

# Homewood Friends Meeting

## Announcements

Second Month (February) 26, 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.

### **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*

**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.

**EXPERIMENT WITH LIGHT** is **TODAY (Feb. 26)** at 9:15 in the Library. Susan Walters is the leader.

### **FIRST DAY SCHOOL**

**TODAY (Feb. 26):** Art with Chris Rutkowski

**PEACEABLE CITY** gatherings have resumed. They will continue for the next three Mondays, 6:30-8:30 PM at Homewood. For more details, please go to <http://evite.me/7wangbdWeF>. Jo Brown is the leader.

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

**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.

**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!

**UPCOMING FIRST DAY SCHOOL EVENTS**

**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/> . Please see Ned Worth to help set up or clean up; many hands make light work.

**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.

**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.

**WICKER BASKET COLLECTION:**

**NAACP Legal Defense Fund** will be the recipient for February and March. Find BQPJC on Facebook: <https://facebook.com/BQPJC>.

**FROM GREEN ORGANIZING ACTION TEAM (GOAT):**

**Don’t Frack Maryland march and rally:**

Thursday, March 2, 12:30-2:30, Annapolis. Buses are leaving Rogers Avenue Metro Station (4300 Hayward Avenue) at 11:00am and returning to the same location at 4:00pm. Schedule, bus info, and RSVP at <http://www.dontfrackmd.org/march/>.

Whether or not you attend the rally, send a message to your state legislators letting them know you support a ban:

[http://org.salsalabs.com/o/423/p/dia/action3/commo n/public/?action\\_KEY=18084](http://org.salsalabs.com/o/423/p/dia/action3/commo n/public/?action_KEY=18084).

**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 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