



## Third Haven Friends Meeting

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### JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

Have I experienced in worship that direct leading to listen or to speak, and have I been faithful to my own experience? Query 1. Meeting for Worship.....

#### **Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Tenth Day Twelfth Month 2017**



**Opening Silent Worship** Molly Brian, Clerk of the Meeting, gathered together the meeting for worship with attention to business at 11:40 with a brief period of silence.

**Attending:** 27: Dawn Atwater, Gwen Beegle, Molly Brian, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Tom Corl, Connie Crow, Susan Dickinson, Jeanne Halpin, Marsie Hawkinson, Pete Howell, Bill Lane, Cynthia Quast, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, Adrienne Rudge, Bill Schauer, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck, Jon Slocum, Dona

Sorce, Ben Tilghman, Paige Tilghman, Bob Wack, Dolores Wack, Ralph Young.

#### **Comments on Twelfth Query,** Integrity and Simplicity (read at Meeting for Worship)

A member noted that this query was less instructive and more inquisitive, having more to do with people as individuals rather than the meeting as a corporate group. Our Faith and Practice puts the responsibility on each of us to live our faith. Another commented how appropriate this Query is to the Christmas season, which can be one of excess. The query leads us to attend to our own motives for shopping and gift giving.

**Approval of minutes** from Eleventh Month business meeting Approved

#### **Clerks Desk**

Christmas Eve Day Celebration- On Christmas Eve our Old Meeting House will be one third of a millennium old! At 10 am on December 24, 2017 we will honor this occasion by opening the Old Meeting House for worship. You will have the option of joining us there or in the Brick Meeting House for spiritual reflection and worship. Dress warmly as there is no heat in the OMH other than that will we generate ourselves! We will also look forward to a "Hot and Hearty" hospitality, good fellowship, a children's program and carol singing at the rise of meeting. Committees are making a variety of contributions. Members may also bring some red or green nonperishable foods for those less fortunate. Items for a gift basket for the caretaker will also be collected from now until Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>. Your contributions are welcome.

### **Common Room Committee Final Report** - Candace Shattuck

Basically we're done!

#### **Budget summary:**

- In June, budget of \$22,000 approved, w half to come from MM and half from Trustees.
- Late summer, generous members contributed \$10,000 so that project could be completed with minimal impact on Monthly Meeting coffers.
- As of 12/8/17, our treasurer reports that actual expenditures total **\$25,340**.
- \$10,000 from donation; \$11,000 from Trustees; and \$4,340.35 from MM



There are a couple of "loose ends" in process:

- sofa - simple Ikea design, w grey washable slipcovers, total ca \$600.
- rehanging artwork. "Quaker aesthetic" - simple, not busy. As in past, all artwork relates to Quakerism in general or to this meeting. Not all will be up at the same time.

A certificate prepared when the CR was dedicated in 1983 hangs over the meeting calendar reminding us: "May we use this new facility in witnessing in the community for those beliefs to which Friends are committed."

We thank committee members Candace Shattuck, Mark Beck, Bill Lane, John Schreiner and Joan Wetmore as well as the many committees who worked on various components of this project. Property and Grounds committee members in particular were involved in much of this work.

Finally, the committee requests that, its work completed, this committee be "laid down" as of the end of the year, with recognition that a few items may not be completed until the new year. Approved with commendations and thanks.



**Nominating Committee Final Report** – Paige Tilghman Approved as Amended  
This committee has had a wonderful opportunity to reflect on strengths of this meeting. The committee lists were read aloud. A suggestion was offered that everyone in the meeting should circulate through Worship and Ministry over the years. Amendments were suggested. A completed report of 2018 committees will be published in announcements.

### **Worship & Ministry Annual Report** - Gwen Beegle Accepted

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Worship and Ministry Committee (WMC) was approved at the 10.3.11 meeting for business. The (abbreviated) purpose is:

- *Meeting for Worship* – The WMC cares for the meeting for worship.
- *Spiritual Nurture* – The WMC nurtures and supports the Spiritual life of the meeting, and the Spiritual journeys of members and attenders.
- *Adult Religious Education* – The WMC provides opportunities for the Meeting community to learn about our *Faith and Practice*, the Religious Society of Friends, and Quaker and other Spiritual practices. The Committee offers teaching and learning opportunities to support the meeting for worship, and the Spiritual journeys of members and attenders.



## **Worship and Ministry Committee**

The participating members of the WMC for 2017 were: Mark Beck, Gwen Beegle, Tom Corl, Catherine Cripps, Susan Dickinson, Jeanne Halpin, Katherine Johnson, John Turner and Mary Yancey. Valerie Sypula moved away in the summer and regretfully left the committee. In October, Jonathan Slocum and Connie Crow expressed an interest in joining the committee, and they have been active members since then. In addition, for the WMC, Peg Walbert cares for the midweek meeting for worship and Mike Pullen facilitates the Course in Miracles. Gwen Beegle clerked the WMC this year. The WMC met monthly at the rise of meeting for worship on 4<sup>th</sup> day after the 1<sup>st</sup> first day, except for 7<sup>th</sup> month when we did not meet. Members attended WMC meetings regularly and actively supported many WMC programs and activities.

### **Meeting for Worship**

All the members of the WMC attend the meeting for worship as regularly as possible, listen, experience and appreciate the meeting for worship, silence and vocal ministry. The WMC considers and discusses the meeting for worship and vocal ministry at each WMC meeting. The WMC often discusses the rise of meeting for worship. The WMC finds the meeting for worship consistently meaningful, spiritual, rich and nourishing for members, attenders and visitors. Newcomers and visitors frequently acknowledge the meaningfulness of the meeting for worship in attracting them and leading them into participation in Third Haven Friends Meeting. The Third Haven meeting for worship, and participation in it, are blessings, appreciated by members, attenders and visitors. The Third Haven meeting for worship is a great gift from each of us to all of us. The WMC seeks to nurture and sustain our blessed meeting for worship.

The WMC provides greeters before the meeting for worship to welcome members, attenders and visitors. Greeters offer various pamphlets, brochures and information to visitors and those new to the Third Haven and our Quaker meeting for worship. Members of the WMC read the 12 Queries on the First Day of meeting for business.

The attendance at meeting for worship varies from week to week and month to month. Based on estimated counts, attendance averages 45-60. Attendance at a few meetings for worship approached 80. In summer months, attendance drops to around 40-45. This count includes children and adults who go out for First Day School. The meeting for worship continues to attract visiting Friends, non-Friends, and seekers curious about Quakers and our way of worship. It seems that Third Haven averages 2-3 visitors each First Day, sometimes many more. Members of WMC, the Outreach Committee, Overseers and other Friends often greet visitors at the rise of meeting for worship and follow-up with visitors as may be appropriate.

Approximately 5-7 people consistently attend 4<sup>th</sup> day meeting for worship, with up to 8-10 on dates that coincide with other meetings, including monthly WMC meetings.

Late arrivals and coming and going during meeting for worship continue to be of concern. The WMC reminds Friends – to “come with heart and mind prepared for worship” and arrive on time. Reminders happen periodically through the year.

Vocal ministry was a concern for many this year and WMC discussed and addressed vocal ministry throughout the year. A concern from a member was brought before the committee in late September/early October. This concern pertained to political overtones in vocal ministry and afterthoughts. Several actions were taken. First, a careful and thorough discussion by the committee surfaced both a desire to provide education and support to Meeting members on vocal ministry and a concern that others may feel disaffected in meeting because of partisanship. Deciding on a plan of action, WMC (a) responded to the member via email about the plan of action, (b) provided copies of THFM’s 1998 *Advice on Worship and Ministry* (a brochure that has been regularly available in the foyer of the brick meeting house) on the benches (c) invited members and attenders to speak to WMC members about concerns or responses to the *Advice*, (d) put the same announcement in the 11<sup>th</sup> month THFM Newsletter with a copy of the *Advice*, and (e) held a discussion about the quality of meeting for worship on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of the 12<sup>th</sup> month.

### **Worship and Ministry Programs**

The WMC offered a variety of adult religious education opportunities, programs and activities in 2017, the largest of which was Spiritual Formation, a PYM program that was facilitated by 4 PYM facilitators and Katherine Johnson from THFM, who also became a PYM facilitator during this program.

### Spiritual Formation Program

Third Haven Friends Meeting offered the Spiritual Formation Program this year, beginning in March 2017 and ending in November 2017. Members of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Spiritual Formation Collaboration facilitated the program, along with Katherine Johnson. Katherine Johnson, Connie Crow, Dona Sorce, and Cynthia Quast provided oversight for the program, planning logistics for each retreat, monitoring the activities of the reading and small groups, and meeting regularly to ensure program quality. WMC is very grateful for these THFM members who worked so diligently to provide oversight, guidance, and logistical support for Spiritual Formation.

The Spiritual Formation Program offers components of retreats, personal spiritual disciplines, Quaker and associated readings, devotional groups, and prayerful support. These combine to provide a structured community in which each member may discern God's call and prepare to follow it. During the nine months, many insights and deep relationships are forged in this intimate exchange. Participants agree to participate in their small reading group and their smaller spiritual support group monthly and to attend each of the three retreats.

The program included the following dates:

Interest session: November 20, 2016 and scheduled Jan 15, 2017

Opening Retreat: Weekend of March 24-26, 2017 (Friday pm, Saturday, Sunday am)

Midyear Gathering: Saturday June 3, 2017 (day)

September Gathering (added on request by participants): Saturday September 23, 2017

Closing Retreat: Weekend of November 17-19, 2017 (Friday pm, Saturday, Sunday am)

Monthly Spiritual Friendship Gatherings

Monthly Reading Group Meetings

Nineteen participants (18 from Third Haven) participated in the program. Third Haven Worship and Ministry is grateful for the PYM Spiritual Formation Collaboration for their wise and loving presence and leadership. Most especially, WMC acknowledges the spiritual gifts and personal commitment by Katherine Johnson, without whom the program could not have been conducted or been so meaningful to so many people and to the THFM community.

### Monthly Discussions

From January to August, Mark Beck facilitated monthly discussion sessions, open to the wider local community (starting at 6:15 pm, lasting for 1 hour and 15 minutes).

### Spiritual Journeys

Organized by Mark Beck, a program of sharing spiritual journeys has been reintroduced to THFM. Thus far, Gwen Beegle and Tom Corl have shared their experiences at the rise of meeting following a period of hospitality. About 20 people stayed for each session and these will continue in 2018.

### Jung Dream Group

Catherine Cripps organized and facilitated the Jung Dream Group, under the care of the WMC. The group studies and reflects on texts by Carl Jung and works inspired by him. The group meets the 2nd Tuesday each month at 6:00pm in the Common room and uses readings, DVD's, workshops and outside speakers.

About half of the participants are from Third Haven. Several new names have been added to the email list. The Jung group is proving to be a good outreach program for the Meeting. Some in the group are practicing psychologists or therapists with very great experience with Jungian approaches to psychology and Spirituality. The Jung Dream Group will continue in 2018, with Catherine facilitating. The WMC appreciates Catherine's work to organize and facilitate the Jung Group, a valuable addition to WMC programs, serving the wider local community.

### First Day Conversations

Facilitated by Susan Dickinson, First Day Conversations (which began in 2016) continues to meet the First and Third First Days from 8:50-9:50 before meeting for worship. Topics are announced by Susan at the rise of meeting the week before. From 3 to 10 participants have joined the group discussions this year. Susan provides coffee and breakfast foods to accompany the conversations. WMC appreciates Susan's leading to organize and facilitate these conversations that serve to deepen and extend the spiritual experience and community of our Meeting.

### Inward Bound

Katherine Johnson and Candace Shattuck organized and facilitated Inward Bound on behalf of the WMC. Inward Bound is a silent retreat or quiet day held 4 times a year – in March, June, September and December. Participation varies between 5 to 12 participants and has drawn seekers from Third Haven as well as the local population and the Southern Quarter. Sessions run from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, including silent reflection, other silent activities, potluck lunch and worship sharing at the end.

Inward Bound provides the opportunity for a weekday retreat and time for silent reflection for members and attenders of Third Haven Friends Meeting, members of Southern Quarterly Meeting, and occasionally participants from the wider community. Participants are encouraged to find Spirit-led activities that encourage listening for the Light within, reflection, reading and enjoying the grounds of Third Haven. Inward Bound will continue in 2018. The WMC is grateful to Katherine Johnson and Candace Shattuck for organizing these silent retreats.

### Course in Miracles

*A Course in Miracles* is an individualized, self-study curriculum that leads towards knowledge. Knowledge, as used in the *Course*, comes of itself when we meet its conditions. The condition of knowledge is *peace*, which can be taught and is the goal of the curriculum. The *Course* includes both a metaphysical framework and daily lessons for practical application. It uses *forgiveness*, to lead us beyond our own mistakes, our misperceptions, and ultimately our own misidentification towards acceptance of others and ourselves, as we truly are, brothers and sisters sharing the same journey, “a journey without distance to a goal that has never changed.” The weekly discussion group meets Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm in the common room following silent worship. The group has been meeting for several years and is open to anyone with an interest in the *Course*. The group typically includes 3-4 members and usually takes summers off. Mike Pullen leads the group and the WMC encourage new participation. Nancy Robbins will be facilitating or co-facilitating in 2018.

### Singing

John Turner has convened singing opportunities before meeting for worship, 9:15-9:45 on First Days, about one time a quarter. This has been suspended as a regular event.

### **Conclusion**

Third Haven Friends Meeting has a long tradition of Spirit-led practice in its WMC, caring for the meeting for worship and the Spiritual journeys of members and attenders. The WMC encourages all members and attenders to come to meeting for worship as often as possible, with heart and mind prepared, at the appointed hour of worship. Friends should participate in and support the meeting for worship, in expectant silence or with vocal ministry, as moved by the Spirit. Third Haven is blessed with a deep, rich and nurturing meeting for worship, and a vital and growing Meeting community. The WMC is grateful for the opportunity to help nurture and support the meeting for worship and the Spiritual life of the Third Haven Friends Meeting.

It was noted that WM provides many options to meet needs of all members, bring breadth and depth as well as wide participation..

Nancy Robbins is the defacto leader for A Course in Miracles while Michael Pullen is otherwise occupied. More participants are welcome.

Events at the rise of meeting are reviewed by W&M to avoid becoming protracted. It's encouraged that after thoughts to flow from the meeting for worship.

### **Treasurer's Report- Cynthia Quast**

We are 50% into the fiscal year. Note the percentages of contributions, income and expenses thus far. Here is a recap of the Treasurer's financials as of 12/8/17.

### **July 1, 2017 – Dec 8, 2017**

Member Contributions	=	\$ 7,130	= 13% of annual budget
Total Income	=	\$12,666	= 20% of annual budget

Total Regular Expenses = \$32,488 = 52% of annual budget  
 Expenses on Common Room = \$ 4,340  
 Net Income = -\$24,162

**Contributions Welcome!**

*Please consider making a tax deductible contribution in support of our annual budget to:*

Treasurer, Third Haven Monthly Meeting  
 P.O. Box 2379, Easton, MD 21601

**Charitable Contribution Committee Report - Molly Brian Approved**

The Good Samaritan Fund is closing. We allocated \$650 to this charity. We recommend dividing the \$650 equally between Neighborhood Service Center and Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center as part of their mission is to help with electricity and fuel bills.

We have thus far been able to vet three agencies to receive \$500 each:

Live Oaks Friends Meeting in Houston, TX- they are handling donations locally for Hurricane Harvey Relief Efforts.

Direct Relief- primary mission is maternal and child health. They have presence currently with hurricane, wildfire and earthquake relief efforts. They have a 100.00 rating from Charity Navigator. We can specify where we would like the money to go or give to most needed.

The St. John Foundation- Cynthia Quast has direct experience with this group as she lived there for some time. Rebuilding infrastructure on this island may be overlooked in the haste to fill pressing needs in Puerto Rico. She knows direct oversight from this charity will be good.

This will use a total of \$1500 out of \$3500 extra contribution money if approved by the Meeting.

If you are interested in making a tax deductible contribution before the end of 2017 to victims of hurricanes and other disasters, the Charitable Contributions Committee provides these addresses:

Live Oak Friends Meeting, online: <http://friendshouston.org> or by mail: Live Oak Friends Meeting, 1318 W. 26<sup>th</sup> St., Houston, TX 77008, please note on your check "Fund for Sufferings, hurricane relief"

Direct Relief online: [www.directrelief.org/](http://www.directrelief.org/) or by mail: Direct Relief, 27 S. La Patera Lane, Santa Barbara, CA 93117

St John Community Foundation, online: <http://thestjohnfoundation.org/> or by mail: St John Community Foundation, PO Box 1020, St John, VI 00831

**New Business**



Outreach- Jeanne Halpin modeled a proposed name tag and their storage was discussed.

Annual report rough draft will be out as an announcement for reading before the January Meeting for Business when it will be approved for presentation to Southern Quarterly Meeting.

Nuclear Weapon minute sent to Friends Committee on National Legislation was affirmed. It was sent to Talbot Association of Clergy and Laity and Chester River. We may attach it to the Annual Report.

A new version of Faith and Practice is available online at Philadelphia yearly Meeting. Worship and Ministry notes that starting in 2018 that version of the Queries will be read at meeting each month.

Coat racks in the vestibule room have been moved , soon to be replaced with brass hooks.

Meeting closed at 12:40 p.m. with silent worship.

*D. Rein, Recording Clerk*

**Announcements** <http://www.thirdhaven.org/announcements.php>  
Calendar of Activities <http://www.thirdhaven.org/calendar.php>  
Online directory <http://www.thirdhaven.org/members/dir.php>

## **DREAMERS**

Friends concerned about the well being of the DREAMERS in our local community and throughout the US may join with the PEACE Vigil on Thursday evenings in front of the courthouse grounds on Washington St in Easton from 5-5:30 pm. We have placards for the DREAMERS or you may bring your own. Contact Jeanne Halpin [jeanne a halpin@hotmail.com](mailto:jeanne_a_halpin@hotmail.com)

## **January 7 (Sunday) Threshing Session: Talbot Reconciliation Committee**

Peter Howell writes,

“I have proposed that Third Haven appoint a delegate to the Talbot Reconciliation Committee, which was recently formed to come up with a solution to the Talbot Boys controversy that’s acceptable to as many Talbot Countians as possible. I hope that my proposal will be taken up at our January 14 Meeting for Business. Toward that end, Molly has scheduled a Threshing Session to discuss it after the rise of meeting on Sunday, January 7. see below re: Talbot Boys

### **Quakers should join effort to seek Talbot Boys solution**

Dear Friends,

A group of concerned citizens have formed a committee to seek a widely acceptable solution to the ongoing Talbot Boys memorial controversy. I believe it behooves Third Haven to participate in that committee.

This issue is not going to go away. And recent events in Charlottesville, Va., have brought it once again to the front burner. We have a duty to help prevent Easton from becoming the next Charlottesville.

The committee is called the Talbot Reconciliation Committee because its members hope to create a memorial that not only reflects the reconciliation of the Union and Confederate Talbot Boys after the Civil War, but also helps to reconcile the differences of opinion among today’s Talbot Countians. Its goal is not to create a memorial that stands in opposition to the Confederate “Talbot Boys,” but rather to create one that reconciles their differences from 152 years ago and reminds us of the work that has yet to be done.

A perusal of *The Star-Democrat’s* online archives confirms that many local people have shared their opinions about the Confederate memorial and its future, and the committee hopes to hear from those folks and more. Suggestions have included: leaving the existing memorial in place and waiting for the controversy to go away; removing the Confederate color bearer; removing the memorial entirely; relocating the memorial to another site; erecting a nearby memorial to the Talbot Countians who fought for the Union; and replacing the existing monument with one that acknowledges the Talbot Boys who fought on both sides.

The committee has no preconceived agenda. Its members want to be sensitive to the feelings of all stakeholders, and their input is welcome. Abraham Lincoln reminds us

that, "...you can't please all of the people all of the time." But the committee has pledged to make a good faith effort to craft a solution that is acceptable to as many Talbot Countians as possible.

In addition to soliciting letters, phone calls and e-mails, the committee will host a series of "listening sessions" around the county. After doing its best to discern the will of the people, the committee will make recommendations to the Talbot County Council and undertake to do what the consensus dictates.

The committee is particularly eager to hear from groups and individuals who have previously participated in the Talbot Boys discussion; and especially the descendants of Talbot Countians who served on both sides in the Civil War. For they are not only the people whose ancestors answered the call, but also an important source of names for a possible memorial. Their input will help the committee to compile an accurate database of Talbot County participants in the war.

I would like to see Third Haven Friends Meeting be an integral part of this effort. Quakers have long been in the forefront of the antislavery movement, as well as champions of racial equality and social justice.

Some might feel that a war memorial is inconsistent with our nonviolent beliefs. However, I feel strongly that the Talbot Boys from both sides deserve recognition, not for being warriors, but rather for answering what each understood to be his country's call.

I also feel strongly that, without pledging any financial support, Third Haven should delegate a representative to serve on the committee. I welcome your thoughts and opinions. – *Pete Howell*

### **January 13 (Saturday)**

#### **Women's Forum re: Sexual Harassment**

There will be forum for women to gather and discuss sexual harassment and the feelings that come with the barrage of news coverage over the past weeks. We will meet Saturday 13 January 2:00 - 4:00 pm in the Common Room. The intention is to create a safe place where women could gather to talk about what we've been feeling and remembering, and the nuances of the different cases, similar to the consciousness raising groups we had in the 60s and 70s. Contact Connie Crow with any questions at [conniescrow@gmail.com](mailto:conniescrow@gmail.com)

### **January 21 (Sunday)**

#### **Southern Quarter**

Southern Quarter will meet January 21, in Lewes, DE. More than a handful from Third Haven attended the most recent gathering in September at Chester River Meeting in Chestertown. We will host the Quarterly Meeting in May, 2018.

### **January 28 (Sunday)**

#### **Spiritual Journeys**

Susan Dickinson, previously scheduled for January 7 to discuss her own personal spiritual journey, has been rescheduled to January 28, 2018 at 11:30 AM in the Common Room. The sharing will last about 20 minutes including some time for questions. This will be the third in a series offered by Worship & Ministry, of monthly presentations by individuals sharing their own personal spiritual journeys. If you would like to share your own journey please email Mark Beck. [mb4833@aol.com](mailto:mb4833@aol.com)



## **Journey Afar**

Rob Wieland writes, "I am sitting in an outdoor kitchen/dining area at a place described as the fish shack in Chivato, Baja California Sur. Checking my e-mail. Leigh Anne and I, through the typical foul-ups and bad planning, found ourselves driving last night down a very wash-boarded and just generally poor dirt road to Punta Chivato where we were promised the possibility of beach camping, and it was getting dark. When it got to be fully dark and all hope of finding the beach had departed, I turned off the dirt road onto an even dirtier road and we hunkered down in the van until morning. In the morning after due consideration we decided to try something somewhere else and were pulling out onto the main road when we were approached by an older couple in a Chevy pickup. This couple engaged with me and convinced us to turn around and drive the additional half a mile to the beach. We consequently found a lovely beach to explore and have since met some interesting and generous folks and are now enjoying the facilities here at the fish shack. Sunrises over the Sea of Cortez are said to be good here.

We are well, generally. I have been willing to briefly experience a series of fantastic natural phenomena, be awed and move on to the next thing maybe a little more so than Leigh Anne. We have put almost 12,000 miles on the van ("Furthermore" as she is affectionately referred to by us) and she has performed a number of impressive performances along the way. Getting to the lost coast in the north of Humboldt County, CA, the very steep final ascent after a dizzying climb from Highway 1 to a retreat in Big Sur, San Rosalia's intuition-based one way streets -- all examples of challenges that I might not have agreed to except that now things were too far along to back out. I like to think that these adventures are helping us learn how to pay closer attention and maybe enhancing our predictive powers. I suppose that we shall see. Now, it may be time to slow the pace and enjoy being in a lovely place. Maybe make some of the refinements that have come to mind since living in the van. Maybe put some thought into what it is we might do in the world once we are finished enjoying being in a lovely place.

We have seen a lot of kin on the trip; some by design and some by surprise. We were surprised at Berkeley Meeting to see my cousin Greg Wilcox and we later spent a weekend with him and his girlfriend in Santa Cruz. Who knew that the free-masons had a camping retreat in the redwoods above Santa Cruz? But we planned on visiting Leigh Anne's sister and, most recently, her brother and family in Huntington Beach and of course daughter Chloe in San Francisco and Jeffery, who is in Seattle. Unplanned were the nieces and nephews, but we've seen a number of them as well. And that has been very encouraging. A great antidote to the depressing reality reported in the newspapers and magazines.

I am not sure how long we will stay in Baja, but warm weather has its attractions and Mexico is, as they say, cost competitive. Leigh Anne has a hankering to see the southwest. I did not get to see enough of Chloe or the Sierras. Follow our "Instagram" account and see what we decide. Chloe set us up with this service that basically serves up your photos to anyone who wishes to share them. Our Instagram handle is "furthermoreorless" and Leigh Anne has posted a set of pictures that tell part of the story. The good part. I hope you are all well there." *Robert Wieland*

## Easton Christmas Parade



Our own angels!



At the holidays we remember those who have gone before us.

