

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



**Volume Twenty, Number Ten
Tenth Month (October) 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 Faith Study: *That Thy Candles May Always Be Burning* by George Fox, followed by a shorter Meeting for Worship.

We will study *Barclay’s Apology in Modern English* edited by Dean Freiday on First Day [Sunday] morning before Meeting for Worship.

Tenth Month

Fourth Day, Tenth Month 03

[Wednesday, October 03, 2018]

Faith Study: *That Thy Candles May Always Be Burning*

2:00 PM

Meeting for Worship 2:30 PM

First Day, Tenth Month 07

[Sunday, October 07, 2018]

Faith Study: *Barclay’s Apology in Modern English* 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)

Fourth Day, Tenth Month 10

[Wednesday, October 10, 2018]

**Faith Study: That Thy Candles May Always Be Burning
2:00 PM**

Meeting for Worship 2:30 PM

First Day, Tenth Month 14

[Sunday, October 14, 2018]

In unity with Middleton Monthly Meeting (Ohio).

Fourth Day, Tenth Month 17

[Wednesday, October 17, 2018]

**Faith Study: That Thy Candles May Always Be Burning
2:00 PM**

Meeting for Worship 2:30 PM

First Day, Tenth Month 21

[Sunday, October 21, 2018]

Faith Study: Barclay's Apology in Modern English 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.

Third Query: Are our homes places of peace, joy, and contentment? Are they an influence for good in the neighborhood, community, and country? Do we set a good Christian example for our children to follow? Are Friends careful that their children realize that our loving Savior will faithfully guide them through life, as they are willing to accept and obey Him? Do we help our children to read and appreciate the Bible?

Fourth Day, Tenth Month 24

[Wednesday, October 24, 2018]

**Faith Study: That Thy Candles May Always Be Burning
2:00 PM**

Meeting for Worship 2:30 PM

First Day, Tenth Month 28

[Sunday, October 28, 2018]

Faith Study: Barclay's Apology in Modern English 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, Tenth Month 31

[Wednesday, October 31, 2018]

Faith Study: That Thy Candles May Always Be Burning

2:00 PM

Meeting for Worship 2:30 PM

Eleventh Month

First Day, Eleventh Month 04

[Sunday, November 04, 2018]

Daylight Savings Time Ends!

Faith Study: Barclay's Apology in Modern English 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, Eleventh Month 07

[Wednesday, November 07, 2018]

Faith Study: That Thy Candles May Always Be Burning

2:00 PM

Meeting for Worship 2:30 PM

First Day, Eleventh Month 11

[Sunday, November 11, 2018]

Faith Study: Barclay's Apology in Modern English 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.

Fourth Query: Believing our bodies to be the temple of God, are we concerned to attain a high level of physical and mental health? To this end are our lives examples of temperance in all things? Do we avoid and discourage the use and handling of intoxicants, tobacco, and improper use of drugs?

Fourth Day, Eleventh Month 14

[Wednesday, November 14, 2018]

**Faith Study: That Thy Candles May Always Be Burning
2:00 PM**

Meeting for Worship 2:30 PM

First Day, Eleventh Month 18

[Sunday, November 18, 2018]

Faith Study: Barclay's Apology in Modern English 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, Eleventh Month 21

[Wednesday, November 21, 2018]

**Faith Study: That Thy Candles May Always Be Burning
2:00 PM**

Meeting for Worship 2:30 PM

First Day, Eleventh Month 25

[Sunday, November 25, 2018]

Faith Study: Barclay's Apology in Modern English 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, Eleventh Month 28

[Wednesday, November 28, 2018]

**Faith Study: That Thy Candles May Always Be Burning
2:00 PM**

Meeting for Worship 2:30 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
09-09-2018**

At the regularly scheduled meeting for worship for business held by Crossroads Monthly Meeting, on 09-09-2018, being the First Day of the week, beginning at 12:10 PM, with waiting worship and the reading of Romans 12: 1-2

Attending: Phil Helms, Sharon Helms, Rhonda Fuller

Sharon Helms presented the Treasurer's Report for Eighth Month, 2018, showing a balance of \$737.07 in checking and \$2,008.11 in savings at the close of business on 08-31-2018.

Correspondence:

Earlham Pastors Conference brochure

We have received "A Christian Call from Ohio Yearly Meeting." The Call was drafted by Ohio Yearly Meeting Ministry and Oversight and adopted by Ohio Yearly Meeting. The Call was read aloud and will be posted. Friends are encouraged to consider local groups such as ministerial associations and the like which should receive the Call. Friends may suggest such groups to the clerk, who will send out copies.

**A Christian Call from Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends
(Conservative)**

We are Christian Friends (Quakers) from various walks of life, political persuasions, ages, and backgrounds. We share both a desire to obey the Lord and a growing concern that our nation bring itself to the path of righteousness and mercy that Jesus taught.

Again and again, Christ calls us to love. We are to love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our strength and with all our mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves (Deuteronomy 6:5, Luke 10:27, Matthew 22:37, Mark 12:30-31). When we are Christians, this is not optional. If our hearts are full of love, there is no room for fear, because "perfect love casts out fear." (I John 4:18) Being blessed with God's abundant love, we should be keeping families together, be welcoming to the strangers, and show compassion to those in need. We should see the best in each other regardless of political affiliation.

We know that "the whole law is fulfilled in one word: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Galatians 5:14) And who is our neighbor? Jesus' answer is the parable of the good Samaritan. Only the Samaritan shows mercy to the beaten man. Only the Samaritan is a true neighbor in the eyes of the Lord (Luke 10:35-37). Today, are we acting the part of the priest and the Levite, or of the Samaritan? Is each of us willing to be a good Samaritan only to those who are like us, or who like us, or whom we like?

We are to follow Him who is the Truth (John 14:6). In an era of confusion between falsehood and truth, we risk leaving Christ's side when we listen to only what pleases us. (2 Timothy 4:3-4) For the sake of Christ, it is worth investigating the truth, wherever it may lead. In the words of Isaac Pennington (a 17th century Friend). "truth will not lose ground by being tried."

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). Is that what we are showing the world? As Christians, we are called to live exemplary lives that glorify God (1 Peter 2:13) Standing on the True Foundation, the Rock of Christ, let us return to His path, stand in the Light of Christ Jesus that reveals all things, and bears witness to our Lord above all – above party, above friends, above media, and above ourselves.

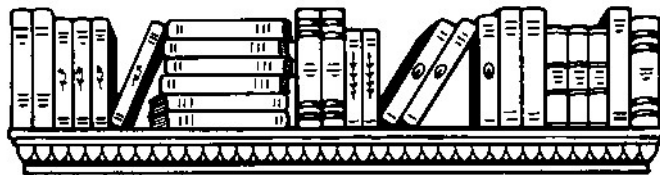
Friends united in restoring Rhonda Fuller to active membership in Crossroads Monthly Meeting at her request.

Second Query: Do we cherish a forgiving spirit, and strive to "walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us"? Is each one of us careful for the reputation of others? Are we ever mindful to love our neighbor as ourselves? If differences threaten to disrupt the Christian harmony between the members, is prompt action taken?

Response: Through the Lord, we are able to cherish a forgiving spirit, and are forgiving in our daily lives. We "walk in love as Christ also hath loved us." With God's help, we are careful of the reputations of others, avoiding gossip and careless discussion of others. We are reminded by the Query to refrain from being judgmental, and from gossip. We love our neighbors as ourselves, understanding that this concept embraces all humankind. Without compromising Friends' Testimonies, we resolve such differences as arise and forgive these differences. In all matters, we remain ever open to our Inner Guide, and maintain Christian harmony within the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Phil Helms, Clerk



Tenth 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>
09/30 Flint	1	2	3 Mid-week Worship	4	5	6
7 Flint	8	9	10 Mid-week Worship	11	12	13
14 Middleton	15	16	17 Mid-week Worship	18	19	20
21 Flint- M&O & Business	22	23	24 Mid-week Worship	25	26	27
28 Flint	29	30	31 Mid-week Worship	11/01	11/02	11/03