

# Homewood Friends Meeting

## Announcements

Second Month (February) 5, 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." **Film at 7:00 on Feb. 3 following the potluck:** "Heist: Who Stole the American Dream?" The film examines the complicit roles of politicians and corporations and offers suggestions for action. Join us!

### **SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE MEETING**

-- Specially Called Meeting **Sunday, February 12, 2017** 10:30-12:00. (Snow date February 19.) 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.

**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 notify the Meeting office. Thank you.

### **FIRST DAY SCHOOL**

**2/5:** First Day School lesson on the New Testament with Giovanna Selvaggio

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

**2/19:** First Day School lesson on the New Testament with Giovanna

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

**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 for details.

**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.

**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.

**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 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 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