

Fourth Month 2025

Homewood Friends Meeting

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Newsletter

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Baltimore Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice

Fourth Query: Personal Spiritual Life

Do you make time for meditation, prayer, and worship?

Do you read the Bible, the writings of Friends, and other inspirational works, seeking new light?

Do you regularly seek God's guidance?

Are you open to guidance and support, and do you give thanks for them?

Do you share your spiritual insights with others and willingly receive from them in return?

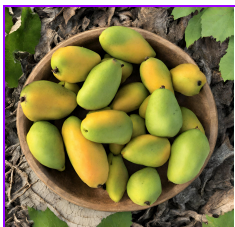
From the BYM Advices


Advices for the Fourth Query, "Prayer and Meditation"


Nurturing the life of the Spirit requires frequent communication with the Divine Spirit. It is not sufficient to rely solely on an hour (or less) on First Day mornings, or on brief moments of silence before meals or committee meetings. We should make room in each day to know that of God within ourselves. God's help and healing can be sought in many ways, including vocal or silent prayer, meditation, visualization, silent listening, and confident affirmation. Friends seek harmony with the Divine Will, individually or in groups, sometimes laying our concerns before God, sometimes asking for guidance, sometimes giving thanks for the beauty and blessing in our lives.

Read the full 4th Query advices and references:

[BYM Faith & Practice](#), page 30



 **Paw Paws:** Happy Spring! Like last year, Ben Rogers has Paw Paw tree saplings to give away if friends have a shady spot in their yard for a fruit tree. Ben is willing to do the planting! benjamin.j.rogers.14@gmail.com

 **Homewood Garden:** See the GOAT Noat (pg. 3) for more info about gardening at the meetinghouse, and other ways to get Green in the season of new growth.

Thank you to all who came to remember Rosetta Graham at her memorial on 3/15.

Below is a poem about Rosetta that Louisa Davis mentioned at the memorial and wanted to share.

Rosetta would have been 102 on 4/27.

Eyes of the Good Doctor—to Dr. Rosetta W. Graham

*You think you have the right to define yourself,
For yourself, and you do*

*But I have the right to take you in my heart
And call you what I want to.*

*So, Auntie, you are rough and smart,
In a world where both are lost arts.*

*You are Parks and Chisolm and Angelou
And others I can name,
Who've been both militant and poetic and
Played the political game.*

*But Granny, they are also composites of you—
Cause they love the little ones,
All damaged, bloody and blue.*

*So Mother, when you chide me, ride me
Confide in me, chastise me—I'm pleased
That God has kept you here, sent you here
To stay real near, to put cookies on the table,
And to nurture our painfully scarred knees.*

*Thank you and God bless you, Dr. Graham Crackers,
For allowing James to grow and cry,
And for allowing me to feel and see my mother
Through your wonderful deep eyes.*

*Thank you, Rosetta!
They don't come no betta!*

By Carl Grimes, Co-leader of Grieving Children Workshop, Los Angeles, CA.
NOVA Conference, August 8, 1997



GOAT's Noats

Greetings! Now that it is occasionally in the low sixties, we can officially say, "Welcome Spring!"

Garden Morning.

Next up: On Saturday, April 5th from 10 – 11:30 AM, we will work in the Homewood FM garden. Tasks include pruning, weeding, and clearing old and dead brush and grass. All are welcome. No experience is needed. Instruction will be provided as needed. Tools will be provided. Are you interested? Just show up. If you have questions, please contact Gary Gillespie, Clerk of GOAT, at garygillespie80@gmail.com.

The GOAT wants to thank Gary for the leadership he has provided since the inception of installing the garden around 2018! Gary is not going anywhere, but he is passing the leadership torch to Jamie Sumague who joined GOAT about a year ago. Jamie is a certified master gardener and is passionate about native plant gardening. Welcome Jamie!

Legislative Action.

The Maryland General Assembly (MGA) will adjourn at midnight on Monday, April 7th. At 90 days, Maryland has one of the shortest Assemblies in the country and it is very intense. Quaker Voice of Maryland has done a terrific job of coordinating and supporting the efforts to advocate for bills that Friends discerned as priorities. In brief, the Climate Justice bills are:

- Abundant, Affordable Clean Energy Act
- RENEW Act (Respond to Emergency Needs)
- Reclaim Renewable Energy
- Maryland Bottle Bill

You can find updated information about these climate bills on the QVM website:

<https://www.quakervoicemd.org/legislative-session>

Quaker Voice of Maryland
(click here for leg. updates)

There are also bills addressing migrant rights, housing issues, and judicial reform. At some point after April 7th, we will know the outcome for each bill. Stay tuned!

GOAT: Bess, Carol, Gary, Heather, Jamie, John, Kathy, and Rachael

UPCOMING

QUAKER FOUNDATIONS: Tuesdays in April 7:00-8:30 PM on Zoom (exclusively) All are invited to join this 5-session class presented by our Spiritual Nurture group. Starts on April 1st. Not mandatory to attend all sessions, but encouraged. You must register to receive the Zoom link:

[Register for Quaker Foundations](#)

BINGO NIGHT FOR SAFE HAVEN: Fri. 4/4 from 6-9 PM Homewood will be hosting a Bingo night to raise funds for [Baltimore Safe Haven](#).

We're asking Homewood members to donate prizes such as gently used books, accessories (scarves, handbags, knick knacks) costume jewelry, toys, artwork, etc. We will have a box designated in the lobby outside the office where items can be placed in the weeks leading up to the event.

More info: andres.lopez24@gmail.com or megary1115@gmail.com.

VIGIL FOR NONVIOLENCE: Fri. 4/4 at 5 PM in front of the meetinghouse.

GARDEN WORKDAY: Sat. 4/5 at 10 AM

NELSON MANDELA STUDY GROUP: Sun. 4/6 (First Sundays) 9:15 AM Lucretia Mott Room This small open group studies and reflects on the work of Nelson Mandela and takes inspired action to make positive change in the face of empire and oppression. Drop in to learn more.

MEETING FOR BUSINESS: Sun. 4/6 (First Sundays) 12:30 PM on Zoom ([link](#)) and in-person.

VIVA HOUSE FOOD AID: Sun. 4/6 We delivered 13 bags of food to Viva House in March!!! Let's keep up the good work. This month (due to Easter) the delivery date has been moved up. Please bring your bags by Sunday, April 6 and put them in the little kitchen. See exact list of requested food items in [January newsletter](#). Please do pack them in purchased re-usable (not paper) bags because the paper breaks. Thanks everyone!!!!

QUAKER PAMPHLET DISCUSSION: Sun. 4/13 (Second Sundays) 9:15 AM Lucretia Mott Room A small-group discussion on ideas that influence our worship time and faith practices. Regular attenders and curious guests are encouraged to join.

BIBLE STUDY: Sun. 4/20 (3rd Sundays) 9:15 AM in the Lucretia Mott room Join to read together and discuss passages from the Bible. No prior reading needed. We usually discuss a fairly short section that we read out loud together, while also sharing some silence and journaling time. Coffee and Bibles provided.

HOMEWOOD SPIRITUAL FORMATION: Mon. 4/21 (3rd Mondays) 6:30–9 PM A worshipful gathering for potluck fellowship & spiritual journey reflection/envisioning.



KAZU HAGA "FIERCE VULNERABILITY": Wed. 4/23 at 7:15 PM In-Person

and Zoom Nonviolence and restorative justice trainer Kazu Haga will visit Homewood Friends for a public talk about his new book Fierce Vulnerability, and the need to incorporate the lens and tools of collective trauma healing into our movements for social justice and liberation. Sponsored by Baltimore Peace Builders. [Register here](#).

((Stay tuned for more info about a preceding event that evening, with Hinenu Justice Schtiebl who has invited Homewood Friends to their Yom HoShoah remembrance event for the Holocaust. A somber spirit-led program but highly relevant.))

SIMPLE MEETING FOR WORSHIP: Sun. 4/27 (Last Sundays) 9 AM in the Library An additional worship time in a smaller setting without microphones or computers.



TO RAISE MONEY FOR



April 4th, 6-9 pm

Homewood Friends Meeting House

Family Friendly!

Fun! Community! Refreshments!

All funds will be donated to Safe Haven!

Cash preferred at door.

There will be no monetary prizes; all prizes are donated items.



Use this QR code to donate directly to Maryland Safe Haven!

THE WIDER QUAKER CIRCLE

Baltimore Yearly Meeting, Friends General Conference, and more

Baltimore Yearly Meeting

BYM Networking Day: Sat. 4/12 10 AM - 3 PM Friends Meeting School in Ijamsville, MD
Networking Day is an event hosted by the Baltimore Yearly Meeting Peace & Social Concerns Committee to bring together F/friends who are interested in/active in Peace & Social Concerns work. It's a time for learning through workshops and from each other. [Register here](#).

Baltimore Yearly Meeting

BYM Spiritual Formation: 5/2—5/4 at Shepherd's Spring in Sharpsburg, MD
Preparing our Hearts to Make "Love the First Motion." (John Woolman)

[More info and registration here](#).

If you need financial assistance you can apply using Homewood's [scholarships page](#) or there is some funding available through BYM Spiritual Formation that is listed on the registration page.

Friends Place on Capitol Hill

Friends Place Retreat for Y.A.F. 6/12—6/14 in Washington DC

Join a three-day overnight retreat for young adult friends (18-35) to explore connections between our spiritual, political, and personal lives. This year's focus is on Queer Liberation and will be concurrent with DC/World Pride. It will be held in person at Friends Place on Capitol Hill, and online through Pendle Hill. More info and registration here: [Continuing Revolution 2025: Queer Liberation and Spirit-Rooted Justice](#)

Quaker Coalition for Uprooting Racism

Community Organizing Workshop: 5/10, 1-5 PM, Zoom

Half-day of community organizing to resist the current rise of fascism in the US. We encourage Quaker organizations, schools, committees, and meetings to make themselves hubs so people can gather in person to Zoom together.

ORGANIZE YOUR COMMUNITY
"We need in every community a group of angelic troublemakers" -Bayard Rustin
ON SATURDAY, MAY 10, 1-5 PM JOIN US TO LEARN ABOUT
POWER MAPPING
REGISTER
lu.ma/QCURPower



COURT-ACTION UPDATE:

The U.S. District Court of Maryland ruled **in favor** of the lawsuit against the Department of Homeland Security, filed by Baltimore Yearly Meeting and others to block Trump administration permission for indiscriminate immigration policing actions in houses of worship. Read more via [Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's website](#).

REGULARLY SCHEDULED

Meeting for Worship

Every Sunday
10:30 - 11:30 AM

At the Meetinghouse
and on Zoom ([Zoom link here](#))

Afterwards: Join us for social time after
Worship at the same Zoom link or
in-person downstairs (for a simple lunch).

Experiment with Light

=== Zoom only ===
Free and open
First-timers welcome

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING 7:00 PM

[Join Zoom Meeting \(click here\)](#)

[Learn more](#) about Experiment with Light on our
website.

Meeting for Business

FIRST SUNDAYS 4/6 12:30 PM

In the Meeting Room and on Zoom

Use the [Worship Zoom \(click here\)](#)

✓ **All are Welcome**

Vigil for Nonviolence

FIRST FRIDAYS 4/4 5-6 PM

Outside of the Meetinghouse

✓ **All are Welcome**

Quaker Pamphlet Study Group

SECOND SUNDAYS 4/13 9:15 AM

In the Lucretia Mott Room (upstairs)

All are welcome, no prior readings needed.

✓ **open group**

Bible Study

THIRD SUNDAYS 4/13 9:15 AM

In the Lucretia Mott Room (upstairs)

All are welcome, no prior readings needed.

✓ **open group**

Library Committee

THIRD SUNDAYS 4/13 12:15 PM

In the Meetinghouse Library

✓ **open committee**

Outreach Team

THIRD SUNDAYS 4/13 12:30 PM

Susan B Anthony Room

Use the [Worship Zoom \(click here\)](#)

✓ **open committee**

Dismantling Racism Change Group

THIRD THURSDAYS 4/17 6:00 PM

Zoom only: [Join Zoom Meeting \(click here\)](#)

✓ **open group**

Simple Meeting for Worship

LAST SUNDAYS 4/27 9:00 AM

In the Meetinghouse Library

✓ **open worship**

Schedule of Meetings for Worship

Every First Day (Sunday)
First Sunday of each month

10:30 AM Homewood Meeting House
12:30 PM Meeting for Business

Schedule of Committee and Group Meetings

Administrative
Green Organizing Action Team—OPE
Dismantling Racism Change Group—OPEN
Outreach Team—OPEN
Hospitality—OPEN
House & Grounds—OPEN
Library—OPEN
Peace & Social Justice —OPEN
Ministry & Counsel
Religious Education--OPEN
Trustees

Odd months last Sundays 12:15 PM, hybrid
Contact the office for next meeting time
3rd Thursdays 6:30, Zoom
3rd Sundays 12:30 PM, SBA Room
As called
2nd Tuesdays 6 PM
3rd Sundays 12:15 PM, Meetinghouse Library
Contact the office for next meeting time
Last Wednesdays, 6:30 PM, Zoom
2nd Tuesdays, 7:15 PM
3rd Tuesdays 7:15 PM,

Committees so-marked are OPEN to guests; contact the committee clerk or the Homewood office if you have questions.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MEETING

You can [make a contribution online](#) or make a check payable to “Homewood Friends Meeting”, which you can mail or drop off at the office or put into the contribution box in the meeting room. Thank you for all that you give to and share with our Meeting.

[Homewood Volunteer Form](#) Sign up as a volunteer for Homewood greeting, hospitality, and more.

