



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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September NEWSLETTER

"I believe there is no one single principle which predominates in human nature so much in every stage of life, from the cradle to the grave, in male and female, old and young, black and white, rich and poor high and low, as this passion for superiority" John Adams –David McCulloch- John Adams

Condolences to the family of **Clarence Barker** who passed away August 31, 2005

Of my Friend, I would like to share a moment, "Clarence", I ask him, "who will take the NCAA title this March?" After a short pause, he smiles, "Well, you know who I'd like to see win it, but Coaching will be what wins. . . .with all that talent on the floor. . . ." He then adds with a mischievous grin, "Want to pick a winner and we'll go have milkshakes on your pick?" I cannot refuse this gentleman/woman bet of sorts and so it would go. . . each season another milkshake and a handshake. He, being a "tall drink of water" and me, barely making a height line for a roller coaster ride, would be sitting and a' sipping and picking our winners up to the final of the Final Four. Oh, how patient Monimia has been with our antics!

We are talking college hoops and the delight I see in his face when he talks about the players and the coaches is, well, delightful. Once upon a time, as a coach himself, he knew the strategy and oh so well, how to inspire players. And, call the plays. As he had inspired many during his career as coach, he has inspired me as a Friend throughout his most difficult times. He was capable, in spite of his own pains, to reach a hand of consolation out to me during my hardships.

There are times when we are challenged by our Faith & Practice to heed the small, still voice from within. "Life is the school, Love is the Lesson" reads a concise saying. Our strategies for surviving the hard times are improvised along the way. Our human condition challenges our spiritual intent in so many ways. To be fully human in our suffering is truly quite inspirational. During Clarence's illness one such condition I'll call "amazing" grace was fully apparent in his human condition. He cared for the well-being of his caregivers in a kindly, respectful manner. My Friend Clarence shared with me his love of life, family, milkshakes and basketball, but most assuredly, he demonstrated determination to be a Friend in times of tremendous physical hardship and suffering. His life speaks and he gives this gift of Friendship that will be staying with me for the rest of my days.

Ever so fondly submitted, Valerie Mazur

More on Clarence will follow in our next newsletter.

Third Haven Friends Meeting Minutes of specially called Meetings for Business in the **6th month 26th, 2005**

At a specially called Meeting for Business held at the rise of meeting for worship a letter was read from Cathy Marvel and Norval Thompson requesting marriage under the care of Third Haven Friends Meeting to be held on 8th month 6, 2005. A clearness committee was appointed to meet with them, consisting of Helen Womack, Doreen Getsinger, Nancy Mullen and Paige Bethke. This clearness committee will report back on 7th month 24th. (Picture)

Martha Hawkinson, Clerk

7th month 24th, 2005

A specially called meeting for business was held to hear the report of the clearness committee for the marriage of Norval Thompson and Cathy Marvel.

The clearness committee of Helen Womack, Doreen Getsinger, Nancy Mullen and Paige Bethke met with Norval Thompson and Cathy Marvel on 6th month 29th to discuss their plans for marriage at Third Haven Friends Meeting. The clearness committee discussed their past, their future and their marriage relationship. Cathy and Norval are centered in their love, and have formed a mature and loyal partnership with each other. They both came from previous marriages and have moved on with their lives in constructive ways. Norval's children know Cathy well and were pleased with the proposed marriage. As Third Haven Friends have watched this couple come together and grow at Third Haven Friends Meeting, we are aware of the love, respect and understanding they have for one another.

The clearness committee finds Cathy and Norval to be blessed with a tender and caring relationship and recommends that they proceed with their plans for marriage on 8th month 6th, 2005 at 1:00 pm. The Meeting received the report of the clearness committee and APPROVED the marriage of Norval Thompson and Cathy Marvel marriage on 8th month 6th, 2005, under the care of Third Haven Friends Meeting. A committee of oversight was appointed, comprised of Marsie Hawkinson, Allan Mielke, Jim Paul and Joyce Zeigler. (Picture)

The Meeting was adjourned after silent worship. -- *Martha L. Hawkinson, Clerk*

Announcements for Third Haven Monthly Meeting week of September 4, 2005

September 7 Marilla's Lunches – (the first Wednesday) Third Haven Friends Meeting is responsible for preparing and delivering about 39 lunches to shut-ins selected by Asbury Methodist Church. We meet in the common room at 10 am, prepare the lunches and deliver them. Contact Lorraine B. Claggett (410-822-0669) or Ralph Young (410-819-0050)

September 7 (fourth day) 5:30 pm meeting for worship

September 11 (first day) First Day School starts for the fall

September 11 (first day) 10 am meeting for worship followed by meeting for business

September 14 (fourth day) 5:30 pm meeting for worship

"Have you ever been in the middle of a committee meeting and found the need to make copies of a document? Now, thanks to the generosity of Mike and Nancy Mullen, we have an HP Office Jet attached to the computer located in the office in the front of the New Meeting House. An Office Jet is one of those all-in-one devices which can copy, print, scan and fax. In ours, the

fax function is not enabled. It is obviously not intended for high volume copying but rather for the infrequent times when a small number of copies are needed. Complete and simple instructions for copying are attached to the top of the Office Jet."

September 18 (first day) 10 am meeting for worship

September 21 (fourth day) 5:30 pm meeting for worship

September 24 (seventh day) Peace gathering in Washington, D.C. A bus is chartered. Sign up with Testimonies and Concerns

September 24 (seventh day) 10am to 4 pm "12,000 Years Before Columbus - American Indian Artifact Exhibit" North County Branch of the Caroline County Public Library, 101 Cedar Lane, Greensboro, MD..

September 25 presentation about peace work in the middle east at the home of Marcia Ormsby in Annapolis

September 25 (first day) 10 am meeting for worship

September 25 (first day) 1:30 pm Crop Walk convenes at Idlewild Park: Sponsors' donations will benefit both the pantry of the Neighborhood Service Center and Church World Service. The walk along Easton's Rails to Trails pathway will be cheered on at the 2½ miles turnaround point by supporters at a table laden with apples and drinks provided by TACL reps. Ann Williams. Contact Ann at 410-770-3237 for additional information.

October 2 (first day) 10 am meeting for worship

October 5 (fourth day) 5:30 pm meeting for worship

October 5 (fourth day) 6 pm Property & Grounds meets in common room

Reminders - Contributions to the Apostles Build program: Check payable to Third Haven Monthly Meeting with 'Apostles Build' on memo line - Mail to: Third Haven Treasurer, PO Box 2379 , Easton, MD 21601

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Please place book donations for the detention center in the chest in the Common Room.

Sign up to provide Hospitality following meeting for worship.

Donate non-perishable food for the Neighborhood Service Center

Let us know of e-mail address changes - send announcements to hawkjm@goeaston.net

Two options for trips--Dana Kester-McCabe would like to organize **a field trip** this Fall for Southern Quarter related to peace, justice or earth care witnesses.

A trip in October to see the Quaker United Nations offices and tour the UN. 2005 marks the Sixtieth Anniversary of the United Nations. Although QUNO offices are not open on Saturdays, possibly someone from QUNO could meet us when we are there. The UN is open for tours on Saturdays, costing between \$6-\$12 depending on age.

A visit to Friends Committee on National Legislation to see renovations and attend the annual meeting the weekend of November 11-13. For those who wanted to just do a day trip, we might spend part of the day at FCNL and part of the day at the new Native American Culture Museum. There is a registration fee to attend the FCNL Annual Meeting.

Here is the index of current announcements - the Third Haven website has the complete text for each heading - <http://www.thirdhaven.org/> Click on Complete Text Material

Wedding



In a ceremony where Friends and friends spoke of eagles soaring together, kindness similar to that of their father's, believing in fairy tales, it "being good to be here" losing a son and gaining a daughter, good additions to personal life and to the life of the Meeting, the Lord's prayer, being spiritually touched and moved to tears being in the old meeting for the first time, participation in Friends General Conference and the Yearly Meeting, a three year long home renovation project, quiet demeanors and premonitions...Cathy and Norval were married under the loving care of Third Haven Monthly Meeting. After photo ops. and the signing of the marriage certificate, a brief, simple reception of Jamaican cuisine (rice and peas with curried goat (spicy) / Salmon) and cake was enjoyed by all

under the Magnolia tree and in a warm Eastern Shore summer breeze.

Third Haven Friends Meeting - Minutes of the 6th Month 12th, 2005 Meeting for Business

Attending – Leonard Baynham, Paige Bethke, Larny Claggett, Lorraine B Claggett, Susan Claggett, Tom Corl, Mary Cotton, Joe Davis, Doreen Getsinger, Marsie Hawkinson, Cathy Marvel, Nancy Mullen, Sumner Parker, Anne Rouse, Jim Rouse, Candace Shattuck, Karen Stoker, Norval Thompson, Peggy Walpert, Irene Williams, Winslow Womack, Ralph Young, Frank Zeigler and Joyce Zeigler. The meeting opened with a period of silent worship. Marsie Hawkinson, Clerk of the Meeting, clerked the meeting for business.

6th Query– During the meeting for worship, Tom Corl read the 6th Query on Equality. During the meeting for worship and in afterthoughts, Friends spoke to the query. In afterthoughts, a Friend noted that when we are not open to and inclusive with others who differ from us, we miss a very great deal in our lives. In the meeting for business, another Friend stated that she believed that the Meeting does not practice this testimony and that prejudice exists within us and the Meeting.

Minutes of the 5th month 8th meeting for business – The Meeting **APPROVED** the minutes of the 5th month 8th meeting for business without change, as published in the Newsletter, and distributed electronically to Friends with e-mail addresses and mailed to others.

Clerk's correspondence and announcements – Clerk Marsie Hawkinson noted that beloved member Gus Russell-Hunter died on 5th month 21st, 2005. The Meeting celebrated the life and legacy of Gus Russell-Hunter on 6th month 4th. Marsie noted the many exceptional contributions that Gus has made to his profession, in his teaching, with his family and throughout his life. Marise read a touching letter of thanks to the Meeting from Perry Russell-Hunter.

Friends acknowledged the valuable contributions that Gus had made to the life of Third Haven Friends Meeting.

Treasurer's report – Joe Davis, the Treasurer, presented the financial report for Third Haven through 5th month. The income for 5th month was \$2,928; the expenses \$2,433, for a positive net for the month of \$595. In this period the Meeting purchased 50 copies of Faith and Practice and paid for the replacement of the thermostat in the common room. The total income for the 7th-5th month period was \$43,254; the total expense for the period was \$36,652 through 11 months; with the net income of \$6,602 in the fiscal year to date. In 6th month, the Meeting will pay the 4th quarterly payment to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. The total current assets are \$63,286 with total current liabilities of \$5,358. The Meeting has \$57,796 net funds available. The Meeting **APPROVED** the Treasurer's report with thanks. With the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting payment due and the Meeting well behind the budget target, Friends are encouraged to make additional financial contributions to the Meeting before the end of the fiscal year on 6th month 30th.

Budget and Finance – Winslow Womack, the Clerk of the Budget and Finance Committee, presented the proposed budget for fiscal year 2006, 7th month 1st, 2005, to 6th month 30th, 2006, with total income and expenses at \$54,125. He reported that the sum for the proceeds from the carriage shed sale had been moved to the financial contributions line as the Meeting had asked. Winslow indicated that a significant number of members and regular attenders do not support the Meeting financially. The committee wrote a letter to 40 members and attenders who had not contributed to the Meeting in the last 2 years and received replies from 6. Winslow noted the nearly \$10,000 shortfall compared to the budget target this year. A Friend suggested more personal contact. There followed some discussion as to how the Budget and Finance Committee, Overseers and the Meeting might better explain the financial obligation to support the Meeting and get more members and attenders to contribute financially. A Friend suggested increasing the contribution to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. Another Friend suggested the financial results are impressive given the recent issues and concerns in the Meeting. After some further discussion, the Meeting **APPROVED** the \$54,125 budget as proposed, with thanks to Winslow Womack and the Budget and Finance Committee. In another matter, Winslow indicated that he would contact the clerks of committees to gather information that he needed to complete the survey for the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting budget committee.

First Day School – Susan Claggett, Co-Clerk of the Committee, with Candace Shattuck, presented the annual report for the First Day School, which enjoyed the regular attendance of 8 families throughout the year. The 2 classrooms included children from kindergarten through grade 2 and grade 3 through middle school. The infants and toddlers room was mostly empty. The First Day School used Godly play techniques and storytelling successfully. At Christmas, the children made wreaths for the Meeting buildings and presented a play, "A Children's Liturgy for Christmas Eve". The children studied the life of William Penn and Bible Stories. The Committee discussed the development of a children's garden with the Property and Grounds Committee. This spring the First Day School hosted a gathering of children from across Southern Quarterly Meeting. The Committee arranges for child care during the meeting for business. The Committee thanks the teachers – Paige Bethke, Cody Chaudoin, Dan Chaudoin, Larny Claggett, Susan Claggett, Tom McCall, and Beth Mufson. Friends thanked the First Day School Committee for its good work with the children and the Meeting **APPROVED** the annual report on the First Day School. Candace Shattuck further described how members of the Committee are proceeding with Godly play.

Overseers – Paige Bethke, Clerk of Overseers reported. Overseers are planning Friendly 8 dinners. Several Friends have agreed to host initial dinners. The plan is to have 4 dinners with the same 8 participants, which will allow Friends to get to know one another better. Overseers are considering discussion themes for the dinners. Anne Rouse showed the sign up poster which will be in the common room. After Friends have signed up, Overseers will arrange the groupings for the dinners. There was some discussion. Scheduling 4 dinners for 8 people may prove difficult over the summer months.

Clarence and Monimia Barker need our prayers. Ann Williams is home and recovering, but not yet ready for visitors. Marsie Hawkinson hosted and Doreen Getsinger, Larny and Lorraine Claggett and Joyce and Frank Zeigler welcomed Cindy Browne and her daughter Nicola Green into membership in Third Haven Friends Meeting. Cindy Browne is interested in Testimonies and Concerns and Nicola Green may help with the summer camp. Overseers continue to work on the Meeting birthday poster.

Worship and Ministry Committee – Cathy Marvel reported for the Worship and Ministry Committee. The Committee continues to discuss the program, topics and discussants for the open house, to be scheduled by Library and Outreach. Tom Corl will facilitate a discussion on simplicity, at the rise of meeting for worship on 7th month 24th. The Committee is discussing ways to convene groups, where Friends can discuss their spiritual journeys and learn about those of other Friends, over a period of several months. The Committee continues to discuss the idea of using the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting “Making New Friends” survey at Third Haven to assess the perspectives and the life of Third Haven Friends Meeting.

Testimonies and Concerns – Lorraine B Claggett, Clerk of the Testimonies and Concerns Committee, reported. The Committee is discussing showing family movies in the common room. Lorraine presented a list of the 16 national Quaker and 14 other local organizations, to which the Meeting will make \$50 contributions this month for 2004-05 (\$100 for the Talbot Alliance of Clergy and Laity “Good Samaritan Fund” and \$100 for Interfaith Housing). There was some discussion that this small amount does not make much difference. However these contributions represent organizations that the Meeting encourages members and attenders to support with their own contributions. Third Haven Friends do make additional contributions and support these organizations. After some further discussion, the Meeting **APPROVED** the list as proposed. The Committee asked for more advice from Friends for the coming year. It was suggested that Testimonies and Concerns might write a letter to accompany these contributions.

Lorraine Claggett asked the Meeting to support a minute, originally proposed by Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) about the US Government policy on war in Iraq, to be presented to Congressman Gilchrist. There followed a good deal of discussion. Finally, the Meeting **APPROVED** Lorraine’s proposal. Ralph Young provided an update on “Marilla’s lunches”, which makes and delivers meals to shut-ins. These lunches are prepared in the common room on the 1st Wednesday of each month.

Property and Grounds – The leaks in the west roof of the old meetinghouse need to be repaired. John Schreiner, Clerk of the Property and Grounds Committee, will take this up with the Trustees.

Other business – Clerk Marsie Hawkinson will write a letter to Bob Marshall extending the condolences of the Meeting on the passing of his mother. The Meeting holds Bob and his family in the Light. Susan Claggett reported on Southern Quarterly Meeting and the work of the coordinator, Dana Kester-McCabe, whose report is available for publication in the Newsletter.

Third Haven will host Southern Quarterly Meeting on 10th month 16th. The date for the next carriage shed sale has not yet been set.

The meeting for business closed with a period of silent worship. The next Third Haven meeting for business will be at the rise of meeting for worship 6th month 12th.

Respectfully submitted, Tom Corl, Recording Clerk, Third Haven Friends Meeting

From the Earth, the long, dry days of August bring mostly dull greens and browns. There is, however, one plant that shines through and serves as a inspiration to me. Perhaps you have seen it growing strong, tall and quite full outside the Meetinghouse door. Glowing shades of fuchsia, purples, reds and pinks shine brilliantly through the otherwise ordinary foliage.

I wonder how our spirits can be like this glorious tree?

As I drive along highways, I am captivated by its color and beauty.

Do you thirst for excitement and stimulation spirituality?

As I sit in Meeting for Worship, I draw strength from its radiance, its liveliness growing from the parched earth. Are you able to gain inspiration and be like this plant, shining and brilliant among those ordinary or narrow-minded? I wonder what strength the Crape Myrtle brings to you or to any world devoid of color and inspiration? *Susan B. Claggett*

Apostle Building Program

8th month 21st, 2005

With about 20 Friends present, Clerk Marsie Hawkinson convened a specially- called meeting for business shortly after the rise of meeting for worship, to discuss Third Haven Friends Meeting participation in the “Apostles Build” program. This opportunity, which had been announced previously at the rise of meeting for worship in the Meeting and in the regular e-mail announcements, is part of the local Habitat for Humanity program. Marsie distributed a description of the opportunity, which involves over 20 local churches and religious organizations. Third Haven has been invited to join with the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, the Scotts Methodist Church in Trappe and the Easton Church of the Brethren to support this effort with volunteer service and \$8000 from among the 4 congregations, to build a house in Unionville. Further details are available on the announcement page and the paper handed out at the meeting.

There followed some very supportive discussion of this opportunity, with questions answered and clarifications offered by Marsie Hawkinson, John Hawkinson, Lorraine B Claggett and others. Some Friends pledged to support the project with their time and financial contributions. Prior to the specially-called meeting for business, Third Haven Friends committed over \$500 to this effort.

After some further discussion, the Meeting APPROVED the participation and support of Third Haven in this “Apostles Build” program. Friends are encouraged to make designated financial contributions to Third Haven, in care of the Treasurer, noting “Apostles Build” in the memo line of the check to Third Haven Friends Meeting.

Respectfully submitted, *Tom Corl, Recording Clerk*, Third Haven Friends Meeting

Testimony and Concerns

Third haven is participating in building a Habitat house in Unonville. Work begins Saturday, the 17th , until December 10th the end date. Third Haven joined with four other congregations (under Habitat’s Apostles Build project) to form one unit among 20 local churches, to raise the needed funds and to supply labor and support. This coalition’s responsibility includes raising \$8,000 toward the cost of the house. The first fundraiser will be a shrimp dinner on September 23rd our Meeting will have tickets to sell for the event. A second fundraising dinner is planned for October 28th. Word from Habitat is “that more than a third of the faith based organizations in Talbot County (have joined) in just 5 months. This is a real sign of God’s blessing on this project...many of you ...(with) a faith that says, ‘It’s the right thing to do’ ... have joined.” Please sign up with Testimonies and Concerns to build, paint, or bring lunch on Saturdays and remember to get tickets for the dinners, which are \$15 and will be sold in advance. *Lorraine Claggett*

The Overseers Committee –interrupted its summer reprieve for a Clearness Committee to review the request for the marriage of Cathy Marvel to Norval Thompson. It was a Committee Meetings we conducted with pleasure and sent our resounding endorsement to a specially called Business meeting on July 24th to approve the union. The meeting approved to conduct the ceremony under their care and on August 6th Cathy and Norval were married with many friends and family as witness. Overseers will next meet on First Day, September 4th at 9 am in the Common Room. Each Overseers member is responsible as a contact person for a group of Members and Attenders. We review the news form those contacted and communicate with the relevant committees. Thanks to Dee Rein’s excellent delegation skills, we are able to evenly divide the total membership among seven members. Many Overseers are participating in the Friendly 8’s Dinners and look forward to learning more about Friends while sharing a meal at a host homes. Each group hosts four dinners and review a set of prepared questions (one question per dinner) with the goal of learning more about ourselves and those with whom we worship. In addition to the care of the members, Overseers will be busy with updating member contact information (with the help of the Communications Committee) for the announcements and the newsletter. To cut cost we are trying to get more people to receive the Newsletter via email and want to keep emails and addresses current. We also try to assist ready Friends /Attenders to become members. The annual New Members and Attenders Luncheon which is held in February as a way to welcome New Members and to provide fellowship for Attenders. We will set a date in the near future so that we can have plenty of notice. *Paige Bethke clerk*

Marilla's Lunches

Third Haven members and attenders prepare lunches for persons in need. The Interfaith Hunger Coalition was formed to extend this service throughout the year. Current members are St. Marks United Methodist Church, Christ Episcopal Church-Easton, Third Haven Friends Meeting, Trinity Episcopal Church, Asbury United Methodist Church, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship and Grace Lutheran Church. On each first Wednesday of the month, Third Haven prepares and delivers the lunches.. At Third Haven we call this effort Marilla's Lunches in light of the hunger initiatives the late Marilla McCarthy attempted to put into place. This effort calls for food items and time donated by our members and attenders. In August, we prepared and delivered 37 lunches. So that these services may be expanded to other days, other faith congregations are encouraged to join the Coalition and are invited to a meeting of the Coalition on September 15 at 5:00 PM at Third Haven Friends Meeting House." *Ralph Young*



Friends General Conference--- About 2,000 Friends from all over the world gathered at The Gathering held in early July on the campus of Virginia Tech in Blacksburg VA.

It was a week of worship, workshops, mediation, singing, interest groups, and evening plenary sessions. My children attended the Junior Gathering held daily in the morning and again after dinner. I particularly liked the Weaving the Blessed Tapestry theme of the gathering: The Jr. Gathering groups were given a large tree branch and asked throughout the week to weave yards and threads among its branches. On Thursday they invited the entire conference to attend Meeting for worship centered on these weavings. Though it unfortunately rained that Thursday morning, with many voices and spirits gathered, our resolve was not dampened. In fact, I felt recharged and lifted by our numbers and communal worship. It is peaceful and reassuring to be among so many who speak my mind. Next summer the gathering will be held at Pacific Lutheran College in NW Washington State--right along the glorious Puget Sound.. I hope you with your family will consider attending FGC 2006. The theme is: "Swimming in Living Waters." *Susan B. Claggett*

Greetings - from the Curtis family -- Pete, Carey, Maddie, Oliver, Genevieve, and Margot -- from Falmouth, Maine! It was great to see them for an evening, in their rambling home, part of which dates from the 1700's. They told a story of interest to Third Haven Friends, which involves Carey's frequent forays to a nearby secondhand shop. Not too long before we arrived, she had gone into the shop and was sifting through various items. Imagine her surprise when she came across a set of four Third Haven plates!!! She made off with them for a pittance, and was happy to have found a little piece of her old home to keep in her new one. The Curtises send their love and well-wishes to all at Third Haven and hope to be back for a visit soon. *Nancy Mullen*

Third Haven Earth Stewardship Summer Camp held its second annual Earth Stewardship Camp. We had a great turnout of campers, counselors, and volunteers. The junior counselors were: Laura Claggett, Sarah Claggett, Jacob Mullen, Norval Thompson Jr., and Nicola Green.

In case you have been wondering about the mosaic bricks lining the garden in front of the common room, they were made by campers. You may have also noticed their colorful Tibetan Prayer Flags now hanging in the old Meeting house. The saying goes that as the wind blows through them, their message of peace will go out into the world.

Part of our Earth Stewardship Program was to visit a wetland sanctuary in St. Michaels. Not only did we learn the importance of conserving our wetlands, but we also learned the many uses of the cattail. We also learned about indigenous plants when we were visited by Daniel Firehawk, a



Native American from the local Nanticoke tribe. Daniel taught us how Native Americans lived in harmony with the environment. They took from the land only what they needed. We did many activities that day including making soap from Yucca root, making rope from Dogbane plants, and throwing a javelin. He brought in a lot of his own possessions such as flint, hides, tools, and a model of a Native American roundhouse. Daniel even took us outside and told us the names of some local plants. At the end of the

day he showed us how to make fire. We learned so much and had a lot of fun. Even though our lighthouse trip got postponed, we had a lot of fun the next day learning how to make Zen gardens. We also learned some Tai Chi and several ways of meditation. That same day we made the prayer flags. It's near impossible to include all of the fun things we did at the camp in this

one article. Thanks to everyone who helped out and contributed to make the camp so successful. We are all looking forward to having more fun next summer. *Nicola Green*

“ Friends for 350 years?-Help make sure.-Teach First Day School this year.”- *Susan Claggett*

Talbot 2nd Chance The Mission of Talbot Second Chance (T2C) is as follows:
"Talbot 2nd Chance (T2C) seeks to return ex-offenders to full employment and participation in the community as responsible family members and contributing citizens, thereby reducing recidivism and its associated cost to taxpayers while making our community a safer place to live." T2C is new organization and an outgrowth of Third Haven's Prison Action Program with the Board membership divided between members of both the Third Haven Friends Meeting and the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Easton. T2C is currently operating as member of the Talbot Partnership for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Prevention with Talbot Partnership acting as the fiscal agent for T2C. It is in need of pro bono legal help with the incorporation and 501(c)3 processes. Please see Paige Bethke, John Schreiner or Ralph Young. *By Ralph Young*

Open House: The clerks of L&O (Anne Rouse), W&M (Bob Marshall), and T&C (Lorraine Claggett) will be reaching out to members and attenders for help with posters for our open house. . We seek and are encouraging broader participation. For example, W&M has responsibility for the "Meeting for Worship" poster.

Property and grounds has been asked to consider how to make the entrance at the main gate, as well as after the second gate, inviting and welcoming. First Day School has been asked how to involve the children in the day, perhaps as greeters with a poster of their own creation. We need help with content and, perhaps more importantly, Friends to stand by a poster on 7th day, 10th month, day 1 (Saturday October 1). To review, poster topics are:

1. Quaker History and Organization 2. Third Haven Monthly Meeting 3. Meeting for Worship 4. Peace 5. Equality 6. Integrity and Simplicity 7. Stewardship of Resources
Quaker History and Organization

George Fox is recognized as the founder. Quakerism dates to the middle of the 17th century. Many at the time were dissatisfied with the Church of England; it embraced outward ceremonies and creeds. Fox was led to a primitive Christianity, rooted in the Bible and the teachings of Jesus, where people turned inward in direct communication with God.

Fox and others who were led in this way were called "Seekers."

Quakerism came to the Eastern Shore in the mid 1600's.

Betty's Cove Meeting (unknown exact location, historic marker at the Tunis Mills turn-off of Rte 33) pre-dates Third Haven -The Bayside Meeting near McDaniel, predates Third Haven as well. Its exact historic location is a mystery.

- The Old Third Haven Meetinghouse built from 1682 to 1684

- o Structure was altered in late 1700's -- roof pitch was changed on the west side to accommodate larger attendance
- o Maryland Historic Trust and Friends restored Old Meeting House in early/mid 1980's.
- New Meetinghouse – built in the late 1800's. it is heated for the winter months.
- o Upstairs is used for children's education on first day (Sunday).

Organization

Monthly Meetings, Quarterly Meeting, Yearly Meeting

Monthly Meetings are at the core of Quaker worship – Third Haven is a monthly meeting

Many Quaker organizations promote the testimonies and concerns of Friends throughout the U.S. and the world

Equality

There is that of God in every person. We believe in human equality before God.

Create and maintain a society whose institutions strive to do away with the inequities rooted in patterns of prejudice and economic convenience.

Meeting community is open to all regardless of race, ability, sexual orientation, or class.

Meeting community and individuals are committed to ongoing self-examination for prejudice and any practices rooted in prejudice. Teach children, and show them through our lives, that the love of God includes affirming the equality of all people, treating others with dignity and respect, and seeking to recognize and address that of God in every person.

Peace

“We utterly deny all outward wars and strife, and fighting with outward weapons, for any end, or under any pretense whatsoever; this is our testimony to the world.”

Do not resist a wicked man. If anyone hits you on one cheek, turn the other cheek to him also.

Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who mistreat you. Love your enemies; and give, expecting nothing in return.

Quaker commitment to non-violence means that Quakers work vigilantly for social justice.

Recognition that the root of violence often lies within individual conduct, our possessions, and motivations for materialistic improvement. The Recognition that poverty is a form of violence.

Meeting for Worship

“Turn in thy mind to the Light, and wait upon God singly, as if none were present but the Lord”

Friends. Sit on simple benches. No music or prepared materials during the gathered silence.

Preparation is useful through prayer, meditation and study, especially of the Bible and the spiritual experiences of others.

Vocal ministry. Spiritually someone will rise and speak. This is unplanned. Friends await the leading of the movement of the spirit to be “spoken through”.

Anyone can rise to make an offering. There are no clergy.

Integrity

“Your yes shall mean yes, and your no shall mean no, and you shall swear no oaths.”

Teaching of Jesus from Matthew 5:37

Truthful in all actions and communications, at all times.

Completeness and full disclosure in all actions and communication is required. Knowingly omitting important information, although not explicitly speaking an untruth, is unacceptable.

Swearing of an oath implies that without an oath one's words may not be truthful, thus, Quakers do not swear oaths.

In legal proceedings, Quakers only affirm that their words are truthful, not swear to it. Many early Quakers were jailed for their unwillingness to swear oaths.

Integrity requires that Quakers listen to the words of others.

Simplicity

Spiritual discernment, which lies at the heart of Quaker faith, requires that we always be ready for the leadings of God. Leadings arrive randomly and can be missed.

Conduct that complicates life -- such as the quest for wealth, recognition, or power -- obscures discernment. A simple life involves less worry. It frees time for social action and service.

Simplicity deepens worship in all ways. "Therefore I tell you, don't be anxious about what you will eat or what you will wear. ... (God) knows that you need these things. But first seek the Kingdom of God; and these things will be given to you as well."

Be attentive to the promptings of truth and love, for these are the leadings of God.

Stewardship of All Resources

Quakers recognize the interdependence of all life. We embrace and are guided by a reverence for all life, and the resources upon which all life depends.

Actions often impact others. Quakers require of themselves a full accountability of the impact of their actions on others. The Meetinghouse and its grounds are under our stewardship, to care for and preserve, so that we can worship peacefully and, of equal importance, that future generations can worship peacefully. Difficult self-examination is required of Quakers. Queries in this regard are: --Am I clear that I am steward, not the owner, of property under my care?

Do my employment and other activities allow for the use of time and energies in spiritual growth? Do I make choices that balance self-sufficiency (to avoid unnecessary dependence on others) and fair sharing of resources? Do I make choices (as a consumer) that support the equitable distribution of income?

Business Meeting is a Meeting for Worship. All words and actions are to be guided by our love of God, our love for one another, and our love for all people.

Role of the Clerk.

We have no clergy. The clerk provides guidance regarding topics for deliberation by the Meeting Community. On any topic, after Friends have spoken, the clerk "gathers the sense of the Meeting". This is a delicate task that is best done by a seasoned Friend.

Unity- as a decision process stems from our recognition of that of God in each of us -- our joint discernment is super-additive. For the Meeting Community to take an action it must be of one heart. It may not be of one mind, but it must be of one heart. A Friend who rises and speaks of their disquiet, or of being unsettled, with regard to an issue will result in the issue being "held over". Unity does not make for quick decisions.

Quakers embrace **patience as a central virtue** of our Religious Society.

Healing the Wounds of War

The Center for Mind-Body Medicine (**CMBM**) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit Based in Washington, DC. Through its Healing the Wounds of War (HWW) program, it trains leaders in health, mental health care, education and religion in an approach which combines Psychological self-help, and scientifically validated mind-body techniques.

Please join me on Sunday, September 25th at 4 PM at 133 Monticello Avenue, Annapolis, for a benefit for this program. Dr. James S. Gordon, Director of the Center and a Clinical Professor in

the Departments of Psychiatry and Family Medicine at the Georgetown University School of Medicine and former Chairman of the White House Commission on Complementary and Alternative Medicine Policy will talk about the Center's recent work in Gaza and Israel. He pioneered an approach of working with people traumatized by war and civil strife. This model has been successfully used in Kosovo, with New York City fire fighters, September 11th families, and now, Gaza and Israel.

Jerrold Kimmel, a member of the Center's faculty, will talk about how people in the Middle East are dealing with conflict. The CMBM focuses exclusively on ways to help people to help themselves, their families, and their communities. It takes a bi-partisan approach to solutions. There will be time for Q&A. When you hear Dr. Gordon and Jerrold talk and see their photos that depict the faces of people who live with fear and hope for peace, you, too, will be moved to support the Center's program ... "a quiet revolution of making peace in the world."

Please RSVP by calling Linda Wernick Cassell, at 202-966-7338, ext. 232 or by calling me at 410-224-1144 Marcia Ormsby

HURRICANE RELIEF We are a microcosm - a small religious group dedicated to good works. A great disaster has come upon our friends on the Gulf Coast. Individual response to aid the great loss must come quickly and without encumbrance. The following are organizations in a position to provide assistance. It is our recommendation that individuals respond to the needs of our friends by contacting one of the following:

AFSC Crisis Fund

By check
AFSC Development
1501 Cherry St.
Philadelphia, PA 19102

By Visa or MasterCard
1-888-588-2372, ext. 1

By secure internet:
AFSC website
<http://www.afsc.org>

Red Cross

By Visa or MasterCard
1-800-HELP-NOW

By secure internet:
<http://www.redcross.org/>

Church World Service

By check
Church World Service
Hurricane Katrina Response
P.O. Box 968
Elkhart, IN 46515

By Internet
<http://www.churchworldservice.org/news/katrina/index.html>

Please find it in your heart to be generous.

Marsie Hawkinson, Clerk
Third Haven Monthly Meeting of Friends