

Homewood Friends Meeting

Announcements

Fourth Month (April) 16, 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 Fourth Query, Personal Spiritual Life:

Do you make time for meditation, prayer, and worship? Do you read the Bible, the writings of Friends, and other inspirational works, seeking new light? Do you regularly seek God's guidance? Are you open to guidance and support, and do you give thanks for them? Do you share your spiritual insights with others and willingly receive from them in return?

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

FAITH AND PRACTICE PROCESS CLARIFICATION LISTENING SESSION

April 15, 1 - 3 p.m. at Bethesda Friends Meeting. The ad hoc F&P Process Clarification Committee seeks your input on the guidance that should be given to a new Faith and Practice Committee.

FIRST DAY SCHOOL

TODAY (Apr. 16): Easter egg hunt! Please bring either hard-boiled or plastic Easter eggs with surprises inside.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

INQUIRERS' SERIES

Monday evenings, **April 17, 24, and May 1, 7:00-8:30 in the library.** New and long term attenders at Homewood are invited to participate in a brief introductory series on Quakerism. Each session will involve worship, brief presentation, small & large group discussion and text study. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet or email the office at homewoodfriends@verizon.net so we can have an idea about numbers. For more information, go to our website, <https://homewoodfriends.org/2017/04/01/inquirers-series/>.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

April 23: The Greening of Our Meeting. Members of the House and Grounds Committee and the Green Organizing Action Team (GOAT) will give a brief overview of current efforts to reduce the Meeting's carbon footprint, discuss next steps and possible projects, and facilitate discussion on individual and family involvement in the greening of our Meeting.

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 us for a special vigil on **Apr. 14** to witness for changes in how our tax monies are spent.

WICKER BASKET COLLECTION

Stony Run’s Fund for support and assistance to Refugees/Asylum Seekers/Asylees being helped by Friends of Stony Run Meeting and Homewood Meeting. Find BQPJC on Facebook: <https://facebook.com/BQPJC>.

UPCOMING FIRST DAY SCHOOL EVENTS

April 23: Art with Chris

April 30: Lesson with Giovanna and Meri

Second Adult Volunteers needed for First Day

School: Both good practice and our youth safety policy require 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!

WE REALLY NEED ANOTHER

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

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

PEOPLE’S CLIMATE MARCH, April 29:

GOAT is considering means of transportation to the march. More information is forthcoming.

THRESHING SESSION on **April 30, 12:30 - 2:00 in the library:**

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? Queries will be sent out in advance.

SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE MEETING

DRAFT is available for review at our website, <https://homewoodfriends.org/about-us/our-spiritual-state/>. If you want to suggest changes, please contact Sarah Bur (sarahbur2@gmail.com).

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/> .

GEDCO’S CARES FOOD PANTRY: 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.

This practice of continuous prayer in the presence of God involves developing the habit of carrying on the mental life at two levels. At one level we are immersed in this world of time, of daily affairs. At the same time, but at a deeper level of our minds, we are in active relation with the Eternal Life. - Thomas Kelly