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Homewood Friends Meeting

Newsletter

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HOMEcoming RECAP: A BIG thank you to everyone who volunteered to help make our Homewood Homecoming centenary event such a success. We received very positive feedback from both in person and online attendees, that it was a lovely experience, without it being “too much.” Unfortunately, we were so busy in the moment that we didn’t take many photos. If you did, please email them to the office.

We tried to transcribe the stories that were shared during the worship sharing. If you have a story or memory to share, it’s not too late. [Submit it here](#). You can also email your stories, memories or videos to homewoodfriends@gmail.com. We’ve heard that there have been other oral history projects done within the Homewood community in prior decades. If you have any of those materials, please let the office know - it would be MUCH appreciated.



Pandemic update: We continue to monitor local positivity rates and other pandemic indicators. We still **require masks inside the meetinghouse** for all large gatherings. Our full pandemic protocols are on our website.

The building is open to committees and renters. We have welcomed both our returning renters and some new groups. Building users are required to follow all pandemic guidelines. Please contact the office to schedule space in the meetinghouse.

Media Volunteer Needed: The Meeting needs someone with basic video editing skills to help us edit the For Common Cause recording from March 13 into four segments. Do you know how to do this and can you help us out? Shouldn't be an especially long or involved project. We're willing to document service hours for middle or high school students who need them. Please contact the office and thank you in advance!

FAITH IN ACTION

AFGHAN REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT: Once again, a BIG thank you to everyone who showed up on Thursday, April 28 to help transport furniture and other household goods, shopped for groceries, and set up the apartment. This is the third apartment that Homewood Friends have helped to set up for Afghan refugee families. Here are some photos of the place, ready for the family to move in.



Bernie, our contact with IRC, shared this message: "Yesterday I got to help the family move into the apartment you set up. They loved the beautiful home you made for them. It was fun watching the six kids bouncing around the place, eating the fruit and snacks you left for them, and playing with the toys. I almost fell over laughing when the littlest one was running the toy fire engine all over the apartment with the sounds going. She was having such a good time.

Then the kids discovered that your team included an antenna with the TV, and I was able to find MPT cartoons for them. All six of them settled down (for a few minutes) in the living room watching TV while IRC staffers were giving their parents the safety and info briefing for the apartment.

Please pass this note to your Meeting, and once again, thank you for organizing this project. You gave a family a happy home to raise their children."

WICKER BASKET CONTRIBUTIONS: The Wicker Basket recipient continues to be CARES. The following items are consistently needed: **JELLY, hearty soups, pasta (small shapes), and boxed mac & cheese.** Drop off times are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 9:00 AM - 12 noon, and Saturdays 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. 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 decreased. Contributions support the maintenance of the Meeting and our contributions to designated service organizations.

We will be transitioning to a new online giving platform soon, please stay tuned, or contact the office if you'd like to be one of our early adopters. This is a known system that For now, **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 FOR EDUCATION & TO PARTICIPATE IN QUAKER EVENTS

The Consolidated Education Fund is available for children of Homewood Friends Meeting. Many members have given to support education. This money can be used to support schooling at any level, public or private, as well as for educational projects, resources, and supplemental activities.

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 about either fund and for the application form, please see our website page: <https://homewoodfriends.org/memberresources/scholarships/>

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOMEWOOD

MEETING FOR WORSHIP: every Sunday, 10:30 - 11:30 AM on Zoom worship and in-person.

ONLINE SOCIAL TIME AFTER WORSHIP: 11:30 AM 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.

SIMPLE SOUP: after the rise of in person Meeting for Worship is held on the side porch or in the dining room, depending upon the weather. Masks are not required outdoors, are required in the dining room except when seated and eating or drinking. Contact the office with any questions.

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

BUSINESS MEETING: Sunday, May 1 at 12:30 PM on Zoom (using the Meeting for Worship link).

QUAKER BOOK CIRCLE: Sunday, May 8 at 9:00 AM on Zoom. QBC welcomes newcomers to our explorations. You are free to come and go as your schedule permits! We hope that this series of discussions will pique your interest, and that some newer attenders will participate.

For the next several months we will be reading and discussing selected sermons of Martin Luther King Jr. On May 8 we will discuss King's sermon, "[Antidotes for Fear](#)" [Zoom link here](#).

HOLDING IN THE LIGHT PEOPLE AFFECTED BY VIOLENCE IN BALTIMORE (second Sunday): May 8, 12:30 - 1:00 PM 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.

YOGA PRACTICE: Sunday, May 15 9:15 - 10:15 AM Molly Mitchell will lead a gentle yoga practice suitable for all. Deep and complete breathing will guide our movement, leading us to a place of stillness where we can abide in the inner light: a beautiful preparation for worship. Please bring a yoga mat, blanket and, if you have them, one or two blocks. Contact Molly with any questions, 1mollymitchell@gmail.com

YAF (YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS): The YAF will tour the Lillie Carroll Jackson Civil Rights Museum at 1PM on Saturday, May 21. Space is limited, [sign up here](#). Questions? Contact Ben Rogers, 410-622-5671 or benjamin.j.rogers.14@gmail.com.

EXPERIMENT WITH LIGHT (fourth Sunday): May 22, 9:00 AM on Zoom.

PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE: (fourth Sunday): May 22, 9:00 AM on Zoom. Questions or issues to bring up? Contact Malachy Kilbride at 301.283.7627 or malachykilbride@gmail.com

The Peace & Social Justice Committee is encouraging Friends to attend the June 18, 2022, Mass Poor People's and Low-Wage Workers' Assembly and *Moral March on Washington and to the Polls* organized by the Poor People's Campaign.

We would like to travel together as a group from Homewood Friends. Tickets for buses to Washington, DC on June 18 can be purchased [through the Poor People's Campaign](#) or through the [Black Lives Matter, Interfaith Coalition](#) (see below). For more information contact Malachy Kilbride of the Peace & Social Justice Committee at malachykilbride@gmail.com

The Peace & Social Justice Committee is also planning how Homewood Friends will participate in and support PRIDE events this June. Save the date for the **Trans Pride Block Party June 4th @ 4PM** and the **Baltimore PRIDE Parade on Saturday June 25**. Again, reach out to Malachy with any questions. Details will be shared in the weekly silent announcements.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: **Sunday, May 22** to help after meeting for worship to move the red sofa from the library to the back alley for bulk trash pickup on the 24th. Sadly, no one has claimed it and it's prohibitively expensive to repair. Please consider this the last call for the couch to find a new home, as well as a request for volunteers.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME: For Polly Heninger will happen after simple lunch on Sunday May 22. It will be a hybrid in person and online event (using the regular meeting for worship link).

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: Will be on **Sunday, May 29** (yes, Memorial Weekend). All participants have been consulted. If you have anything to bring before Admin Committee, please submit it to the office by *Tuesday May 24 at 9 AM*.

WORKING FOR CHANGE: Even though Homewood's Change Group has been laid down for now, important work continues to support Homewood's approved commitment to anti-racism.



Check out the new sign that is now in front of the meetinghouse and **join us** for the next rally on **May 15th at 1:30 PM**.

Homewood is a member of the local Black Lives Matter Interfaith Coalition (BLMIC.org). The website advertises rallies which are multi-congregational, multiracial, and interfaith. They provide an opportunity for Homewood members and the Meeting to build relationships outside our white-dominant patterns and space.

The current Related Action is to raise money for bus scholarships so cost is not a barrier to participation in the **Poor People's Campaign June 18, 2022 Moral March on Washington and to the Polls.**

Please visit the BLMIC website for the location of the **May 15 rally** and how to donate to the Related Action. The location was not publicly available at the time of the newsletter publication.

Daily Meeting for Worship for Ukraine. Friends are invited to participate in this one-hour, daily online meeting for worship hosted by Friends House Moscow. At 12 noon ET, Zoom opens at 11:45 AM. More details and Zoom link at this website:

<https://westernfriend.org/meeting-worship-ukraine> Friend Tanya Hicks reports that she has been glad to be present among hundreds of worshippers attending virtual Moscow Friends Meeting. Visitors from around the world focus light on conflict, with inspiring messages of peace.

FIRST DAY SCHOOL: The First Day School is meeting in-person. The closing of First Day School will be June 12. Kendall will continue to send weekly emails to families with all necessary details and summer First Day plans. If you would like to be added to the list of families, please contact Kendall Kennison kendall.kennison@goucher.edu.

NEWS OF FRIENDS

Rosetta Graham celebrated her 99th birthday in late April. We were able to sing an early Happy Birthday to Rosetta during the Homecoming celebration. Rosetta enjoys cards from friends. Homewood Friends are regular visitors to Rosetta, and are much appreciated. New visitors should coordinate with Sarah Bur.

Louise Williams celebrated her 100th birthday on May 2. Numerous celebrations are planned, and have been happening. Louise also appreciates cards. Her address at Broadmead is in the Meeting directory.

GREEN ORGANIZING ACTION TEAM:

"GOAT NOAT" FOR MAY 2022

Garden Club Work Parties This Spring

The first Garden Club Party of the spring was held on Saturday, April 16th. Nine people worked for about an hour and a half and did a major clean up of winter sticks, leaves, and tops. The second Garden Club meeting was Saturday, April 30th at 10:00 AM. Two people showed up to weed. There are plenty more weeds that need your attention. If you are interested in working in the garden in May, please watch the Weekly Announcements for further information.

New Green Congregation Website

Gary Gillespie, with help from Kathy Rogers, has created new pages on the Homewood Friends website for the documents and resources for our work as a Green Congregation. Please check it out at <https://homewoodfriends.org/green-congregation/> Let us know what you think!

Gas Leak Detection Workshop on May 8th at 10:30 AM - 12 Noon at North Baltimore Mennonite Church

Interfaith Power and Light (IPL) is supporting and promoting a program to raise awareness about harmful and potentially dangerous gas leaks as a result of old and decaying pipe infrastructure. Barbara Briggs, a member of Friends Meeting of Washington, works with a District of Columbia community organization, "Beyond Gas DC" that offers a workshop on "natural" gas and how it has come to be such a dominant part of our energy system for heating homes and cooking food. The workshop is followed up with a guided field experience using an industry grade monitor to identify gas line leaks and measure the amount of methane that is being released. If you would like to participate or have questions, please contact John McKusick at 410-830-9225.

If you have questions or suggestions regarding this advocacy work, please contact Gary Gillespie, clerk of GOAT, or John McKusick. GOAT meets on the fourth Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM. For the location, contact Gary.

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



photo credit: Kathy Rogers

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!

Please increase our visibility on social media by engaging with our posts (that means liking, commenting and/or sharing them).

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

PENDLE HILL: Pendle Hill has an *online reading group* which focuses on PH Pamphlets and other Quaker writings. Free and open to the public. **Wednesday May 25, 6:30 - 8:00 PM.** This month we will be considering Steve Chase's "Revelation and Revolution: Answering the Call to Radical Faithfulness" (PHP #431). [Details on how to register and/or purchase the pamphlet.](#)

JOIN PENDLE HILL FOR DAILY WORSHIP: You are welcome to join PH Friends for a half-hour Meeting for Worship every day from 8:30 to 9:10 AM Eastern Time. Details [on their website](#).
Zoom: +1 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 432 071 090

POWELL HOUSE: Christopher Sammond will be leading an online retreat **May 27-29** entitled "Where the Words Come From: A Workshop on Vocal Ministry." [Details here.](#)

BYM: Annual Session registration is now open!! Online and in-person at Hood College, from August 1 - 7. [Details and registration links are in the Spring Interchange.](#)

FGC: Save the date for the **2022 FGC Gathering**, which will be held ONLINE for all-ages. Sunday, July 3 - Saturday, July 9. There will be some in-person programming for young people. For more information on this formatting change, see the [message from the presiding clerk on the FGC website.](#)

QUAKERS AND THE LARGER COMMUNITY

UNIFIED EFFORTS: Baltimore Magazine will include in its June 2022 issue a full page ad featuring our children. A gift from one of Baltimore's largest marketing firms -TBC. President, TBC - Allan Charles made this happen. Just like all of you that bring gifts of love to children served by UniFIED Efforts your work, support and love of community is greatly appreciated. UE's request to all of you – **please pick up a "printed" copy of Baltimore's Magazine JUNE edition.** Tell a friend!

Our camp starts July 5 and ends July 29th. What a wonderful way to kick off our capital campaign project. Peace and wellness to all of you! Also, for the 2nd year in a row, UE received a PLATINUM Transparency rating from Candid.org/Guidestar. (ETA: Congratulations Debbie et al)

IAHR NEEDS PEN PALS: Interfaith Action for Human Rights (IAHR) is seeking volunteers interested in corresponding with people who are incarcerated. The program was initially created to serve people from Washington, D.C. who are housed in federal prisons often far from friends and family. It has now expanded to include anyone incarcerated in a Federal prison, as well as people incarcerated in Maryland and Virginia state prisons. If you would like to attend an information/orientation session and get matched with a pen pal, email penpal.iahr@gmail.com.

Faith and Practice of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, the Fifth Query: Personal Way of Life

Do you live in accordance with your spiritual convictions? Do you seek employment consistent with your beliefs and in service to society? Do you practice simplicity in speech, dress and manner of living, avoiding wasteful consumption? Are you watchful that your possessions do not rule you? Do you strive to be truthful at all times, avoiding judicial oaths? Do you strive to develop your physical, emotional and mental capacities toward reaching your Divinely given potential? Do you cultivate healthful and moderate habits, avoiding the hazards of drugs, intoxicants, and over-indulgence generally? Do you try to direct such emotions as anger and fear in creative ways?

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

Self-indulgent habits and luxurious living dull our awareness and make us insensitive to the needs of others and the leading of the Spirit. Ostentation and extravagant expenditure should not be a part of Friends' lives. Friends should be particularly aware of this in planning marriages, funerals, social gatherings or public occasions. True simplicity does not consist of particular forms or the absence of grace, symmetry and beauty, but of avoiding over-indulgence, maintaining humility of spirit, and keeping material surroundings in proportion to human needs.

Friends' longstanding testimony against the use, production, or sale of tobacco and alcoholic beverages is not fully accepted by some. For many, however, complete abstinence is the only effective way to avoid the dangers of the use of these materials. Friends are in unity against illegal narcotics and mind altering substances, now readily available. Use of any of these materials has adverse effects which reach beyond the individual to harm the family and the community; dealing with illegal drugs also supports a criminal underground. Even legitimate prescription drugs can be used inappropriately and excessively. All these usages deaden the individual to life and spiritual values.

For those trapped in substance abuse, such advice may seem hollow. Commonalities exist between addictive behaviors with these substances and other compulsive actions, such as in the areas of eating disorders, gambling, overwork, and physical abuse. The causes go deep and may not be fully understood, but the resulting pain, fear, desperation and denial, damaging the abuser and all those around that person, need to be supportively recognized. A Meeting community should be ready to listen non-judgmentally, offer information about sources of help, refuse to enable people to continue in harmful patterns, and continue to offer an environment free from addictive practices.

We are faced at every hand with enticements to risk money in anticipation of disproportionate gain through gambling. Some governments employ gambling as a means of raising revenue, even

presenting it as a civic virtue. The Religious Society of Friends continues to bear testimony against betting, gambling, lotteries, speculations or any other endeavor to receive material gain without equivalent exchange, believing that we owe an honest return for what we receive. Indulgence in games of chance blunts a proper sense of obligation.

How we use our working hours, our leisure and our resources has direct bearing on our spiritual life. Time for recreation is needed to refresh spirit, mind and body. Our use of time may determine whether the Divine Spirit grows within us or is crowded out. We are called upon to be stewards of the rich provisions which God has made for all creation. As Friends we are advised to consider the effects of our charitable gifts and of all our expenditures, in the light of our concern for the right and fair sharing of the world's resources.

Schedule of Meetings for Worship

Every First Day (Sunday)	10:30 AM Homewood Meeting House
First Sunday of each month	12:30 PM Meeting for Business, virtual
	<u>BUSINESS MEETING: May 1 at 12:30 PM</u>

Schedule of Committee and Group Meetings

Administrative	Odd months last Sundays 12:30 PM (May 29)
Green Organizing Action Team (GOAT)-- OPEN	3rd Sundays, 1:30 PM; contact <u>Gary Gillespie</u>, 443.208.2757
Hospitality—OPEN	As called; for now, contact the office, 410.235.4438
House & Grounds—OPEN	2nd Mondays at 7:00 PM; contact <u>Susan Johns Smith</u>, 410.458-1835
Library—OPEN	As called; contact <u>Meri Robie-Craven</u>, 410.207.3903
Peace & Social Justice Committee—OPEN	4th Sundays, 9:00 AM; contact <u>Malachy Kilbride</u>, 301.283.7627
Ministry & Counsel	1st Wednesdays; contact <u>Donna McKusick</u>, 410.426.5836
Religious Education--OPEN	2nd Tuesdays, 7:15 PM, Meeting House; contact <u>Kendall Kennison</u>, 410.830.9225
Trustees	2nd Thursdays; 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 unless otherwise noted. For more information about accessing Zoom, please go to <https://homewoodfriends.org/zoom-links/>. 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.

Topic: Sunday Worship

Time: 10:30 AM Eastern Time

Every week on Sunday

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/255867065?pwd=UDNxVnlVSktZQOHlXWlc3NHpHeHdhZz09>

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** (12:30) 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 any later events.

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: 9:00 AM Eastern Time

Fourth Sunday of each month

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88006195829?pwd=T0xESkdGcmVTcGFZ0lrRnVtUzJhUT09>

Meeting ID: 880 0619 5829

Passcode: 139231

One tap mobile: 3017158592, 88006195829# US (Washington DC)

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/89966007788?pwd=WjBkUnFSV3d2WVQ1N0JPRmViN1BhQT09>

Meeting ID: 899 6600 7788

Passcode: 943260

One tap mobile: 3017158592, 89966007788#

Phone number: 301 715 8592

Topic: Homewood Quaker Book Circle

Time: 9:00 AM Eastern Time

Second Sunday of each month

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82663801938?pwd=aVksMVlLM0JlTCE5SQmdWUTlxeTBpZz09>

Meeting ID: 826 6380 1938

Passcode: 109924
One tap mobile: 3017158592, 82663801938#
Phone number: 301 715 8592 US

Topic: Homewood Peace & Social Justice Committee

Time: 9:00 AM, Eastern Time Fourth Sunday of each month
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85688289550?pwd=bjFjTzU0ZDN0VmNKQnoreVB0VHI2QT09>
Meeting ID: 856 8828 9550
Passcode: 213715
One tap mobile: 3017158592, 85688289550#
Phone number: 301 715 8592

Topic: Trustees

Time: 7:00 PM every month on the second Tuesday or Wednesday
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88668338386?pwd=UDZabDZ1emZjdzkzVFJjZHIwelpudz09>
Meeting ID: 886 6833 8386
Passcode: 975670
One tap mobile: 3017158592, 88668338386#
Phone number: 301 715 8592

Topic: Ministry & Counsel

Time: Varies. Contact M&C
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/487422834?pwd=VG9kV3V0di96VEFoZlo2Q2lTeEQrdz09>
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:
301 715 8592 US

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