

Fourth Month 2026

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. [...]

[Read the full Query's advices: BYM Faith and Practice, p 30.](#)



Friends from Homewood at the "No Kings" protest on 3/28

Announcing the Spring Benefit Concert: Celtic Corridor on Saturday 5/2!



The poster features the title "Celtic Corridor" in a green script font at the top left. Below it is a photograph of four musicians: a woman in a floral dress, a woman in a red top holding a fiddle, a woman in a blue top holding a fiddle, and a man in a grey shirt holding a button accordion. The text "Benefit Concert for Homewood Friends" is in a blue serif font. The date "May 2nd" is in a purple serif font. The musicians' names and instruments are listed in a blue serif font. The time and location are in a purple serif font. A QR code with an "RSVP" arrow is next to the time. The bottom text is in a green serif font.

Celtic Corridor

May 2nd

**Benefit Concert for
Homewood Friends**

Laura Byrne — Irish flute & whistle
Joanna Clare — fiddle
Donna Long — piano
Billy McComiskey — button accordion

7:30 PM at  **RSVP**

3107 N. Charles St.
(the meetinghouse)

An eccentric yet traditional pursuit
of Irish Band Music

Please join us for a fun evening featuring our own Joanna Clare, and help raise money to support the building (including air conditioning), community (including our fabulous weekly Simple Lunch), and the work of Homewood Friends Meeting (including Social Justice work locally and worldwide)



RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/HFCelticCorr>

Space is limited. Suggested donation is \$35/person
— more or less welcome!

Questions or accessibility needs: HomewoodFriends@gmail.com

Reflections from the Homewood Community

Submitted by Tom Curtin

hope

--3/23/26

could it be that ultimately hope is not something found (though it could be), nor something given / bestowed upon (though it could be) - but rather, at its deepest and most meaningful essence, hope is something that we enact, that is rooted in our own vacillating commitment to live life and meet its challenges as deeply as we can summons ourselves at any given moment

if hope is something to be found, then we are distracted by what could be a near endless search for it - if hope is merely bestowed, then its roots are not firmly rooted within our self - and it could be like a tree uprooted by the storms of life - such are the risks of a hope, a shallow hope, rooted in being searched for, rooted in being received / bestowed upon us - such a hope is only external to ourselves and as such can be easily lost

at its most vulnerable expression, hope is internally rooted and externally expressed, enfolded, given life, by the vulnerability (the risks) that we bring to root our actions into the rugged, strenuous, fragile embodiment of hope, a hope rooted in our living of it - with such a hope we become not just the recipients of hope we also become its bearer, or maybe more truer yet we become a part of hope, and thusly a part of its expression, its embodiment - now that's a blessing as well as a challenge (thank you Dietrich Bonhoeffer for your coining of the reality of "costly grace")



UPCOMING

VIGIL FOR NONVIOLENCE: 4/3 (Every Friday) at 5 PM in front of the meetinghouse

Weekly vigils witnessing the US and Israeli war with Iran. To join, simply show up in front of the meetinghouse at 5 PM on a Friday. There will be signs that you can hold.

BLACK FIRE READING GROUP: Sun. 4/5 (First Sundays) at 9:15 AM in the Mott room We are reading from Black Fire: African Americans Quakers on Spirituality and Human Rights. Online purchase: Quakerbooks.org. The readings will be short so that we can do them aloud and discuss.

VIVA HOUSE FOOD AID: 4/12 (Second Sundays) See exact list of requested food items [here, pg. 4](#).

FAITH & PRACTICE STUDY: 4/12 (Second Sundays) at 9:15 AM Great for newcomers and old timers alike. What are our living traditions? Also good if you're thinking about membership. We will read from short segments of BYM Faith and Practice. We will have hard copies available, or [read it online](#).

MEETING FOR BUSINESS: Irregular Date: Sun. 4/12 at 12:30 in the Meeting Room and on Zoom
Due to Easter, we will not have Meeting for Business on the usual First Sunday of the month -- instead, we will meet on the Second Sunday, 4/12, at the usual time.

TAX DAY VIGIL: Wed. 4/15 at 5 PM in front of the meetinghouse Our taxes fund weapons and war at an enormous scale, far surpassing healthcare, education, and infrastructure.

SPRING QUEER QUAKER POTLUCK: Fri. 4/17 at 6 pm at the meetinghouse in the dining room
Kids welcome. RSVP is helpful, but not required. Let us know if you think you will come, and what you might bring. RSVP to Aviva at aecristy@gmail.com.

FRIENDS OF COLOR DINNER: Mon. 4/20 at 6 PM at the meetinghouse in the dining room
Join Homewood members, attenders, and newcomers who identify as People of Color for a meal and fellowship in the dining room. Meal provided. Childcare available. [Register](#)

FASTING FOR PALESTINE: 4/16 (Third Thursdays) Sunrise to 6 PM Join in a one day fast. We break fast at 6 in the dining room with 245 calories of lentils, equivalent to the average daily intake in Gaza. You do not need to fast to join the gathering -- simply reflect and witness together. [Please register](#).

Whether you can attend or not, please consider donating -- Tom Curtin has set up a Homewood "fundraiser team" for UNRWA, the United Nations agency working directly on humanitarian aid for Palestinians. [Donate here -- help us reach our goal of \\$500](#).

CELTIC CORRIDOR: Sat. 5/2 at 7:30 PM Come see the Irish music band Celtic Corridor here at the meetinghouse, as a fundraiser for our Meeting. Suggested donation of \$35. NOTAFLOF. See page 2 for more info. [Register](#).

WELCOMING KATE BERRIGAN: Sun. 5/10 12:30 PM in-person Friends will come together to welcome new member Kate Berrigan. Kate is transferring from Herndon Friends Meeting (Virginia). Join after simple lunch for worship sharing and reception.

QUAKER EARTHCARE WITNESS

[HIRING: Media & Publications Coordinator](#): applications reviewed starting 4/6.

World Beyond War

Screening of Voice of Hind Rajab: 4/11 at 2 PM at North Balt. Menonite Church (see flyer below)

Flyer for the film screening of "The Voice of Hind Rajab". The flyer features a photograph of three people (two women and one man) looking at a smartphone. The text on the flyer reads: "Film screening & discussion Saturday, April 11 | 2 pm at NBMC 4615 Roland Ave. Baltimore". Below the photo, it says "The Voice of Hind Rajab". A paragraph of text describes the film: "On January 29, 2024, Red Crescent volunteers receive an emergency call; a 6-year-old girl is trapped in a car under fire in Gaza, pleading for rescue. While trying to keep her on the line, they do everything they can to get an ambulance to her. Her name was Hind Rajab." At the bottom, it says "Hosted by North Baltimore Mennonite & World Beyond War, Baltimore Chapter" and includes logos for World Beyond War and a rainbow flag.

Baltimore Yearly Meeting

BYM Spiritual Formation: 5/1 to 5/3 at Shepherd's Spring Retreat Center (Sharpsburg, MD)

Join Friends from across Baltimore Yearly Meeting for the next Spiritual Formation Retreat. Now with low cost cabin and camping options.

[More info and registration.](#)

Stony Run Friends

Conscientious Objector Training: 5/17

We are excited to be offering a CO training at Stony Run on Sunday, May 17. We have details, including a flyer and link to registration, on our blog: <https://stonyrunfriends.org/conscientious-objector-training/>

REGULARLY SCHEDULED

Meeting for Worship

Every Sunday 10:30 - 11:30 AM
 At the Meetinghouse
 and on Zoom ([Zoom link here](#))

Afterwards: Join for simple lunch downstairs or stay on the same Zoom link for a fellowship chat.

Experiment with Light

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING 7:00 PM
[Join Zoom Meeting \(click here\)](#) (Zoom only)

free and open, no experience necessary
[Learn more](#) about Experiment with Light on our website.

<p style="text-align: center;">Vigil for Nonviolence FIRST FRIDAYS 4/3 5-6 PM Outside of the Meetinghouse ✓ All are Welcome</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Nelson Mandela Study Group FIRST SUNDAYS 4/5 9:15 AM Lucretia Mott Room ✓ All are Welcome</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Meeting for Business FIRST SUNDAYS 4/12 12:30 PM <i>April's Meeting for Business will be on Second Sunday 4/12</i> Use the Worship Zoom (click here) ✓ All are Welcome</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BYM Faith and Practice Study SECOND SUNDAYS 4/12 9:15 AM Lucretia Mott Room ✓ All are Welcome</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Bible Study THIRD SUNDAYS 4/19 9:15 AM In the Lucretia Mott Room (upstairs) <i>All are welcome, no prior readings needed.</i> ✓ open group</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Library Committee THIRD SUNDAYS 4/19 12:15 PM In the Meetinghouse Library ✓ open committee</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Community Building and Outreach Team THIRD SUNDAYS 4/19 12:30 PM Susan B Anthony Room and Zoom Use the Worship Zoom (click here) ✓ open committee</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Fasting for Palestine THIRD THURSDAYS 4/16 Break-fast gathering at 6 PM ✓ open gathering</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Green Organizing Action Team (GOAT) FOURTH MONDAYS 4/27 7:30 PM Zoom only. Contact office for link. ✓ open committee</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Simple Meeting for Worship LAST SUNDAYS 4/26 9:00 A.M. In the Meetinghouse Library ✓ open worship</p>

Schedule of Committee and Group Meetings

Administrative	Last Sundays in Odd months , Time TBA, hybrid
Community and Outreach—OPEN	3rd Sundays 12:30 PM, SBA Room
Green Organizing Action Team—OPEN	4th Mondays 7:30 PM, Zoom
Hospitality—OPEN	As called
House & Grounds—OPEN	2nd Tuesdays 6 PM
Library—OPEN	3rd Sundays 12:15 PM, Meetinghouse Library
Ministry & Counsel	Last Wednesdays , 6:30 PM, Zoom
Religious Education--OPEN	1st Tuesdays , 7:15 PM
Trustees	1st Wednesday 7:15 PM

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

FUNDING TO PARTICIPATE IN QUAKER EVENTS

Homewood has funds to support children and adults who would like to participate in Quaker gatherings, camps, and educational institutions. These funds are intended to supplement resources available to the participant from other sources. For more information and for the application form, please see our website page: <https://homewoodfriends.org/memberresources/scholarships/>.

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.

