



**The Monthly Silence**  
**The Monthly Newsletter for Hopewell Centre Meeting**  
**of the Religious Society of Friends**  
**Second Month, February 2021**

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**Pastoral Care**

**We continue to Hold in the Healing Light of Love:**

**Margaret** Trueblood, wife of **John** Trueblood, who returned to the hospital after a fall.

**Janet** Harrison, who was awaiting tests to determine her next steps. She and her husband **Andy** Mossholder are former members of Hopewell Centre, and are now with Shepherdstown Meeting.

**Ellie** Haun, who is continuing her recovery from Covid19.

**Josh** Riley, **Jim** Riley's son, who continues to recover from Covid19, and is doing well.

**Francine** Guiser, wife of **John** Guiser, who has pains in her legs.

**Margie** Riley's brothers **John** and **Bill** Weiss, are recovering from Covid19, with lingering fatigue.

**Jose** Camacho, brother and brother-in-law to **Alex** Camacho and **Kelsey** Harris Camacho, who was to be transferred to UVA for treatment.

**Join us in Holding in the Light the families and friends of these loved ones who passed this last month:**

**Ellie** Osborn, 93, mother of **Brett** Osborn, **Becky** Ebert’s significant other. 12/25/2020.

**Larry** Yates, 70, friend to several in our Meeting. 12/30/2020.

**Jo** Doll, 83, mother of **Mike** Hambach. 1/10/2021.

**John** Huntsberry, 64, brother of **Bob** Huntsberry, **Donna** Knight’s husband. 1/17/2021.

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**Meeting for Worship for Business  
Hopewell Centre Monthly Meeting, January 10, 2021  
Collectively but Separately from our Homes and Hopewell  
Clerk Dick Bell, Presiding**

**CQE:** The Clerk referred to a list of characteristics of white supremacy culture that are generally accepted as norms from BYM’s publication of “Dismantling Racism: A Workbook for Social Change Groups.” Today’s category was “Perfectionism.” Dick read the characteristics and then asked for volunteers to read some of the antidotes to these characteristics. One antidote, “when offering feedback, always speak to the things that went well before offering criticism,” inspired the following from three of our educators: Betty McCormick offered that we should say something good first before moving on to the improvement needed. Anne Bacon said she likes to sandwich her offer of correction between two positive comments, and Julia Storberg-Walker used the term “tone police.” which means we should tone down our criticisms, especially when addressing structural and internalized racism.

**Thanksgivings and Concerns:** Richard Cooper gave an appreciation for the life of Larry Yates, who recently passed away. Clerk Bell expressed his concern for the recent events associated with the overtake of the Capitol in Washington, D.C. He said, “It broke my heart.” Julia Storberg-Walker expressed gratitude for being able to be with all of us every Sunday thanks to our attendance via Zoom. Martha Hanley expressed her concern for the sin of division and separatism in our country, but also gave thanks that we have the power to heal. Jim Riley gave thanks for the financial participation of so many that enables us to remain financially healthy.

**Treasurer:** Jim Riley presented the treasurer’s report for December. Major items included:  
Contributions:

Individual and Family:	\$1,480 (Jim noted that an additional \$2500 for the month of December has yet to be deposited)
Use of Centre:	900
Shed Fund:	1,100
Roger’s Fund disbursement	9,460 (total for 2020: \$18,831)

Expenses:

BYM apportionment payment	800 (total for 2020: \$6,472)
Mowing	450 (total for 2020: \$5,000)
Checking account balance:	\$8,688

Major account balances for end of year 2020:

Hopewell Building Fund:	\$ 1,375
Centre Building Fund:	13,000
Hopewell Graveyard Fund:	33,675
Centre Graveyard Fund:	1,038
Rogers Fund:	30,560
Youth Fund:	824
Sarah Zane Fund:	3,271

The full report is attached to the original minutes.

Jim also updated us on the history of the Roger's Fund. When Eloise Rogers bequeathed the residual of her estate to Hopewell Centre Meeting, the amount was approximately \$380,000. This money was invested with Friends Fiduciary and has grown to approximately \$580,000. Her will specified that the disbursements to the Meeting were for the sole use of maintaining the buildings and grounds. Our treasurer and all of us have much to be thankful for her generosity.

**Ministry and Counsel:** Margie Riley presented the following report:

Having met Monday, January 4, 2021, the committee discussed how hybrid meetings were going under the leadership of Donna Knight, who weekly makes the necessary fine adjustments to the system so that worshippers at Hopewell are integrated smoothly into our Zoom worship. We decided that if Donna for some reason was unable to set up live worship at Hopewell, she would contact the Clerk, who would broadcast via e-mail to the meeting that live worship would be suspended for that First Day. The committee commended Donna for her diligence and her creativity in hosting live worship during the pandemic.

The Spiritual State of the Meeting, led by Margie Riley, is going along nicely. The third and final query is due for meeting discussion January 24, 2021. That query will be What does spirituality mean to you and your Meeting? How does your Meeting reflect that? Has it been different or the same during 2020 with the coronavirus pandemic and discussions of racial equality, climate change, and the presidential election?

We finalized the visit of Karie Firoozmand, BYM nominating committee liaison, during January Meeting with a Concern for Business. The Clerk sent out our reviews to Faith and Practice on their Guide to Quaker Marriage.

Because the Clerk will be away attending a conference, Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business will be moved from February 14 to February 21 next month.

Jim Riley reported that we have been asked to host Interim Meeting in June, probably the 12th. We were prepared to host it last March when the spread of the virus canceled the Meeting. This time, the Meeting will be partly in-person and partly virtual. There will be a business meeting and no committee meetings. We will adhere to our 35 person limit for attendance at Hopewell. We will serve lunch to those attending in-person. The Meeting approved the request.

Religious Education (RE) for the next two months will be as follows:

January 17 – Continuation of Joanna Macy’s work, led by Julia Storberg-Walker

January 24 – Third spiritual state query

January 31 – Washington Friends Conference on Religion and Psychology, led by Dick Bell

February 7 – First Reading of the Spiritual State of the Meeting, Margie Riley

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**BYM Nominating:** We were honored with the attendance of Karie Firoozmand from the BYM Nominating Committee. She is a member of Stony Run Meeting in Baltimore and this was her second attendance to our Meeting. She said that one of this year’s main foci is on incorporating anti-racism in the seeking of people of color for committee membership. She asked us to please consider joining a BYM committee if interested. We can contact Karie for information about any of the committees and the role of being a member of a committee. We also have several of our own Meeting members on BYM committees who are excellent references for more information.

**Pastoral Care:** John Guiser reported that the committee met through Zoom on January 2. Attending were: Martha Hanley, Karen Nelson, and John Guiser. Through Martha’s initiative, a partner system was developed by which members of the committee and other Friends would make regular contact with attenders and members. By last count, 24 Friends were contacted by phone, e-mail or cards.

John expressed gratitude to Martha and Karen for their efforts and has resumed regular contacts with Friends.

For prayer requests, Friends can contact any of the three members of the committee: Clerk John Guiser, Martha Hanley, or Karen Nelson. All updates about the health of a family member or friend can be sent by e-mail to any member of the committee. These will be forwarded to the Monthly Silence Newsletter. The target date to get published in the newsletter should be the 17<sup>th</sup> of the month.

John has initiated a monthly newsletter from Pastoral Care called “Light Line.” It will include subjects on fostering care and wellness on many levels, (including loss. John told Michele he will be sending it to Dick Bell for sharing with the Meeting.)

**Advancement and Outreach:** Margie Riley reported that Becky Ebert will contact WATTS to see if we are needed for a second dinner during the winter season. She also reminded us of the appeal from Linda Wilk for the donation of exercise equipment to the Bridging the Gaps Treatment Center in Winchester. Details have been e-mailed to all from the Clerk.

**Peace and Social Concerns:** Dick Bell reported that the committee met on January 8th. Discussion centered on the current state of affairs both locally and nationally.

Anne Bacon is proposing a community gathering on Zoom to address institutional racism. Her inspiration is the way the country responded to Black Lives Matter protesting events compared to the way we responded to the very white invasion of the Capitol recently. The Meeting encouraged her to pursue this idea and that the committee work with Advancement and Outreach in their follow up. Let Anne know if you are interested.

John Guiser expressed his concern of how we can address the spread of lies on social media and the addictive nature of social media. He aptly phrased it as “the evil of a persistence of a lie.”

**Reminder:** The Reminder committee met and after very little discussion would like to share this month’s reminder with everyone: “Words Matter.”

**New Business:** The Clerk expressed how important Midweek Meeting has been for attenders. He asked if a meeting time other than 6 p.m. might be more suitable for more people. Let him know of your thoughts.

**Announcements:** The next business meeting will be on February 21, the 3rd Sunday of the month.

**In Attendance:** Clerk Dick Bell, Dan Riley, Donna Knight, Margie Riley, Jim Riley, Anne Bacon, Richard Cooper, Martha Hanley, Judy McCarthy, Maureen O’Mara, Ellie Haun, Betty McCormick, Becky Ebert, Karen Nelson, Kristin Zimet, Michele Christopher, Julia Storberg-Walker, Karie Firoozmand, John Guiser, and Peter Ford.

Respectfully submitted by Dan Riley, Recording Clerk

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