**Homewood Friends Meeting**

**Announcements**

Third Month (March) 8, 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 Third Query: **The Meeting Community:**

Are love and harmony within the Meeting community fostered by a spirit of open sharing? Do you endeavor to widen your circle of friendships within the Meeting, seeking to know persons of all ages and at all stages of the spiritual journey? Does the Meeting provide for the spiritual refreshment of all members and attenders? Do Friends provide spiritual and practical care for the elderly, the lonely, and others with special needs?

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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.

**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/).

Enrollment for the BYM summer camping programs is open. For more information, dates, rates, or to register, please visit the website at [bymcamps.org](http://bymcamps.org).

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**EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 8):**

**QUAKER BOOK CLUB:** 9:15 a.m. in the dining room. QBC will continue discussing Pendle Hill Pamphlet #455, *Trying to Be Truthful* by Chel Avery. We will focus on our personal adventures in truth telling, as framed by Avery’s questions at the back of the pamphlet.

**FIRST DAY SCHOOL:** Today, the First Day School students will be learning about International Women's Day (March 8th!) and talking about the movement to achieve equity for women and how this relates to the Quaker Testimony of Equality. Children should start in meeting for worship with their parent(s) and then leave at 10:50 a.m. with Maddie and Megan.

**POTLUCK LUNCH** today.

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If you have questions, please contact Susan Smith, Cathleen Hanson or Stan Becker.
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](https://www.heifer.org).

**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.”

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

**FROM THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE:** Please sign up to prepare a simple lunch on the Hospitality easel. Many hands make light work!

**BALTIMORE STRIDE FILM SCREENING:**
Sunday, March 15, 7:00 p.m. at 103 E. Mt. Royal Ave, Baltimore, MD 21202 at 7:00 p.m.
More information in the March newsletter.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**WILDLIFE GARDENING WORKSHOP:** Intro. to Wildlife Gardening, Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the dining room. Welcome, gardeners! Learn how to transform your home, school, or workplace into a bird and butterfly paradise! Audubon experts will be on hand to share practical tips and scientific support for gardening with native plants. Leave with resources you need to beautify your outdoor space and attract birds, butterflies, and other beneficial wildlife! FREE. Space is limited. The last in a series of GOAT workshops.

**EXPERIMENT WITH LIGHT:** Thursday, March 12, 7:00 p.m. in the library. Part of the mid-week meeting for worship series, Experiment with Light is on second Thursdays.

**HOUSE AND GROUNDS WORK DAY:**
Saturday March 14, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. All volunteers welcome! Please share your time and talent as we make repairs and do updates. Join us for 1 hour or more. RSVP sign up either in meeting room or dining room.

**FCNL PRIORITIES SETTING SESSION:**
Sunday, March 15, 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. in the library. Every two years FCNL asks Quakers around the country to help shape its work. Accordingly, FCNL is asking Friends to help set our legislative priorities for the 117th Congress. Please join the Peace and Social Justice Committee in a special session to consider our advice to FCNL on legislative priorities.

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*I give myself this advice: Do not fear truth, let it be ever so contrary to inclination and feeling. Never give up the search after it; and let me take courage, and try from the bottom of my heart to do that which I believe truth dictates, if it lead me to be a Quaker or not….*

Elizabeth Fry