

Newsletter

December 2021

Crosswicks Friends Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends



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"I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do or any kindness I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it for I shall not pass this way again."

– Stephen Grellett (1773-1855)



Crosswicks Meeting House 1773

Diane Williams

December Calendar

Sunday, December 5	Assembly Meeting for Worship First Day School	9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	MH/Zoom MH/Zoom FDS
Sunday, December 12	Meeting for Worship Meeting for Business	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	MH/Zoom MH/Zoom
Sunday, December 19	Meeting for Worship First Day School Quarterly Meeting Candlelight Service	10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	MH/Zoom FDS Little Egg Harbor MH/Zoom
Sunday, December 26	Meeting for Worship	10:00 a.m.	MH/Zoom

Mike Brick, Clerk

Russell Caldwell, editor

This Month at the Meeting

December 12: Meeting for Business. Our monthly business meeting will be held on Sunday following the rise of Meeting at 11:00 a.m. in the Meeting House and via Zoom.

December 19: Quarterly Meeting. The Fourth Quarterly Meeting of the Burlington Quarter will be held at the Little Egg Harbor Friends Meeting at 21 East Main Street in Tuckerton, NJ. Following Meeting for Worship at 10:00 a.m. the Quarterly Meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. Lunch and a program will follow. Details will be made available soon.

December 19: Candlelight Service. Our annual Christmas event will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting House. We will be returning to our traditional format this year, inviting all members and attendees to participate in person. There will also be a Zoom component for people in the community, and instructions for accessing the link will be publicized on our website and Facebook page. There will be carols and readings as before, and if you can, please bring a monetary donation for the Mercer Street Friends, to be placed on the tree. There will be cider and cookies served afterwards.

FIRST DAY SCHOOL TO RESTART

Beginning on Sunday, December 5, we will again be offering a First Day School for children, to be held during the Meeting for Worship hour in the First Day School building. This will occur twice a month, and if you would like to help out in any way, please contact Lauren Czehut or the Meeting at crosswicksmeeting@verizon.net.



John Woolman Memorial Association Greens Sale

Saturday, Dec. 4th – 9 AM to 3 PM & Sunday, Dec. 5th – Noon to 3 PM



Help us decorate wreaths or create your own wreath using our materials on Nov. 30, Dec. 1 & 2. Contact us for details!

The John Woolman Memorial Association will be having our Greens Sale once again this year. We are accepting pre-orders for pine roping, for plain balsam wreaths, and for plain wreaths with bows. All other wreaths will be on display during the sale. Each wreath is unique because it is hand-decorated by our team of volunteers.

The sale will be held on December 4th from 9 until 3, and on December 5th from Noon until 3, at the Woolman Memorial, 99 Branch St., Mt. Holly, NJ.

For more information, please contact woolmanmemorial@gmail.com, or call 609-267-3226.

The **Committee on Care and Counsel** extends our thanks to all who helped in any way with Thanksgiving Breakfast on November 21. That includes those who came to share a varied and delicious meal, along with a chance to sit down and break bread together for the first time in a long while. We wish all who read this a wonderful holiday season and a peaceful New Year.

Queries

Twelfth Month

Integrity and Simplicity

What does our Meeting understand to be the meaning and implication of our testimonies on simplicity and integrity?

How do our Meeting's actions demonstrate this understanding?

As a Meeting, what are we doing to encourage members to embody integrity and simplicity in their everyday lives?

How do I strive to maintain the integrity of my inner and outer lives—in my spiritual journey, my work, and my family responsibilities? How do I manage my commitments so that overcommitment, worry, and stress do not diminish my integrity?

Am I temperate in all things? Am I open to counsel and advice on overindulgence and addictive behavior, such as gambling? Do I take seriously the hazards associated with addictive and mood-altering substances?

Am I careful to speak truth as I know it and am I open to truth spoken to me? Am I mindful that judicial oaths imply a double standard of truth?

Do I refrain from membership in organizations whose purposes and methods compromise our testimonies?

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