

Newsletter

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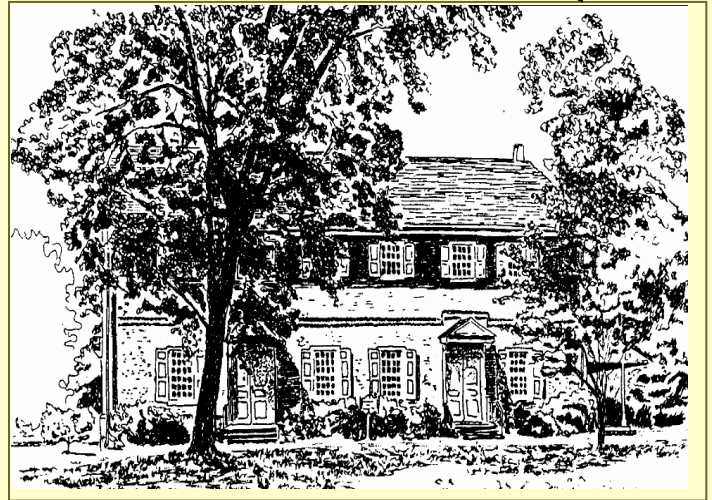
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*“Truth is ever to be found in simplicity,
and not in the multiplicity and confusion
of things.”*

~ Isaac Newton (1643-1727)



Crosswicks Meeting House 1773

Diane Williams

April Calendar

Sunday, April 2	Assembly Meeting for Worship First Day School	9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	MH/Zoom MH/Zoom FDS
Thursday, April 6	W&M/RE Meeting	7:00 p.m.	FDS/Zoom
Saturday, April 8	Easter Egg Hunt	1:00 p.m.	Meeting Green
Sunday, April 9	Easter Breakfast Meeting for Worship	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	FDS MH/Zoom
Sunday, April 16	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, April 19	Richard Moody talk	7:00 p.m.	FDS/Zoom
Friday, April 21	ICB Crosswicks History talk	7:00 p.m.	Community House
Sunday, April 23	Assembly Meeting for Worship First Day School	9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	MH/Zoom MH/Zoom FDS
Tuesday, April 25	Motel Meals	3:00 p.m.	FDS
Sunday, April 30	Assembly Meeting for Worship	9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	FDS/Zoom MH/Zoom

Mike Brick, Clerk

Russell Caldwell, editor

April Meeting Highlights

April 8: 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 9: Easter. The Easter Breakfast will take place on Easter Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the First Day School, followed at 10:00 a.m. by the Easter Meeting for Worship service in the Meeting House. All are welcome. There is a sign-up sheet in the Meeting House for anyone who would like to help or bring food for the breakfast.

April 16: Monthly Meeting. Our monthly Meeting for Business will be held on the third Sunday of April, because Easter falls on the second Sunday. The meeting will commence at the rise of the Meeting for Worship (about 11:00 a.m.).

April 21: Richard Moody talk. On Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the First Day School, Richard Moody will give the fourth in his series of talks. This month's topic is "New Jersey in the Revolutionary War." The talk will also be accessible via Zoom. Click [here](#) for the link.

Don't forget our collections

Please consider making a donation in our First Day School vestibule on Sunday mornings:

- Non-perishable food items
- New, unopened boxes of cereal
- New undershirts, underwear and sports socks for boys and girls 14-17



ICB hosts talk on Crosswicks history

The Interfaith Community Builders of the Crosswicks Friends Meeting will host an evening of light-hearted history and reminiscing of old Crosswicks on **Friday evening, April 21, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** at the Crosswicks Community House, just across the Green from our Meeting House. The evening's speakers will be Ted Kinter and Bob Borden, former residents who both grew up in North Crosswicks in the 1940s and '50s. They will spin some amusing yarns about the old town and are sure to put a unique twist on the differences between life in North Crosswicks versus in the "big city" of Crosswicks to the south. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. You can get further details from Chris Bond or John Enz.

FCNL requests discernment on the question of abortion

The Friends Conference on National Legislation (FCNL) is "seeking divine guidance and holding compassion" on the issue of abortion by requesting discernment from monthly meetings nationwide. The FCNL deems abortion a "challenge issue" and takes no side in the debate. Monthly meetings are under no obligation to respond, and our Meeting has agreed to discuss whether to respond or not at the April Meeting for Business. Click [here](#) to view FCNL's webpage on the subject.

ICB Soup Sale is a hit with Crosswicks neighbors

The ICB's first March Madness Soup Sale was a success, with a net intake of \$730 (which is minus \$100 in initial expenses). On March 25, we sold soup and chili in our First Day School, and the next day we sold more at the Methodist Church's pancake breakfast. Thanks to all who contributed time, soup and chili!

Queries

Fourth Month

Nurturing Our Community: Care for the Meeting

Do we help each other to live with integrity and contribute that integrity to the life of our meeting?

How does our meeting learn of members' needs and offer its assistance?

How does our meeting nurture members in all stages of life?

How does our meeting welcome those new to Friends and integrate them into our community?

When a member's conduct or manner of living gives cause for concern, how does the meeting respond?

Am I ready both to offer and to accept meeting assistance when needed?

Do I treat adults and children alike with respect and without condescension?

What opportunities have I taken to know, work and worship with Friends in the larger spiritual communities we share?

Source: Faith and Practice, Revised 2018 edition