

Tenth Month (October) 2022

# Homewood Friends Meeting *Newsletter*

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## GARDEN HAPPENINGS

This October, Homewood Friends was very excited to welcome visitors back during the Charles Village Garden Walk on Sunday, October 2 from 12 - 4 PM. There were two work sessions in September to get the garden ready for visitors.



**Homewood  
Friends  
Meeting  
In the Garden**

Fall  
2022



Unfortunately, the remnants of Hurricane Ian made for a very wet afternoon on the 2nd. The Walk went on, “rain or shine” and members of the GOAT/Garden Club welcomed around 18 visitors. While a smaller crowd than in prior years, and certainly less than we’d hoped for, the visitors were very impressed with the native pollinator garden, and it was felt to be a good outreach effort with the local community.



*Quaker Book Circle* is [looking for a new facilitator and is currently on hiatus](#). This is a monthly discussion on a text or article focusing on Quaker beliefs. In the past QBC has been held both online and in person on the second Sunday of the month at 9:00 for 45 minutes, but the time and format are flexible. No experience is necessary, other than an interest in sharing with others your thoughts about the reading and facilitating the discussion. The group is usually around 5 to 7 participants. Past leaders of the book circle are willing to help. Contact Donna McKusick at [dmckusick@icloud.com](mailto:dmckusick@icloud.com) for more information.

Additional special events are in the works. Details will be published in future newsletters and the weekly silent announcements. We hope to find something that is of interest to you in this list.

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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***

**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 were asked to participate in a national dialog on the **urgent threats to our democracy** and what's at stake. Homewood Friends Meeting approved at our July business meeting to sign on to the call. Be alert for future updates.

**WICKER BASKET CONTRIBUTIONS:** The Wicker Basket recipient continues to be CARES. The following items are desperately needed: **canned fruit, tuna and pasta meals, one pound bags of rice, condiments, as well as paper bags with sturdy handles.** 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.

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**CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MEETING** are needed and gratefully accepted. Donations support the maintenance of the Meeting and our contributions to designated service organizations. We thank everyone who has switched to online giving, and/or increased their contribution amount.



You can learn more or **switch your donation to Breeze on [our website](#)**.

That page has a link to step by step instructions for signing up with Breeze.

You're also welcome to call the office or ask Polly Heninger, clerk of Trustees, for assistance.

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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.

**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.

**CHARLES VILLAGE GARDEN WALK:** Sunday, October 2 from 12-4 PM. "Rain or shine" - see the featured story to know how that turned out.

**BUSINESS MEETING:** Sunday, October 9 at 1:05 PM on Zoom (using the Meeting for Worship link). As usual, there is no August Business Meeting.

**QUAKER BOOK CIRCLE:** QBC remains on hiatus. Ministry & Counsel is looking to identify an individual to lead our Quaker Book Circle. Contact Donna McKusick at [dmckusick@icloud.com](mailto:dmckusick@icloud.com) for more information.

**HOLDING IN THE LIGHT PEOPLE AFFECTED BY VIOLENCE IN BALTIMORE (second Sundays):** October 9, 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, 10/16 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, and, if you have them, one or two blocks. Contact Molly with any questions, [1mollymitchell@gmail.com](mailto:1mollymitchell@gmail.com)

**HOUSE & GROUNDS: Sunday, October 16** House & Grounds will do an annual walk-through of our building to identify work needed in the coming year. (Examples: obtain diaper changing table, polyurethane dining room floor) We welcome anyone with an interest to join us at **12:15 pm in the meeting room**. We estimate 30-45 minutes for this process.

**YAF (YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS): October** has our YAF working on Get Out the Vote and other election related matters, as well as social justice work. And, of course, the wedding! They are planning a group presence at the George Lakey event on November 20. As always, reach out to Ben Rogers (410-622-5671) to get involved in YAF or with specific questions.

**EXPERIMENT WITH LIGHT (fourth Sundays): October 23, 9:00 AM on Zoom.**

**PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE: (fourth Sundays): October 23, 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)

**WEDDING: Saturday, October 29, 11 AM** Homewood Friends are invited to participate in a specially called Meeting for Worship for Cathie Magee and Ben Rogers' wedding.

**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 October rally will be Sunday **October 16** from 1:30 - 2:30 PM - location 1400 Merritt Blvd in Dundalk. Please check the website for details. Direct action: the [Henrietta Lacks Legacy Group](#).

**WACDTF CLINIC ESCORT (PEACEFUL PRESENCE) TRAINING:** On **Sunday October 16** from **3 - 5 PM**, Hinenu has invited Homewood Friends to join them in our dining room for a training in how to be a peaceful presence outside of reproductive health care facilities in Baltimore. The training is being conducted by the Washington Area Clinic Defense Task Force ([WACDTF.org](http://WACDTF.org)), which is a well regarded group that has been providing a nonviolent presence outside of clinics since the 1980s. Escorts are needed in Baltimore on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Registration is not required. Questions, contact the Homewood office.

**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:** The year is off to a great start. 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). Any teens in the Meeting who would like to meet up with other Baltimore Quaker Young Friends, particularly to attend the BLMIC Rally and George Lakey event on November 20, please contact the Homewood office.

**TRUSTEES:** The budget process is underway. Thank you to everyone who submitted their materials in a timely manner, and thanks for getting back to Polly quickly with any follow up information. Questions or concerns, please contact Polly at 410-419-2305 or [peh616@msn.com](mailto:peh616@msn.com).

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### **Kudos for Hosting Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting on September 25th**

The Nuts and Bolts Committee for planning Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting expresses gratitude to Homewood Friends for hosting Quarterly Meeting on Sunday, September 25th. Thank you to the greeters, cooks, bakers, cleaners, worshippers, techies, etc. Homewood made the CQM visitors feel welcome. Seven of the eight Monthly Meetings were represented along with a representative of Quaker Voice of Maryland. We look forward to the next CQM to be held at Gunpowder Friends Meeting on Sunday, February 12th, 2023.

### **George Lakey: Lessons for Today from a Lifetime of Nonviolent Activism**

Baltimore PeaceBuilders invite you to a lecture/discussion with George Lakey on Sunday, **November 20 at 3:15 PM**. George is a queer, Quaker activist and master storyteller who will share about his lifetime involvement in nonviolent struggles for peace, civil rights, LGBTQ rights, labor justice, and the environment. He will emphasize lessons from his life which apply to us during these challenging times, finding hope in even the darkest of times through strategic joyful activism.

Please consider attending the Baltimore [Black Lives Matter Interfaith Coalition](#) Rally, held along Charles Street in front of Homewood Friends Meeting from **1:30 - 2:30 PM** that day. Refreshments will be served in between events.

Homewood Friends Meeting is a co-sponsor of the event, along with Stony Run Friends Meeting, Hinenu and BLMIC. More details will be shared soon on our website and in the November newsletter.

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## **Thinking About Race – (October 2022) Ladder to the Light**

From Ladder to the Light - An Indigenous Elder's Meditations on Hope and Courage, by Steven Charleston, 2021, Broadleaf Books, p. 79

"One of the greatest challenges we face in our ascent to freedom is the fear of diversity. Throughout the centuries, oppressive cultures have invented scores of ways to pretend human beings are fundamentally different. They have invented the concept of race. They have developed elaborate caste systems. They have engineered class distinctions. They have economically separated people by gender. They have practiced religious exclusivity and intolerance. The list goes on, but the results have been the same. Humanity has remained fractured along imaginary fault lines created by fear and perpetuated for social control and domination."

Charleston, a member of the Choctaw Nation, goes on to tell us how to climb the ladder: "In the kiva, we begin overcoming this fear. We begin to see the deeper truth of our own humanity. The higher we climb on the ladder, the more we realize the reality of our own existence. We are not different; we are the same. The light exposes these false divisions and helps us recognize one another for what we are: brothers and sisters in the great tribe of human beings."

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).

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**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:** BYM's Reparations Action Working Group presents a new workshop entitled **Mutual Aid: A Friendly Approach**.

Rashid Darden of Friends Meeting of Washington presents an engaging and interactive experience that will walk Friends through the surprisingly colorful history of mutual aid. How do fezzes and tents connect with food pantries? What's the difference between charity and true mutual aid? Find out in this fully virtual and free event on **Saturday, October 29, 2022, at 10:00AM**. Friends will also learn skills necessary to begin their own mutual aid ministries in their local meetings. *This workshop will be recorded*, which is fortunate as it is the same day/time as Ben and Cathie's wedding. It's also a great opportunity to learn more about the "Tubman House" program Homewood Friends participates in each week, in partnership with Bmore Community Food and in support of 67 families in our community.

**FRIENDS JOURNAL:** Has a [review](#) of George Lakey's latest book, *Dancing with History*, if you are interested.

**PENDLE HILL:** [Check here](#) for 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

**QUAKER VOICE OF MARYLAND:** The Maryland General Assembly will open the 2023 session in less than 3 months! Quaker Voice of Maryland (QVM), growing stronger every year, is seeking input from Friends about what should be the legislative priorities in areas such as Justice Reform, Immigration, Climate Justice, and Health Care. Here is a brief survey, the results of which will help the Steering Committee to discern the priorities. This survey will be available through **Sunday, October 23rd**, so please respond in a timely manner. Let your voice be heard with help from QVM. If you have questions, please contact Molly Finch of Annapolis Friends Meeting at [mgsfinch@gmail.com](mailto:mgsfinch@gmail.com)

<https://www.quakervoice.md.org/get-involved/provide-input-on-issues>

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

**FCNL:** Save the Date for the FCNL Annual Meeting & Quaker Public Policy Institute **November 16-20**.

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***Faith and Practice of Baltimore Yearly Meeting***, the Tenth Query: **Peace Testimony**

Do you endeavor to live "in virtue of that life and power which takes away the occasion of all wars"? Do you work to make your peace testimony a reality in your life and in your world? Do you weigh your day-to-day activities for their effect on peace-keeping, conflict resolution and the elimination of violence? Are you working toward eliminating aggression at all levels, from the personal to the international?

### ***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



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

Administrative	<b>Odd months last Sundays</b> 12:30 PM ( <b>Special date 10/2</b> )
Green Organizing Action Team (GOAT)-- OPEN	<b>3rd Sundays</b> , 1:30 PM; contact <u>Gary Gillespie</u> , 443.208.2757
Hospitality—OPEN	<b>As called</b> ; for now, contact the office, 410.235.4438
House & Grounds—OPEN	<b>2nd Mondays</b> at 7:00 PM; contact <u>Susan Johns Smith</u> , 410.458-1835
Library—OPEN	<b>As called</b> ; contact <u>Meri Robie-Craven</u> , 410.207.3903
Peace & Social Justice Committee—OPEN	<b>4th Sundays</b> , 9:00 AM; contact <u>Malachy Kilbride</u> , 301.283.7627
Ministry & Counsel	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays</b> ; contact <u>Donna McKusick</u> , 410.426.5836
Religious Education--OPEN	<b>2nd Tuesdays</b> , 7:15 PM, Meeting House; contact <u>Kendall Kennison</u> , 410.830.9225
Trustees	<b>2nd Tuesdays</b> ; contact <u>Polly Heninger</u> , 410.419.2305

*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.

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#### **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

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**Topic: Experiment with Light (Sunday mornings)**

Time: 9:00 AM Eastern Time

Fourth Sunday of each month

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88006195829?pwd=T0xESkdGcmVTcGFZOlRnVtUzJhUT09>

Meeting ID: 880 0619 5829

Passcode: 139231

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

Phone number: 301 715 8592

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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

<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

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**Topic: Homewood Quaker Book Circle (on hiatus)**

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**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

<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

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**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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