



## Third Haven Friends Meeting

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## MAY NEWSLETTER

### Meeting as a place of Transformation

*Membership is, or ought to be, about transformation. The transformation of individuals who have experienced the divine spirit at work in their lives. The transformation of a community which has sensed, and tries to live out, its particular role in bringing about the transformation of the world which can be seen as God's purpose.*

*--Helen Rowlands-----Members One of Another, -Thomas Gaters*

### Readers' Report

I will send you a copy of the Seaville newsletter (snail mail) as soon as I receive it. Please convey my appreciation to the folks who prepared the lovely table at Jane Caldwell's memorial service. My son had to return to his family and we had to get back on the ferry to Cape May so it was an extra good treat for us. --*Helena Bew*

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### Announcements for Third Haven Monthly Meeting

Please ask Sunday meeting to hold my parents in the light. My dad is back in the hospital. -- *Carol Reed*

**May 11** (fourth day) 5:30 pm meeting for worship

Please place any book donations for the detention center in the beautiful chest created by Bill Lane for this purpose. The chest is located in our Common Room.  
--You are encouraged to sign up to provide Hospitality following meeting for worship.

--Non-perishable food continues to be needed for the Neighborhood Service Center

**May 15** (first day) 10 am meeting for worship

**May 15** (first day) Southern Quarter Spring Gathering "Spirit of The Arts" at Chester River Meeting Bring your love of all things creative and share your creative endeavors with the Quarter. Contact: Dana Kester-McCabe- [sqm@friendsmedia.org](mailto:sqm@friendsmedia.org).

**May 18** (fourth day) 5:30 pm meeting for worship

Announcements are always welcome - please send them to [hawkjm@goeaston.net](mailto:hawkjm@goeaston.net)

### Notices and reports from major Quaker organizations:

Complete text of many of these current announcements can be found on the Third Haven website <http://www.thirdhaven.org/> under Complete Text of Current Material

**PYM** needs additional contributions to reach its \$435,000 Annual fund goal.

**The American Friends Service Committee** invites you to help support conscientious

objectors in Israel by setting aside May 15th, International Conscientious Objectors Day, to honor our courageous Israeli friends.

(Date Change) Elaine Pagels Lecture - "Beyond Belief: The Secret Gospel of Thomas." Saturday, **May 21**, 2005, 9 to 12am at the Fourth and Arch Street Meeting House in Philadelphia beginning at 9:15 am. Tickets \$10. contact: Sally Rickerman, 121 Watson Mill Road, Landenberg PA 19350; 610-274-8856; [sshrr@earthlink.net](mailto:sshrr@earthlink.net)  
**May 21** (seventh day) 11:30 am Camp Dark Waters Silent Auction and Luncheon at Medford Leas. Contact: (609) 654-9517  
**May 22** (first day) 10 am FHA Spring Tour has Underground Railroad Theme in the village of Ercildoun, PA - Fallowfield Meeting is located on Route 82, two miles south of Coatesville, PA. Contact: <http://www.haverford.edu/library/fha/fha.html> or 610-896-1161

**June 4** (seventh day) 9 am to 2 pm - PYM Session on Climate Change at Friends Center

**June 4** (seventh day) 3 pm Downingtown Friends Music Festival contact Kevin Ferris at 610-701-7644 or [kferris@phillynews.com](mailto:kferris@phillynews.com)  
American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) **Mexico Summer Project** - June 26 to August 15, 2005 . Contact: Christina Repoley (215)241-7295 or [crepoley@afsc.org](mailto:crepoley@afsc.org)

July 22-24 Inquirers' Weekend on Basic Quakerism at Pendle Hill. Contact ext. 3,

800-742-3150 or 610-566-4507 or [www.pendlehill.org](http://www.pendlehill.org)

**The World Gathering of Young Friends August 16-24, 2005**, in Lancaster, England.

Contact: Connie Blood, PYM, 1515 Cherry Street, Philadelphia PA 19102.

[connieb@pym.org](mailto:connieb@pym.org)

**August 21-27** Young Friends Summer Gathering at Camp Onas, Ottsville, PA. contact

Young Friends Program Coordinator Cookie Caldwell at 215-241-7222 or

[cookiec@pym.org](mailto:cookiec@pym.org)

**Friends Institute is offering a competitive grant of \$5,000** in a business plan

competition for Young Adult Friends (age 18-40) contact: Kareem Brantley at

[k\\_brantley@yahoo.com](mailto:k_brantley@yahoo.com)

PYM's Workcamp Working Group contact

Coordinator Arin Ahlum Hanson for more information on how to get involved. Call

215-241-7236 or email [arinh@pym.org](mailto:arinh@pym.org)

Spiritual Formation Program Starts This

Fall: October 14-16, 2005. Contact:

<http://www.pym.org/worship-and-care/s-f-program.htm> or Wade Wright at 570-925-5708

**Kudos** to Ralph Young for the wonderful variety of photos he provides for these monthly newsletters and Nancy Mullen for her patient editing job.

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**Third Haven Friends Meeting - Minutes of the 4th Month 10th, 2005 Meeting for Business**

**Attending** - Paige Bethke, Larny Claggett, Lorraine B Claggett, Tom Corl, Mary Cotton, Doreen Getsinger, Marsie Hawkinson, Ginger Howell, Bob Marshall, Cathy Marvel, Nancy Mullen, Sumner Parker, Peggy Paul, Anne Rouse, Jim Rouse,

John Schreiner, Norval Thompson, Ann Williams, Irene Williams, Frank Zeigler and Joyce Zeigler.

The meeting opened with a period of silent worship. **Marsie Hawkinson, Clerk** of the Meeting, clerked the meeting for business.

**4th Query** - During the meeting for worship, Cathy Marvel read the 4th Query,

Care for the Meeting Community: 4A, Care for One Another, and 4B, Care in My Home. A Friend noted the challenges of creating and maintaining a sense of community, and noted the valuable experience and opportunity for community that Third Haven affords its members and attenders. Another Friend added that he tried to think of 1 word answers to the parts of the queries – “yes...no... so so...”. He indicated that good communications in the Meeting had enables the Meeting to move forward. A Friend added that the Meeting had done a good job of discussing our differences openly, not hiding and denying them. The discussion of the Query led to consideration of how the Meeting might more fully address the state of the Meeting either for Philadelphia Yearly Meeting or the Meeting community itself. After some further discussion, it was suggested that the 12 queries in Faith and Practice be assigned to appropriate Meeting committees, and that the committees use the queries in developing their annual reports. The Recording Clerk agreed to propose assignments of the queries to the committees for consideration by the Meeting at the next meeting for business. See the attached proposal.

**Minutes of the 3rd month 13th meeting for business** – The Meeting APPROVED the minutes of the 3rd month 13th meeting for business without change, as published in the Newsletter and distributed electronically to Friends with e-mail addresses and mailed to others

Clerk’s correspondence and announcements – **Clerk Marsie Hawkinson reported** that Caroline County Habitat for Humanity will have its 10th Anniversary celebration on 4th month 23rd at 5:00 pm. **The Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC)** will have regional meeting in New Brunswick (Canada) 5th month 20th – 23rd. She also noted newsletters from other

meetings and “Befriending Creation” from Quaker Earth Care Witness.

**Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions** – Doreen Getsinger, Marsie Hawkinson, Emma Leibman, Katie Claggett and Norval Thompson attended Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) Annual Sessions at Arch Street Meetinghouse. Those who attended reported that the budget for the coming year was approved in harmony. A workshop on economic violence was a highlight for a Friend. The program, workshops and dancing for children were excellent. Joey Rodger, the Director of the Pendle Hill Peace Network, gave a very spiritual talk. Friends indicate these meetings were very worthwhile and encouraged other Third Haven Friends to attend in the future.

**Treasurer’s report** – Sumner Parker reported for the Treasurer and presented the financial report for Third Haven through 3rd month. The income for 3rd month was \$4,182; the expenses \$3,648, for a positive net for the month of \$535. The total income for the 7th-3rd month period was \$34,977; the total expense was \$31,079; with the net income of \$3,898 in the fiscal year to date. The total current assets are \$61,054 with total current liabilities of \$6,046 the Meeting has \$55,007 net funds available. Sumner Parker noted that the Meeting is 3/4 of the way through the year and has 65% of the income planned for in the approved budget. Accordingly, Friends are encouraged to make financial contributions to achieve the proposed budget. The Meeting APPROVED the Treasurer’s report with thanks to the Treasurer and Sumner Parker. **Worship and Ministry Committee** – Bob Marshall, Clerk of the Worship and Ministry Committee, reported that in light of the Committee’s consideration of the 3rd Query, the Committee is considering the use of the “Making New Friends” survey developed by PYM and used by number of other meetings.

This consideration is informed by a sense of “spiritual discovery” and an opportunity to come to know one another in the Meeting community. Bob has talked with staff at PYM about the survey and its use. Third Haven members and attenders would complete the survey and mail then forms to PYM; staff at PYM would tabulate the results; someone from PYM would come to Third Haven to present the results and facilitate a discussion.

The Worship and Ministry Committee met with Overseers, sharing information and discussing common concerns. The joint meeting was very productive. On 4th month 23rd at the rise of meeting for worship Ralph Young and Bob Marshall will co-facilitate a discussion of an essay by Martin Luther King, Jr. on poverty as a form of violence. Childcare and lunch for the children will be provided. The discussion on simplicity, to be facilitated by Tom Corl will be rescheduled. Bob Marshall encouraged Friends to facilitate adult discussions on their spiritual discoveries or topics of interest.

**Overseers** – Paige Bethke, Clerk of Overseers, announced that Cindy Browne and her daughter Nicola Green have applied for membership. Doreen Getsinger will clerk the clearness committee.

The memorial meeting for Jane Caldwell will be on 4th month 16th at 11:00 am. The wedding of James Turrell and Kyung Lin Lee at Third Haven under the care of Flagstaff (Arizona) Friends Meeting will be on 4th month 23rd at 3:00 pm. Paige, Anne Rouse and John Schreiner are planning for Friendly 8s and should have something to announce soon. The Meeting birthday calendar is nearing completion. The proposed carriage shed sale will be deferred until the fall, to allow more time to prepare for and organize the event. Friends are encouraged to consider and make

suggestions as to how the proceeds might be used.

**Library and Outreach** – Anne Rouse, the Clerk of the Library and Outreach Committee, noted that Committee had placed an information table in the right front corner of the brick meetinghouse with copies of Faith and Practice and Ken Carroll’s book on the history on Third Haven Friends Meeting.

**Testimonies and Concerns** – Lorraine B Claggett, Clerk of the Testimonies and Concerns Committee, reported on the work of the interfaith committee on social justice, the plan to extend the soup kitchen at Asbury Methodist Church, and a proposed meeting with Congressman Wayne Gilchrist on US troops in Iraq. The Committee may bring a minute to the Meeting for approval on this last issue, consistent with a position taken by Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL). The Committee will start planning the children’s summer camp soon.

**Property and Grounds** – John Schreiner, Clerk of the Property and Grounds Committee, reported on a number of important matters confronting the Committee and the Meeting. The Property and Grounds Committee will organize a “spruce up” day on 4th month 30th beginning at 8:00 am. Friends are encouraged to come and bring a Friend and participate, for a couple of hours or all day. Members of the Committee attended a very useful workshop at PYM on the care of a meeting’s property and grounds.

This First Day there was no heat in the brick meetinghouse. There are continuing problems with the boiler, the fuel line and the oil tank. It seems likely that the heating system will have to be replaced; this will be costly, perhaps \$8-9,000. The Committee has considered this carefully. There followed some discussion of the sizeable costs, timing of various alternative

courses of action and Friends' testimony on stewardship of the environment. One of the heat exchangers for heating and cooling the common room may have to be replaced. There is persistent leak in the city water line to the meetinghouse; leaks have tripled the water bill. The Trustees probably can help with some of these expenses. After some further discussion, the Meeting referred these issues back to the Property and Grounds Committee for their discernment and authorized the Property and Grounds Committee to take such action as may be appropriate. Friends noted their concern to find long term solutions to these problems, being very mindful of our testimony on stewardship for the environment.

#### **First Day School – The First Day School**



invited children from Chester River Friends Meeting and others in Southern Quarterly Meeting to come Third Haven on 4th month 17th. The First Day School Committee coordinated with Hospitality Committee on the arrangements for the pot luck lunch.

**Communications** – Norval Thompson, Clerk of the Communications Committee, noted that the Newsletter seeks to inform Third Haven Friends about the wider Quaker community as well as the activities of the Meeting. A Friend indicated her preference for larger photographs in the Newsletter.

**Common Room** – Peggy Paul, the Clerk of the Common Room Committee, asked for

clarification on the use of the meetinghouse grounds for weddings. 1) There is no charge for weddings of under the care of the Meeting, weddings for members and attenders. 2) There is a negotiable financial contribution for weddings not under the care of the Meeting but for couples with some ties to the Meeting. 3) In current practice, there is a charge of \$500 for wedding not under the care of the Meeting, weddings for couples not affiliated with Third Haven. A Friend stated that this rate is far below that charged for comparable facilities. Friends suggested that the forthcoming Turrell-Lee wedding, at Third Haven under the care of Flagstaff Friends Meeting, might be considered to have ties to Third Haven through the Religious Society of Friends (see 2 above). There was some discussion of the expenses that the Meeting incurs related to weddings on the grounds. A Friend indicated that a forthcoming article in Washingtonian magazine may report that Third Haven is an attractive and desirable site for weddings; this may increase demand. Friends are reminded that weddings can take place at Third Haven only with the recommendation of Overseers and the approval of the meeting for business. In light of this discussion, the Common Room Committee will consult and may bring forward new policy language on fees charges for the use of the buildings and grounds for weddings.

The meeting for business closed with a period of silent worship.

The next Third Haven meeting for business will be at the rise of meeting for worship 5th month 8th. --Respectfully submitted, -

*Tom Corl, Recording Clerk --Third Haven Friends Meeting*

#### **Proposed Assignments of the Queries to Meeting Committees**

To Guide the Preparation of Annual Reports – Query Committee

- 1 Meeting for Worship -- Worship and Ministry Committee
- 2 Meeting for Business -- Overseers and Nominating Committee
- 3 Spiritual Nurture, Ministry and Religious Education -- Worship and Ministry Committee
- 4 Care for the Meeting Community -- Overseers
- 5 Education -- First Day School Committee
- 6 Equality -- Testimonies and Concerns Committee

- 7 Social Responsibility and Witness -- Communications Committee
- 8 Peace -- Testimonies and Concerns Committee
- 9 Ministry and Outreach -- Library and Outreach Committee
- 10 Stewardship of the Environment -- Property and Grounds Committee
- 11 Stewardship of Resources --Budget and Finance Committee
- 12 Integrity and Simplicity --Hospitality Committee

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### **Thank You Friends –Property and Grounds**



Thanks to over 30 hard working souls (including Mary Cotton weeding above), our grounds and buildings are more orderly, brighter, more colorful and spiffier than they were before the last Saturday in April where showers clearly are bringing May flowers. Leaves and pine needles were raked; rhododendron pruned (1st take) Common room light fixtures cleaned, window washed inside and out, folding chairs cleaned, Old

meeting house window washed outside and in, crusher-run applied to drive way low spots, selective pruning done to key shrubs and trees, dead limbs and branches removed, and one blossoming cherry planted along wall near the CR parking area and two apple trees planted along the lane and brick wall near where the big pine fell last year. All this done w/ smiles and team work despite a spitting sky at times. Kudos to all who participated .... listed here in no particular order: Bubbles Shattuck, Steve Moore and son Ian, Mary Cotton (organizer supreme), John Hawkinson, Marcie Hawkinson, Candace Shattuck, Betty Jean Wheeler, Larnie Claggett, The Kemp chainsaw team Bob Sr. and Butch, Pete Howell, Ginger Howell, Paige Bethke & son Brandt and his friend Wade, Sam Webster, Tylor Wrightson (tree donor), Winslow Womack, Helen Womack, Sally Vermilye, Anne Williams (purveyor of energy), Leigh Ann Dodge, Heidi Wetzel, Tommy Bartlett, Ralph Young, Clay Owens, Jake Mullen and friend, Talley, plus Craig Smith who not only bush-hogged the back forty but left us his precious and useful front loader to use. Respectfully submitted by a grateful P&G clerk, *John Schreiner*

**Worship and Ministry's Adult education -- reading provided by Clerk Bob Marshall - Ralph Young presenter**

Excerpts from 'My Pilgrimage to Nonviolence' - M.L.King, Jr. – Sept.1, 1958 New York, N.Y.

This shortened version of chapter six of Stride Toward Freedom appeared in the September issue of Fellowship. In it, King traces the philosophical and theological underpinnings of his commitment to nonviolence, stating that "Gandhi was probably the first person in history to lift the love ethic of Jesus above mere interaction between individuals to a powerful and effective social force on a large scale." King affirms his conviction that nonviolent resistance is "one of the most potent weapons available to oppressed people in their quest for social justice."

-\*\*I had also learned that the inseparable twin of racial injustice was economic injustice

\*\* I could never get out of my mind the economic insecurity of many of my playmates and the tragic poverty of those living around me. --in a plant that hired both Negroes and whites... I saw economic injustice firsthand, and realized that the poor white was exploited just as much as the Negro. Through these early experiences I grew up deeply conscious of the varieties of injustice in our society.

\*\*I Read Thoreau's Essay on Civil Disobedience for the first time. Fascinated by the idea of refusing to cooperate with an evil system, I was so deeply moved ... This was my first intellectual contact with the theory of nonviolent resistance

\*\*..At Crozer Theological Seminary in 1948 I came early to Walter Rauschenbusch's Christianity and the Social Crisis, , he came perilously close to identifying the Kingdom

of God with a particular social and economic system---a tendency which should never befall the Church. But in spite of these shortcomings Rauschenbusch had done a great service for the Christian Church by insisting that the gospel deals with the whole man, not only his soul but his body; not only his spiritual well-being but his material well-being. It has been my conviction ever since reading Rauschenbusch that any religion which professes to be concerned about the souls of men and is not concerned about the social and economic conditions that scar the soul, is a spiritually moribund religion only waiting for the day to be buried.... "A religion that ends with the individual, ends." \*\*I turned to a serious study of the social and ethical theories of the great philosophers, from Plato and Aristotle down to Rousseau, Hobbes, Bentham, Mill, and Locke. All of these masters stimulated my thinking---such as it was---and, while finding things to question in each of them, I nevertheless learned a great deal from their study.

The Communist Manifesto.

\*\*First I rejected their materialistic interpretation of history. Communism, avowedly secularistic and materialistic, has no place for God. This I could never accept, for as a Christian I believe that there is a creative personal power in this universe who is the ground and essence of all reality--a power that cannot be explained in materialistic terms. History is ultimately guided by spirit, not matter.

Since for the Communist there is no divine government, no absolute moral order, there are no fixed, immutable principles; consequently almost anything--force, violence, murder, lying--is a justifiable means to the "millennial" end. This type of relativism was abhorrent to me. Constructive ends can never give absolute moral justification to destructive means,

because in the final analysis the end is preexistent in the mean.

-- in communism the individual ends up in subjection to the state. True, the Marxist would argue that the state is an "interim" reality which is to be eliminated when the classless society emerges; but the state is the end while it lasts, and man only a means to that end. And if any man's so-called rights or liberties stand in the way of that end, they are simply swept aside. His liberties of expression, his freedom to vote, his freedom to listen to what news he likes or to choose his books are all restricted. Man becomes hardly more, in communism, than a depersonalized cog in the turning wheel of the state.

-\*\*.-Communism challenged the late Archbishop (William Temple, ) and it should challenge every Christian--as it challenged me---to a growing concern about social justice. With all of its false assumptions and evil methods, communism grew as a protest against the hardships of the underprivileged. Communism in theory emphasized a classless society, and a concern for social justice, though the world knows from sad experience that in practice it created new classes and a new lexicon of injustice. The Christian ought always to be challenged by any protest against unfair treatment of the poor, for Christianity is itself such a protest, nowhere expressed more eloquently than in Jesus' words: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor: he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." Marx interpreted economic forces as the dialectical process ...which left out of account the numerous and significant complexities---political, economic, moral, religious, and psychological---which played

a vital role in shaping the constellation of institutions and ideas known today as Western civilization.

But in spite of the shortcomings of his analysis, Marx had raised some basic questions. I was deeply concerned from my early teen days about the gulf between superfluous wealth and abject poverty,... Although modern American capitalism had greatly reduced the gap through social reforms, there was still need for a better distribution of wealth.... capitalism is always in danger of inspiring men to be more concerned about making a living than making a life. We are prone to judge success by the index of our salaries or the size of our automobiles, rather than by the quality of our service and relationship to humanity-- thus capitalism can lead to a practical materialism that is as pernicious as the materialism taught by communism. My reading of Marx also convinced me that truth is found neither in Marxism nor in traditional capitalism. Each represents a partial truth. Historically capitalism failed to see the truth in collective enterprise, and Marxism failed to see the truth in individual enterprise. Nineteenth century capitalism failed to see that life is social and Marxism failed and still fails to see that life is individual and personal. The Kingdom of God is neither the thesis of individual enterprise nor the antithesis of collective enterprise, but a synthesis which reconciles the truths of both.

\*\*I felt that while war could never be a positive or absolute good, it could serve as a negative good in the sense of preventing the spread and growth of an evil force. War, horrible as it is, might be preferable to surrender to a totalitarian system--Nazi, Fascist, or Communist.

\*\*--one Sunday afternoon I traveled to Philadelphia to hear a sermon by Dr. Mordecai Johnson, had who just returned from a trip to India, and, to my great

interest, he spoke of the life and teachings of Mahatma Gandhi...\*\*. The whole concept of "Satyagraha" (Satya is truth which equals love, and agraha is force; "Satyagraha," therefore, means truth-force or love force) was profoundly significant to me. As I delved deeper into the philosophy of Gandhi my skepticism concerning the power of love gradually diminished, and I came to see for the first time its potency in the area of social reform. Prior to reading Gandhi, I had about concluded that the ethics of Jesus were only effective in individual relationship. The "turn the other cheek" philosophy and the "love your enemies" philosophy were only valid, I felt, when individuals were in conflict with other individuals; when racial groups and nations were in conflict a more realistic approach seemed necessary. But after reading Gandhi, I saw how utterly mistaken I was.

\*It was in this Gandhian emphasis on love and nonviolence that I discovered the method for social reform that I had been seeking for so many months.... I came to feel that this was the only morally and practically sound method open to oppressed people in their struggle for freedom.

-- My study of Gandhi convinced me that true pacifism is not nonresistance to evil, but nonviolent resistance to evil.... Gandhi resisted evil with as much vigor and power as the violent resister, but he resisted with love instead of hate...\*\*. True pacifism is not unrealistic submission to evil power, as Niebuhr contends. It is rather a courageous confrontation of evil by the power of love, in the faith that it is better to be the recipient of violence than the inflictor of it, since the latter only multiplies the existence of violence and bitterness in the universe, while the former may develop a sense of shame in the opponent, and thereby bring about a transformation and change of heart. -\*\*---While I still believed in man's potential for good, Niebuhr made me realize

his potential for evil as well. Moreover, Niebuhr helped me to recognize the complexity of man's social involvement and the glaring reality of collective evil.

\*\*... I felt then, and I feel now, that the pacifist would have a greater appeal if he did not claim to be free from the moral dilemmas that the Christian nonpacifist confronts\*\*...It was my revolt against these attitudes under the influence of Niebuhr that accounts for the fact that in spite of my strong leaning toward pacifism, I never joined a pacifist organization. After reading Niebuhr, \*\*I tried to arrive at a realistic pacifism. In other words, , I came to see the pacifist position not as sinless but as the lesser evil in the circumstances.

\*\*Both Dean Muelder and Dr. Chalmers had a passion for social justice that stemmed, not from a superficial optimism, but from a deep faith in the possibilities of human beings when they allowed themselves to become co-workers with God. It was at Boston University that I came to see that Niebuhr had overemphasized the corruption of human nature. His pessimism concerning human nature was not balanced by an optimism concerning divine nature. He was so involved in diagnosing man's sickness of sin that he overlooked the cure of grace.

\*\*--Edgar S. Brightman and L. Harold DeWolf. Both men greatly stimulated my thinking. It was mainly under these teachers that I studied personalistic philosophy--the theory that the clue to the meaning of ultimate reality is found in personality. This personal idealism remains today my basic philosophical position. Personalism's insistence that only personality--finite and infinite--is ultimately real strengthened me in two convictions: it gave me metaphysical and philosophical grounding for the idea of a personal God, and it gave me a metaphysical basis for the dignity and worth of all human personality.

\*\*Hegel's contention that "truth is the whole" led me to a philosophical method of rational coherence.

\*\*When I went to Montgomery as a pastor, I had not the slightest idea that I would later become involved in a crisis in which nonviolent resistance would be applicable. I neither started the protest nor suggested it....

When the protest began, my mind, consciously or unconsciously, was driven back to the Sermon on the Mount, with its sublime teachings on love, and the Gandhian

method of nonviolent resistance. As the days unfolded, I came to see the power of nonviolence more and more. Living through the actual experience of the protest, nonviolence became more than a method to which I gave intellectual assent; it became a commitment to a way of life. Many of the things that I had not cleared up intellectually concerning nonviolence were now solved in the sphere of practical action.

PD. Fellowship 24, 1 September 1958.

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### **Testimonies and Concerns**

Another opportunity for service will arise when an interfaith group from the community makes plans to continue the Asbury Church soup kitchen throughout the year. We hope our Meeting will take a week, perhaps one each month, making and serving the food for this lunch-time meal. Please speak to members of Testimonies and Concerns to find out how you can help.

Members of the Meeting will join others from P.E.A.C.E. to meet with Representative Wayne Gilchrest on the Eastern Shore to ask him to join the movement to have Congress clarify the

United States' present ambiguous intentions in Iraq with a simple statement: It is the policy of the United States to withdraw all military troops and bases from Iraq. The congressman will inform us of a date. All are welcome and we ask that the Meeting, also, adopt this resolution

Testimonies and concerns publishes the following list of organizations to which we have donated either \$50 or \$25 within the last three years so that members may respond with their suggestions for this present year's contributions. Please add new ones or specify which current ones you would continue.

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### **Budget And Finance**

Has Your Committee Submitted its 2005-2006 budget to the Budget And Finance Committee? Please remember that good financial stewardship includes your financial commitment to Quakerism, Philadelphia

Yearly Meeting, Friends General Conference, Monthly Meetings etc. "I believe we can manage Overseers next year with 30% less in our budget." *P. Bethke*

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### **The PYM Annual Fund Update**

*Annual Fund Rep- Larny Claggett. Interim Meeting liaison- Doreen Getsinger --* 2004/2005 Goal \$435,000. Raised to date 2/22/05: \$261,394 from 1,298 donors who made 1,693 gifts. Previous year, same date:

\$266,084.61 from 1,566 donors who made 2,040 gifts. The efforts of the Annual Fund Representatives and the phonation volunteers are the key to the success of the Annual Fund. May Phonation: Wednesday, May 26 & Thursday **May 27 June**

**Phonation:** Monday, June 6 & Tuesday June 7 Friends, raising \$173,606 before 6/30 is doable. Please reach Friends with your

report and get them into the .... We are one body.

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### **Annual report of the Hospitality Committee**

We have been blessed with many hospitality offerings throughout the year. Many among you have contributed to the spontaneous unstructured gatherings in the Common Room following worship. We are running slightly ahead of our budget, but try to maintain adequate supplies of essentials. We sincerely thank all friends who have

provided both food and generous effort on first days.

Please don't be shy about signing up since this ministry brings us together in joy and good fellowship. We encourage you to sign up as a team in order to lighten the task and to get better acquainted. We project similar activities and a similar budget for the next year.

*Ann Williams & John Hawkinson Co-Clerks*

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### **Third Haven Friends Meeting Prison Action Program**



Ann Rouse and Mary Young are shown working in the Talbot County Detention Center Library. The Library was created by the Third Haven Friends Meeting Prison Action Program and came to fruition through the efforts of the volunteer library staff consisting of Ann, Mary(a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church), George McManus (another UU member) and Ralph Young. The initial couple hundred or so books stacked in the middle of the floor has

become a lending library of almost 5000 books neatly arranged in bookshelves (provided by the detention center) and cataloged. Each housing unit in the detention center has a complete listing of books in the library and the inmates order books by catalog numbers. During a typical week, forty to eighty books will be loaned to the inmates. The volunteer staff maintain the library by entering new books into the library data base, filling inmate orders for books, tracking each book and creating a new listing for the inmates about every six months. Donations of books to the library are always welcome. Of particular need are Humor books, Multicultural books (particularly African American), books on Poetry, Mysteries and Textbooks. Donated books which do not make it into the detention center library (i.e. copies of the book may already be in the library), are donated to the Talbot County Free Library for them to sell. Please place any book donations in the beautiful chest created by Bill Lane for this purpose. The chest is located in our Common Room. *Ralph Young*

## **Library and Outreach**

On Sunday, May 1, I spoke in Meeting For Worship of the importance of reading any of the four major, modern Quaker writers: Rufus Jones, Howard Brinton, Henry Cadbury and Douglas Steere.

As members of the Religious Society of Friends, we should not neglect the explanations, the insights, the inspirations that are available from our own noted modern leadership. Quakerism is not a group of religious ideas that we absorb just because we attend Meeting for Worship. If we give more than lip service to the formation of our faith, we will continue to seek and search for truths that these four men have made available by simply picking up one of their books.

Friends might want to become more familiar with the areas of Quakerism that Douglas Steere and the other three authors have written about, mainly - the general emphasis of their work. As Friends we might want to become more conversant about the Bible, and about the depth of Quakerism as expressed by our modern 'heavyweight' authors.

Each of us can choose his or her own approach. We do have copies of many of the books and pamphlets that were written by these insightful authors. I would guess that some of our newer members have a greater depth of understanding about Quakerism than some of us who have been members longer. Ours is a faith of continuous revelation, of continuous seeking, thus being able to have the satisfaction that we have chosen the right path. ----*Frank Zeigler*

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Everyone welcome