

SUMMER - JULY & AUGUST 2025

THE NEWSLETTER

Stony Run Friends Meeting



Friends Join "No Kings Day" Protests

Several Stony Run Friends participated in "No Kings Day" protests on June 14, 2025. Across the country, protests drew millions, aiming to counter actions that undermine democratic norms and civil liberties, and calling upon leaders to act with integrity and uphold constitutional principles. As Quakers, we believe that all individuals possess inherent worth and dignity, eschewing hierarchical power structures and promoting accountability. Organizers stressed that the movement defended the principle that "the presidency is a public trust, not a personal throne."

The largest demonstration in Baltimore took place at Patterson Park, drawing thousands, with other smaller events held across Baltimore City and the surrounding counties.



Douglas and Marvi Vaughn attended a rally in La Plata, a town of just over 10,000. "We were surprised and delighted that over 250 protesters attended."

To read the full article visit: StonyRunFriends.org/blog.

Attended a protest? Share your photos: news@stonyrunfriends.org.

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July 20 at 11:15 AM
in the Meeting room and on [ZOOM](#)

Agenda

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June 1 Monthly Meeting Draft Minutes

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June 29 Called Meeting Draft Minutes

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The full packet of materials supporting Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business, including the agenda, June draft minutes, and more.



“Whenever we remember that we are in the presence of God, transformation is possible. Every task, no matter how mundane, becomes an act of worship, a word of praise offered to God.”

*excerpt from Basics of Conducting
a Quaker Business Meeting*

Stony Run Spiritual Formation: Join the Spirit and Community

by Melanie Jones Haynes

Golden indeed is,,, the period of quiet in the midst of all...

to have moments of solitariness in the midst of community, when we may dare to reveal ourselves to God.

...to finger one by one the pieces [of our] life,

to expose them in utter honesty...before the scrutiny and love of God.

*-Howard Thurman**

Spiritual Formation is an opportunity to practice that quiet awareness of Divine Light, both individually and together. Through monthly readings, monthly small groups, and monthly worship gatherings, we share in relationship to Spirit and one another. Stony Run's Spiritual Formation Gatherings run from September through May on the 2nd Tuesday from 7-8:30 PM. Participants are also invited to join the BYM Spiritual Formation Retreats in September and again in May. Small groups are organized to meet at a variety of times to offer availability to people with a wide range of schedules.

We invite you to join us

This year's **initial gathering will be on Wednesday, September 10, in the Library.** Those who would like to participate are asked to let one of the SF coordinators or the office know by Sunday, August 24, along with information about your availability for Small Group times. To join, re-join, or for more information, email [David Macfarlane](mailto:David.Macfarlane@stonyrun.org) or contact Melanie Haynes or Brian Gamble.

**Thurman, Howard, in The Growing Edge, Sermons in Worship Patterns, p. 7, c. Harper Bros, 1956.*

Save the Date

September 14: First Day School resumes for the school year.

We're Hiring

We're searching for more paid staff to provide childcare in the Nursery on First Day between 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Contact Laura in the Office for the job description.

Summer All-Ages Assemblies: A Joyful Start at Stony Run!

Summer has officially kicked off with a wonderful beginning for our Summer All-Ages Assemblies! Each First Day, following shared Worship in the Meeting room, our children and teens gather for a vibrant and engaging program.

At 10:20 AM, our young people transition into an enriching assembly experience. These gatherings are designed to be inclusive and fun for all ages, fostering a sense of community, learning, and shared joy among our youngest members and attenders.

RE is excited about the positive start to the summer season, and believe assemblies offer a unique and welcoming space for children and teens to grow together within our Meeting.

We warmly invite all families to join us for future Summer All-Ages Assemblies! It's a fantastic opportunity for your children and teens to connect, learn, and be part of our vibrant community. We look forward to welcoming you and your family on an upcoming First Day!

Do you want to lead a Summer Assembly?

Sign up to lead a session with our children during August. Lesson plans are provided or create your own, and **payment of up to \$75/week** is available for lead teachers. [Click here](#) or sign up on the sheet outside of the Office.



Join IC4BL's next Rally on Sunday, July 20 at 1:30 PM

Meet us at the southeast entrance to Patterson Park, at the Intersection of Eastern Avenue and Linwood Avenue in Baltimore City.

Black Lives Matter! Immigrant Lives Matter!
IC4BL.org

Interfaith Coalition For Black Lives (formerly BLMIC) exists to mobilize organizations committed to working toward an anti-racist society and to promote equal justice for all.



Ellen Lerner attended a No Kings Day protest in Frederick.

Social Order Box: June - August 2025

Donations to the Social Order Box for June through August will go to the [Maryland Food Bank](#) (they really, really need it!) to support their work distributing food throughout the state.

Donations for the Social Order Box can be (1) mailed to the Meetinghouse, (2) placed in the wall-mounted box to the left of the Library doors, or (3) made online [here](#) by selecting "Give to Social Order Box Income" from the drop down menu. Please make checks payable to Stony Run Friends Meeting, with 'S.O. Box' on the memo line.



Quakers, Equality, and Baltimore PRIDE: A Legacy of Inclusion

During the weekend of June 14, Stony Run joined thousands in Baltimore's celebration of PRIDE. We once again walked with Faith Communities of Baltimore with Pride in the Parade on Saturday and hosted a booth at the PRIDE Picnic in Druid Hill Park on the 15th.

For Stony Run, there's a powerful connection to be made between the vibrant spirit of inclusion and a long-standing tradition of justice: the Quaker testimony of equality.

The Quaker testimony of equality is rooted in the belief that there is "that of God in everyone." This principle translates into a commitment to treating all individuals with inherent dignity and respect, regardless of their background, beliefs, or identity. Historically, this has led Friends to be at the forefront of movements for social justice, from the abolition of slavery to women's suffrage and civil rights.

One powerful example of Quaker commitment to equality, particularly relevant to the LGBTQIA+ rights movement, is **Bayard Rustin**. Born in 1912 and raised in a Quaker family, Rustin was a strategist and organizer who played an important role in the American Civil Rights Movement. He was a close advisor to Martin Luther King Jr. and was instrumental in organizing the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

Rustin's Quaker upbringing deeply influenced his nonviolent approach and his belief in the equality of all people. As an openly gay Black man, he faced significant discrimination and prejudice, even within the movements he tirelessly served. Despite these challenges, Rustin remained steadfast in his commitment to justice, demonstrating immense courage and integrity.

As Baltimore PRIDE '25 celebrates love and diversity, Stony Run Friends Meeting wants to send a clear message of welcome and affirmation to all. The Quaker testimony of equality isn't just a historical footnote; it's a living, breathing commitment that continues to inspire action.



Meg Boyd Meyer, Brian Gamble, and Geni Elliott at the PRIDE Parade on June 14, 2025

Your Summer Read Awaits at Stony Run's Library!

Looking for ideas for your summer reading? Come and browse in Stony Run's library! A wealth of books and periodicals is available to teach, inspire, and, yes, entertain, all while reflecting Quaker values.



Members and Attenders, adults and children: all are welcome to borrow books! Just write your name, the date, and a contact number on the card from the back of the book, and put the card in the little basket on the desk. We ask that Friends return borrowed material within two months, if possible.

Prefer to browse online? [Visit our Library Catalog directly on our website.](#) Happy Reading!

Remembering the Morrisons: A Display Concerning Peace

The Library Committee has put up a display to remember the Morrison family. The display features a photograph and books concerning peace from the library's Morrison Collection. Norman Morrison died in 1965 from self-immolation in protest of the Vietnam War, and was a former facilitator (a position then called the executive secretary) at Stony Run. His wife, [Anne Corpening Welsh](#) passed away recently, on September 17, 2024.

Finance Announcement

We have budgeted **\$212,000** in contributions for 2025.
Through the end of June, we have received **\$64,772**.

[Click here to make a secure gift online,
supporting Stony Run's operating budget.](#)

You may also mail a check or place cash/checks in the wall-mounted box next to the elevator.
Checks should be made payable to Stony Run Friends Meeting.

African Great Lakes Recording

Did you miss Stony Run's FWA Burundi African Great Lakes Initiative Adult Forum on June 1? [Watch the recording and read more on our blog.](#) We'll be scheduling another soon!

Want to schedule an Adult Forum?

Please contact [Laura](#) to help schedule.

Submit to Friends Journal

Friends Journal is looking for submissions to its October 2025 issue, "Affinity Groups and Worship: self-segregated Quaker spaces based on identity." [Learn more here](#), and the deadline for submission is July 21.

Report: Path Toward Racial Equity in the Criminal Legal System

Maryland Equitable Justice Collaborative, founded by Quakers, published its inaugural report, "Breaking the 71%: A Path Toward Racial Equity in the Criminal Legal System" (2025). [Read it here.](#)

Blueberry Fest!

Deer Creek Friends Meeting's 27th Annual Blueberry Festival will take place on Sat., July 12 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at 1212 Main Street, Darlington, MD.

BYM Annual Sessions

BYM Annual Sessions take place Tuesday - Sunday, July 29 - Aug. 3 at Hood College. [Registration](#) closes 7/11.

FRAUC: Call for Funding Proposals - Due Aug. 15

FRAUC invites proposals for the 2024 budget surplus of \$8,448. Stony Run members or attenders are eligible to recommend recipient organizations/individuals that are dedicated to the relief/prevention of suffering/injustice or unfunded 2025 budget items. Proposals are due August 15 and can be picked up at the Office. [Learn more here.](#)

Volunteer: Friends Garden

Friends School and Stony Run's Friends Community Garden is looking for summer volunteers to help water, weed, and harvest and deliver to the CARES food pantry. Please [sign up to volunteer here.](#)

Playground Renovations

The playground is closed for renovations by Friends School until at least August 12.



Unprogrammed Meeting [Zoom Link](#)
Programmed Meeting [Zoom Link](#)

During July and August, events on First Day take place an hour earlier than during the school year:

8:30 AM: Meeting for Worship
9:30 AM: Juice and Fellowship
9:40 AM: A capella Hymn Singing
10:00 AM: Meeting for Worship
10:20 AM: All-Ages Summer Assembly
The Nursery is open from 8:15 - 11:15 AM.

Bible Study: Every Tuesday at 8:00 PM via Zoom. The Meeting ID and password are the same as for Programmed Worship on First Day. Contact [Pastor Ronald Moyia](#) of Friends Church Baltimore.

Meeting for Worship with a Concern for the Country: Every Wednesday at 4:00 PM in the Meeting room and Zoom. We'll hold the country and those affected by turmoil, including ourselves, in the Light.

Spiritual Walking Group: Sunday, July 13 at 11:15 AM. Join Stony Run's Walking Group on its outing along the Stony Run Trail. Please meet on the front porch.

Bible Study Hour - A Quaker Perspective: Sunday, July 13 at 11:20 AM in the Library and via Zoom. Join us as we explore the Scriptures and fellowship with each other. For more information, please email [Paul L. Isayi](#) or call 240-521-6227.

Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business: Sunday, July 20 at 11:15 AM in the Meeting room and on Zoom.

Interfaith Coalition for Black Lives (IC4BL) Rally: Sunday, July 20 at 1:30 PM. Please meet at the southeast entrance to Patterson Park, at the Intersection of Eastern Avenue and Linwood Avenue in Baltimore City. Learn more at [IC4BL.org](#).

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Visit StonyRunFriends.org/calendar for the latest events!

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All-Meeting Brunch: Sunday, July 27 at 11:15 AM in the Dining room. Join us in fellowship for our first Summer All-Meeting Brunch following the rise of the 10:00 AM Worship. If you are able to help or contribute, please contact [Brian Gamble](#).

Lunch with Friends: Thursday, August 7 at 12:00 PM in the Holly Terrace at Broadmead. Don't forget to bring take-away containers for leftovers. Broadmead no longer accepts cash/checks for the \$15 charge, but credit and debit cards work well. [Email RSVPs](#) by 8/4.

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Spiritual Walking Group: Sunday, August 10 at 11:20 AM. Join Stony Run's Walking Group for a reflective and quiet walk along the Stony Run Trail. Please meet on the front porch.

All-Meeting Brunch: Sunday, August 17 at 11:15 AM in the Dining room. Join us in fellowship for our second Summer All-Meeting Brunch following the rise of the 10:00 AM Worship. If you are able to help or contribute, please contact [Brian Gamble](#).

Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business: Sunday, September 7 at 1:00 PM in the Meeting room and on Zoom.

First Day School Classes Resume: September 14 at 11:20 AM. Children are invited to attend the first 20 minutes of Meeting for Worship at 11:00 AM. At 11:20, children and teens will join their First Day School teachers to begin the new season!

On September 7, First Day events hours return to their School Year norm:

9:30 AM: Meeting for Worship

10:30 AM: Juice and Fellowship

10:40 AM: Hymn Singing, with instrumental accompanists

11:00 AM: Meeting for Worship

11:20 AM: All-Ages Summer Assembly

The Nursery will be open from 9:15 AM - 12:15 PM.

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Weekly Silent Announcements

Seeking submissions! Please send your news to news@StonyRunFriends.org by noon on Wednesdays.

September Newsletter & Blog

Share your reflections, stories, or upcoming events!

Submissions to the Newsletter are due by August 14 or earlier.
Submissions for the Blog are taken on a rolling basis.

Learn more about the newsletter and blog in our [guidelines here](#), and contact news@StonyRunFriends.org with submissions.

Worship with Us

Unprogrammed Meeting for Worship takes place in the Meeting room on First Day (Sunday) at 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM during July and August. Please visit StonyRunFriends.org for more information.

Office Hours

Need to visit the Meetinghouse? The building is generally open Monday through Friday from 9-5 (usually 3:30 PM on Friday). Call before leaving to confirm availability.

Elizabeth's hours have changed: Starting in June, Elizabeth works Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Giving to the Meeting

[Click here to make a secure gift online](#), supporting Stony Run's operating budget. You may also mail a check or place cash or checks in the wall-mounted box next to the elevator.

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