the Reparations Action Group, at nikkirichards1993@gmail.com

April 17 – 19 – Men's Retreat Catoctin Quaker Camp (Thurmont). All BYM men Friends are invited. The retreat is very loosely programmed and includes time to relax, work co-operatively, hike (or nap), talk, tell stories, play, and have fun. The registration form and additional info are available from Chris Giannella. (cgiannella@mitre.org or 443-853-0440)

BYM is seeking applicants to fill the position of Caretaker at Catoctin Quaker Camp in Thurmont MD. Please **apply before Feb 28**. Our goal is to fill the position before March 31. A draft job description is available at www.bym-rsf.org/what_we_do/committees/campproperty/caretakerjob.html or a copy can be requested by emailing campproperty@bym-rsf.org.

BYM is now accepting applications for the position of Youth Programs Manager. BYM Youth Programs are religious education programs carried out in a diverse inclusive community. The Manager engages in the ministry of empowering BYM

children, youth, and Friendly Adult Presences to safely work, play, learn and worship in a creative spiritual community.

20 in 2020: Support 20 campers for 2 weeks at BYM Quaker Camps. With less than 20 weeks left until the start of camps, please consider contributing toward the \$1,550 camp registration fees for campers who need your financial support. Camp registration kicked off on January 15, and fees this year stayed level to keep camps as accessible as possible. Still the cost of camps for some families presents a challenge. Click here to donate www.bym-rsf.org/giving/give-to-bym-camps.html

Friends Committee on National Legislation

Worship sharing drop-in 12:15-2pm opportunities 2nd Month 23 & 3rd Month 8 and 15 to voice *your priorities for FCNL's 2021-22 117th Congress lobbying agenda* to our FCNL rep Michael Conklin. Ask yourself: What are your top 3+ legislative priorities from FCNL's Statement of Legislative Policy (adopted Nov 2019) where specific lobbying issues are described: *The World We Seek: We seek a world free of war and the threat of war. We seek a society with equity and justice for all. We seek a community where every person's potential may be fulfilled. We seek an earth restored.* Limited copies of this detailed 44-page legislative policy issues booklet are available at each session for those who will read and share. Watch for other opportunities to share at the pop-up FCNL display table in the Lyceum. Can't attend? Email priorities or questions to michaelconklin@gmail.com The world awaits our faith-and-practice advocacy.

Letter Writing February: The Climate Crisis Can't Wait. As people of faith, we call on Congress to pass a carbon pricing bill, lower greenhouse gas emissions, protect vulnerable communities, and restore our earth. Writing your members of Congress, please *use the sample letter on p. 11* and call script. When you write your letter, please add two to four sentences personally letting your member know why you are concerned.

Friends General Conference (FGC)

Spiritual Deepening eRetreats: Living into Wholeness. Many of us know that the Beloved Community is "not yet," because we see the trauma of white supremacy and free-market colonialism playing itself out across the globe. But can we co-create and Live Into Wholeness together? The Living into Wholeness eRetreat invites you to explore and practice what it means to live into Beloved Community. This eRetreat has been previously offered under the name Beloved Community. The *Living into Wholeness eRetreat will be offered from Mar 15 - Apr 10.* Sign up for the Spiritual Deepening email list to be notified when registration for this session opens, <https://www.fgcquaker.org/sdinterest>

Friends United Meeting (FUM)

Online Registration is now available for our 2020 Triennial! We warmly welcome you to register for our 2020 Triennial, July 12-18th in Kisumu, Kenya! Detailed information about schedules, fees, and activities can be found at <https://www.friendsunitedmeeting.org/connect/triennial>.

Interfaith Ministerium

The Sandy Spring Museum has an upcoming exhibit - *An American Story: Jewish and Muslim Perspectives*. It should be a fascinating exhibit of art that responds to these immigrants' experience in America. We especially encourage attendance at the **opening reception on March 8 and the panel presentation on April 5.** See *flier on p. 5*

Pendle Hill

Feb 28-Mar 1, Approach Anti-Racism with Mindfulness: Join Pamela Freeman and Deborah Cooper for a seminar on Mindfulness and White Privilege. This seminar blends mindfulness practices with an engaged exploration of racial conditioning to help white people practice anti-racism with intention and self-understanding.

March 20-22 – Facing Transitions Together: A Couple Enrichment Retreat with Mike and Marsha Green and Kathy and Jeff Richman.

March 22-29 – The Perfection of the Present Moment, a seven-day mindfulness retreat with Mary Grace Orr, Anne Briggs, and Larissa Kitenko. A silent retreat with periods of sitting and walking meditation, opportunities to talk with a teacher, and formal presentations.

Sandy Spring-Ashton Rural Preservation Cons.

Ashton Village Sector Plan & SSARPC meeting The plans presented at the community meeting on Jan 29th are now posted on the planning website: <https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/area-3/ashton-village-center-sector-plan/> It sounds like those in attendance voiced their concerns over the densities that the Planning Staff is proposing. If you would like to share your thoughts after reviewing the presentation, you can email Jamey Pratt (email address on the website). Our next SSARPC meeting will be **Feb 18th 7PM** (the third Thurs of each month) **in the Lyceum.**

Sandy Spring Friends School www.ssfs.org



This year Sandy Spring Friends School will celebrate the **25th annual Community Play** with a production of *Matilda!* On **Thurs-Sat, March 5, 6, 7 at 7:00 pm, and Sunday, March 8 at 2:30 pm**

We invite you to join us before Saturday's show for dinner with alumni,

parents of alumni, faculty, staff, and friends of SSFS. **Sat, Mar 7, 5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.,** SSFS Campus Yarnall Library. RSVP www.ssfs.org/alumni/calendar-and-events by March 4.

The Upper School Chinese Affinity Group spoke of **Coronavirus** that originated in Wuhan China last Dec, and has since expanded and infected thousands of people. Wuhan, where two of our dorm students are from, is essentially shut down;

there is inadequate hospital space and a growing need for medical supplies. ***Our students, working in partnership with SSFS staff, have organized a fundraiser to purchase desperately-needed medical supplies (N95 surgical masks, goggles, protective overalls, and disposable medical bed sheets) for Wuhan University Zhongnan Hospital, which is battling the spread of the coronavirus.*** See <https://www.ssfs.org/caf-wuhan>

SSFS's new Upper School Building is well underway, and the School is looking to **commission one or more permanent works of art for the building.** We hope to feature works by SSFS alumni and friends! Contact Hannah at hannah.kerr@ssfs.org or 301-774-7455 x226 with questions. To accommodate the high level of interest in RFP submissions, the *deadline has been extended to Fri, Feb. 28.*

Save the date for **Glowing Together: Spotlight on Our Scholars, the SSFS Parents Association's annual auction for financial aid! Sat, May 9,** Ten Oaks Ballroom, 5000 Signal Bell Lane, Clarksville MD. Questions? Contact Michelle Alonso (P'23) and Alice-Ann Beachy (P'20, P'23, P'26) at PA.AuctionClerks@ssfs.org or www.ssfs.org/events/auction

Attending MfW at SSFS: Friends are invited to join Meeting for Worship during the week. The **Lower School** has MfW on **Tues 2:20-2:50** and **Middle School** has MfW on **Wed 12:35-1:00pm**, both in the Ashton Meeting House. **Upper School** generally has MfW at **12:10 pm at the Ashton Meeting House on Tues** and at the **Performing Arts Center on Fri.** If interested, email to Tanya Lecky (tanya.lehky@gmail.com) and Greg Arms (grasence@gmail.com) (both) so that we can put you in contact with the appropriate person at the school to confirm your visit.

Sandy Spring Museum

The Museum will have a series of events to honor Malcolm Davis (1937-2011), "**Inspired by Malcolm: A Passion for Shino.**" Judy Davis, Malcolm's widow, lives at Friends House. The **juried Shino Exhibition (June 11 through August 30) is open to anyone of any experience, using any of the Shino "glaze of a thousand faces" recipes.** The **application deadline is March 20,** <https://www.sandyspring-museum.org/artists/open-opportunities/shino/>

United Society of Friends Women (USFW)

The USFW Maryland chapter will meet at **Stony Run Friends Meeting, Baltimore, on Feb 23, at 1:00 pm**, following a simple lunch. Kenyan women from Stony Run are leading this effort. Please join them and show your support and learn about USFW's work in the world of Friends and with others.

Community Announcements

Show from Baltimore Quaker singer-songwriter Letitia VanSant, (aka Sandy Robson) Thurs April 2, City Winery Wine Garden stage, 1350 Okie St NE, 6 PM doors, 7:30 PM show, \$15. *Singer-songwriter Letitia VanSant's lyrics are as personal as they are political, tracing questions of power into the human heart*

A friend of Jim MacPherson's is trying to do a genealogy search. Can anyone help? I am doing family searching and I ran across a thread that referred to a Quaker Village in Pennsylvania called Kelly Town. Kathy's great-great grandmother came from the village. Her name is Catherine Kelly. The village no longer exists. She came from Ireland in 1851. Do you know of a site that I might find the history of that village? William M. Coenen, 21210 W 81st Ter, Lenexa, KS 66220; 816/560-7311 (cell) wmcoenen@sbcglobal.net

Soul to Soul is an Interfaith group of women who meet monthly to share joys and concerns as they walk through the world as women of faith. The next gathering will be at the **Sandy Spring Museum, March 18, 7-9 pm.**

Charles Lewis is currently *seeking a changemaker who is willing to take on this worthy cause of selling Tent of Nations products the 3rd Sunday of every month from 10-1* beginning Sept 20th. He is willing to train anyone interested preferably before summer. Please stop by to discuss any 3rd Sunday or email him for more info at Charles89027@gmail.com subject line "olive oil for peace".

Solar United Neighbors is seeking a new Maryland Program Director. This person will grow the state's community of solar supporters by: Educating Marylanders about solar energy; Training volunteers to be persuasive solar advocates; and Leading programs to expand solar access.



Nominating Corner.

We invite everyone, Members, Attenders and Young Friends to consider committee service as a way to share your gifts and connect with the life of our Meeting. There is a printed copy of the list of committees and their charges in the back of the Meeting House and in the Nominating pocket in the Lyceum.

There are several committees that are struggling to accomplish their charge due to limited membership and/or participation, especially the following:

**Advancement & Outreach
Ministry & Counsel
Peace
Social Concerns
Religious Education**

Other committees with openings include:

Building Care
Community Life
Library
Membership & Spiritual Care

Please contact a member of Nominating to discuss your leadings to serve:

Brooke Carroll bcarroll14@verizon.net
Leah Niepold niepole@ssfs.org
Alice Bowman alice.bowman@jhuapl.edu
Steve Berry sgberry@earthlink.net
Ginny Styer ginwstyer@aol.com

An American Story: Jewish & Muslim Perspectives

This exhibit displays the work of Jews and Muslims Making Art Together (JAMMART). It features a 7 piece free-standing sculpture, in addition to new works that highlight America's ideals of freedom, justice, and equality that has attracted people of diverse backgrounds to this country.

Exhibit Curator Sabir A. Rahman and speakers will share their moving stories of immigration at A *Modern American Dream: Stories of Immigration* at Sandy Spring Museum on Sunday, April 5th from 2 – 4 pm.



On Exhibit
March 5 - May 31, 2020

Opening Reception
March 8, 2020, 1-3 pm

Modern American Dream:
Stories of Immigration
April 5, 2020, 2-4 pm

www.sandyspringmuseum.org/jammart

17901 Bentley Rd
Sandy Spring, MD 20860



Hosted by STRIDE

ANTI-RACISM MEETINGS

| In collaboration with FMW's Racial Equality Change Group |

TIME | 10:30AM - 12:00PM

LOCATION | FRIENDS MEETING OF WASHINGTON

| Any donations received will go towards STRIDE |

5 - PART SERIES MONTHLY ANTI-RACISM MEETINGS

TOPICS & DATES

Multiculturalism vs. Anti-Racism
2/22/2020

Intersectionality & Racial Equity
3/28/2020

White Supremacy Culture
4/25/2020

Race, Class, and Capitalism
5/23/2020

Reflection & Story Circles
6/27/2020





Town Hall to End the ICE Contract in Howard County

Sunday, February 23 at 6:30 PM



August 2019 outside Howard County Detention Center

Oakland Mills Interfaith Center
5885 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia, MD 21045

Participate & Listen to Stories of Immigrant Detainees in Howard County

Current members of Howard County Coalition for Immigrant Justice

ACLU Maryland	Howard County Board of Rabbis
Asian Americans Advancing Justice AAJC	Indian Cultural Association of Howard County
CASA	Indivisible HoCoMD-Immigration Action Team
Chinese-American Network for Diversity and Opportunity (CAN-DO)	Jews United for Justice
Columbia Jewish Congregation	Our Revolution Howard County
Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR)	Patapsco Friends Meeting
Friends of Latin America	Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia
Friends Committee on Immigration and Refugees	

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Lenten Creation Care 2020

Lent is a time for prayer, fasting, and more intentional sharing. This year, our church is joining with many others in heeding the call to be stewards of God's Creation throughout this season. May this calendar remind us to be more mindful of the ways that our daily habits impact both our common home and all those with whom we share it. On behalf of future generations and all living in poverty—those most harmed by our damaged climate—may we answer God's call to be faithful stewards, speaking out for Creation care.

Compiled from many sources by...

 ILPdmv.org
 Our religious response to climate change.

and

 InterfaithChesapeake.org

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>A prayer from Psalm 51:</p> <p><i>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Creator God, we begin this Lenten season asking for Your renewal. Through prayer, fasting, and sharing over these 40 days, we ask that our eyes be opened to the ways we can do better, in our relationships with You, Your Creation, and all those with whom we share this, our common home. Lord, help us to restore what has been damaged through our sinful overconsumption and the systemic injustices that surround us, returning to You with renewed spirits.</i></p>		<p>FEBRUARY</p>	<p>Ash Wednesday 26</p> <p>Today, the United Church of Christ and environmental justice groups are releasing a report on the worst air polluters and the people and communities who are sickened by dirty air: bit.ly/ashwedpress</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Plastic bags are both wasteful and harmful. Fast from plastic bags this Lent, and opt for reusable ones instead. Let your your state legislators know that you support reducing our reliance on single-use plastics: bit.ly/MDbagban</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Christians have fasted from meat during Lent for centuries. Try eating vegetarian today and check out Oxfam's Eat for Good online for other ways to use your fast to bless others: bit.ly/eat4good</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Talk with your church about ordering "eco palms" for Palm Sunday. These palms help improve workers' living standards and protect forests in Mexico and Guatemala. Order by 3/13 to receive them in time: EcoPalms.org</p>
<p>MARCH 1</p> <p>Connect outdoors today! Church of the Wild gathers at Dayspring in Germantown at 3 pm. CenterForSpiritualityInNature.org/church-of-the-wild</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Need help bringing Creation care to your church? Check out IPC's trainings and learning labs: interfaithchesapeake.org/greenteams and sign up for more info: bit.ly/IPCgreenteam</p>	<p>3</p> <p>In Maryland, we are still burning coal for electricity. Speak out for a clean energy future and just transition for workers: bit.ly/MDcoalbill</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Tomorrow, United Methodists in the Baltimore-Washington Conference will be advocating in Annapolis for stronger climate policies. Pray for them and learn more about priority environmental legislation: bit.ly/legislativebriefing2020</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Join your church green team, or start one! Tonight at 7 pm, call in to IPC's Learning Lab webinar on how to plan green team actions at your congregation: bit.ly/greenteamactions</p>	<p>6</p> <p>"My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth." - Psalm 121:2 Care for all of God's Creation by fighting for cleaner air and water throughout our state. Support the ban on chlorpyrifos: bit.ly/MDchlorban</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Turn down your thermostat by at least 1 degree. In cold weather, aim for 68° during the day and 60° at night. Buy a programmable thermostat if you can. Always turn the heat off when you leave home.</p>
<p>8</p> <p>"For God so loved the Cosmos..." - John 3:16</p> <p>God's circle of love is infinite and all-inclusive. Reflect and open your heart today to those in Creation, human or non-human, who sometimes fall outside your circle of love.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Care for Creation and support clean energy by divesting from fossil fuels and reinvesting in ways that support people and the planet: GreenAmerica.org/divest-reinvest and choose a bank that aligns with your values: GreenAmerica.org/better-banking</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Wash laundry in cold water this week and hang it up to dry to save energy and money. Read more here: bit.ly/DitchYourDryer</p>	<p>11</p> <p>How will your church celebrate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day? Invite a guest speaker: ILPdmv.org/speakers and find worship resources: InterfaithChesapeake.org/materials. CreationJustice.org/urgency</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Maryland has an opportunity to guarantee all residents the right to a healthy environment through a constitutional amendment! Read more and get involved: bit.ly/healthygreenMD</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Purchase locally-grown food this weekend. Walk to a farmers' market or join a community-supported agriculture group: LocalHarvest.org or sign up to receive rescued produce weekly: HungryHarvest.net</p>	<p>14</p> <p>"I am establishing my covenant with you, your descendants, and with every living creature..." - Gen. 9:9-10 Take a walk and observe the interdependence of God's Creation. Use IPC's Spiritual Walk guide: bit.ly/IPC-Walk</p>

URLs that begin with bit.ly are case-sensitive; all other links are not.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Honor the Lord's day (and the Lord's Creation) by walking, biking, or taking public transportation to church today! Planning a trip? Fund a project that helps offset your travel-related carbon footprint: NativeEnergy.com</p>	<p>Is your local stream clean enough for baptisms? Locate your waterway and its condition: bit.ly/watershedfinder</p> <p>Pray: <i>God of sacred waters, may we be a blessing to your waters.</i></p>	<p>"As he was coming up out of the water ..." - Mark 1:10</p> <p>Choose one way you can restore God's sacred waters: bit.ly/actionmenu</p> <p>Share your Lenten commitment with others to inspire them to make their own.</p>	<p>Use cleaner energy at home. Support 100% wind power through your energy bill: PLdmv.org/CleanEnergy</p> <p>or go solar through a purchasing group or subscribe to a community solar project: PLdmv.org/go-green/solar-at-home</p>	<p>Green grass lawns are not so "green." Learn how to cultivate grounds that are good for people, plants, and creatures at home: bit.ly/greengrounds and at church: bit.ly/sacredchurchgrounds</p>	<p>As you fast from meat today, consider plant-based dishes for Easter Sunday: StFrancisAlliance.com/recipes</p>	<p>In the US, > 30% of all food is wasted. Reduce your food waste by planning well and eating leftovers. Consider composting what's left at home or get table scraps picked up: CompostCrew.com, VeteranCompost.com, KeyCompost.com</p>
<p>"You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord..." Read Ephesians 5:8-14 and "live as children of light" without electricity! As a Sabbath practice, turn off or unplug everything you can.</p>	<p>Organize a congregation and community stream cleanup for Earth Month in April. Participate in Project Clean Stream: bit.ly/projectcleanstream</p>	<p>What role does your church community play in repairing our climate? Get involved with our green work, and flock together with other "green sheep" through IPL-DMV: bit.ly/IPLsignup</p>	<p>"Whoever serves me must follow me ..." - John 12:26a</p> <p>Pray for all our neighbors who face environmental devastation and for the courage of Jesus to sustain your commitment to environmental justice. Read more: bit.ly/IPCeJ</p>	<p>"God's promise depends on faith and rests upon grace to be guaranteed to all descendants of Sarah and Abraham." - Romans 4:16</p> <p>Join IPC to protect your watershed for your descendants: bit.ly/ipcnewletter</p>	<p>Planning to make Easter baskets? Purchase Fair Trade Certified™ chocolate, which is free from child labor, and supports farmer communities; such as: EqualExchange.coop/products/chocolate</p>	<p>At 8:30 pm, join hundreds of millions of people around the world who will be switching off all lights for one hour to commit to global climate action and more mindful energy use: EarthHour.org</p>
<p>Read Matt. 5:43-48 and reflect on our call to love our "enemies." Pray for all those, especially business or elected leaders, who stand in the way of climate action or perpetuate injustices. Call or write to express your concerns: MDElect.net</p>	<p>"On either side of the river is the tree of life ... and its leaves are for the healing of the nations." - Rev. 22:2</p> <p>Plant trees for healing during Earth Month! Use this coupon to buy a tree: bit.ly/MDtreecoupon</p>	<p>"You will be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in." - Isaiah 58:12b</p> <p>Take time today to repair something that you might otherwise have discarded and replaced.</p>	<p>Read "Letter to a Young Climate Activist on the First Day of the New Decade" and reflect on the beauty that still surrounds us and the hope we can find through collective action: bit.ly/RebeccaSolInitletter</p>	<p>In your home, replace incandescent and compact fluorescent lights with LEDs. Each bulb replaced will save hundreds of pounds of climate pollution over time. Google your utility for rebate and incentive programs.</p>	<p>Fast from meat today and read aloud "Prayer After Eating" by Wendell Berry: "I have taken in the light that quickened eye and leaf. May my brain be bright with praise of what I eat ... May I be worthy of my meat."</p>	<p>Learn about how our Jewish neighbors give thanks before and after meals praising the One who "brings forth bread from the earth": bit.ly/foodblessings</p>
<p>Palm Sunday Rest today. Take a break from the TV and internet. Turn off everything, and unplug it if you can. Play a game, go for a walk, or read a book! Read Blessed Earth's resources on Sabbath living: SabbathLiving.org</p>	<p>On average, a family of four in the US uses 40 gallons of water per day just in the shower! Set a timer for 5 minutes and consider installing a low-flow shower head: EPA.gov/WaterSense/showerheads</p>	<p>How will you continue to seek God through Creation? "Although we have done everything we can to separate ourselves from other(s) ... from the land and its waters and from God, God has never left us." - Bahmson & Wirzba, <i>Making Peace with the Land</i></p>	<p>Talk with your family about your Lenten Creation care journey. What ideas do you have to continue your stewardship into the Easter season?</p>	<p>Maundy Thursday Today we remember Jesus's last supper with his disciples in the garden of Gethsemane. Following Jesus' example, take time today to pray outdoors, remembering all who suffer.</p>	<p>Good Friday "At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two ... the earth shook, and the rocks were split." - Matt. 27:51</p> <p>Contemplate destruction already caused by climate change through wildfires, floods, and stronger storms.</p>	<p>"God looked at everything that God had made, and indeed, it was very good." - Gen. 1:31a</p> <p>Take a walk and notice signs of new life, resurrection, and spring in your neighborhood. Take pictures or notes in a journal of what you see.</p>

12 Easter Sunday

"For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace by the blood of his cross." - Colossians 1:19-20

"The New Testament does not only tell us of the earthly Jesus and his tangible and loving relationship with the world. It also shows him risen and glorious, present throughout Creation by his universal Lordship." - Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*

Trusting in the words of Philippians 1:6, "that the One who began a good work in you will bring it to completion," take time to give thanks for the changes of heart and habit you have taken on since Lent began, and continue to live out your call to Creation stewardship with the hope of the resurrection always in your heart!



Take some time today to reflect on all of the activities that you have performed during Lent, and how they have brought you into greater harmony with the earth and with all life. Conclude your Lenten Creation care practice by making a personal pledge to serve God and serve others by pursuing a more sustainable way of life.

QUAKER VOICE ADDRESSES CLIMATE JUSTICE - Proposed legislation in the 2020 Maryland General Assembly includes: *Climate Solutions Act of 2020 - Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Act* | SB0926, HB1425. This legislation would change MD law so that our state would be required to reduce all greenhouse gas emissions 60% by 2030 and be net zero by 2045. It will also require the MD Dept for the Environment to create a Climate Justice Workgroup to identify frontline and disadvantaged communities and ensure equitable investment. *Climate Crisis and Education Act* | SB0912. This legislation would charge fossil fuel companies and revenue generated from those charges would be invested in clean energy infrastructure improvements, protect low-and moderate-income households from financial harm and invest \$350 million annually to help fund the Kirwan Commission's recommendations for education. quakervoicemd.org

Fanning the Eternal Flame

Go to your bosom and knock there. Ask your heart what it doth know.

William Shakespeare from *Measure to Measure*

MARCH 13-14, 2020

FRIDAY 7-9:30 & SATURDAY 9:30-4:30

WITH

MARCELLE MARTIN

Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel Committee is bringing Marcelle to our community with the intention that we will be encouraged in our efforts to deepen our spiritual lives in that which is eternal. We hope to be inspired with Light and Love in these complex and trying times. Marcelle takes inspiration from early Friends to help us find the courage to become all God has created us to be in our day. She draws on elements of the journey from the lives and letters of early and contemporary Friends (e.g. longing, seeking, leadings, abiding).



Marcelle, author of **Our Life is Love: The Quaker Spiritual Journey**, has led workshops and retreats across the country with a call to help nurture the spiritual vitality and radical faithfulness of Friends and Quakerism today. For four years she was the resident Quaker Studies teacher at Pendle Hill. She was a core teacher in the School of the Spirit and the Mullen Writing Fellow at Earlham School of Religion.

Cost: Suggested pay-as-led donation of \$50 per person
(includes program, beverages, snacks and lunch on Saturday)
Registration deadline: 2/29/2020 (Limit 40 participants)
Child Care available upon request by February 29

For more information and/or to register contact:

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SANDY SPRING MONTHLY MEETING
BYM SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
DEADLINE: MARCH 8, 2020

Name of camper _____

Parents or Guardians _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

E-mail _____

Is camper enrolled in SSMM First Day School Program (circle)? Yes No

What grade is the camper currently in? _____

Number of weeks of camp attendance (sessions are 1, 2, 3, or 4 weeks) _____

Which camp? Catoctin____ Shiloh____ Opequon____ Teen Adventure____

The Meeting is committed to giving 1/3 of the cost of camp this year for all Meeting families who apply by the deadline. The Religious Education Committee will divide the available Meeting funds equally (by weeks of camp attended) among all eligible applicants. If additional support is needed, Barry Morley Camp Scholarship funds are available through Baltimore Yearly Meeting; please contact Jane Megginson at janemegginson@bym-rsf.org, or visit the BYM website at www.bym-rsf.org.

Volunteering at camp can also reduce the cost of camp tuition. Please consider that as an option if additional support is needed.

Please email this application to Robin Hiscock at robinmcc@verizon.net by **March 8, 2020**.

Thinking About Race (October 2019) – from How To Be an Antiracist - Reprinted for Black History Month

Martin Luther King, Jr., disagreed with *Brown vs. Board of Education*, 1954. “I favor integration on buses and in all areas of public accommodation and travel.... I think integration in our public schools is different,” King told two Black teachers in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1959. “White people view Black people as inferior.... People with such a low view of the black race cannot be given free rein and put in charge of the intellectual care and development of our boys and girls.” (p. 177)

After *Brown*, the integrated White space came to define the ideal integrated space where inferior non-White bodies could be developed. The integrated Black space became a de facto segregated space where inferior Black bodies were left behind. Integration had turned into a “one-way street,” a young Chicago lawyer observed in 1995. “The minority assimilate into the dominant culture, not the other way around,” Barack Obama wrote. “Only white culture could be neutral and objective. Only white culture could be nonracial.” Integration (into Whiteness) became racial progress. (p. 178)

From *How To Be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi, 2019. It can be useful to consider to what extent these observations from the 1950s and 1990s still apply today. Some local Meetings have formed groups to read and discuss this book—and others. Book discussion groups can be part of the Change Group process

This column is prepared by the BYM Working Group on Racism (WGR) and sent to the designated liaison at each local Meeting. The BYM WGR meets most months on the first Sat from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Locations vary to allow access to more Friends. If you would like to attend, on a regular or a drop-in basis, contact clerk David Etheridge, david.etheridge@verizon.net.

FCNL Call Script. (see p. 3)

Hello, I am calling for **Representative/Senator** _____. I am a resident in [city, state] in district [number]. I believe that climate change is real and worsened by human activity. Congress has a moral obligation to address this environmental crisis in a bipartisan fashion. Pricing carbon is the most cost-effective way to reduce carbon emissions at the scale and speed necessary to address the climate crisis and protect our planet and people. **I am asking you, as my member of Congress, to pass a carbon pricing bill.**

(My story)

Please vote to restore the earth by supporting policies that put a price on carbon and reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.

Letter Template

February 2020

Dear _____

Climate change affects our health, our economy, our national security, and our future. Often, people living in low-income and vulnerable communities are first impacted. Climate change, however, has been a partisan issue for too long. Congress must pass policies that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, reduce the impact of climate change, and protect vulnerable communities.

(My story)

Pricing carbon is one essential mechanism needed to address climate change—and bipartisan momentum for it is building in Congress. I urge you to join this conversation by supporting policies that put a price on carbon and reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.

Sincerely,

Name

Physical Address/Phone

Email