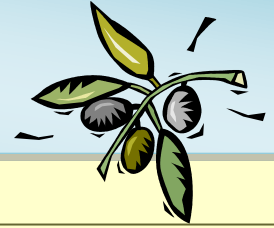


Newsletter

March 2020

Crosswicks Friends Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends



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“Most of the miseries of the world were caused by wars. And when the wars were over, no one ever knew what they were fighting about.”

Margaret Mitchell (1900-1949)



Crosswicks Meeting House 1773

Diane Williams

March Calendar

Sunday, March 1	Assembly Meeting for Worship	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	FDS MH
Thursday, March 5	Meals for the Needy	3:00 p.m.	FDS
Saturday, March 7	Potluck Dinner (Elgrims)	5:30 p.m.	Off-site
Sunday, March 8	Assembly Meeting for Worship Meeting for Business	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	FDS MH MH
Sunday, March 15	Meeting for Worship Quarterly Meeting at Trenton	10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	MH Off-site
Sunday, March 22	Assembly Meeting for Worship	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	FDS MH
Sunday, March 29	Assembly Meeting for Worship	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	FDS MH

Drew Elgrim, Clerk

Russell Caldwell, editor

This month in the Meeting

March 7: Potluck Dinner. We will hold a winter potluck dinner at the Elgrims' house beginning at 5:30 p.m. If you would like to attend and bring a dish, there is a sign-up sheet in the Meeting House.

March 8: Meeting for Business. Our monthly Meeting for Business will be held at the rise of Meeting, or about 11:30 a.m., in the Meeting House.

March 15: Quarterly Meeting. The First Quarterly Meeting of 2020 of the Burlington Quarter will be held at 11:00 a.m. at the Trenton Friends Meeting. We will not hold Assembly in the morning, but Meeting for Worship will be held starting at 10:30 a.m. in the Meeting House. After the quarterly meeting in Trenton there will be lunch and a presentation by Erich Kussman, pastor at St. Bartholomew's Lutheran Church in Trenton. He will speak about prison reform and the criminal justice system in New Jersey.

Pet Show cancelled

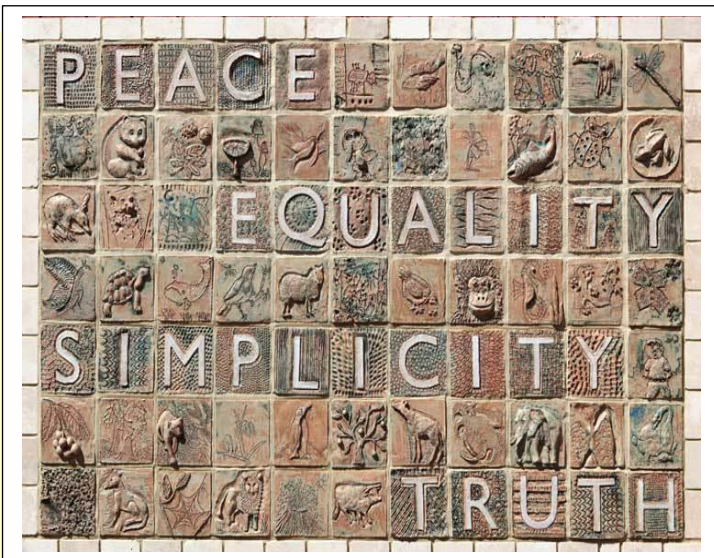
What would have been our fifth annual Quaker Pet Show has been cancelled for 2020, due in large part to lack of staffing. The driving force behind the show, Kim Olzewski, has recently transitioned to a new place of employment and will not be able to devote time to the show this year. Of course, we wish Kim well at her new job, and we hope she can try again next year to organize the Pet Show. Our other spring activities, including the Easter egg hunt on April 11 and our Easter breakfast and worship service on April 12, will go on as scheduled.

Sunday schedule change

At the February monthly Meeting for Business, several of those present suggested that we change our Sunday time schedule back to the most recent schedule, namely Assembly at 9:15 a.m., Meeting for Worship at 10:15 a.m., and Meeting for Business at 11:15 a.m. on second Sundays. It was agreed that we would discuss the changes at the Meeting for Business on March 8, and if the changes were agreed upon, they would not take place until after the summer break. Please plan to attend this month's business meeting if you would like to take part in the discussion.

Sandy Hook uncle to speak in Gwynedd

Peter Murchison, a Quaker from Connecticut whose nephew was slain in the Sandy Hook school massacre, will give a talk entitled "Pathways to Ending Gun Violence: Legislative Solutions" at the Gwynedd Friends Meeting on **Saturday, March 21 at 10:00 a.m.** The talk is free and all are welcome to attend. For more information, please click [here](#).



Please consider leaving a donation in our First Day School vestibule.

For the needy, we are accepting non-perishable food items of all kinds as well as new, unopened boxes of cereal.

Queries

Third Month

Spiritual Nurture, Ministry, and Religious Education

Does our Meeting encourage the ministry of both word and deed? How does our Meeting recognize, develop, and nurture the gifts of our members and attenders of all ages?

Does our Meeting prepare all its members and children for worship and for a way of life consistent with the principles of the Religious Society of Friends? How do we teach about Quaker practices in business and worship and their importance to the functioning of our Meeting community?

In what ways do we support each other in order to seek God's will and act upon our understanding of truth? Is there opportunity in our Meeting to share the excitement of religious discovery and the possibility of religious transformation?

Does our Meeting provide opportunities for all in the Meeting to learn about:

1. The Inner Light, the living Christ within, the Bible, the writings of Friends, our Christian heritage, other religious traditions and their respective roles in the history and formation of Friends' principles?
2. The common testimonies Friends declare?
3. The variety of expression Quaker faith takes today?

Do I maintain as part of my personal and family life those daily practices that focus on continued spiritual growth, with disciplined worship, inward retirement, and communion with the divine spirit?

Do I frequently read the Bible and other religious literature, including the records of the lives and experiences of Friends? Do I take the time to explore these resources with others, and likewise encourage my children?

Do I share my own faith and spiritual journey, and encourage such sharing within my family?

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