

Homewood Friends Meeting

Announcements

Second Month (February) 11, 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 Second Query, Meetings for Business:

Are meetings for business held in a spirit of worship, understanding, and forbearance? When direction seems lacking, is this seen as a challenge to a more prayerful search for truth? Do we humbly set aside our own preconceived notions as to proper action, seeking instead Divine guidance as to the right course? Is the Meeting aware that it speaks not only through its actions but also through its failure to act?

Do you participate regularly in meetings for business, discharge faithfully your committee responsibilities, and assume your share of financial support of the Meeting?

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.

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 (FEBRUARY 11):

QUAKER BOOK CLUB, 9:15 a.m. in the dining room. We will continue to discuss the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew, Chapters 5 - 7, first focusing on Chapter 5, which includes the lovely Beatitudes. All are welcome.

FIRST DAY SCHOOL: Quaker History with Giovanna with a continuation of exploring the role of Quakers in ending (and sometimes supporting) slavery.

POTLUCK LUNCH! February is a good time to share your favorite soup.

PRAYER GROUP FOR ISIS, 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.

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WICKER BASKET COLLECTION:

FEBRUARY

The Wicker Basket recipient for February is **Baltimore Ceasefire**. Baltimore Ceasefire is a grassroots movement of Baltimore residents which serves as a hub for citizens and organizations to work together, with the goal of seeing an end to murder in Baltimore City. The complementary Baltimore Peace Challenge refers to the positive cultural, social, and spiritual work involved in building a culture of peace in our city. Please go to

<http://www.baltimoreceasefire.com> or

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-40866111> for more information. Find Baltimore

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

BYM CAMPING PROGRAM:

Registration is open for returning and new campers. For more information, go to <https://bymcamps.org/>.

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

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: 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 remaining programs are:

- **2/18:** Community Service Project with John focusing on food and warmth for those in need.
- **2/25:** Art with Chris. This Sunday will also be the annual Spiritual State of the Meeting worship sharing session for adults followed by a special lunch at 12:00. We will be asking children for their insights into the spiritual state of the Meeting.

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

EXPERIMENT WITH LIGHT, Feb. 25, 9:15 in the library, led by Susan Russell Walters.

SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE MEETING:

Feb. 25. Worship from 10:30-10:50; Spiritual State worship sharing from 10:50-12:00; catered lunch follows. More details in upcoming announcements.

SAVE THE DATE: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CAMP CATOCTIN WEEKEND, April 13 - 15.

Everyone is invited! More information is in the February newsletter.

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.

“Those who go forth ministering to the wants and necessities of their fellow beings experience a rich return, their souls being as a watered garden, and a spring that faileth not.....”

Lucretia Mott