

# Newsletter

January 2020

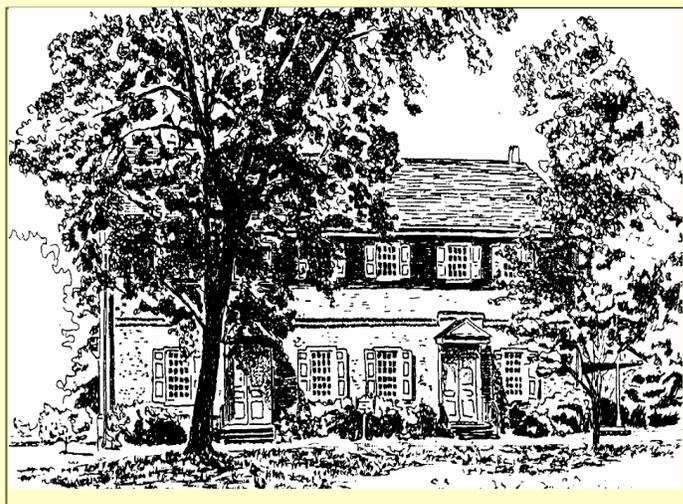
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*“The truest end of life, is to know the  
life that never ends.”*

*William Penn, 1644-1718*



*Crosswicks Meeting House 1773*

*Diane Williams*

## January Calendar

Thursday, January 2	Meals for the Needy	3:00 p.m.	FDS
Sunday, January 5	Assembly Meeting for Worship	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	FDS MH
Sunday, January 12	Assembly Meeting for Worship Meeting for Business	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	FDS MH MH
Sunday, January 19	Assembly Meeting for Worship	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	FDS MH
Monday, January 20	Gathering for Understanding	7:00 p.m.	MH
Sunday, January 26	Assembly Meeting for Worship	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	FDS MH

*Drew Elgrim, Clerk*

*Russell Caldwell, Editor*

## January Highlights

**January 12: Monthly Meeting.** The January Monthly Meeting for Business will be held on the second Sunday at the rise of Meeting for Worship (around 11:30 a.m.) in the Meeting House.

**January 19: Mere Christianity.** John Andrews continues with the second part of his discussion of C.S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity* during Assembly at 9:30 a.m., with a study guide by Devin Brown and a video presentation. Four further discussions will follow in the months ahead.

**January 20: Gathering for Understanding.** Our fifth annual Gathering will take place at 7:00 p.m. on the Martin Luther King holiday, and will feature musical presentations, readings and discussions about peace and its place in our ever-changing world. There will be periods of silent worship as well.



*Outgoing Treasurer and Clerk, Mary Sohler and John Andrews, at the last meeting for worship of the decade on December 29.*

## Candlelight Service: A time for reflection and giving

Thanks to all who helped in any way with our Meeting's Christmas observances. Our efforts provided many around Crosswicks with a lovely start to Christmas week through our Christmas Candlelight Service, and assured others by a friendly visit and delivery of a fruit basket that we hold them in the Light. We can be grateful, too, for over \$1,100 from our Christmas tree to be sent to Mercer Street Friends Center.

## Meeting Welcomes New Clerk and Treasurer

As of January 1, 2020, our Assistant Clerk, Drew Elgrim, will become our new Clerk, replacing outgoing Clerk John Andrews. John will then become the new Assistant Clerk. At the same time, Maria John, who had served earlier in the decade as Recording Clerk, will become our new Treasurer, replacing longtime Treasurer Mary Sohler. We wish to thank Mary and John for their outstanding leadership over the years, and we look forward to their continued presence in our Meeting in their emeritus status. We also welcome and wish the best of luck to Drew and Maria in their new roles.

## New Year's Eve Peace Vigil

The Trenton Meeting of Friends and the Coalition for Peace Action will hold their annual peace vigil on New Year's Eve (Tuesday, December 31) from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Trenton Meeting House located at 142 East Hanover Street (at the corner of North Montgomery Street) in Trenton, NJ. All are welcome to attend.



## Queries

### First Month

#### Meeting for Worship

Are our meetings for worship held in stilled, expectant waiting upon God?

As we worship is there a living silence in which we are drawn together by the power of God in our midst?

Is the spirit of our worship together one that nurtures all worshipers?

How does our Meeting respond when the vocal ministry seems inappropriate, or when the meeting for worship is consistently not gathered?

*Do I faithfully attend meeting with heart and mind prepared for worship, clear of any predetermination to speak or not to speak, and expecting that worship will be a source of strength and guidance?*

*Does worship deepen my relationship with God, increase my faithfulness, and refresh and renew my daily life, both inwardly and in my relationship with others?*

*Have I experienced in worship that direct leading to listen or to speak, and have I been faithful to my own experience?*

*Source: Faith and Practice, Revised June 2002 edition.*