

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



**Volume Twenty-One, Number Five
Fifth Month (May) 2019**

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 on First Days and on Fourth Days. 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.*)

We will study Samuel Bownas’ *A Description of the Qualifications Necessary to a Gospel Minister* on First Day [Sunday] morning before Meeting for Worship.

On Fourth Days (Wednesdays), we hold Faith Study: William Penn’s *No Cross, No Crown*, followed by a shorter Meeting for Worship.

First Day Meeting for Worship

4108 Menton, Flint MI 48507

Fifth Month

First Day, Fifth Month 05

[Sunday, May 05, 2019]

Faith Study: Samuel Bownas’ *A Description of the Qualifications Necessary to a Gospel Minister* 10:00 AM

Meeting for Worship 11:00 AM

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)

First Day, Fifth Month 12

[Sunday, May 12, 2019]

Faith Study: Samuel Bownas' *A Description of the Qualifications Necessary to a Gospel Minister* 10:00 AM

Meeting for Worship 11:00 AM

Ministry & Oversight and Meeting for Business 12:00 Noon

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.

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?

First Day, Fifth Month 19

[Sunday, May 19, 2019]

Faith Study: Samuel Bownas' *A Description of the Qualifications Necessary to a Gospel Minister* 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.

First Day, Fifth Month 26

[Sunday, May 26, 2019]

Faith Study: Samuel Bownas' *A Description of the Qualifications Necessary to a Gospel Minister* 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.

Sixth Month

First Day, Sixth Month 02

[Sunday, June 02, 2019]

Faith Study: Samuel Bownas' *A Description of the Qualifications Necessary to a Gospel Minister* 10:00 AM
Meeting for Worship 11:00 AM

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.

First Day, Sixth Month 09

[Sunday, June 09, 2019]

Faith Study: Samuel Bownas' *A Description of the Qualifications Necessary to a Gospel Minister* 10:00 AM
Meeting for Worship 11:00 AM
Ministry & Oversight and Meeting for Business 12:00 Noon

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.

Midweek Meeting for Worship

4108 Menton, Flint MI 48507

Fifth Month

Fourth Day, Fifth Month 01

[Wednesday, May 01, 2019]

Faith Study: William Penn's *No Cross, No Crown*, 11:00 AM
Meeting for Worship 11:30 AM

Fourth Day, Fifth Month 08

[Wednesday, May 08, 2019]

Faith Study: William Penn's *No Cross, No Crown*, 11:00 AM
Meeting for Worship 11:30 AM

Fourth Day, Fifth Month 15
[Wednesday, May 15, 2019]

Faith Study: William Penn's *No Cross, No Crown*, 11:00 AM
Meeting for Worship 11:30 AM

Fourth Day, Fifth Month 22
[Wednesday, May 22, 2019]

Faith Study: William Penn's *No Cross, No Crown*, 11:00 AM
Meeting for Worship 11:30 AM

Fourth Day, Fifth Month 29
[Wednesday, May 29, 2019]

Faith Study: William Penn's *No Cross, No Crown*, 11:00 AM
Meeting for Worship 11:30 AM

Sixth Month

Fourth Day, Sixth Month 05
[Wednesday, June 05, 2019]

Faith Study: William Penn's *No Cross, No Crown*, 11:00 AM
Meeting for Worship 11:30 AM

Fourth Day, Fifth Month 12
[Wednesday, June 12, 2019]

Faith Study: William Penn's *No Cross, No Crown*, 11:00 AM
Meeting for Worship 11:30 AM

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Conservative - Christian - Unprogrammed Worship

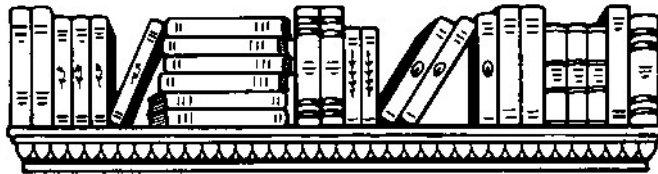
Unprogrammed, waiting worship in the Name of Jesus Christ and in the manner of Friends, First Days at 11:00 AM, Fourth Days at 7:00 PM

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**Crossroads Monthly Meeting of Friends
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
04-14-2019**

At the regularly scheduled meeting for worship for business conducted by Crossroads Monthly Meeting, on 04-14-2019, being the First Day of the week, beginning at 12:10 PM, with waiting worship and the reading of Psalm 145: 1-2.

Attending: Phil Helms, Sharon Helms

Sharon Helms presented the Treasurer's Report for Third Month, 2019, showing balances of \$738.53 in checking and \$2,010.42 in savings at the close of business on 03-31-2019. Friends accepted this report with appreciation.

Correspondence:

Walton Home Newsletter, April 2019

Friends Music Camp

Earlham Willson Lectures

FCNL Washington Newsletter, March-April 2019

Faith Study on First Day has concluded Barclay's *Catechism and Confession of Faith*, and begun Bownas' *Description of the Qualifications Necessary for a Gospel Minister*. Midweek Faith Study will shortly conclude *Concurrence and Unanimity of the People Called Quakers As Evidenced by Some of Their Sermons*, and will begin *No Cross, No Crown* by William Penn. Copies have been ordered and should be available in time.

The Property Committee reports the furnace filters and smoke detector batteries have been replaced. We are planning to use a colored sealer on the benches to mask any wear or moving blemishes.

The relationship between Rhonda Fuller and Crossroads Friends has become problematic. Rhonda has repeatedly argued against the Ohio Yearly Meeting Queries and Advices, particularly those touching on the Peace Testimony, concern for the less fortunate, and concern for creation.

Her approach to other Friends and to visitors has been confrontational, in some instances turning the visitors away from further attendance with us. She has argued angrily for programmed features in worship, has disrupted waiting worship, and most recently characterized Friends' practices in worship as "silly." She has continually and most positively asserted a Divine impulse as support for her every idea and action, while ignoring the possibility that any other Friend might also be subject to a Divine impulse. She has shown substantial disregard for the Ohio Yearly Meeting Ministry and Oversight Advices. Since Crossroads Friends meet as a committee of the whole for Ministry and Oversight, she is aware of these advices. She has repeatedly and consistently spoken of Friends in the third

person with calumny and accused Friends of apostasy, along with all others who take the name Christian.

Her conduct has led the Elders and Overseer to conclude that she is in significant disunity with Friends and causes us grave concern. Rhonda has been informed of her rights and the process detailed in the Book of Discipline. She has not responded.

Friends continue to pray that she will be led to set aside her self-interest, open herself to the experience of the Divinity of Christ, and surrender herself to the Will of God as shown through the Power of Christ within us. It is clear to the rest of us that God does not speak to Rhonda alone, but to each of us, and that He has led the rest of us to Ohio Yearly Meeting. It seems apparent that Rhonda is receiving only a part of the message available from our Inward Teacher. We pray that she will become open to the full experience of Christ and the beauty of Quakerism. Based on Rhonda's statements and actions, we have united in releasing her from membership. She will be notified of this action and of her appeal rights to Salem Quarterly Meeting in writing.

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 study, and in meeting for worship. 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

Fifth Month 2019							
<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>	
04/28 Flint	04/29	04/30	1 Mid-week Worship	2	3	4	
5 Flint	6	7	8 Mid-week Worship	9	10	11	
12 Flint - M&O & Business	13	14	15 Mid-week Worship	16	17	18	
19 Flint	20	21	22 Mid-week Worship	23	24	25	
26 Flint	27	28	29 Mid-week Worship	30	31	06/01	