



## **Third Haven Friends Meeting**

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## **JANUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER**

Our doors say, "welcome;" do we?

You must be fit to give before you can be fit to receive

*James Stephens*

### **Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Business Minutes for the 12th Month, 11, 2011**

1. Call to order: John Schreiner, Clerk of Meeting, called the meeting for worship with attention to business to order at 11:40am after a period of silence.
2. Attending: Mark Beck, Molly Burgoyne, Cynthia Browne, Lorraine Claggett, Benita Cooper, Tom Corl, Mary Cotton, Leigh Ann Dodge, Doreen Getsinger, Robert Gladney, Tania Harrison, Marsie Hawkinson, Mary Ann Hillier, Connie Lewis, Joyce Macijeski, Beth Mufson, Sumner Parker, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck, Cathy Thompson, Norval Thompson, Meredith Watters, Rob Wieland, John Winterbottom, Winslow Womack.
3. Minutes: Minutes for meeting for business 11th Month were approved.
4. Query: The 12th Query, "Integrity & Simplicity" was read during meeting for worship. A Friend remarked that integrity is defined by "saying what you mean" and that this is something that is a part of all the queries.
5. Worship & Ministry: Annual Report- (see attached). The report was reviewed and approved with thanks.
6. Nominating Committee: Annual Report- (see attached report. Completely edited version of all committees and their members will be published as a separate announcement and on the website). We welcome two more participants, Gwen Beegle and Luisa Adelfio, to the Worship & Ministry committee. Joyce Macijeski is also graciously willing to stay on the Library committee. We still do not yet have a representative to PYM. The nominating committee will have four members in 2012 instead of three although only three members have traditionally been on this committee. We did not make decisions regarding the number of people on this committee in the future. The increase number on committee may be discussed further in future in business meetings. The Clerk of Meeting nominates the persons on this committee yearly so the Clerk

will also work with the advisements of the current committee regarding next year appointments. After correcting spelling errors and date errors, the report was approved and the final edited edition will be published in the newsletter and on the website.

7. Report from PYM Deficit Working Group (PDWG)- The initial meetings of this ad hoc committee were reported. The only current recommendation of this group is to stand by our covenant for the current fiscal year. The issue regarding PYM fiscal health is complex. The group is just beginning to sort through all the issues. Although PYM has \$51 million in assets, much of this is restricted. Their operating budget annually is about \$5million with a shortfall of \$360,000 roughly. The group feels disturbed over the way PYM has dealt with their budget shortfall by drawing monies out of the new membership fund and counting on major contributors bailing PYM out year after year. Many Friends had questions regarding this issue. One Friend reminded us that we stand to have a shortfall in our own budget this year. Another Friend told us that a good review article on PYM's plight has been published in Friends Journal this month. Overall, it appears that the sense of the Meeting is that we would like PDWG to continue their discussions on this issue. The group would like time to gather information from other Monthly Meetings as a few, including Princeton Monthly Meeting, have begun to write discussions addressing this problem. We hope to put this on the agenda for SQM in January as part of our business meeting. We feel that formulating a response from SQM may be necessary. PYM will come to us in the not too distant future to discuss our covenant for the next fiscal year. We will have until meeting for business in June 2012 to approve our next year's budget and decide what we should do. In the meantime, we should be open to a "called meeting" if necessary to discuss the work of this ad hoc committee.

8. Progress Report Outreach/Quaker Quest Committee: The renovations in the front lobby are coming along nicely. Benita Cooper has donated a lovely cabinet for the room beside the foyer. Some things have been moved from the library shelves to the cabinet thus freeing up much needed space for the Library committee. A new brochure rack and lighting fixture will be added soon. Mail has been moved to the Common Room. The new sign for the street is under construction and will be installed soon. All of these changes will work to simplify our entry area and enhance our welcoming environment.

9. Minute passed by Wicomico Monthly Meeting: (copy of the minute is published on the website under T&C committee). There was no discussion on this minute. It was presented for our information.

Meeting for business was adjourned at 1:30pm

Respectfully submitted, Molly Burgoyne

**IMPORTANT POINTS:**

- W&M Annual Report- approved
- Nominating Committee Annual Report- approved
- Update report from PDWG
- Update report on Quaker Quest renovations

**Third Haven Friends Meeting  
Worship and Ministry Committee  
2011 Annual Report  
Approved at the meeting for business, 12th month, 11th, 2011**

**Purpose**

The purpose of the Worship and Ministry Committee (approved at the 3rd month, 10th, 2011, meeting for business) is as follows (abbreviated):

**Meeting for Worship:** The Worship and Ministry Committee cares for the meeting for worship. The Committee recognizes, develops and nurtures the gifts of ministry of our members and attenders.

**Spiritual Nurture:** The Worship and Ministry Committee nurtures and supports the Spiritual life of the meeting, and the Spiritual journeys members and attenders – to seek God’s will and act upon an understanding of Truth. The Committee provides opportunities for members and attenders in the Meeting community to share experiences of Spiritual discovery and opportunities for Spiritual transformation. The Committee and its members are available meet with members and attenders to discuss Quaker Faith and Practice, and spiritual matters as may be appropriate.

**Adult Religious Education:** The Worship and Ministry Committee provides opportunities for the Meeting community to learn about our Christian heritage, Faith and Practice, the Religious Society of Friends and other religions. The Committee offers and supports courses, programs, speakers, discussions, sharing spiritual journeys and other teaching and learning activities and opportunities to support the meeting for worship and the Spiritual journeys of members and attenders.

**Worship and Ministry Committee**

The members of the Worship and Ministry Committee for 2011 are – Mark Beck, Tom Corl, Connie Lewis, Katherine Johnson, Mike Pullen, Rob Wieland and John Winterbottom. Tom Corl clerked the Committee. The Committee met monthly except for 8th month. Meetings opened and closed with silent worship. Meetings usually began with a reading and some discussion. Members attendee Committee meetings regularly and actively supported the many activities of the Committee. The Committee will welcome additional members in 2012.

**Meeting for Worship**

The Committee provides greeters before the meeting for worship to welcome members, attenders and visitors. Greeters offer various pamphlets and brochures to visitors and those new to the Third Haven and the Quaker meeting for worship. The attendance varies from week to week and month to month, but averages around 45-50, occasionally over 80. Members of the Committee read the 12 Queries on the First Day of meeting for business, and read the 4 Advices in meeting for worship during the year.

Members of the Committee attend the meeting for worship as regularly as possible, listen, experience and appreciate the meeting for worship, silence and vocal ministry. The Worship and Ministry Committee regularly considers and discusses the meeting for worship and vocal ministry. When the meeting for worship is consistently not gathered or when the vocal ministry seems inappropriate, the Committee can discern an appropriate response.

The Committee finds the Third Haven meeting for worship consistently spiritual, rich and nourishing. The Meeting attracts many visitors each year. Membership continues to grow. Newcomers frequently acknowledge the value and importance of the meeting for worship in attracting them and leading them into participation in Third Haven Friends Meeting. The Third Haven meeting for worship practice and participation are blessings, appreciated by members, attenders and visitors. The Third Haven meeting for worship is a great gift from all of us to all of us. The Committee seeks to nurture and sustain this blessed meeting for worship.

### Spiritual Formation

This year, the Committee sponsored and supported the Spiritual Formation program at Third Haven. Katherine Johnson led the effort to bring Spiritual Formation to the Meeting community. Katherine clerked the Oversight and coordinated with the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) facilitators and others as needed. Her leadership was valuable. Other members of the Oversight Committee are Mark Beck, Tom Corl, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck and Heidi Wetzel.

Spiritual Formation began with an opening retreat 1st month 21st-23rd and concluded with a closing retreat 11th month 19th-21st, with a mid year retreat on 5th month 14th. The program created 5 small groups of 4-5 members. These small groups met monthly. Groups generally met regularly and successfully throughout the year, however 2 of the groups did not meet as consistently. The Spiritual Formation program formed 2 reading groups, combining small groups. The 2 reading groups read widely from a prescribed syllabus, including many Quaker writings, The Journal of John Woolman, several Pendle Hill Pamphlets (PHPs), readings on Christianity and selections on Spiritual practice. The reading groups met monthly to discuss readings, led by a designated facilitator and supported by a designated elder. Though responses to the readings varied among participants, the reading group discussions were consistently helpful and illuminating.

Overall, the Oversight Committee and the Worship and Ministry Committee found that the Spiritual Formation program at Third Haven was very successful. Though the time commitment was considerable, most all participated frequently and meaningfully. Based on survey responses from participants and evaluations by the Spiritual Formation Oversight Committee and the Worship and Ministry Committee, the Spiritual Formation program and both sets of groups proved very helpful to the Spiritual development of participants. Spiritual Formation proved an effective outreach program as well. Spiritual Formation brought a few new people into the life of the Meeting. Some became regular attenders at the meeting for worship and active Meeting community participants. Spiritual Formation has contributed positively and substantially to the meeting for worship and the life Meeting community.

The Oversight Committee and the Worship and Ministry Committee met to evaluate the Spiritual Formation program and consider ways of sustaining the interest in and life of Spiritual Formation in the Meeting community in 2012. These Committees agreed to lay down the Spiritual Formation Oversight Committee. The Worship and Ministry Committee will assume responsibility for the continuing support for Spiritual Formation. The Committee wants to share the Spiritual Formation experience with the wider Third Haven community. Katherine Johnson and Tom Corl will encourage and support the continuation of small group meetings; 4 of the 5 small groups plan to continue to meet in 2012. Katherine and Tom will plan and convene 2 sessions to gather Spiritual Formation participants in the first half of 2012.

#### Other Worship and Ministry Activities

Spiritual Formation took a lot of time and energy in 2011. Nevertheless, the Committee provided a number of other programs and activities this year:

**Course in Miracles:** Mike Pullen continued to lead this course, in weekly meetings most of the year with 4-5 regular participants. This will continue in 2012.

**Sharing Spiritual Journeys:** Mark Beck led the effort to invite Meeting members and attenders to share their Spiritual journeys at the rise of meeting for worship. Susan Claggett and Sally Claggett shared their Spiritual journeys. Both sessions were well attended and very much appreciated by the Meeting community. The Committee considered and Mark talked to others, but the many Meeting activities and the full calendar this year made it difficult to schedule more sharing of Spiritual journeys. The Committee plans to continue sharing Spiritual journeys in 2012.

**Reading Discussions:** Members of the Committee continued to facilitate discussions of various readings this year – Tom Corl on the Heart of Christianity, Katherine Johnson on “The Burning Oneness Binding Everything” (PHP) and Mark Beck on “The Prophetic Stream” (PHP). These sessions attracted very few, usually only members of the Committee. With interest and participation weak in 2011, the Committee offered few reading discussions. The Committee finds reading discussion have proven useful in the past and will consider additional offerings in 2012. Again, the many Meeting activities and the full calendar this year made successful reading discussions difficult.

**Silent Retreats:** Beginning in 2010, Katherine Johnson and Candace Shattuck offered silent retreats at Third Haven. They offered one in 3rd month and will offer another on 12th month 14th. Katherine and Candace went to Haverford in 10th month for a silent retreat offered by the School of the Spirit, which enriched their experience and approach to silent retreats. They plan to continue these in 2012.

**Other Activities:** Members of the Committee supported the memorial meeting for worship for Jim Paul, our beloved Friend and former Committee member. The Clerk of the Committee worked with the Clerk of the Meeting, the Clerk of Property and Grounds and others to on the rearrangement of the benches in the Brick Meetinghouse. The Clerk participated in the all clerks meetings. The Clerk supported the visits of Quaker school leaders from The George School,

Sidwell Friends School, Sandy Spring Friends School and Westtown School. The Clerk supported the revision of the facilities use policy for the Meeting and the search for the new caretaker.

## Conclusion

Third Haven Friends Meeting has a long, continuous and Spirit-led practice in its Worship and Ministry Committee in caring for the meeting for worship and the Spiritual journeys of members and attenders. The Committee encourages all members and attenders to come to meeting for worship as often as possible, with heart and mind prepared. Friends should be present, 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 rich and nurturing meeting for worship, and a vital and growing Meeting community. The Worship and Ministry Committee is grateful for the opportunity to nurture and support the meeting for worship and the Spiritual life of the Third Haven Friends Meeting community.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Tom Corl*

Clerk, Worship and Ministry Committee, Third Haven Friends Meeting  
WMC 2011 Annual Rrprt.doc Approved – 12.11.11

## **Nominating Committee Annual Report for THFM Committees beginning Jan 2012**

The Nominating Committee for year 2012 consists of Molly Burgoyne, Dee Rein and Susan Claggett. We have met several times and believe we have comprised a draft of committees and "worker bees" for THFM 2012 that promises to be dynamic and productive. We thank all for their spirit of volunteerism that has helped keep this Meeting functioning. We continue to be amazed by the variety of talents our members and attenders possess.

There have been times during our meetings together that we would stop and reread the passages in Faith and Practice pertaining to our committee work. These advisements have been infinitely helpful and are as follows: "Monthly meeting officers and committee members are given substantial autonomy within their areas of responsibility, so their wise selection is essential to the Meeting's welfare. The Nominating Committee bears the important responsibility of discerning the gifts of members, recommending the right people for these and other services to the Meeting, and seeing to their replacement at appropriate intervals by others equally well qualified" (pg. 187, F&P). To the best of our ability, we have attempted to help guide those willing to serve to the areas we feel their gifts will shine. We have tried to be mindful not to overburden a few with too many tasks. We have uncovered some areas of weakness and some areas of strength. We have ultimately trusted the process of discernment and feel that all who have chosen tasks to do will serve faithfully and well.

*Molly Burgoyne*

## 2012 Third Haven Committees

Offices	Name	Started
Clerk: Monthly Meeting	Candace Shattuck	2012
Assistant Clerk	Tom Corl	2012
Recording Clerk	Molly Burgoyne	2007
Assistant Recording Clerk	Nancy Robbins	2007
	Paige Bethke	2012
Treasurer- Reports Jan, Oct.	Robert Wieland	2009
Membership Recorder-Report Feb.	Marsie Hawkinson	2011
Liaisons and Representatives		
Alternatives to Violence	Leigh Anne Dodge, Ralph Young	
American Friends Service Com. AFSC Report-Nov.	Tatiana Harrison	
Detention Center Library	Ralph Young, John Winterbottom	
Food Link	Beth Mufson, Heidi Wetzel	
Friends Committee on National Legislation FCNL- Report March	Frank Zeigler, Mike Pullen, Connie Pullen	
Interfaith Housing Corporation	Larry Claggett	
Marilla's Lunches	Ralph Young	
NAACP, Talbot Co.	Doreen Getsinger	1999
P.E.A.C.E.	Ralph Young	
Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM)		
Ridgeway House Lunches	Ralph Young, Helen Womack, Paige Bethke, Molly Burgoyne	
Southern Quarterly Meeting	Connie Lewis, Winslow Womack	2011
Talbot Assoc. of Clergy and Laity TACL Report Nov.	Ann Williams	2012

Talbot Interfaith Homeless Shelter (TIS)	Lorraine B. Claggett	2011
Talbot Partnership	Anne Williams	2006
<b>COMMITTEES</b>		
<b>Budget &amp; Finance</b>	<b>Reports May, June</b>	<b>Started</b>
Parker, Sumner	clerk	2012/2010
Beck, Mark		2010
Bond, Molly		2011
Cooper, Benita		
Cotton, Mary		2012
Davis, Joe	Quick Books consult	
Lane, Bill		2009
Paterson-Zinkand, Aiyana		2009
Quast, Cynthia		2012
Wieland, Rob	Treasurer	2010
<b>Communications</b>	<b>Annual Report April</b>	<b>Started</b>
Hawkinson, John	Clerk, newsletter editor	2008
Harrison, Tatiana	website manager	2010
Molly Burgoyne		2010
Quast, Cynthia	reporter	2012
Rein, Dee		2005
Young, Ralph		2004
<b>Facilities Use</b>	<b>Annual Report March</b>	<b>Started</b>
Williams, Anne	Clerk	2008
Bond, Molly	e-mail contact	2011
Ossler, Anna	friendly presence	2012
Cotton, Mary	friendly presence	2012
Lewis, Connie	friendly presence	2012
Friendly Presences needed		



<b>First Day School</b>	<b>Annual Report June</b>	<b>Started</b>
Mufson, Beth	Co-Clerk	2009
Beck, Mark	Co-Clerk	2009
Bethke, Paige		2010
Bond, Molly		2011
Claggett, Larny		
Claggett, Susan		1998
Cripps, Catherine		2010
Dickey, Christin		2012
Dodge, Leigh Ann		2011
Malloy, Marcie		2007
Malloy, Patrick		2007
McCall, Samantha		2011
Paterson-Zinkand, Aiyana		2012
Thompson, Cathy	Story teller	
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Annual Report March</b>	<b>Started</b>
Dona, Sorce	Co-Clerk	2012
Wetzel, Heidi	Co-Clerk	2007
Adelfio, Luisa		2011
Coady, Mary		2012
Miller, Jen		2011
Mufson, Beth		2003
Tiffany, Susan		2012
Womack, Ann		2009
Womack, Helen		2011
<b>Library</b>	<b>Annual Report January</b>	<b>Started</b>
Harrison, Tatiana	Clerk	2010
Hillier, Mary Ann		2012
Macijeski, Joyce		2010
Sorce, Dona		2011
Vermilye, Sally		2011
Winterbottom, John		2011
Zeigler, Frank		2002
<b>Nominating Committee</b>	<b>Reports Nov, Dec.</b>	<b>Started</b>
Rein, Dee	Clerk	2010

Susan Claggett		2011
Norval Thompson		2012
Michael Pullen		2012
<b>Overseers</b>	<b>Annual Report January</b>	<b>Started</b>
Rein, Dee	Clerk	2007
Robbins, Nancy	Asst Clerk, death intention forms	2007
Bond, Molly		2010
Browne, Cynthia		
Burgoyne, Molly		2012
Cotton, Mary		2012
Getsinger, Doreen		2007
Hawkinson, Marsie		2004
Kitenko, Larissa		2011
Rudge, Adrienne		2010
Schreiner, John		2012
Thompson, Norval		2004
Williams, Ann		2006
<b>Quaker Quest and Outreach</b>	<b>Annual Report January</b>	<b>Started</b>
Schreiner, John	Clerk	2010
Beck, Mark		2010
Claggett, Larny		2010
Claggett, Lorraine B.		2010
Gladney, Robert		2010
Hawkinson, Marsie		2010
Macijeski, Joyce		2010
Tiffany, Susan		2012
Shattuck, Candace		2010
Winterbottom, John		2010
<b>Property and Grounds</b>	<b>Annual Report October</b>	<b>Started</b>
Claggett, Larny	Clerk	2008
Boicourt, Posey	Asst. clerk	2011
Claggett, Lorraine T.		2010
Danser, Deb		2012
Kemp, Bob		2011

Kemp, Butch		2005
Morris, Priscilla		2010
Osler, Anna		2012
Owens, Clay		2010
Robbins, Nancy		2012
Vermilye, Sally		2005
Watters, Meredith		2010
Zeigler, Joyce		2006
Scholarship	Annual Report September	Started
Beck, Mark	Clerk	2007
Claggett, Larny		2008
Claggett, Lorraine B.		2008
Danser, Debbie		2011
Hawkinson, Marsie	Bequest Cultivation	
Howell, Peter		2008
Parker, Sumner		2008
Testimonies and Concerns	Annual Report November	Started
Claggett, Lorraine, B.	Clerk	2012/2005
Beegle, Gwen	Recorder	2011
Browne, Cynthia		2009
Claggett, Susan		2012
Dabney, Susan		2009
Dodge, Leigh Anne		2007
Harrison, Tatiana		2007
Polk, Chris		2011
Pullen, Connie		2010
Sayre, Sarah		2008
Womack, Helen		2011
Young, Ralph		2012
Worship & Ministry	Annual Report December	Started
Corl, Tom	Clerk	2011
Beck, Mark		2011
Johnson, Katherine		2010

Lewis, Connie		2009
Pullen, Mike		2010
Wieland, Robert		2011
Winterbottom, John		2009
Beegle, Gwen		2012
Adelfio, Luisa		2012
<b>Skills Bank/Friendly Offerings</b>		
<b>First Day School</b>		
Bond, Molly	Quaker schools research	
Claggett, Sally	Godly play storyteller	
Claggett, Susan	Godly play storyteller	
Cripps, Catherine	art	
Shattuck, Candace	Godly play storyteller	
Thompson, Cathy	Godly play storyteller	
<b>Friendly Presences (present during use of property by outside groups)</b>		
<b>Child Care</b>		
Bethke, Brandt		
Bond, Lucy		
Claggett, Evan		
Claggett, Katie		
Mufson, Charlie		
Mullen, Sam		
<b>Communications</b>		
Howell, Pete	write, edit, brochures. Press releases	
Johnson, Jessica	graphic design, illustration, computer layout, posters, invitations	

Leibman, Emma	FDS liaison, photos, journalism	
Owens, Clay	writing, graphic design, photography	
Wetmore, Joan	ads and press releases	
<b>Hospitality</b>		
Mullen, Sam		
Bond, Lucy		
Leibman, Emma		
Claggett, Katie		
<b>Property and Grounds Tasks</b>		
Beck, Mark	architect	
Bethke, Brandt		
Bliss, Denton	clean up, maintenance	
Claggett, Evan		
Cripps, Catherine	outdoor work	
Danser, Debbie	garden	
Danser, Eddie	fixing, mechanical, carpentry	
Dodge, Leigh Anne	all p&g activities	
Wieland, Robert	maintenance	
Wrightson, Tylor	handyman	
<b>Property Tours (Outreach)</b>		
Bond Morris, Priscilla		
Claggett, Lorraine B.		
Cotton, Mary		
Hawkinson, Marsie		
Shattuck, Candace		
<b>Assorted Options</b>		
Carroll, Ken	Quaker History	
Claggett, Lorraine B.	visit Friends,	

	babysit for mtgs.	
Danser, Debbie	meet and greet	
du Hoffman, Jamie	admin, hospitality	
Johnson, Katherine	clearness committees	
Kitenko, Larissa	clearness committees, visits to Friends	
Leibman, Susan	recording, birthday cakes	
Mazur, Valerie	visit Friends, outdoor projects, carriage shed sale	
Mufson, Beth	sew, bake, paint, yard work	
Olson, Meredith	ESL tutoring	
Ossler, Anna	computer, phone, greeter	
Paterson-Zinkand, Aiyana	Quaker Quest and other help as school work permits	
Pittman, Willow	flea market (former antiques dealer)	
Sorce, Dona	spreadsheets, organize, cook, knit, listen	

The list of Third Haven 2012 Committees is available on the website here:  
<http://www.thirdhaven.org/committees.php>

## Queries for PYM

Third Haven Monthly Meeting refers to its Covenant with PYM as “...support [for] the wider scope of Quaker activities...” It is one among several of our Meeting’s regular applications of available funds. In our effort to determine the appropriate amount for our Covenant, we are led by considerations including: available funds, our historical Covenant, expressed need from the Yearly Meeting, and also by other claims on our available resources such as maintaining our Meeting House property, support for activities undertaken by our committees, and direct giving both within our local community and to the world at large.

This year, our consideration of our Covenant includes a request from the Yearly Meeting's Stewardship Committee to increase the amount. A similar request was made and a response given in the previous fiscal year. We are also mindful of disquiet on the part of Friends who have served as representatives to Interim Meeting and who are familiar with the processes by which the Yearly Meeting attempts to budget its activities. As we try to discern what would be right under the light of time, the Stewardship Committee and other interested Friends could help us by considering these questions.

How does the Yearly Meeting determine the appropriate application of its money resources, particularly in a time of shrinking income? When income is shrinking for both the Yearly Meeting and its Member Meetings, what moves the Yearly Meeting to request that Member Meetings provide a larger portion of a smaller pie as their Covenant?

Does the Yearly Meeting monitor its activities and their overhead costs more in light of efficiency, effectiveness and sustainability, or more in light of historical precedent, the expectations of particular constituents and hopefulness?

Money constraints can imply trade-offs between Friends' goals. Wise stewardship of resources in a time of shrunken income might lead to diminished spending on peace and social justice activities; or it might lead to decreased spending on administration and facilities; or it might lead to decreased spending for education and outreach programs. How does the Yearly Meeting evaluate these trade-offs and how do they ensure that "the wider scope of Quaker activities" is least hindered when income shrinks?

*Rob Wieland*

## **First Day School brings Christmas spirit**

At the rise of meeting for worship on December 18, the First Day School provided a Christmas program to the Meeting. Five children entered the meeting house singing Joy to the World with Zadock Bond leading the singing. Friends added their voices to the singing. Juliette Neil as



**Susan and Stephen add to the festivities**

narrator then led the familiar Christmas story. Nathan Mullen, Sofie Neil and Althea Clarke contributed parts to the narration of the story. Friends were then invited to share in refreshments in the common room. Members of the First Day School committee helping to coordinate the children's program included Paige Bethke, Cathy Thompson, Mark Beck, Beth Mufson and Susan Claggett.

*Cynthia Quast*

## **Third Haven Monthly Meeting Announcements**

### **Meetings for Worship**

First Days 10am	Fourth Days 5:30pm
January 1	January 4
January 8	January 11
January 15	January 18

*Please remember to greet visitors to meeting – answer what questions they have about Friends, our buildings, our programs and activities.. We are all emissaries of Third Haven.*

January 8 (Sunday) 10 am Meeting for worship followed by meeting for business: Reports scheduled are Overseers, Library, Outreach, Treasurer.

January 15 (Sunday) 11 am Southern Quarter will be at Wicomico River Meeting house beginning with meeting for worship and followed by lunch and a business meeting.

Our representative to the American Friends Service Committee, Tatiana Harrison, writes, "At November's Meeting for Business, Friends expressed an interest in reading the most recent newsletter of the Mid-Atlantic chapter of AFSC. Friends can find that newsletter online here: <http://afsc.org/sites/afsc.civicaactions.net/files/documents/Fall-Winter2011.pdf>

Friends may also be interested in reading AFSC's 2011 Highlights:"

<http://afsc.org/sites/afsc.civicaactions.net/files/documents/AFSC-year-end-highlights-2011.pdf>

Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting is embarking upon an extraordinary outreach project: a new meetinghouse for Friends, Chestnut Hill, the Philadelphia region, and beyond. To see the project, which includes a Skyspace by world-renowned light artist James Turrell, look at <http://www.chfmnewmeetinghouse.org/>

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting has a questionnaire about funding at <http://www.pym.org/news/financial-stewardship-would-hear-you> as well as a related article posted on their website at <http://www.pym.org/resources/friends-spiritual-message>

It's time to sign up for Third Haven's volunteer week at the Talbot Interfaith Shelter which will be January 29-February 4, the first week of the shelter's three-week stay at the Common Room. You may put your name on the chart posted in the Common Room or add it to a list beside the chart if you are uncertain of the day on which you can volunteer. Be sure to add your e-mail address to your name. A printed volunteer information sheet which you may fill out and leave in the white notebook can be found on the table near the chart. Volunteers of the three groups helping during the stay at Third Haven will be asked to attend an orientation/training session which will be scheduled sometime in January. We'll let you know the date soon. The times most in need of volunteers are the evening and night hours. The evening supervisor will be on site from 5:30-11:00 pm (or, if requested, from 7:00-11:00) and the overnight supervisor will be on site from 11:00 pm-7:30 am. These positions must have a background check clearance, for which a permission form may be found next to the notebook on the table.



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From Robert Wieland, Treasurer

While the Treasurer's report is not scheduled until the first month of the new year, I am moved to share with Friends news that spending in the current fiscal year has exceeded income by a relatively large margin. Contributions to the Meeting help us to maintain our property and grounds, support the wider scope of Quaker activities through our Covenant with Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, and to do some of what we do in our local community.

Contributions can be made by way of the unobtrusive oak contributions box shelved on the right side interior wall (Meeting room side) in the Brick Meetinghouse entranceway. Checks can also be sent to THMM, P.O. Box 2379, Easton, MD 21601.

We are now able to receive donations by way of the website, <http://www.thirdhaven.org/donate.php>

New Addresses:

Catherine Cripps telephones 410-924-7372 (mobile) 410-819-8832 (work and home)  
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## Meeting, December '11

Stripped, the sky  
Stripped, the tree of leaves  
outside the window.

Inside we sit  
for a moment, stripped  
of laughter, lament,  
of ornament.

We see lines of light, white stripes  
along the backs of pews,  
light haloing heads,  
and light blooming, glowing in an offering front  
and center,  
the leaves, petals of a red and green poinsettia,  
Light gloaming, we begin to focus.

*Posey Boicourt*