

Homewood Friends Meeting

Announcements

Second Month (February) 17, 2019

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 Second Query, on Meetings for Business:

Are meetings for business held in a spirit of worship, understanding, and forbearance? When direction seems lacking, is this seen as a challenge to a more prayerful search for truth? Do we humbly set aside our own preconceived notions as to proper action, seeking instead Divine guidance as to the right course? Is the Meeting aware that it speaks not only through its actions but also through its failure to act?

Do you participate regularly in meetings for business, discharge faithfully your committee responsibilities, and assume your share of financial support of the Meeting?

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.

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).

NEWS OF FRIENDS

Stan Becker had reconnection surgery on February 14, and his expected hospital stay is 4-5 days this time. Please hold him and Fannie in the Light.

EVENTS TODAY (FEBRUARY 17):

FIRST DAY SCHOOL: Old Testament lesson with Rory and Meri. Children should join their family for worship for the first 20 minutes of meeting, and Rory and Meri will accompany them out.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

CHESAPEAKE QUARTERLY MEETING: **Saturday, February 23 here at Homewood.** Join this special gathering to discuss "Growing a Quaker Voice in Annapolis." For more information, see the February newsletter and flyers in the meetinghouse. **Help is needed;** you can sign up for various tasks on the signup sheet in the meeting room.

EXPERIMENT WITH LIGHT: **Sunday, February 24 (4th Sunday), 9:15 a.m. in the library,** led by Susan Russell Walters.



WICKER BASKET COLLECTION:
FEBRUARY

The Wicker Basket recipient for February is **International Rescue Committee**. When there is a crisis the IRC is there, whether at the U.S.-Mexico border or in war-torn Yemen. We respond to the world's worst crises helping refugees to survive, recover and rebuild their lives. 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.

REGISTRATION FOR BYM CAMPS is now open! For more information, go to <https://bymcamps.org/>.

→Financial aid is available from Trustees. To apply, go to <https://homewoodfriends.org/member-resources/scholarships/>.

SPIRITUAL DEEPENING: This series begins on **Thursday, February 28**. If you have questions about centering in meeting, preparing for meeting for worship or other ways to enrich your spiritual experience, please join us. We will meet on the **last Thursdays of February (2/28), March (3/28), April (4/25), and May (5/30)**. Our discussions will be guided by the Pendle Hill pamphlet *Four Doors to Worship*, which is available from the office for \$7.00. Please email the office at homewoodfriends@gmail.com if you would like to attend the series. Flyers in the meetinghouse and the February newsletter provide more information.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING BOXES FROM GREENDISK are available again. More information is in the February newsletter. *The boxes are in the foyer. We cannot accept desktop computers, printers, copying machines, or radios.*

HOSPITALITY NEEDS A RICE COOKER. With the stove out of commission, we are seeking other means of preparing meals. If you can loan or give a rice cooker to the Meeting, we would be grateful. Please drop it off in the kitchen with a note. Thank you!

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

“We are not names, nor men, nor titles of Government, nor are we for this party nor against the other...but we are for justice and mercy and truth and peace and true freedom, that these may be exalted in our nation...”

--Edward Burrough