

Newsletter

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Crosswicks Friends Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends



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*“The real and lasting victories are those
of peace, not of war.”*

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)



Crosswicks Meeting House 1773

Diane Williams

February Calendar

Sunday, February 5	Assembly Meeting for Worship First Day School	9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	FDS/Zoom MH/Zoom FDS
Tuesday, February 7	W&M/RE Meeting	7:00 p.m.	FDS/Zoom
Sunday, February 12	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
Wednesday, February 15	Richard Moody talk	7:00 p.m.	FDS/Zoom
Sunday, February 19	Assembly Meeting for Worship First Day School	9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	FDS/Zoom MH/Zoom FDS
Sunday, February 26	Assembly Meeting for Worship	9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	FDS/Zoom MH/Zoom
Tuesday, February 28	Motel Meals Prep	3:00 p.m.	FDS

Mike Brick, Clerk

Russell Caldwell, editor

This Month in the Meeting

February 12: Meeting for Business. The February Meeting for Business will be held at the rise of meeting (11:00 a.m.) in the Meeting House and via Zoom.

February 15: Richard Moody talk. Join us on Wednesday evening, either at the First Day School or via Zoom, for the next in Richard Moody's series of talks. The topic this month will be "Cape Town: Khayelitsha and Langa Townships, South Africa." The Zoom link is the same as that for our Sunday morning events and can be accessed [here](#).

Please consider donating non-perishable food items and new, unopened boxes of cereal for the needy. Drop items off in the vestibule of the First Day School.

Help us reach our goal of \$1,000 for charitable donations in 2023 by dropping what you can in the donation box at the back of the Meeting House.

Meeting House celebrates semiquincentennial in 2023

This year marks the 250th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of our Meeting House in November 1773. An ad hoc committee has been formed to discuss how we will celebrate this occasion in the coming months. The clerk of the committee is Russell Caldwell, who will be calling subsequent meetings and will happily entertain any suggestions or comments. You can contact Russell at the Meeting address, crosswicksmeeting@verison.net, or via phone or text at 609-500-0452.

FDS starts Save the Children campaign

Our newly rebooted First Day School program will continue holding bimonthly sessions in the First Day School for school-age children. In 2023, the children will begin collecting donations for the Save the Children fund, and they will visit our Meeting for Worship once a month to ask our members and attenders to contribute. The remaining sessions before summer break are:

February 5, 19*	May 7, 21*
March 5, 19*	June 4
April 2, 23*	

*Collecting for Save the Children



Group from Crosswicks Grace A.M.E. Church at our MLK service on January 15. From l. to r.: Susan Ash, Paul Ash, Evelyn Lewis, Rev. Larry Lewis, Dr. Angela Moody Robinson



Queries

Second Month

Meeting for Business

Is our meeting for business held in the spirit of a meeting for worship in which we seek divine guidance?

Are we careful to keep in the spirit of worship each of the concerns that emerge, whether of nurture, of Spirit, of social concerns, of property, or of finance?

Are Meeting decisions directed by prayerful consideration of all aspects of an issue and are difficult problems considered carefully with patient search for truth, unhurried by the pressures of time?

How do we respond if we notice the meeting has lost an understanding of the presence of God?

Do we recognize that we speak through our inaction as well as our action?

Do I regularly attend meeting for business and in a spirit of love and unity? If unable to attend, how do I attend to my responsibility?

Do I consider prayerfully the many concerns that are lifted up on any issue, acknowledging that the search for truth in unity involves what God requires, being open to personal transformation as the community arrives at the sense of the meeting?

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