Homewood Friends Meeting
Announcements
First Month (January) 12, 2020
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 First Query: on meetings for worship
Are meetings for worship held in expectant waiting for Divine guidance? Are Friends encouraged to share spiritual insights? Are special gifts of ministry recognized and encouraged? Do you come to meeting with heart and mind prepared? Are you careful not to disturb the spirit of the meeting by late arrival or in other ways?

WELCOME TO VISITORS!
If this is your first time worshiping 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 COMMITTEE HAS FUNDS to support children and adults who would like to attend Quaker gatherings, camps, and educational institutions. 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/memberresources/scholarships/.

FROM THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE: A new year offers a new opportunity to help feed our community. Please sign up to prepare a simple lunch on the Hospitality easel. Many hands make light work!

EVENTS TODAY (JANUARY 12):
QUAKER BOOK CLUB 9:15 a.m. in the dining room. It will be our last discussion about Stephen Cary’s memoir The Intrepid Quaker. We will discuss the chapter on Vietnam and any essays you found interesting.
If you would like to be on the Quaker Book Club mailing list, please send Donna McKusick a note at dmckusick@icloud.com.

FIRST DAY SCHOOL: We will have a lesson on the Quaker Testimonies today. Children should come to meeting for the first 20 minutes, and then they will leave for First Day School with Maddie and Susie.

POTLUCK LUNCH today.

HOLDING IN THE LIGHT PEOPLE TOUCHED BY MURDER IN BALTIMORE: 12:30 - 1:00 p.m. in the library. The Meeting for Healing format for the group will continue. If you have questions, please contact Susan Smith, Cathleen Hanson or Stan Becker.
PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS:
Nominating Committee reminds us that they are a helpful community builder, and they help those of us who have difficulty with names. Thank you!

PEACE VIGIL
Every Friday, 5-6 p.m. Since 9/11/2001, we have held a vigil for peace every Friday evening. Join in at any time during the hour. The current focus is “BLACK LIVES MATTER” and “We Are All One People.”

WICKER BASKET COLLECTION: The Wicker Basket recipient for January through March is Heifer International, to purchase a goat for a family in need. For more information, go to https://www.heifer.org.

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.


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UPCOMING EVENTS:

PLASTICS WORKSHOP: Tuesday, January 14, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the library. Come with ideas, as we decide how to move forward. Even if you missed the previous sessions, you are welcome to join us. Contact Bess Keller (besskeller@gmail.com) for more information.

MID-WEEK MEETING FOR WORSHIP: Thursday, January 16, 7:00 p.m. in the library.

WELCOMING FOR RUSSELL TRIMMER: Sunday, January 19 at 12:30 p.m. in the library.

BYM WOMEN’S RETREAT: February 7 – 9, Pearlstone Retreat Center (Reisterstown, MD). Attention All Women of Baltimore Yearly Meeting —your presence is welcome at our annual women's retreat. For more information and to register, go to: womensretreat.bym-rsf.net/. Registration deadline is NOW January 15! There are few spaces left, so the registration deadline has been moved up from January 23 to January 15.

ENROLLMENT FOR BYM SUMMER CAMP begins online on Wednesday, January 15th at 7:00 p.m. For more information, dates, rates, or to register, please visit the website at bymcamps.org.

GEDCO’S CARES FOOD PANTRY: The Pantry is low on the following items: soup, canned tuna or salmon, canned tomatoes, pasta sauce, and grocery bags (plastic, paper, or reusable). Please leave contributions in the box in the main floor hallway.

“Entering into worship often feels to me somewhat like entering into a stream, which, though invisible to our outward eye, feels just as real as does a stream of water when we step into it. Just as bathing in a real stream of pure flowing water needs no justification to one who has experienced the vitality it brings, so entering into the stream of worship needs no justification to one who has experienced the healing, the peace, the renewal, the expansion which accompanies this altered state of consciousness.”

William Taber, Four Doors to Meeting for Worship, Pendle Hill Pamphlet #306