

NEWSLETTER



Homewood Friends Meeting

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Baltimore Yearly Meeting
Faith and Practice Queries

#5: Personal
Way of Life

Do you live in accordance with your spiritual convictions?

Do you seek employment consistent with your beliefs and in service to society?

Do you practice simplicity in speech, dress, and manner of living, avoiding wasteful consumption?

Are you watchful that your possessions do not rule you?

Do you strive to be truthful at all times, avoiding judicial oaths?

Do you strive to develop your physical, emotional, and mental capacities toward reaching your Divinely given potential?

Do you cultivate healthful and moderate habits, avoiding the hazards of drugs, intoxicants, and over-indulgence generally?

Do you try to direct such emotions as anger and fear in creative ways?

From the BYM Advices

Advices for the Fifth Query, “Personal Life”

The individual Friend should lead a life rooted in an awareness of God’s presence in all times and places. Although special times and locations may provide helpful reminders of the need for spiritual communion, they cannot take the place of turning daily to God for guidance. The foundation for all our personal life and social relations should be the consciousness of the Holy Spirit. [...]

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

*Thank you to
everyone who joined
us at the Friends of
Color Dinner on
April 20!*





Celtic Corridor is this Saturday 5/2!

Please join us for a lively 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).

Celtic Corridor



An eccentric yet traditional pursuit
of Irish Band Music

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
3107 N. Charles St.
(the meetinghouse)

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

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

Questions or accessibility needs: HomewoodFriends@gmail.com



Homewood in the News

Homewood Friends organize protest in opposition to Iran war on Art Museum Drive and North Charles St.

By NEIL MAHTO | April 14, 2026

On Friday, April 10 the Homewood Friends, a religious community also known as Quakers, gathered at Art Museum Drive and North Charles Street to protest the U.S. government's involvement in the conflict with Iran.

The United States and Israel launched a series of attacks on Iran on Feb. 28, one of which resulted in the assassination of Iranian Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei. Protests ensued across the country, including in Baltimore. Amidst campus activity, the Homewood Friends have been demonstrating every Friday since the conflict started.

Gary Gillespie, one of the coordinators for the vigil and a Homewood Friends member, shared more details in an interview with The News-Letter.

“We’re going to be doing it every Friday here. It’s really witnessing against the war. That’s why we’re here,” Gillespie shared.

[Read the full story](#)

Wedding of Beatrice and Matt - June 6, 10:30 am



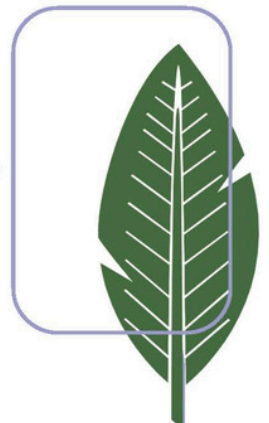
Beatrice Kennison and Matthew Kuns will be married in the Homewood Meetingroom. This is a Quaker wedding, all members and attenders are invited. A lunch will follow downstairs,

Please RSVP (email Debbie, mother of the bride at deborahkennison@gmail.com) by May 20 if you would like to attend the lunch, No rsvp is required for the ceremony.

HOMewood FAMILY HIKE!

ANY QUESTIONS?

CONTACT JEN MCCANN AT 443-934-6294 OR JEN_MCCANN@YAHOO.COM



Join other Homewood Religious Education families as we explore Lake Roland Park. We will visit the animals at the nature center, go on a family-friendly walk, and end up at the playground.

We will meet at 10am at the Lake Roland Park nature center. The address is: 1000 Lakeside Drive, Baltimore, MD 21210.

There is some parking at the end of Lakeside Drive in the park. If you park there, walk back along the road and then across the bridge by the dam to get to the nature center. You can also park at the Falls Road light rail stop (or take the light rail to that stop!), but allow 5-10 minutes to walk up the boardwalk to the nature center.

Please RSVP via email or text if possible so that we know how many folks to expect.

DATE: 5/9/26

TIME: 10AM



PEACE PICNIC

An outdoor potluck with Homewood Friends

MAY 23

11am - 2pm
Wyman Park Dell

BYO chairs and blankets
Rain location: Homewood Meetinghouse

Join Homewood Friends to observe Memorial Day weekend with a Peace Picnic in the Wyman Dell Park from 11 AM-2 PM on Saturday, May 23rd.

Bring a dish to share, a picnic blanket and/or chair, and musical instruments or games. Reach out to the Community Building and Outreach committee if you would like to volunteer. Fellowship and fun guaranteed!

Rain location: Homewood Friends Meeting dining room.

Thank You to Luke Mayhew and Welcome Molly!




Mina Brunyate, Kathy Rogers, and Luke Mayhew -- our past three Operations Coordinators at Luke's Thank You Celebration

Homewood Friends are so grateful to Luke Mayhew for the extraordinary job he has done supporting Homewood Friends to evolve into the thriving community we are becoming. Luke has been an incredibly reliable and creative force of nature. We are so thankful for all he has done for us. We hope this is simply thank you and *not* farewell.


We welcome Molly Margulies, our new Operations Coordinator. Molly comes to us with a strong communications background. She has degrees in Peace Studies, Spanish, and Digital Arts. She worked for years in the Goucher College Career Education Office. Most recently she has been the Marketing Content Manager for the Baltimore Rock Opera Society. She is excited to be working for Homewood Friends because our life and work is consistent with her values of peace, justice, and community.



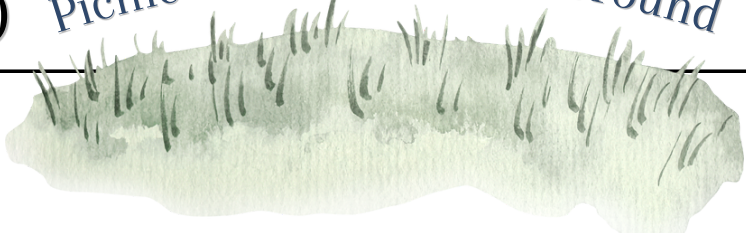
Molly's current schedule will be Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursday from 8:30-2:30 PM.



Homewood Friends Death Cafe



5/30 Picnic at Friends Burial Ground 1 PM



Join us for a thoughtful, intimate conversation about death over cake and coffee on Saturday, May 30, 2026 at 1:00 pm Friends Burial Ground (in case of rain, we will meet in the Homewood Friends Meeting dining room).

Death Cafes provide a liberating space to share beliefs, curiosities, fears, and stories on the topic of death and dying. Rather than a grief support or counseling session, our format is an open discussion circle group with no set agenda.

RSVP Here



“We cannot love to live, if we cannot bear to die”
- ~William Penn



GARDEN WORK DAYS

Saturdays: 5/2, 5/9, 5/16 10-11:15 AM



Friends: we will be holding three garden workdays to spruce up our beautiful native plant garden and ready it for our enjoyment, for an upcoming wedding, and to be part of the Charles Village Garden walk on 6/14.

We will weed, mulch, and plant. Tools, gloves and community are provided. You will be amazed how much a group of gardeners can accomplish in a short time of fellowship and work. Please join!!



GOAT's Noats

REFLECTION ON WHAT WE HAVE DONE

We are an urban meeting in the Charles Village neighborhood of Baltimore City. Seven years ago, we formed our Green Organizing Action Team. The Team encouraged the installation of first a set of 26 solar panels and then 40 more on our roof for a total of 66 panels. We took two strips of grass on the side of our meetinghouse and created an Audubon certified pollinator garden. In the garden we installed three cisterns and a large composter.

Our kitchen is zero waste with a dishwasher, dishes, mugs, cloth napkins, and an indoor compost pail. All our lights are LED. A year and a half ago, we organized a special program on transportation with electric car and electric bike demonstrations as well as information on bus routes. We've also hosted workshops on perennial gardens, electrifying your home, a rain barrel workshop, a series on plastic reduction, and a "Death Cafe" on the climate crisis.

In April 2026 we installed a new HVAC system that will allow our large meeting room to be heated and air conditioned with solar energy from our roof and substantially reduce our reliance on gas heat. Recognizing that collective action is essential to address the climate crisis, we also have partnered with several environmental groups: Interfaith Power and Light, Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, One Water Partnership, Blue Water Baltimore, and Chesapeake Climate Action, to support climate and environmental actions and legislation.

~The Homewood Green Organizing Action Team (GOAT)~



Louise Williams turns 104 on 5/2 Herb Clark turns 94 on 5/3

*Love as Action Vigil in
front of Homewood
Friends Meeting
~4/26/26~*



#FreedomWalk2026 - May 4–July 4, 2026

Germantown Historian Anthony Michael Cohen will walk 750 miles retracing Harriet Tubman's Underground Railroad route on the 250th anniversary of America's independence. **The Walk will pass through Baltimore May 5–May 10.** The journey will draw upon the legacy and achievements of previous generations to galvanize modern activists to work toward truth-telling and transformation.

[Learn More](#)

FASTING FOR PALESTINE

Thursday, May 21st 5:30 PM

North Baltimore Mennonite Church 4615 Roland Ave

Join in a one day fast. We break fast at 5:30 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.](#)

LOVE AS ACTION VIGIL

Sunday 5/24 12:30 PM in front of the meetinghouse

American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) invites Friends and people of all faiths to gather in Quaker-led silent worship all across the country—to share witness to the rising authoritarianism and oppression in the United States. This is now a recurring event on 4th Sundays

Coming Up

PEACE VIGIL - NO WAR ON IRAN

Every Friday from 5:30 - 6:30 PM | 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 5:30 PM on a Friday. There will be signs that you can hold.

CELTIC CORRIDOR

Sat. 5/2 at 7:30 PM

Come see the Irish music band Celtic Corridor here at the meetinghouse, featuring Homewood's own Joanna Clare.

This is a benefit concert for Homewood Friends, so join the fun to help raise money for our building, our community, and our work in the world.

[RSVP here](#)

GARDEN WORK DAYS

Saturdays: 5/2, 5/9, 5/16 10-11:15 AM

Friends we will be holding three garden workdays to spruce up our beautiful native plant garden.

BLACK FIRE READING GROUP

Sun. 5/3 (First Sundays) at 9:15 AM | Mott

We are reading from Black Fire: African Americans Quakers on Spirituality and Human Rights. Purchase online: Quakerbooks.org. This month, we'll be reading from the Howard Thurman section.

MEETING FOR BUSINESS

5/3 at 12:30 | Meeting Room and on Zoom

#FreedomWalk2026

Starting May 4 at the Sandy Spring Slave Museum

A 750 mile walk retracing Harriet Tubman's Underground Railroad route

HOMEWOOD FAMILY HIKE

Saturday 5/9 at 10 AM at Lake Roland Park Nature Center: [RSVP](#)

VIVA HOUSE FOOD AID

5/10 (Second Sundays)

See exact list of requested food items [here, pg. 4](#).

FAITH & PRACTICE STUDY

5/10 Second Sundays at 9:15 AM | Mott (upstairs)

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.

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.

-STONY RUN FRIENDS-

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR TRAINING: 5/17

We are excited to be offering a CO training at Stony Run on Sunday, May 17. Details and registration can be found at: <https://stonyrunfriends.org/conscientious-objector-training/>

FASTING FOR PALESTINE

Thursday, May 21st 5:30 PM

**North Baltimore Mennonite Church
4615 Roland Ave. Baltimore, MD**

[Register here](#)

Whether you can attend or not, please consider [donating](#).

PEACE PICNIC

Saturday May 23 11 AM - 2 PM at Wyman Park Dell

Bring a dish to share, a picnic blanket and/or chair, and musical instruments or games.

LOVE AS ACTION VIGIL

Sunday 5/24 12:30 - 1 PM in front of the meetinghouse

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POTLUCK WITH ROSS BRUBECK: PEACE WALKER

Friday 5/29 6:30 PM in the Dining Room

HOMEWOOD MEETINGHOUSE & GARDEN CLEAN-UP FOR WEDDING

Saturday, 5/30 10 AM- 2 PM

DEATH CAFE

5/30 1 PM at Friends Burial Ground (In case of rain we will meet in the dining room)

Join us for a thoughtful, intimate conversation about death over cake and coffee

WEDDING OF BEATRICE AND MATT

June 6, 10:30 am

This is a Quaker wedding, all members and attenders are invited.

Schedule of Committee and Group Meetings

Administrative	Last Sundays in Odd months, Time TBA, hybrid
(Open) Community and Outreach	3rd Sundays 12:30 PM, SBA Room
(Open) Green Organizing Action Team	4th Mondays 7:30 PM, Zoom
(Open) Hospitality	As Called
House & Grounds	2nd Tuesdays 6 PM
(Open) Library	3rd Sundays 12:15 PM, Meetinghouse Library Last
Ministry & Counsel	Wednesdays, 6:30 PM, Zoom
(Open) Religious Education	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.

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.*

Vigil for Nonviolence

EVERY FRIDAY 5:30-6:30 PM
Outside of the Meetinghouse
✓ All are Welcome

Nelson Mandela Study Group

FIRST SUNDAYS 5/3 9:15 AM
Lucretia Mott Room
✓ All are Welcome

Meeting for Business

FIRST SUNDAYS 5/3 12:30 PM
Use the [Worship Zoom \(click here\)](#)
✓ All are Welcome

Faith and Practice Study

SECOND SUNDAYS 5/10 9:15 AM
Lucretia Mott Room
✓ All are Welcome

Bible Study

THIRD SUNDAYS 5/17 9:15 AM
In the Lucretia Mott Room (upstairs)
All are welcome, no prior readings needed.
✓ open group

Library Committee

THIRD SUNDAYS 5/17 12:15 PM
In the Meetinghouse Library
✓ open committee

Community Building and Outreach Team

THIRD SUNDAYS 5/17 12:30 PM
Susan B Anthony Room and Zoom
Use the [Worship Zoom \(click here\)](#)
✓ open committee

Fasting for Palestine

THIRD THURSDAYS 5/21 5:30 PM
North Baltimore Mennonite Church
4615 Roland Ave. Baltimore, MD
[Register here](#)
✓ open gathering

Peace and Social Justice Coordinating Team

THIRD SUNDAYS 5/17 12:30 PM
In the Lucretia Mott Room (upstairs)

Simple Meeting for Worship

LAST SUNDAYS 5/31 9:00 AM
In the Meetinghouse Library
✓ open worship

Green Organizing Action Team (GOAT)

~~**FOURTH MONDAYS 5/25 7:30 PM**~~
Tuesday 5/26 7:30 PM (due to Memorial Day)
Zoom only. Contact office for link.
✓ open committee