



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

*I believe in the sun even when I cannot see it
I believe in love even when I cannot feel it
I believe in God even when God is silent
Stephen Cary*

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Eighth Day, Ninth Month 2019



Opening Silent Worship Molly Brian, Clerk of the Meeting, gathered together the meeting for worship with attention to business at 11:45 a.m. with a brief period of silence

Attending: 32 attended: Molly Brian, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Tom Corl, Benita Cooper, Susan Dickinson, Stephanie French, Doreen Getsinger, Jeanne Halpin, Marsie Hawkinson, John Hawkinson, Katherine Johnson, Larissa Kitenko, Bill Lane Jr., Conniue Lewis, Joyce Macijeski, Beth Mufson, Cynthia Quast, Carolyn Regan, Bob Regan, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, Bill Schauer, John Schreiner, Jon Slocum, Dona Sorce, Ben Tilghman, Paige Tilghman, Bob Wack, Kevin Walsh, Winslow Womack

Comments on Ninth Query, Equality and Justice (read at Meeting for Worship)
The vocal ministry reminded us that people like Dale Skinner and Ralph Young are examples of Tolstoy's idea that we must do what we can for the people around us. Another Friend questioned what we do in our meeting to know the systemic problems and do something about them.

Approval of minutes from Sixth Month business meeting-Approved

From the Clerk's Desk- Molly Brian

Wisdom Circles-Larissa Kitenko-An ecumenical center in Hillsboro, Md. for centering and meditation workshops will be using our facilities. Events, whether part of THMM or aligned with Quaker values, are posted in the weekly announcements, online calendar and paper calendar in the Common Room.
(event cancelled)

Ralph Young Memorial-People are beginning to fill the large shoes Ralph left with so many contributions to Third Haven activities. Memorial service for Ralph in the manner of Friends, incorporating faith communities with which he was involved, will be October 12, 1p.m. at Third Haven. We will all pitch in to cover parking, food and hospitality. We anticipate accommodating a large group and will plan accordingly for seating and parking. Donations may be sent to Third Haven Friends Meeting, Treasurer, P.O. Box 2379, Easton. Md. 21601. Committee to handle this: Molly Brian, convener, Beth Mufson, Paige Tilghman, Dona Sorce, and Lorraine Claggett. Communications Committee is actively seeking a volunteer to take the place of Ralph as Meeting photographer.

Scholarships for conferences-THMM has money available to help members and attenders attend Quaker conferences. Pendle Hill often offers matching scholarships for some programs. Katherine Johnson will be attending a year long program at Pendle Hill with a gift from our Meeting. She will plan on presenting a program to us on her studies. Southern Quarter also has scholarship money available.

Hospitality Annual Report – *Susan Dickinso, Bill Schauer* Accepted with thanks.



The Hospitality Committee of Third Haven Monthly Meeting coordinates refreshments after the Rise of Meeting each First Day throughout the year. Official Committee members are Bill Schauer, Dolores Wack, Heidi Wetzel, and Mary Yancey but more importantly, ad hoc members are all those individuals who volunteer to assist with this by signing up on the sign-up sheet that is posted on the refrigerator in the Common Room. There are no formal committee meetings.

This year, Hospitality involved over 30 Third Haven Monthly Meeting members and attenders who continue to generously give of their time and talents in preparing coffee, setting a table with refreshments, greeting newcomers, and making sure the Common Room is as they found it before leaving. Thank you all – you make hospitality a success.

The Hospitality Committee works with other committees to support special activities and celebrations throughout the year. This past year's events included the annual Christmas and Easter celebrations, the Moving Up Day Picnic, and the annual new Members and Attenders luncheon. This year we will also be supporting the First Day School Open House on September 20th.

All members and attenders are encouraged to assist with weekly Hospitality by coming early to make coffee and set out food, to provide food, and stay after the Rise of Meeting to greet newcomers as well as help clean up. Providing hospitality is a gift and mostly a way to get to know each other and strengthen our community.

End of fiscal year Treasurer's Report- Cynthia Quast

Treasurer's Report for fiscal year-end 2018-2019, as of 6/30/19.

In our year-end Budget versus Actual report, our member income was almost \$38,700 or 70% of the budget. Our total income was over \$68,800 or 92% of the budget. Our ordinary expenses for the year were over \$57,800. This gave us a net income of almost \$3,000.

On our Balance Sheet we had just over \$58,000 in our local operating bank account, and over \$68,700 in our operating investment account at Friends Fiduciary. On the Prior Year Comparison report our total income for the year was 17% less than last year however our ordinary expenses were 3% less than last year not including the Common Room expenses. Our net income was \$5,500 or 65% less than last year. Details on spread sheets may be found on the website, <http://www.thirdhaven.org>.

Scholarship Annual Report - Marsie Hawkinson Accepted with thanks



The Society of Friends has considered the education of its members of high importance going back to its earliest times. Two of its schools, Penn Charter, in Chestnut Hill, PA and Friends Select School in Philadelphia, were founded as early as 1689. This committee continues to encourage the education of its members through Scholarship grants to students.

Because of the generosity of the Meeting and individual Friends, special grants were made to Katie Claggett for her internship at the Quaker United Nations Organization and to Juliette Neill to attend Summer School at Yale. For this

Fall semester we have increased grants to \$800. for those attending Quaker Schools and \$400. for non-Quaker schools. For the Spring we hope to increase grants again. Our policy remains that those attending Quaker schools receive double the grant as those in non-Quaker schools.

The Committee has discussed further promotion of Friends Schools for students and their families who are approaching high school and college. One thought is to offer visits to the schools – Sandy Spring, George School, Westtown. Another would be to invite the schools to send representatives to a gathering which we would hold – possibly in January or February.

Our Scholarship recipients for the Fall are:

Nathan Mullen – senior – Wesleyan University	\$400.
Laurence Claggett – senior – St. Mary's University	\$400.
Juliette Neil – junior – Yale University	\$400.
Emma Leibman – University of Maryland	\$400.
Maya Claggett – sophomore – Earlham College	\$800.
Sophie Neil – freshman – Georgetown University	\$400.
Total	\$2800.

Students coming along in the pipeline are:

Atticus Leibman – senior – Frederick High School

Zadoc Bond – junior – St. Andrews School

Max McCall – junior – Easton High School

Serena Claggett – 10th grade – Annapolis High School

Maeve Mufson – 7th grade – Country School

Molly McCall – 5th grade – Country School

Guiseppe Colburn -

Liam Owsley-Ewing – 5th

Finley Owsley-Ewing – 3rd grade

Riley Jane Ewing –

Currently our funds are:

At Friends Fiduciary (6/30/19):

Endowment Fund: \$133,821.09

Operating Fund: \$11,964.66

At Shore United Bank(9/3/19): \$521.71

New Business

Peace Pole status- Testimonies and Concerns worked with Ralph Young to get a pole from Peace Pole International, the founder of which just died! Hence, the pole was delayed and is no longer available from this source. Property and Grounds is pursuing an alternative. Members suggested a sign carver be employed in the hopes of completing in time for Ralph's memorial service.

Annapolis Md. Archives-Larry Claggett on a visit to Annapolis researched Third Haven's minutes there, which are now technologically accessible. He noted in the 1970s the enrollment of 83 members 40 junior members and the donation of \$25 per member to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and questioned how our contributions to PYM have maintained that pace.

Library- Joyce Macijeski- How Doctors Think will be available in our library.

Friends Committee on National Legislation notified us that Willaim Penn House in Washington, D.C. continues to be open and available to accommodate Friends lobbying in D.C.

Long Range Planning committee is drafting a letter to seek an architect's help in meeting our objectives for renovating our campus to support our meeting's activities.

Henry Lane was welcomed in membership.

The meeting closed with silent worship at 1:00 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>

Quakerism 101

Interested in learning more about Quakers? This Meeting's version of "Quakerism 101" is being taught by members of Worship and Ministry in 5 more sessions to be held on 9/29, 10/6, 10/20, 10/27 and 11/3 at 11:45-1:00 (at the rise of meeting after hospitality). Each session will focus on a topic of interest to new members, attenders and those curious about Quakerism. Books and pamphlets provided. Anyone in meeting who has an interest, please contact Gwen Beegle. gwenpb27@gmail.com

Introduction to Quakerism	completed
Faith	September 29
Testimonies	October 6
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History	November 3

Course outline:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EVTZWaST7-ecFQikABF9V1sc18TlkotErE3V6iXa_II/edit?usp=sharing

You can pick up the Q101 materials on in the Common Room.

In the Q101 packet, you'll find a brief outline and recommended preparation materials for each session. THFM has purchased copies of two books (*The Quaker Way: A Rediscovery* (2013) by Rex Ambler and *Letters to a Fellow Seeker* (2012) by Steve Chase) and a pamphlet (PHP #307 *Beyond Consensus: Salvaging the Sense of the Meeting* by Barry Morley) for participants. Each session also includes options for your preparation, to include book chapters or QuakerSpeak videos on the topic. If you prefer to use videos rather than read the books, please feel free to do so.

October 11 - 13

Spiritual Formation Weekend Retreat

Starting at 4 pm on the 11th & ending at 2 pm on the 13th.

Location: Kenbrook Retreat Center, 190 Pine Meadow Rd, Lebanon, PA 17046

Kenbrook is a 100 acre wooded rural setting with plentiful walking trails, a small lake for boating and fishing, comfortable meeting spaces, hotel-style rooms with attached baths and amenities, and a bright and cheerful dining room with meal options for vegans and vegetarians.

Cost

2-night stay with 6 meals: \$213 for a single room; \$185 per person for double occupancy

Scholarships available

For more information about this event contact: **Susan Thompson**, 267-847-6396
sthompson@healthfederation.org

October 12 (Saturday)

Memorial Service for Ralph Young

Service at 1 PM in the Old Meeting House. Members and Attenders of the Meeting are encouraged to park on Trippe Avenue. Food contributions for the reception are welcome.

October 19 (Saturday)

NAACP-Talbot County Branch

We are pleased to announce our Annual Freedom Fund Luncheon is set for October 19, 2019 at 1:00pm. Easton Church of God, Family Life Center. Keynote Speaker is Retired Army General Larry Ellis. This year theme is Service To Our Country, Service To Our communities. Tickets are \$40.00 If you are interested please see Doreen Getsinger, our meeting representative. 410-822-4591 dcgets@atlanticbb.net

December 7 (Saturday)

Fall Clean Up Date organized by Property and Grounds

Soil Testing

Envision the Choptank is offering free residential soil testing for Talbot County residents in the Choptank River watershed. Soil testing can help homeowners improve the quality of their lawn, prevent the runoff of excess fertilizer into nearby waterways and promote a healthier Choptank River and Chesapeake Bay If you are interested in testing the soil around your home, please contact Whitley Gray at wgray@eslc.org or 410-507-0542.

Photographer Wanted

We are sad to have lost Friend Ralph Young who served as our newsletter photographer for many years. Without him, our newsletter lacks the photos which animated it. Would you be willing to step into the breach and help us? If you enjoy photography, be assured that your efforts will be appreciated by the entire meeting. To discuss the opportunity please call John Hawkinson 410-829-2982 or email hawkjm@goeaston.net

First Day School Fall Schedule

October

6 Nature Seekers *with Kristen Hanlon*

13 Queries and Reflections *with Jeanne Halpin*

20 Faith & Play *with Susan Claggett*

27 Social Action: Marilla's Lunches *Third Haven action on local hunger*

November

3 Nature Seekers *with Cherie Baron and Kristen Hanlon*

10 Queries and Reflections *with Jeanne Halpin*

17 Faith & Play *with Susan Claggett*

24 Social Action: Weather and Climate (Part 2) *with Dona Sorce*

December

1 Annual Wreath-making *Tradition of the kids making wreaths for the Meeting buildings*

8 Spiritual Journey *Special session that asks the kids to tell their story of Spirit*

15 Christmas Story *Quaker telling of the Christmas story*

22 Children's Christmas Pageant *Another annual Third Haven holiday tradition!*

29 First Day School Break

Letter to the Scholarship Committee

Happy Labor Day! I hope this email finds you well!

I wanted first to thank you so much again for your continued support of me and all my sisters. It means the world to us... probably more than you can know!!!

Thanks to your support, PYM again offered me \$2500 - an incredibly generous grant. Unfortunately, even with this support, I was not able to get together enough funding to attend Oxford this year. I am hoping to try again next year, though, because it continues to be a dream of mine, and also, I think, key to my career, to receive a PhD. Stay tuned! I'll be in touch.

This fall, I'll be preparing applications again. My partner will be transferred to Hong Kong for an interim work position, and as I've just finished up a consulting job for the UN & the Open Society Foundations, I've decided to go with him and work on applications from there. I don't know if you remember, but I lived in mainland China, quite close to HK, from 2014-2016. I'm really looking forward to being back in that part of the world for a little while. That's it on the update front for now!

I hope all is well with you and at Third Haven. I send all my gratitude and good thoughts to everyone in the community.

Best,

Maggie Neil

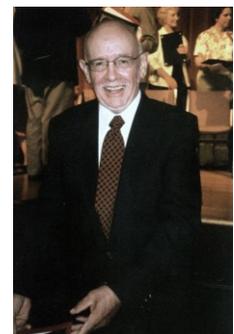
Ralph Young Condolences



Ralph Young died peacefully on the morning of August 16, 2019 at Shore Memorial Hospital in Easton surrounded by loved ones.

Ralph was born on September 17, 1932 in Pawtucket, RI to parents Ralph E. Young Sr and Kathryn Flanagan Young. He moved to the DC area when he joined the US Navy in 1952. Ralph worked as a Substance Abuse Counselor in Alexandria, VA. for many years. After he retired, he moved with his wife, Mary, to Easton, MD to take advantage of small town life and numerous places to kayak. He became an active member of Third Haven Friends Meeting and involved himself in many aspects of Quaker service. Ralph rarely met a community service project

he didn't like. He was twice nominated for the "Talbot You are Beautiful" Award for his volunteer activities. He participated in Talbot Association of Clergy & Laity (TACL), spearheaded the Hunger Coalition, initiated Marilla's Lunches, worked tirelessly for Alternatives to Violence (AVP), PEACE, and the Talbot County Detention Library.



Along with Asbury Methodist Church he coordinated a Thanksgiving dinner for shut-ins that became an annual event. In his "spare" time, he loved kayaking, motorcycling well into his 80s, photography and walks with Sophie, his canine companion. Other people were drawn to join Ralph in all he did.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Mary, of Easton; three sons, Joseph of Crofton; Daniel (Jill) of Lusby and Patrick (Marianne) of Richmond; grandchildren: Eric Young, Laura Young, and Weston Banton (Jessica) and one great grandchild, Jaylen Banton.

Those who knew Ralph will miss him greatly. His good nature, strong sense of justice, and integrity live on in all who met him.

A meeting for worship memorial service will be held at Third Haven Friends Meeting, 405 South Washington Street, Easton, MD on October 12, at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Ralph's memory may be sent to Third Haven Friends Meeting.

Robert Shattuck Condolences



Please hold in the Light: Robert Shattuck, who died peacefully at 10 AM Friday, October 4, 2019, at Hospice House, and his family. Notification of arrangements will be forthcoming.

Quakerism 101

Worship and Ministry continues teaching Quakerism 101 for Third Haven Friends Meeting. Dates and sessions are:

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Each session also includes options for your preparation, to include book chapters or *QuakerSpeak* videos on the topic. If you prefer to use videos rather than read the books, please feel free to do so.

While we would like for each person to come to the session prepared by reading or viewing materials, we also recognize that everyone has busy lives that may interfere with their preparation. Please don't feel that you can't come to a session if you haven't done the reading. Just come as you are. We also understand if you will need to miss a session. Just come as much as you can.

Updates from the Upstairs of the Meetinghouse:

First Day School: The giggling was contagious this morning in our First Day School, if only the attached pictures had sound! Kevin Walsh surprised and delighted our group



of nine kids today with his collection of puppets and a grand stage! First Day School is often filled with stories, but puppets made the stories come alive! Each child had a chance to try out the marionette-style puppets, learning to hold them and move the strings, all the while conjuring stories to match. At first the kids were hesitant - it's not easy to put on a show - but, by the end of the hour, Handsel, Gretel, Croager the Frog, Little Pig (along with guest appearances from Emilie's barbie doll and Daven's stuffed animal frog) were in the midst of very noisy, joyful dance party. Susan and Kevin worked with the kids bring their ideas to life, all the while highlighting the joys of imagination and the power of a good story. Thank you to Kevin for the delightful time! We so appreciate you sharing your talent with First Day School.

Family Open House: First Day School hosted our second annual Family Open House on Friday, and we were thrilled to welcome 20 children and their families! Everyone enjoyed a kid-friendly supper (think: mac & cheese, chicken nuggets, applesauce, and popcorn - along with Dona's delicious chili and plates of fruits and veggies), and then the children joined our First Day School teachers, Cherie and Kristen, on a dusk-time bug hunt. The kids took lanterns into the woods to view Third Haven's grounds in the near



dark, reading books about silhouettes and shadows, and collecting little creatures as they explored. Meanwhile in the Common Room, parents, Meeting members, and our wonderful guest speaker, PYM's Melinda Wenner Bradley, gathered in a circle to discuss "How to Raise your Children in the Light." Candace offered her summary of the history of Third Haven and our relevancy today, and Melinda shared with us her wisdom about children's spiritual lives. Such honesty and bravery emerged from our group: parents spoke aloud a yearning for connection, desire to deny an emptiness, to find community, to eagerly step into the new. We all left our time together with tummies and hearts filled. Thank you to the many who worked together to make this event happen. Hoping we will see some of our new families in Meeting soon!

Quaker Connections



Thanks to Friends who shared wonderful pictures in this month's newsletter. We welcome pictures from all sources!



Let us be silent that we may
hear the whisper of God

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

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