

# Homewood Friends Meeting Announcements

First Month (January) 8, 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](mailto: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.

**THE PEACEABLE CITY** series continues in January on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. **Peaceable City** is a weekly discussion series based on TED talks, sponsored by our Peace and Social Justice Committee, and open to all.

We meet in the dining room. Light 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/>.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR**

Our new Administrative Coordinator, Mina Brunyate, will begin working in the Homewood office on 1/9/17. Mina will be in the office from Monday through Thursday each week. (See the header of this page for the hours.) Welcome, Mina!

We send best wishes for a happy retirement, along with thanks for a decade of service to Homewood Friends, to outgoing Administrative Coordinator David Penney.

**FIRST DAY SCHOOL** resumes today, 1/8/17.

Coming events for First Day School:

**January 15th** - Family worship and program in remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his work on behalf of civil rights, justice, and peace at 10:30 AM in Library. Facilitated by R.E. Committee.

**January 22nd** - First Day School field trip to Reginald F. Lewis Museum of African American History and Culture. Departing from Homewood Friends Meeting at 11:15 AM. Admission: \$5 for adults and free for children. For details, contact John McKusick at 410-377-2797.

**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.”

**CANVASS DISTRICT 43 in support of a**

**fracking ban**, Sunday, January 15, 12:30-4:30. Come to the Meetinghouse any time that afternoon and Jamie DeMarco will provide a street assignment. Friends are seeking a fracking ban in Maryland. District 43 Senator Joan Carter Conway is the chair of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee. She will decide whether a bill to ban fracking in Maryland will be sent to the full Senate for a vote. Friends will be knocking on doors in District 43 and asking Sen. Conway's constituents to ask her to allow fracking ban legislation to come up for a vote. "Don't Frack Maryland" yard signs will also be available. District 43 covers much of northern Baltimore City, including the Meetinghouse. Young Friends will be participating in this effort. Please contact Jamie DeMarco for details: 443-845-5601, [jameswdemarco@gmail.com](mailto:jameswdemarco@gmail.com).

**WE REALLY NEED ANOTHER GREETER!**

*Please consider answering this need.* If you can do it please contact Kathleen W. as soon as possible.

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**THE BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING WOMEN'S RETREAT 2017** will be at the [Pearlstone Retreat Center](#), Reisterstown, Maryland, **January 27-29**. [Registration](#) is now open. Website: <http://bymwomensretreat.org/>

**Reminder: JANUARY'S BUSINESS MEETING**

has been rescheduled to **January 15**.

**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.

**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/>

“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)*