

# Homewood Friends Meeting

## Announcements

First Month (January) 28, 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](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 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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#### **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." **In case of inclement weather:** follow official pronouncements. If city schools are closed or weather hazards are announced, eg the public is advised to stay off the roads or there is a Code Blue declared, the peace vigil will be canceled.

#### **EVENTS TODAY (JANUARY 28):**

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

**FIRST DAY SCHOOL: BYM Camp Day.** Camp Day provides an opportunity for children to learn more about the BYM Camping Program from experienced campers and staff, play camp games, and taste a camp favorite, sweet potato biscuits. BYM will also be holding a Camp Information Day later in the afternoon (see notice below). Children and parents are welcome to attend either or both.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE, 12:15** in the Susan B. Anthony Room.

**FIND OUT WHY** campers say "*Quaker Camp Changed My Life.*" **BYM CAMPS OPEN HOUSE, TODAY, 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](mailto:garygillespie80@gmail.com).

**WICKER BASKET COLLECTION:**

**JANUARY**

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://friendspeaceteams.org/>. Find Baltimore Quaker Peace and Justice Committee on Facebook: <https://facebook.com/BQPJC>.

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

**E-CYCLING, from John McKusick:** “We have filled two boxes for return to the recycling company. ... GOAT is exploring options for recycling items more locally. We will continue to collect items through the end of this month.”

**BYM CAMPING PROGRAM:**

- **RETURNING CAMPERS: registration is open.**
- **NEW CAMPERS: registration begins February 1st at 10 a.m.**

→ Yes, you can apply for a grant from Trustees to help cover the camping fees.

**GEDCO'S CARES FOOD PANTRY:** The Pantry is low on the following items: **tuna, canned salmon, rice, pasta sauce, oatmeal, and cereal**. Please leave food contributions in the box in the main floor hallway.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**FIRST DAY SCHOOL**

**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](mailto:john.ca.mckusick@verizon.net) or 410-830-9225).

**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.

**GIVE TO CAMPERS IN NEED:**

- **CamperAid:** Annual aid to support campers who request support.
- **Barry Morley Endowed Camp Scholarship Fund:** Endowed fund to honor long time Catoctin Camp Director, Barry Morley. A portion of this endowed fund is used for Camper assistance each year. **Currently a \$2,500 Matching Gift Challenge.**
- **Diversity Fund:** This fund is used to support our STRIDE campers of color from Baltimore, Charlottesville, DC and Philadelphia.

See <https://bymcamps.org/>.

“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 Penington