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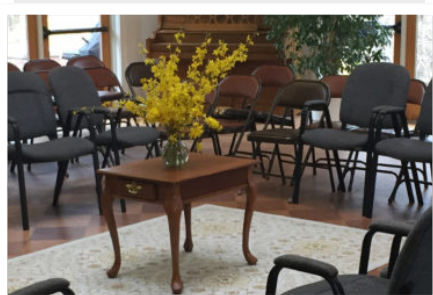


## Welcome to the Enquirer

By Benjamin M. Killgore

In 1836, Benjamin Lundy, an abolitionist member of the Society of Friends, with the sponsorship of the Pennsylvania Anti-Slavery Society, founded a newspaper named the *National Enquirer and Constitutional Advocate of Universal Liberty*. Two years later the paper was renamed the *Pennsylvania Freeman* by John Greenleaf Whittier (another Friend), when he took over as editor. Their abolitionist writing was descended from George Fox’s own “cry[ing] for justice, and in speaking and writing to judges to do justly...” We may not now be struggling against bold-faced slavery, or the bigots of Fox’s time, but we have named this newsletter after that newspaper, in hopes to encourage Friends and friends, likewise.

This newsletter is meant to be a work of collaboration. We therefore ask you, as readers, what you would like to be published here? The answers to this question we will take in the form of your written and created contributions.

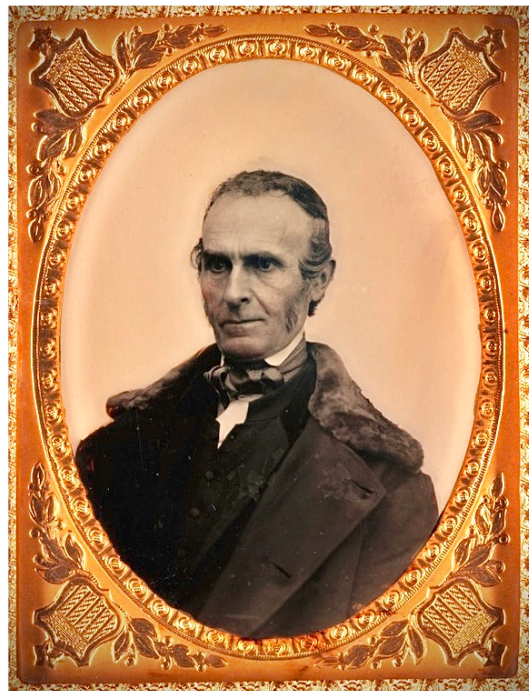
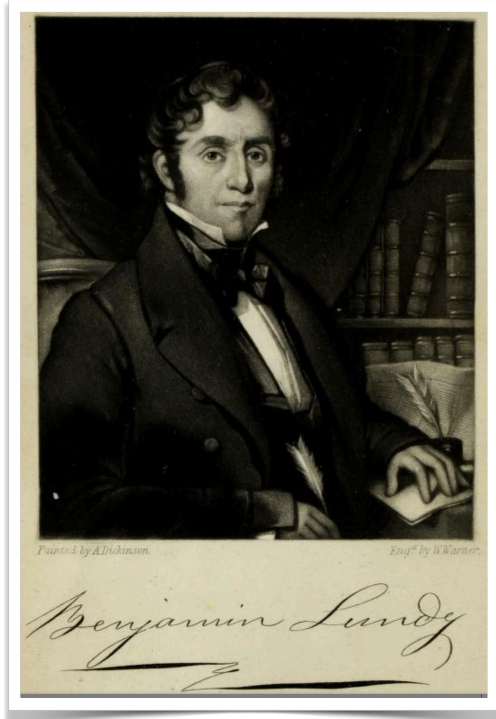




## Meeting Schedule

- Early Meeting for Worship: 8:00-9:00am, First Days (Sundays), at meetinghouse
- Meeting for Worship: 11:00am, on First Days, blended (at meetinghouse & online)
- First Day School for Children and Nursery: 11:00am-12:00pm, at meetinghouse
- Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business: 9:15-10:45am, 2 March 2025, blended (at meetinghouse & online)
- Potluck: 12:15-1:30pm, 2 March 2025, at meetinghouse
- Spiritual State of the Meeting: 9:15-10:45am 16 March 2025, at meetinghouse
- North County Worship: 7:00-8:00pm, 4 March 2025, on a Friend's back porch in northern Anne Arundel County (Glenn Burnie), masks required

We ask you to contribute articles (500 words or less, please), features, pieces of art or photography, or anything else you feel would fit our newsletter, and please send it electronically to [newsletter@annapolisfriends.org](mailto:newsletter@annapolisfriends.org) with the subject line "Newsletter Submission." Any submissions should be sent before the 20th of the month and will be considered for timeliness and appropriateness.





## Sarah Mapps Douglass

For Women's History Month, and because we did not have an edition of the *Annapolis Enquirer* newsletter for February—Black History Month—we will here celebrate a black Quaker woman: Sarah Mapps Douglass (9 September 1806 – 8 September 1882).

Sarah was free born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to abolitionists Robert Douglass, a baker by profession, and Grace Bustill Douglass, a milliner and teacher, and was the granddaughter of Cyrus Bustill, who himself owned a bakery and operated a school out of his home.

Sarah Mapps Douglass went to college and went into teaching, first, in 1825, at the school her mother helped establish, then in New York City at the Free African School for Girls (1833). She returned to Philadelphia and founded her own school. Douglass would then attend medical school for several years, but continued to teach and work for abolition and civil rights until her death.

She was also a talented painter, in fact she is currently one of the earliest known African American woman painters with examples of signed artwork (two of her watercolors are included here).

Douglass helped to found the Female Literary Society (FLA) in 1831, which taught reading and

writing, and the improvement of literacy skills for free black women.

To close, we include her own words, an excerpt from a speech she made to the FLA in 1832 about abolition, originally published in a black-owned abolitionist paper, *The Liberator*:

*My Friends—My Sisters:*

*How important is the occasion for which we have assembled ourselves together this evening, to hold a feast, to feed our never-dying minds, to excite each other to deeds of mercy, words of peace; to stir up in the bosom of each, gratitude to God for his increasing goodness, and feeling of deep sympathy for our brethren and sisters, who are in this land of christian light and liberty held in bondage the most cruel and degrading—to make their cause our own!*

*An English writer has said, "We must feel deeply before we can act rightly; from that absorbing, heart-rendering compassion for ourselves springs a deeper sympathy for others, and from a sense of our weakness and our own upbraidings arises a disposition to be indulgent, to forbear, to forgive." This is my experience. One short year ago, how different were my feelings on the subject of slavery! It is true, the wail of the captive sometimes came to my ear in the midst of my happiness, and caused my*





heart to bleed for his wrongs; but, alas! the impression was as evanescent as the early cloud and morning dew. I had formed a little world of my own, and cared not to move beyond its precincts. But how was the scene changed when I beheld the oppressor lurking on the border of my own peaceful home! I saw his iron hand stretched forth to seize me as his prey, and the cause of the slave became my own. I started up, and with one mighty effort threw from me the lethargy which had covered me as a mantle for years; and determined, by the help of the Almighty, to use every exertion in my power to elevate the character of my wronged and neglected race. One year ago, I detested the slaveholder; now I can pity and pray for him. Has not this been your experience, my sisters? Have you not felt as I have felt upon this thrilling subject? My heart assures me some of you have.

And now, my sisters, I would earnestly and affectionately press upon you the necessity of placing your whole dependence on God; poor, weak, finite creatures as we are, we can do nothing for ourselves. He is all powerful; He is waiting to be gracious to us as a people. Do you feel your inability to do good? Come to Him who giveth liberally and upbraideth not; bring your wrongs and fears to Him, as you would to a tender parent—He will sympathise with you. I know from blessed, heart-cheering experience the excellency of having a God to trust to in seasons of trial and conflict. What but this can support us should the pestilence which has devastated Asia be born to us by the summer breezes? What but this can uphold our fainting footsteps in the swellings of Jordan? It is the only thing worth living for—the only thing that can disarm death of his sting. I am earnestly solicitous that each of us may adopt this language:

*"I have no hope in man, but much in God— Much in the rock of ages."*

In conclusion, I would respectfully recommend that our mental feast should commence by reading a portion of the Holy Scriptures. A pause should proceed the reading for supplication. It is my wish that the reading and conversation should be altogether directed to the subject of slavery. The

refreshment which may be offered to you for the body, will be of the most simple kind, that you may feel for those who have nothing to refresh body and mind.



## “Choose where you settle”

by Judy Sorum Brown

You cannot live  
 In the house of love  
 And the house of fear  
 Simultaneously.  
 Choose where you settle.  
 It will change your world.



# Third Month 2025

## First Week

March: Women's History Month

Sunday, 2 March 2025:

- Early Meeting for Worship: 8:00-9:00am, at meetinghouse
- Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business: 9:15-10:45am, blended (at meetinghouse & online)
- Meeting for Worship: 11:00am-12:00pm, blended (at meetinghouse & online)
- First Day School for Children and Nursery: 11:00am-12:00pm, at meetinghouse (combining with Meeting for Worship at 11:50am)
- Potluck: 12:15-1:30pm, at meetinghouse

Tuesday, 4 March 2025:

- Morning Bible Study: 33 Ways Seven Faiths Agree: 10:00-11:30am, online, facilitated by Francis Wayne
- Evening Bible Study: The Lord's Prayer: 7:00-8:30pm, online, facilitated by Nancy Jo Steetle
- North County Worship: 7:00-8:00pm, in Glenn Burnie. Masks required. For info, contact [info@annapolisfriends.org](mailto:info@annapolisfriends.org)

Saturday, 8 March 2025: International Women's Day

- Library (Happy) Committee Meeting: 9:30-11:30am, online
- Children's Religious Education Committee Meeting: 2:00-3:30pm, at a Friend's house. For details contact [children@annapolisfriends.org](mailto:children@annapolisfriends.org)

## Second Week

Sunday, 9 March 2025:

- Daylight Savings Begins
- Early Meeting for Worship: 8:00-9:00am, at meetinghouse
- Meeting for Learning: Quaker Process (Seeker Series): 9:30-10:45am, blended (at meetinghouse & online)

\*For Zoom links and up to date details, please see the online calendar at <https://rental.annapolisfriends.org/calendar/>

## *Second Week (continued)*

- Meeting for Worship: 11:00am–12:00pm, blended (at meetinghouse & online)
- First Day School for Children and Nursery: 11:00am–12:00pm, at meetinghouse (combined with Meeting for Worship at 11:50am)

Tuesday, 11 March 2025:

- Morning Bible Study: 33 Ways Seven Faiths Agree: 10:00–11:30am, online, facilitated by Francis Wayne
- Evening Bible Study: The Lord's Prayer: 7:00–8:30pm, online, facilitated by Nancy Jo Steetle

Thursday, 13 March 2025:

- Spiritual Friends Group: 4:00–5:30pm, online

Saturday, 14 March 2025: Pi Day

## *Third Week*

Sunday, 16 March 2025:

- Early Meeting for Worship: 8:00–9:00am, at meetinghouse
- Spiritual State of the Meeting: 9:15–10:45am, blended (at meetinghouse & online)
- Meeting for Worship: 11:00am–12:00pm, blended (at meetinghouse & online)
- First Day School for Children and Nursery: 11:00am–12:00pm, at meetinghouse (combined with Meeting for Worship at 11:50am)

Monday, 17 March 2025: St. Patrick's Day

Tuesday, 18 March 2025:

- Communications Committee Meeting: 5:30–7:00pm, online

Wednesday, 19 March 2025:

- Welcome Light Wednesday: 7:00–8:00pm, online

Friday, 21 March 2025:

- Friendly 8s (AKA the Friendlies): 6:00–8:00pm, online

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## *Fourth Week (continued)*

Sunday, 23 March 2025:

- Early Meeting for Worship: 8:00–9:00am, at meetinghouse
- Meeting for Learning: Seekers and Finders (Seeker Series): 9:30–10:45am, blended (at meetinghouse & online)
- Meeting for Worship: 11:00am–12:00pm, blended (at meetinghouse & online)
- First Day School for Children and Nursery: 11:00am–12:00pm, at meetinghouse (combining with Meeting for Worship at 11:50am)
- Friends Writing Together: 12:30–2:00pm, blended (at meetinghouse & online)

Monday, 24 March 2025:

- AFM Green Group Meeting: 7:00–8:30pm, online

Tuesday, 25 March 2025:

- Ministry and Pastoral Care Committee Meeting: 6:30–8:00pm, in person. For more information, please contact [ministry-pastoralcare@annapolisfriends.org](mailto:ministry-pastoralcare@annapolisfriends.org)

## *Fifth Week*

Sunday, 30 March 2025:

- Early Meeting for Worship: 8:00–9:00am, at meetinghouse
- Committee Clerks' Meetings: 9:15–10:45am, blended (at meetinghouse & online)
- Meeting for Worship: 11:00am–12:00pm, blended (at meetinghouse & online)
- First Day School for Children and Nursery: 11:00am–12:00pm, at meetinghouse (combining with Meeting for Worship at 11:50am)

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