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# Homewood Friends Meeting

## *Newsletter*

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### ***Faith and Practice of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, the Ninth Query: The Social Order***

Do you promote social justice and make your life a testimony to fair dealing? Do you seek to understand and appreciate differing cultures and social values? Do you support fair treatment of all regardless of race, gender, age and other differences? Are you concerned for those in our society who are disadvantaged? Do you take your full share of civic responsibility by voting and giving service? Do you oppose the use of land, labor, technology and capital for human exploitation or in ways destructive to other living things?

### ***Faith and Practice of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, Advices for the Ninth Query:***

#### **Civic Responsibility**

Friends believe that the aim of government is to preserve a community in which justice, peace, good order and individual development are possible. Members of our Society are also citizens of the community and the nation. Quakerism is not intended to be a refuge from the disturbing events of our times, but rather a source of strength and support in facing them. The free institutions under which we live give many of our members a direct share in the responsibilities of government and in forming a healthy public opinion. ...

Whether or not directly involved in government, we need to consider carefully our responsibilities in influencing legislation and educating fellow citizens on public issues. Friends should work with people in other churches and in the community to bring about desirable ends through the institutional resources of society.

From the beginning, Friends have found that loyalty to God results at times in refusal of the demands of the state, as in opposition to war and unjust laws, and have supported decisions of conscience taken by individual Friends. Before deciding on a course which involves civil disobedience, a Friend should consult with persons of trusted judgment who have sympathy with the individual's sense of duty. Clearness committees within the Meeting are valuable in such situations.

## **Vocational and Financial Decisions**

The relationships, decisions, and actions of our working lives should reflect a calling to the service of God. Our witness will be unconvincing unless we seek and heed Divine guidance. Individual leadings vary with differences in talents and interests. Each Friend's talents, however, should be fully used.

Investment of assets and consumption of resources require our careful stewardship. As Friends we can direct our investments toward socially desirable ends, avoiding speculation and activities wasteful or harmful to others. We seek to participate constructively and without greed in the economic life of the community. We should refrain from undue accumulation of wealth as well as irresponsible borrowing.

Friends' Meetings and concerns require money and time. Non-pastoral Meetings do not need as much financial support as churches with paid ministers, but our concerns do call for considerable funding. We are required to give generously of our time, since our way of serving the Spirit depends on our personal efforts. For every Friend, the responsibility to give generously of both money and time is real. Monthly Meetings should provide regular opportunities for us to discuss our practices in the use of money and time. Wills should be made and periodically revised with care. This avoids difficulties for heirs and beneficiaries. The needs of our own family members and the merits of contributions to worthy causes should be considered in a spirit of love. Selection of a capable and understanding executor is encouraged.

## **Social Responsibility**

The basic Quaker trust in the Light within leads to our trust in the inherent dignity and sacredness of each person. This trust, combined with our Society's own history of persecution, underlies our social witness.

Some concerns which once drew the witness of Friends are obsolete today, but still we have many challenges. War, violence in streets and homes, injustice in the justice system, prejudice and discrimination, the plights of starving, homeless and disadvantaged people, and business conduct which involves exploitation of people or nature's resources all these still call us to action in obedience to the Spirit.

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## **TRUSTEES FUNDING TO ATTEND QUAKER EVENTS**

**Trustees Committee** has funds to support children and adults who would like to attend Quaker gatherings, camps, and educational institutions. Members and regular attenders may apply at any time, and may be given at maximum one grant per calendar year. 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/member-resources/scholarships/>.

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## **OPEQUON MEMORIES by Anthea Zeltzman**

I loved and have countless great memories from previous years at Opequon, but this year was very special to me. It is hard to explain why, but I loved this week so much and miss it. In previous years, on the last day I would be sad to leave camp, but would be happy to come back home. This year was different. My friends and I were all so sad to go and all wished we were staying another week. That is why I will be signing up for two weeks next summer! I made some incredible, lifelong friends that I talk to almost every day. I had great counselors and cabin mates that every night I would stay up late talking to and giving each other advice. Each unit goes on a different CI every week. This summer, my

unit went on a canoeing CI! I had the best time and really fell in love with canoeing. I don't usually like the CIs very much and prefer being at camp, but this time I had a great time being on the beautiful Potomac River and bonding with other campers in my unit. For workshops, I did Opecappella which is an Opequon acapella group, and Beatrice Kennison was actually one of the two heads of the workshop! I knew nothing about acapella before and now I love listening to it and enjoy singing more than I did before camp. Opequon is like a second home to me, and I look forward to it all year.



### ***UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOMEWOOD***

**HYMN SINGING:** September 2 (first Sunday), 10:00 - 10:20 a.m. in the meeting room, led by Dave Sydlik. Join us!

**MEETING FOR BUSINESS:** Sunday, September 2, 12:30 p.m. in the dining room. Childcare is available.

**QUAKER BOOK CLUB:** Sunday, Sept. 9, 9:15 a.m. in the library or another room. At the end of this past year, Richey Sharrett graciously shared an excerpt from Stephen G. Cary's *The Intrepid Quaker: One Man's Quest for Peace (Memoirs, Speeches, and Writings)*. Copies are available in the dining room or on our website at <https://homewoodfriends.org/religious-education/adult-religious-education/>. We will discuss this reading and also carve out 15-20 minutes to decide on a longer selection for the rest of the fall. Please bring your ideas to the meeting. All are welcome!

**HOLDING IN THE LIGHT PEOPLE TOUCHED BY MURDER IN BALTIMORE:** Sunday, September 9, 12:30 - 1:00 in the library. The Meeting for Healing format for the group will continue with 2-3 names of persons and a brief biography given into the silence sequentially in three groups: a) Names of those murdered in Baltimore and we hold family and friends in the Light; b) Names of persons arrested or convicted and in prison for murder; c) Unnamed persons touched by violence in Baltimore. If you have questions, please contact Susan Smith, Cathleen Hanson or Stan Becker.

**ALSO ON SEPTEMBER 9: A VISIT FROM REAL LIVE GOATS!!** Children and the child in all of us will enjoy cavorting with these creatures, who will be stationed at the side of the meetinghouse. More information is in the GOAT Noat below.

→**UPSTAIRS MEETING FOR WORSHIP resumes on Sunday, September 16.**

**FIRST DAY SCHOOL OPENING - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th**

Children of all ages, parents, teachers, and interested adults are invited to the *First Day School Opening Program on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM in the Dining Room.* During the 2018-19 school year, we will explore the Old Testament in developmentally appropriate ways suited to the children. Our focus will be on figures - particularly the women - in the Old Testament - stories, and themes. This year we also plan to have several lessons related to care for creation/the environment.

The lessons and activities will blend reading, games, discussions, art, and service with a liberal dose of physical movement and fun! Join us on September 16<sup>th</sup> to learn more about what the Religious Education Committee has planned for the year for the children, how parents and adults can support and help, a fun game or two, and .....drumroll please.....Miss Susie's homemade, just-like-camp Sweet Potato Biscuits.

For further information, please contact John McKusick at [john.ca.mckusick@verizon.net](mailto:john.ca.mckusick@verizon.net) or **410-830-9225.**

**YOUNG FRIENDS CONFERENCE: Friday, September 21 - Sunday, September 23 at**

**Homewood.** Young Friends should plan to begin arriving at 7:00 p.m. on Friday. For information, check the Young Friends website ([www.bym-rsf.org/what\\_we\\_do/yfs/yfcon.html](http://www.bym-rsf.org/what_we_do/yfs/yfcon.html)) or contact Jocelyn Dowling (301-774-7663). Remember that **the deadline to register at the discounted rate and be guaranteed a slot is two weeks before the conference (September 7).** Anyone registering after that date may be placed on a waiting list.

**QUAKERS IN RECOVERY GROUP**

Have a hurt, habit, or hang up? Are you in a twelve step or other recovery program and want to bring together your Quaker faith and practice with your recovery? Working on those steps involving ol' HP? Looking to fellowship with other adult Friends like you? You're invited to a fellowship of recovering Quakers at our meetinghouse. Presently, the format is reading and worship sharing (subject to change). **Last Wednesday of each month. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.** For more information, email Kevin-Douglas Olive ([kdolive@hotmail.com](mailto:kdolive@hotmail.com)) or call 443-930-6277. **Next meeting: Wednesday, September 26.**

**EXPERIMENT WITH LIGHT: Sunday, September 30, 9:15 a.m. in the library,** led by Susan Russell Walters. (Experiment with Light is regularly scheduled for the 4th Sunday of the month but was rescheduled this month to accommodate Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting on September 23.)

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: Sunday, September 30, 12:15 p.m. in the Susan B. Anthony Room.**

**FRIENDLY 8s SECOND ROUND SIGN-UP!** Several of us have enjoyed getting to know each other in these intimate potluck gatherings that were organized by our Outreach Team. If you want to get to know more people in the Meeting, or if you missed the first round and want to join the fun, please sign up on the sheets in the meeting room. The potlucks will resume in October.

**GREEN ORGANIZING ACTION TEAM:  
“GOAT NOAT” FOR SEPTEMBER 2018**

On **Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** thousands of events will be held in cities and towns around the world to strengthen commitment to building a fossil fuel free world that works for all people. Here in Baltimore, the Baltimore People's Climate Movement (BPCM) is organizing a **Festival for Change: Climate, Jobs & Justice** that will feature art, performances, and opportunities to take local action for climate justice. **The Festival runs from 12:00 – 4:00 PM at the War Memorial at 101 North Gay Street** and includes exhibits, speakers, games, performances, and more. Find details at <https://actionnetwork.org/events/rise-for-climate-jobs-justice-baltimore/?referrer=350-org&source=tagged> GOAT is organizing a Homewood contingent to attend together. Look for an email with details in the week of September 3<sup>rd</sup> or contact John McKusick, [john.ca.mckusick@verizon.net](mailto:john.ca.mckusick@verizon.net) or 410-830-9225.

On **Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**, Homewood will **“Go Ga Ga for Goats”** as a few members of the Harmony Church Farm goatherd, with their human caretakers, will visit our Meeting. Children, in particular are invited to participate by:

- Meeting the goats when they arrive around 10:15 AM and help with setting up the side yard for the goats' stay.
- Participating in an educational program in which they will learn about the role of goats in ecosystems, as well as their care and handling. This will occur during Meeting for Worship. Note: Meeting for Worship will be downstairs.
- Helping with returning the goats to their trailer in preparation for their return back to Harmony Church Farm.

**Doug Tallamy**, one of the country's leading experts on using **native plants** to restore our native watersheds, will present his inspiring and urgent slideshow/lecture about the many ways home gardeners and institutions alike can make great strides in restoring the Chesapeake Bay Watershed by becoming more aware of the relationships between plants, birds, insects and local habitats. Event is free and is offered as part of Brown Memorial's participation in One Water Partnership. **Tuesday, September 25, 7:00pm – 9:30pm**, Brown Memorial Park Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1316 Park Avenue, Baltimore. [www.interfaithchesapeake.org/doug\\_tallamy\\_at\\_brown\\_memorial](http://www.interfaithchesapeake.org/doug_tallamy_at_brown_memorial)

Want to go solar but your roof isn't acceptable for panels? You rent and don't own the roof?

**Community solar** enables people who unable to install solar panels on their own roofs to go solar.

Here's how it works: First, you subscribe to a small share of a large solar project in your community. The energy produced by that shared solar project goes directly into the grid. Then, you receive a credit on your utility bill for the amount of electricity your share of the solar project produced.

**Neighborhood Sun** ([neighborhoodsun.solar/westminster-proj-details](http://neighborhoodsun.solar/westminster-proj-details)) and **CleanChoice Energy** ([email.cleanceoiceenergy.com/community-solar-in-maryland-ccan](mailto:email.cleanceoiceenergy.com/community-solar-in-maryland-ccan)) are two of the first opportunities for BGE customers to join a community solar project. Take a look and see if one suits your needs -- then reserve your spot before the program fills up!

**Committee members:** Carol Beck, Caitlyn Behnke, Gary Gillespie, Cathy Hanson, Polly Heninger (clerk), John McKusick, and Stephan Rogers. (This is an open committee - please join us!)

### IN THE PEACE AND JUSTICE CORNER

Several Friends from both Homewood and Stony Run meetings joined in the marvelous **Baltimore Ceasefire Anniversary March**, on Saturday August 4, 2018. For pictures and more information about how to get involved, visit <https://baltimoreceasefire.com/>, or talk with Jo Brown and Susan Johns Smith.

Mark your Calendars: **Voices from the Holy Land film series starts this September** in Baltimore.

*About the series:* The series has been running for a few years in Virginia, D.C. and Montgomery County. Homewood Meeting has agreed to co-sponsor the Baltimore series, which we hope will be annual. **Screenings are on Sunday afternoons.** Films focus on issues of justice, human rights, and peace for the people in Israel-Palestine who are living with the longest military occupation in modern history. All films are documentaries, and screenings are paired with moderated Q&A discussions led by knowledgeable experts. This series is officially supported by a coalition (as of now) of 41 interfaith (Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Unitarian) and interdenominational faith organizations. The first film in Baltimore will be September 23, at 1:30 pm at St Ignatius: **The Stones Cry Out**. On September 30, at 2:30 at Homewood, **Jews Step Forward**, presented by Hinenu: Baltimore Justice Shteibl. **Gaza in Context** and **Gaza: A Gaping Wound**, will be shown at Homewood on October 14, at 2:30 pm. For the full schedule see <https://www.voicesfromtheholylan.org/events>.

The **Court Watch** project is continuing into October, to monitor Baltimore City judges' compliance with state standards for equitable bail, particularly as applied to women. Court watchers are needed every day of the week. Contact Kathryn Munnell if you are interested to participate.

The **weekly Vigil** continues, on Fridays from 5-6 pm, on Charles Street in front of the Meeting House. Holding signs and banners that say Black Lives Matter, We are All One People, No Hate, and Love thy Neighbor (No Exceptions) during rush hour, we continue to elicit honks, and walk-up thank yous (and even hugs). Join us when you can for even part of the hour, for witness, sharing and brainstorming.

--Barbara Bezdek, Clerk, Peace and Justice Committee. (This is an open committee - please join us!)

**WICKER BASKET CONTRIBUTIONS** The Wicker Basket recipient for September is **Project PLASE**. They explain their mission on their website: "Project PLASE, Inc. addresses homelessness in Baltimore by providing transitional housing, permanent housing and supportive services to homeless adults. We serve the most vulnerable and underserved, including persons with mental illness, HIV/AIDS, addiction, developmental disabilities, and ex-offenders, etc. We treat, restore and rehabilitate the whole person. We empower each individual to function at the highest level possible." Please join us in supporting their work. *Please consider making a regular Wicker Basket contribution. Recipients are chosen by the Baltimore Quaker Peace and Justice Committee (BQPJC), which meets on the fourth Sunday of each month. Everyone is welcome to attend.* Find BQPJC on Facebook at <https://facebook.com/BQPJC>.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MEETING** are needed and gratefully accepted; they support the maintenance of the Meeting and our contributions to designated service organizations. It is very helpful for contributors to make arrangements for their banks to send regular checks. This provides the Meeting with a predictable cash flow. *Please make all checks payable to "Homewood Friends Meeting."*

**SIMPLE LUNCH:** Everyone is welcome to lunch after Meeting for Worship; there is no charge. Friends are welcome to bring food but please bring enough for everyone. Please sign up on the Bulletin Board in the Dining Room if you can provide Simple Lunch for a day of your choosing.

**JOIN A COMMITTEE:** Nominating Committee invites you to consider joining a committee; it's a great way to serve the Meeting and to get to know others in the community. Committee descriptions are available on the Homewood website at <https://homewoodfriends.org/member-resources/committees/>. Please contact Carol Beck, Mina Brunyate, Gary Gillespie, or Kevin-Douglas Olive for more information (contact information is in the Homewood directory online).

## ***OTHER QUAKER EVENTS AND NOTICES***

**SINGING FOR EVERYONE:** Sunday, September 2 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the home of Mira and Dan Appleby, 2013 Jolly Road, Baltimore MD 21209. Bring a copy of *Rise Up Singing*, if you have one.

**SPIRITUAL FORMATION RETREAT:** Friday, September 14 - Sunday, September 16 at Shepherd's Spring Retreat Center, 16869 Taylors Landing Rd, Sharpsburg, MD 21782.

The Baltimore Yearly Meeting Spiritual Formation Program invites its participants into a deeper experience of God's presence through retreats, devotional readings, spiritual community and individual spiritual practices. Spiritual Formation provides a practical way for people in our busy culture to turn to God with their hearts through daily spiritual practices, with their minds through spiritual reading, and with their human relationships through local friendship groups.

The Spiritual Formation Program has three elements:

- (1) Retreat weekends in the spring and the fall engage participants in exploring their individual spiritual lives and sharing their discoveries within small groups or with other individual participants. (It is strongly recommended but not mandatory to attend the retreats.)
- (2) At home, each participant is encouraged to devote at least 15 minutes per day to a spiritual practice. Resources for exploring a wide range of spiritual practices are available.
- (3) Also at home, participants attend two meetings per month: a meeting of the entire local group to share hospitality and reflections on a spiritual reading that all have agreed to read; and a gathering with a friendship group, a subset of 3-5 people from the local group. Friendship groups meet at times and places of their own choosing to share personal spiritual journeys and to support one another in spiritual practices.

**You can register at <https://www.bym-rsf.org/events/spiritform/spiritform.html>.**

→ Financial assistance is available from the Trustees Committee.

**FAMILY CAMP WEEKEND:** September 21 – 23, Shiloh Quaker Camp (Hood, VA).

Family Camp Weekends at Baltimore Yearly Meeting Camp Properties offer us all a chance to enjoy our beautiful camp properties. Individuals and families are invited to enjoy the camps for a day or for the weekend. There will also be plenty of work projects, which offer people with all kinds of skills the opportunity to enjoy some meaningful and satisfying service. We will savor meals together, have time to explore and even spend time around a camp fire in the evening. We invite you to join us for a BYM Quaker Camp experience, give the gift of your time, participate with children in activities and find yourself rejuvenated. Participants are asked to contribute according to their ability – \$25-50 per person. To register please contact David Hunter, Camp Property Manager. (301-774-7663 or [davidhunter@bym-rsf.org](mailto:davidhunter@bym-rsf.org)) For more information, see the BYM Camps web-site at [bymcamps.org/programs/family-camp-weekends/](http://bymcamps.org/programs/family-camp-weekends/).

**CHESAPEAKE QUARTERLY MEETING: Sunday, September 23 at Annapolis Friends Meeting, 351 Dubois Rd., Annapolis, MD.**

**Program: *Growing our Meetings: In-reach, Outreach & Welcoming Newcomers***

Dear Friends:

Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting (CQM) is in a period of revival. During our last two meetings we have committed to continuing CQM and developed a structure that will support our focus on building relationships among us and learning from each other. We have formed a "Nuts & Bolts Committee" to plan the CQM meetings and activities and now have leadership of co-clerks.

Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting is all about relationships. Quakers from the meetings in Central Maryland come together to learn from each other and become friends. Please consider joining us at Annapolis Friends Meeting and explore their "green" meeting house!

**Agenda**

9:00 Welcome/Refreshments

9:15 Growing Our Meetings: In-reach, Outreach & Welcoming  
(a dialogue on what is working & where we need help)

11:00 Meeting for Worship

12:15 Lunch

1:15 Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business - please let us know if you have any business items

2:30 Adjourn

Childcare available upon request. Please email Suzanne Spoor @ [sjspoor@aacc.edu](mailto:sjspoor@aacc.edu) by 9/15/18.

Janet Abrams & Sarah Bur

Co-Clerks, Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting

<http://chesapeake.bym-rsf.net>

[ChesapeakeQM@gmail.com](mailto:ChesapeakeQM@gmail.com)

**OPEQUON QUAKER CAMP 40th and 20th REUNIONS: September 28 – 30, Opequon Quaker Camp (Brucetown, VA).** This summer marks the 40th year since the first summer of Camp Opequon on the Pigeon Property And we will be entering the 20th Year of the Opequon Quaker Arts Camp!! Join us for a weekend of reminiscing, singing around the campfire, camp activities, great camp food, and catching up with old friends.

All camp alumni from both versions of BYM Camps at Opequon are encouraged to come and BYM Camps alumni and friends of BYM Camps are also welcome. Cost to attend is \$45.00 for the weekend or \$10.00 per meal. To get on the announcement list or to help with the planning, email [opequonreunion@bym-rsf.org](mailto:opequonreunion@bym-rsf.org) (This event is not aimed at current campers.)

**AT STONY RUN:**

- **KENYAN PROGRAMMED MEETING FOR WORSHIP, Sunday, September 9 at 2:00 p.m.** Repeats every month on the second Sunday.
- **JAZZ & MORE: WARREN WOLF & WOLFPACK, Saturday, September 22, at 7:30 p.m.** Warren Wolf, a native Baltimorean, is a world-renowned vibraphonist. Come enjoy a fabulous evening of jazz, bebop, pop and more at Stony Run. Tickets are \$25 at the door or \$20 in advance (\$10 for kids 12 and younger), which includes a festive Sweet & Savory reception after the concert. Advance purchase at <http://www.stonyrunfriends.org/srcms/content/concert-registration> or by check at the meetinghouse.



**YOUNG FRIENDS PROGRAM - A LETTER FROM JOSSIE DOWLING, YOUTH  
PROGRAM MANAGER**

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youthprograms@bym-rsf.org

Hello Homewood Friends,

The school year is fast approaching and that means that BYM is also gearing up to start a new season of youth conferences. We could use your help spreading the word about our Young Friends and Junior Young Friends Program... Here is the schedule for this year's youth conferences. ... **Rose Rutkowski** and **Henry Kennison** are both involved in the Young Friends and would be great people for other youth to talk to about the program.

**Young Friends (ages 14-18)**

September 21-23 at Homewood Friends Meeting

November 23-25

February 15-17

March/April

May 24-26

(all locations are to be determined)

**Junior Young Friends (ages 11-13)**

November 3-4

January 12-13

March 16-17

May 10-12

**ADELPHI MEETING RESIDENT CARETAKER JOB OPENING**

Adelphi Friends Meeting in Adelphi, MD requires a Resident Caretaker to begin a one to three year term in Spring 2019.

Adelphi Friends Meeting has approximately 150 attenders and members in its directory, and around 90 attenders to Meeting for Worship each week. There are two buildings, a meetinghouse, and an old farm house -- called the White House because of its color -- which houses four classrooms and the resident's apartment. The campus also consists of a storage shed, parking lot, a small memorial garden, a child's play area, and picnic area. Lawn care is not the responsibility of the resident, though picking up refuse on the grounds is.

The resident's apartment on the second floor of a renovated 1920 farm house is self-contained but small. It is a one-bedroom studio apartment, with a small kitchen area, and a bathroom [total area approximately 500+/- sq. ft.]. Utilities are included -- gas, electric, water, and a washing machine and dryer in the basement of the farm house.

The resident's duties are expected to take about 10-15 hours weekly. They include:

- Sorting and distributing mail and phone messages, and emails.
- Scheduling use of the meeting's facilities using an online calendaring tool.
- Light cleaning and housekeeping (in between visits by a regularly scheduled cleaning service).
- Taking out trash, recyclables, and compost weekly to the dumpster on campus.
- Serving as ex officio member of House and Grounds Committee, responsible for alerting the committee of any problems with the premises.(House and Grounds meets once a month generally.)

- Coordinating with repair persons to make appointments and be present for the appointments or ensure that someone else is present.
- Coordinating with maintenance contractors, such as snow removal and gutter cleaning.
- Locking and unlocking doors on First Days, and making sure the meeting house is in order and as comfortable as possible. This includes turning on AC units in the summer and programming the thermostats in the winter.
- Tracking maintenance and repairs needed, in progress, and completed.
- Ensuring the safety of the premises at all times.

In addition, during the term it is expected that a major construction project will begin. For the resident, the construction process will require interacting with contractors and communicating with appropriate people.

An owner's representative, as well as a building committee, will be in charge of the construction process, but the resident will be on site and accordingly will intervene from time to time as needed. Skills essential for a successful residency include familiarity with Quaker processes, language, and values. The resident is expected to be open and welcoming to members and attenders as well as visitors, neighbors, and contractors: the resident is a representative of the Adelphi Friends Meeting community. Resident's position is contingent on passing a background check. Please contact Heather Carter: Resident, Adelphi Friends Meeting [heatherc@marlboro.edu]

### **AT PENDLE HILL (WALLINGFORD, PA):**

**Alternatives to Violence Project: Advanced Workshop, September 7-9, 2018** (Friday evening through late Sunday afternoon). A weekend workshop with .O, John Meyer, and Laurent Hahn. The Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) enables participants to deal with potentially violent situations in new and creative ways. Workshops are facilitated by certified facilitators and are fully experiential. All AVP workshops draw on the shared experience of participants, using interactive exercises, discussions, games, and role-plays to examine the ways we respond to situations where injustice, prejudice, frustration, and anger can lead to violent behavior. The Basic Workshop explores the five pillars of AVP: affirmation, communication, cooperation, community building, and transforming power.

Activities abound at Pendle Hill. For a complete list of events, go to <https://pendlehill.org/learn/workshops-courses-events/>.

→ Remember that you can apply for a grant from Trustees.

## ***QUAKERS AND THE LARGER COMMUNITY***

### **FRIENDS UNITED MEETING (FUM):**

In August, Kenyan Quakers from around the USA gathered for a weekend worship experience hosted together by Life Gate Quaker Church and Stony Run Friends Meeting. They heard powerful messages from Sophie Shivachi, including a challenge taken from Mark 5 for Friends to put out into the deep of Jesus.

FUM's North American Ministries Coordinator Ben Snyder traveled to Baltimore to be part of this worship experience. Here's what he has to say:

"God is doing a new thing among Kenyan Friends in North America! I was humbled and honored to worship with Life Gate Quaker Church and Stony Run Friends Meeting this past weekend in Baltimore. Quakers from all over the US and beyond came together to sing songs, share meals, and worship in the manner of Friends and Kenyan Quakers. Many blessings and thanks to Pastor Gilbert Imbayi of Life

Gate Quaker Church for the amazing messages and ministry, and to everyone at Stony Run Friends Meeting for sharing the gift of hospitality with us. I was truly blessed at this year's Kenyan Worship Experience! I look forward to sharing friendship and fellowship again with you all soon!"



**THINKING ABOUT RACE (SEPTEMBER 2018): Witnessing Whiteness** by Shelly Tochluk

“As part of the dominant racial group in the United States, white people have generally not been either inspired or forced to question the ways that race has shaped our attitudes, beliefs, and actions. This limits our freedom. We don’t recognize our patterns, and therefore we are unable to decide whether or not these patterns are beneficial for our lives and relationships. Allowing a new vision to challenge ideas developed over the course of our lives is therefore a move toward personal liberation” (pp.113-114).

“Let me restate more clearly, the purpose of becoming better witnesses of whiteness is not to ingratiate ourselves with people of color. This is not about being redeemed or validated. Instead, people need to be clear that when we can witness whiteness present in our surroundings, we let people know that we can be a part of conversations that most white people generally avoid, defend against, or deny. We take a step forward in our individual and collective healing process by being more available for deep, honest dialogue. We enjoy a measure of freedom previously unavailable; we choose how to relate to our whiteness” (pp 137-138).

From *Witnessing Whiteness: The Need to Talk About Race and How To Do It*, by Shelly Tochluk, 2010. Tochluk, a Professor in the Education Department at Mount St. Mary’s College, trains educators to work with the diverse Los Angeles school population.

This column is prepared by the BYM Working Group on Racism (WGR) and sent to the designated liaison at each Monthly and Preparative Meeting. The BYM WGR meets most months on the third Saturday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Locations vary to allow access to more Friends. If you would like to attend, on a regular or a drop-in basis, contact clerk David Etheridge, david.etheridge@verizon.net.

**The Baltimore-Area Working Group on Racism usually meets 7 – 9 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month in the Stony Run dining room, except July and August.** We consider issues around racial justice, share personal experiences, and plan and host special events. All are welcome to attend, on a regular or drop-in basis.



### ***Schedule of Meetings for Worship***

Every First Day (Sunday)	10:30 a.m. Homewood Meeting House (downstairs in summer)
Every Tuesday	11:30 a.m. at <u>Sheppard Pratt campus Meeting House</u> (under the care of Stony Run Friends Meeting)
First Sunday of each month	12:30 p.m. Meeting for Business, Homewood Meeting House <b><u>SEPTEMBER'S BUSINESS MEETING</u></b> will be on Sept. 2.

### ***Schedule of Committee and Group Meetings***

Administrative	<b>Odd months last Sundays</b> 12:15 p.m.
Green Organizing Action Team (GOAT)-- OPEN	<b>As called;</b> contact <u>Polly Heninger</u> , 410.366.8360
Hospitality—OPEN	<b>As called;</b> contact <u>Pat Tracey</u> , 443.846.1036
House & Grounds—OPEN	<b>2nd Tuesdays</b> at 7:30 p.m., contact <u>Charlie Neill</u> , 410.323-8504
Library—OPEN	<b>As called;</b> contact <u>Polly Heninger</u> , 410.366.8360
Baltimore Quaker Peace & Justice Committee—OPEN	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sundays</b> at 8:45 a.m., alternates between Homewood ( <b>odd months</b> ) & Stony Run.; contact <u>Barbara Bezdek</u> , 410.377.4205
Ministry & Counsel	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays;</b> contact <u>Ann Walker Kennedy</u> , 410.426.5836
Religious Education—OPEN	<b>Dates vary;</b> contact <u>John McKusick</u> , 410.377.2797
Trustees	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays;</b> contact <u>Bess Keller</u> , 410.889.3176

*These are the regularly scheduled meeting times for each committee or group. Changes and special meeting times will be announced and/or committee members will be notified (see calendar at [homewoodfriends.org](http://homewoodfriends.org)). Location is at the Meeting House unless noted. Committees so marked are OPEN to guests; contact the committee clerk if you'd like to attend.*