

Homewood Friends Meeting

Announcements

Eleventh Month (November) 25, 2018

Our website is: <http://www.homewoodfriends.org>

To place an announcement, call the office, 410.235.4438, or email it to homewoodfriends@gmail.com. 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 Eleventh Query, Education

Do you provide religious education, including study of the Bible and of Friends' history and practices, in your Meeting? Do you ensure that schools under the care of Friends exemplify Friends' principles? Do you support and strive to improve the public schools?

WELCOME TO VISITORS!

If this is your first time worshipping with us, please complete a blue welcome sheet and indicate whether you'd like to receive our monthly newsletter. If you wish, introduce yourself when invited at the rise of worship. Everyone is welcome to stay for a free simple lunch after worship - it's a good opportunity to learn about Homewood.

WICKER BASKET COLLECTION:

NOVEMBER

The Wicker Basket recipient for November is **Thread**, which advances academic success in students who face significant social and personal barriers. Their website is <https://www.thread.org/>
Find Baltimore Quaker Peace and Justice Committee on Facebook:
<https://facebook.com/BQPJC>.

NEWS OF FRIENDS

Stan Becker continues to recover from surgery. Please hold him and Fannie in the Light as he rests and heals.

Kevin-Douglas Olive has been hospitalized. Please hold him in the Light.

EVENTS TODAY (NOVEMBER 25):

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

FIRST DAY SCHOOL: Arts and crafts with Susie Higgins will be the First Day School program for today. Please bring school aged children to meeting for worship starting at 10:30. Susie will take the children to the art room at 10:50 and then return the children to meeting for worship in time for Joys and Sorrows at 11:30.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: 12:15 p.m. in the Susan B. Anthony Room.

EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS BY EXSUL VAN HELDEN: The art show continues through **December 9, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. weekdays and 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. Sundays.** News of people being forced to lose their homes due to wars, oppression, and persecution haunts Homewood attendee Exsul Van Helden. His 21 paintings portray people from Iraq, Lebanon, Central America, Germany, Belarus, Israel, Russia and Africa. More information is on our website and in the November newsletter. *Should any of the paintings be sold, Exsul will donate the proceeds to the International Rescue Committee.*

YES (Youth Empowered Society) is a local homeless youth drop-in center that Homewood supports. As temperatures drop, they are asking for furniture, coats, blankets, and donations. Please bring donations to the YES office at 2315 N. Charles on Fridays or contact Nick Brooks at Nick@YesDropInCenter.org to arrange an alternative time.

FRIENDLY 8s SECOND ROUND SIGN-UP!

If you want to get to know more people in the Meeting, or if you missed the first round of Friendly 8s and want to join the fun, please sign up on the sheets in the meeting room. The potlucks will resume in early 2019.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MEETING are much appreciated. Contributions support the maintenance of the Meeting and our donations to designated service organizations. Please place cash and checks in the box in the meeting room or deliver to the office. **PayPal is available on the Homewood Meeting website.** Look for the word "Donate" in our Website's menu bar, which is near the top of every page. Thank you.

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

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2019 WOMEN'S RETREAT, January 25-27, Pearlstone Center in Reisterstown, MD (near Baltimore). For the best rate, register before **December 21.** More information is available at <http://womensretreat.bym-rsf.net/>.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

HYMN SINGING: December 2, 10:00 - 10:20 a.m. in the meeting room, led by Dave Sydlik. Join us!

MEETING FOR BUSINESS: Sunday, December 2, 12:30 p.m. in the meeting room. Childcare is available.

QUAKER BOOK CLUB: Sunday, December 9, 9:15 a.m. in the dining room.

POTLUCK LUNCH: Sunday, December 9. Vegetable soup or gingerbread, perhaps?

HOLDING IN THE LIGHT PEOPLE TOUCHED BY MURDER IN BALTIMORE, Sunday, December 9, 12:30 - 1:00 in the library. The Meeting for Healing format for the group will continue. If you have questions, please contact Susan Smith or Cathleen Hanson.

WELCOMING FOR JANET ABRAMS will be on Sunday, December 9 at 3 p.m. at the home of Barbara Bezdek. All are welcome. Susan Johns Smith is the contact person (410-458-1835).

PEACE VIGIL- No vigils on 11/23 or 11/30. We will gather on December 7 and December 14. December 14 is our annual Christmas vigil visioning Peace on Earth. To be followed by an evening of good festivity and fellowship. Candles provided. Bring friends!

FROM NOW THROUGH DECEMBER, SIGN UP on the HOSPITALITY BOARD to prepare a simple lunch. Thank you!

PSALM 100: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands./Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing./Know ye that the Lord he is God: It is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture./Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name./For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.