

Third Haven Friends Meeting

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November, 2026 Newsletter

"The place of prayer is a precious habitation… I saw this habitation to be safe, to be inwardly quiet, when there was great stirrings and commotions in the world." *John Woolman 1770*

Third Haven Friends Meeting
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
Eleventh Day, Tenth Month, 2026



Opening Silent Worship- Clerk Larny Claggett opened the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Attendance: Jim Altman, Molly Brian, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Kristen Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Janet Kemp, Amy Kimball, Amy Kozak, Bill Lane, Marie Leonard, Clinton Pettus, Kathryn Pettus, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, Ellen Schecter, Thomas Sinnott, Paige Tilghman, Mary Yancey

Comments on the Tenth Query-Witnessing in the World: Ministry of Outreach
Reconstituting Talbot Assoc of Clergy and Laity is wonderful.

Minutes from Ninth Month-<u>Approved</u>



Financial Update-*Bill Lane, Kristen Hawkinson* **<u>Accepted</u>**
Third Haven has positive account balances at banks and Friends Fiduciary. The building committee has money as does tree succession plan. The Bob Kemp fund, $10,000 donated about 10 years ago, has grown to $36,000 for use by people with environmental interests and education. Our overall budget is $86,000. We have received $11,758 of budgeted $15,00 from attenders, $16,434 of budgeted $70,488 from members and $740 from other sources. With other income we have received total of $28,932. Our expenses to date have been $18,836. Questions about the budget and balance sheet may go to Kristen

Hawkinson and Janet Kemp. This is our status with 1/4 of our fiscal year gone. End of year giving is coming and usually strong. Please consider giving. New donation envelopes will soon be available. We need money for projects and physical plant costs. Donations may be put in the Treasurer's mail slot in the Common Room closet, mailed to Third Haven, or handed to Janet or Kristen. Some banks permit online contributions from checking with the Third Haven address as payee. Individual Retirement Accounts and Donor Advised Funds also facilitate Qualified Charitable Distributions.

First Day School Annual Report-*Paige Tilghman* **Accepted**
First Day School Committee met throughout the year to determine curriculum based on materials from PYM and in keeping with Quaker Testimonies. We have had a few families visit sporadically throughout the year and welcomed children from ages 4 to 14. Highlights for the year included an extraordinary Easter Egg Hunt in the Spring attended by many members and attenders. We are also especially grateful for the invitation from Pastoral Care to include our youngest and newest members at the New Members and Attenders Luncheon held on 9th month, 27th where we met Emelia Gray Nowicki, a 16th generation Third Haven Friends member. Her Great Aunt, Susan Claggett offers a Faith & Play story on the last First Day of the month to all who attend. We hope to grow First Day School to facilitate regular programs and holiday celebrations.
The First Day School rooms have been fully renovated and stocked to include a room for younger children, a room for older children and a space for new mothers and infants. Book cases in each room are fully stocked with books that have been gifted by members of Third Haven that are diverse and enjoyed by the children for their expansive topics.

Third Haven did not offer a summer camp through a third party contractor in 2026. We recognize this to be a missed opportunity for outreach to families and children who may be interested in Third Haven and we hope to visit the possibility of hosting this event again in the future.

The First Day Committee includes Paige Tilghman and Katie Claggett as Co Clerks, and Susan Claggett and Sarah Claggett as members. Respectfully submitted by Paige Tilghman.

Nominating Committee, Brief Update-*Paige Tilghman/Mary Yancey/Jim Altman*
Nominating Committee, made up of Paige Tilghman, Mary Yancey and James Altman requested that you reach out to them if you are not serving on a committee and would like to learn more or if you would like to change the focus of your committee work. If they do not hear from you, you will continue your committee work as currently assigned.
Paige Tilghman 443-988-5874, Mary Yancey 410-829-0959,
James Altman 646-361-1061



Arts and Crafts Show Update-*Marie Leonard & Sheryl Southwick, coordinators*
There are currently 15 artists signed up to participate in the Arts & Crafts Sale this year. Each artist will donate a portion of their sales to Third Haven.

In the past, these proceeds have gone to the Building Fund at Third Haven. This year, we (the coordinators) have been led to suggest donating the proceeds to charity and are bringing this to the meeting for consideration today.

If approved, we would use the proceeds to purchase new winter coats and donate them to the Neighborhood Service Center and Talbot Interfaith Shelter, on behalf of Third Haven. The Neighborhood Service Center was asked and they expressed a need for winter coats.

Testimonies and Concerns re Immigration and Website Changes-*Mary Yancey*
Minute on Immigration to be posted on Third Haven Friends Meeting and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting websites and published in newspapers: **Approved as edited below**

We at Third Haven Friends Meeting express our welcome and support to immigrants based on our historic belief in equality, justice, and the inherent worth of every person. We believe that the diverse backgrounds and commitment that immigrants bring make our communities stronger. We call on the US Government and local jurisdictions to conduct only limited immigration enforcement in conformity with due process of law.

Comments: Several expressed discomfort with the last sentence, which was finally edited, but supported the minute.
People's rights are being violated due to the lack of due process.
Quakers have historically supported the legitimate need for government enforcement of laws.
Discussion covered where to place the minute.
One person preferred not to support any immigration enforcement in the US given the current barbarity of the enforcement. They consented to decision of the business meeting.
This is a beautiful Quaker process. Why do we need a Minute? The minute affirms our position of respect for all people and due process.

T&C will ask webmaster to provide links to American Friends Service Committee and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting information.

T&C clerk will write letter and send to Star Democrat. Another copy will go to PYM with the following additional paragraph and be posted on the website Testimonies and Concerns page. **Approved**

We express appreciation and support for the work of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) and its lawyers in protecting our right to freely exercise our Quaker faith and our privacy by successfully seeking protection from unlawful immigration enforcement efforts by the Department of Homeland Security in the lawsuit, *Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, et al. v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security, et al.*, Civil Action No. 25-0243-TDC (D. Md). We further appreciate the work of PYM in preparing the text of signage to be affixed to Quaker buildings to apprise ICE and CBP that the Meeting and its premises are protected by a court-ordered injunction entered in that case.



Proposed website changes previously circulated with announcements **Approved**

The beautiful facilities and grounds of this historic Quaker Meeting provide a quiet, reflective space that is primarily used to accommodate the needs of Meeting-sponsored activities. However, the facilities are also available for outside events that are sponsored by Members as well as approved outside not-for-profit or for-profit groups.

Building Language statements changes on the website
A Quick Tour of Third Haven's Buildings and Grounds
(Add the following under each designated heading.)

The Old Meeting House

The Old Meeting House is generally open to the public from 9 am to 6 pm throughout the year but is closed to the public from 6 pm to 9 am daily and whenever it is used for a non-public wedding, celebration of life, or other special event.

The Brick Meeting House
The Brick Meeting House is not open to the public except during the following circumstances: when used for worship on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings in colder weather; by appointment; or when it is used to host a public event. The second floor of the Brick Meeting House is not open to the public at any time.

The Burial Ground (no changes recommended)

The Common Room

The Common Room is private and not open to the public, except when used to host a public event.

Other Structures

The Caretaker's Cottage is a private residence and is not open to the public. Annie's Cottage is a private workspace and is not open to the public except by appointment.

New Business:
Amy Kozak support letter-Approved
Letter of Introduction for Amy Kozak participating in Freedom Convoy

Third Haven Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) supports the participation of our beloved community member, Amy G. Kozak, in the 2026 Freedom Convoy traveling from Los Angeles, CA to Washington DC on October 16 - 26, 2026. The purpose of the Convoy is to engage Americans in conversation about the role of Israeli influence in the US and the level of financial support the US sends to Israel. We support Amy's conscience-led decision to participate in this effort, and we urge all people who engage with Convoy to do so in a loving and peaceful manner. We look forward to her safe return to our community.

Signed,

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Assistant Clerk of Third Haven Friends Meeting Date

Closing Silent Worship 12:45 p.m.
Recording Clerk D. Rein



About This Event

Friends Reaching F/friends is an ongoing, interactive, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) virtual series where Friends can consider how they and their meetings approach outreach with people in their communities and inreach with Friends already involved in their meetings.

SCHEDULE
Starting in October 2026, Friends will gather virtually nearly every month on the third Thursday at 5:30 pm. Each gathering is interactive and will include worship and group planning around a hypothetical outreach or inreach situation connected to that month's theme. Friends will consider the situation together, develop possible approaches, and share resources that meetings can adapt for their own communities.

Three abbreviated gatherings will offer another way to participate. These gatherings will be held from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm on Tuesday, January 19; Tuesday, April 20; and Tuesday, July 20. These abbreviated sessions provide another time for Friends whose schedules make the Thursday evening gatherings difficult to attend and will give Friends time to reconnect, consider what arose from previous gatherings, and share what they have tried in their own meetings.

Friends do not need to attend every gathering. Friends are welcome to participate when a theme, conversation, or schedule works for them.

MONTHLY GATHERINGS
Monthly gatherings will be held nearly every third Thursday from October 2026 through July 2027, from 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm, with an optional continuation until 7:00 pm for further conversation, questions, and resource sharing.

DATES AND THEMES

October 22 - Welcoming Friends

November 19 - Community Outreach

December 17 - News Sharing

January 19 - Welcoming and Reaching People (Special 12 pm to 1 pm session)

January 21 - Photography and Graphics

February 18 - Writing and Storytelling

March 18 - Print Materials and Signage

April 20 - Creative Communications (Special 12 pm to 1 pm session)

April 22 - Online Presence The April 22 gathering will offer optional W*orship with Attention to Passover and Care for the Earth* starting at 5:15 pm.

May 20 - Email Communications

June 18 - Free Communication Resources The June 19 gathering will offer optiona*l Worship with Attention to Juneteenth* starting at 5:15 pm.

July 16 - Paid Communication Resources

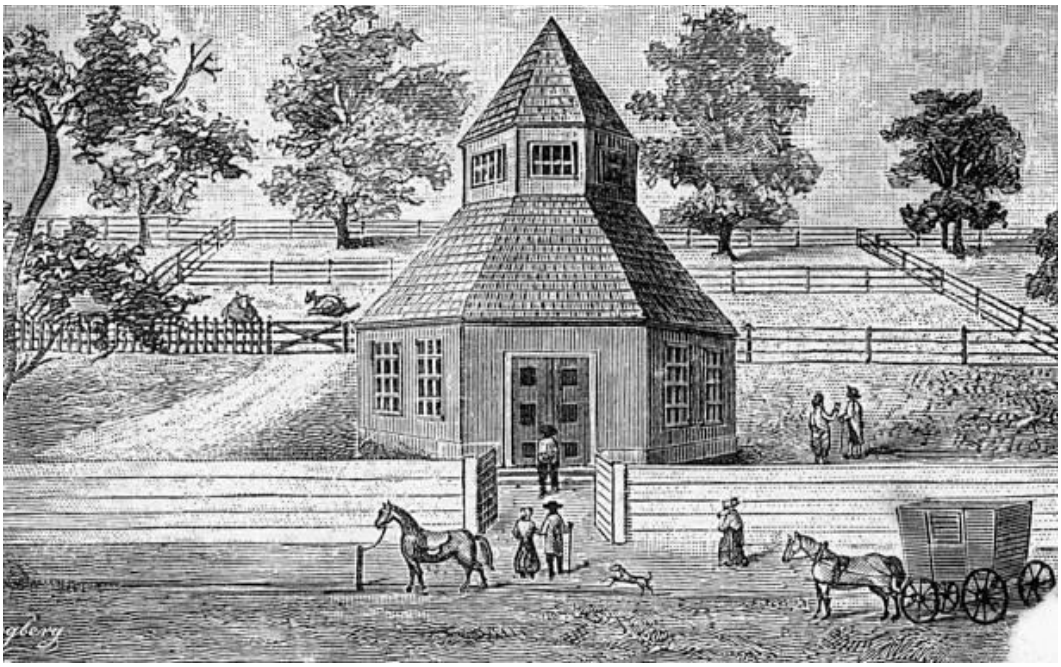
July 20 - Communication Tools and Resources (Special 12 pm to 1 pm session)

Register Friends reaching F/friends

The Evolution of Quaker Process

On October 5th Jonathan Borne presented the background history of Quaker process to an interested audience. His talk, “Why is Quaker Process So Slow?” covered a variety of events over time that led to our present process.





Burlington Meeting House

Quaker Etiquette *Worship and Ministry*

From time to time, the Worship and Ministry Committee seeks to remind Friends of habits that help create the conditions for worship, discernment, and community. Please give attention to the information below. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact any member of the Worship and Ministry Committee.

Quaker etiquette describes how we conduct ourselves with one another. It is the outward practice of inward respect: listening deeply, speaking thoughtfully, leaving room for the Spirit and for others, and approaching disagreement with humility rather than contention. Some practices that are consistent with Quaker etiquette are as follows:

- Enter meeting for worship quietly and settle into the silence. If you enter while someone is speaking, please stop and wait until the speaker finishes before proceeding to a seat.
- Speak out of silence when there is a genuine inward leading rather than simply because you have an interesting thought.
- Remember that silence is not simply an absence of talking; it is active or expectant waiting, with attention directed toward the Spirit, the Light, or the Divine.
- Accept that silence itself may be sufficient and that the Meeting may experience several messages, one message, or none.
- Do not let status, education, wealth, position, age, or eloquence determine whose voice is significant.
- Receive babies with love and patience, recognizing that their sounds, movements, and needs are a natural part of our shared community.


REFUSE TO BE AN UNDER DOG
VOTE
VOTE
It's THE PURR -fect thing to do
BE WISE
VOTE
TAKE THE TILLER
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Be A SHOW YOUR STRIPES
VOTE
LET DEMOCRACY SOAR
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