

Homewood Friends Meeting

Announcements

First Month (January) 7, 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 7):

HYMN SINGING, 10:00 - 10:20 a.m. in the meeting room, led by Dave Sydlik. All are welcome.

FIRST DAY SCHOOL: Quaker History with Giovanna.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FIRST DAY SCHOOL

1/14: Martin Luther King, Jr. program

1/21: Quaker History with Giovanna

1/28: BYM Quaker Camp Day

POTLUCK LUNCH: **Jan. 14**. Start thinking of yummy dishes now.

PRAYER GROUP FOR ISIS, Jan. 14, 12:30 - 1:00, in the library. We gather to hold in the Light those active in or attracted to ISIS. This includes over one hundred who have been captured in the U.S. If you have any questions, please contact Stan Becker at 410-366-6923 or sbecker2@jhu.edu.

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: 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://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.

QUAKER BOOK CLUB: Jan. 21 (NOTE DATE CHANGE from Jan. 14). We will focus on the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew, Chapters 5 - 7.

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.**

SAVE THE DATE: FORUM ON FOSTERING DIVERSITY AT QUAKER CAMPS, Saturday, Feb. 10, 6:00 p.m. potluck and following discussion, Stony Run Meeting. Please see the January newsletter for more information.

GEDCO’S CARES FOOD PANTRY: 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.

“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