



## Third Haven Friends Meeting

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## September 2010 NEWSLETTER

"...Whilst fighting ...with lung and respiratory problems...I began to think I might not recover and lay in a twilight world of sleep, pain and exhaustion but yet knowing "Thy will be done."...As a surge of energy ...passed through me I remembered clearly and strongly a very dear member of my Meeting and wondered if she was praying for my recovery. I continued to hold on to her image in my mind and began to feel the strength returning to my body. She later told me she had indeed prayed for me daily and had sometimes been joined by other Friends for intercession. I knew experientially I had been upheld in God's healing light and power, and it is this experience which has made me so convinced of the healing ministry...."

*Joolz Saunders, 1994, Faith and Practice p. 136*

**Testimony to a Friend** If you ask around Talbot Hospice House, or anyone involved with the organization, you would most likely get many diverse accounts of how Adrienne Rudge, the current president of the board of trustees, is a unique and invaluable part of the Foundation. To those on the board, she is a leader; a director whose commanding presence has kept focus with a gentle guiding hand for the past two years. Her commitment to the hospice mission has shown in the light of her leadership, and as any good leader she has also remained involved in the work the Foundation does every day. Not only the president of the board, Adrienne is also an active front desk volunteer, often answering the phones and greeting visitors in the lobby. She has maintained this relationship since before her tenure as president, and as such has intimate knowledge of the role of Talbot Hospice in the community, and know first hand the essence of the work we do. Julie Crocker, Executive Director, aptly describes Adrienne's relationship with Talbot Hospice Foundation as "grassroots," With her involvement and influence extending throughout, from the direction of the mission to its implementation. But perhaps the most poignant part of Adrienne's association with the THF has also been the most difficult; she has had a loved one receive Talbot Hospice services. With the passing of her father, Adrienne and her family became the beneficiaries of the services she has facilitated and supported. She is a true leader, a genuine hospice spirit.

*From the bulletin of the Talbot Hospice Foundation*



**Adrienne at Third Haven**

**Third Haven Friends Meeting**  
**Meeting for Business**  
**Minutes for the 6th Month, 13, 2010**

1. Call to order: John Schreiner, Clerk of Meeting, called to order the meeting for business at 11:35am after a brief period of silent worship.
2. Attending: Mark Beck, Molly Burgoyne, Cynthia Browne, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Joe Davis, Jamie duHoffman, Robert Gladney, Marsie Hawkinson, Catherine Johnson, Connie Lewis, Beth Mufson, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck, Jonathan Slocum, Karin Stoker, Cathy Thompson, Norval Thompson, Sally Vermilye, Meredith Watters, Rob Wieland, Ann Williams, John Winterbottom, Frank Zeigler, and Joyce Zeigler.
3. Minutes: The minutes were approved from the 5th month.
4. Query: The Query, "Equality" was read during meeting for worship. Many Friends commented about the meaning of the query during afterthoughts. We wanted again to remember that one year ago it was Frank Zeigler's afterthought regarding how our own Meeting dealt with the issue of equality towards gay unions that placed us all on a path to dealing this issue more decisively. This led THFM to a new minute regarding our approach to gay unions approved by the Meeting in October 09.
5. First Day School Annual Report: (please see attached report). During this past year, 30 children were served in FDS. Seventeen adults participated in helping with the children. This year's curriculum concentrated on the Testimonies. Approximately 4-5 weeks were spent discussing each testimony. The activities throughout the year were varied and worked well with all age groups. After Beth Mufson, Clerk of committee, read the report many thanks for this group's hard work was given and the report was approved.
6. Scholarship Committee: We discussed the procedural matters regarding the functions of this committee. It was approved by Meeting that this committee should be in charge of deciding who receives the scholarships and this information should be shared with the entire Meeting during meeting for business and/or the newsletter. The Meeting requested a review of the committee's guidelines as well as long range financial plans. It was decided that this committee will give a full report on this along with their annual report in November 2010.
7. Treasurer's Report: There are 3 attached sheets that comprise the Treasurer's report. The first sheet is the Income & Expenses Budget vs. Actual YTD, the second is Budget vs. Actual Prior Year Comparison and the 3rd is the Balance Sheet. Member contributions are less than budgeted as of May 31st. Our net income has increased because of the increase in other contributions largely due to a one-time bequest from a late member. The Treasurer's Report was approved.
8. 2010-2011 Budget Presentation: (see attached report). Clerk of Budget & Finance, Joe Davis, presented the proposed budget for July 2010 to June 2011. There is still confusion among Friends regarding the line items "Donations" and "Memberships". The Clerk explained that we tended to put items in the membership line if they represented regular annual membership dues. The TACL Good Samaritan Fund is usually separated out as it is an annual donation. There was an open discussion again regarding how to handle donations and how to list them in the budget. After discussion, we agreed that the Testimonies & Concerns committee should make recommendations to the Meeting regarding donations but the final decisions on donations should

be made by the Meeting. The Clerk of B & F remarked that it would be best to try and make these decisions as a Meeting in November as that would be easier for bookkeeping. We also decided that combining membership and donation line items under one line item such as "donations" would make more sense. Listing the organizations that we give to would also be helpful. There was also discussion regarding the shortfall of our members' contributions. We are in deficit spending. We have the options of increasing the membership contributions, spending more of our reserve funds or spending less. Usually, we spend less than we budget so our deficit is not outrageous. The Clerk estimated a current deficit of approximately \$6,000 this year. In the end, we approved the budget along with the decisions made above.

On a separate issue, we discussed the contribution made of \$26,000 by the estate of John Shoffner's. Last month, the decision was made to give \$15,000 to the scholarship fund and \$11,000 to property beautification. This month, we decided to give \$10,000 to the Scholarship Fund and set aside \$16,000 to be appropriated at a later date for a project related to building peaceful relationships internationally. This was approved by the Meeting.

9. Interim Meeting: (see attached sheet). Connie Lewis and Marsie Hawkinson attended PYM Interim Meeting on 6/12. Annual sessions for PYM will be July 28-Aug 1 in LaSalle, PA. Information regarding annual sessions can be found online and in the Common Room.

10. Quaker Quest: Candace Shattuck gave an updated report on the Quaker Quest committee. This committee was formed in the spring of 09. During the first phase of the committee's work, they have put together the "Essence of Belief" approved by Meeting during meeting for business 4th month. During the next phase they have been looking at the appearance of THFM with an eye to how welcoming we may seem to outsiders. They have helped improve the driveway and removed the ivy off the gates. They hope to renovate the office space in the Brick Meeting House and make it more functional and welcoming. Mark Beck will be helping to draw out plans for this along with help from Sam Mullen who has expressed an interest in architecture. After this, the committee hopes to install a larger lighted sign at our entrance and make improvements in our current logo. The logo may be used on the sign and on our information and stationary. The next phase would be to discuss how we can improve our welcoming of visitors. The final step is the outreach program when we make presentations to the public following QQ guidelines. This could be pulled together as early as this fall but the committee is not committed to this yet. This committee will give another report to the Meeting in September.

11. New Business: Frank Zeigler reported that it takes approximately 18 months to sell about 100 Faith and Practice that we purchase. The Library committee is down to the last few F & P and will need to reorder more soon. This purchase was approved.

Meeting for business was adjourned at 1:05pm.

Respectfully submitted, Molly Burgoyne

#### IMPORTANT POINTS:

- FDS annual report given and approved
- Approval given to Scholarship Committee to award scholarships and inform Meeting of decisions.
- Scholarship Committee to give report on guidelines and financial planning in November
- Treasurer's quarterly report approved.
- Budget for fiscal year Jul10-June11 approved. Decision to approve includes combining membership and donation line items and clarifying that donations are recommended by T&C and then approved by the Meeting.

- Contributions from John Shoffner's estate will be to give \$10,000 to the Scholarship Committee and \$16,000 to be set aside and given further deliberations by a special committee.  
*Respectfully Submitted, Molly Burgoyne*

### **Request For Contacts For Mayors of Cambridge, Easton and Annapolis -**

If you (or a friend) have any connection with the mayors of any of these cities/towns, would you be willing to assist in arranging a meeting with them to request that they consider joining Mayors For Peace. We are the largest international organization of mayors (over 4000), and our mission is to rid the world of nuclear weapons. You can Google Mayors For Peace for more information. If you can help or have any questions, please contact Harvey Zendt at 302-376-6339 or [hzendt@yahoo.com](mailto:hzendt@yahoo.com).

### **The Testing of Abraham: To Follow Where We Are Led**

Imagine this: you and your wife have tried and tried for years to have a baby. After so many failed attempts, you and your wife have finally given up all hope. Your wife no longer has her periods; you both have entered into old age. Then, God comes to you and says:

“I will surely return to you about this time next year, and [your wife] will then have a son.”

Your reaction, of course, is to burst out laughing. And when you tell your wife, she does the same.

But God knows what He's doing—of course—and come the next year, you and your wife finally have a baby. You name him Isaac, as God directed, and life is good. Isaac grows up strong in your faith and you—of course—absolutely adore him.

Then God calls to you and tells you:

“Take your son Isaac... and there you shall offer him up to me as a sacrifice.”

Wait, what?

(Readers familiar with the Old Testament will recognize the main character in this story as Abraham. Readers not familiar with the Old Testament will find this story in chapters 18 and 22 of Genesis.)

As Abraham is leading Isaac up the mountain God led him to, Isaac, being rather astute, notices that his father has all the makings for a sacrifice to God, except one. He asks:

“Here are the fire and the wood, but where is the sheep for the holocaust?” (Genesis 22: 7)

And his father, perhaps out of a desire to hide the truth from his son or perhaps because he believes what he says, replies:

“God himself will provide the sheep for the holocaust.” (Genesis 22: 8)

But as they get to the appointed place, there's been no word from God. Abraham builds an altar and places Isaac on it. Just as he's about to slaughter his son, a messenger from God shows up and tells Abraham not to kill Isaac. Relieved, but still needing an offering, Abraham spies a ram caught in a thorny bush.

Two thoughts struck me as I was considering this story. The first is how faithfully Abraham was willing to follow where God led him. As Quakers, we believe that we, like Abraham, can be led by God. But are we as willing to follow our leadings? If we are given a leading that we know is from the Divine Source, but is utterly abhorrent to us, are we still willing to follow where God would lead us? Or are we more willing to follow those leadings that are comfortable, that do not shove us violently out of comfort zone and into a really, really uncomfortable place?

In addition to the Bible, I've been reading "Fit for Freedom, not for Friendship", a book about Quakers and their relationships with African Americans in the US. One thing that has stood out to me is how faithful individual Friends were in following their Guide, and how often bodies of Friends would not follow them. I wonder if Friends back then (I'm only partway through) were subject to the same doubt by other Friends that Friends today who are given uncomfortable leadings are subject to. I wonder if we are more likely to doubt the veracity of another's leading if it's one that makes us uncomfortable.

Back to Abraham... the second thought that came to me was how often the intention behind God's leading is not what we expect. God told Abraham, "Go, kill your son for me." Abraham, like most of us would have, must have assumed that the purpose of walking up that mountain was to kill his son. But the purpose was to reveal the strength of Abraham's faith. The notes in my Bible indicate that God was "testing" Abraham, to see if he was truly worthy of the blessings God was planning on giving him. I have a different idea: the test wasn't for God's benefit, but for Abraham's, so that Abraham would truly know how strong his faith was and would no longer doubt it.

Sometimes God calls us to do something and we think we know the intent behind it. Sometimes the call itself seems to contain its own purpose. But if we get caught up in what we believe will be the end result of the leading, we may miss the point. If Abraham had gotten caught up in the idea of killing Isaac, he might never have made it up that mountain. Sometimes the point of a leading is just to follow it. God alone knows what the purpose is. All we are called to do is to be faithful to our Guide and follow where He leads.

*By Tatiana Harrison*

### **Third Haven Monthly Meeting Announcements**

Meetings for Worship

First Days 10am      Fourth Days 5:30pm

Sept 5                      Sept 8

Sept 12                    Sept15

Sept 19                    Sept22

Sept 26                    Sept29

September 4 (Saturday)      9:30 am

    Quaker Quest Committee

September 5 (Sunday)      10 am Meeting for worship followed by a clearness meeting to begin discernment with regard to the bequeathed Shoffner donation. All are welcome, Testimonies and Concerns.

September 11 (Saturday)      9:30 am      Clerks' Meeting

September 12 (Sunday) 10 am      Meeting for worship followed by meeting for business



## MIGRANT MINISTRY UPDATE

**Many thanks to Meeting members and attenders for their many gifts and contributions. The migrant workers are returning home and donations are no longer desired.**

Please don't forget to bring to Meeting, each Sunday, a non-perishable food item and place it in the boxes marked "your food pantry donations" located at Meetinghouse entrances.

Anyone interested in participating in a group to examine our Third Haven grounds for a memorial garden (specifically for scattering ashes) please talk with Meredith Watters or e-mail: [meredithw@atlanticbb.net](mailto:meredithw@atlanticbb.net)

E-mail addresses: please consult the up to date Third Haven Directory at <http://www.thirdhaven.org/> The website of Third Haven Friends Meeting.

The online directory remains password protected: please e-mail [taniahharrison@gmail.com](mailto:taniahharrison@gmail.com) or [hawkjm@goeaston.net](mailto:hawkjm@goeaston.net) if you need the password.

- Faith and Practice can be read and portions extracted from the PYM website at this link: <http://www.pym.org/publish/fnp/index.php>

*If you have material for the newsletter, additional announcements or added information about any of these posted events please send it to [3rdhaven@gmail.com](mailto:3rdhaven@gmail.com)*

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The newsletters and announcements can always be read on the Third Haven Website <http://www.thirdhaven.org/>

### **Sharing the Journey of Aging:** A one-day gathering for care committee members and



persons with a concern for pastoral care, spirituality and aging Saturday, October 16, 9:30 to 3:00 pm at Arch Street Friends Meeting. Keynote Speaker: Connie McPeak Green. For registration information contact: George Schaefer 215-241-7068 ([georges@pym.org](mailto:georges@pym.org)) or Tricia Coscia 215-241-7017 ([triciac@pym.org](mailto:triciac@pym.org))

### **News of Lila Line**

Joe Davis writes, "Karin & I had a nice visit with Lila yesterday (Sunday 8/22). We stayed for over an hour. She was in good spirits and did not tire. The main emotion she expressed was loneliness, which is not surprising if you've met her fellow patients. Lila appears to be the only one in the Alzheimer's ward who is lucid enough to have a conversation with. So please visit her if you can! Try and imagine how you'd feel if you were in her shoes." *submitted by Lorraine Claggett*

**Dee & Winslow share a joyful journey**



**Third Haven Friends Meeting**  
**Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**  
**Minutes for the 7th Month, 25, 2010**

Present (22 +/-): Cindy Browne, Robert Wieland, Jon Slocum, Ralph Young, John Winterbottom, Larny Claggett, Winslow Womack, Norman Hackland, Lorraine B. Claggett, Leigh Ann Dodge, Sarah Sayre, Phil Sayre, Ed Danser & Debbie Danser, Bob Marshall, Heidi Wetzal, Mary Coody, Marsie Hawkinson, Dona Sorce, Stephen Gerni, Susan Dabney, and John Schreiner

This was a called meeting in response to a request from a social worker/counselor (Janet Soto) requesting aid for a homeless grandmother and a 9-year old boy. A Baptist church has been paying for them to stay at the Econo-lodge this past week, which ran out today, but another two days have been paid for.

We are asked to seek options. Mike Pullen may be able to offer temporary shelter in an apartment he owns, but the present tenants, who are due to be evicted, have not yet left. John Schreiner and Heidi Wetzal can offer their home, but the AC is presently out.

Several Friends suggested that money could be donated to an organization, such as the Good Samaritan Fund, or in fact the church which has been helping, to pay for housing, in order to keep us from dealing directly with individuals in need. Ralph Young said that the policy of THFM is to contribute to organizations; not individuals. He added that Testimonies and Concerns needs to be a source of discernment even if they do not have money in their budget to help.

Winslow Womack noted that Good Samaritan Fund and TACL are out of money. Another Friend was quoted to have said that she has fielded up to 2-3 phone calls a week requesting some kind of financial help from individuals. Apparently social workers are telling clients to call churches when they are in difficulty and cannot pay their rent.

Dona Sorce said that it would be less disruptive to the lady and her grandson if we were simply to pay for them to continue on at the Econo-lodge, rather than to move from place to place.

Cindy Browne said that the trouble with giving to organizations is that they have administrative costs which absorb money. She pointed out that our community is relatively wealthy, and that if a person in need asks for help we should give it to them. Several Friends agreed.

Winslow Womack moved that we pay the \$600 for another week at the Econo-lodge. Several Friends agreed. Bob Marshall suggested we give the check to the Baptist church which has been caring for these people, since they know the situation.

Robert Wieland asked what we would do in the future in similar situations. Several Friends suggested a committee for emergency situations and a called meeting for longer term situations. There was a discussion about who should or should not get aid from us, and how that would be channeled so that the donation reflected the wishes of the Meeting. To take responsibility for this particular situation and bypass that concern, several members suggested passing the hat and offered concrete amount on the spot.

Larny Claggett offered that we need to "put our finger in the dike," but that we also need to make provisions for greater support to the contingency fund.

It was agreed that this issue should be addressed to create a long term solution to this problem at a subsequent Meeting.

In conclusion, members agreed that we will let the Baptist church know that we will give them \$600. Further Friends who are moved to do so can supplement their regular contributions to THFM to help offset this donation.

It was agreed to discuss this further to seek a long term solution.

*Respectfully submitted, Susan Dabney filling in as Recording Clerk*

## **Susan Claggett shares her family's experiences at Friends General Conference:**

FCG was extremely fun. There were so many different things going on from ultimate frisbee to worship sharing. The best thing is it doesn't matter what kind of person you are or where you came from. You are surrounded by Friendly, caring, loving people. Also, it is so easy to strike up a conversation about Quakerism (which is often hard to do with someone from a different religion) because everyone's Quaker! For me, FGC is like going to the ultimate Meeting. This is why I enjoy it so much.

*by Evan Claggett*

Friends General Conference or FGC is such a special place. I have been going to this gathering for quite a few years, and every time I go something (a friend I made or an activity I did) stands out when I look back on the week.

This year I went to FGC in Bowling Green, Ohio. What stood out to me most this year was the people. I LOVE seeing my old friends from previous years but there is always something special when you connect and make a new lasting friendships. Tons of people come to FGC and I get a sense of similarity and welcomeness from everyone, even those I don't know! This "friendliness" is hard to experience anywhere else and it makes FGC special. Everyone I meet is kind and thoughtful and it makes the week zoom by when you are around people so generous and fun. Thanks to FGC I have friends in Alaska, Minnesota, Canada, Pennsylvania and the list goes on.

When all these Friends gather, it brings Quakerism closer to me. I have also noticed that it is wonderful when you are around others who understand your Faith. And all I guess I have to say is, "QUAKERS ROCK!"

May we all walk in the Light, *Katie Claggett*

Held in NW Ohio, just south of Toledo, was the annual gathering of Friends or FGC. It was a hot week in July and the Bowling Green campus was under some construction. However, FGC supplies golf carts for Friends to ride from event to event. Most Friends do walk or bike ride through the campus--to the dining Hall, or their workshop or to the large auditorium to hear the nightly plenary speaker. This year the weather faired to hold the large evening all-campus gatherings outside. Plenary speakers I enjoyed were George Lakey and Phillip Gulley. My morning workshop which I attended every morning from 9-12 was also stimulating. Led by long time Quaker now from Texas, Liz Yeats, the title of my workshop was, "You Want Me to do What, God?" Over the years I have had stimulating and not so stimulating workshops but they all in some small or large way impact my view of Quakerism. For these workshops and for the abundance of goodwill, love and friendship I find there propels me to continue to attend these large universal Quaker gatherings. The next FGC will be help July 2011 in the Midwest.

*by Susan Claggett*



## **The Gathering 2010**

A beautiful drive with Susan, Evan and Katie through the mountains of southwest Pennsylvania across Ohio to its northwestern corner on Lake Erie was perhaps the most restful part of attending the Friends General Conference Gathering of Friends, entitled this year Accepting the Gifts of the Spirit. Each of the five days offered unending choices of things to do.

The first challenge is to select a daily workshop from the 57 offered. After considerable mulling over the list, I arrived at John Calvi's Abandon All Weariness; and spent the mornings with some 40 other Friends a good deal of the time on the floor getting and receiving comforting body manipulations under his careful guidance. This was a good choice for me and John informed us that the gift of his workshop was to refresh us so that we may go out and do good for our needy world. In the outside world John himself works as a healer of those wounded from trauma, war, imprisonment, torture, drug abuse and other such injuries.

Another challenge is to figure out how to traverse the campus of Bowling Green State to get to one's chosen daily meetings, events and meals. For this a flotilla of golf carts crisscrossed the campus with volunteer drivers, such as Susan.

Besides workshops, there was worship daily – outdoors, indoors, a bible half hour, a FLGBTQC worship hour, extended 2-3 hour worship; and special worship – for memorials, for racial healing, for a simple Shabbat service.

And there was always singing somewhere. Each hour at noon one could sing one's heart out, instruments welcome, from Annie and Peter Blood-Patterson's beloved Rise Up Singing. There were groups for rounds, sacred and secular, old and new; shape note singing; Renaissance vocal music; and late night Broadway sings after evening plenary.

A Gathering healing center was open in the afternoons for giving and receiving various healing modalities. This restful time is not to be missed.

Afternoons and evenings were filled with special presentations by various Quaker groups and institutions. For example, religious education topics, Quaker Earthcare Witness, author talks at the bookstore, and interfaith encounters were daily occurrences. Late evenings there was folk dancing and contra dancing and movies. Check with me later for a myriad of organizations that were on hand for display or power point presentation.

George Lakey, the first plenary speaker, started us off with an inspiring and energizing call to rise up, get going, and speak to our testimonies as did those trailblazers from history, Quaker and not, who have shown that nonviolent action has tremendous power for change. To illustrate he spoke from specific experiences with the civil rights movement and the Serbia – Bosnia conflict. Although the events were confrontational, dynamics of nonviolent tactics led to resolutions. He called his talk Conflict as a Gift of the Spirit and later on as he was holding an after-talk discussion two people got into a hot and heavy exchange of shouting about which one was and was not concerned about the environment. This miniature conflict underscored with some humor the point of the earlier talk. George teaches at Swarthmore where he does conflict research, has founded the Movement for a New Society and Training for Change, and authored seven books.



## **Introduction to Spiritual Formation October 24, 2010 at the rise of meeting in the Common Room**

Third Haven Meeting is exploring a program called Spiritual Formation to be offered at our meeting. This is a nine month program led by facilitators from Philadelphia Yearly meeting that would be sponsored by Worship and Ministry Committee. Here is a program that helps participants deepen their spiritual lives, develop a spiritual practice, and enrich the spiritual life of the Meeting and community. If you are interested or just curious, you are invited to attend an introductory session on Sunday, October 24 at the rise of Meeting for Worship in the Common Room, around 11:15am.

*submitted by Katherine Johnson*

**Katherine publicizes!**

## **Inward Bound Quiet Day for Friends**

Worship and Ministry is sponsoring a series of retreat days for Third Haven Friends Meeting. Katherine Johnson and Candace Shattuck will facilitate “Inward Bound”, a quiet day of listening for the Light within, reflection, reading, walking the grounds, writing, and self chosen art activities in community with a shared, silent pot-luck lunch. Each session will end with Worship Sharing on a given topic such as: Listening for the voice of God; How do I live a life of peace, etc. Events are being scheduled for Fall 2010, alternating Saturdays with some midweek sessions. Current scheduled dates are: Sept 18 (Sat), October 13 (Wed). Time: 10 am to 3:00 pm. Participants are welcome to come for part of a day, entering with respect for the silence of the group. This is a perfect occasion to savor the beautiful Third Haven grounds and buildings and take time to think and be inward in community of Friends.

To sign up, or for questions, please contact:

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## Help for Those in Need



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**Joe's T shirt says it all:  
"God Bless the Whole World, No Exceptions"**



## Children and Parents Need Our First Day School Support HERE'S HOW WE EACH CAN HELP!



The First Day School is planning curriculum and projects for this year's program. The Theme is Building Bridges as we explore how our faith impacts our personal decisions, our integration with the community and our relationship to our world. Beth Mufson, Clerk, has contacted PYM for curriculum and materials to support this year's instruction. We hope to have the children participate according to age levels. We need volunteers to come up and sit with the little ones – ages new to 4 years old in our little playroom. The 4 to 7 and 8 to 11 year olds will experience

Godly Play one First Day per month and then may be divided into 2 groups depending on the curriculum and available volunteers to lead the activities. The 12 to 16 year olds will follow their own program, on the same topics and material as the younger children. The first 6 weeks

we will be focusing on interpersonal communication and how we build bridges with each other. We are asking members of Meeting to identify an age group and or a topic area they would like to explore with the children and what day they might be available. Members of Meeting can notify Beth Mufson, Paige Bethke, Mark Beck, Cathy Thompson or the First Day Committee of their interest. *Respectfully submitted, Paige Bethke*



**Awaiting our Friendly presences**