

Newsletter

November 2019

Crosswicks Friends Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends



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“But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.”

James 3:17 (KJV)



Crosswicks Meeting House 1773

Diane Williams

November Calendar

Sunday, November 3	Assembly Meeting for Worship	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	FDS MH
Thursday, November 7	Meals for the Needy	3:00 p.m.	FDS
Sunday, November 10	Assembly Meeting for Worship Meeting for Business	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	FDS MH MH
Sunday, November 17	Assembly Meeting for Worship	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	FDS MH
Sunday, November 24	Thanksgiving Breakfast Meeting for Worship	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	FDS MH

John Andrews, Clerk

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November Highlights

November 3: T.A.S.K. Meals. During the Assembly period we will be preparing meals for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen in the First Day School. Please help by donating peanut butter, jelly, bread, cookies or fruit. This may run into the Meeting time, so those wishing to attend Meeting may leave at 10:15 a.m.

November 24: Thanksgiving Breakfast. Thanksgiving falls late this year, so our annual Thanksgiving Breakfast will be held starting at **9:00 a.m.** on the last Sunday of November in the First Day School. There will be no Assembly. If you would like to bring food or participate with preparation or clean-up, there will be a sign-up sheet in the next few weeks in the Meeting House.

Trick-or-Treat at the Meeting House

It may not be in November, but this is the last chance to remind everyone that our Meeting will hold a trick-or-treat event at the Meeting House in Crosswicks on Halloween, Thursday, October 31. If you'd like to help out, please arrive around 5:30 p.m. (just as the littlest ones start making the rounds). Bring a bag of candy if you can.

Cereal Collection Continues

Please consider donating unopened boxes of breakfast cereals to help us in our Bordentown Motel Ministry outreach. The drop-off location is inside the front door of the First Day School. Thanks!

New Dates for Meeting for Business

At the October Meeting for Business it was decided that all subsequent Meetings for Business would be held on the **second** Sunday of each month (with no Meetings in July and August). The new dates for 2019-2020 are:

November 10
December 8
January 12
February 9
March 8
April 12
May 10

On the second Sunday in June we hold our annual Potluck Lunch, so we will decide at the November Meeting for Business how to schedule the June Meeting.

Multi-Faith Service and Conference for Peace

The Coalition for Peace Action will hold its 40th Multi-Faith Service and Conference for Peace featuring **Jim Wallis** in the morning and **Dan Ellsberg** (of the *Pentagon Papers* fame) in the afternoon on **Sunday, November 10, 2018. The Multifaith Service will take place at 11:00 AM at the Princeton University Chapel** (on campus, between Firestone Library and Washington Road). The service is free (there will be a free-will offering to benefit CFPA) and does not require pre-registration. For more info, please click [here](#).



Queries

Eleventh Month

Stewardship of Resources

Does our Meeting serve social and economic justice in its uses of property and money?

How does our Meeting engage its members in the support of the Meeting's work, its ministry, and the upkeep of its property?

How does our Meeting engage its members in the support of the quarterly and yearly meetings and other Quaker organizations?

To what extent does our Meeting rely on current members for financial support, and what role does endowment income serve? Does the Meeting consider carefully the appropriate role of invested funds?

Am I clear that I am the steward, not the owner, of property in my care?

Do I simplify my needs, making choices that balance self-sufficiency (to avoid unnecessary dependence on others) and fair sharing of resources? Do I make choices as a consumer that support the equitable distribution of income?

Do my employment and other activities allow for use of time and energy in spiritual growth and in service to the Religious Society of Friends?

Do I contribute generously within my means to the funding of the work of Friends in my Meeting, in the yearly meeting, and in the wider world of Friends?

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