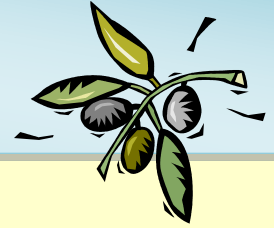


Newsletter

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Crosswicks Friends Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends



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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

Sunday, January 1	Meeting for Worship	10:00 a.m.	MH/Zoom
Sunday, January 8	Assembly	9:15 a.m.	FDS/Zoom
	First Day School	10:00 a.m.	FDS
	Meeting for Worship	10:00 a.m.	MH/Zoom
	Meeting for Business	11:00 a.m.	MH/Zoom
Sunday, January 15	Assembly	9:15 a.m.	FDS/Zoom
	Meeting for Worship	10:00 a.m.	MH/Zoom
	MLK Gathering	5:00 p.m.	MH/Zoom
Saturday, January 21	Trenton Friends Retreat	8am - 4pm	MH (non-CMM)
Sunday, January 22	Assembly	9:15 a.m.	FDS/Zoom
	Meeting for Worship	10:00 a.m.	MH/Zoom
	First Day School	10:00 a.m.	FDS
Sunday, January 29	Assembly	9:15 a.m.	MH/Zoom
	Meeting for Worship	10:00 a.m.	MH/Zoom
Tuesday, January 31	Motel Meals	3:00 p.m.	FDS

Mike Brick, Clerk

Russell Caldwell, Editor



The candles are all lighted, with the Christmas tree, following the Candlelight Service in the Meeting House

The Meeting House lighted and decorated for the Candlelight Service on December 18



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 on Zoom and in the Meeting House with a lovely start to Christmas week through our Christmas Candlelight Service on December 18, 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 the roughly \$1,000 from our Christmas tree to be sent to Mercer Street Friends Center.

Meeting To Revive MLK Gathering After Two-Year Hiatus

As the country becomes more vaccinated and the pandemic ebbs for the moment, the Crosswicks Friends Meeting will revive its annual MLK Gathering for Understanding on **Sunday, January 15, at 5:00 p.m. in the Meeting House**. There will be music, singing, readings, and silent worship as we remember the peace and social justice legacy of civil-rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr., who was born January 16, 1929. If you would like to make a presentation or help out in any way, please contact John Enz at jsenz@mac.com or Chris Bond at chrisbond68@gmail.com

January Highlights

January 8: Monthly Meeting. The January Monthly Meeting for Business will be held on the second Sunday at the rise of Meeting for Worship (at 11:00 a.m.) in the Meeting House and via Zoom.

January 8 and 22: First Day School. The Crosswicks Friends' First Day School program will enter its "spring semester" 2023 on January 8. The children meet in the First Day School building at 10:00 a.m., and parents are welcome to attend Meeting for Worship at this time in the Meeting House. For more information, please contact Lauren Czehut at lcczehut@gmail.com.



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.