

Newsletter

December 2022

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

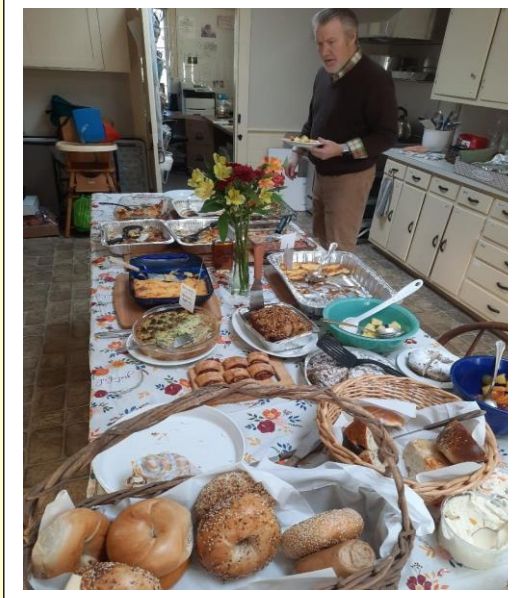
Diane Williams

December Calendar

Sunday, December 4	Assembly Meeting for Worship First Day School	9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	MH/Zoom MH/Zoom FDS
Sunday, December 11	Assembly Meeting for Worship Meeting for Business	9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	FDS/Zoom MH/Zoom MH/Zoom
Sunday, December 18	Assembly Meeting for Worship First Day School Quarterly Meeting Candlelight Service	9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	FDS/Zoom MH/Zoom FDS Princeton MH/Zoom
Sunday, December 25	Meeting for Worship	10:00 a.m.	MH/Zoom
Tuesday, December 27	Motel Meals	3:00 p.m.	FDS

Mike Brick, Clerk

Russell Caldwell, editor



Chris Bond weighing his options at the Thanksgiving Breakfast

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE 2022

Our annual Christmas event will be held on Sunday, December 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting House. There will be carols and readings, and if you can, please bring a monetary donation for the Mercer Street Friends, to be placed on the tree. For the Zoom link, please click [here](#).

WE NEED YOUR COOKIES!
HOMEMADE COOKIES ARE NEEDED FOR
THE CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT
SERVICE ON DECEMBER 18. NO NEED
TO SIGN UP IN ADVANCE. JUST BRING
YOUR COOKIES WHEN YOU COME.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Meeting is no longer collecting wrapped toys for Mercer Street Friends

Merry 
Christmas

Thanksgiving Breakfast and Service include the First Day School

The Crosswicks Friends Meeting held its annual Thanksgiving Breakfast and Worship Service on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, and we enjoyed a special treat by having the children from the First Day School and their parents join us for both events. About 30 of us gathered for breakfast at 9:00 a.m., which gave us an opportunity to talk with the kids and their families, as well as enjoy good food and fellowship, the latter of which has been scarce since the pandemic began in 2020.

At the Worship Service, the children came before the gathered and told us what they were thankful for, and John Enz led us in both a recitation and singing of the Thanksgiving hymn.

John Woolman Memorial Association Greens Sale

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



WHERE: John Woolman Memorial, 99 Branch St., Mt. Holly
 For questions or to pre-order pine roping, poinsettias,
 or plain wreaths, call 609-267-3226.
 Or email woolmanmemorial@gmail.com

Help us decorate wreaths or create your own wreath using our materials on Nov. 29th & 30th, and Dec. 1st. Contact us for details!

My sister Katherine and I would like to thank the Crosswicks Quakers for their yummy meal contributions and other kindnesses while I recover. It really helped get us through the first critical month when so much was going on in our lives. Now our schedule has opened up more, and Katherine has more time to cook, but we wanted you to know our gratitude.

-- Russell Caldwell

More Photos from the Breakfast



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?