

**Crossroads Friends
Meeting (Conservative)
Ohio Yearly Meeting (Conservative)**



**Volume Twenty, Number Two
Second Month (February) 2018**

Schedule of Meetings for Worship

We shall gather for unprogrammed, waiting worship in the Name of Jesus Christ and in the manner of Friends on the dates and at the times listed, at our meetinghouse unless otherwise specified. Visitors and new attenders are always welcome. For those not familiar with unprogrammed worship, a small brochure is available, offering general guidance and tips on “meeting etiquette.” Additional materials on the Religious Society of Friends are also available at rise of meeting. Before rise of meeting on First Day [Sunday], the designated meeting closer reads aloud an Advice. This is followed by framing silence before the handshake of fellowship which marks rise of meeting.

A time of fellowship follows Meeting for Worship. On the second First Day [Sunday] of each month, following fellowship, we hold our meeting for business. (*Depending on other events, business meeting may be shifted to another week.*) On Fourth Days (Wednesdays), we hold a shorter Meeting for Worship followed by Faith Study: *George Fox’s Journal*. We will post the current starting page number on the website.

We will study *The Journal and Major Essays of John Woolman* on First Day [Sunday] morning before Meeting for Worship.

Second Month

First Day, Second Month 04

[Sunday, February 04, 2018]

Faith Study: John Woolman’s Journal 10:00 AM

Meeting for Worship 11:00 AM

Advice 28: In their senior years, and before debilitating infirmities prevail, Friends are affectionately admonished prayerfully to seek Divine Guidance and counsel from their families and friends regarding plans to continue to live in their own homes, enter a retirement home, or to make other living arrangements appropriate for their financial capabilities in their last years.

Fourth Day, Second Month 07

[Wednesday, February 07, 2018]

Meeting for Worship 3:00 PM

Faith Study: George Fox’s Journal 3:30 PM

First Day, Second Month 11

[Sunday, February 11, 2018]

Faith Study: John Woolman's Journal 10:00 AM
Meeting for Worship 11:00 AM
Ministry & Oversight and Meeting for Business 12:00 Noon

Advice 01: Use vigilant care, dear Friends, not to overlook those promptings of love and truth which you may feel in your hearts; for these are the tender leadings of the Spirit of God. Nor should any of us resist God's workings within us, for it is His redemptive love which strives to show us our darkness, and to lead us to true repentance, and to His marvelous light. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." (Revelation 3:20)

Seventh Query: Do we observe simplicity in our manner of living, sincerity in speech, and modesty in apparel? Do we guard against involving ourselves in temporal affairs to the hindrance of spiritual growth? Are we just in our dealings and careful to fulfill our promises? Do we seek to make our Christian faith a part of our daily work?

Fourth Day, Second Month 14
[Wednesday, February 14, 2018]
Meeting for Worship 3:00 PM
Faith Study: George Fox's Journal 3:30 PM

First Day, Second Month 18
[Sunday, February 18, 2018]
Faith Study: John Woolman's Journal 10:00 AM
Meeting for Worship 11:00 AM

Advice 02: Be faithful in maintaining your testimony against all war as inconsistent with the Spirit and teaching of Christ. Live in the Life and Power that takes away the occasions of all wars and strife. Seek to take your part in the ministry of reconciliation between individuals, groups, and nations. Let the law of kindness know no limits. Show a loving consideration for all people.

Fourth Day, Second Month 21
[Wednesday, February 21, 2018]
Meeting for Worship 3:00 PM
Faith Study: George Fox's Journal 3:30 PM

First Day, Second Month 25
[Sunday, February 25, 2018]
Faith Study: John Woolman's Journal 10:00 AM
Meeting for Worship 11:00 AM

Advice 03: Regard the taking of oaths as contrary to the teachings of Christ, and setting up a double standard of truthfulness;

whereas sincerity and truth should be practiced in all walks of life.

Fourth Day, Second Month 28
[Wednesday, February 28, 2018]
Meeting for Worship 3:00 PM
Faith Study: George Fox's Journal 3:30 PM

Third Month

First Day, Third Month 04
[Sunday, March 04, 2018]
Faith Study: John Woolman's Journal 10:00 AM
Meeting for Worship 11:00 AM

Advice 04: In your meetings for worship be earnestly concerned to enter reverently into communion with God. Come with minds and hearts prepared. Yield yourselves up to the influence of the Divine Presence so that you may find the evil in you weakening and the good raised up. God calls each one to the service of the meeting. Be obedient and faithful, whether by word or silent prayerful waiting; and be ready to receive the message of others in a tender spirit.

Fourth Day, Third Month 07
[Wednesday, March 07, 2018]
Meeting for Worship 3:00 PM
Faith Study: George Fox's Journal 3:30 PM

First Day, Third Month 11
[Sunday, March 11, 2018]
Daylight Savings Time begins!
Faith Study: John Woolman's Journal 10:00 AM
Meeting for Worship 11:00 AM
Ministry & Oversight and Meeting for Business 12:00 Noon

Advice 05: Be on your guard, dear Friends, lest the love of pleasure take too strong a hold upon you. Choose such recreations as are pure and healthful. Let them be in harmony with your service to God and man; and in that service be ready at any time to lay them aside when called upon.

Eighth Query: Are we careful to use the affirmation rather than the oath? Do we avoid gambling and speculation based on the principles of chance?

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[Wednesday, March 14, 2018]
Meeting for Worship 3:00 PM
Faith Study: George Fox's Journal 3:30 PM

First Day, Third Month 18

[Sunday, March 18, 2018]

Faith Study: John Woolman's Journal 10:00 AM

Meeting for Worship 11:00 AM

Advice 06: Endeavor to make your home an abiding place of joy and peace where the Presence of God is known and felt. Seek to know an inward retirement, even amid the activities of daily life. Make a quiet place in your daily life, wherein you may learn the full meaning of prayer, and the gladness of communion with your Heavenly Father.

Fourth Day, Third Month 21

[Wednesday, March 21, 2018]

Meeting for Worship 3:00 PM

Faith Study: George Fox's Journal 3:30 PM

First Day, Third Month 25

[Sunday, March 25, 2018]

Faith Study: John Woolman's Journal 10:00 AM

Meeting for Worship 11:00 AM

Advice 07: Avoid and discourage any kind of betting or gambling, as well as commercial speculation of a gambling character. Remember how widespread are the temptations to grow rich at the expense of others, and how apparently harmless indulgence leads often by degrees to ruin and crime.

Fourth Day, Third Month 28

[Wednesday, March 28, 2018]

Meeting for Worship 3:00 PM

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Conservative - Christian - Unprogrammed Worship

Unprogrammed, waiting worship in the Name of Jesus Christ and in the manner of Friends, First Days at 11:00 AM, Fourth Days at 7:00 PM

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Crossroads Monthly Meeting of Friends
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
01-14-2018

The meeting for worship for business held by Crossroads Friends Meeting opened at 12:05 PM on First Day, 01-14-2018 with waiting worship and a reading from Proverbs 1: 2-7.

Attending: Phil Helms, Sharon Helms

Sharon Helms presented the Treasurer's Report for Twelfth Month, 2017, showing a balance of \$2,797.60 in checking and \$2,006.60 in savings at the close of business on 12-31-2017. Donation letters will be mailed on 01-16-2018.

Correspondence:

Walton Home Newsletter, January 2018

FCNL Washington Newsletter, December 2017

Sharon requests funds from the meeting to paint and repair the First Day School Room following completion of the project by students. This will include painting, spackling and new window treatments. Friends approve in general, with a projected budget of \$150.00, subject to further review as necessary.

Sixth Query: Do we live in the life and power which takes away the occasion of all wars? Do we, on Christian principles, refuse to participate in or to cooperate with the military effort? Do we work actively for peace and the removal of the causes of war? Do we endeavor to cultivate good will, mutual understanding, and equal opportunities for all people?

Response: We live in the life and power which takes away the occasion of all wars. We are clear of direct participation in the war system at present, although one member is a military veteran. We are troubled by friends and relatives who participate at one remove, working in defense related industries. We are also painfully aware that in paying our taxes, we all passively participate in the war system (more than half of federal income taxes go for current and past military expenditures). None of us are currently actively involved in peace work *per se*, but some are involved in work which seeks to remove the causes of war, and which contributes to the effort to cultivate good will, mutual understanding, and equal opportunities. We are discouraged by the persistence of the war system in our culture and our government, and often feel unable to impact this tragic problem ourselves, and can only hold the matter in prayer and offer it up to our Lord. We have made young Friends aware of the need to make a record of their peace convictions and opposition to war, and some have done so.

Meeting for worship for business closed with a period of waiting worship.

Respectfully submitted,
Phil Helms, Clerk

Third Month 2018

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02/25 Flint	02/26	02/27	02/28 Mid-week Worship	1	2	3
4 Flint	5	6	7 Mid-week Worship	8	9	10
11 Flint - M&O & Business	12	13	14 Mid-week Worship	15	16	17
18 Flint	19	20	21 Mid-week Worship	22	23	24
25 Flint	26	27	28 Mid-week Worship	29	30	31

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