

Seventh Month 2025

Homewood Friends Meeting

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Newsletter

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Baltimore Yearly Meeting
Faith and Practice Queries

#7: Caring
for Others

Do you respect that of God in every person?

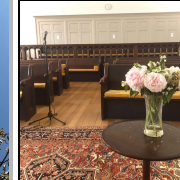
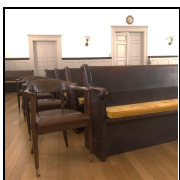
Do you search yourself for and strive to eliminate prejudices such as those related to race, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation, and economic condition?

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?



Tara, Gary, Tom, Sarah, Kate, Malachy and Jen in front of Supreme Court for Moral Monday event on June 30th protesting against the death-dealing budget bill that cuts Medicaid and SNAP food benefits to give tax breaks to the wealthy.





← Daniel Gillespie and Ponni Vel were married under the care of the meeting last month: 6/7/25.



↑ 3 Generations of Quakers: Kathy Rogers and her son Xander Dickens at their Homewood welcoming, joined by Kathy's mom, Trudy Rogers, from Stony Run Friends.



Homewood Friends gathered 14 food bags last month to deliver to Viva House.

Next drop-off deadline:
Sunday 7/13
(in the small kitchen)

[Viva House](#) is the Catholic Worker soup kitchen in West Baltimore that we support with monthly food bags.

Fill a reusable grocery bag with the following items (exact contents):

1 - box Cheerios	1 - jar peanut butter	2 - Rolls Toilet Paper
1 - jar jelly/jam	1 - box spaghetti	2 - boxes mac & cheese
1 - can vegetables	1 - jar spaghetti sauce	3 - cans meat
1- can soup	1 - packet gravy mix	(all in...1 reusable bag)



GOAT's Noats

Neighborhood News Johns Hopkins University plans to remove many trees in the process of constructing digital services/artificial intelligence. The process of taking down about 90 mature trees on the JHU campus will have a major impact on the ecological and human health of the area. A resistance to the Hopkins plan is forming and is led by local folks. To learn more please read this article: [Baltimore Brew 6-22-25](#)

Please consider signing a letter from Homewood Friends Meeting to Mayor Brandon Scott.

Garden Up Date On Saturday June 28th, 7 people from Homewood's Garden Club worked in the garden for a total of 7 hours. The garden is prolific and so most of the collective labor focused on weeding out grasses. Wild flowers are abundant and so there is no shortage of small, lovely vistas within the garden. Within about an hour and a half, we went from an unruly native plants garden to a gently cared for garden that wears its native-ness well. The fig and apple trees are very healthy. We can look forward to harvesting some nice fruit later this summer and early autumn.

Homewood's garden received a lovely tribute in June from a Hopkins student who was walking through from St. Paul to North Charles. I was doing some weeding on the brick walkway and she waved at me. In a brief chat, she told me that she was a semester away from graduating and that she felt the garden was instrumental in helping her deal with the stresses of college life. She related how the garden has been a refuge, a safe spot where she can go and just be. It was moving to hear about a slice of her life that has meant so much to her.

GOAT Meeting in July. The committee will meet on Sunday, July 20th at 9:00 AM in the building. GOAT is an open committee and all are welcome to attend. At the July meeting, we will discuss and lay plans for an educational program on how to reduce our transportation footprint. This program will be an update on a program GOAT sponsored in Autumn 2023. We will make a decision on when this program will be held sometime in November 2025. At our meeting in June, we agreed to explore hosting a program – probably in winter - on the transition from gas fired cooking to stovetop induction. We will explore working with one of our partners – Interfaith Power and Light (IPL) – to present the workshop.

GOAT Noats for July 2025 were prepared by committee member, John McKusick. Other GOATs are Gary Gillespie (Clerk), Bess Keller, Rachael Neill, Heather Ravlin, Kathy Rogers, and Jamie Sumague (Master Gardener).

UPCOMING

MEETING FOR BUSINESS: 7/6 (First Sundays) 12:30 PM on Zoom ([link](#)) and in-person.

NELSON MANDELA STUDY GROUP: 7/6 (First Sundays) 9:15 AM Lucretia Mott Room This small open group studies and reflects on the work of Nelson Mandela and takes action to make positive change in the face of empire and oppression. Drop in to learn more.

VIGIL FOR NONVIOLENCE: 7/6 (First Fridays) at 5 PM in front of the meetinghouse.

QUEER QUAKER POTLUCK Fri. 7/11 at 6:30 PM The Outreach Team will hold a potluck on Friday for Homewood's LGBTQ members, attenders, newcomers, and friends. The potluck is hosted by Dominique and Paula. All welcome! Please RSVP to dzeltzm1@gmail.com.

VIVA HOUSE FOOD AID: 7/13 (Second Sundays) 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.

BIBLE STUDY: 7/20 (3rd Sundays) 9:15 AM in the Lucretia Mott room 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.

SIMPLE MEETING FOR WORSHIP: 7/27 (Last Sundays) 9 AM in the Library An additional worship time in a smaller setting without microphones or computers.

-BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING-

BYM Annual Session: 7/28 to 8/3 at Hood College in Frederick, MD [Read about Annual Session](#) workshops, plenary speakers, information for families, and more. Connect with Quakers from monthly meetings around the region. Carey Memorial Lecture by Vanessa Julye (co-author of "Fit for Freedom, Not For Friendship: Quakers, African Americans, and the Myth of Racial Justice"). [Register](#).



WELCOMING NAOMI: Sun. 8/10 at 12:30 PM Friends will come together to welcome new member Naomi Madaras, who is transferring her membership from Chambersburg Friends Meeting. Join after simple lunch in the Meeting Room, starting with silence/worship sharing.

Pendle Hill

September: Celebrate Pendle Hill's 95th Anniversary.

9/26 - 28: [Weekend retreats/workshops](#)

9/27: [evening picnic celebration](#) or join online for a [talk by executive director Francisco Burgos](#).

REGULARLY SCHEDULED

Meeting for Business
FIRST SUNDAYS 7/6 12:30 PM
 In the Meeting Room and on Zoom
 Use the [Worship Zoom \(click here\)](#)
 ✓ **All are Welcome**

Vigil for Nonviolence
FIRST FRIDAYS 7/4 5-6 PM
 Outside of the Meetinghouse
 ✓ **All are Welcome**

Bible Study
THIRD SUNDAYS 7/20 9:15 AM
 In the Lucretia Mott Room (upstairs)
All are welcome, no prior readings needed.
 ✓ **open group**

Library Committee
THIRD SUNDAYS 7/20 12:15 PM
 In the Meetinghouse Library
 ✓ **open committee**

Outreach Team
THIRD SUNDAYS 7/20 12:30 PM
 Susan B Anthony Room
 Use the [Worship Zoom \(click here\)](#)
 ✓ **open committee**

Simple Meeting for Worship
LAST SUNDAYS 7/27 9:00 AM
 In the Meetinghouse Library
 ✓ **open worship**

Quaker 101 Video/Discussion
FOURTH SUNDAYS 7/27 Rise of Meeting
 In the Meeting Room
 ✓ **All are Welcome**

EXPERIMENT WITH LIGHT
 Every Thursday on Zoom, 7 PM
[Join Zoom Meeting \(click here\)](#)
[Learn more](#) about Experiment with Light on our website.

Schedule of Committee and Group Meetings

Administrative
 Green Organizing Action Team—OPEN
 Outreach Team—OPEN
 Hospitality—OPEN
 House & Grounds—OPEN
 Library—OPEN
 Ministry & Counsel
 Religious Education--OPEN
 Trustees

Odd months last Sundays 12:30 PM, hybrid
next meeting: 7/20 at 9 AM in meetinghouse
3rd Sundays 12:30 PM, SBA Room
As called
2nd Tuesdays 6 PM
3rd Sundays 12:15 PM, Meetinghouse Library
Last Wednesdays, 6:30 PM, Zoom
1st 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](#) Able to lend a hand? Let us know what ways you like to help by checking the boxes for your interests and telling us a skill we might not know you have.

