



## Third Haven Friends Meeting

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## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

*“Jesus was born to a peasant family in Galilee. Buddha was a prince, the son of a powerful ruler who held sway over northern India. One attracted a ragtag following of fishermen and farmers; the other numbered wealthy Brahmins as well as common folk and outcasts... Proceeding along such different paths each arrived at the same moral destination...At the heart of Christianity which defines much of Western civilization, and Buddhism, a driving force in Eastern culture, lies the same basic wisdom. Both Jesus and Buddha focused on the individual, that the inner person is more vital than the outer image, and that each of us need to look at our own life rather than criticizing others.”*

By Marcus Borg- Jesus and Buddha

### Readers Reports

I have enjoyed looking through the Third Haven newsletters; thank you for sending them. I was impressed with how informative each newsletter was with reference to basic Quakerism and also about how much PYM information was included. I can see how this newsletter would contribute to the breadth of background of your members. Thanks for your invitation to visit Third Haven. I do hope my travels bring me there in the future.

Blessings, *Lauri Perman*

-Thanks for sharing this with me. It is great outreach and a model for all of us. *Sue Makler*

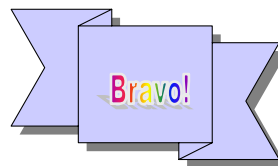
-I heartily applaud the work your group has done in bringing this new newsletter into existence, and at the same time agree that it needs to be streamlined, edited, pared down.

I also like the calendar idea. In peace and Friendship, *Candace Shattuck*

-This newsletter is an incredibly fine piece of work. Thank you for "raising the bar" within our community. Warm regards, *Tom Hoops*

-thanks for the newsletter. In reading for our staff newsletter reports, I discovered that the Oct 23 RE conference is listed with Wade Wright as the contact. This is incorrect. I am the contact for that conference. Can you send an email to your community with that correction? Thanks.

*Helen Fields*, Coordinator Children's Religious Education Programs Programs



## Condolences

Pete Marvel, father of Cathy Marvel, friend of the Zieglers and longtime golf partner of Pinny Claggett, died in his sleep at home in Florida. He left behind his wife of 55 years, Carolyn, and their four children Skip, Cathy, Keith, and Bruce.

## Friends Afar...



A note to let you know we think of you even though you are a Friend Afar from us now...greetings to Jane Caldwell and Esther Cooperman!

**What's New?** Nearly fifty attended a pre-publication party and book signing in honor of Third Haven mainstay, Dr. Laurence 'Pinny' Claggett held November 3 at the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club. Many of our members were treated to Pinny's reminiscences and had the opportunity to obtain a copy of his illustrated gazetteer of Talbot County entitled 'From Pot Pie to Hell & Damnation.' Dr. Claggett has compiled this material for many years and had the expert help of Mary Cotton in bringing it forth for publication by the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum.



submitted by *John Hawkinson*

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## Announcements for Third Haven Monthly Meeting week of November 14, 2004

Every fifth day at 5:00 pm, Peace Vigil in front of the Court House

November 10 (fourth day) 6:05 pm  
Testimonies and Concerns committee meets.

November 13 (seventh day) 10AM -  
Meeting of the Southern Quarter Peace Committees at  
Chester River Friends Meeting

November 14 (first day) meeting for worship, meeting for business: Query 11 Stewardship of Resources page 213, Faith and Practice

<http://www.pym.org/publish/fnp/>

Committee Reports: Nominating (preliminary) Testimonies & Concerns, AFSC, FCNL, TAFL

Joyce Zeigler's painting group, The Traveling Brushes, will celebrate 20 years of painting and traveling together with an Art Show at The Oxford Community Center, Opening Reception 5:00pm - 8:00pm on November 19, 2004, also open November 20 and 21 - 10:00am to 5:00 pm  
See her website, [www.zeiglerfineart.com/](http://www.zeiglerfineart.com/) for more details.

November 21 (first day) Southern Quarter Planning & Coordinating Committee at Camden, DE

November 21 (first day) meeting for worship

November 21 (first day) 7 pm Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service sponsored by the Talbot Association Clergy & Laity at Temple B’Nai Israel.

When sending financial contributions, please indicate how you wish to designate the use of your donation: For the general meeting budget, make checks payable to Third Haven Monthly Meeting. Mail to: Third Haven Treasurer, PO Box 2379 , Easton , MD 21601

To the Trustees' Fund, make checks payable to Trustees of Third Haven Meeting Mail to: Allan Mielke, Treasurer of The Trustees, 405 South Washington Street , Easton , MD 21601

New announcements are always welcome - please send them to [hawkjm@goeaston.net](mailto:hawkjm@goeaston.net)

Visit the Third Haven Website - [www.thirdhaven.org](http://www.thirdhaven.org) - to see new material of interest.

Directory is complete and up-to-date.  
Quaker Discussion Group written by Jim Rouse  
Username is 3rdhaven.

Remember to contribute to the Brighter Christmas Fund

We are still collecting books for the detention center – the box is in the Common Room

The Neighborhood Service Center hopes we will continue to donate non-perishable food

PYM notices: Complete text on PYM website [www.pym.org/](http://www.pym.org/) Click link Calendar of Events

Friends Institute is offering a competitive grant of \$5,000 in a business plan competition for Young Adult Friends (age 18-40) contact: Kareem Brantley at [k\\_brantley@yahoo.com](mailto:k_brantley@yahoo.com)

Volunteers Sought for Arch Street Yard Clean-up contact Brian Sullivan 267-254-0897

PYM's Workcamp Working Group -- contact Coordinator Arin Ahlum Hanson for more information on how to get involved. Call 215-241-7236 or email [arinh@pym.org](mailto:arinh@pym.org)

Friends who are licensed social workers are, from time to time, contracted by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting to make home visits with elderly Friends. If you are such a social worker, and would be open to such work, please send your vita to Phil Mullen, PYM, 1515 Cherry St., Philadelphia PA 19102 or email [philm@pym.org](mailto:philm@pym.org)

Kennett Meeting will hold its Quaker Fair on Saturday, November 20, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Meetinghouse, West Sickle Street, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. Contact [donnagibson@comcast.net](mailto:donnagibson@comcast.net) or phone 856.468.0871.

March 10-27 -2005 17 day Adult Listening Pilgrimage to Israel and Palestine Apply by Dec. 1 Cost \$2,600. Includes air fare. Leave voicemail message Chip Poston 215-579-6673 Contact [chip\\_poston@georgeschool.org](mailto:chip_poston@georgeschool.org)

To request a sample mailing of Mailings Featuring Quaker Writings contact Vicki Hain, 215-241-7293 or e-mail [Americas@fwccamericas.org](mailto:Americas@fwccamericas.org)

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## **Third Haven Friends Meeting: Minutes of the 10th Month 10th, 2004 Meeting for Business**

**Attending:** Leonard Baynham, Paige Bethke, Ken Carroll, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Mary Cotton, Joe Davis, Kurt Freund, Doreen Getsinger, John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Susan Leibman, Robert Marshall, Jim Paul, Peggy Paul, Dyan



Redick, Anne Rouse, John Schreiner, Karen Stoker, Norval Thompson, Ann Williams, and Winslow Womack. Clerk of Meeting, Marsie Hawkinson, conducted the

meeting for business following a period of silent worship.

**Query for Tenth Month** – The query was read during meeting for worship. The Clerk asked for additional reflections. A friend shared joy in the summer Quaker earth stewardship camp held at Third Haven and the description of it recently published in the newsletter. Another friend queried: what does war do to the environment? Friends commented on the Nobel committee's recent nominations as an acknowledgment of the role the environment plays in peace.

**Approval of Minutes** – After discussion and clarification, the minutes of the 9th Month 2004 Meeting for Business were approved with no changes.

**Clerk's Correspondence** – The Clerk read a letter from Wicomico River Meeting of transfer of membership for Leonard Baynham. Friends welcome Leonard back into membership at Third

Haven with joy. Marsie also noted receipt of a post card from Tom Corl mailed to Third Haven during his European travels. The Clerk had a request to release our membership list to the Earlham School of Religion, to enable them to distribute information about the school. This request was declined, citing friends' concerns about unsolicited bulk mailings and a general reluctance to share the mailing list

**Treasurer's Report.** During 9th Month 2004, the meeting had income of \$2624.40 and paid expenses of \$4797.11, the latter including a payment of \$2300.00 to Claiborne Builders for repair of the entryways to the brick meetinghouse. Fiscal year-to-date income is \$4525.51 and expenses \$11,586.03. The only unusual expense thus far this fiscal year is the aforementioned repair item; it is expected that the meeting Trustees will reimburse the meeting for this expense. Budget & Finance committee clerk Larny Claggett said that financial assistance from the Trustees may be available for repairs such as these, but emphasized that there is no rule for how assistance is administered, so the meeting should not expect assistance for every repair. Friends approved the report, with thanks to Joe Davis for his work on our behalf.

**Library & Outreach Committee Annual report** by Anne Rouse. Two dozen books from the meeting library have been donated to the Talbot County Public Library for inclusion in the Quaker section of the Maryland Room. The shelf space freed by this donation makes use of our current collection easier. The committee thanks Bill Lane for his donation of books. Ken Carroll notes that he will be requesting the library look through his personal collections for items of interest. Friends are reminded to place their copies of Friends Journal at their local library when they have finished with them. We may wish to ask the committee to

consider listing Third Haven's library titles on the meeting web site. Friends approved the report.

#### **Property & Grounds Committee**

Clerk John Schreiner presented the committee's annual report, highlighting repairs to the roof of the old meetinghouse, entryway and door repair, crack repair, and pointing on the brick meetinghouse, painting of Annie's Cottage, improved drainage along the entryway, bush-hogging of the back field, and a new effort to plot existing trees and major plantings. The committee accomplished all of this work at nearly 6% under budget. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes. A friend noted that the new paint on Annie's Cottage improves the beauty of the entry. Another friend asked about the future of a crape myrtle placed where friends tend to gather to socialize after worship. John indicated that the crape myrtle would be moved and encouraged friends to contact the committee for assistance in locating new plantings on the meeting property. A friend asked whether an undesignated bequest would accrue to the Trustees or to the meeting budget. It was recommended, regarding financial contributions, that friends specify whether they wish to donate to the general meeting budget or to the Trustees' Fund. One option may be to add this information to the meeting's form that solicits friends' wishes at the time death. The meeting approved the report, with great thanks to John and the entire committee for their hard work on behalf of the meeting.

**Overseer Committee** - Nancy Mullen will be making a poster for the common room that will list friends' birthdays. Friends wishing to contribute to a fund established for Ginger Howell may do so through treasurer Joe Davis; please specify "Howell Family Fund" with your contribution. Paige Bethke reported that the joint meeting of Overseers and Worship &

Ministry committees had been a fruitful mix of the unbridled energy Overseers and the Quakerly conduct of Worship & Ministry. She notes that the two committees can learn much from each other.

#### **Worship & Ministry Committee**

Committee clerk Bob Marshall reported that the major topic of the joint meeting with Overseers had been developing ideas for adult education and discussion. The committees propose that a block of time at rise of meeting on the last First Day of every month be devoted to an adult education session. A facilitated discussion format is envisioned, with emphasis on spiritual discovery and discernment. Readings may be suggested ahead of time. A break following meeting for worship is anticipated so that parents may check on children. Childcare and lunch for the children will be provided. Friends APPROVED this general approach. A friend wondered if topics would be set out for the year, to allow planning; other friends shared concern that our meeting not become overly programmed. Another friend queried about gathering before meeting for worship, and Bob shared that attendance at sessions scheduled for that time has historically been less than for those scheduled to follow meeting for worship.

**First Day School Committee** report by Susan Claggett. The current curriculum is Truth in Action, focusing on truth telling and unity. Five thousand dollars of the proceeds from the carriage shed sale have been donated to Heifer International. Of the remaining monies, \$400.00 was used to purchase a large-screen television for the common room, and it is suggested that the balance be allocated for construction of a play yard for the children. The clerk said that the remainder of the carriage shed sale money is around \$800.00. Friends approved allocating this money for a play yard. Property & Grounds committee will be

consulted for input regarding location and maintenance. Helen Fields from the religious education staff at Philadelphia Yearly Meeting will be at Third Haven on 11th Month 7th to facilitate training on “Godly Play.” Finally, Marsie informed friends that Dan Chaudoin has agreed to look into the risk management issues raised previously.

**Nominating Committee** clerk Mary Cotton reminded friends that this is the time of year for the nominations process. Committee memberships are generally three-year commitments, and clerkships two-year commitments. The committee will be contacting those individuals completing the third year of committee service, as well as working with the committee clerks to address needed adjustments to overall size or composition. Mary anticipates publishing the database of “terms” of assignment in the newsletter so that friends may verify the accuracy of their committee memberships and years of service. She notes that the clerk’s “terms” are mostly missing from the records, and asks that clerks contact her with the beginning year of their clerkship. This time of review is also a useful time for the meeting to propose any new committees necessary for the good conduct of our business.

Ann Williams reminded friends, on behalf of the **Hospitality Committee**, that if you use it, you need to wash it, dry it, and put it away, please.

Susan Claggett and Lorraine Claggett were named Southern Quarterly Meeting delegates.

Irene Williams’ daughter-in-law Barbara Williams remains in care in Salisbury following her car accident and will transition to home as she is able.

**New Business** – Norval Thompson reported that the Friends General Conference (FGC) executive committee would like to meet at Third Haven for one of

their regular quarterly meetings, in January or February 2005. Friends were open to this possibility and encouraged Norval to explore dates and expected number of participants. Hosting such a gathering might provide opportunity for a formal presentation from FGC. Susan Leibman shared that Atticus has required additional treatments for infection in his lungs, but is otherwise doing well, and thanked friends for holding him in the Light. A friend requested that we specifically ask visitors to speak loudly enough for everyone to hear, and that we are all careful to do this during meeting for business as well.



Ken Carroll will collect donations again this year for the Brighter Christmas Fund, an organization which provides gifts and services to families during the holiday season. Last year, 400 people were helped through the generosity of the fund, including gifts of dental work, needed appliances, clothing, even assistance in obtaining a wheelchair. Since the fund is an entirely volunteer effort, every dollar given goes directly to recipients. Ken will collect our contributions to this fund during 11th Month.

Friends concluded with a period of worship, purposing to meet next on 11th Month 14th, 2004.

Respectfully submitted, *Susan Leibman*,  
Assistant Recording Clerk, Third Haven  
Friends Meeting

## Friends General Conference (FGC)



October 24th–27th 157 representatives from Yearly Meetings met in New Windsor Maryland to conduct the annual Business Meeting as the FGC Central Committee. The decision was approved to take the next 12 month to discern best use of a \$1.2MM Bequest . It was also approved to take \$60M from interest income to start pilot programs for young Friends.

**Minute on LGBTQ Friends** After much discernment the Following statement re: "our experience of and with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) Friends" was also approved and Minuted

**-Our Experience has been that spiritual gifts are not distributed with regard to sexual orientation or gender identity.**

**Our experience has been that our Gatherings and Central Committee work have been immeasurably enriched over the years by the full participation and Spirit-guided leadership of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and queer Friends. We will never go back to silencing those**

**voices or suppressing those gifts. Our experience confirms that we are all equal before God, as God made us, and we feel blessed to be engaged in the work of FGC together.--**

**-- The Friend General Conference Development Committee** plans to visit Third Haven in January. It meets four times a year, including Central Committee. Clerk Byron Sandford states “we are hosted by different monthly meetings. This year we have been the recipients of the gracious hospitality of Goshen Friends Meeting in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, Heartland Friends Meeting of Great Plains and Missouri Valley Yearly Meetings and Martha’s Vineyard Worship Group in New England Yearly Meeting. We start each meeting with an evening of worship and spiritual sharing.” The committee sees two large areas of impact: We need to strengthen communication with our constituencies. This will include, among other things, developing a Comprehensive Communications Plan. .... We realize the Nurturing Quakerism campaign was FGC’s first real campaign, so there is no established pattern. There is now a new FGC brochure, ... for current Friends, and not intended to interpret Quakerism to others. A Monthly Meeting Contact project was started. The program now includes about 100 contacts. The office has been recruiting Contacts first from the smaller Yearly Meetings and has not yet done Philadelphia YM (the largest FGC yearly meeting).

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**Thank You Friends** Dan Chaudoin, Candace Shattuck and Susan Claggett for your work with First day School, Jim Rouse for work and presentation of ‘Faith and Practice and the Bible’ which is now on the website under Quaker Discussion Group.

## Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

### PYM Worship and Ministry Visit



Irene Williams, Nancy Mullen, Lorraine Claggett, Beth Mufson, Marsie Hawkinson, Meredith Watters, and Ralph Young. Met with Paul Cesta? and the Mcabes? of PYM Worship and Ministry. They were asked questions about the sense of well being at THFM ” we replied with a description of what W & M’ s role in bridging ill feelings. We described the use of the Adult Ed. as a place to improve a sense of camaraderie and a place to deepen one’s knowledge of Quakerism.”

*By Meredith Watters*

“ My impression was that it was a fact finding visit. ...they were here only to listen. They obviously like Third Haven. They liked the meeting and they sensed that Third Haven is a caring community. ...they “ were impressed with the fact that the meeting is attempting to remain in contact with those who have left and by the efforts the meeting is making through the Worship and Ministry discussion groups to work through issues. That "meeting will continue to work through issues in a loving manner. The PYM group shared that many meetings within the Yearly Meeting are in conflict over one issue or another”.

*By Ralph Young*

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### Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Interim

**Meeting** 24 April 2003 - Arch Street Meetinghouse, Summary of Minutes

(Full Minutes are available from Monthly Meeting clerks and Interim representatives and on PYM website at [www.pym.org](http://www.pym.org) Interim Meeting.)

**Minute # 1.** Worship and Opening Exercises. The meeting settled into worship at 6:00 p.m. The clerk welcomed 2 new alternates, 1 substitute, and 8 guests.

**Minute # 2.** New Business

(2.A.) The Role of an Interim Meeting Member.

Friends lifted up challenges of being representatives

2.B. General Secretary

(2.B.1) Report of Thom Jeavons’ Annual Evaluation

The Review Committee reported strengths and challenges of the General Secretary.

(2.B.2.) **General Secretary’s Report.** Thom starts this year feeling hopeful about our present and future.

(2.C.) Group to Review Yearly Meeting Donations to Outside Organizations. Friends approved appointing a committee to conduct this annual review.

**Minute # 3.** Continuing Business

(3.A.) An Additional Priority for our Yearly Meeting A fourth working priority was approved for our Yearly Meeting, that of “Supporting our Meeting Communities in expanding their spiritual lives.”

(3.B.) General Discussion of Unrestricted and Designated Funds TylaAnn Burger, Yearly Meeting Treasurer, and Kathy Reilly, Staff Director for financial matters, made a general presentation on Unrestricted and Designated Funds, with helpful graphics. Each year we give away 2.4 million dollars in interest income, and use another 2.9 million for our own expenses.

**Minute # 4** Nominating Committee Susan Makler, clerk, reported 8 nominations and 5 resignations.

**Minute # 5.** Business of the Standing Committees

(5. A.) Education Standing Committee Jack Mahon, a member, brought the report of that committee on the request from the Greenwood Friends School for Yearly Meeting to help fund their new addition. and Millville Monthly Meeting, asking for a grant of \$148,990 to be used in completing a new wing of the school.

They did recommend that we take any special action.

(5.B.) General Services Standing Committee Patsy Hunt, clerk, reported.

(5.B.1.) Annual Fund. The Annual Fund last year raised \$463,000, beyond our goal of \$435,000.



(5.B.2) Granting Groups. Written reports from the Bequests and the Chace Granting Groups were distributed.

Bequests last year approved 57 grants totaling \$348,230, while in the 6 months ending in May Bequests approved 12 grants totaling \$162,079.

(5.B.3) Friends Center Renovation and Future of Arch Street Meetinghouse. Work continues.

(5.B.4 ) Job Descriptions. Could we have job descriptions for our volunteers in PYM?

**Minute # 6.** Clerk's Correspondence.

(6.A.) Literature from the Bush / Cheney Campaign. The clerk received mailings from Committee to Reelect Bush / Cheney, the only response to our Minutes sent to the White House over the last four years.

(6.B.) Return Travel Minutes for Mickey Edgerton were received from North Carolina Yearly Meeting

(Conservative) and from North Pacific Yearly Meeting.

**Minute # 7.** Minutes of 24 June 2004 were corrected and approved.

**Minute # 8.** Announcements and Adjournment The PYM Budget Conference would be held at Arch Street Meetinghouse November 13 from 8:30 am to 1 pm.

AFSC and others are encouraging Candlelight Vigils on the eve of Election Day.

The "Safety and Insurance Conference" will be held at Arch Street Meetinghouse on Saturday, 9 October. Future dates for Interim Meeting in 2004 are October 28 and December 2. In 2005: January 27, February 24,

April 28, May 26, and June 23. Friends settled into closing worship and adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Chris Mahon, clerk --Susan White, recording clerk

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### Getting to know a Friend

Norval Thompson was born in St. Thomas Jamaica. Raised in Shoreham Long Island N.Y., he holds a degree in Political Science



1977–State University of N.Y. at Buffalo. A 25year career as an Investment Advisor with Merrill Lynch, AG Edwards and currently Investment manager N.E.Thompson &Co., Norval volunteers as trustee, to the Talbot County Academy Arts, Talbot Historical Society and serves on several Religious Society of Friends Committees.

He enjoys family Cathy, Sarah, Norval Jr, and Cassidy, as well as the extended Quaker family. Norval's hobbies are golfing, sailing, music and gardening.

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Please send Norval, clerk of Communications Committee, your reports, stories, articles, and relevant information to share with Friends.

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### Would you like to know more about:

- Clerking a committee?
  - The work of American Friends Service Committee?
  - The role of Interim Meeting?
  - The lives of early Friends and other Quaker History?
  - Friends General Conference?
  - Friends at the United Nations?
  - Quakers in business and Spirituality?
- Let us know at [info@thirdhaven.org](mailto:info@thirdhaven.org)

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Meeting for Worship  
Sunday 10-11 a.m.  
Wednesday 5:30-6 p.m.  
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