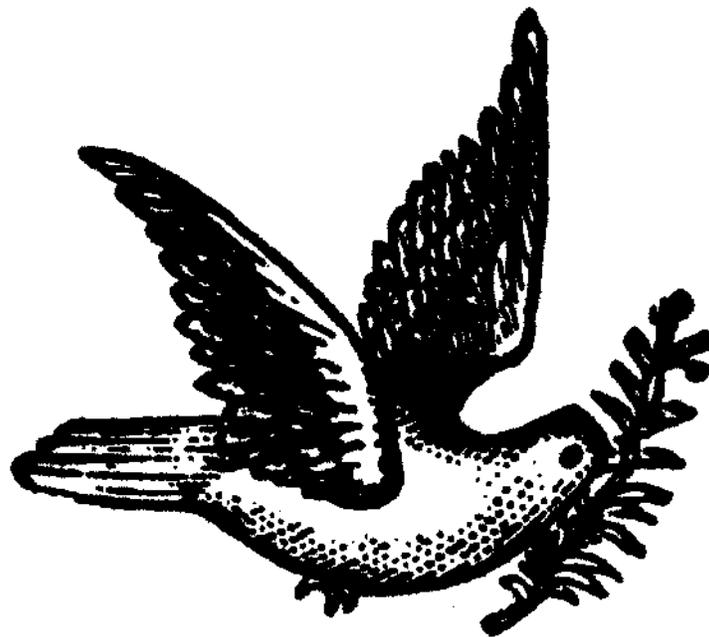


**Crossroads Friends
Meeting (Conservative)
Ohio Yearly Meeting (Conservative)**



**Volume Twenty, Number Five
Fifth Month (May) 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.

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]

The day known to the world as Mothers' Day

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 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.

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

Sixth Month

First Day, Sixth Month 03

[Sunday, June 03, 2018]

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

Meeting for Worship 11:00 AM

Advice 14: Live in love, as Christian brethren, ready to be helpful one to another. Rejoice together in the blessings of life; sympathize with each other in its trials. Know one another as fellow-workers in the things that endure. Watch over one another for good, praying that each may be a living member of the Church of Christ, and may grow in the knowledge of the love of God.

Fourth Day, Sixth Month 06

[Wednesday, June 06, 2018]

Meeting for Worship 3:00 PM

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

First Day, Sixth Month 10

[Sunday, June 10, 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 15: Remember the special opportunities for refreshment of spirit and for service which the first day of the week affords; use them faithfully, as befits the Friends of the Master.

Fourth Day, Sixth Month 13

[Wednesday, June 13, 2018]

Meeting for Worship 3:00 PM

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

First Day, Sixth Month 17

[Sunday, June 17, 2018]

The day known to the world as Fathers' Day

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

Meeting for Worship 11:00 AM

Advice 16: Be diligent in the reading of the Bible and other spiritually helpful writings. Gather daily in your families for worship. Such times have a special value in bringing little children especially into the experience of united worship, and so preparing them for the larger meeting for worship, as they learn in the silence to bow to the power of God.

Fourth Day, Sixth Month 20

[Wednesday, June 20, 2018]

Meeting for Worship 3:00 PM

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

First Day, Sixth Month 24

[Sunday, June 24, 2018]

Meeting for worship will be held in unity with Stillwater and Chestnut Ridge Monthly Meetings in Barnesville, OH, during the General Gathering of Conservative Friends.

Fourth Day, Sixth Month 27

[Wednesday, June 27, 2018]

Meeting for Worship 3:00 PM

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

Crossroads Friends Meeting (Conservative)

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 04-22-2018

The meeting for worship for business held by Crossroads Friends Meeting opened at 12:30 PM on First Day, 04-22-2018 with waiting worship and a reading from .

Attending: Phil Helms, Sharon Helms, Connor Helms

Sharon Helms presented the Treasurer's Report for Third Month, 2018, showing a balance of \$1,652.46 in checking and \$2,007.35 in savings at the close of business on 03-31-2018.

Correspondence:

FCNL Priorities Process

FCNL 75th Anniversary

Earlham Willson Lectures

Friends Music Camp

Stillwater Monthly Meeting Newsletter

Walton Home Newsletter, 04-2018

The Call, 2018, No. 1

AFSC Annual Report for 2017

Phil proposed to Representative Meeting that the 1909 Appeal for Peace be updated and distributed to government officials as was done in 1909. Copies were distributed to the Monthly Meetings, and the matter will be discussed at Ohio Yearly Meeting in Eighth Month.

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 are exploring available dates for the Crossroads "paired meetings" outreach weekend. Based on other events scheduled, it seems likely that this will need to be in Eighth Month, after Yearly Meeting. Scheduling for Crossroads Village will become possible next month.

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?

Response: We are sensitive to the problems of family living. Some Crossroads Friends are at a stage in life wherein we have adult children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren of varying ages, from infants to young adults. The problems of family living in our homes include issues of health and the necessity of balancing volunteer and other activities with family life and spiritual life. We offer good

counsel to parents of young children and to our adult children, when opportunity and need coincide, and are supportive to them in dealing with the problems of their family lives. Some Friends find conversation regarding career and spiritual life choices helpful.

Since we became a monthly meeting, we have not had occasion to take a marriage under the care of the group. We thus have not offered formal counseling before marriage, but do counsel informally with friends and adult children with regard to marriage and the problems of family living. Sometimes, we have difficulty finding the words to counsel others, and we address this difficulty in prayer.

Our attempts to help individuals, married couples and family units strengthen and enrich their lives consist largely in our faith studies, and in meeting for worship, and our First Day School.

Some of our adult (and young adult) children and grandchildren are not active as Friends. We support them in their own spiritual journeys and hold them in prayer, sharing our beliefs and practices as way opens.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Phil Helms, Clerk

Dinette Set By Julie Larson



Fifth 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>
04/29 Flint	04/30	1	2 Mid-week Worship	3	4	5
6 Flint	7	8	9 Mid-week Worship	10	11	12
13 Flint - M&O & Business	14	15	16 Mid-week Worship	17	18	19
20 Flint	21	22	23 Mid-week Worship	24	25	26
27 Flint	28	29	30 Mid-week Worship	31	06/01	06/022