

Homewood Friends Meeting

Announcements

Twelfth Month (December) 31, 2017

Our website is: <http://www.homewoodfriends.org>

To place an announcement, call the office, 410.235.4438, 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 Twelfth Query, The Environment:

Are you concerned for responsible use of natural resources and their nurture for future generations? Do you try to avoid wasteful consumption and pollution? Do you seek to preserve the beauty and balance of God's world?

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 email 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.

TRUSTEES FUNDING TO ATTEND QUAKER EVENTS

The Trustees Committee has funds to support children and adults who would like to attend Quaker gatherings, camps, and educational institutions. Members and regular attenders may apply at any time, and may be given at maximum one grant per calendar year. These funds are intended to supplement resources available to the participant from other sources. For more information and for the application form, please see our website page: <https://homewoodfriends.org/member-resources/scholarships/>.

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EVENTS TODAY (DECEMBER 31):

EXPERIMENT WITH LIGHT, 9:15 a.m. in the library, led by Susan Russell Walters.

FIRST DAY SCHOOL: Service activity with John.

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL DONATIONS:

Members of GOAT will collect money at Simple Lunch to purchase one (or more) dairy goat(s) for Heifer International to give to a family in need in Bangladesh or Rwanda or another developing country.

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT HOMEWOOD:

6 – 9:00 p.m. in the dining room. There will be a potluck supper, a coffee house, and board games. Bring family and friends!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FIRST FRIDAY FILM SERIES

Friday, Jan. 5, 7:15 p.m. (potluck dinner at 6:00): *Chasing Coral* features breathtaking underwater photography that chronicles a growing threat to the oceans' nurseries. Co-sponsored by the Working Group for the Arts and the **Green Organizing Action Team (GOAT)**.

PEACE VIGIL

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.”

TEENAGE CHILD CARE WORKER NEEDED

The Religious Education Committee is seeking another teenage child care worker to work with Chris Stadler in the Nursery. Potential applicants should contact Mina in the Meeting office or John McKusick. Thanks to Henry Kennison for signing up!

WICKER BASKET COLLECTION: DECEMBER

The Wicker Basket recipient for December is the **African Great Lakes Initiative of Friends Peace Teams**. This group applies its Spirit-led conflict resolution skills around the world. For more information, go to <https://friendspeacetams.org/>. Find Baltimore Quaker Peace and Justice Committee on Facebook: <https://facebook.com/BQPJC>.

EMedia RECYCLING: Boxes are now located in the Susan B. Anthony Room. See lists of appropriate items on the boxes. Questions? Please contact John McKusick john.ca.mckusick@verizon.net.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MEETING are much appreciated. Contributions support the maintenance of the Meeting and our donations to designated service organizations. Please place in the box in the meeting room or deliver to the office. Thank you.

HYMN SINGING: Jan. 7 (first Sunday), 10:00 - 10:20 a.m. in the meeting room, led by Dave Sydlik. All are welcome.

MEETING FOR BUSINESS, Jan. 7, 12:30 p.m. in the meeting room (note change of location). Chris Stadler is available for childcare.

FIRST DAY SCHOOL

1/7: Quaker History with Giovanna
1/14: Martin Luther King, Jr. program

TUBMAN HOUSE COAT DRIVE, sponsored by the Peace and Justice Committee. All December long. All sizes, children and adults. Please put donated coats on the table in the Susan B. Anthony Room. Thank you!

COURT OBSERVATION, every Thursday and Friday, 10:30 a.m.; carpool from Stony Run. Observe Baltimore City district court in action. For more information, contact Kathryn Munnell (kathryn_munnell@hotmail.com).

REMINDER: Everyone must observe Homewood Meeting's **Youth Safety Policy**: see <https://homewoodfriends.org/member-resources/policies/youth-safety-policy/>.

2018 WOMEN’S RETREAT, January 26 - 28, at the Pearlstone Retreat Center in Reisterstown, MD: *Leaning into our Light on Gender, Race & Sexuality*. Registration is now open! For more information, go to <https://www.bym-rsf.org/events/ymevents/women18.html>. Registration closes on January 5, 2018.

“I saw also that there was an ocean of darkness and death, but an infinite ocean of light and love, which flowed over the ocean of darkness: and in that also I saw the infinite love of God.”

--George Fox--