

Homewood Friends Meeting

Announcements

First Month (January) 29, 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 8:30-3:30 Monday & 8:30-2:30 Tuesday through Thursday.

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 this is 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 worship.

Everyone is invited to stay for a free simple lunch after worship—it's a good opportunity to learn about Homewood.

SPIRITUAL STATE OF HOMEWOOD MEETING

-- Specially Called Meeting
Sunday, February 12, 2017 10:30-12:00
Luncheon To Follow.

It has become our tradition to hold a specially called Meeting for Worship to reflect on the spiritual state of Homewood Meeting in preparation for an annual report we make to Baltimore Yearly Meeting. We will engage in silent worship for the first 20 minutes. After that we will respond out of the silence to queries about the spiritual state of our community. Our children will engage in a parallel process and join us at the end of the meeting with a report on their deliberations. We will have a special luncheon following the meeting.

FIRST DAY SCHOOL

Sunday, January 29th is BYM Camp Day for First Day School children. If you have attended, come to share your experience. If you have not yet gone to camp, join us to learn about the camping experience!

CAMP REGISTRATION begins on **Feb. 1** See <http://bymcamps.org/> for registration forms and more information. **Please note that money from the Davis Fund at Homewood is available for camperships.** Contact Bess Keller or Susan Russell Walters for details.

SIMPLE LUNCH: PLEASE SIGN UP on the bulletin board in the dining room if you can provide simple lunch for a week of your choosing.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE is responsible for filling the membership needs of the Meeting's many committees. If you have been attending Homewood for a while, serving on a committee is a wonderful way to become more involved in the Meeting community. In particular, **Library** and **Hospitality** Committees are in need of more members. If you are interested in committee work, please contact Mina Brunyate, Gary Gillespie, Carol Beck, or Kevin-Douglas Olive. You may also notify the Meeting office. Thank you!

THRESHING SESSION April 30, to explore how Homewood Meeting spends its money. How do budgetary choices define our spiritual community as we contend with the hard realities that confront us? Mark your calendars now.

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.”

BETH EDELSTEIN is now at University of Maryland Rehabilitation and Orthopedic Institution in Woodlawn, MD. She writes, "I'm doing well and welcome visits. I can't make real appointments because of therapy schedules. I appreciate drop-in visits. Much love to you all." Please see CaringBridge for more details.

GEDCO'S CARES FOOD PANTRY: Please remember to add non-perishable items for food pantry to your shopping list. You may leave food contributions in the box in the main floor hallway. Items most needed are peanut butter, jelly, tuna, rice, and spaghetti sauce.

WICKER BASKET COLLECTION:

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

The wicker basket can be found on the buffet table in the dining room. Please consider making a regular contribution to it. 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 its meetings. Find BQPJC on Facebook: <https://facebook.com/BQPJC>.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MEETING 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 Meeting's **Youth Safety Policy**: see <https://homewoodfriends.org/member-resources/policies/youth-safety-policy/>

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

“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 (1616-1679)*