

Homewood Friends Meeting

Announcements

Twelfth Month (December) 23, 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 Twelfth Query, Environment

Are you concerned for responsible use of natural resources and their nurture for future generations? Do you try to avoid wasteful consumption and pollution? Do you seek to preserve the beauty and balance of God's world?

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.

TRUSTEES HAS FUNDS to support children and adults who would like to attend Quaker gatherings, camps, and educational institutions. Members and regular attenders may apply at any time, and may be given at maximum one grant per calendar year. These funds are intended to supplement resources available to the participant from other sources. For more information and for the application form, please see our website page: <https://homewoodfriends.org/member-resources/scholarships/>.

PLEASE SIGN UP on the HOSPITALITY BOARD to prepare a simple lunch. It can be as simple as you want it to be, and instructions are available. Thank you!

EVENTS TODAY (DECEMBER 23):

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

FIRST DAY SCHOOL:

At the rise of meeting for worship today (12/23) the children in First Day School will present a play on the Nativity of Jesus. It will take few minutes to set up but we hope that you will stay!

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL DONATION:

GOAT reminds us that today (12/23) is the last day to make a donation to Heifer International to support the purchase of (a) goat(s) and a bee hive for families in developing countries. Please see the display at simple lunch. So far, \$245 has been collected. By collecting \$25 more, we will be able to help Heifer International provide two goats and a beehive!

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.

WICKER BASKET COLLECTION:

DECEMBER

The Wicker Basket recipient for December is **Paul's Place**, an organization that provides the necessary support to improve the lives of those living in Southwest Baltimore. More information is available in the December newsletter, or go to <https://paulsplaceoutreach.org/>. 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 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/>.

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

LAST CAROL SING EVENING AT STONY RUN tonight at 7 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

QUAKERS IN RECOVERY GROUP

The recovery group for adults continues on the **last Wednesday of each month, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.** Please join our fellowship of recovering Quakers at our meetinghouse. For more information, email Kevin-Douglas Olive (kdolive@hotmail.com) or call 443-930-6277. **Next meeting: Wednesday, December 26.**

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Dec. 25 and 26.

NEW YEAR'S EVE COFFEE HOUSE,

Monday, Dec 31, 6.00 - 9.00 p.m. in the dining room. Following the success of last year's New Year's Eve Coffee House, Homewood's Working Group for the Arts is sponsoring another!

Friends, families and friends of Friends are all welcome to share hot drinks and potluck supper, games, songs, poetry, etc. Bring a song; bring a poem; bring your own creation or just something that you love; or just bring yourself and join in. Stay for it all or drop in as you please.

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/> and in the newsletter. **Financial assistance from Trustees is available. Please see page 2 of the December newsletter for more information.**



“I want less love of money, less judging others, less tattling, less dependence upon external appearance. I want to see more fruit of the Spirit in all things, more devotion of heart, more spirit of prayer, more real cultivation of mind, more enlargement of heart towards all, more tenderness towards delinquents, and above all more of the rest, peace and liberty of the children of God.”

--Elizabeth Fry