

# Homewood Friends Meeting

## Announcements

Second Month (February) 19, 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 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.

### **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." Join us!

**CAMP REGISTRATION** has begun. 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.

**QUAKER BOOK CLUB** is **TODAY (Feb. 19)** at 9:15 A.M. prompt. We are reading the section on Convincement, pg 39-58 in *Our Life Is Love*.

**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.

**PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE** presents **Equality on Trial: Bail Reform for Maryland at 3 P.M. TODAY (Feb. 19) at Homewood.** Should poor people sit in jail before trial, because they cannot pay money bail, when rich people walk free? Does this harm people of color more than white defendants charged with similar crimes? 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. For more details, open the link to the invitation: <http://evite.me/7wangbdWeF>.

**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.

### **FIRST DAY SCHOOL**

**2/19:** Life and Teachings of Jesus with Giovanna

**2/26:** Art with Chris Rutkowski

**3/5:** Life and Teachings of Jesus with Giovanna

**3/12:** Service Project with John and Susie

(Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting)

**Second Adult Volunteers needed for First Day**

**School** Both good practice and our youth safety policy requires a second adult to be in our classes for First Day School. No preparation is required and no direct teaching is expected. The time period is from 10:50 to about 11:50 when parents pick up their children. For more information or to volunteer, please contact John McKusick or Megan Shook. Even doing this one Sunday would be a big help and it is a great way to get to know the children of the Meeting better!

**CHESAPEAKE QUARTERLY MEETING** is on **Sunday, March 12** here at Homewood. For details, please see

<https://homewoodfriends.org/2017/01/16/chesapeake-quarterly-meeting-2/>.

**PHIL FURNAS' ART EXHIBITION** will be here at Homewood, **March 5 - 12**. Reception is on March 5, 3 - 5:30 PM.

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

**BETH EDELSTEIN** is now at home and would appreciate short visits. Please call first (410-252-7333).

### **WICKER BASKET COLLECTION:**

**NAACP Legal Defense Fund** will be the recipient for January. Find BQPJC on Facebook:

<https://facebook.com/BQPJC>.

### **WE REALLY NEED ANOTHER GREETER!**

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

### **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/>

**MEN'S RETREAT** (April 28 - 30) **planning meeting is today (Feb. 19) at 1 PM at Stony Run.** If you are unable to attend the planning meeting, but are interested in one of the leadership opportunities, please contact Blaine Keener at 443-414-9103.

"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