

**The Monthly Silence
The Monthly Newsletter for Hopewell Centre Meeting of
the Religious Society of Friends
The Second Month, February 2026**



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Please send donations to:

Hopewell Centre Friends

c/o Jim Riley

P.O. Box 165

Winchester, VA 22604

Please keep them in Prayer

If you have any concerns you would like the Meeting to be aware of please contact Pam or Judy.

We will be happy to share it.

See additional information about individual concerns in the Pastoral Care Report below

Sunday Cote's brother, John

Mike and Pam Hambach

Martha Hanley

Janet Harrison

Hilde Matheson.

Betty McCormick, her daughter Susie

John Trueblood family and friends

Meeting for Worship for Business
Hopewell Centre Monthly Meeting, January 11, 2026
Clerk Dick Bell, Presiding

The Clerk opened the Meeting with a moment of silence.

CQE: (Continuing Quaker Education)

All that dwell in the light, their habitation is in God, and they know a hiding place in the day of storm; and those who dwell in the light, are built upon the rock, and cannot be moved, for who are moved or shaken, goes from the light, and so goes from their strength, and from the power of God, and loses the peace and the enjoyment of the presence of God.

~ Edward Burrough, 1634-1663

Comments included: It's like building a house on sand rather than on a rock. Sometimes it's hard to dwell in the light when you are surrounded by darkness. This is reminiscent of Carl Jung: the unity and connectedness with the deep unconscious.

Thanksgiving and Concerns:

Jim Riley gave thanks for the fact that we had a parking problem this morning due to the increased attendance. Josh Riley gave thanks for Vicki Quarles's message in Meeting this morning and for all being together. Anne Bacon expressed the ongoing concern for the St. Paul's AME Church and asked that we keep them in the light while they process a difficult incident. Donna Knight asked us to spread some light to all in the Meeting who have recently lost a pet.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim Riley gave the treasurer's report for December:

Major items included:

Contributions :

Individual and Family	\$ 5,859
Use of Centre	120
Sarah Zane Fund	100
Laura Nell Fund	39,005
Roger's Fund	10,928 (\$22,000 total for 2025)

Expenses:

Utilities \$ 806

Checking Account Balance: \$17,548

Fund totals:

Laura Nell	\$39,005
Sarah Zane	4,205
Youth	11,446
Building	2,760 (Hopewell) 11,558 (Centre)
Graveyard	1,015 (Hopewell) 27,487 (Hollingsworth)

The complete Treasurer's report is attached to the original minutes.

Jim proposed that we combine the two Meeting Houses Building Funds along with the semiannual payments from the Roger's Fund into one account. The Meeting approved. Also, in summarizing our financial situation for the year, he reported that we have a total of \$170,000 in all of our accounts. And, included in our assets is two Meeting Houses and their property, the caretaker's house, and three graveyards. And the principle in the Roger's Fund of about \$593,000.

Please see Jim if you ever want a copy of his reports. He will gladly send it forthwith.

Ministry and Counsel:

Donna Knight read the following report:

The committee met on January 5, 2026, via Zoom.

Under communications we discussed re-encouraging folks to use microphones. They are set up and using them allows our Zoom folks, as well as all of us present, to hear. We want to hear what Spirit has moved you to say. We discussed making Peter Ford's biography, which was written for his publisher to the meeting. We also were reminded of the value of large print in documents we generate. We reviewed and refined second hour RE's:

January 4th – Inner and Outer actions *Sermon on the Mount*

January 11th – Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business

January 18th – Prayers (Lord’s prayer) *Sermon on the Mount*

January 25th – Potluck at Centre

February 1st – First two queries of the Spiritual State of the Meeting

February 8th – Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business

February 15th – Second two queries of the Spiritual State of the Meeting

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March 15th – From Prophetic Vision to Communal Faithfulness: What Friends Can Learn from the LDS Experience – Christian Mollitor

We discussed our response to a threatening letter sent to one of our sister congregations. We decided to send a letter to them (after consultation with Anne Bacon) indicating that we would be willing to send some of us to worship in solidarity with them or recruit members of our congregation to monitor entrances during their Sunday worship. The clerk sent the letter electronically on Tuesday and also sent a snail mail copy then.

Spiritual State of the Meeting: We established these four queries for determining our Spiritual State of the Meeting: 1. Has our Meeting helped you perceive and enact your leadings? 2. Has Spirit led us to take social action as a whole community? 3. Was the Meeting there for you in time of need? 4. What satisfies you about the Meeting, and what discontents you? Where would you like to see us as a Meeting go?

We heard and affirmed a proposal by Interiors.

We discussed several other ideas such as Greeters and a Book Club which we referred to the business meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Ministry and Counsel

report written January 7, 2026

Social Concerns and Outreach:

Margie Riley gave the following report:

Follow-up action for other mtgs. minutes on immigration....

Shepherdstown "Harms" minute, York, Goose Creek

- Post on website
- Friends share with others
- Send to neighboring churches.

After checking with Shepherdstown for permission, YES to all actions, APPROVED BY HOPEWELL CENTRE.

On-line merchandise: Kudo's to Anne B. and Kevin S. For diligent work on this complicated task. Anne has confirmed our Gmail with PayPal and now Kevin will link that to Threadless. We can have as many designs on there as we want and people can choose what they like.

WATTS update: Their fundraiser, Coldest Night of the Year, is **Sat., Feb. 28, 2026.**

If anyone wants to lead a walking team, please email the Meeting. Braddock Street Methodist. Check in is 4 p.m., followed by a brief program. Participants walk at 5, followed by a simple soup supper in the church meeting hall. No pets, please. Also, no runners - just walking due to safety. Register online, be sure to sign the waiver.

Spring WATTS dinners are all covered by local churches. The Meeting decided to see if we could help with their warming center - providing snacks or other items. We will call to see what is needed.

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, March 29, Regional Gathering at Goose Creek We will still have Meeting for Worship at

Hopewell. Please let Margie Riley know if you plan to go to help Goose Creek with planning. We will also try to carpool for anyone interested.

Saturday Spirituality Retreats - proposed dates: Sat. March 21; Sat. Sept. 26

-This is our third year of this outreach, with the theme of spring renewal and fall reflection because the dates are near the equinoxes of March 20/Sept. 22.

THE MEETING APPROVES THESE DATES.

We will...

- continue involving guest presenters/speakers and offer a gratuity to professionals whom we ask to present. The current amount in the budget for our committee should cover expenses. We will use the same time format - 8:30 vegan/vegetarian continental breakfast; group opening activity with breakout sessions. Feedback indicated an interest in increasing the individual meditation/silence time. We will continue to offer sessions that focus on practice and continue to incorporate different modalities, i.e. music/art/movement etc.

The Valley Interfaith Council Kindness Fair with a focus on the Earth will be on Sat., April 18.

Does the Meeting approve the use of Centre Meeting House again?
YES.

Time? This is a question that doesn't need to be answered today - but could we consider an earlier timeframe - 11-2 or 10 -1 - would be better for the activity. This affects a 10 a.m. AA. Women's group and 2 p.m. Men's group, who would need to change their location or cancel. Friends are asked to consider this in order to make a decision next month.

Proposed Low-key, informal outreach activities for 4th Sunday Potlucks at Centre:

On January 25 we propose writing Postcards for Peace, kindness, community, etc.? - to be determined.

THE MEETING APPROVED. Margie R. will purchase postcards.

Once the weather improves, we propose holding a *silent presence on Old Town*. The idea is to keep it simple, do not appear to proselytize...however, share our testimonies with signs such as...

Friends Stand for Racial Justice

Quakers - speaking Truth to Power since 1652

We may be silent, but we won't be silenced!

Stewardship of the Earth is Our Sacred Duty

Speak Truth to Power

Simplicity, Peace, Integrity, Community, Equality, Sustainability

We are continuing to develop an individual members' outreach activities list to be used as a general resource/reference. Please fill out an information form and return it to Margie Riley.

Thank you to these members who are serving BYM...

Jim Riley - finished his time as Treasurer - 12 years of service!!

Kristin Zimit...Ministry and Pastoral Care Committee for BYM

Josh Riley...BYM Search Committee

Anne Bacon - Stewardship and Finance Committee

Kary Haun - Camping Program Committee

TWO Hopewell Centre Gmail items were mentioned...

The BYM Indigenous Affairs Committee sent their Quarterly Update.

If you are interested, read it at the Indigenous Affairs website:

Of note...the Baltimore Yearly Meeting office is located on Piscataway ancestral land. BYM's summer camps are located on the lands of the Piscataway (Catoctin camp, near Thurmont, MD), the Massawomek (Opequon camp, near Winchester, VA), and the Manahoac (Shiloh camp, near Standardsville, VA). BYM honors the peoples and cultures of the many past and present Native Nations in our geographic area.

The BYM Working Group on Racism has an updated Mission Statement AND...they are interested in what our/other Meetings are currently discussing as it relates to race.

Please send any comments, thoughts or concerns to the WGR in care of their Clerk, Beth Haw (Williamsburg) at menkhaw@gmail.com

Building and Grounds:

The Committee will be meeting soon. Please let Jim, Dan, Pam, or Mike if you have any suggestions for the agenda.

Interiors:

Becky Ebert presented a plan for increasing space for our fellowship time. This will allow us to unjam the food counter area for getting our snacks and then we can remove ourselves to this other area. The Meeting approved.

Pastoral Care:

Judy Enterline gave us an update:

Please hold these Friends in the Light:

Pam and Mike Hambach who are recovering from covid.

Martha Hanley who is recovering from a knee replacement.

Betty McCormick's daughter Susie Dawson.

Hilde Matheson who is now living with her daughter Deborah.

Janet Harrison who is recovering from a kidney transplant.

Sunday Cote's brother John.

The family and friends of John Trueblood.

Hospitality:

Judy Enterline reported that we have plenty of food available in the kitchen area. She gave a thank you to everyone who brought snacks to enjoy at our break.

Old Business:

Jim Riley reported that the establishing of guidelines for the disbursement of funds from the Laura Nell Fund is in progress and will be reported to the Meeting soon. He also said that he has ordered more copies of the recently revised Faith and Practice. Please take one if you missed out on the first order.

Clerk Bell explained the procedure for creating the Spiritual State of the Meeting document for BYM. We need volunteers to take notes for the four queries and to write a brief synopsis which will be edited to a final document.

New Business:

- The memorial service for John Trueblood will be held at Hopewell on January 24 at 2 p.m.
- It was suggested that it would be nice to incorporate more singing into our worship and that a good time to do it would be after Meeting for Worship at Centre on 4th Sundays before the potluck. The Meeting approved. So, on January 25, we will get to sing and write postcards.
- Another suggestion was to consider forming a “book group” for discussions. Let the Clerk know if you have ideas.
- We had a discussion on how we could help the AME church in Winchester with regard to the hate letter that they received. Clerk Bell sent them a letter with suggestions. We determined that the best way that we could help them now would be to help them pay for the surveillance cameras that they are installing for safety purposes. The Meeting approved sending \$250 to the Church.

- Vicki Quarles reiterated how hard it is for us to process what is occurring in the United States now. To help us deal with the grief and outrage caused by the current administration, she is proposing to form a group to help with this. See Vicki if you are interested in joining.
- Ed Tilley asked if there was any way for us to donate to the Meeting electronically? A group of technically savvy individuals are working on this.

Announcements:

January 24: Memorial Service for John Trueblood at 2 p.m.

January 31: A called Interim Meeting for BYM to establish the important issues of the budget for 2026 and the governance of the camping program. Available on Zoom.

March 29: Regional Meeting at Goose Creek.

Go to BYM's website (<https://www.bym-rsf.org>) and sign up for weekly announcements if you haven't already.,

In Attendance:

Clerk Dick Bell, Jim Riley, Dan Riley, Anne Bacon, Ed Tilley, Sheila Tilley, Kevin Slick, Vicki Quarles, Josh Riley, Judy McCarthy, Katherine May, Scott Lynch, Martha Hanley, Peter Ford, Richard Cooper, Danielle Zeigler, Judy Enterline, Margie Riley, Betty McCormick, Charlie Mortensen, and Donna Knight.

Respectfully submitted by Dan Riley, Recording Clerk



From the clerk

I began writing these columns monthly partly because of the immense amount of writing I had to do as a teacher. We sent out trimester comments for each of our students, and for the number of students I taught it was usually right around ten thousand words three times a year. Considering a standard printed book page has about 250 words, I was generating around 120 pages of publication a year. More importantly, our written voice is rarely the same as our spoken voice. I discovered that I could say things in writing that I couldn't in regular conversation. So, partly because I was writing all the time as a teacher and mostly because I consider my written voice to be deeper, I began my monthly columns. I absolutely did not intend to set a burden or expectation for any future clerk. But I was hoping to occasionally uncover a nugget of truth that only writing may provide. Nothing Pulitzer. Just an occasional nugget.

Writing is like walking, singing, and talking. The more you do the more comfortable – and better – you get. No one was born writing like Isaac Penington. You get there the same way you get to Carnegie Hall: practice, practice, practice.

On the other end of the analytical spectrum, you have what one of my professors archly noted: If you put a thousand monkeys with typewriters in a room, eventually one of them will produce a page of Shakespeare. I think that would be an awfully long 'eventually.'

I don't know if you've heard an author you particularly admired interviewed and were disappointed by his lack of snappy eloquence. J.R.R. Tolkien springs to mind for me. The man who could sizzle a page and transcend you with his prose came off, to me, as almost a caricature of a forgetful English professor, bumbling and mumbling his words around dry sucks of his pipe.

The most dramatic example of the vast difference between the efficacy of their spoken language and their writing has to be, for me, Thomas Jefferson. The man who thrilled the world with his magnificent authorship of America's Declaration of Independence was characterized by fellow patriot and fellow committee member John Adams as the man of whom he said, "I never heard him utter three Sentences (sic) together." One of my Federalist professors lectured, "There were maybe three people who heard Thomas Jefferson's Second Inaugural Address." He did not say who those three may have been. We also know that Jefferson as an adult set a goal for himself of writing eleven letters a day.

As an historian I have often read original letters written by common Americans of their time. I am almost always astounded at the high level of communication and written prose occurring in those letters. Ordinary folks, particularly women with little formal education to their credit, wrote beautiful letters which stand as masterpieces compared to the common tripe we so often read today.

Writing occupies its own areas of the human mind, different from speech. Cultivating that skill, I believe, allows us to more wholly reach our fullest potential of expression. And it allows us to take our own place beside our Quaker forebearers. We can no longer hear their voices, but we can read their words. Avoid the seduction of AI, which has its own wonderful future, and write with your own hands. Spirit has provided each of you with the same possibilities as Toni Morrison and William Shakespeare. That gift just awaits your realizing it.

Respectfully submitted,
R. Dixon Bell, clerk January 19, 2026



CALENDAR

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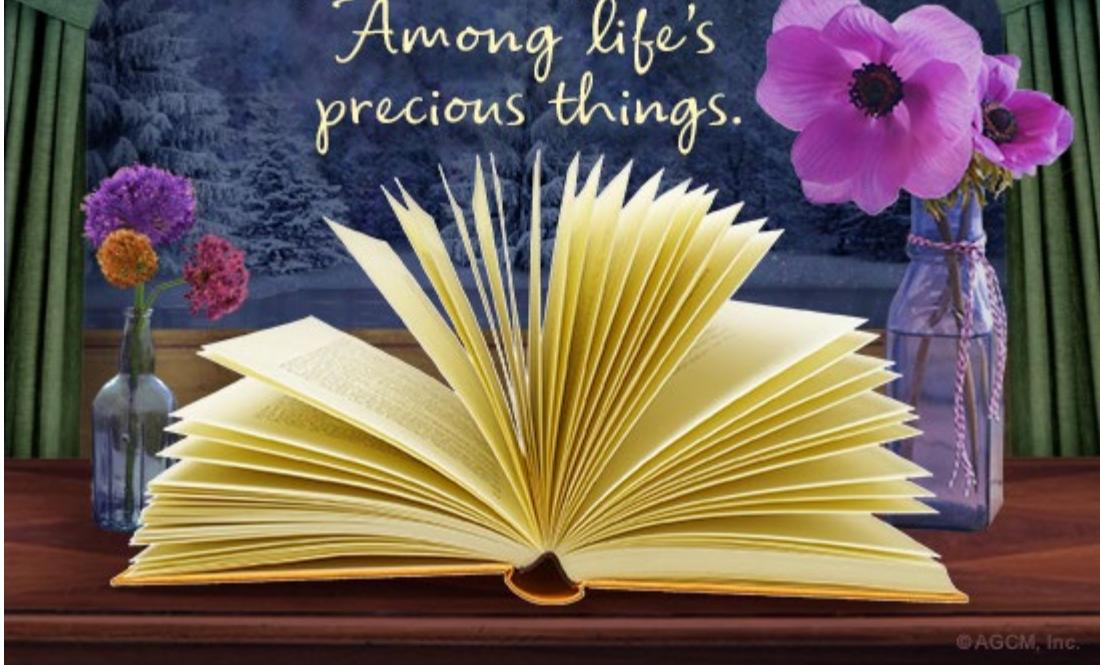


Blogs and Items of Interest

FROM THE MEMBERS OF
HOPEWELL CENTRE MEETING

February

Winter walks
and starlit nights,
Good books and cozy hours,
Time for friends,
and heartfelt sharing,
Dreams of springtime flowers...
Although it may be short on days,
Each February brings
The simple little gifts we count
Among life's
precious things.





Dear Friends,

This Saturday, the 24th at p.m. we'll be joining his family and friends in memorializing John Trueblood.

The family requested a 'light' reception. They're bringing John's signature item (use your memories).

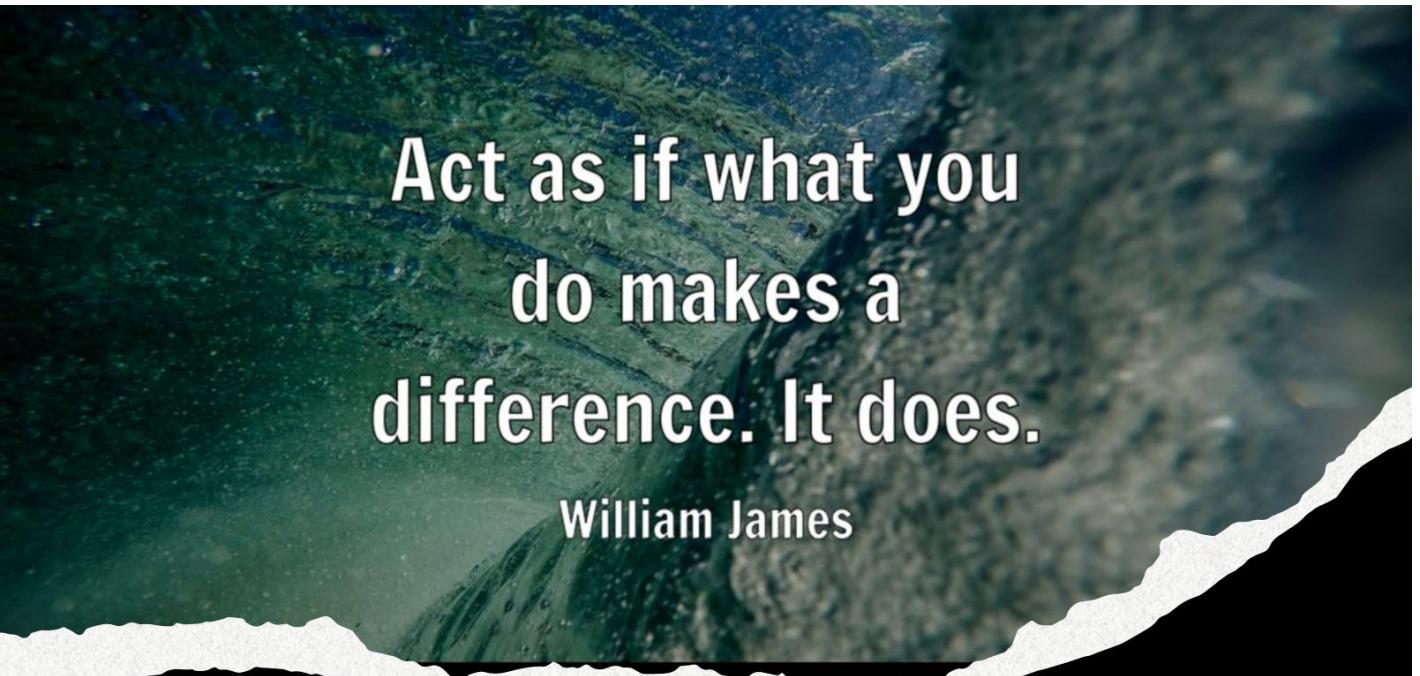
I'm providing soda and a variety of crackers and cheeses. Would some of you bring some cookies and maybe some fruit? I'm thinking of something simple and loving as a way of eats.

Let me know if you're bringing something. I'll be glad to coordinate.

In the Light,
Dick



Pastoral Care Quotable Quotes



**Act as if what you
do makes a
difference. It does.**

William James



Baltimore Yearly Meeting

How do I sign up for weekly announcements and other information sent out by BYM?

Go to the BYM website: www.bym-rsf.org.
Scroll down to the bottom to “Subscribe to our mailings.”
Click there and fill out the form online.
Indicate what information you would like to receive.

How can I get the latest copy of BYM’s Faith and Practice?

Go to the BYM website.
Click on the menu in the upper right-hand corner.
Choose “Publications” and then “Faith and Practice.”
You can read it online.
Our meeting also keeps extra copies of the print version.





Brigid of the Sacred Oak

Twenty years her women spent with the oaks.

*Twenty years
to deepen relationship with the Holy Wild,
to grow hands to nourish,
to learn herbs to heal,
to send roots into soil and soul,
to garner Earth's wisdom,
to become elders and kin among the oaks.*

This is our lineage.

The time to claim who we come from is upon us.

Brigid of the Sacred Oak Wisdom of the Divine Feminine for our time

January 30-February 1, 2026

Wellspring Retreat Center, Germantown, MD

In the heart of winter, women gather on the feast day of St. Brigid, February 1. Also known as Imbolc, Brigid's feast day is an ancient Celtic festival midway between Solstice and Equinox, one that marks a deep turning toward the hope of spring. The women gather surrounded by oaks, the trees beloved of Brigid and the Druids, reflected in the name of Brigid's monastery, Kildare ("church of the oak"). In deep relationship with oaks and with the Earth the trees are rooted in, women of Brigid's time were healers, midwives,

counselors, and visionaries drawing from the life-giving Love of the Sacred Feminine.

In our own time of upheaval, loss, and uncertainty, how might we draw encouragement and inspiration from Brigid and the women of the Sacred Oak?

Join us for a weekend's immersion deep into the root and soil of the Sacred Feminine with stories of Brigid and women who exemplify her wisdom, in whose lineage we stand.

Be touched by the quiet presence of the winter landscape, the deep knowing rising from the softly breathing Earth and her resting inhabitants.

Participate in guided circles of story and ceremony, dance, drumming, and council. Weave community with women drawn together into a wild and holy journey.

A note about fees:

The times are hard economically, yet retreats like ours are vital. We are trying a modified sliding scale for retreat fees in an effort to keep the retreat affordable while meeting our costs. The scale applies to individual rooms. All options will cover our hard costs (venue and meals); the variable is with the amount available when hard costs are met for honorariums for the four leaders. Please select what you feel is right for you and for this retreat.

If choosing a shared room, we request that you **register with your roommate**.

Fees include lodging, six meals, and program.

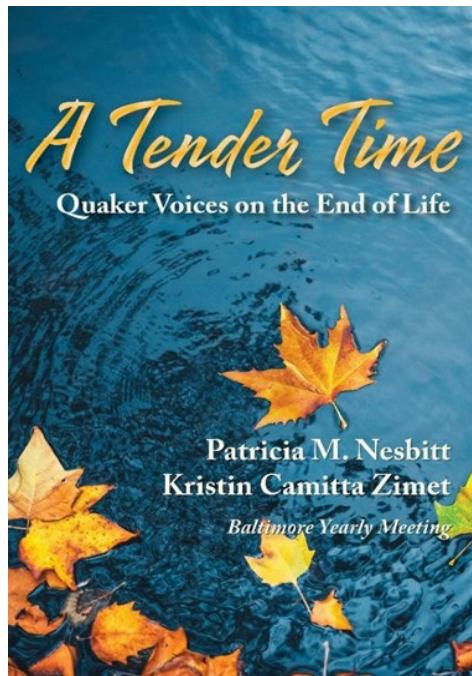
•\$395 •\$425 •\$475 •\$495 - single occupancy

•\$375 –double occupancy. Register with a friend/roommate

Register at Friends of Silence (www.friendsofsilence.net)

Retreat leaders
Lindsay McLaughlin,
Leah Rampy, Lisa Bardack, and
Katy Gaughan bring years of
dedicated learning, practice,
mentoring, and leadership in
retreats, dance, and drumming.

Limited scholarships are available. Apply when registering.
Please consider donating to Friends of Silence to help make these retreats possible.



A wise blend of practical advice and spiritual grounding. This book is optimistic and upbeat. It can be referred to again and again.”

*Terence McCormally, MD, Clinical Professor, Geriatric Medicine,
Virginia Commonwealth University*

**“A delightful read! Not just for Quakers:
it is spiritually wise, clinically sound, and exceedingly pragmatic.”**

*Jim Higginbotham, Associate Dean, Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling,
Earlham School of Religion*

“A gentle conversation, like talking to a trusted friend.”

*George Schaefer, former Care & Aging Coordinator,
Philadelphia Yearly Meeting*

In the End-of-Life Working Group of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, ***A Tender Time*** explores practical, emotional, and spiritual aspects of aging and dying well. A unique collection of voices, historical and contemporary, illustrates making end-of-life decisions.

This open-hearted primer moves through personal experiences from aging to dying and then outward in widening circles of caregiving. Intimate stories give poignant examples of aging and dying well, without fear. There are multiple ways that Love can guide us to the end.

Patricia and Kristin offer guidance on pastoral care at the end of life. The book includes resources for families, friends, and Quaker meetings, including checklists, sample forms, queries for clearness, and an annotated list of further readings.

A Tender Time is for sale now from Pendle Hill Bookstore and from FGC QuakerBooks. It will be available from major commercial outlets in Fall 2024. Contact admin@bym-rsf.org for bulk sales.

**We have Re's using queries from this book from time to time.
(Get a copy, you will be glad you did)**

COACHING PEACE



Linda Wilk, MAPC

https://open.substack.com/pub/lindawilk/p/all-is-suffering?utm_source=share&utm_medium=android&r=b37x

RESOURCES TO LEARN ABOUT QUAKERISM AND THE WORLD

We want to provide a list of some resources for Friends to learn about what Quakers believe; what Quakers do in the world and a little bit about how to understand what is going on in the news. This list is by no means comprehensive, and we encourage others to send in resources that have been helpful to them.

LOCAL

- the **libraries** at Hopewell and Centre; lots of books, prior issues of Friends Journal, pictures and other materials
- the **Hopewell Centre Meeting** website: www.winchesterquakers.org
- the **Baltimore Yearly Meeting** website: www.bym.rsf.org; go here to access the latest **Faith and Practice** which is in the process of being revised. New paper copies of Faith and Practice will be coming soon.
- the **BYM camping** website: www.bymcamps.org
- in the library at Hopewell is a **QuakerSpeak DVD** about “What Quakers Believe” Check it out.
- Friends Wilderness Center**; www.friendswilderness.org

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL

- Website: www.quaker.org; What do Quakers Believe? How do Quakers Worship? How do Quakers Live? Find Quakers
- Friends Journal**; monthly publication, many back issues at Hopewell, website friendsjournal.org. All issues available on the website

- Podcast; **Quakers Today** sponsored by Friends Journal
- Thee Quaker Project**: weekly podcast; www.theequaker.org
- Quaker Speak**; bi-weekly Quaker video sponsored by Friends Journal; www.QuakerSpeak.com
- Friends General Conference bookstore; www.quakerbooks.org
- Friends General Conference website; www.fgcquaker.org
- Friends Committee on National Legislation; Quaker lobby organization; www.fcnl.org
- American Friends Service Committee; www.afsc.org
- Friends United Meeting; www.friendsunitedmeeting.org
- Pendle Hill; Quaker study and retreat center in Pennsylvania; www.pendlehill.org
- Friends World Committee for Consultation; Quakers around the world; www.fwcc.world
- Right Sharing of World Resources; www.rswr.org
- Quaker United Nations Office; www.quno.org
- Friends Library; www.friendslibrary.com

OTHER

-many in the meeting subscribe to a daily newsletter from Heather Cox Richardson called **Letters from an American**. She writes about current and historical events from a historical perspective. Good for putting events of the day in a broader context.

<https://heathercoxrichardson.substack.com>

What have we left out? Let us know.

Helpful Resources for Immigrants

⚠️ ⚠️ THIS IS MEANT TO BE A NON-EXHAUSTIVE LIST, PLEASE ADD TO IT WHEN YOU SEE FIT! ⚠️ ⚠️

General Enforcement

- Know Your Rights Card: <https://www.nilc.org/resources/know-your-rights-card/>
- Know Your Rights: What to Do if You Are Arrested or Detained by Immigration: <https://www.nilc.org/resources/know-your-rights-what-to-do-if-arrested-detained-immigration/>
- Warrants & Subpoenas: What to Look Out for and How to Respond: <https://www.nilc.org/resources/warrants-and-subpoenas-facts/>
- Know Your Rights: Trump's Registration Requirement for Immigrants: <https://www.nilc.org/resources/know-your-rights-trumps-registration-requirement-for-immigrants/>

Locating Loved Ones

- How to Find a Loved One After a U.S. Immigration Arrest: <https://www.nilc.org/resources/how-to-find-a-loved-one-after-a-u-s-immigration-arrest/>
- Tracking the CECOT Disappearances: <https://www.nilc.org/resources/tracking-the-cecot-disappearances/>

Education

- Know Your Rights: Immigrant Students and Schools: <https://www.nilc.org/resources/protecting-our-students-and-families/>
- Education Providers and Immigration Enforcement: Know Your Rights & Your Students' Rights: <https://www.nilc.org/resources/education-providers-and-immigration-enforcement-know-your-rights-know-your-students-rights/>
- Protecting Immigrant Students & Employees: Guidelines for Higher Education Institutions: <https://www.nilc.org/resources/protecting-immigrant-students-employees-guidelines-for-higher-education-institutions/>
- Protecting Our Students: What You Need to Know About the Rights of Immigrants and the Threat of Deportation: <https://www.nilc.org/resources/know-your-rights-immigrant-students-and-schools/>

Workplace

- A Guide for Employers: What to Do if Immigration Comes to Your Workplace:
<https://www.nilc.org/resources/a-guide-for-employers-what-to-do-if-immigration-comes-to-your-workplace/>

Health Care

- Know Your Rights: Health Care and Health Insurance for Immigrants:
<https://www.nilc.org/resources/health-insurance-and-care-rights/>
- Health Care Providers and Immigration Enforcement: Know Your Rights, Know Your Patients' Rights: <https://www.nilc.org/resources/healthcare-provider-and-patients-rights-imm-enf/>
- Know Your Rights: Immigrants' Participation in Protests:
<https://www.nilc.org/resources/immigrant-participation-in-protests-rights/>

How to be a Good Ally/Informing your Community 101

- Planning in case of an immigration emergency
<https://familiesuniteddcmetro.org/>
- Filming of an ICE arrest
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s2wGxRN5YPM>
- Zine demonstrating ICE Operation Disruption <https://zinesforever.com/z/karens-guide-to-disrupting-ice>

This list was sent to us by Zakee McGill



(Please send links, coming events, or interesting items you would like to share with Friends and readers to Donna Knight)

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If interested, please first Zoom in on

Jan. 25...this month anyone who is interested can help with postcards after potluck. The activities will change each month. Ideas? Let the committee know - thanks!

SAT., FEB. 28. WATTS - Coldest Night of the Year Walk <https://cnoy.com/winchester>. IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN ORGANIZING A TEAM, PLEASE DO SO!

Sunday, March 29 - REGIONAL GATHERING AT GOOSE CREEK. Please let Margie Riley know if you are going so Goose Creek can plan accordingly. We will try to arrange carpools, and Meeting for Worship will still be held at Hopewell Meeting House on that Sunday.

Saturday, March 21 and Saturday, September 26 - Spirituality Retreats at Hopewell Meeting House. 8:30 - noon. Details to be shared as developed.

Saturday, April 18 - Valley Interfaith Council Earth Kindness Fair - at Centre Meeting House. Time to be determined.



There do not appear to be birthdays in February on our Directory

(Check the Hopewell Directory for your birthday, contact Rebecca Ebert if we need to add it)

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