



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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February 2022 Newsletter

Am I teaching my children, and do I show through my way of living that love of God includes affirming the equality of people, treating others with dignity and respect, and seeking to recognize and address that of God within every person?

Faith and Practice 1997 query

The Third Haven newsletter circulates during the first week of each month to enable readers to review the minutes of the most recent meeting for worship with attention to business.

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Ninth Day, First Month, 2022

Opening Silent Worship Opening Silent Worship – Clerk Molly Brian opened the meeting with a period of silent worship at 11:30 am.

Attending on Zoom (all virtual) Molly Brian, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Tom Corl, Stephanie French, John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Sandra Herbert, Kristina Herold, Janet Kemp, Bill Lane, Marie Leonard, Beth Mufson, Dee Rein, Adrienne Rudge, Priscilla Sener, Jonathan Slocum, Dona Sorce, Nancy Stanford, Ben Tilghman, Paige Tilghman, John Turner, Kevin Walsh, Mary Yancey, Harvey Zendt

Comments on the Query Deepening Our Faith: Meeting for Worship

The words God and Worship carry a lot of baggage for people. Some might reword the query as, “still expectant waiting for deep nourishment for life’s foundation.”

This is an important, complex query worth spending time on.

What is it like to hear over Zoom when last time we were in the Brick Meeting House together? It’s like the dots on paper connecting us wherever we are, always together in strength. This could be a beginning of the transformation among all people.

This edition of Faith and Practice sometimes sprawls, but this one had focus on important ways to be nonjudgmental, coming without deciding to speak or not, carrying over into conversations with people.

Queries can be challenging and difficult. How do we create a deeper sense of community? Makers of queries might consider what a good answer would be. It is

intentional that Meeting for Worship is the first query as it is essential to all we do as life has become more complex.

Approval of minutes for Twelfth Month Meeting for Business Approved

Clerks Desk –

THMM 2021 State of the Meeting Annual Report – Molly Burgoyne Brian Approved as amended

The report has been posted on announcements and discussed in summary in December. Suggested changes have been incorporated. The final lengthy report will be available on <http://www.thirdhaven.org> website and circulated with announcements.

Pastoral Care Annual Report – Dona Sorce Accepted

The Pastoral Care Committee of Third Haven works to provide and maintain a caring meeting community.

During 2021 the committee was represented by the following members: Dona Sorce (clerk), Adrienne Rudge (co-clerk), Lorraine Claggett, Connie Crow, Marsie Hawkinson, Katherine Johnson, Dee Rein, John Schreiner, and Bill Schauer.

In addition to ongoing efforts to reach out and maintain regular communication and support with individual members and attenders, as well as helping new attenders become familiar with Quaker practice, the Pastoral Care Committee sponsored the following activities during 2021:

- One clearness meeting for the purpose of membership reinstatement for Mary Yancy.
- Coordination of a clearness meeting for Sarah Claggett and Tim Nowicky, seeking marriage under the care of the Meeting.
- Assistance with the Memorial Services for: Sally Vermilye, Ken Carroll, MK Shean, Susan Dickinson, and Jane Escher.
- Assistance to family members seeking to memorialize loved ones on the 3rd Haven grounds.
- Assistance to a family in need of housing.
- Focused support for members struggling with the loss of loved ones.
- Focused support for members who are unable to participate in the Meeting.
- Coordination of monthly meetings for Holding in the Light with Attention to Healing.
- Coordination of a half-day presentation for Pastoral Care and Worship and Care committee members on Quaker Eldership, conducted by George Schafer from the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.
- Annual and regular updates to the directory of members and attenders.
- Collaboration with First Day School with the annual children's Christmas program.
- Revisions to the "Becoming a Member" pamphlet as well as the Pastoral Care section of the Third Have website.
- Revision of name tags and creation of new name tags for new attenders.

Clearness committee for Mary Yancey for reinstatement as member. Marsie Hawkinson, Dona Sorce and Bill Schauer heartily recommend reinstatement. **Approved.** Discussion: Full membership is an important, valuable commitment. It means a lot to the individual as well as the meeting as a whole. Pastoral Care provides guidance on membership.

Treasurers Report -Brief Update– Ben Tilghman

A more complete report is coming in February.

January 7, 2022

Fiscal Year (07/01/21-06/30/22) to Date (50%), Actual to Budget:

	Actual \$	Budget \$	%
Member Contributions	30,303.25	51,880.00	58.4
Attender Contributions	7465.00	14,000.00	53.3
Total Income-All categories	41,666.81	70,250.00	59.3
Total Expense-All Categories	34,850.01	70,250.00	49.6

Note:

- 1) One large \$3,810.00 Member Contribution in December is still being processed, and not included above.
- 2) Friends are reminded that activity in December is disproportionately increased by Friends wishing to make last minute donations to be included in their 2021 tax year

Discussion: Contributions online are a possibility but expensive via PayPal due to their charges. Other possibilities are being investigated. Budget line items will be clarified in February.

Planning Committee Update- Tom Corl

The planning committee met on December 15th to revise the Request for Proposals, which was sent to 4 Architectural firms. The RFP, our guiding principles, and essence of our Faith and Practice were sent to all. All responded favorably and said they would submit proposals by January 28th. Visits will be scheduled thereafter for charette. The next meeting is Wed. Jan. 19 on Zoom. As set forth in the nominating committee report, there are new members on this committee. Brief updates will be provided at Meetings for Business in the future. The RFP will be available for viewing in announcements.

The planning committee suggests a designated building fund to encourage people to begin thinking about contributing to potential building. The clerk of Budget and Finance and the treasurer agreed and are creating this fund. **Approved**

Art Show and Sale Report- Marie Leonard Accepted

The Third Haven Friends Meeting 2021 Art Show & Sale took place on Saturday, December 4th from 11am to 4pm. Artwork by sixteen artists included paintings, puzzles, wearable art, photographs, baskets, holiday items, prints, notecards, gifts and more. Thanks to everyone involved who helped, visited or participated in the event, artists were able to donate an average of 45% of their artwork sales to help fund the renovation of Third Haven's historic buildings and revitalization of the grounds. The total amount

donated by the artists to Third Haven was \$1,675. The total artwork sales by all artists at the event was \$3,688.

Discussion: This was a successful form of outreach with many visitors. Combining this event and the cleanup day strengthens our community.

Trust Circles Update-*Jonathan Slocum*

We are starting trust circles virtually, given state of pandemic. It might be too complicated to incorporate Asbury starting this new program. That may happen for the next round. We are coordinating best times for facilitators training and trust circle meetings. Facilitator's training might take 6 hours because the discussion interactions can be complicated. Scheduling will be coordinated with Clinton Pettis, originator of Trust Circles. Information continues in announcements and will be communicated with interested people by email.

New Business

Asbury United Methodist church congregation incorporation with Third Haven.

Plan ideas:

Carlene Phoenix and Molly have been communicating. Asbury is just starting to open their doors post construction but not during the current Covid surge. Priscilla Sener has had a long relationship with Asbury through the construction. They are eager for a meet and greet but will need to wait until viral infection rates have subsided.

Ideas for engaging our communities include:

Invitation to attend virtual Meeting for Worship.

Create an interfaith committee or have an interchurch committee with them.

Start communicating: receive their communications, announcements, newsletters, and vice versa.

Get people out walking and visiting. We could stroll, meander, march between properties. Let's not wait until things are "normal."

The Outreach Committee might be an appropriate responsible group. The clerk will be asked.

First Day school might be shared.

There are many ways we can accommodate Asbury's needs and accessibility issues including on our own property.

A small group of interested Third Haven people will meet to take action.

Friends Committee on National Legislation is planning for lobbying priorities for 118th congress in 2023. A meeting on this topic occurs January 26th at 7:30 p.m. Information will be available at the FCNL website. Spring lobbying weekend is March 12-15, 2022.

American Cares Act money Talbot County residents can complete a survey on spending of American Cares Act money. Shore Rivers could benefit from this funding. Go to the survey to express your priorities.

Closing Silent Worship 12:50 p.m.

D. Rein

Recorder

2021 Highlights

2021 started with a surge of Covid cases which led us to eliminate in person meetings until we reach clarity. First Day School has fortnightly virtual sessions. Revised publications include the latest giving guide listing charitable organizations vetted by testimonies and concerns. The state of the meeting summary has been prepared to be submitted to the southern quarterly meeting as well as Philadelphia yearly meeting.

A **Trust Circles** program, whose purpose is to commit to helping lower barriers to the involvement of people of color in monthly Meetings, has been initiated by the Worship and Ministry Committee. The [Overview of Trust Circles Video](#) provides an excellent introduction to the program. Additional information is available on the website for Clinton's non-profit organization, Friends for the Future.

Inc., at <https://www.friendsfuture.org/> For more information please contact Jonathan Slocum.

A **request for proposal letter** has been sent by the Planning Committee to four architectural firms as part of the renewal process. Responses are due by February 4.

29 photos have been posted in the meeting directory. Meeting calendars featuring the late Ralph Young's photographs were prepared by Marie Leonard. Posting your personal or family photographs is voluntary. Please send single photos in .jpeg format for individuals, but for families, a group photograph will work better. If you would like to participate, please e-mail your photo to 3rdhaven@gmail.com

Immigrant aid has been by several meeting people who made donations of household goods to aid Afghan refugees in getting settled. An earlier collection benefitted victims of late December tornadoes in Kentucky.

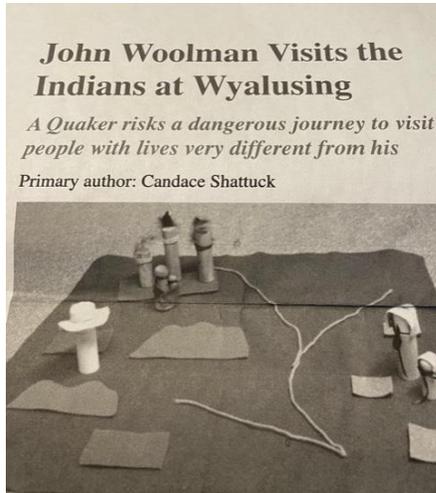
First Day School

Hello Families

It was wonderful to see some families at our first children's' program of the New Year! Susan led the zoom gathering on 1/9/22 starting at 1015. I found out that Ben Sweeney has recently lost a tooth and Davin Whalen had gotten sick from his Dad (who works at the hospital.) Many of our families have pets (cats and dogs) that we are able to see when we meet on zoom. That is the fun part--to see everyone and hear how they are doing and see the families. We will be meeting again on Jan 23 at 1015 via zoom. We will continue with children's program on February 20 and March 6 & 20, 2022.

We are also planning to do a Spring activity on the Meeting grounds involving getting our children's gardens back in shape. More on this to come, and to help out please let Susan know. No dates yet but by then we hope the weather will be nice for outdoor activities.

On Jan 16, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting sponsored a zoom children's program starting at 9am. If you and your children would like to attend futures programs, please let Susan know so she can send the zoom link to you. PYM offers this Giant Children's Meeting every 3rd Sunday of the month via zoom starting at 9am.



Please join us on Sunday, February 6th at 1015 for a zoom children's program. Susan will be sharing the story of John Woolman (Quaker guy) and his interaction with the Indians from Wyalusing. It is a Faith and Play story written by Candace Shattuck - appropriate as we enter Black History month and focus more on treating all peoples with respect and humility. Hope to see you Sunday at 1015!

Zoom Link

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71326536092?pwd=VnFxQ0VFZWplR2JQSWs3U25SakpmZz09>

Take care and stay well. As always if you have any questions or ideas to bolster our children's program please share. Kristin and Cherie will be returning as teachers this season and hopefully hold the summer camp at Third Haven again this year. In the meantime, I hope you all are well and staying safe and enjoying a little winter out there. All the best, Susan Claggett FDS Clerk.

Did you know.... you have a special person on the **Pastoral Care Committee** who is interested in getting to know you better, and to be your link to the committee and to Third Haven. Our hope is to be a contact for all members and attenders, and to know of your needs, wants, joys, concerns. We can be a listening presence, a friend when you'd like to talk about your spiritual journey, a help in times of crisis, and a support throughout life events. The Pastoral Care Committee of Third Haven works to provide and maintain a caring meeting community. Each person on the committee is assigned members and attenders and we do our best to reach out to you via phone calls, emails, in-person get-togethers, and letters or cards, depending on individual circumstances and preferences. Please take time to look at the list below to confirm your contact person, and feel free to call or email us at any time. We love connecting with you!

Pastoral Care Committee

John Schreiner
 Katherine Johnson
 Lorraine Claggett
 Adrienne Rudge
 Dona Sorce
 Marsie Hawkinson
 Dee Rein
 Bill Schauer

Assigned Members/Attenders

ADELFO – CLAG (Laura)
 CLAG, (Larny) – DANSER
 DAVIS – GRAY
 GREEN(N.)– KRAMER
 LANE (Henry) – MULLEN (Sam)
 MULLEN (Jake)– ROWE
 RUDGE – TURRELL
 VERMILYE – ZINKAND

In addition to ongoing efforts to reach out and maintain regular communication and support with individual members and attenders, the Pastoral Care Committee sponsors the following activities:

- Annual membership events including the New Members and Attenders Lunch during which the meeting community gathers to welcome new members and attenders, annual Christmas lunch, and an annual picnic.
- Clearness Meetings for the Purpose of Membership for attenders seeking membership; and Quakers seeking to transfer membership to Third Haven, as well for those who are seeking support with discernment on personal life decision-making. In addition, we oversee Clearness Meetings for Marriage Under the Care of the Meeting.
- End of Life Planning programs that provide resources available at Third Haven and in the broader community, ranging from housing and assisted living options, home based care, advanced directives and memorial intentions.
- Assisting family members with planning memorial services for loved ones who are members or attenders.
- Health and Well Being Programs and Resource Sharing.
- Memorial Intentions including assisting members and attenders with designation of memorial plaques or burial sites.
- Updating the Third Haven Directory with new contact or revised information for members and attenders. Updated information should be forwarded to the Clerk of the Communications Committee and the other members of the Pastoral Care Committee.

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>

February 6 [Sunday]

Quaker Voice Maryland Presentation:

Third Haven members and attenders are invited to participate in a virtual presentation and question and answer session with members of Quaker Voice Maryland (QVM) on Sunday, February 6 after the Rise of Meeting. The presentation will include an overview of the 2022 Maryland General Assembly process, unveiling the QVM legislative agenda, and ways that Friends can advocate for bills focused on Racial Equity, Climate Justice and Criminal Justice Reforms. The presentation can be accessed via the Meeting for Worship ZOOM link. For information, contact Dona Sorce at 412-334-8185, dyesorce@gmail.com

Jonathan Williams writes, “Friends, my first job interview when I returned to Maryland in 2015 was with a nearly secret teaching unit run by Md Dept of Ed. serving 7,000 incarcerated children in 3 facilities. One of them is near Snow Hill and seems to share staff and property with a state lock-up for immigration cases. It was one of the reasons I wanted Friends in this area to investigate the Quaker-led Alternatives to

Violence Program (AVP) but my queries with AVP volunteers nationally and in Maryland greatly discouraged me. This bill, [*Juvenile Justice Reform*] is a step in the right direction which is good because there is a long way to go.

Attached *Juvenile Justice Reform* *Read more about the bill* [here](#).



February 6 [SUNDAY] at 5pm on Maryland Public Television

Finding Fellowship

Watch wherever you get MPT! Three racially segregated churches in the historic community of Quince Orchard in Montgomery County (MD), born out of the Civil War, each had fallen on hard financial times. The Black church's members gathered one evening to discuss their church's uncertain future.

As members debated the consequences of merging with the two local white congregations, one minister interrupted the April 4, 1968, meeting to announce that Martin Luther King, Jr. had just been murdered in Memphis, TN. Despite King's assassination — though others argue because of it — those three churches voted to merge their congregations into one.

In September 1968, each church held its last racially segregated service. The reality is not every member stayed. Each church lost members. Still, the hardest decision wasn't to come together but to stay together. Yet, because of their efforts, in September 2018, Fairhaven United Methodist Church celebrated its 50th year of purposeful integration. Join MPT for a discussion with the filmmakers! Tuesday, February 15 at 7pm.

Watch the documentary *Finding Fellowship* and engage in a conversation around the film, faith, social justice, history, community, and more. We'll be joined by the film's co-producers, Jason Green and Kisha Davis, for a discussion after the screening. Click here for details and to RSVP. <https://ovee.itvs.org/screenings/4dudo>

Luisa Adelfio Fellowship News

Luisa Adelfio is awarded the MES traveling fellowship
from Wellesley College



Artist **Luisa Adelfio** has been awarded the 2021-2022 Mary Elvira Stevens Traveling Fellowship from Wellesley College to live and work in Mexico for up to one year. Her project will focus on printmaking and works on paper, specifically lithography, silkscreen and metal plate etching. Adelfio will be working with master printers at *La Buena Impresión* in Oaxaca City, which is known for its long and rich tradition of printmaking. She will use the opportunity to integrate new techniques and influences into her artistic practice.

At Wellesley, Adelfio studied Visual Arts and Art History and, after earning a graduate degree at the Accademia di Belle Arti di Brera in Milan, has worked continuously as a career artist. Her most recent body of work, a series of drawings on newsprint, was published in Italy as *Corona Chronicles*. She is represented by Galería Otros 360 Grados.