

# Homewood Friends Meeting

## Announcements

Twelfth Month (December) 30, 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](mailto: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/>.

#### **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.

#### **EVENTS TODAY (DECEMBER 30):**

**FIRST DAY SCHOOL:** No First Day School. Games and art for those who come. Parents, please bring your children to worship at 10:30, and someone will accompany them out of meeting at 10:50.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**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.

**HYMN SINGING:** January 6 (first Sunday), 10:00 - 10:20 a.m. in the meeting room, led by Dave Sydlik. Join us!

**MEETING FOR BUSINESS:** Sunday, January 6, 12:30 p.m. in the meeting room. Childcare is available.

**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. Even if you can't provide simple lunch, bring in whatever leftovers you have, whether for 2 people or 5. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20).

**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/>.

**YAF (YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS) POTLUCK: January 6 (first Sunday).** Contact Maya Muñoz (301-703-0522) or Dave Sydlik (484-264-8489) for details.

**WOMEN'S MARCH IN WASHINGTON, Saturday, January 19.** If you are interested in attending the march as part of a group from Homewood, contact Cathy Hanson, 410.598.6275, [hanson.cathleen@gmail.com](mailto:hanson.cathleen@gmail.com) (text, call or email). We'll be taking the MARC train to DC from Penn Station.

**SING IN THE NEW YEAR: January 1, 2019, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Gunpowder Friends Meeting (Sparks, MD).** All are welcome to a day of joyful community singing. Come for all or part of the day. There will be nourishment for the body and the soul, including morning refreshments, a warm lunch, and afternoon snacks. For more information, (including overnight hospitality) contact Marilyn Rothstein (443-578-8430).

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2019 WOMEN'S RETREAT, January 25-27, Pearlstone Center in Reisterstown, MD** (near Baltimore). More information is available at <http://womensretreat.bym-rsf.net/> and in the newsletter. **Financial assistance from Trustees is available. For more information, please see page 1 of these announcements.**

"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