

Homewood Friends Meeting

Announcements

First Month (January) 1, 2017

Our website is: <http://www.homewoodfriends.org>

To place an announcement, call the office, 410.235.4438, fax it to 410.235.6058, or-mail it to homewoodfriends@verizon.net. **The deadline is 11 a.m. Tuesday.**

Office hours are 9:15 a.m.–2:15 p.m. Monday through Friday (some Mondays excepted).

Faith and Practice of Baltimore Yearly Meeting: the First Query, **Meetings for Worship:** Are meetings for worship held in expectant waiting for Divine guidance? Are Friends encouraged to share spiritual insights? Are special gifts of ministry recognized and encouraged?

Do you come to meeting with heart and mind prepared? Are you careful not to disturb the spirit of the meeting by late arrival or in other ways?

WELCOME TO VISITORS!

If it's your first time worshipping with us, please sign the guest book and indicate whether or not you'd like to receive our monthly Newsletter. Please include an e-mail address if you have one. If you wish, introduce yourself when invited, at the rise of Meeting. Everyone is invited to stay for a free Simple Lunch—it's a good opportunity to learn about the Meeting.

IN PREPARATION FOR THE WOMEN'S MARCH ON WASHINGTON (info: <https://www.womensmarch.com/>) on **Saturday, January 21**, Homewood Meeting will hold "Peacekeeping for Quakers" on **Saturday, January 14, 2017**, 1-4 p.m., at the Meeting House. *Since we are limited to fifty participants; please RSVP to garygillespie80@gmail.com.*

SILENT VIGIL FOR PEACE:

Every Friday, 5-6 p.m. Since 9/11/2001, we have held a vigil for peace every Friday evening. Join in at any time during the hour. The current focus is "BLACK LIVES MATTER" and "We Are All One People."

HOMEWOOD EVENTS AND NEWS:

FIRST DAY SCHOOL

There will not be a First Day School program for elementary/middle school aged children on **Sunday, January 1**. The nursery will be open to provide care for young children on that day.

SIMPLE LUNCH ON JANUARY 1 will be simpler than usual due to anticipated lower attendance.

JANUARY'S BUSINESS MEETING has been rescheduled to **January 15**.

THE MEETING OFFICE will be closed next week.

WE REALLY NEED ANOTHER GREETER! Please consider answering this need. If you can do it please contact Kathleen W. as soon as possible.

SIMPLE LUNCH: PLEASE SIGN UP on the Bulletin Board in the Dining Room if you can provide Simple Lunch for a month of your choosing. Coordinators are:
January: Michael Prior
February: MAYBE YOU!

THE BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING WOMEN'S RETREAT 2017 will be at the [Pearlstone Retreat Center, Reisterstown, Maryland, January 27-29; Registration](#) is now open.

CONTRIBUTIONS support the maintenance of the Meeting and our contributions to designated service organizations. It is very helpful for contributors to make arrangements with their banks for automatic transfers. This provides the Meeting with a predictable cash flow. *Please make all checks payable to "Baltimore Monthly Meeting of Friends, Homewood."*

REMINDER: Everyone must observe Homewood's Youth Safety Policy (YSP). You can download the "Parent's Guide to the YSP" at

<https://homewoodfriends.files.wordpress.com/2015/09/parents-guide-to-ysp1.pdf>

or the Policy itself at

<https://homewoodfriends.files.wordpress.com/2015/09/youth-safety-policy-5-5-14b1.pdf>.

No password is needed for either document.

THE PEACEABLE CITY series will resume in January, on Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

Peaceable City is a weekly discussion series based on TED talks, sponsored by Homewood Friends Meeting's Peace and Social Justice Committee, facilitated by Jo Brown, and open to all.

We meet Tuesdays, in the Dining Room. Light open to all refreshment follows. Each week's discussion is related to the previous week's.

Learn more about the Peaceable City series at <https://homewoodfriends.org/member-resources/committees/peace-justice/>.

WICKER BASKET COLLECTION:

Circles of Voices will be the recipient for January. For information about them, see <http://anendtoignorance.org/>.

Please consider making a regular Wicker Basket contribution. Recipients are chosen by the Baltimore Quaker Peace and Justice Committee (BQPJC), which meets on the fourth Sunday of each month. Everyone is welcome to attend. Find BQPJC on Facebook: <https://facebook.com/BQPJC>.

Thursday, January 19, at 6 pm: Cheers to 25 years! Please join **GEDCO** in celebrating 25 years of "Building Caring and Compassionate Communities" at B'More Kitchen, 5609 Hess Avenue. For more information, go to www.gedco.org/25thAnniversary.

THE main thing in religion is to receive a principle of life from God, whereby the mind may be changed, and the heart made able to understand the mysteries of his kingdom, and to see and walk in the way of life; and this is the travail of the souls of the righteous, that they may abide, grow up, and walk with the Lord in this principle; and that others also, who breathe after him, may be gathered into, and feel the virtue of, the same principle. -- *Isaac Penington*