

Newsletter

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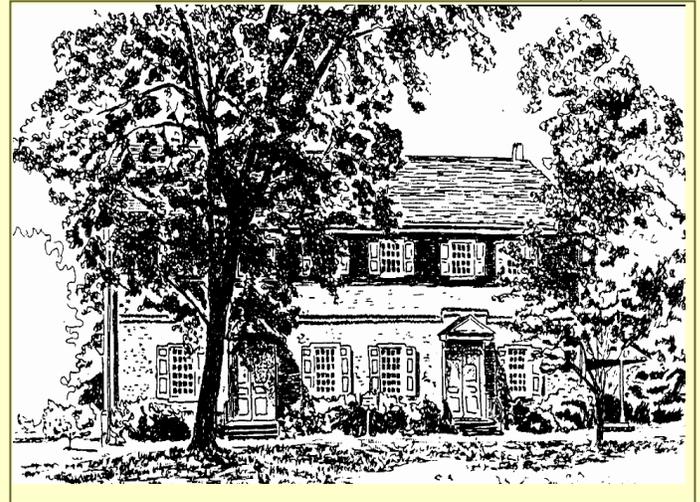
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Take heed of pleasures, and prize your time now while you have it; do not spend it in pleasures or earthliness. The time may come when you will say "I had time," when it is past.

George Fox (1624-1691)



Crosswicks Meeting House 1773

Diane Williams

April Calendar

Thursday, April 2	Meals for the Needy	3:00 p.m.	FDS
Saturday, April 4	Easter Egg Hunt	1:00 p.m.	MH Green
Sunday, April 5	Easter Breakfast Meeting for Worship	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	FDS MH
Tuesday, April 7	Crafts Night	7-9 p.m.	FDS
Friday, April 10	T.A.S.K.	Call Mary Sohler for details 609-324-3995	
Sunday, April 12	Assembly Meeting for Worship Meeting for Business	9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	FDS MH MH
Sunday, April 19	Assembly Meeting for Worship	9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	FDS MH
Tuesday, April 21	Crafts Night	7-9 p.m.	FDS
Saturday, April 25	Trip to Hindu temple	10:00 a.m.	Off-site
Sunday, April 26	Assembly Meeting for Worship	9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	FDS MH

Jennifer Elgrim, Clerk

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Easter festivities planned for first weekend in April

As spring arrives, and winter slowly loosens its grip on the area, can Easter be far behind? On the first weekend in April, the Crosswicks Monthly Meeting will hold its annual Easter celebration, highlighted by the two main events - Easter Breakfast and the Easter Egg Hunt.

The Easter Egg Hunt will take place on **Saturday, April 4, starting at 1:00 p.m.**, on the Quaker Green. Those who have volunteered to help coordinate the event are asked to be on hand at 11:30 a.m. for the setup.

The Easter Breakfast will take place **Easter morning, April 5, starting at 9:00 a.m.** The menu will include the traditional egg casseroles and the ever-popular firehouse sausage. (The name has nothing to do with its flavor - it's quite mild - but it is the same brand served at the Crosswicks Firehouse pancake breakfasts.) Again, those wishing to help with the setup are asked to arrive early.



Crafts Nights

Bring your craft project by the First Day School on the first and third Tuesdays every month through June, or just come to enjoy Quaker fellowship.

In April:
The 7th and the 21st
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

This month in the PYM

April 7: Friends Economic Integrity Project Open Discussion & Support Group, Friends Center. Join members of the Friends Economic Integrity Project (part of the PYM Eco-Justice Working Group, formerly Growth Dilemma Project) as we to continue to learn about the intersection of economy and ecology. For details, click [here](#).

April 18: Stewardship of Financial Resources Thread Gathering, Saturday, Plymouth Friends Meeting. Grounding and skills development for Friends who are care for the fiscal sustainability of our communities. Connect with others and learn! For more information and to register, click [here](#).

Betty Collier memorial held

A Quaker memorial for member Elizabeth "Betty" Brick Collier, who passed from this life on January 22, was held on Saturday, March 28, with approximately 100 in attendance. The Brick and Collier families were well represented, and after the service, the participants were invited to a luncheon at the home of Bill and Hedl Brick of Crosswicks to celebrate Betty's life.

Crosswicks Meeting wins PYM membership grant

The Crosswicks Monthly Meeting was awarded a PYM Membership Development Grant in the amount of \$475, to be used in the creation of a Quaker display table for use at local fairs and festivals. The purpose of the display is to acquaint local residents with our Meeting and with the tenets of Quakerism, and to invite them to join us at our Meetings for Worship. The Membership Committee, chaired by Clerk Jennifer Elgrim, will organize the creation of the display table.

Trip to local Hindu temple planned

The Crosswicks Monthly meeting has planned a field trip to the newly constructed Hindu temple in Robbinsville on **Saturday, April 25th, at 10:00 a.m.**

The temple, officially titled Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, is one of the world's largest Hindu temples, and is one

of six such temples in North America.

For further information, please contact Joy at 609-558-1172. To visit the temple's website, please click [here](#), and for updates on the trip, visit our Calendar [here](#).

Queries

Fourth Month

Care for the Meeting Community

I. Care for one another

Are love and unity maintained among us? When conflicts exist, are they faced with patience, forbearance, and openness to healing? Are avenues for exploring differences kept open? To what extent does our Meeting ignore differences in order to avoid possible conflicts?

Is the Meeting a safe, loving place? When we become aware of someone's need, do we offer assistance? Are the meetinghouse and the Meeting property physically accessible to all?

Do all adults and children in our Meeting receive our loving care and encouragement to share in the life of our Meeting, and to live as Friends? Do we truly welcome newcomers and include them in our Meeting community?

When a member's conduct or manner of living gives cause for concern, how does the Meeting respond? How does our Meeting keep in touch with all its members?

Am I ready to offer assistance as part of my religious community serving its members? Am I equally willing to accept graciously the help of others?

Do I recognize and face disagreements and other situations that put me in conflict with others? Do I manifest a spirit ready to give or receive forgiveness?

Do I treat adults and children alike with respect and without condescension? Is my manner with visitors and attenders to my Meeting one of welcome?

II. Care in my home

(This set of personal queries may be helpful for the family to consider within the family setting. Families may also wish to explore other General Queries as part of regular family worship.)

Is my home a place where all members of the family receive affection and understanding, and where visitors are welcome? Do I choose recreation and a manner of living that enriches the body, mind, and spirit; and shows a high regard for family, community, and creation?

Is our family prepared to discuss such sensitive topics as death, faith, money, even sex and drugs, in a manner that allows openness and honesty, and also direction?

How do I help to arrange life at home so that there is an opportunity for all to learn and absorb by example what it means to live a life of Spirit-led commitment?