

## Hominy Monthly Meeting State of Society Report

**Make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. 2 Peter 1:5-7**

We are grateful for the returning sense of normalcy which began with last year's Yearly Meeting in Wichita. We appreciated the wonderful hospitality, great food, and informative speakers. We all felt the joy of seeing faces, familiar and new. We were glad to extend an invitation to host the 2022 sessions in Oklahoma at Council House Friends, near Wyandotte and Grove and to have our invitation accepted.

Gathering each week in our Meetinghouse is a blessing and slowly, but surely, our weekly attendance is approaching pre-pandemic levels. We continue to livestream our worship on FaceBook and find that we are blessed by the on-line presence of several each week. These viewers often send us words of greeting and/or prayer requests. We who are physically present in the worship room find our love for one another and our faith in Christ growing stronger and deeper and feel that the same is true for those joining in via livestream. We miss the regular presence of young people and desire to better serve them. We do not offer them any events specifically designed for them, but are glad to include them in all we do. We ask for your prayers and guidance in order to better reach out to the youth.

Prior to the pandemic we invited Osage Indian Baptist Church for a meal and a time of sharing, prayer, and singing as we inaugurated an Osage hymn project. While we have made little progress since then, our guests clearly took this project to heart. They have created new songs using selections from an 1830's Osage version of the Bible and traditional melodies. They invited us to Pawhuska to meet with them Fourth Month 10. Nearly two dozen of us, including six guests from Skiatook made the trip. About 60 people experienced devotional sharing led by Talee Red Corn and joined in singing various hymns in the Osage language. We were all inspired by hearing so much use of our Osage language in this worship context. Afterwards we literally broke bread together as we enjoyed Indian tacos and more. We look forward to hosting the next gathering at our Meetinghouse.

The pianist at the Methodist church, Johnette Rountree, lives in Skiatook and had heard that we were looking for someone to play the piano. Since she was already engaged during our worship hour, she offered to play for a hymn sing the third Sunday of each month from 10-10:30. We gladly accepted her offer and at least a few of us participated each time. At the end of Fourth Month she felt that it was time to draw this to a close. Her willingness to share with us touched us and our lives have been enriched by getting acquainted with her. We have finally begun actively seeking a pianist.

Due to the pandemic we again canceled our Christmas Eve event, but did put together treat sacks which we delivered to families who usually participate on Christmas Eve. As our numbers were small and all adults were vaccinated we have continued holding our monthly

fellowship dinners. We deliberately kept our Thanksgiving feast, Christmas and Easter dinners, and Mothers' Day cookout small, but were blessed by these opportunities for fellowship.

Our Wild Onion Dinner was the best in many years and we were delighted to welcome two carloads of Wichita Friends. We truly enjoyed working together and visiting with all those who patronized our fundraising event. We kicked off another fundraising event, seeking to raise \$10,000 to split equally between our Hominy parsonage and the Council House parsonage for installation of central heating and cooling in each. We have reached 55% of our goal and are grateful to God for prompting so many to be so generous.

Each noon the week prior to Easter we hosted the Hominy Ministerial Alliance "Lenten Luncheon" series. Each day a different church served food and their minister shared a devotional message. We also enjoyed some special music and singing hymns together. It was good to have fellowship with other churches and folks seemed glad to participate. Many had never been in our Meetinghouse before and remarked about how appreciative they were to be able to use our facilities.

We sent Ramona Friends an epistle expressing our friendship, encouragement and love. We also invited them to attend GPYM and included information and registration forms. We are hoping for more fellowship between us as time goes on.

Tahlequah Friends Fellowship continues to meet Thursday evenings at 7:00pm in the Nagle living room. Attendance runs between 3 and 6, including one NSU student when school is in session. About sixth months ago Sunday meeting for worship at 11am was added, with from 2-5 individuals attending. This is held at the Wesley Foundation student center adjacent to the Northeastern State University campus. While Beth Green-Nagle usually participates in both meetings, there is little overlap of attenders of the two worship opportunities.

Council House Friends continue to meet most Sunday mornings at 10:30. Shane Rush has been leading worship when he is able. He and his wife Keri have also put in many hours cleaning and improving the facilities in preparation for GPYM. LaHunta Thompson and Frankie Sue Johnson continue their faithful attendance and service as they are able. Casey Leadingfox has done a good job as the new cemetery manager. The small pavilion sports a new brown metal roof thanks to her efforts. Attendance has increased to 7-8 each week.

**How great is the love the father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! John 3:1**

On behalf of Hominy Monthly Meeting

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