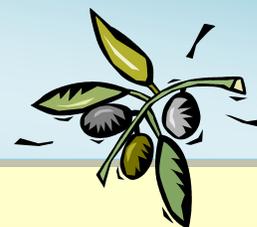


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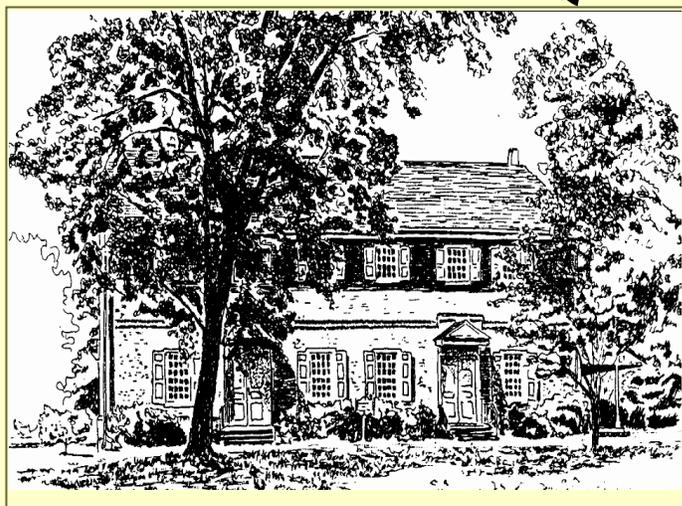
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“Most of the miseries of the world were caused by wars. And when the wars were over, no one ever knew what they were fighting about.”

Margaret Mitchell (1900-1949)



Crosswicks Meeting House 1773

Diane Williams

March Calendar

Saturday, March 5	Memorial Service for Mary Sohler	1:00 p.m.	MH
Sunday, March 6	Assembly	9:00 a.m.	MH/Zoom
	Meeting for Worship	10:00 a.m.	MH/Zoom
	First Day School	10:00 a.m.	FDS
Wednesday, March 9	Gathering	7:00 p.m.	MH/Zoom
Sunday, March 13	Meeting for Worship	10:00 a.m.	MH/Zoom
	Meeting for Business	11:00 a.m.	MH/Zoom
Sunday, March 20	First Day School	10:00 a.m.	FDS
	Meeting for Worship	10:00 a.m.	MH/Zoom
	Burlington Quarterly Meeting	11:00 a.m.	MH
Sunday, March 27	Assembly	9:00 a.m.	MH/Zoom
	Meeting for Worship	10:00 a.m.	MH/Zoom
Tuesday, March 29	Meals for the Needy	2:30 a.m.	FDS

Mike Brick, Clerk

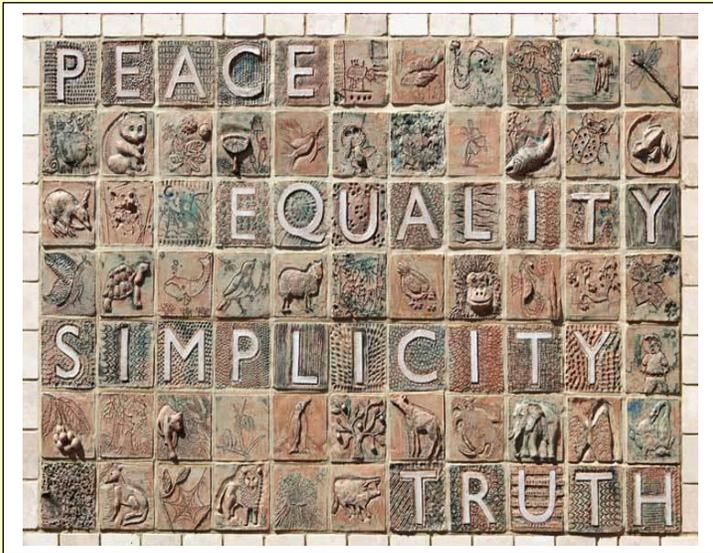
Russell Caldwell, editor

This month in the Meeting

March 5: Memorial Service for Mary Sohler. On Saturday at 1:00 p.m. we will hold a memorial service for our dear Friend Mary Sohler in our meeting house.

March 13: Meeting for Business. Our monthly Meeting for Business will be held at the rise of Meeting, or about 11:00 a.m., in the Meeting House and via Zoom.

March 20: Quarterly Meeting in Crosswicks. The First Quarterly Meeting of 2022 of the Burlington Quarter will be held at 11:00 a.m. at our Meeting House. We will not hold Assembly in the morning, but Meeting for Worship will be held starting at 10:00 a.m. in the Meeting House and via Zoom. More information on the agenda and a possible after-program will be available closer to the date, but lunch will be served in the First Day School following the meeting.



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.

Mary Sohler, lifelong Friend, dies at 89

Mary Finley Sohler, a birthright Quaker who was a member of our Crosswicks meeting for over 20 years, passed on February 16 at the age of 89. She had been our Treasurer for many years before stepping down two years ago, and she was a vital and loving part of our meeting. Mary was born in Pennington into a family of Hopewell Friends in 1933, three days after Hitler came to power in Germany. In 1958 she married Arthur Sohler from New York, NY, and by the time she became a member of our meeting in 2000, she had been a Princeton Friend for several years. She had three children - Paul, Elizabeth and James. We will hold a Quaker memorial service for Mary at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 5, in our Meeting House, which will be followed by fellowship and refreshments in our First Day School. More information about donations and a full obituary will be forthcoming.

Two years ago

Two years ago this month our meeting, like many others worldwide, was compelled to shutter our Meeting House and move our meetings to the virtual Zoom platform because of the growing Covid-19 pandemic. On March 22, 2022, we did not hold our Meeting for Worship, the first time that had happened in many years. By the next Sunday, however, we had organized a Zoom meeting, and we continued to meet solely on Zoom. By the end of the summer, Friends Tom Bradley and Chris Bond had set up a monitor, cam and computer in the Meeting House, allowing us to hold hybrid meetings with those attending in person and those on Zoom. We are looking forward to a day when we can all meet again in the Meeting House.

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?

Source: Faith and Practice, Revised June 2002 edition