

Homewood Friends Meeting

Announcements

First Month (January) 21, 2018

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 First Query, Meetings for Worship:

Are meetings for worship held in expectant waiting for Divine guidance? Are Friends encouraged to share spiritual insights? Are special gifts of ministry recognized and encouraged?

Do you come to meeting with heart and mind prepared? Are you careful not to disturb the spirit of the meeting by late arrival or in other ways?

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.

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The meeting for worship is the heart of every Friends Meeting. Baltimore Yearly Meeting generally has unprogrammed worship based on waiting in silence, and founded on faith that human beings can commune directly with God. In expectant silence we strive to center inwardly. Each is aided by the seeking of others, so that worship becomes a corporate experience.

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EVENTS TODAY (JANUARY 21):

FIRST DAY SCHOOL: Quaker History with Giovanna

QUAKER BOOK CLUB, 9:15 in the dining room. We will focus on the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew, Chapters 5 - 7.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

EXPERIMENT WITH LIGHT, Jan. 28, 9:15 in the library, led by Susan Russell Walters.

FIRST DAY SCHOOL

1/28: BYM Quaker Camp Day. Find out about the camps and enjoy sweet potato biscuits!

First Day School Volunteers Needed for February. Second adults are needed to assist with First Day School in February. February's programs are:

- **2/4:** Quaker History Lesson with Giovanna Selvaggio
- **2/11:** Quaker History Lesson with Giovanna
- **2/18:** Service Project with John McKusick
- **2/25:** Art with Chris Rutkowski

If you can assist or would like more information, please contact John McKusick (john.ca.mckusick@verizon.net or 410-830-9225).

<p><u>PEACE VIGIL</u> 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.” In case of inclement weather: follow official pronouncements. If city schools are closed or weather hazards are announced, e.g., the public is advised to stay off the roads or there is a Code Blue declared, the peace vigil will be canceled.</p> <p><u>WICKER BASKET COLLECTION: JANUARY</u> The Wicker Basket recipient for January 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://friendspacetteams.org/. Find Baltimore Quaker Peace and Justice Committee on Facebook: https://facebook.com/BQPJC.</p> <p><u>REMINDER:</u> Everyone must observe Homewood Meeting's Youth Safety Policy: see https://homewoodfriends.org/member-resources/policies/youth-safety-policy/ .</p>	<p><u>CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MEETING</u> 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.</p>
<p><u>BYM CAMPING PROGRAM:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● RETURNING CAMPERS: registration is open. ● NEW CAMPERS: registration begins February 1st at 10 a.m. <p>→ Yes, you can apply for a grant from Trustees to help cover the camping fees.</p> 	<p><u>GIVE TO CAMPERS IN NEED:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CamperAid: Annual aid to support campers who request support. ● Barry Morley Endowed Camp Scholarship Fund: Endowed fund to honor long time Catocin Camp Director, Barry Morley. A portion of this endowed fund is used for Camper assistance each year. <u>Currently a \$2,500 Matching Gift Challenge.</u> ● Diversity Fund: This fund is used to support our STRIDE campers of color from Baltimore, Charlottesville, DC and Philadelphia. <p>See https://bymcamps.org/.</p> <p><u>FIND OUT WHY</u> campers say “<i>Quaker Camp Changed My Life.</i>” BYM CAMPS OPEN HOUSE, SUNDAY, January 28, 3-5 p.m., Zeke’s Coffee Retail Store, 4719 Harford Rd. Meet campers and families and find out about Quaker camps. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Gary at garygillespie80@gmail.com.</p> <p><u>GEDCO’S CARES FOOD PANTRY:</u> The Pantry is low on the following items: jelly, canned tomatoes, spaghetti sauce, and canned veggies. You may leave food contributions in the box in the main floor hallway.</p>

“Our life is love, and peace, and tenderness; and bearing one with another, and forgiving one another, and not laying accusations one against another; but praying one for another, and helping one another up with a tender hand.”

--Isaac Pennington