Homewood Friends Meeting
Announcements

First Month (January) 19, 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/membersresources/scholarships/.

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.

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EVENTS TODAY (JANUARY 19):
FIRST DAY SCHOOL: Today, First Day School will celebrate Martin Luther King Jr with a special program in the Library that will include family worship, activities, and a project. The program, facilitated by Young Adult Friends Maddie Doll, Beatrice Kennison, and/or Rory Kennison will start at 10:30. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children and other adults are welcome. Donna McKusick will provide oversight from Ministry and Counsel.
WELCOMING FOR RUSSELL TRIMMER: 12:30 p.m. in the library.

UPCOMING EVENTS:
MID-WEEK MEETING FOR WORSHIP: Thursday, January 23, 7:00 p.m. in the library.

EXPERIMENT WITH LIGHT (fourth Sunday): January 26, 9:15 a.m. in the library, led by Susan Russell Walters.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: Sunday, January 26, 12:15 p.m. in the Susan B. Anthony Room.
FROM THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE:
Please sign up to prepare a simple lunch on the Hospitality easel. Many hands make light work!

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.


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.

QUAKER EARTH CARE WITNESS TALK:
Sunday, January 26, 12:30 p.m. in the dining room. Barb Adams serves on the BYM Friends in Unity with Nature Committee, and she is the BYM representative to Quaker Earthcare Witness. Please bring questions or matters that you would like to discuss.

BYM WOMEN’S RETREAT: February 7 – 9, Pearlstone Retreat Center (Reisterstown, MD). Registration is full, but they are taking names for a wait list. For more information, go to womensretreat.bym-rsf.net/.

CHESAPEAKE QUARTERLY MEETING:
Sunday, February 16 at Little Falls Meeting. The program is titled “Finding Our Voices in Annapolis...2020.”

SAVE THE DATE: QUAKER PROCESS IN DECISION MAKING, Sunday, February 23, 12:30 in the library. Because we want to create an opportunity to support consistent Quaker practice among committees, on February 23rd at 12:30, the Ministry and Counsel Committee will hold a guided discussion on Quaker process in decision-making. All committee and working group clerks are expected to attend. Others are welcome to participate, especially those who may be considering taking on leadership responsibilities or those who simply want to know more about how Quakers discern direction corporately (as a group) and come together in unity to move forward in action. The handout that will be discussed is on the table in the meeting room by the door.

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“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