



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

"Come again to my house; for if thou and I were but an hour of a day together, we should be nearer one to the other"
The Life of George Fox

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Twelfth Day, Ninth Month, 2021

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

Attending: 27 attended: Molly Burgoyne Brian, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Tom Corl, Stephanie French, John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Katherine Johnson, Kristina Herold, Marie Leonard, Joyce Macijeski, Beth Mufson, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, Adrienne Rudge, Bill Schauer, John Schreiner, Priscilla Sener, Brian Shean, Jonathan Slocum, Dona Sorce, Ben Tilghman, Paige Tilghman, John Turner, Kevin Walsh, Mary Yancey

Comments on Ninth Query, Equality and Justice (read at Meeting for Worship)
In light of concerns about race relations Worship and Ministry will sponsor a trust circle activity in the future. Clinton Pettis will help.

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

From the Clerk's Desk- *Molly Brian*

We will offer Asbury Methodist use of our facility if their renovation prevents them from meeting there in the colder months.

All Clerk's Meeting will be held Sept 18th 9:30-11:30a.m.

Discussion on Meeting for Worship location for Winter months:

Normally we stay in the Old Meeting House until mid-October and some suggest we stay in OMH longer and then use Brick Meeting House with windows partially open and some limited waste of heat.

Compromise between temperature and positivity rate, which is currently 7-day average under 5% and high percentage of population has been vaccinated. This could affect Asbury United Methodist as well.

Let the clerk of the meeting and Worship and Ministry monitor temperatures and decide where to meet.

We could have both buildings in use with Zoom.
Small blankets and lap robes might be available.
Keeping the OMH open all year is a possibility.
Landscaping and other restoration work to OMH to eliminate moisture issues is being sponsored by the Trustees. If that interferes with OMH use, we might meet elsewhere on the property. Bill Lane is the contact person for the restoration project.
Unity indicated a desire to stay in OMH as long as possible. Notice of changes of location will be given in Friday announcements if warranted.

Traveling minute from Paige Menton who is visiting meetings to review land use is below.
Paige toured Third Haven with Molly Brian and Priscilla Sener giving us new eyes for property and grounds.

**Plymouth Monthly Meeting of the
Religious Society of Friends, founded 1708
2150 Butler Pike
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462**

Dear Friends July 1, 2021

The worshipping community of Plymouth Monthly Meeting sends greetings and blessings from Pennsylvania. We would like to introduce you to our beloved member Paige Menton, who will be traveling under the care of our Meeting with a concern for the earth's stewardship. Her journey will begin on September 3, 2021 and continue into mid-October. Paige would like to meet with Friends along the way in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina as she travels to her childhood home in Alabama. She would like to hear from Friends about their concerns for the earth, and to learn about the ways that Meetings are addressing those concerns. Paige sees this journey as laying the spiritual foundation for the work she is led to do when she returns. Plymouth Monthly Meeting supports Paige in her leading and has met in 'clearness with her to share in her discernment about this spiritual journey. Our Meeting has endorsed the following Minute:

"After meeting with a clearness committee twice this year, Paige Menton asks approval of Plymouth Monthly Meeting to travel under the care of the Meeting with a concern for the earth's stewardship, and requests the clerk to write a letter of support for this traveling ministry." Please welcome Paige to your Meeting. She is an active member of Plymouth Meeting as well as serving Gwynedd Monthly Meeting on their committee dedicated to stewardship of the earth. She also serves as Recording Clerk for Abington Quarterly Meeting. Her concern for the sacredness of all life on our planet is expressed in her gentle presence. We are sure that you will enjoy meeting and sharing with her. We are grateful for your hospitality and welcome to Paige.
In Peace,

Rebecca H. Cratin
Clerk, Plymouth Monthly Meeting

End of year Treasurer's Report- *Cynthia Quast presented by Bill Schauer* **Accepted**
Treasurer's Report for fiscal year-end 2020-2021, as of 6/30/21.

In our year-end Budget versus Actual report, our member income was just over \$48,000 or 91% of the budget. Our total income was over \$68,600 or 99.6% of the budget. Our total expenses for the year were just over \$63,000. This gave us a net income of just over \$5,500.

On our Balance Sheet we had over \$74,800 in our local operating bank account, and over \$91,000 in our operating investment account at Friends Fiduciary. On the Prior Year Comparison report our total income for the year was 8.5% less than last year and our total expenses were 2.8% less than last year. Our net income was \$4,500 less than last year. Spreadsheets may be seen on the Third Haven website.

Scholarship Committee Annual Report - Marsie Hawkinson Accepted

In keeping with Friends long tradition of encouraging the best education possible for its members Third Haven Friends Meeting offers scholarship assistance to our young people attending college and, when possible, Friends secondary schools. Our practice has been to double the amount of the aid when the student attends a Friends school.

Our current students for the Fall 2021 semester are:

Ana Sophia Neil - Georgetown University – Junior.....	\$500.
Maya Claggett - Earlham College – Senior.....	\$1000.
Atticus Leibman – University of Maryland – Sophomore.....	\$500.
Max McCall – Vanderbilt University.....	\$500.
Zadoc Bond – Haverford College.....	\$1000.

Letters from recipients indicate their appreciation.

Coming along are –

Serena Claggett - is a senior at Annapolis High School. She has been visiting colleges and will be making applications.

Maeve Mufson - is in 10th grade at St. Andrews School.

Molly McCall –

Liam Owsley-Ewing

Finley Owsley-Ewing

Riley Owsley-Ewing

Our funds are as follows:

Friends Fiduciary Fund: Endowment Account - \$167,965.60

Quaker Growth Fund - \$ 20,522.45

Shore United Bank: - \$1522. 51

Judy Warder, Sumner Parker, Lorraine Claggett, Doreen Getsinger, Paige Tilghman, Marie Leonard, Bill Schauer, Benita Cooper, Deb Danser, Marsie Hawkinson, Clerk

A member suggested trying to give increased amounts or to more recipients, which will be discussed at the committee's December meeting for next semester.

Property & Grounds Update- *Priscilla Morris Approved*

- Property and Grounds has prioritized accessibility for the upcoming year. The committee is looking at pathways between buildings, railings, and a more accessible ramp for the Brick Meeting House. We welcome comments.
- P&G proposes restricting the seven parking spaces by the Common Room and the space on the circle from 8 to noon on Sundays those with restricted mobility (to include those with disability placards and those with temporary mobility limitations).
- The grounds planning group proposes four items: 1) To be called Land Use Planning Committee. 2) To be structured as a subcommittee of the Planning Committee, noting the need for independent meetings but interdependent missions with some common members facilitating communication between the two. 3) To move budget of \$4,000 from P&G to the Planning Committee. 4) To use the budget for a survey of the grounds.

A member suggested including auditory resources. Another member may facilitate an ADA audit.

Some members expressed concern about finding enough people to fill this proposed subcommittee. The nominating committee clerk indicated this subcommittee (also known as a task group) is temporary as needed so this does not require high effort over the long term. Once complete the group would be laid down. Communication among these groups is best accomplished by common members who are interested in the task.

The brick meeting house door and lock are in the process of adjustment.

Nominating Committee Update- *Nancy Robbins*

Nominating committee members are receiving positive, active communication from members and attenders. Clerks might help by calling or emailing Nancy Robbins indicating needs and member intentions. Anyone is also welcome to contact the committee members, Nancy Robbins, Marsie Hawkinson and Jon Slocum.

Testimonies and Concerns update- *Paige Tilghman*

The committee suggests we need more coordination activity as a meeting on issues of interest. We may work through Quaker Voice to write letters on an issue or take other actions. Financial support for the Multi-Cultural Center is needed as they prepare to help Afghan refugees and others. On the last first day of the month at the rise of meeting after hospitality we will come together to present topics of interest for our action. This begins September 28th. Detention center library work is about to resume.

First Day School update- *Susan Claggett*

5 families with 8 children under the age of 10 attended First Day School September 12th. October, November and December school will be held first and third First Days. These children will become future scholarship recipients. We held a one week July Summer Quaker Mindful Kids Camp that was fully subscribed. The same instructors will be conducting First Day School on occasion.

New Business

Hospitality committee has resumed activity. All are encouraged to contribute.

Library committee is culling and reorganizing.

A Worship and Ministry committee membership requirement to be a member of Third Haven Monthly Meeting was discussed. Some felt this practice indicated commitment to the Meeting and Quaker beliefs and traditions. Others noted the committed contributions of attenders and desired to not require formal membership for committee work. Susan Claggett maintained the importance of Meeting membership for Worship and Ministry committee work but stood aside on this issue. The unity of the Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business was that only Pastoral Care requires membership in the Meeting in order to preserve confidentiality.

Closing Silent Worship 1:15 p.m.

D. Rein, Recorder

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

The Third Haven newsletter circulates during a week before meeting for worship with attention to business to enable readers to review the minutes of the most recent previous meeting for worship with attention to business.

Help Needed to Reopen Asbury



Work at the Asbury United Methodist Church in Easton is nearing completion. Friends helped last year with major fundraising which enabled complete safety renovations for stable floors and improved indoor air quality. During renovations in 2021, town inspectors identified and required certain design changes which have delayed reopening and increased construction costs by \$50,000. More than half of that burden has been raised. A funding gap of just over \$20,000 remains.

The contractor believes that temporary access for congregants can be granted for use of the sanctuary in September, with completion of the first floor fellowship hall and kitchen in October. If Friends are moved to help reopen the doors for Asbury's food mission, contributions should be sent to:

Historic Easton Inc., P.O. Box 1071, Easton, MD 21601, marked "Asbury Building Fund."

Alternately, a GoFundMe fundraiser for Historic Easton's Help Reopen the Church that Feeds Our Neighbors Campaign can be accessed <https://gofund.me/d1593716>

Peace Vigil

The Peace Vigil in front of the Easton courthouse is nearing its 20th anniversary. You can be a part of it at no cost. Simply show up at 5PM on Thursdays (weather permitting.) Show your Quaker values!

Meals for Hope

For those who are interested in helping those in our area who may experience food insecurity this winter, our area Rotary Clubs are asking for volunteers to help them pack Meals for Hope on Saturday, October 16th at Chesapeake College. Meals for Hope is a national program that provides the ingredients for individual, nutritious, shelf stable meals that can be cooked in one pot. Our District Area Rotary Clubs have raised the money to purchase ingredients for 100,000 meals as their District Day of Service project. They need volunteers for 2 shifts; from 9 am - Noon OR from 1 pm - 3 pm to help them package the ingredients in individual meals that will be distributed to our Mid Shore Region to food pantry's, shelters and Backpack programs. If you are interested in volunteering on Saturday, October 16th at Chesapeake College, please follow the link below and sign up. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAEA92EA4F5C43-rotary>

Spiritual Journaling

Spiritual Journaling. A new spiritual journaling group will start meeting 8 PM October 6 based on ideas from the book *Life's Companion; Journal Writing as a Spiritual Quest* by Christina Baldwin. We plan to meet the 1st and 3rd Wed of each month on zoom at 8 PM. If you're interested, please let me know. Stephanie French.

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There will be a memorial service for Jane Escher in the Old Meeting House at 11 AM. More details will be announced.

The story of Anny Williams father.

There was a ceremony at the American Legion in Easton honoring Anny Williams' father on Saturday. The details of Lt. Bell's service are: It was fall of 1941 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, when six year old Ann Bell 'Anny' Williams along with her mother Mollie said goodbye to their beloved husband and father 1st Lt William Roy Bell, for the last time before being deployed to the Philippines for active duty during WWII.

An army reservist, 1st Lt. Bell had entered active service from Oklahoma, where the family resided. Roy served with company C, 89th quartermaster battalion and was attached to the 19th bombardment group, US Army Air Force. At the time of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, First Lieutenant Bell was the assistant quartermaster for Nichols field, on the outskirts of Manila, in the Philippines. With the surrender of the US forces in the Philippines in the spring of 1942, Roy became a prisoner of the Japanese for more than 2 1/2 years and reportedly lost his life aboard the Japanese transport ship (hell ship) Enoura Maru in January 1945. His remains have not yet been recovered. Both Roy's as well as his family's service and sacrifice have now been honored with the newly re-issued awards and decorations earned by 1st Lt William Roy Bell during WWII, including a bronze star and a Purple Heart.

First Day School

It was wonderful to see so many of you returning to worship in September at Third Haven! We had 8 kids (all under 10) representing 5 families on September 12th. Welcome back!!! Families are most welcome to return on Sundays when there is no formal FDS class scheduled. We returned to our classroom on Sept 26 with the theme- finding Spirit through Nature. The weather has been so fine and we had our children's program all outside. Miss Cherie and Miss Kristen from our Summer Mindfulness Camp returned to teach us about finding Spirit through nature. There was a big fat slug that joined us as well as a worm, a daddy long leg and tons of leaves and wind to spirit us through the morning. Susan assisted and helped with any families tuning in on Zoom.

Parents- We are planning to secure childcare for the Third Haven business meeting on Oct. 10 from 11:30-1. We would love to have you attend and take part. It's interesting how Quakers make decisions and you can see the inner workings of our Meeting community. We do have a variety of committees that meet monthly or quarterly that help keep the Meeting running. Please talk to me about any interest you may have or any questions. Some of our committees are hospitality, testimonies and concerns, property and grounds and of course, First Day School 😊!

Our scheduled FDS classrooms (10-11 am) in October will be:

Oct 3- Holy Troublemakers (Susan)

Oct 17- Earth Care Witness (Kristin/Cherie)

Hope you all are enjoying Fall and please don't hesitate to reach out - I am very excited to see and be with the children again



Susan Claggett, Clerk FDS



First Day School Pumpkin Fun Night

Would any family be interested in making some jack-o-lanterns or some paper collage lanterns together at Meeting? Would the dates Fri 10/15 or Fri 10/22 from 5-7pm work for most families? FDS will put out some Chick-fil-A nuggets and salads and apple cider for drinking. Then we could take a walk around the grounds as it begins to get dark using our lanterns. Let me know if you like this and can come. (Which Fri works better?) love from a spooky Spirit, Susan

Claggett, FDS Clerk 🎃 🐱 🖤 🖌️ 🍁



A Love Letter to Freaks

Tatiana Harrison from her blog

<https://lightandlotus.wordpress.com/2021/06/27/a-love-letter-to-freaks/>

Forget the flowers. Forget the big conspicuous blossoms that your neighbor ooohs and ahs over. Forget the pretty, organized gardens where everything is where it's "supposed" to be. Forget the roses and daisies and the exotic plants that you really have to work at to get to grow here.

Love the freaks. Love the ugly plants, the ones with tiny flowers that aren't showy but don't need to be. Love those plants you've been told are weeds.

Look closer. Look at that native plant on the left growing in between gravel in a driveway, baking in hot sun with possibly the worst soil in existence... and yet, there it is, my adorable little Spotted Sandmat showing how nature too can survive challenges. Admire its teal and almost purple stems; my inner pre-teen smitten that there's a plant with my favorite colors. Cherish its tiny, almost invisible flowers, that are even more special because they take time to notice.



Look at this plant on the right, possibly the ugliest plant I've seen in my yard. It starts with hinted promises that it could grow to be something stunning, with its delicate light grey leaves and stems. I moved it out of the lawn into a garden, hoping for something stunning. Instead, I got fuzz. This plant—Marsh Cudweed—doesn't flower; it fuzzes. And I can respect that. Not everyone needs to be stunning. Some of us fuzz instead of flower. Admire its utter commitment to being itself.



Upright Yellow Woodsorrel (not to be confused with its invasive cousin, Creeping Woodsorrel) hides in lawns and pops up in gardens, where it's treated like a weed. It's so common it's assumed unworthy. And yet, these dainty yellow flowers are one of the first harbingers of warm weather here. Where they grow, there's food for insects and animals. Those bursts of yellow hinting at warmer weather to come, the promise of the change of seasons and that nothing stays the same forever.

No love letter to freaks would be complete without Carolina Cranesbill. You've probably seen this in your lawn, as an unwelcome weed. But give it space to grow, and this plant showcases geometric beauty and a unique cacophony of color. What starts as light green with petite light purple flowers transforms into oranges and reds and finishes with an epic almost black crown of seeds. This plant celebrates change and transformation





Where are the freaks in your lawns, in your gardens? What are you not seeing? What are you missing out on loving and nurturing because you don't think they're worthy?

Learn to love the freaks in your lives. Learn to love the ones who may not be the prettiest or the showiest or the rarest, but who are hard at work being themselves despite a world that may not value them. Learn to look, really look; and I promise, you can find beauty everywhere.

