

Eighth Month (August) 2021

Homewood Friends Meeting

Newsletter

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Effective **Sunday, June 13, 2021** Homewood is open for in-person worship. We worship together in-person with an option to worship with us remotely via Zoom (blended Meeting for Worship). We have found that Zoom has allowed us to incorporate Friends into the fabric of our worship life who otherwise are unable to participate in-person. We want to continue this option indefinitely.

Homewood's **Reopening Plan** addresses specific details about Meeting for Worship. It is available on the information tables in the Meetinghouse and [on our website](#).

Portions of the building are also open for committees and renters. The elevator construction project is not yet finished, and the dining room is still a construction zone. The second floor is not accessible until the new elevator is functional. Questions or concerns? Does your group or activity want to return to Homewood in person? Please contact the office and we'll be happy to help.

WICKER BASKET CONTRIBUTIONS: The Wicker Basket recipient continues to be CARES. The following items are needed: **spaghetti, dried milk, jelly, canned baked beans, diapers (sizes 2-5) and baby wipes**. 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.

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."*

TRUSTEES FUNDING TO PARTICIPATE IN QUAKER EVENTS

The Davis Fund is available for adults who would like to participate in Quaker gatherings such as the FGC Annual Gathering, Pendle Hill, or BYM's Annual Session. 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/>

***Faith and Practice of Baltimore Yearly Meeting*, the Eighth Query: Outreach**

Do you, as the way opens, share Friends' principles with non-Friends? Do you witness to your Quaker faith by letting your life speak? Do you make non-Friends welcome in your meetings for worship? Do you find ways to encourage their continued attendance?

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

A. Within the Local Meeting

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.

B. Within the Society of Friends

Friends who restrict their experience of the Society to their local Meeting are missing rich experiences of fellowship in the wider community. Quarterly, Half-yearly and Yearly Meetings as well as larger gatherings provide opportunities for Friends of all ages to broaden their experience of the Society and the circle of their spiritually-based friendships. Attendance at such larger Meetings should be seriously considered by each of us as a benefit of membership, an opportunity for spiritual nourishment and a means of widening our community.

Another rich resource within the Society which provides opportunities for fellowship and community is the variety of service committees and action organizations established to further our testimonies. Involvement in these endeavors can help to knit us one to another in common effort. The Society also sponsors study, conference and retreat opportunities at various centers. Meetings should assist the attendance of members and provide opportunity to share the fruits of such experiences in the local Meeting.

Finally, the Friendly tradition of intervisitation, whether under the weight of specific concern or in the interest of wider Quaker fellowship, should be fostered among our local Meetings.

C. With Other Religious Bodies and Persons

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.

D. With All Humanity

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOMEWOOD

PLEASE NOTE: Aside from blended Meeting for Worship, 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 & in-person blended worship.

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.

In-person Meeting for Worship will follow Baltimore City (& CDC) guidelines. Please refer to the Reopening Plan for details.

- **Masks are still required** inside the Meetinghouse. Friends have the option of removing their mask while speaking in Meeting for Worship.
- Physical distancing will be observed
- F/friends are encouraged to socialize outside whenever possible.

- In deference to those who are not comfortable with physical contact (e.g., handshakes or hugs), please secure permission before touching others.
- Access to the rest of the building will be limited. We're still (yes, still) a construction zone with the elevator replacement.

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.
- **6:00 p.m.:** Information and resource sharing on meetinghouse steps.
- Physical distancing applies. Masks optional.

OFFICE CLOSED: The week of August 9 - 13, while Kathy Rogers is on vacation.

NO MEETING FOR BUSINESS in August

NO QUAKER BOOK CLUB in August. It will resume in September. Please look for a brief survey coming out in a few weeks to assess interest in and direction of the group.

HOLDING IN THE LIGHT PEOPLE AFFECTED BY VIOLENCE IN BALTIMORE (second Sunday):

August 8, 12:30 - 1:00 p.m. 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.

YAF (YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS) GATHERING (second Sunday): August 8, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. Contact Michael Fell (michaelfell03@gmail.com) for details.

HOUSE & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING (second Monday): August 9, 7 p.m.

EXPERIMENT WITH LIGHT (fourth Sunday): August 22, 9:00 a.m. on Zoom, led by Susan Russell Walters. Please note the *new time*.

FIRST DAY SCHOOL: *Child care is available during Meeting for Worship again.* Information about summer events is being communicated directly to First Day School families. If you would like to be added to that list, please contact Kendall Kennison kendall.kennison@goucher.edu.

Two *Upcoming Events* to be aware of, please save the dates:

- Ice Cream Social sponsored by RE and First Day School for everyone soon after the rise of Meeting on Sunday, September 12th.
- Fall Opening of First Day School on Sunday, September 19th.

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**.

GREEN ORGANIZING ACTION TEAM: “GOAT NOAT” FOR AUGUST 2021

GOAT is thrilled to announce a new resource for Baltimore residents.



For more information, please see [this press release from the city](#). Here are details about the [residential drop off centers' hours, locations, etc.](#)

Solar Power Report: During the first six months of 2021, Homewood Friends' solar panels have generated 5.60 MWh. Our monthly carbon offset for June 2021 (1702 lbs) was the equivalent of 20 trees!

News from the Garden:

The pictures from last month were very well received, so for your further enjoyment, and in appreciation of all the hard work that Friends have put into the Native Garden at Homewood, here are some more recent photos of the garden in bloom.



Photo credit: Kathy Rogers

Members of GOAT are: Carol Beck, Stan Becker, Gary Gillespie, Bess Keller, Luke Mayhew, John McKusick, Rachael Neill, and Heather Ravlin

OTHER QUAKER EVENTS AND NOTICES

QUAKER VOICE OF MARYLAND: In preparation for the 2022 MD General Assembly, Quaker Voices of MD is gathering input from Friends to identify top legislative priorities. Please respond to this quick survey: <https://t.e2ma.net/click/gfgylj/45ox7t/s0kt9lc>

BYM CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR WORKSHOP: Selective Service System (SSS) registration for a possible draft into compulsory U.S. military service, now, is automatic in most states when getting a state driver's license. If the draft is reinstated, they could have as little as nine days to prepare a CO claim before having to go before a local draft board. Thus, Quaker youth could easily miss the chance to claim status as a conscientious objector (CO).

If your meeting (or other BYM unit) has youth ages 15-18 who could want to find out how to claim conscientious objector status in Quaker-based "how-to" workshop, please email Phil Caroom (pcaroom@gmail.com) of BYM Peace & Social Concerns and Annapolis Friends Peace & Social Concerns for more information.

Such workshop(s) would be interactive and offered via Zoom on some date(s) t/b/d during fall 2021.

FGC: The Gathering was held virtually in July. Videos of the Evening Programs are expected to be posted in early August.

PENDLE HILL: As Pendle Hill's campus is slowly reopening, they are offering a limited number of spaces for overnight sojourns and small groups. Details on their [website](#).

Pendle Hill has a new *online reading group* which will focus on PH Pamphlets and other Quaker writings. Free and open to the public. [Details and registration here](#).

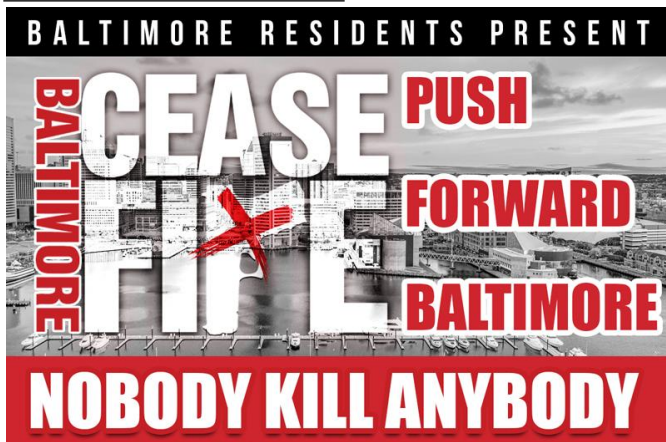
JOIN PENDLE HILL FOR DAILY WORSHIP: Our international circle of Friends meeting for daily worship via Zoom continues to expand. We invite you to join over 150 Friends and seekers for a half-hour Meeting for Worship every day from 8:30 to 9:10 a.m. Eastern Time. On Wednesdays and Saturdays, we follow worship with 15 minutes of worship sharing in small groups. Zoom: +1 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 432 071 090

QUAKERS AND THE LARGER COMMUNITY

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION (FCNL)

Learn to Lobby in 30 Minutes and Virtual Witness Wednesday sessions will be held throughout the month. [Details are on the FCNL website](#).

BALTIMORE CEASEFIRE WEEKEND on AUGUST 6-8. [Calendar of events.](#)



VIGILS COMMEMORATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF ATOMIC BOMBINGS OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI: Friday, August 6, 6:30 p.m. and Monday, August 9, 5:30 p.m.



Homewood Friends Meeting will be hosting the two events.

Friday, August 6, 6:30-7:00pm will be outside the Meetinghouse, and call for an end to Johns Hopkins University's weapons contracts. Followed by presentations in the Meeting Room. The indoor portion will be blended, in person and virtual. (need links) Masks and social distancing required.

Monday, August 9, 5:30-6:30pm will start with a vigil outside the Meetinghouse to commemorate the bombing of Nagasaki. Afterwards, the assembled will go into the Meetinghouse for another presentation and to hear testimonies and statements condemning nuclear weapons. Finally, some participants will go to Busboys & Poets (33rd & St. Paul) to break bread together and enjoy a community meal.

The Maryland Peace Action website has more details on the events:

(<https://peaceactionmd.org/event/hiroshima-nagasaki-commemorations-of-nuclear-devastation/>).

Sponsored by Baltimore Nonviolence Center, Baltimore Peace Action, Chesapeake Physicians for Social Responsibility, Homewood Friends Meeting, Maryland Peace Action, and Prevent Nuclear War/Maryland.

Thinking About Race (Summer 2021) – Being Born a Black Woman

“If you have the privilege of being born a black woman, it is my belief that it is part of your divine mission to liberate yourself from all external and internalized oppression and thereby liberate the world.” - Ama Karikari-Yawson

Ama Karikari-Yawson is the Founder, President, and Principal of Milestales. She is the author of *Sunne's Gift: How Sunne Overcame Bullying to Reclaim God's Gift* and *Kwanzaa Nana Is Coming to Town*.

Ms. Yawson earned a BA from Harvard University, an MBA from the Wharton School and a JD from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. She is an attorney, author, publisher, entrepreneur and educator who gives workshops on various topics including bullying prevention, culturally empowering education, and entrepreneurship.

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.

Local Summer Outdoor Concerts: Enjoy. These are just a few series, check online for others near you.

BALTIMORE CITY REC + PARKS PRESENTS:
JAZZ AT WYMAN PARK DELL
A RHYTHMS AND REELS EVENT

WEDNESDAYS

JULY 21	REGINALD CYNTJE GROUP
AUG 4	CLARENCE WARD III TRIO
AUG 25	THELJON ALLEN AND THE UNIVERSAL
SEPT 11	JAZZ FESTIVAL WITH WEAA'S "YOUR GIRL CHERYL" BANDS

WEDNSDAYS • 6:30PM
WYMAN PARK DELL

RHYTHMS & REELS
@RecNParks

WAVERLY COMMONS
Thursday Concert Series

May 6	The Soul Magnets
May 20	Trinidad & Tobago Baltimore Steel Orchestra
June 3	Barrage Band Orchestra
June 17	The Scotch Bonnets
July 1	Ed Hrybyk Trio
July 15	Scotty P (Jah Works)
July 29	Rhonda Robinson Trio
August 12	Michael Raitzyk
August 26	Funk Master General w/Majority Onion
Sept 9	Wide-Eyed Lounge Cats
Sept 23	TBA

5:30pm - 8:00pm Thursdays
32nd Street & Brentwood Ave
Please wear your mask and follow social distancing guidelines

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Schedule of Meetings for Worship

Every First Day (Sunday)	10:30 a.m. Homewood Meeting House (may hopefully return downstairs later this summer)
First Sunday of each month	12:30 p.m. Meeting for Business, Homewood Meeting House <u>BUSINESS MEETING: September 5 at 12:30 p.m.</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	As called ; 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>Kendall Kennison</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 other than Meeting for Worship are still 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=bWZlM0tCZlJ2ZE5WU0FzR0R5RUlqZz09>

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)

Phone number: 301 715 8592

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

Time: 12:30 PM Eastern Time

Second Sunday of each month

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/902429904?pwd=TTR1dHZERGJxbG9mWGNlL1JRcHFDdz09>

Meeting ID: 902 429 904

Passcode: 943260

One tap mobile: 3017158592, 902429904#

Phone number: 301 715 8592

Topic: Homewood Quaker Book Club

Time: 9:15 AM Eastern Time

Second Sunday of each month

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87679969602?pwd=OFI0COGFQblZqamtEd05XcnVBeFNLUT09>

Meeting ID: 876 7996 9602

Passcode: 811552

One tap mobile: 3017158592, 87679969602#

Phone number: 301 715 8592 US

Topic: Homewood Peace & Social Justice Committee

Time: Noon, 2nd and 4th Sundays

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87882210468?pwd=SExyeHlvQm1nSVZ6T1BXMUFoSDgwQT09>

Meeting ID: 878 8221 0468

Passcode: 804715

One tap mobile: 3017158592,,87882210468#

Tel. #: 301 715 8592

Topic: Trustees

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88668338386?pwd=UDZabDZ1emZjdzkzVFJjZHJwelpudz09>

Meeting ID: 886 6833 8386

Passcode: 975670

One tap mobile: 3017158592, 88668338386#

Phone number: 301 715 8592

Topic: Ministry & Counsel

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/487422834?pwd=VG9kV3VOdi96VEFoZlo2Q2lTeEQrdz09>

Meeting ID: 487 422 834

Passcode: 869880

One tap mobile: 3017158592, 487422834# US (Germantown)

Phone number: 301 715 8592

(Toll) numbers for voice-only telephone access:

646 558 8656 US (New York)

312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

253 215 8782 US

301 715 8592 US

346 248 7799 US (Houston)

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