

Homewood Friends Meeting

Announcements

Second Month (February) 12, 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 Second Query, Meetings for Worship:

Are meetings for business held in a spirit of worship, understanding, and forbearance? When direction seems lacking, is this seen as a challenge to a more prayerful search for truth? Do we humbly set aside our own preconceived notions as to proper action, seeking instead Divine guidance as to the right course? Is the Meeting aware that it speaks not only through its actions but also through its failure to act?

Do you participate regularly in meetings for business, discharge faithfully your committee responsibilities, and assume your share of financial support of the Meeting?

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.

DEAR FRIENDS,

*Our worship can only really begin when we are all gathered. Late arrival delays that process. Please consider an intention of arriving a little early for worship so that we can begin together at 10:30 AM. Even so...if you find yourself delayed please know that you are welcome. With loving concern for our community.
Ministry and Counsel*

WICKER BASKET COLLECTION:

NAACP Legal Defense Fund will be the recipient for February and March.

SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE MEETING

-- Specially Called Meeting **TODAY Sunday, February 12, 2017** 10:30-12:00.

Luncheon To Follow (no potluck this week).

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.

Queries: When responding to the queries, please consider the following aspects of our Meeting:
--**worship—business—community—outreach—witness for peace & justice—religious education**

1. What are our strengths?
2. Where do we need work?
3. What do you envision for the future of Homewood Friends?

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.”

THE ISIS PRAYER GROUP will gather today (2/12) in the library at 1 PM rather than 12:30.

FIRST DAY SCHOOL

2/12: Service Project and Children's State of the Meeting with Susie Higgins and John McKusick

CAMP REGISTRATION is open. 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 for details.

THRESHING SESSION April 30, to explore how Homewood Meeting spends its money. How do our budgetary decisions reflect our spiritual life? How do we deal with the hard fiscal realities that confront us? Mark your calendars now.

BETH EDELSTEIN will be returning home on February 14. Rise writes, “Please give us a couple days to get her settled in but then she'll be ready for visit, even by Thursday or Friday of next week. She may prefer short visits at first.” Please see CaringBridge for more details.

REMINDER: Everyone must observe Homewood Meeting's **Youth Safety Policy**: see <https://homewoodfriends.org/member-resources/policies/youth-safety-policy/>

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. If you are interested in committee work, please notify the Meeting office. Thank you.

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.

PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE presents **Equality on Trial: Bail Reform for Maryland at 3 PM on Sunday, February 19 at Homewood.** There will be short presentations, Q&A, and discussion.

PEACEABLE CITY gatherings resume for a 4-week run beginning on Monday, Feb. 20th, 6:30-8:30 PM at Homewood. More details in next week's Announcements.

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.”*

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

“Let us consider our welcome to the stranger. We can do more to make our meetings communities of faith in which there is a true spiritual home. Whatever our age or experience, we have much to learn about openness and generosity. We must continue to listen. Nothing is more important or precious than giving our time. Every encounter lays us open to change and thus allows us to grow.” – 2002 Epistle, Britain Yearly Meeting