Homewood Friends Meeting
Announcements

First Month (January) 26, 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:
Please sign up to prepare a simple lunch on the Hospitality easel. Many hands make light work!

EVENTS TODAY (JANUARY 26):

EXPERIMENT WITH LIGHT: 9:15 a.m. in the library, led by Susan Russell Walters.

FIRST DAY SCHOOL: BYM Camp Day! In the midst of a cold (we hope) winter day, thoughts turn to summer days and camping fun. All First Day School children (campers and prospective campers) are encouraged to attend this program along with a parent. After 20 minutes in meeting for worship, please go to First Day School with Joanna and Susie. Experienced campers are encouraged to bring something about their BYM camping experience - a story, craft, bit of nature.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: 12:15 p.m. in the Susan B. Anthony Room.

QUAKER EARTHCARE WITNESS TALK:
12:30 p.m. in the dining room. Barb Adams, who has a traveling minute to share environmental concerns in BYM, 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.
**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](https://www.heifer.org), to purchase a goat for a family in need. For more information, go to [https://www.heifer.org](https://www.heifer.org).

**REMEMBER:** Everyone must observe Homewood Meeting’s [Youth Safety Policy](https://homewoodfriends.org/member-resources/policies/youth-safety-policy/).

**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, 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.

To prepare, please view the (beautiful) 26-min. film that Barb produced about Quaker Earthcare Witness. Available at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TZxTBQfJWAY&t=203s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TZxTBQfJWAY&t=203s).

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**MID-WEEK MEETING FOR WORSHIP:** Thursday, January 30, 7:00 p.m. in the library.

**RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP:** Tuesday, February 11, 7:00 p.m. in the library. Harvesting rainwater from your roof not only saves money on your water bill but it also helps your downstream neighbors! Learn all about the benefits of rain barrels with Blue Water Baltimore. We will demonstrate how to build and install a rain barrel and provide information on how you can purchase a fully assembled barrel or a DIY kit through our native plant nursery. The third in a series of GOAT workshops.

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

**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.](https://homewoodfriends.org/)

“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