

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



**Volume Nineteen, Number Six
Sixth Month (June) 2017**

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 and places specified, usually at our meetinghouse. 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 are currently studying Traditional Quaker Christianity during Faith Study on First Day (Sunday) mornings.

Fourth Day, Fifth Month 31

[Wednesday, May 31]

Meeting for Worship 7:00 PM

Faith Study: George Fox’s Journal 7:30 PM

Sixth Month, 2017

First Day, Sixth Month 04

[Sunday, June 04, 2017]

We will worship in unity with

Keystone Fellowship Monthly Meeting, Lancaster PA

Fourth Day, Sixth Month 07

[Wednesday, June 07]

Meeting for Worship 7:00 PM

Faith Study: George Fox’s Journal 7:30 PM

First Day, Sixth Month 11

[Sunday, June 11, 2017]

Traditional Quaker Christianity 10:00 AM

Meeting for Worship 11:00 AM

**Ministry & Oversight and Meeting for Business 12:00 Noon
Crossroads Friends Meeting house, 4108 Menton, Flint MI
Conrad Lindes, Recorded Minister, Salem Monthly Meeting
will be visiting with us.**

Advice 25: We should recognize the importance of finding occasion for some united worship during the week, either at the meetinghouse, or in a private home. Such may be of great assistance, not only to the individual, but also to the life of the whole group.

Administrative Queries:

1. What new meetings have been established? Have any meetings been discontinued?
2. Are schools encouraged for the education of our youth under the instruction of teachers in sympathy with us? Do parents take an active interest in the administration and quality of teaching of the schools which their children attend? Do they send their children of High School age to Friends' schools whenever possible? 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, Sixth Month 14

[Wednesday, June 14]

Meeting for Worship 7:00 PM

Faith Study: George Fox's Journal 7:30 PM

First Day, Sixth Month 18

[Sunday, June 18, 2017]

The day known as Fathers' Day

Traditional Quaker Christianity 10:00 AM

Meeting for Worship 11:00 AM

Crossroads Friends Meeting house, 4108 Menton, Flint MI

Advice 26: Let your whole conduct and conversation be worthy of disciples of Christ. "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." (I Corinthians 15:58)

Fourth Day, Sixth Month 21

[Wednesday, June 21]

Meeting for Worship 7:00 PM

Faith Study: George Fox's Journal 7:30 PM

First Day, Sixth Month 25

[Sunday, June 25, 2017]

Traditional Quaker Christianity 10:00 AM

Meeting for Worship 11:00 AM

Crossroads Friends Meeting house, 4108 Menton, Flint MI

Advice 27: Remember that our spiritual life will not be complete unless we have experienced an inward baptism and transformation. Growth in inward purity and outward Christian effectiveness should follow this experience; but such growth can come only if we persist in seeking to know and follow the commands of Christ.

Fourth Day, Sixth Month 28

[Wednesday, June 28]

Meeting for Worship 7:00 PM

Faith Study: George Fox's Journal 7:30 PM

Seventh Month, 2017

First Day, Seventh Month 02

[Sunday, July 02, 2017]

Traditional Quaker Christianity 10:00 AM

Meeting for Worship 11:00 AM

Crossroads Friends Meeting house, 4108 Menton, Flint MI

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, Seventh Month 05

[Wednesday, July 05]

Meeting for Worship 7:00 PM

Faith Study: George Fox's Journal 7:30 PM

First Day, Seventh Month 09

[Sunday, July 09, 2017]

Traditional Quaker Christianity 10:00 AM

Meeting for Worship 11:00 AM

**Ministry & Oversight and Meeting for Business 12:00 Noon
Crossroads Friends Meeting house, 4108 Menton, Flint MI**

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)

Fourth Day, Seventh Month 12

[Wednesday, July 12]

Meeting for Worship 7:00 PM

Faith Study: George Fox's Journal 7:30 PM

First Day, Seventh Month 16

[Sunday, July 16, 2017]

Traditional Quaker Christianity 10:00 AM

Meeting for Worship 11:00 AM

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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, Seventh Month 19

[Wednesday, July 19]

Meeting for Worship 7:00 PM

Faith Study: George Fox's Journal 7:30 PM

First Day, Seventh Month 23

[Sunday, July 23, 2017]

Traditional Quaker Christianity 10:00 AM

Meeting for Worship 11:00 AM

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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, Seventh Month 26

[Wednesday, July 26]

Meeting for Worship 7:00 PM

Faith Study: George Fox's Journal 7:30 PM

First Day, Seventh Month 30

[Sunday, July 30, 2017]

We will worship in unity with

Salem-Upper Springfield-Winona Monthly Meeting, Salem OH

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

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**Crossroads Monthly Meeting of Friends
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business**

05-14-2017

The meeting for worship for business held by Crossroads Friends Meeting opened at 12:10 PM on First Day, 05-14-2017 with waiting worship and a reading from James 3: 13-16.

Attending: Phil Helms, Sharon Helms, Jim Drummond, Connor Helms, Phelan Helms, Amalie Helms, Rhonda Fuller

Sharon Helms presented the Treasurer's Report for Fourth Month, 2017, showing a balance of \$2,354.64 at the close of business on 04-30-2017.

Correspondence:

Friends Music Camp

Right Sharing of World Resources, Spring 2017

FGC Annual Report 2016

Walton Retirement Home, 05-2017

Letter from Walton Retirement Home

The letter from the Walton Retirement Home was read aloud during meeting for business. Friends support the restoration of language on term limits to the code of the Walton Home and find no objection to transfer of title to the Walton Home Corporation.

Connor and Phelan are twin brothers who will soon be 15 years old. They have requested membership in Crossroads Monthly Meeting in a joint letter, signed by both and also by their mother, Amalie Helms. The committee met with the boys on First Day, 04-29-2017. Our discussions were wide-ranging, free and open. Phelan and Connor have experienced a religious upbringing, primarily in Crossroads Monthly Meeting, through Bible Study, Meeting for Worship, and First Day

School. They are generally in unity with Quakerism, particularly the Peace Testimony and nonviolence. They consider themselves conscientious objectors, and do not wish any involvement with the War System. They do play video games, some of which involve violence of various degrees, but they readily distinguish between these fantasies and the real world. They have read and studied the Bible extensively, considering their age, and they understand it well. They believe Jesus is the Christ and Son of God, and that he died for the remission of human sins. During recent Bible Study, they appreciated Revelation, understanding that the events described can only come about through the will of God, and requesting that study continue longer than had been scheduled. We recommend that Crossroads Monthly Meeting welcome Phelan Helms and Connor Helms as full members, recognizing their age and maturity as making this possible, rather than associate membership.

Salem Quarterly Meeting took place on 05-13-2017 in Salem. We considered the responses to the Sixth and Seventh Queries. A committee was appointed to secure Clerks for the coming year. The Committee on Outreach reported. Funds are needed for advertising, printing, and possibly for lodging for the recorded ministers during the outreach event. The outreach event in Pennsylvania will be the first weekend in Sixth Month, and planning there is well advanced. Friends approved up to \$200.00 on behalf of Crossroads Monthly Meeting, to be disbursed when arrangements are made and as needed. Individuals may donate, and Sharon will receive such donations.

Sharon, Phil, Connor and Phelan Helms, and Sean Lentz attended the final meeting for worship at Winona Monthly Meeting. That meeting is being laid down after more than 200 years.

With regard to the planned outreach event at Crossroads, we are currently researching park venues and similar locations which might prove suitable, and looking toward a warm weather date. At this point, we feel the Crossroads event may need to be scheduled in 2018.

We have begun the midweek meeting for worship, followed by study of George Fox's Journal. Faith Study on First Day mornings is now focusing on Traditional Quaker Christianity.

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. Other Friends are young and residing in their parental families. The problems of family living in our homes include issues of health and the necessity of balancing work, education, and 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, and our First Day School as needed.

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

Sixth Month 2017						
<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>
05/28 Flint	05/29	05/30	05/31 Mid-week	1	2	3
4 Keystone Fellow- ship	5	6	7 Mid-week	8	9	10
11 Flint - M&O & Business	12	13	14 Mid-week	15	16	17
18 Flint	19	20	21 Mid-week	22	23	24
25 Flint	26	27	28 Mid- week	29	30	07/01