

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



**Volume Twenty, Number Four
Fourth Month (April) 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. We will post the current starting page number on the website.

Fourth Month

First Day, Fourth Month 01

[Sunday, April 01, 2018]

The day the world knows as Easter

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

Meeting for Worship 11:00 AM

Advice 08: Watch with Christian tenderness over the opening minds of your children. Help them to understand the teachings of Jesus. Seek to awaken in them the love of Christ, and through example and training in self-control, to bring them to obedience to the law of God in their own hearts, that they may be joyful and willing in his service.

First Day, Fourth Month 15

[Sunday, April 15, 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 09: In consideration of marriage, remember that happiness depends on a deep and understanding love. Seek to be joined in a common discipleship of Jesus Christ. Ask guidance of God, desiring above all temporal considerations, that your union may be owned and blest of Him. Consider the precious responsibilities of parenthood, and do not forget the help you may draw from the loving counsel of your own parents.

Ninth Query: Are we sensitive to the problems of family living? Do we offer counseling to couples both before and after marriage? How are we helping individuals, married couples and family units to strengthen and enrich their lives?

Fourth Day, Fourth Month 18

[Wednesday, April 18, 2018]

Meeting for Worship 3:00 PM

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

First Day, Fourth Month 22

[Sunday, April 22, 2018]

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

Meeting for Worship 11:00 AM

Advice 10: Carefully maintain truthfulness and sincerity in your conduct, and encourage the same in your families. In your style of living, in your dress, and in the furniture of your houses, choose what is simple, useful, and good.

Fourth Day, Fourth Month 25

[Wednesday, April 25, 2018]

Meeting for Worship 3:00 PM

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

First Day, Fourth Month 29

[Sunday, April 29, 2018]

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

Meeting for Worship 11:00 AM

Advice 11: In view of the evils arising from the use of tobacco and intoxicating drinks, we urge all to abstain from using them, from offering them to others, and from having any part in their production, manufacture, or sale. Do not let claims of "good fellowship" or the fear of seeming peculiar prevent you from standing by principles which you have conscientiously adopted.

Fifth Month

Fourth Day, Fifth Month 02

[Wednesday, May 02, 2018]

Meeting for Worship 3:00 PM

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

First Day, Fifth Month 06

[Sunday, May 06, 2018]

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

Meeting for Worship 11:00 AM

Advice 10: Carefully maintain truthfulness and sincerity in your conduct, and encourage the same in your families. In your style of living, in your dress, and in the furniture of your houses, choose what is simple, useful, and good.

Fourth Day, Fifth Month 09

[Wednesday, May 09, 2018]

Meeting for Worship 3:00 PM

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

First Day, Fifth Month 13

[Sunday, May 13, 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

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Administrative Queries:: 1. What new meetings have been established? Have any meetings been discontinued?

2. Do parents take an active interest in the administration and quality of teaching of the schools which their children attend? Is each Meeting making effective efforts to aid parents in the suitable religious instruction of their children?

3. Have the General Queries been read and deliberately pondered and answered in all our meetings? Have the Advices been regularly read? Is the best possible time chosen for their reading, suitable for deliberate consideration of them by all Friends and attenders for their individual, spiritual refreshment?

4. Are former minute books, all interment charts and all records of similar importance, stored in a suitable fireproof safe or vault?

5. Are our meetings for business regularly held; fully, and promptly attended? Are they conducted in a loving and solemn concern to make concerted effort toward unity of spirit?

Fourth Day, Fifth Month 16

[Wednesday, May 16, 2018]

Meeting for Worship 3:00 PM

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

First Day, Fifth Month 20

[Sunday, May 20, 2018]

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

Meeting for Worship 11:00 AM

Advice 12: Members are affectionately reminded of the importance of keeping correct and clear accounts pertaining to all outward affairs. It is important to make wills, or revisions of them, while still in health of mind and body, and free from any feeling of resentment. Delay, or neglect to secure competent legal advice, may cause some unexpected hindrance in the proper execution of one's bequests.

Fourth Day, Fifth Month 23

[Wednesday, May 23, 2018]

Meeting for Worship 3:00 PM

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

First Day, Fifth Month 27

[Sunday, May 27, 2018]

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

Meeting for Worship 11:00 AM

Advice 13: Make it your aim to promote the cause of truth and righteousness, and to spread the Kingdom of God at home and abroad. Be ready to take your part fearlessly in declaring His message and in witnessing to His power.

Fourth Day, Fifth Month 30

[Wednesday, May 30, 2018]

Meeting for Worship 3:00 PM

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

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Ohio Yearly Meeting (Conservative)

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 03-11-2018

The meeting for worship for business held by Crossroads Friends Meeting opened at 12:15 PM on First Day, 03-11-2018 with waiting worship and a reading from Matthew 5: 33-37.

Attending: Phil Helms, Sharon Helms, James Drummond

Sharon Helms presented the Treasurer's Report for Second Month, 2018, showing a balance of \$2,290.84 in checking and \$2,006.60 in savings at the close of business on 02-28-2018.

Correspondence:

Letter from Dennis Rockwell, OYM Treasurer

FCNL Priorities Process

Walton Home Newsletter, 01-2018, 02-2018, 03-2018

FCNL Washington Newsletter, 12-2017, 02-2018

FCNL Spring Lobby Weekend

Friends Music Camp

Olney Friends School financial plea

Stillwater Monthly Meeting Newsletter, 11-2017

FGC Gathering information

The Earlamite, Winter 2018

In response to Dennis Rockwell's letter regarding contributions to OYM and the current shortfall, Sharon recommends forwarding Crossroads' scheduled payments for the remainder of the fiscal year at this time. This will amount to \$405.00, and our current cash flow permits this. Friends approved.

We will meet to engage in the Friends Committee for National Legislation legislative priorities process on Second Day, Third Month 19, 2018, at 10:00 AM at the meetinghouse. Depending on the time expended, Friends may go to lunch together afterward. Friends approved.

Phil feels led to propose that the 1909 Appeal for Peace be updated and distributed to government officials as was done in 1909. Friends support this leading, and approve Phil taking this leading to Representative Meeting, making enough copies in advance to distribute

at the meeting. Questions remain: how should the update be accomplished? How should the result be distributed? In 1909, it was printed as a small book. Do we have the means to distribute electronically to cut costs and hasten distribution?

The OYM General Gathering of Conservative Friends, under the care of the Wider Fellowship of Conservative Friends will be held in Barnesville Sixth Month 22 – 24, 2018. Information on the Gathering and registration materials are available on the OYM website. It is expected that it will soon become possible to register for the Gathering and for Ohio Yearly Meeting online.

Phil and Sharon will explore available dates for the Crossroads “paired meetings” outreach weekend, starting by contacting Stillwater Monthly Meeting for any available information on their potential outreach weekend, to avoid conflict, then checking availability of Coldwater Road Chapel at Crossroads Village.

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? **Response:** We are sincere in our speech, speaking truth at all times, and let our yea be yea, and our nay be nay. Whether plain or conservative, we are all concerned for our modesty. We guard against involvement in temporal affairs to the detriment of spiritual growth. Family, community, and political and legislative matters all make demands on our time and create many interruptions and distractions, consuming time which would be far better spent on study of scripture and Friends’ writings, and on the Lord’s work. Many admirable and worthy causes beckon, and seek our time, energy and resources. We practice discernment, individually and corporately, to identify the causes and projects to which we are truly led by our Inner Guide. We are just in our dealings and careful to fulfill our promises. We do not have opportunity to interject our faith into workplaces, other than volunteer work. Any volunteer work is chosen specifically as part of our Christian faith.

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? **Response:** Friends are careful to use the affirmation when occasion arises. However, language on government forms and electronic filings continues to stress “under penalty of perjury” or similar language, and Friends have not yet devised a satisfactory way to avoid this *de facto* oath. We avoid gambling in all its forms, including raffle tickets and the like. We are careful in our choice of investments, to avoid speculation based on chance.

Meeting for worship for business closed with a period of waiting worship. Respectfully submitted, Phil Helms, Clerk

Fourth Month 2018						
<i>First Day</i>	<i>Second Day</i>	<i>Third Day</i>	<i>Fourth Day</i>	<i>Fifth Day</i>	<i>Sixth Day</i>	<i>Seventh Day</i>
1 Flint	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Flint - M&O & Business	16	17	18 Mid-week Worship	19	20	21
22 Flint	23	24	25 Mid-week Worship	26	27	28
29 Flint	30	05/01	05/02 Mid-week Worship	05/03	05/04	05/05