

## Virginia Beach Friends Meeting Newsletter Third Month 2011

WEEKLY	CURRENT EVENTS			MONTHLY
<p><b>EACH 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY:</b> (Sunday)</p> <p><u>10-30-11-30 am</u> <i>Meeting for Worship</i> First Day School- younger children join Meeting during or after Worship</p> <p><u>12:00-12:30 pm</u> <i>Silent Peace Vigil</i> in front of the meetinghouse</p> <p><b>EACH 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY</b> (Wednesday)</p> <p><u>8:30- 9 am</u> <i>Meeting for Worship</i> All are welcome with special invitation to School and Meeting Community</p> <p><u>7 pm</u> <i>Mid-Week Prayer</i> <u>7:30 pm</u> <i>Worship Sharing</i> Query: "What is the spiritual vision, the light and life, of our Meeting? Where does Meeting feel led?"</p>	4/4/2011		<b>Closing of the Season for Peace &amp; Nonviolence</b> , an interfaith ceremony held at the Martin Luther Park – corner of Brambleton and Church Streets in downtown Norfolk	<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> First Days</b> <u>12:30 pm</u> <i>Peace &amp; Social Justice Meeting</i></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> First Days</b> <u>8:30 am</u> <i>Meeting for Worship with attention to Business</i></p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> First Days</b> <u>9 am</u> <i>First Day School Discussion – Pendle Hill Pamphlet, "The Use of Silence"</i></p> <p><b>4<sup>th</sup> First Days</b> <u>9 am</u> <i>Meeting of Ministry and Oversight</i></p>
	4/6/2011	4-6 pm	<b>JCOC Shelter Meal</b>	
	4/17/2011		<b>Wedding Vows</b> between Judith Stevens and Jack Callan during regular worship – reception to follow downstairs. All are welcome to attend.	
	4/21-25		<b>No school - Easter Break, Office will be open on the 21<sup>st</sup></b>	
	4/23/2011		<b>Representative Body</b> – location tentatively set for West Grove Meeting followed by Yearly Meeting M&O brief gathering at the conclusion of Representative Body Meeting.	
	5/3/2011	4-6 pm	<b>JCOC Meeting/School</b> serves the meal at the shelter to feed the homeless – last opportunity until the fall!	
	5/19/2011	7-8 pm	<b>School</b> open house	
	<b>2011 EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES</b>			
	<b>Tuesdays &amp; Saturdays</b>	7 am	7 am each Tuesday & Saturday <b>CATHOLIC WORKER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS Breakfast on the Streets:</b> (prep begins at 6 am at Sacred heart Church). Serve and share a meal with over 100 brothers and sisters left out of the downtown boom, on Armistead St. (behind the HRT building on Monticello).	
	<b>5/29/2011</b>	3 pm	Yearly Meeting Inter-visitation gathering in Greenville NC	
<b>2011 "Save the Dates"</b>	4/30 6/4	<b>Earth Day Clean The Bay Day</b> Contact Whit Peace, <a href="mailto:whitpeace@cox.net">whitpeace@cox.net</a> , 425-8440		
	7/13 – 17	<b>Yearly Meeting</b> at UNC Wilmington Campus, Wilmington NC		
	10/6 & 11/8	<b>JCOC Meeting/School</b> serves the meal at the shelter to feed the homeless. Contact Tracy Paladini to volunteer 392-1480 <a href="mailto:tpaladini@yahoo.com">tpaladini@yahoo.com</a>		

**Meeting Query #9 to ponder for next month** *Our Manner of Living. Are we mindful of Friends testimonies against alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and other harmful drugs; and do we refrain from using them or dealing with them, realizing that abstinence is the clearest witness against overindulgence? Do we seek to avoid all kinds of gambling and places of diversion that tend to be demoralizing? Do we keep in mind how diverse and widespread are the temptations to grow richer at the expense of others? Are we faithful to our testimony against taking oaths?*

**Meeting Query #8 Manner of Living:** *Do we observe simplicity and honesty in our manner of living? Are we careful to live within the bounds of our circumstances, punctual in keeping promises, prompt in the payment of debts, and just in all our dealings? Do we choose those activities which will strengthen our physical, mental, and spiritual life; and do we avoid those harmful to ourselves and others?*

**Response:** It is difficult to respond to this query as a Meeting since it speaks to individual lifestyles. However, as a group, we have a commitment to conserving our natural world and to living a healthful lifestyle rather than giving in to consumerism. We are honest and prompt in our financial dealings as a Meeting as well.

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### **Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business 3/13/2011**

**OPENING:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Month 13, 2011 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business of the VA. Beach Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends opened with a period of waiting worship. Some 18 members and attenders were present.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Ruth Childress reported general fund income in February and March to be \$3504.25 and expenses to be \$3523.32. Steady Footsteps was disbursed \$146.50 from Restricted funds. Financial contributions included: VBFS - \$1100, Friends Quaker Enrichment \$200, Steady Footsteps \$87.50, NCYM \$500. Our remainder in reserve is \$12,680.54, of which \$6000 is designated for operating reserves. \$15,812 from HRSD remains in reserve funds. Additional appraisal expenses of \$2500 from that fund are expected. Attorneys hired by the Meeting and School will receive 1/3 of the gross funds (\$18942.73) for this process.

**MARRIAGE:** Louise Wilson, reporting for the Clearness Committee for Marriage for Judith Stevens and Jack Callan, recommended that their marriage take place in the care of the Meeting on First Day, 4<sup>th</sup> month 17 following rise of Meeting for Worship. Meeting approved. An oversight committee to help plan the wedding ceremony, made up of Nancy Nixon, Patricia Swan, Gayle Cameron and Rebecca Mani was appointed by Meeting. All Meeting members and attenders are especially invited to the ceremony.

**HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT:** Ed Hollinger reported in writing that VBFS will be hosting the Forensics Competition on Sunday, April 17th. Teacher Megan is coordinating this. She is asking for volunteers to help in many areas: baking, coaching, judging, etc. If you feel led to help in any way, contact Megan at [tmegan@friends-school.org](mailto:tmegan@friends-school.org).

Easter break is scheduled for April 21-25.

The Golf Tournament is scheduled for May 13.

Spring Open House is planned for May 19.

Eight students from VBFS are currently on a cross-cultural trip to Peru.

The HRSD project is completed on campus. New fencing along the property line will be installed soon. The storage shed beside the Cottage will be replaced as well as playground equipment as desired by the ES teaching staff. Permanent repairs to the electrical service lines to the Lower School buildings will be made at the School's expense as this was a previously existing condition.

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT:** Nancy Nixon reported that Head Ed Hollinger is on a paid leave of absence for the remainder of the school year. Meeting is aware that this is a time of challenge for the School and Meeting community. Meeting extends our concern to the School and will make an effort to help with this challenge in any way we can. We are encouraged to bring this to the Silence of our Intercessory Prayer Meeting for Worship on 4<sup>th</sup> day evenings at 7:00 pm in the meetinghouse, and each of us is encouraged to hold the school in the Silence individually.

Enrollment stands at 160. \$85,000 has been raised for the 2011-2012 annual fund, more than halfway toward the goal of \$150,000. Patricia Swan has resigned from the School Committee as of February 2011. Seven Members remain, of which 3 are Meeting members.

**REQUEST:** Clerk brought a request from Judith Van Cleave to rent our Meetinghouse downstairs to promote the sales of an ionized water. This request was referred to M & O for further consideration. They will meet with Judith Van Cleave personally about this matter. Interested members are also referred to the website [www.purekangen4u](http://www.purekangen4u) for more information.

**CLOSING:** Meeting for Business closed with a period of Silence.

Rebecca Mani, Clerk & Paula Justice, Recording Clerk

**Congratulations:** Wes and Jenn Cheney have a new baby boy, Kelvin Rivers Cheney, born 3/17/2011.

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Nominating Committee will be contacting members and attenders as they discern committee assignments for the coming year. This year they will be looking for new clerks, both the Recording Clerk and the Presiding Clerk. Below is a brief note from our current clerk, Rebecca Mani.

“I would encourage people to consider Clerking even if they feel it would move them out of their comfort zone. My time as Clerk has been rewarding, in part because it gave me an opportunity to use gifts that I didn’t know I had until I was called. I feel that to make the Meeting work we each have to take a turn and it has felt good to be part of a place that means so much to me. The nuts and bolts aspects of Clerking require organization, timely attendance, and a willingness to see all sides of an issue while trying to facilitate the process of finding unity. There are many “rules” to learn but there are many in meeting who can guide you through the details.”

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**Minute for VBFM from the Virginia Beach Friends School Committee**

Our Head of School will be taking a leave of absence for the remainder of the school year. While he is out, Linda Serrette, the Assistant Head of School, will assume day-to-day responsibility subject to the direction and guidance of the Committee of Trustees. School Committee has been working with Ed and Linda Serrette to assure a smooth transition. We are grateful for Linda’s skills and dedication to help lead our school during this time of need.

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**Ministry and Oversight** posts a list on the meetinghouse bulletin board with names of those for whom we have been asked to pray. Watch for this and feel free to add your name if you like. The list is updated monthly.

**Ministry and Oversight Query #5:** Are we in unity one with another and with the meeting to which we belong?

Response: Part of the unity is waiting. As we wait, we pray and listen. This can bring us to the unity God is asking of us.

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**Empower Hampton Roads:** Look what forty dollars can do!

- Grow a vision and a dream
- Give hope to folks who have almost lost theirs
- Create a network of Faith-full people to carry out God’s vision
- Create healthy communities through health equity
- Call our cities to lift up those at the bottom
- Push for transportation policies which get people to their jobs and doctors
- Support housing for the homeless
- Call for housing policies which create homes for the workforce, safe neighborhoods, effective schools, and mixed incomes
- A seat at the table where we celebrate our work and workers, enjoy a meal, hear inspiring words, and sing together.

**Empower Hampton Roads - Seventh Annual Justice Banquet - May 1, 2011**

**DIVERSE REGION - A COMMON DESTINY** – Speaker, Father. Jim Carr, Call to Action: Rev. Dr. Todd Davidson  
The Murray Center, 455 E. Brambleton Ave, Norfolk, VA

Silent auction begins at 4 PM followed by dinner and program at 5 PM

We welcome contributions for the silent auction with a base price of \$25. For more information call: Cynthia Garrett @ 237-5326 or Eunice Whitehurst @627-6847

Nancy Craft would love to sell you an ad in our Program Booklet and/or graciously receive a contribution. [craftn@juno.com](mailto:craftn@juno.com) or 426.2019

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**HRSD** has completed the 42 inch sewer pipe across the Meeting property. Some restoration works has been done. We do not know how long this work may take but we still need to keep track of all inconveniences and issues related to this project. **Please contact Nancy Craft with any information you have related to this project.** [craftn@juno.com](mailto:craftn@juno.com), or 757-426-2019

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*The purpose of this newsletter is to share the monthly meeting minutes with members, attenders and others interested in the Virginia Beach Monthly Meeting. The minutes represent the official view of the meeting. Other articles relating to the meeting are included on a space available basis and reflect the views of the person submitting the information. The name of the person writing or submitting each article is included to avoid the impression the information represents the opinion of the meeting.*

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