

Homewood Friends Meeting

Announcements

Third Month (March) 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. 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 Third Query, The Meeting Community:

Are love and harmony within the Meeting community fostered by a spirit of open sharing? Do you endeavor to widen your circle of friendships within the Meeting, seeking to know persons of all ages and at all stages of the spiritual journey? Does the Meeting provide for the spiritual refreshment of all members and attenders? Do Friends provide spiritual and practical care for the elderly, the lonely, and others with special needs?

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. Camps are about 80% full. **Please note that money from the Davis Fund at Homewood is available for camperships.** Contact Bess Keller for details.

FIRST DAY SCHOOL

TODAY (Mar. 19): Life and Teachings of Jesus with Giovanna.

QUAKER BOOK CLUB is **TODAY (Mar. 19)** at 9:15 downstairs; we will discuss "The Refiner's Fire," beginning on p.59 of *Our Life Is Love*. All are welcome.

PHIL FURNAS' ART EXHIBITION will end on Friday (**Mar.17**). Please call the office if you would like to see it.

The last **PEACEABLE CITY** gathering is this Monday (**Mar.20**), rescheduled because of the snow. For details, please see the Homewood Website.

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. Information about committees is on our Website under "Member Resources." 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.”

UPCOMING FIRST DAY SCHOOL EVENTS

3/26: Art with Chris

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!

BYM INTERIM MEETING is on **March 18** in Richmond, VA. Get to know Yearly Meeting Committees and Friends from other Meetings! For more information, see the BYM website.

FRIENDS OF BYM’S INTERVISITATION WORKING GROUP

Annual Travelers Gathering is on **March 19**, at 12:30 p.m. at Richmond Friends Meeting (the day after Interim Meeting). Rep Pickard writes, “The Travelers Gathering is for EVERYONE--whether you've never visited among Friends or are a seasoned traveler or anywhere in between. If you want to know more ... and hear from those who engage in this work, this is for you.” For more information, go to <http://intervisitation.bym-rsf.net/> or email the clerk at BYMIntervisitation@gmail.com.

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

An important **THRESHING SESSION** is coming up. On **April 30**, we will 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 is the recipient for March. 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.

Sing and rejoice, you children of the day and of the light; for the Lord is at work in this thick night of darkness that may be felt. And truth flourishes as the rose, and the lilies do grow among the thorns, and the plants atop of the hills, and upon them the lambs do skip and play. And never heed the tempests nor the storms, floods nor rains, for the seed Christ is over all, and reigns. ~ *George Fox, 1624 - 1691*