

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



**Volume Nineteen, Number Twelve
Twelfth Month (December) 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 will post the current starting page number on the website.

We hold Bible Reading in the manner of Conservative Friends on First Day [Sunday] morning before Meeting for Worship.

Twelfth Month, 2017

First Day, Twelfth Month 03

[Sunday, December 03, 2017]

Bible Reading in the manner of Conservative Friends 10:00 AM

Meeting for Worship 11:00 AM

Crossroads Friends Meeting house, 4108 Menton, Flint MI

Advice 19: Be zealous that education shall be continued throughout life. Willingness to be used in mind as well as in body, and to be equipped in both, is a needful part of Christian character. Our service to God is incomplete without the contribution of the intellect.

Fourth Day, Twelfth Month 06

[Wednesday, December 06, 2017]

Meeting for Worship 3:00 PM

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

Crossroads Friends Meeting house, 4108 Menton, Flint MI

First Day, Twelfth Month 10

[Sunday, December 10, 2017]

Bible Reading in the manner of Conservative Friends 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 20: Follow steadfastly after all that is pure and lovely and of good report. Be prayerful. Be watchful. Be humble. Let no failure discourage you. When temptation comes, make it an opportunity to gain new strength by standing fast, that you may enter into that life of gladness and victory to which all are called.

Fifth Query: Are we sensitive to the needs of those around us who may be in less fortunate circumstances? Do we prayerfully consider how we can share one another's burdens when the need arises? Do we counsel lovingly and prayerfully with those members whose actions in any phase of life give us grounds for concern?

Fourth Day, Twelfth Month 13

[Wednesday, December 13, 2017]

Meeting for Worship 3:00 PM

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

Crossroads Friends Meeting house, 4108 Menton, Flint MI

First Day, Twelfth Month 17

[Sunday, December 17, 2017]

Bible Reading in the manner of Conservative Friends 10:00 AM

Meeting for Worship 11:00 AM

Crossroads Friends Meeting house, 4108 Menton, Flint MI

Advice 21: A punctual attendance at the hour appointed for Meeting for Worship is a matter of no small importance. If we hurry from outward occupation, we are in danger of two things: our thoughts may still be with that in which we have been engaged, and our late arrival may interrupt that holy silence which should prevail; however, let us welcome with open hearts all who join us no matter when they arrive.

Fourth Day, Twelfth Month 20

[Wednesday, December 20, 2017]

Meeting for Worship 3:00 PM

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

Crossroads Friends Meeting house, 4108 Menton, Flint MI

First Day, Twelfth Month 24

[Sunday, December 24, 2017]

Bible Reading in the manner of Conservative Friends 10:00 AM

Meeting for Worship 11:00 AM

Crossroads Friends Meeting house, 4108 Menton, Flint MI

Advice 22: We would urge Friends, when away from home, to attend a Meeting for Worship if such is within reach. Such attendance may well strengthen the meeting, and may bring Friends who were hitherto strangers into fellowship with one another.

Fourth Day, Twelfth Month 27

[Wednesday, December 27, 2017]

Meeting for Worship 3:00 PM

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

Crossroads Friends Meeting house, 4108 Menton, Flint MI

First Day, Twelfth Month 31

[Sunday, December 31, 2017]

Bible Reading in the manner of Conservative Friends 10:00 AM

Meeting for Worship 11:00 AM

Crossroads Friends Meeting house, 4108 Menton, Flint MI

Advice 23: Those who visit our meetings for worship should be given a friendly welcome and be encouraged to continue to join us in worship. Particular assistance and loving attention should be accorded new members.

First Month, 2018

Fourth Day, First Month 03

[Wednesday, January 03, 2018]

Meeting for Worship 3:00 PM

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

Crossroads Friends Meeting house, 4108 Menton, Flint MI

First Day, First Month 07

[Sunday, January 07, 2018]

Bible Reading in the manner of Conservative Friends 10:00 AM

Meeting for Worship 11:00 AM

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Advice 24: When we gather together in worship, let us remember that there is committed to us, as disciples of Christ, a share in the priesthood. We should help one another, whether in silence, or through spoken word, or prayer. Let none of us assume that vocal ministry is never to be our part. If the call comes, there should be no quenching of the Spirit. The sense of our own unworthiness must not exempt us from this service, nor must the fear of being unable to find the right words, "for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak." (Matthew 10:19)

Fourth Day, First Month 10

[Wednesday, January 10, 2018]

Meeting for Worship 3:00 PM
Faith Study: George Fox's Journal 3:30 PM
Crossroads Friends Meeting house, 4108 Menton, Flint MI

First Day, First Month 14

[Sunday, January 14, 2018]

Bible Reading in the manner of Conservative Friends 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 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.

Sixth Query: Do we live in the life and power which takes away the occasion of all wars? Do we, on Christian principles, refuse to participate in or to cooperate with the military effort? Do we work actively for peace and the removal of the causes of war? Do we endeavor to cultivate good will, mutual understanding, and equal opportunities for all people?

Fourth Day, First Month 17

[Wednesday, January 17, 2018]

Meeting for Worship 3:00 PM

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

Crossroads Friends Meeting house, 4108 Menton, Flint MI

First Day, First Month 21

[Sunday, January 21, 2018]

Bible Reading in the manner of Conservative Friends 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, First Month 24

[Wednesday, January 24, 2018]

Meeting for Worship 3:00 PM

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

Crossroads Friends Meeting house, 4108 Menton, Flint MI

First Day, First Month 28

[Sunday, January 28, 2018]

Bible Reading in the manner of Conservative Friends 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, First Month 31
[Wednesday, January 31, 2018]
Meeting for Worship 3:00 PM
Faith Study: George Fox's Journal 3:30 PM
Crossroads Friends Meeting house, 4108 Menton, Flint MI**

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**

11-12-2017

The meeting for worship for business held by Crossroads Friends Meeting opened at 12:30 PM on First Day, 11-12-2017 with waiting worship.

Attending: Phil Helms, Sharon Helms, James Drummond, Trent Drummond, Rhonda Fuller

Sharon Helms presented the Treasurer's Report for Tenth Month, 2017, showing a balance of \$724.86 at the close of business on 10-31-2017.

The proposed budget will be presented next month. Friends who wish to make contributions before year's end are reminded of the passage of time.

Correspondence:

Walton Home newsletter, 11-2017

FCNL Annual Meeting Information

World Vision gift catalogue

Food for the Poor gift catalogue

Save the Children gift catalogue

Report of Clearness Committee on Membership for Adrian Rush:

The Committee has appreciated the opportunity to get to know Adrian Rush

through a series of conversations via e-mail. Adrian has been open and forthcoming in response to all our many and varied questions. His spiritual path has included contact with many denominations and disciplines, and we are confident he is now able to discern which is his true spiritual home. He is in very substantial unity with the beliefs and practices of Conservative Friends, and has chosen Crossroads because his roots are in Michigan, and he may be able to visit and worship with us during return visits to Michigan. We unite in recommending that Adrian Rush be received into affiliate membership in Crossroads Monthly Meeting.

Philip W. Helms, James H. Drummond, Phelan W. Helms

Friends united in adopting the report and receiving Adrian Rush as an affiliate member of Crossroads Monthly Meeting.

Midweek Meeting: Friends united in rescheduling Midweek Meeting to hold worship at 3:00 PM and Faith Study following at 3:30 PM or as led on Fourth Days. The schedule change will be effective at the beginning in Twelfth Month, 2017.

We, Quakers of Crossroads Friends Meeting in Flint MI, United States, support the new United Nations General Assembly's Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty in the name of Jesus Christ, consistent with His commands to his followers. Quakers have worked tirelessly for abolition of nuclear weapons since their inception. We encourage all Friends who are so led, to join to make the abolition of nuclear weapons possible. Let us proceed together as Christ Jesus leads and as way opens.

Rhonda Fuller opposed this minute, contending it is worldly and not of Christ. She removed herself from Meeting for Worship for Business, acknowledging that she is at odds with the meeting and Friends generally on this subject. We will send her a letter on the situation, citing Book of Discipline, page 15, and await her further action(s).

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?

Response: We believe our bodies to be the temple of God. We are concerned to attain a high level of physical and mental health, but some of us find that we have fallen short of this goal. We experience a range of chronic and lifestyle health problems, and we have undertaken plans involving nutritional practices, exercise, and stress reduction in the effort to improve these problems. We are too often inconsistent in follow thru with such plans.

We attempt to maintain right balance in all things, but note that with regard to food, we are still intemperate at times. We avoid the use and handling of tobacco and alcohol, and the improper use of drugs, while acknowledging our need for properly used prescription drugs and supplements in our attempts to attain a high level of physical and mental health.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Phil Helms, Clerk

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