

Homewood Friends Meeting

Announcements

Twelfth Month (December) 9, 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.

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, and you can also find out more at <https://paulsplaceoutreach.org/>. Find Baltimore Quaker Peace and Justice Committee on Facebook: <https://facebook.com/BQPJC>.

NEWS OF FRIENDS

CAROL FURNAS is recovering well from her vascular bypass surgery on Tuesday. Phil and Carol thank Friends for their support.

EVENTS TODAY (DECEMBER 9):

QUAKER BOOK CLUB: No book club today. Please join us in January.

FIRST DAY SCHOOL: Rory and his adult assistant will continue to work with the children to prepare for the Christmas play. Parents, please bring your children to worship at 10:30. The production will occur on Sunday, December 23rd after the rise of Meeting for Worship.

POTLUCK LUNCH today.

HOLDING IN THE LIGHT PEOPLE TOUCHED BY MURDER IN BALTIMORE, 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 is today at 3 p.m. at the home of Barbara Bezdek. All are welcome. Please contact Susan Johns Smith (410-458-1835) if you plan to come.

CAROL SING EVENINGS AT STONY RUN begin TONIGHT and continue on December 16 & 23, at 7 p.m.

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.

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/>.

GEDCO'S CARES FOOD PANTRY: The Pantry is low on the following items: **shopping bags made from paper, plastic, or cloth.** Please leave contributions in the box in the main floor hallway.

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EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS BY EXSUL VAN HELDEN: Today is the last day of the show, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

PEACE VIGIL: We will gather on **December 7 (5-6 p.m.)** and on **December 14** (see below).

Friday, December 14: Homewood Friends Meeting's ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PEACE VIGIL AND PARTY.

5-6 pm Our annual Candlelight vigil visioning *Peace on Earth*. Candles provided. Bring friends!

6 pm Our annual Christmas party follows with Good Festivity, Fellowship, Music, and Food. We will share food, sing carols, raise funds for a goat (Heifer Project).

BALTIMORE STRIDE SQUARE DANCE

FUNDRAISER: **December 15th, 6:00-9:00 p.m.,** **Lovely Lane United Methodist Church, 2200 St. Paul St.** So much fun! More information is in the December newsletter and in the flyers.

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!

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