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Homewood Friends Meeting

Newsletter

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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?

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

Meeting for Worship

The meeting for worship is the heart of every Friends Meeting. Baltimore Yearly Meeting generally has unprogrammed worship based on waiting in silence, and founded on faith that human beings can commune directly with God. In expectant silence we strive to center inwardly. Each is aided by the seeking of others, so that worship becomes a corporate experience.

Friends approach the meeting for worship confidently, believing that God speaks directly to us, revealing Divine Will and guiding those who listen. Each worshiper becomes a listener ready to receive God's message, which may come in the silence or in spoken words. The divine manifests itself to individuals in many ways.

While Friends in the several branches have varying forms of worship, even unprogrammed Meetings have elements of accepted practice. All Friends seek to avoid the stultification which can arise from dependence on ritual and outward sacraments. The simplicity of Friends' worship results from an emphasis on the reality of the inward experience. Direct communion with God the experience of the Holy Spirit makes the observance of outward rites unnecessary.

Worship requires discipline of mind and heart, and heeding the Holy Spirit over and above our worldly concerns. Daily meditation and prayer, study of the Bible and other writings of spiritual inspiration, and striving to live each day in harmony with the Divine Will help to prepare minds and hearts for the consciousness of the presence of God in worship.

With diligence meet together, and with diligence wait to feel the Lord God to arise, to scatter and expel all that which is the cause of leanness and barrenness upon any soul; for it is the Lord must do it, and he will be waited upon in sincerity and fervency of Spirit; ...and let none be hasty to utter words, though manifest in the light in which ye wait upon the Lord; but still wait in silence, to know the power

working in you to bring forth the words, in the ministration of the eternal word of life to answer the life in all. (Stephen Crisp, 1663)

Vocal Ministry

Waiting upon the Holy Spirit in silent expectation and prayer is the basis of our meeting for worship. Vocal ministry should arise out of a sense of being inwardly moved to share a message aloud. Sometimes a message is not ripe yet, or comes clearly but is meant only for the person receiving it, not for the group. Some Friends are led to speak frequently, and others only rarely; yet the timid or brief message of one who seldom speaks may be as moving and helpful as that of a more practiced speaker. The experienced speaker should be watchful not to speak too often or at undue length. No Friend should come to meeting for worship with an intention to speak or not to speak.

The most satisfactory vocal ministry arises out of a leading that is felt in the silence so strongly that it cannot be ignored. It should be delivered with as few words as possible, yet as many as necessary. Vocal prayer offered on behalf of the gathered meeting can also bring us into closer harmony with God.

CORRESPONDENCE

Corry Royer writes, *Our new address is 2802 Glen Elyn Way, Baldwin, MD 21013.*

We're in Harford County in a politically red area, which has proved to be interesting to say the least. I worked on Jesse Colvin's campaign to unseat Andy Harris, which I realized was a bit of a quixotic endeavor, but was a good experience nonetheless. It proved to be a way to meet like-minded liberal folks who are hard to find otherwise.

We have also met a number of similarly minded folks through Little Falls Meeting where we are attending more regularly than we did in the past few years at Homewood.

Yes, Mali and the kids are all living with us and it's working out pretty well. Not the retirement I envisioned, but full of its own rewards as it daily lives up to Lynn's characterization of our lives together as a "happy zoo."

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOMEWOOD

NEW YEAR'S EVE COFFEE HOUSE, Monday, Dec 31, 6.00 - 9.00 pm in the Dining Room.

Following the success of last year's New Year's Eve Coffee House, Homewood Working Group for the Arts is sponsoring another!

Friends, families and friends of Friends are all welcome to share hot drinks and potluck supper, games, songs, poetry, etc. Bring a song; bring a poem; bring your own creation or just something that you love; or just bring yourself and join in. Stay for it all or drop in as you please.

HYMN SINGING: January 6 (first Sunday), 10:00 - 10:20 am in the meeting room, led by Dave Sydlik. Join us!

MEETING FOR BUSINESS: Sunday, January 6, 12:30 pm in the meeting room. Childcare is available.

YAF (YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS) POTLUCK: January 6 (first Sunday). Contact Maya Munoz (301-703-0522) or Dave Sydlik (484-264-8489) for details.

LILLIE CARROLL JACKSON MUSEUM VISIT: On **Saturday January 12**, a group of us are going to visit the Lillie Carroll Jackson Museum on Eutaw Street to learn about her work as the President of the NAACP and her family and circle of civil rights leaders, including Margaret Carey Thomas of Homewood Meeting. We will drive from Homewood leaving at **10:45 am, returning about 1 pm**. Please contact Megan Shook if you want to go along (410-419-0099 or mega330@comcast.net).

QUAKER BOOK CLUB: **Sunday, January 13, 9:15 am in the dining room.** Discussion leader Donna McKusick writes, “We will begin discussing the book *Practicing Peace* by Catherine Whitmire. We read this years ago, but I think it may be time again. It is not heavy on narrative but rather a collection of quotes on various topics. One entire chapter is on ‘practicing peace through conflict with others,’ another chapter on trust, and another on healing. These seem connected to me to the Benjamin Lay article and the Pendle Hill pamphlet about Living in Dark Times.” Please order your own copy at <https://quakerbooks.org/products/practicing-peace-4073>.

POTLUCK LUNCH: **Sunday, January 13.**

HOLDING IN THE LIGHT PEOPLE TOUCHED BY MURDER IN BALTIMORE: **Sunday, January 13, 12:30 - 1:00 pm 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.

WOMEN’S MARCH, **Saturday, January 19.** If you are interested in attending the Women's March in Washington as part of a group from Homewood, contact Cathy Hanson, 410-598-6275, hanson.cathleen@gmail.com (text, call or email). We'll be taking the MARC train to DC from Penn Station.

EXPERIMENT WITH LIGHT: **Sunday, January 27 (4th Sunday), 9:15 am in the library,** led by Susan Russell Walters.

FIRST DAY SCHOOL

January 6th Old Testament Lesson with Rory and Meri

January 13th Service project with John and Susie

January 20th Martin Luther King Jr. Program with Rory

January 27th Camp Day and Arts Project

Parents, please bring your school aged children to worship rather than the nursery. The instructors will lead the children out of meeting at 10:50.

QUAKERS IN RECOVERY GROUP

The recovery group for adults continues on the **last Wednesday of each month, 7:00 - 9:00 pm.**

Please join our fellowship of recovering Quakers at our meetinghouse. For more information, email Kevin-Douglas Olive (kdolive@hotmail.com) or call 443-930-6277. **Next meeting: Wednesday, January 30.**

PEACE VIGIL

Every Friday, 5-6 pm. 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.” The Peace and Justice Committee is looking at possibilities for holding vigil on a different day of the week and slightly later time, in 2019.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE ACQUISITIONS

The Library Committee has recently acquired some new books. Several of them are children’s books about Quaker history and values. In addition:

- *The Porcupine of Truth* by Bill Konigsberg, a terrific young adult novel recommended by Henry Kennison and suitable for adults of all ages.
- *Sea Prayer* by Khaled Hosseini, illustrated by Dan Williams, a picture book about the refugee crisis with stunning illustrations.

These and other featured items are on the shelves to the right as you enter the library.

Library Committee: Dave Sydlik, Henry Kennison, Mandy McMahan, Michael Prior, Polly Heninger

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 early in 2019.

GREEN ORGANIZING ACTION TEAM:

“GOAT NOAT” FOR JANUARY 2019

From Cathy Hanson & Stephan Rogers: Community Local Clean Energy through Neighborhood Sun

For people who are interested in solar power without investing in solar panels, or for people who have solar panels and would like supplementation to their energy supply there is a new option. Community Solar is a program established by the state of Maryland that gives people the chance to get the benefit of solar without having to install panels. As members of Homewood’s Green Organizing Action Team, we learned about the project through Interfaith Partners of the Chesapeake/One Water Partnership and signed up for this project through Neighborhood Sun. Neighborhood Sun is a socially minded locally owned company which is offering BGE residents a chance to subscribe to a solar panel field in Westminster, MD (among others). The Westminster project offers subscribers a three-year contract with a guaranteed 5% discount off of BGE rates.

When you sign up you will be assigned a block of solar panels designed to cover the majority of your electricity needs. If you don’t use all of your solar credit for the month, the credit will roll over into the next billing period. As a Certified B Corporation*, this project will benefit low and moderate income people by allowing them to participate in solar projects.

Here’s a short video that does a great job describing this project:

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox?projector=1>

Note: When we were in the process of signing up we became a little confused and after several phone calls and conversations with Gary Skulnik, CEO and founder of Neighborhood Sun, we made sure we signed up for the Westminster project. Gary is easy to talk to and doesn’t mind lots of questions.

This new project is offering referral discounts. If you use this link

<https://neighborhoodsunreferral.referralrock.com/1/STEPHANROGER/>

you will receive an additional discount (beyond the 5% discount).

**Certified B Corporations are a new kind of business that balances purpose and profit. They are legally required to consider the impact of their decisions on their workers, customers, suppliers, community and the environment. This is a community of leaders, driving a global movement of people using business as a force for good. (from bcorporation.net)*

For more information: Join Friends School on **Tuesday, January 8, 6:30 pm**, in the Forbush Atrium and Auditorium for an engaging discussion on energy conservation, sustainable investing, and stewardship. On hand will be representatives from Glenmede, the School's investment management firm, as well as CleanChoice Energy, Climate Access Fund, Neighborhood Sun, Power 52, and Solar United Neighbors. To find out more about this event, go January 8 in the Homewood calendar.

In early December, GOAT was notified that we were successful in obtaining a \$5,000 grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust to enable the Meeting to install a native plant and pollinator friendly garden in spring 2019. In addition, cisterns will be installed in January to collect water coming off the roof, thus enabling the meetinghouse to better manage stormwater runoff. These improvements have been made possible by Homewood's participation in the One Water Partnership of 30 faith congregations in the Jones Falls watershed.

Committee members: Carol Beck, Caitlyn Behnke, Gary Gillespie, Cathy Hanson, Polly Heninger (clerk), Bess Keller, John McKusick, and Stephan Rogers. We are an open committee. Join us!

WICKER BASKET CONTRIBUTIONS Wicker Basket recipient for January is **Paul's Place**. Their website explains, "Paul's Place is a catalyst and leader for change, improving the quality of life in the Southwest Baltimore communities. Paul's Place provides programs, services, and support that strengthen individuals and families, fostering hope, personal dignity and growth.... The individuals and families living in Southwest Baltimore City will have full access to high quality health care, education, employment, and housing along with the other support necessary for stability and self-sufficiency." Their website is <https://paulsplaceoutreach.org/>. 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>.

FRIENDS HOUSE MAILING LIST: Friends House Retirement Community has asked Friends to consider sharing their email and/or postal addresses with them. Those who do so will receive up to three newsletters about Friends House's expansion effort. Those who elect to contribute may also receive future appeals. **We have decided to do this on an opt-in basis, so please contact the office by email or phone if you are willing to have either or both addresses given to Friends House.** If you are not so willing, please consider responding to their appeal: we will publish information about it as appropriate.

HOMEWOOD IS ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM

Remember that our committees and teams can share with the wider community our events and announcements on Facebook and Instagram!

Additionally, tag Homewood with any Facebook or Instagram posts with relevant things you are doing. We also have a hashtag #HomewoodQuakers.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MEETING are needed and gratefully accepted; they support the maintenance of the Meeting and our contributions to designated service organizations. **PayPal is now 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. If you prefer to pay by check, it is very helpful for you to make arrangements for your bank to send regular checks. This method 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. **Please sign up on the Hospitality bulletin board** in the dining room if you can provide simple lunch this month. Even if you can't provide simple lunch, bring in whatever leftovers you have, whether they feed 2 people or 5. The more, the merrier!

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

SING IN THE NEW YEAR: January 1, 2019, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, Gunpowder Friends Meeting (Sparks, MD). All are welcome to a day of joyful community singing. Come for all or part of the day. There will be nourishment for the body and the soul, including morning refreshments, a warm lunch, and afternoon snacks. For more information, (including overnight hospitality) contact Marilyn Rothstein (443-578-8430).

YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS CONFERENCE: January 4 – 6, House of Legends (College Park, MD). Join Young Adult Friends to continue the work we began with Working Group on Racism this past year. We will continue our conversation from this summer, and prepare to lead a Plenary Session at this coming Annual Session. We'll also go out for dinner and enjoy the nice woods and park behind our house. We have many board games to share, and many, many couches! We are really looking forward to spending this time with you all, and excited to continue the work we've begun to push BYM to be anti-racist. Please let us know if you need a ride from either Greenbelt or College Park metro. For more information, contact Amrit Moore (amritcomore@gmail.com) or see the Facebook event (<https://www.facebook.com/events/1690739337698573/>).

SINGING FOR EVERYONE: Because of schedule conflicts, the gathering will be on the *second* Sunday of the month, **January 13, from 7-9 pm**, at the home of Judy Davidoff, 6213 Sareva Drive, Baltimore 21209, 410-484-3246. Bring a copy of *Rise Up Singing*, if you have one.

JUNIOR YOUNG FRIENDS CONFERENCE: January 11 – 12, at Stony Run Meeting. Junior Young Friends should plan to begin arriving at 10:00 am on Saturday. For information, check the Junior Young Friends website (www.bym-rsf.org/what_we_do/jyfs/jyfcon.html) or contact Jossie Dowling (301-774-7663).

BYM CHANGE GROUP TRAINING - HOLD SPACE FOR TRANSFORMATION, January 19, Frederick Friends Meeting (Frederick, MD).

The ad hoc Growing Diverse Leadership Committee and the Working Group on Racism invite you to this free Change Group training to realize our vision of overcoming racism and becoming a

multicultural religious society. Our lead facilitator is Dr. Amanda Kemp assisted by Dr. Erika Fitz. Both are members of a Lancaster Monthly Meeting. Each training session will be from **10am to 5pm** (with an hour lunch break). The Hold Space for Transformation strategy helps us facilitate and participate in difficult conversations about racism without losing our voices or our cool. It's a form of mindfulness that can be used in Meetings and in one-on-one conversations. We will practice leaning in to conversations about racism via role plays and heightened listening. Those who have difficulty speaking will practice finding our voices even when afraid to say the wrong thing or when intimidated by others. Those who speak often will discover the secret to having a desired impact without shutting others down. We review important concepts such as a white frame of reference, institutional racism, interpersonal racism and the limits of color blindness as a strategy to overcome racial inequities. Over the next six weeks we will practice what we learned. A ZOOM call will be scheduled for sharing our experiences in trying out what we learned in the first session. We are also planning a closed Facebook group or a similar online forum for change group members to share our experiences and discuss issues that arise as we do this work. More information is available at <http://www.bym-rsf.org/events/localcommittee.html>.

2019 WOMEN'S RETREAT, January 25-27, Pearlstone Center in Reisterstown, MD (near Baltimore). The theme is "Women's Treasure: Honoring Our Time and Talents." **Registration is now open** for the Baltimore Yearly Meeting Women's Retreat. Join your BYM sisters in worship, song, reflection, walking in the woods, learning in workshops, worship sharing, and more. *Together, let us explore the treasures within and among us. How do we become aware of our own gifts and talents? How do we choose to use and nourish them? Do we "prize our time"? How can we help each other grow in awareness of what we give, and what we receive, as we live in spiritual community?*

For more information and to offer a workshop, to volunteer, or to share your crafts, go to <http://womensretreat.bym-rsf.net/>.

Registration will close on January 7; after that, you be placed on a waitlist and will be able to attend only if someone cancels.

→ **Participants can request financial support from the Davis Fund managed by Trustees.**

AT STONY RUN

Programmed Meeting for Worship, Sunday, January 13, from 2 to 4 p.m., followed by social time. Everyone is invited to this monthly (on the second First Day) worship with Kenyan and Evangelical/ Orthodox Quakers from the Baltimore area. For information, contact Sujata Massey (410-240-4086 or sujatamassey@mac.com).

AT PENDLE HILL (WALLINGFORD, PA):

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.

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BYM EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Development Director

The Development Director is responsible for identifying, cultivating, soliciting and securing new and ongoing gifts from individuals and foundations in support of Baltimore Yearly Meeting's (BYM) ministries and programs. The Development Director builds relationships and affinity for BYM and for the future of the Religious Society of Friends throughout the Yearly Meeting. Candidates must have a minimum of five years of relevant and successful fundraising experience.

For more details and a complete job description, go to

[www.bymrsf.org/what we do/committees/development/directorsearch.html](http://www.bymrsf.org/what_we_do/committees/development/directorsearch.html). **To apply**, please send a cover letter, resume, and list of three references to: Development Director Search at applications@bym-rsf.org.

Opequon Quaker Camp Director

Baltimore Yearly Meeting (BYM) is seeking a Director (or Co-Directors) for the 2019 camp season for Opequon Quaker Camp, a residential camp for children ages 9-14. This is a part-time year round position, with full time responsibilities during the summer camping season, June 19 – August 15th. To apply please send a resume and letter of interest along with three references to: jane@bymcamps.org. If you have questions, please contact Jane at 717-481-4870. Please apply by December 31, 2018. We hope to have a new director in place by the end of January. Copies of the complete job description are available at bymcamps.org/about-us/employment/.

EDUCATIONAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- **The Jonathan K. Taylor Swarthmore College Scholarship Fund** is administered by Baltimore Monthly Meeting of Friends, Stony Run to provide support to students attending Swarthmore College in Swarthmore, PA. Preference goes to members of the Baltimore Yearly Meeting community.

For the 2019-2020 academic year, there are funds up to \$15,000 to be distributed among the successful applicants. For more information, or to apply by the April 20 deadline, contact Cindy Maier at cynthiamailer13@gmail.com.

- **Miles White Beneficial Society Grants for Educational Organizations**

The Miles White Beneficial Society, a charitable organization affiliated with the Baltimore Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), is accepting applications for grants up to \$5000 to non-profit 501(c)3 educational organizations in the Greater Baltimore Metropolitan area.

Preference for awarding grants will be given to those organizations that are associated with the Society of Friends and that are providing educational opportunities, including books and instructional materials, for young people. **The application deadline is March 15, 2019.** For more information, go to <http://www.bym-rsf.org/events/othernews.html#grants>.

QUAKERS AND THE LARGER COMMUNITY

FRIENDS UNITED MEETING



The Friends United Meeting community stretches far and wide across the globe. We are a collection of Christ-centered Quakers, embracing thirty-seven Yearly Meetings and Associations, thousands of local gatherings and hundreds of thousands of individuals.

Joined together through our shared experience of God and united in common ministries, we form a beloved fellowship that is powerfully at work in our local areas and through cross-cultural service.

From the Caribbean to Palestine, Africa to North America and scattered places in between, FUM is building a global partnership in a season of history when much of the world is being stretched and strained by cultural, political, and geographic differences. An important part of our work and witness is to express the love and peace of Christ with one another, believing God is transforming us into a people who are more lovely and whole than we could ever be on our own. As we are powerfully energized by the Holy Spirit, equipped for faithful service and leadership, and deeply connected to one another, we experience a unity that transcends our diversity.

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE (AFSC)



Faith leaders call for migrant justice and face arrest as part of AFSC week of action

On Dec. 10, dozens of faith leaders were arrested in an act of nonviolent civil disobedience at the U.S.-Mexico border. They were among the more than 400 people of faith and supporters who gathered in San Diego to stand with migrants seeking refuge in the U.S.

The action included people from numerous religious traditions, including those from Christian, Muslim, Jewish, and indigenous communities, many expressing how their faith called them to take part.

The event launched a nationwide week of action called Love Knows No Borders: A moral call for migrant justice. Together, participants are calling on the U.S. to respect the human right to migrate, end the militarization of border communities, and end the detention and deportation of immigrants.

FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION (FWCC)

The application period for the Quaker United Nations Summer School is now OPEN. The deadline for applications is 2 January 2019.

The Quaker United Nations Summer School provides the opportunity for a group of 25 young people to come together to learn more about Quaker work at the international level, and to witness the United Nations in action, as part of a dynamic 12-day residential programme. The programme is grounded in QUNO Geneva's work, with a focus on Peace, Disarmament, Human Rights, Migration, and Climate Change. Participants will be able to observe sessions within the United Nations, meet and hear from Civil Society leaders, and engage in facilitated dialogue with like-minded peers about the issues that are most pertinent for our global community today.

We welcome applicants of all nationalities, faiths and identities, and seek to be inclusive for all. **The age range for participation is between 20 and 26, though there is some leniency for this for the right applicant.** No formal qualifications are necessary to apply, but a keen interest in the United Nations is required, as well as the ability to work collaboratively with others. The programme is residential and applicants need to be comfortable with both an intensive daytime schedule, and sharing their living space and downtime with others. English is the working language of the programme and fluency is therefore essential for all participants. If you have concerns about accessibility of any kind, please contact us at qunss@quno.ch. For more information, go to <http://fwcc.world/fwcc-news/quno-summer-school>.



THINKING ABOUT RACE (JANUARY 2019): Parker Palmer, *On the Brink of Everything*

Parker Palmer's 2018 book, *On the Brink of Everything*, is a collection of essays through which he "explores what he's learning about self and world." Chapter VI is entitled "Keep Reaching In: Staying Engaged with Your Soul."

“ ‘ Confessing My Complicity ‘ [an essay in the chapter] is focused on being white in a society rooted in white supremacy. I'm not on a guilt trip here, just acknowledging the inner roots of a social pathology that, if it goes unconfessed and unaddressed, will make people who are like me a continuing part of the problem. No disease in the United States is more in need of a cure than racism—which breeds irrational fears that, in turn, breed the worst of political evils. As long as I draw breath, I want to be part of the solution. That requires a close examination of my own heart and dealing with whatever pathogens I find there. If I want to help heal the world, I must heal myself.”

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 3rd 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 <u>JANUARY'S BUSINESS MEETING</u> will be on Jan. 6.

Schedule of Committee and Group Meetings

Administrative	Odd months last Sundays 12:15 p.m.
Green Organizing Action Team (GOAT)-- OPEN	3rd Sundays , 9:15 a.m.; contact <u>Polly Heninger</u> , 410.419.2305
Hospitality—OPEN	As called ; contact <u>Ned Worth</u> , 443.600.9380
House & Grounds—OPEN	2nd Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., contact <u>Charlie Neill</u> , 410.323-8504
Library—OPEN	3rd Sundays , 12:30 p.m.; contact <u>Polly Heninger</u> , 410.419.2305
Peace & Justice Committee—OPEN	2nd Sundays at 1:00 p.m.; contact <u>Barbara Bezdek</u> , 410.377.4205
Ministry & Counsel	1st Wednesdays ; contact <u>Ann Walker Kennedy</u> , 410.426.5836
Religious Education—OPEN	2nd Tuesdays , 7:15 p.m., meeting house; contact <u>John McKusick</u> , 410.377.2797
Trustees	3rd Mondays ; 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). 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.