Faith and Practice of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, the Fifth Query, Personal Way of Life

Do you live in accordance with your spiritual convictions? Do you seek employment consistent with your beliefs and in service to society? Do you practice simplicity in speech, dress and manner of living, avoiding wasteful consumption? Are you watchful that your possessions do not rule you? Do you strive to be truthful at all times, avoiding judicial oaths?

Do you strive to develop your physical, emotional and mental capacities toward reaching your Divinely given potential? Do you cultivate healthful and moderate habits, avoiding the hazards of drugs, intoxicants, and over-indulgence generally? Do you try to direct such emotions as anger and fear in creative ways?

WELCOME TO VISITORS!
If this is your first time worshiping 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.

SIGN UP FOR FRIENDLY 7s and 8s: The Homewood Outreach Working Group is organizing this social event that will begin in a few weeks. The groups will gather for potlucks once a month for three months. Signup sheets are in the meeting room.

EVENTS TODAY (MAY 6):
HYMN SINGING, 10:00 - 10:20 a.m. in the meeting room, led by Dave Sydlik. All are welcome.

FIRST DAY SCHOOL:
Quaker history lesson with Giovanna. Second Adult volunteers are needed for First Day School. Please contact John McKusick if you can help.

MEETING FOR BUSINESS, 12:30 p.m. in the meeting room. Childcare is available.

YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS (YAF) POTLUCK:
We are meeting on the first Sunday of the month at about 6:30 with rotating hosts. Contact Dave Sydlik (484-264-8489) or Maya Munoz (301-703-0522) for more information.
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: APRIL
The Wicker Basket recipient for April is Doctors Without Borders or Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), an international medical non-profit which delivers emergency medical aid to people around the world. They are currently one of the few humanitarian organizations working in Yemen, where years of grinding conflict have had a devastating effect on the nation’s health system. Find Baltimore Quaker Peace and Justice Committee on Facebook: https://facebook.com/BQPJC.

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.


SIGN UP on the HOSPITALITY BOARD to prepare a May or June simple lunch. Volunteers are also needed to help clean up. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS:
FIRST DAY SCHOOL
May 13 - Service project with John.
May 20 - Quaker history lesson with Giovanna.

POTLUCK LUNCH, May 13. Think of foods that celebrate spring!

HOLDING IN THE LIGHT PEOPLE TOUCHED BY MURDER IN BALTIMORE, Sunday, May 13, 12:30 - 1:00 in the library. The focus of this Meeting for Healing group is no longer ISIS, but the format remains the same. More information will be in next week’s announcements. If you have questions, please contact Susan Smith, Cathleen Hanson or Stan Becker.

FRIENDS IN RECOVERY, last Wednesday of each month, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Susan B. Anthony Room. All are welcome. For information about this newly formed group, contact Kevin-Douglas Olive at kdolive@hotmail.com or 410-258-9187.

(1) The Baltimore Quaker Peace and Justice Committee (BQPJC) urges Friends to join us in conversations on Peace & Civility at Pratt Library branches on 5/11 & 5/12, and the Block Party in honor of fathers who have lost children to violence, on 5/12 at the Baltimore Community Mediation Center, 3333 Greenmount Avenue. For additional activities go to http://www.baltimoreceasefire.com and click on the upper left corner to see the full calendar.
(2) The final Baltimore Ceasefire public meeting before the May 11-13 Ceasefire Weekend will be at 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday May 1st at 3939 Reisterstown Rd.

“Simplicity, when it removes encumbering details, makes for beauty in music, in art and in living. It clears the springs of life and permits wholesome mirth and gladness to bubble up; it cleans the windows of life and lets joy radiate.”

--Faith and Practice of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (1955)