**Homewood Friends Meeting**

**Announcements**

First Month (January) 5, 2020

Our website is: [http://www.homewoodfriends.org](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.

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**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?

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**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.

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

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**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 5):**

**HYMN SINGING:** 10:00 - 10:20 a.m. in the meeting room, led by Dave Sydlik. Join us!

**FIRST DAY SCHOOL:** Today is a lesson day. Children should go to meeting for worship with their family and then leave for First Day School with Maddie.

**HEIFER INTERNATIONAL FUNDRAISING:** **today during simple lunch.** Green Organizing Action Team (GOAT) will be raising money to purchase a goat for a family in a developing country through Heifer International. Information about the organization can be accessed at [https://www.heifer.org/](https://www.heifer.org/).

**MEETING FOR BUSINESS:** 12:30 p.m. in the meeting room. Childcare is available.

**YAF (YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS) POTLUCK:** **tonight (first Sunday).** Contact Maya Muñoz (301-703-0522) or Dave Sydlik (484-264-8489) for details.
### 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](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).

### 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](https://homewoodfriends.org/member-resources/policies/youth-safety-policy/).

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### MID-WEEK MEETING FOR WORSHIP - EXPERIMENT WITH LIGHT (second Thursday):
Thursday, January 9, 7:00 p.m. in the library.

#### QUAKER BOOK CLUB (second Sunday):
January 12, 9:15 a.m. in the dining room. QBC continues with The Intrepid Quaker: One Man's Quest for Peace: Memoirs, Speeches, and Writings of Stephen G. Cary. We will finish discussing the book. Come prepared to talk about one of the later chapters or essays.

If you would like to be on the Quaker Book Club mailing list, please send Donna McKusick a note at dmckusick@icloud.com.

#### POTLUCK LUNCH (second Sunday): January 12.

#### HOLDING IN THE LIGHT PEOPLE TOUCHED BY MURDER IN BALTIMORE (second Sunday): January 12, 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.

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

#### 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](http://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