

Hominy Monthly Meeting State of Society Report

And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6:8

As the conditions in our state, nation and the world around us grow more desperate, the prophetic words of Micah seem ever more challenging. We sometimes feel so small, so inadequate to tasks to which we are called. Yet as we meet each week to worship in Spirit and in Truth, we find ourselves refreshed and reassured. There is One, even Christ Jesus, who can speak to our conditions.

Though our numbers have too often been small, we are encouraged by the greater number of people involved, the willingness of individuals to step forward when need arises, and the continued commitment of a core group. Although other churches in Hominy have cancelled meetings due to weather or other problems, Hominy Friends have had our doors open every First-day. We have also been encouraged by occasional visiting Friends. We gladly welcomed visitors from Stillwater, OK, Friends Meeting, Norman Friends Meeting, and Kiamichi Friends Worship Group. We were delighted to enjoy fellowship with these same Friends and others from Kickapoo Friends Center and elsewhere at the 2016 Oklahoma All-Friends Gathering which we joyfully hosted in Tenth Month.

Only two of our youth attended Quivering Arrow Camp in Sixth Month, but our van proved essential in helping transport the campers and staff to events. By the end of the week it was also in the best mechanical condition it has seen in years. We hope more Hominy campers will be involved this coming summer.

In addition to hosting the Oklahoma All-Friends Gatherings, highlights have included a 4-day VBS in Seventh Month, our “Christmas Eve” celebration, our Wild Onion Dinner in Third Month, “Easter” Sunday worship, egg hunt, and dinner in Fourth Month, and Mothers’ Day cookout in Fifth Month. Many of us are also quite involved in the Osage In-lon-schka dances in the three districts each Sixth Month.

Until our Wild Onion Dinner we continued to struggle financially as we recovered from major expenditures caring for the Meetinghouse. We are encouraged to again be able to focus more on responding to the needs of our community, GPYM, FUM, and the wider world.

We are beginning to move forward on a major project, a new expanded and revised edition of our cookbook, “Hominy Friends Meeting Favorite Recipes” for which we will need to raise funds to cover publishing costs.

We are also encouraged by the participation of families in our meeting activities, the prospect of new members, and emerging leadership. We pray that we can deepen our faith, find strength and inspiration, and grow stronger as we worship together. May our common commitment to Christ bring us joy, undergird our fellowship, and lead us to be patterns and examples in all that we do.

On behalf of Hominy Monthly Meeting
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