

Seventh & Eighth Months (July/August) 2022

# Homewood Friends Meeting *Newsletter*

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## **REPORT ON PRIDE MONTH:** by Malachy Kilbride, Clerk of Peace & Social Justice Committee

Coming out of two years of Covid restrictions and cancellations of many annual events, LGBTQ Pride Month was celebrated in Baltimore during June of 2022.

An inaugural, and many hope an annual, Trans Pride celebration began with a festive march starting outside of Homewood Friends Meeting on Charles Street. Friends from Homewood Monthly Meeting welcomed and celebrated the Trans Pride march contingents on June 4<sup>th</sup> as the parade passed by our meetinghouse. A street celebration took place at the end of the parade

between 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and North Avenue near the offices of **Baltimore Safe Haven** which organized the Trans Pride events. Baltimore Safe Haven is the city's only Trans led drop-in center providing a variety of services and support for the Trans community. Baltimore Safe Haven states that the Trans community "...is one of the nation's most threatened by violence, trauma, and homelessness because of their gender identity and sexual orientation. Baltimore Safe Haven focuses on those members with an annual median income of less than \$10,000, who are currently engaged in or have a history in sex work, who are substance users, and who are either homeless or at risk of becoming homeless."

Towards the end of June, on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> Homewood Friends also celebrated, welcomed, and participated in the Baltimore LGBTQ Pride Parade which also started outside the meetinghouse. In addition, Homewood Friends opened the doors of our meetinghouse offering use of our restrooms for those participating in the parade celebration. Several Friends joined the parade marching with the interfaith group, **Faith Communities of Baltimore with Pride**.

In over 40 plus years of the modern civil rights movement of LGBTQ people across the country there has been progress and change for the better. However, equality and safety within our communities remain a serious concern for LGBTQ people and their allies. In our Charles Village community this June 2022 we saw disturbing acts of arson. Pride flags in the Charles Village neighborhood were set on fire causing houses to be burned and residents sent to hospital. On June 19<sup>th</sup>, several Friends from Homewood Monthly Meeting walked over to the burned-out homes, spoke with our neighbors, and held a short vigil outside the targeted homes in our community. In addition to this disturbing act of arson in our immediate neighborhood, the offices of Baltimore Safe Haven were burglarized and vandalized earlier this year in addition to a burglary late in 2021.

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**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.

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## ***FAITH IN ACTION***

**MORAL MARCH ON WASHINGTON & TO THE POLLS:** A few Homewood Friends attended the DC march on June 18. Malachy reported at business meeting that it was good to see so many people from different walks of life and parts of the country represented at the march. The Poor People's Campaign continues, beyond the march. Friends will work in coalition to support voting access and engagement, locally and in other parts of the U.S. Contact Malachy Kilbride for current information. ([malachykilbride@gmail.com](mailto:malachykilbride@gmail.com))

# The Peace Testimony & the Ukraine War

*a webinar for Friends*

July 18  
7:30 PM



The BYM Working Group on U.S. Militarism and War is planning what will surely be an excellent webinar entitled "**The Peace Testimony and the Ukraine War**," for **Monday July 18 at 7:30 PM** with three excellent panelists. Details are on [the flier](#) (and on Homewood's website). Register [here](#) to get the Zoom link.

This announcement comes from Jean Athey, clerk of the BYM working group. Reach out to Jean with any questions. She also asks Friends to please spread the word to anyone who might be interested in attending the webinar.

**AN URGENT CALL TO THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS:** A group of 19 high-profile Friends from around the U.S. put out this urgent call to action <https://quakercall.net/>. Friends are asked to participate in a national dialog on the **urgent threats to our democracy** and what's at stake. Homewood Friends Meeting approved at July business meeting to sign on to the call. Friends are strongly encouraged to participate in one of the two upcoming virtual conversations, Monday July 25 (7-9 PM ET) or Sunday, July 31 (3-5 PM ET). Registration is required to attend either Zoom session, and can be found through the website link above. Homewood Peace & Social Justice Committee plans to host a forum for our community to discuss this issue, after the initial virtual conversations have taken place. Details will be shared in the weekly silent announcements.

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**WICKER BASKET CONTRIBUTIONS:** The Wicker Basket recipient continues to be CARES. The following items are consistently needed: **jelly, healthy snacks** and **toiletries (shampoo, deodorant, liquid body soap)**. 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 from PayPal to the Breeze online giving platform in September. Please contact the office if you'd like to join the early adopters of this system. We're excited to offer



contributions by ACH (e-check) and the ability for donors to cover our transaction fees (which are tax deductible to the same extent as the rest of the donation). Look for details in the September newsletter as we encourage our monthly sustainers to make this transition. If you prefer to pay by **check**, please make all checks payable to "Homewood Friends Meeting."

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### ***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/>

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### ***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 LUNCH:** after the rise of in person Meeting for Worship is held on the side porch. Masks are not required outdoors, are required in the kitchen and dining room except when seated and eating or drinking. Contact the office with any questions. Thanks to everyone who has signed up to do Simple Lunch this summer.

**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, July 3 at 12:30 PM on Zoom (using the Meeting for Worship link). As usual, there is no August Business Meeting.

**QUAKER BOOK CIRCLE:** QBC is having a temporary pause this summer. When we resume we would like to involve the YAFs in deciding the topic, readings, and times. Please send suggestions to the office, [homewoodfriends@gmail.com](mailto:homewoodfriends@gmail.com)

**HOLDING IN THE LIGHT PEOPLE AFFECTED BY VIOLENCE IN BALTIMORE (second Sundays):** July 10 and August 14, 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: Sundays, July 10 & August 14 9:15 - 10:15 AM (second Sundays this summer)** 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](mailto:1mollymitchell@gmail.com)

**YAF (YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS):** During the month of June, YAF hosted one socially-oriented event at the beginning of the month. Additionally, a small group of YAF members participated in the Poor People's Campaign March on Washington DC and the Baltimore Pride Parade and associated festivities.

In the month of July, YAF will host a socially-oriented event towards the end of the month (July 23rd or 24th). As always, reach out to Ben Rogers (410-622-5671) to get involved in YAF or with specific questions. He will share details for the July social with YAF list once everything is figured out.

**EXPERIMENT WITH LIGHT (fourth Sundays): July 24 & August 28, 9:00 AM on Zoom.**

**PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE: (fourth Sundays): July 24 & August 28, 9:00 AM on Zoom.**

Questions or issues to bring up? Contact Malachy Kilbride at 301.283.7627 or [malachykilbride@gmail.com](mailto:malachykilbride@gmail.com)

**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.

Homewood is a member of the local Black Lives Matter Interfaith Coalition ([BLMIC.org](http://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.

The July rally will be Sunday **July 17** from 1:30 - 2:30 PM in Catonsville at the 695 Frederick Rd bridge/overpass. Directions and other details are on the website. No information is available about the current related action.

**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.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** First Day School is on summer break, though nursery care continues. Two adult volunteers are needed each week this summer, in case any children attend meeting. If you'd like to sign up to be on call for this, please [use this online form](#).

Kendall is also sending out emails to families over the summer. If you would like to be added to the list of families, please contact Kendall Kennison [kendall.kennison@goucher.edu](mailto:kendall.kennison@goucher.edu).

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### **Thinking About Race – (July-August 2022) Under the Skin**

Excerpts from Jerald Walker's review of Linda Villarosa's book, *Under the Skin – The Hidden Toll of Racism on American Lives and on the Health of Our Nation*, The Washington Post, June 12, 2022. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2022/06/10/racisms-ill-effects-health-care-system-body-itself/>

Equal treatment within the health-care system, Villarosa argues, regardless of class or social status, remains elusive because of three primary obstacles: long-standing institutional and structural discrimination; implicit biases in the medical profession resulting not only in misdiagnoses but even blame for being unwell; and “weathering,” which, Villarosa writes, refers to the “struggle with anger and grief triggered by everyday racist insults and microaggressions ... [which] can, over time, deteriorate the systems of the body.”

Villarosa cites a 2007 American Journal of Public Health study that demonstrates that Black women who reported experiencing racial discrimination had double to triple the rate of low-birth-weight babies compared with Black women who did not report incidents of discrimination. Summing up, Villarosa writes, “The researchers’ conclusion: low birth weights among African American women have more to do with the experience of racism than with race.”

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To combat racism in health care, Villarosa advocates implicit-bias training for medical personnel and champions expanding the diversity of students, faculty and curriculums in medical schools.

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, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, currently via Zoom. If you would like to attend, contact the clerk at [david.etheridge@verizon.net](mailto:david.etheridge@verizon.net).

### **GREEN ORGANIZING ACTION TEAM:**

### **“GOAT NOAT” FOR JULY & AUGUST 2022**

The GOAT Noat is taking a hiatus in July and August but the Green Organizing Action Team committee has a few items to share.

- Welcome back, **Bess Keller**! Bess put together and facilitated a terrific workshop on alternatives to plastic in our daily lives in 2019-2020. Of course, the pandemic started in March 2020 and thwarted continuation of the workshop. And then, Bess took a break from GOAT to continue her work with Trustees. The proliferation of plastic with a myriad of applications has only increased in the last three years. Look for programming in this area in the fall.
- **Garden Club** will meet to work in the garden on the evening of **Thursday, July 21** from 7:00 – 8:00 PM. This will be our first evening work party! The date and time August is still to be determined but will be posted in the Weekly Announcements. The garden is in summer glory. Please enjoy it whenever you can come by the Meetinghouse. At our most

recent meeting of GOAT, held on the porch, we were fascinated to see how many birds, particularly goldfinches and hummingbirds, were enjoying garden repasts.

- Reminder to **Vote** in the Maryland Primary on **Tuesday, July 19th** if you have not already voted early or by mail/drop off ballot box.
- Check out the Voters Guide, non-partisan, issues based advocacy, compiled by the Maryland League of Women Voters.

[https://www.lwvmd.org/2022\\_primary\\_voters\\_guides](https://www.lwvmd.org/2022_primary_voters_guides)

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



**Homewood  
Friends  
Meeting  
In the Garden**



*June  
2022*



Some photos from the garden, taken by Kathy Rogers. We'll post the July collage on Facebook and the Homewood website.

The fig tree is huge and filled with growing figs. We'll let Friends know at Meeting for Worship and in the silent announcements when they're ready to be picked. Please come and help eat them; we were overwhelmed last year with too many figs. They were delicious.

#### **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**.

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

**BYM:** Annual Session **registration closes July 15!!** Annual session will be hybrid, both online and in-person at Hood College, from August 1 - 7. [Details and registration links are in the Spring Interchange.](#)

**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 July 20, 6:30 - 8:00 PM.** In June/July we will be considering Paul N. Anderson's "Navigating the Living Waters of the Gospel of John: On Wading with Children and Swimming with Elephants" (PHP #352). This selection complements the [Illuminate Summer Speaker Series](#).

[Details on how to register for the reading group and/or purchase the pamphlet.](#)

[Check here](#) for the August information, when it is posted. And all upcoming events at Pendle Hill.

**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

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

**QUAKER EARTHCARE WITNESS:** Upcoming webinar on Ecological Grief: Engaging with the Emotional Impacts of Climate Change led by Gayle Matson & Hayley Hathaway. Thursday, **August 25 at 7-8:30 PM ET.** [Details and registration information here.](#)

**FCNL:** Online event **Tuesday July 19, 4 PM ET** with Bridget Moix, José (Woss) Moreno, and Dr. Barbara Williams-Skinner to discuss how the **Faiths United to Save Democracy campaign** is working to educate and equip people with the tools needed to protect their right to vote. [Registration link.](#)

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***Faith and Practice of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, the Seventh Query: Caring for Others***

Do you respect that of God in every person? Do you search yourself for and strive to eliminate prejudices such as those related to race, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation, and economic



condition? In what ways do you accept and appreciate differences among your friends and associates? Do you avoid exploiting or manipulating others to accomplish ends, however worthy?

***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?

***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
	<b><u>No BUSINESS MEETING in August</u></b>

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

Administrative	<b>Odd months last Sundays 12:30 PM (July 31)</b>
Green Organizing Action Team (GOAT)-- OPEN	<b>3rd Sundays, 1:30 PM; contact <u>Gary Gillespie</u>, 443.208.2757</b>
Hospitality—OPEN	<b>As called; for now, contact the office, 410.235.4438</b>
House & Grounds—OPEN	<b>2nd Mondays at 7:00 PM; contact <u>Susan Johns Smith</u>, 410.458-1835</b>
Library—OPEN	<b>As called; contact <u>Meri Robie-Craven</u>, 410.207.3903</b>
Peace & Social Justice Committee—OPEN	<b>4th Sundays, 9:00 AM; contact <u>Malachy Kilbride</u>, 301.283.7627</b>
Ministry & Counsel	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays; contact <u>Donna McKusick</u>, 410.426.5836</b>
Religious Education--OPEN	<b>2nd Tuesdays, 7:15 PM, Meeting House; contact <u>Kendall Kennison</u>, 410.830.9225</b>
Trustees	<b>2nd Thursdays; contact <u>Polly Heninger</u>, 410.419.2305</b>

*These are the regularly scheduled meeting times for each committee or group. Changes and special meeting times will be announced and/or committee members will be notified (see calendar at [homewoodfriends.org](http://homewoodfriends.org)). 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=T0xESkdGcmVTcGFZ0lrRnVtUzlhUT09>

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~~ ON SUMMER HIATUS<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

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**Topic: Trustees**

Time: 7:00 PM every month on the second Tuesday or 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

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**Topic: Ministry & Counsel**

Time: Varies. Contact M&C

<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:

301 715 8592 US

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