

Third Month (March) 2021

Homewood Friends Meeting

Newsletter

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Faith and Practice of Baltimore Yearly Meeting*, Advices for 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?

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

It is not easy to find community and fellowship in the modern world. Many Friends view relationships within the local Meeting as similar to partial relationships established with people met regularly at work, at play, and in the neighborhood. It is perhaps too much to expect that we all will make the Meeting central to our lives. But unless the Meeting fellowship can be made to speak to something deep in our lives, our Society falls short of fulfilling the true spiritual needs of its members.

Typically Friends come together in meetings for worship from diverse neighborhoods, seeing one another rarely except on First Day or on special occasions. Many Meetings find it helpful to encourage groups to meet in one another's homes for worship, recreation, study or fellowship. Committees provide opportunities for other kinds of relationships within the Meeting. But all too often these contacts fail to satisfy our yearning for community. Sometimes a glimpse of the meaning of community comes as Friends work together in projects of social service, peace education, religious education or pastoral care for fellow members. Each Meeting should have as an active concern before one or more of its standing committees the nurture of the Meeting community in whatever ways may open. ...

Our belief in that of God in every person requires that we cooperate with other religious bodies. We are aware that we have much to learn from the religious experiences of other groups, Christian and nonChristian. We believe also that we have a rich and unique experience from which we can contribute. The Friends World Committee for Consultation brings us into contact with Quaker groups worldwide, often different from our own in culture, theology or practice. Through Friends United Meeting and Friends General Conference, our Yearly Meeting is affiliated with national and international ecumenical movements. In addition, many of our local or area Meetings cooperate in community councils or associations of religious groups. In all these affiliations we make clear that our faith is one of experience rather than one of creed or doctrine. In sharing that experience with persons from other backgrounds through common worship and shared service we enrich our sense of community. ...

Our belief in the universality of the Inner Light requires us to "walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in everyone" as George Fox urged. No human being is excluded from our sense of community, for we are led by our faith to view human beings as children of God rather than as stereotypes of cultures, nations, or ideologies. It is individual people with whom fellowship must be established, and each Friend must seek in the quiet of worship the personal strength to work at the establishment of community.

TRUSTEES FUNDING TO PARTICIPATE IN QUAKER EVENTS

Trustees has funds to support children and adults who would like to participate in 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/>.

*Registration for BYM summer camp is now open. Apply for funds to make it possible for your child(ren) to attend. For information about Covid precautions, go to <https://bymcamps.org/covid-19-update/>.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOMEWOOD

PLEASE NOTE: Most of our regularly scheduled activities are meeting on Zoom until further notice. For more information about accessing Zoom, please go to the homepage on our website at www.homewoodfriends.org. **Please see the list of Zoom URLs and phone numbers for regularly scheduled groups at the end of the newsletter.**

MEETING FOR WORSHIP: every Sunday, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. on Zoom.

SOCIAL TIME BEFORE AND AFTER WORSHIP: Before worship: from 10:10 until 10:20 the host will unmute all, to allow time for greetings and socializing. Worshipping in silence with everyone muted will begin at 10:20.

11:30 a.m. after worship: announcements and more socializing. The Zoom URL is the same as for meeting for worship, so you can just stay online or, if you missed meeting, you can join us.

MID-WEEK MEETING FOR WORSHIP: Ministry and Counsel Committee continues to offer **Experiment with Light every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.** Please join us for this more intimate form of worship.

FRIDAY PEACE VIGILS CONTINUE:

- **5:00 p.m. Fridays** in front of the meetinghouse.
- **6 p.m.:** Information and resource sharing on meetinghouse steps.
- Physical distancing applies. Wear your mask.

Discussion Series, March 2021: “Quaker Spirituality in Theory and Practice”

This reading and discussion series will meet on Zoom from **7 to 8:30 p.m. on the first four Monday evenings in March: 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, and 3/22**. We'll begin by looking at the practical core of early Quaker spirituality as expressed by Isaac Penington. Then we'll consider the use of silence in realizing that spirituality today, discussing topics from the essay “Silent Ways of Knowing” by the Anglican solitary Maggie Ross.

Discussion materials are available at
<https://midweekexplorations.wordpress.com/>.

Please register in advance for this series at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEkcuhqj4sG9L1j7HS6o6eKnIiBwPGrE6v>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing the URL for accessing the sessions.

MEETING FOR BUSINESS: Sunday, March 7, 12:30 p.m. via Zoom.

YAF (YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS) GATHERING (first Sunday): March 7, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Contact Shelby Kalm (shelbykalm@gmail.com) or Michael Fell (michaelfell03@gmail.com) for details.

QUAKER BOOK CLUB (second Sunday): March 14, 9:15 a.m. on Zoom. We will complete the discussion of Hal Weaver's Pendle Hill pamphlet 465: *Race, Systemic Violence, and Retrospective Justice*, focusing on the final part about Retrospective Justice. We will spend the last 20 minutes deciding on our next read. You can order a pamphlet for \$7.00 + shipping at <https://pendlehill.org/product/race-systemic-violence-and-retrospective-justice/>.

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

HOLDING IN THE LIGHT PEOPLE TOUCHED BY MURDER IN BALTIMORE (second Sunday): March 14, 12:30 - 1:00 on Zoom. 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.

EXPERIMENT WITH LIGHT (fourth Sunday): March 28, 9:15 a.m. on Zoom, led by Susan Russell Walters.

FIRST DAY SCHOOL: First Day School students will be learning about Jesus, the boy and man. Do you have a personally meaningful, important, or instructive story about Jesus, his life, or teachings that you would like us to share with the children in First Day School? Please send suggestions to John McKusick, Religious Education Clerk at John.ca.mckusick@verizon.net. Thank you! And many thanks to those who contributed food to the First Day School campaign to help the food pantry at CARES in Govans.

WORKING FOR CHANGE: NEWS FROM THE CHANGE GROUP

What have we been doing during the icy days of February? Reading! Here are some recommendations by those involved in the Change Group.

Barbara Bezdek recommends *Citizen: An American Lyric*, by Claudia Rankine (2014). Rankine is an award-winning American poet. The book is a long-form multi-media poem-essay meditation on race. It is profoundly raw and human, as she recounts mounting racial aggressions in ongoing encounters in twenty-first-century daily life and in the media. Reading just a very few pages conveys tons about microaggression, as Rankine relates encounters from slights or possibly slips of the tongue, and some are intentional offensives -- in the classroom, at the supermarket, at home, on the tennis court with Serena Williams, online, on TV - everywhere, all the time. Rankine searingly impresses this reader with how the accumulative stresses come to bear on a person's ability to speak, perform, and stay alive.

Megan Shook recommends *The Warmth of Other Suns*. In this book, written before *Caste*, Isabel Wilkerson immerses you in the lives of three African Americans who left the Jim Crow South during the 1920s and '30s. She describes in detail the cruelty and irrational restrictions that led these individuals to go north, where they find plenty of different obstacles due to their skin color. Their stories are based on many interviews over years with their families. She also paints the social and political backdrops to their lives with deeply researched history that you won't find in the books you had in school.

Sarah Bur and **Barbara Bezdek** recommend *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism* by Robin DiAngelo, which puts forth fundamental and essential vocabulary for white people to make progress in addressing race as a cruel divide in America: race, racism, structural or systemic racism, white privilege. This quote stood out for Sarah: "The expectation that people of color should teach white people about racism is another aspect of white racial innocence that reinforces several problematic racial assumptions. It implies that racism is something that happens to people of color and has nothing to do with us and that we consequently cannot be expected to have any knowledge of it. This framework denies that racism is a relationship in which both groups are involved. By leaving it to people of color to tackle racial issues we offload the tensions and social dangers of speaking openly onto them."

Donna McKusick recommends *Race, Systemic Violence, and Retrospective Justice*, by Harold Weaver. This Pendle Hill pamphlet (#465), written by a leader in the BlackQuaker Project is deceptively thin but packed with thought about the connections between the truth testimony and equity, inequalities and violence, and retrospective justice. Weaver recommends that Quakers acknowledge their offences from the past, commit to truth telling through a clear historical record of events, make amends, and practice a testimony of a more robust, active justice.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP AT BURIAL GROUND will resume in the spring.

WICKER BASKET CONTRIBUTIONS: The Wicker Basket recipient continues to be CARES. The following items are needed: **1 or 2 lb. containers of rice, toothpaste, individually packed tooth brushes, and bars of soap.** Drop off times are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 9:00 a.m.-noon, and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. CARES is located at the rear of St. Mary's Church, 5502 York Rd, 21212. You may also send checks.

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED TO COVER TUBMAN HOUSE MUTUAL AID PROJECT

At our February Business Meeting we chose to increase the overall Homewood Budget (in the clerk's contingency fund) to cover \$3500 to pay for weekly material contributions for the Tubman House Mutual Aid Project. For this project Homewood provides 64 items a week of toiletries and cleaning supplies. These supplies are included as part of weekly supplies of food which are provided to 64 families in Sandtown-Winchester. Tubman House is a project of Friend of a Friend which was started by the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC).

In order to cover costs for this project, we agreed that we would raise the contributions line-item in our budget by \$3500 meaning we need to collect an additional \$3500 from the Homewood members and attenders (over and above usual contributions). Last year 84 families contributed so the average increased contribution (over and above the usual contribution) is \$42. (In order to meet this goal we will need some people to contribute more than this!!) NOTE: It is the policy of the Meeting not to have specifically designated accounts so your increased contribution should be to the general fund.

Thank you Friends.

Sarah Bur, Clerk

If you would like to contribute to other organizations, below are recommendations from the Peace and Social Justice Committee.

Homewood Friends Meeting	https://homewoodfriends.org/giving/	Increased to contributions to cover \$3500 for Tubman House Mutual Aid Project
Baltimore Action Legal Team (BALT)	https://www.baltimoreactionlegal.org/	
Baltimore Yearly Meeting	https://www.bym-rsf.org/	
Emergency Relief for Immigrant Families	secure.qgiv.com/for/relief4immigrants	
GEDCO – CARES Food Pantry	1010 East 33 rd Street Baltimore, MD 21218	In order to direct money to CARES (one of many GEDCO projects) need to write check

Healthcare for the Homeless	https://www.hchmd.org/donate	
House of Ruth	https://hruth.org/	
Maryland Food Bank	https://mdfoodbank.org/	
Meals on Wheels	https://www.mealsonwheelsmd.org/donate-online/	
Out4Justice	https://www.out4justice.org/	
Youth Empowered Society	https://yesdropincenter.org/	

...AND LET'S REMEMBER HEART'S PLACE SERVICES

Barbara Bezdek sends this timely reminder: "I am sharing the link for Heart's Place Services, a local Baltimore effort that Homewood has supported with tiny gifts for years -- first when they offered an overnight shelter, then for years as they have provided weekend food packs for hungry kids, and now as they are making amazing progress on their deeply-affordable housing project. Here is the updated web page, <https://feedinghomelesschildren.org/>. You can see the trajectory of the housing project, to make rowhouse-like small homes out of shipping containers - might sound awful, but it really is a method, and they've been working with the right sorts of experts. Check out the web page. (Homewood is listed, among dozens of other latecomers, as Partners.)

"...It is really **Kathryn Munnell** who first went and met with the project leaders, and believed in what they were attempting, when it sounded a little fringe. We have her to thank for her leadership."

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MEETING are needed and gratefully accepted, particularly during these difficult times when our rental income has disappeared. Contributions support the maintenance of the Meeting and our contributions to designated service organizations. **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. 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."*



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GREEN ORGANIZING ACTION TEAM:

“GOAT NOAT” FOR MARCH 2021

No GOAT Noat right now. Stay tuned to General Assembly events!

Members of GOAT include Gary Gillespie (Clerk), Carol Beck, Stan Becker, Polly Heninger, Bess Keller, John McKusick, and Rachael Neill. We would welcome anyone interested in environmental work joining us!

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.

OTHER QUAKER EVENTS AND NOTICES

THIRD MONTH INTERIM MEETING: Saturday, March 6 on Zoom. We will be transmitting the finalized agenda and all available documents and reports around Monday, March 1. **We will send the connection information for the Zoom meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 5 to Friends who have registered.** [Simply click here to register.](#)

Friends will begin gathering in Worship at 9:00 a.m. and the Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business will begin at 9:30 a.m.

THE UPLIFTING STORY BEHIND UNIFIED EFFORTS



By Karie Firoozmand, Stony Run Meeting

THE BEGINNING

When Debbie Ramsey started Unified Efforts in 2012 with the mascot Humble the Bee, it was a violence and bullying prevention program that offered summer programming for a small group of Baltimore students. They took field trips, did activities together, and produced the first *I Belong* magazine, with photos from the program.

Looking back almost ten years, it's clear that Debbie had a leading. She had an interior drive to connect with, serve and be around kids. To serve them, yes, but Debbie is clear that it's their gifts she centers, not their need. Yes, need exists, but to hear Debbie talk about Unified Efforts is to understand her way of seeing these young people. They have gifts, and to serve them is to call on those gifts, to celebrate

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On this, Debbie does not take “no” for an answer. It’s an act of faith.

Unified Efforts’ programs are completely free for families. Way continues to open, as Unified Efforts has provided summer programs for Baltimore youth since 2012; in 2015, Debbie anointed Penn North as the home of Unified Efforts, and the summer camp has been held there since 2016. Even in 2020, when the pandemic cut off the “well-oiled machine” of the 2020 plans, Unified Efforts stayed connected with the youth and their families.

What follows is a timeline of Unified Efforts’ life from 2015 to the present, well-studded with links and images to paint the portrait of Unified Efforts now, and the vision of what is to come.

In addition, you can visit [UE's website here](#) and view a section that Debbie recommends: the [In Their Own Words short video](#).

THE NEW BUILDING

The big thing is the new building. UE has received a State grant for the demolition of the existing building and, in 2020, another grant for construction. The focus now is on the rest of the \$1.5m needed for construction.



As of February 2021, the design is complete. Demolition is next, to be followed by construction.

With the \$300k from the State’s capital improvement grant *way is opening* and “we keep stepping forward,” says Debbie. With their own building, “the kids know they can come to us.”

An unusual type of fundraising took place in 2021. Debbie and Ghadir Smallwood appeared together on the game show “The Wall” on February 8, 2021 and won over \$185,000, much of which will support Unified Efforts! International classical musician, Daniel Bernard Roumain, is scheduled to provide a three-day residency for UE’s students. TBC, Inc., a local advertising and marketing firm, has volunteered to provide advertising and marketing promotional items.

It’s an act of faith and a big commitment to the future to undertake the building’s construction. Wrapped in it is also the promise to keep the lights on and the programs going in the future. Please hold all of Unified Efforts in the Light as Way opens. If you would like to donate, you can do so on UE’s donation page [here](#).

BYM CAMPS WILL BE OPEN IN 2021: Registration is open! For more information, go to <https://bymcamps.org/>. For information about Covid precautions, go to <https://bymcamps.org/covid-19-update/>.

BYM EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Catoctin Quaker Camp Caretaker

Baltimore Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends is seeking applicants to fill the position of Caretaker at Catoctin Quaker Camp in Thurmont, MD. The Caretaker is the onsite arm of the Camp Property Management Committee (CPMC). They provide a year-round presence at the camp, care for the facility, and make it ready for summer camp and for the groups who rent the facilities in spring and fall. The Caretaker should be an individual who enjoys living in a remote area and who is willing to work within the Friends process of decision-making. The caretaker should be a self-starter who enjoys initiating projects in consultation with a committee and the Camp Property Manager (CPM). More information is available at https://www.bym-rsf.org/what_we_do/committees/campproperty/caretakerjob.html.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING EDUCATIONAL GRANTS AVAILABLE: The BYM Educational Grants Committee is accepting applications for the 2021-2022 academic year from members or regular attenders of Monthly Meetings associated with BYM (or from their children). Grants may be applied to expenses associated with undergraduate attendance at accredited post-secondary educational institutions. Attendance may be either full or part time. Grants will be awarded based on multiple criteria, including financial need and the Committee's assessment of an applicant's statement of purpose and its consistency with Friends' testimonies. Grant limits are up to \$2,000 per grantee per year, for a cumulative total of \$8,000. **Applications will be accepted until April 23, 2021.** Award decisions will be made in May and notifications sent by early June. For further information or if you have questions, please contact the Yearly Meeting Office at 301-774-7663 or online at www.bym-rsf.org/what_we_do/committees/edloan.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COLLEGE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS: 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 scholarships of up to \$5000 for college undergraduate students.

Preference for awarding scholarships shall be given to applications from the Greater Baltimore Metropolitan Area and to those with connections to Friends Meetings or their members within the Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

The application deadline is **March 15, 2021**.

Send written applications to:

Amy Schmaljohn, Secretary

Miles White Beneficial Society

c/o Baltimore Monthly Meeting of Friends, Stony Run

5116 North Charles Street, Baltimore MD 21210

Send electronic applications to: mileswhite@stonyrunfriends.org.

https://www.bym-rsf.org/who_we_are/organizations/mileswhite/mileswhite.html#mileskids

JONATHAN TAYLOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED: The Jonathan K. Taylor Swarthmore College Scholarship Fund is administered by Baltimore Monthly Meeting, 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 2021-2022 academic year, there are funds up to \$15,000 to be distributed among the successful applicants. For more information, or to apply by the **June 1, 2021 deadline**, contact Cindy Maier (cynthiamaier13@gmail.com) or Nick Fessenden (nicholasfessenden@comcast.net).

CHESAPEAKE QUARTERLY MEETING is on hiatus.

AT PENDLE HILL:

The Inner Guide vs. the Inner Critic: The Journey from Judgment to Love: Mar 1, 3, and 5, 2021, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Eastern Time via Zoom. Three evenings in March with Christine Wolff.

Participants will learn to recognize and gain some leverage with the part of the personality known as the “inner critic.” It often shows up as we contemplate doing something new and spiritually challenging. It can be confused with the Guide, can sound like an authority figure, and can sow doubt and uncertainty. We can learn how our own critic works, and how to distinguish it from the loving energy of the Guide. In these times, we need any tool we can find to help us gain clarity about the way forward! Limit of 23 participants.

Christine’s Pendle Hill pamphlet *The Inner Guide versus the Inner Critic: The Journey from Judgment to Love* (PHP #448) is recommended reading because the workshop will expand on and offer experiences relevant to the concepts presented there. For more information, go to <https://pendlehill.org/events/the-inner-guide-vs-the-inner-critic-the-journey-from-judgment-to-love/>.

Perfection of the Present Moment: Mar 24-28, 2021, Wednesday 7:00 p.m. - Sunday 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time via Zoom. A Five-Day Virtual Mindfulness Meditation Retreat with Mary Grace Orr, Anne Briggs, Larissa Kitenko, and Rebecca Kronlage.

How can we be present in all the varied and often difficult experiences of our lives open heartedly and with acceptance? The simple technique of mindfulness, taught by the Buddha, teaches us to do just that. This silent virtual retreat will have periods of sitting and walking meditation, opportunities to talk with a teacher, and formal presentations. It is suitable for both beginners and experienced students from any faith tradition. The schedule will follow a simple daily rhythm. Get more information at <https://pendlehill.org/events/perfection-of-the-present-moment/>.

Pendle Hill offers many workshops and activities. For a full list, go to <https://pendlehill.org/learn/workshops-courses-events/>.

JOIN PENDLE HILL FOR DAILY WORSHIP: Our international circle of Friends meeting for daily worship via Zoom continues to expand. We invite you to join over 150 Friends and seekers for a half-hour Meeting for Worship every day from 8:30 to 9:10 a.m. Eastern Time. On Wednesdays and Saturdays, we follow worship with 15 minutes of worship sharing in small groups. Zoom: +1 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 432 071 090

YOUNG FRIENDS CONFERENCE CALENDAR

- **April 16 - 18, 2021**, Gunpowder Friends Meeting

To register, go to https://www.bym-rsf.org/what_we_do/yfs/yfcon.html.

QUAKERS AND THE LARGER COMMUNITY

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION (FCNL)

Spring Lobby Weekend, March 20-22 Online.

Our country needs urgent action to end the crisis of systemic racism and militarization in policing. We have the opportunity to influence legislation in the first 100 days of the new Biden administration and see meaningful change.

At Spring Lobby Weekend 2021—FCNL’s virtual advocacy conference—hundreds of students, recent grads, Quakers, and young adults will gather to learn and lobby Congress to demilitarize police and end police violence.

[Registration is open now!](#) It’s free and it’s virtual, so we hope you will invite friends and family to join you.



AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE

AFSC's new limited-series podcast, "Under the Mask," explores how communities are finding ways to connect, organize, and challenge repression in these times. Our podcast draws from a series of online dialogues hosted by AFSC this summer, which brought together activists and civil society organizations from around the world to share their experiences and tools to counter oppressive state measures. Check out what’s available at <https://underthemask.afsc.org/>.

THINKING ABOUT RACE (MARCH 2021): Revolutionary Love

In her book *See No Stranger: A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love* (2020), Valarie Kaur begins with some questions:

What if the story of America is one long labor?

Will we birth a nation that has never been – multiracial, multifaith, multicultural, multigendered, where power is shared, and we strive to protect the dignity of every person? Or will we continue to descend into a kind of civil war?

Will we marshal the vision, skill, and solidarity to solve... problems together?

Valarie Kaur tells her own story of moving into activism immediately after 9/11 and her richly inspiring journey since. She writes that Revolutionary Love is the call of our times. Revolutionary Love is labor for others, for our opponents, for ourselves, for our future. It is practiced in community

and each of us has a role. She offers 10 core teachings—Wonder, Grieve, Fight (nonviolent action), Rage, Listen, Reimagine, Breathe, Push, Transition, and Joy.

The chapter “Reimagine” asks:

- What is your vision for our world?
- Which institutions need to be reformed? Which need to be dismantled and rebuilt?
- What might your roles be in this labor of Revolutionary Love?

In a TED Talk, Kaur introduces her work. She founded the Revolutionary Love Project to collaborate with other activists to help ground our social justice work in the ethic of love.

This column is prepared by the BYM Working Group on Racism (WGR) and sent to the designated liaison at each local Meeting. The BYM WGR meets most months on the *first* Saturday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, currently via Zoom. If you would like to attend, contact clerk David Etheridge, david.etheridge@verizon.net.

Schedule of Meetings for Worship

Every First Day (Sunday)	10:30 a.m. Homewood Meeting House (downstairs in summer)
First Sunday of each month	12:30 p.m. Meeting for Business, Homewood Meeting House
<u>BUSINESS MEETING: MARCH 7.</u>	

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>Bess Keller</u> , 410.302.3425
Hospitality—OPEN	As called ; contact <u>Ned Worth</u> , 443.600.9380
House & Grounds—OPEN	2nd Mondays at 7:00 p.m.; contact <u>Susan Johns Smith</u> , 410.458-1835
Library—OPEN	As called ; contact <u>Mandy McMahan</u> , 443.756.0601.
Peace & Justice Committee—OPEN	Next meeting is in May.; contact <u>Peter Phelan</u> , 206.371.1107
Ministry & Counsel	1st Wednesdays ; contact <u>Donna McKusick</u> , 410.426.5836
Religious Education—OPEN	2nd Tuesdays , 7:15 p.m., Meeting House; contact <u>John McKusick</u> , 410.830.9225
Trustees	2nd Wednesdays ; contact <u>Bess Keller</u> , 410.302.3425

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). Meetings are virtual until future notice. Committees so marked are OPEN to guests; contact the committee clerk if you'd like to attend.

MOST OF OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES are meeting on Zoom until further notice. For more information about accessing Zoom, please go to our website homepage at www.homewoodfriends.org. Below are the Zoom URLs and phone numbers. They are also available in the weekly announcements.

These links should take you -- unless you're dialing in on a phone -- into the meetings without the need to enter the passcode separately.

The use of "virtual backgrounds" has been turned off for security.

Topic: Sunday Worship

Time: 10:30 AM Eastern Time

Every week on Sunday

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/255867065?pwd=UDNxVnlVSkZQOHlXWlc3NHpHeHdhZz09>

Meeting ID: 255 867 065

Passcode: 438589

One tap mobile: 3017158592, 255867065#

Phone number: 301 715 8592

Sunday worship is followed at **the same URL** by

- **Administrative Committee** (12:15) on the last Sunday of odd-numbered months, and by
- **Meeting for Business** (12:30) on the first Sunday of each month.
- **Social Time after Worship** (11:30) every Sunday, length depending upon subsequent regularly scheduled meetings.

Topic: Experiment with Light (Thursday evenings)

Time: 7:00 PM Eastern Time

Every week on Thursday

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87411498198?pwd=bWZlM0tCZlJlZlE5WU0FzR0R5RUlqZz09>

Meeting ID: 874 1149 8198

Passcode: 976351

One tap mobile: 3017158592, 87411498198#

Phone number: 301 715 8592

Topic: Experiment with Light (Sunday mornings)

Time: 9:15 AM Eastern Time

Fourth Sunday of each month

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84212168159?pwd=T3ZsRmFlnWYwVHJnYjJON3hLY25oZz09>

Meeting ID: 842 1216 8159

Passcode: 694102

One tap mobile: 3017158592, 84212168159# US (Germantown)

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Topic: Holding in the Light People Affected by Violence in Baltimore

Time: 12:30 PM Eastern Time

Second Sunday of each month

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Topic: Homewood Quaker Book Club

Time: 9:15 AM Eastern Time

Second Sunday of each month

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Meeting ID: 876 7996 9602

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Topic: Homewood Peace & Social Justice Committee

Time: Noon, 2nd and 4th Sundays

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Topic: Trustees

Time: 7:00 PM every month on the second Wednesday

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Topic: Ministry & Counsel

Time: 6:00 PM every month on the last Wednesday

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