

Newsletter

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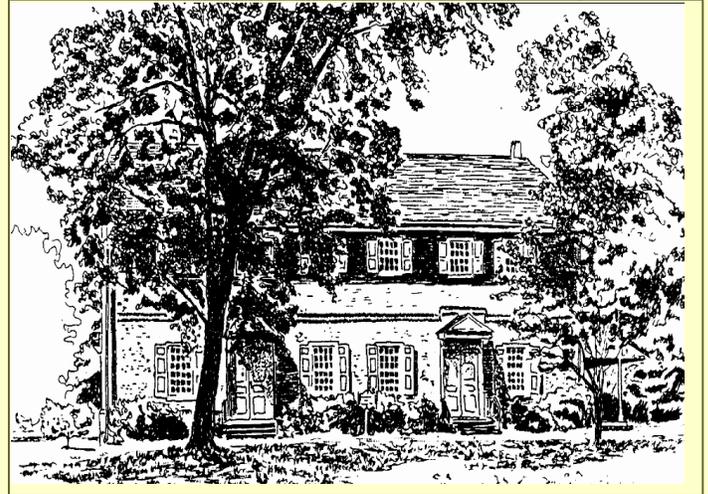
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*“Truth is ever to be found in simplicity,
and not in the multiplicity and confusion
of things.”*

~ Isaac Newton (1643-1727)



Crosswicks Meeting House 1773

Diane Williams

April Calendar

Sunday, April 3	Assembly Meeting for Worship First Day School	9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	MH/Zoom MH/Zoom FDS
Saturday, April 9	Property Cleanup	10:00 a.m.	Grounds
Sunday, April 10	Meeting for Worship Meeting for Business	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	MH/Zoom MH/Zoom
Saturday, April 16	Easter Egg Hunt	1:00 p.m.	Grounds
Sunday, April 17	Easter Breakfast Meeting for Worship First Day School	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	FDS MH/Zoom FDS
Wednesday, April 20	Gathering	7:00 p.m.	MH/Zoom
Sunday, April 24	Assembly Meeting for Worship	9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	MH/Zoom MH/Zoom
Tuesday, April 26	Motel Meals	2:30 p.m.	FDS

Mike Brick, Clerk

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April Highlights

April 9: Property Cleanup. Our annual cleanup day will begin at 10:00 a.m. on the Meeting grounds, as we remedy the ravages of winter and prepare for spring. Bring your work gloves! Also, a hotdog lunch will be provided afterwards.

April 10: Monthly Meeting. Our monthly Meeting for Business will be held on the second Sunday of April, as usual. The meeting will commence at the rise of the Meeting for Worship (about 11:00 a.m.).

April 16: Easter Egg Hunt. Our annual Easter egg hunt will take place on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. on the Quaker Green in front of the Meeting House. Those interested in volunteering should sign up on the sheet in the Meeting House.

April 17: Easter Breakfast. The Easter Breakfast will take place on Easter Sunday, April 17, at 9:00 a.m. in the First Day School, followed at 10:00 a.m. by the Easter worship service in the Meeting House. There is a sign-up sheet in the Meeting House for anyone who would like to help out or bring food for the breakfast.

April 20: Gathering. On Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. we will meet at our monthly Gathering, where we typically take a deeper dive into our spiritual life and that of the Meeting. Details will be available closer to the date.

April 26: Motel Meals. Our monthly meal preparation for the needy starts at 2:30 p.m. in the First Day School. Janet Aaronson is back up north, so contact her to see if she can use your help (aaronson655@comcast.net).



Friend's book is now on sale

Our Friend Richard Moody has written a book about his time as a fighter pilot for the British Royal Navy and his conversion to ardent peace activist, and the book has now been published and is available for purchase. "Flying Through Life: From Fighter Pilot to Peace Activist" is being published by Dorrance Publishers of Pittsburgh, PA, is now available through all major online booksellers such as Amazon and Barnes & Nobles. Richard himself can also sell you a copy, as long as his personal supply lasts. His email is richardcmoods@gmail.com.

"In today's world of militarization and slaughter, Richard's diametric experiences have made him a uniquely compelling voice in the fight for peace. Through history, Richard hopes readers will learn that peace through diplomacy is vital for the survival of societies worldwide." - from the jacket blurb.

For more information, you can scan the code below and purchase the book through the publisher. The book is also available as an e-book.



Flying Through Life
by Richard Moody

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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?

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