

Homewood Friends Meeting

Announcements

Second Month (February) 18, 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.

The office will be closed on Monday, Feb. 19.

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.

Dear Friends,

Our worship can only really begin when we are all gathered. Late arrival delays that process. Please consider an intention of arriving a little early for worship so that we can begin together at 10:30 AM. Even so...if you find yourself delayed please know that you are welcome.

With loving concern for our community,

Ministry and Counsel

EVENTS TODAY (FEBRUARY 18):

FIRST DAY SCHOOL TODAY: Community Service Project with John focusing on food and warmth for those in need.

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 program is:

- **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.

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.”

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

BYM CAMPING PROGRAM:

Registration is open for returning and new campers. 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.

SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE MEETING, Feb.

25. Worship will begin at 10:30 and the children will leave for First Day School at 10:50. After that we will respond to the queries provided. The children will reflect on similar questions and provide a report. A special luncheon will follow.

FIRST FRIDAY FILM SERIES

Friday, Mar. 2, 7:00 p.m. (potluck dinner at 6:00): The Working Group for the Arts will showcase the talents of Homewood artists Exsul Van Helden and Dominique Zeltzman.

BUSINESS MEETING, Mar. 4, 12:30 p.m. in the meeting room. Please review the Chesapeake QM queries on our website at <https://homewoodfriends.org/2018/02/13/chesapeake-quarterly-meeting-queries/>. Childcare is available.

CHESAPEAKE QUARTERLY MEETING, March 11, at Stony Run Meeting. Gary Gillespie will lead a workshop on strategic nonviolence, starting at 9:15 a.m. See the flyers in the meetinghouse for more information.

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