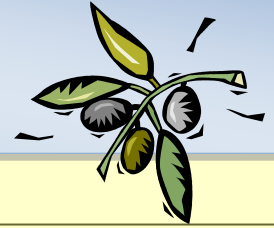


# Newsletter

May 2015

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of the Religious Society of Friends



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*True godliness does not turn men out of  
the world; it allows men  
to live better in it.*

*William Penn (1644-1718)*



*Crosswicks Meeting House 1773*

*Diane Williams*

## May Calendar

Saturday, May 2	Quaker Eights	7:00 p.m.	Off site
Sunday, May 3	Assembly	9:15 a.m.	FDS
	Meeting for Worship	10:00 a.m.	MH
	Meeting for Business	11:00 a.m.	MH
Tuesday May 5	Crafts Night	7-9 p.m.	FDS
Thursday, May 7	Meals for the Needy	3:00 p.m.	FDS
Friday, May 8	T.A.S.K.	Call Mary Sohler for details 609-324-3995	
Sunday, May 10	Assembly	9:15 a.m.	FDS
	Meeting for Worship	10:00 a.m.	MH
Sunday, May 17	Assembly	9:15 a.m.	FDS
	Meeting for Worship	10:00 a.m.	MH
Tuesday, May 19	Crafts Night	7-9 p.m.	FDS
Sunday, May 24	Assembly	9:15 a.m.	FDS
	Meeting for Worship	10:00 a.m.	MH
Sunday, May 31	Assembly	9:15 a.m.	FDS
	Meeting for Worship	10:00 a.m.	MH
	Visit to Orthodox Meeting	11:00 a.m.	Off site

*Jennifer Elgrim, Clerk*

*John Andrews, Assistant Clerk*

*Russell Caldwell, editor*

## Talk on early Quakers scheduled for May

On May 31 during Assembly, Russell Caldwell is scheduled to give a talk about his recent trip to England, where he has been researching the roots of our Meeting's founders. He will visit the counties of Yorkshire, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Cumbria and Lincolnshire, and will make trips to Swarthmoor, the home of George Fox's wife, Margaret Fell; and Hull, the site of embarkation for English Friends sailing for the New World in the 1670s.

Also on May 31, following the Meeting for Worship, our meeting will walk over to the Orthodox Meeting on Ward Avenue to visit the Chesterfield Township Historical Society's Museum housed therein. Several CTHS board members will be on hand to answer questions.



Parish church in Eckington, Derbyshire, where Joshua Newbold, one of our early Friends, was baptized in 1665. This photo was taken in 1905 by Thomas Newbold of Brookdale Farm during his visit to England.

## This month in the PYM

**May 5: Friends Economic Integrity Project Open Discussion & Support Group, 6:30 pm, Friends Center.** Be a part of the Economic Integrity Project as we to continue to learn about the intersection of economy and ecology. For details, please click [here](#).

**May 9: Caring For Children in Community: Child Abuse Prevention and Response, 1-4 p.m., Arch Street Meeting House.** We will focus on strategies to prevent child abuse and to respond to concerns from a pastoral care perspective, including best practices and legal obligations as well spiritual care and nurture. For online registration, please click [here](#). For details, please contact Tricia Coscia at [volunteers@pym.org](mailto:volunteers@pym.org) or 215-241-7238

**May 9: Good Stewardship: "It's not just about money." 9 am-Noon, Mickleton Friends Meeting.** How well do we manage our assets to support our families and our faith community? These and many other pressing questions of importance to you and your loved ones will be the focus of an in-depth workshop on financial and estate planning. For more details, please click [here](#).

**May 30: Fundraising Among Friends: Soliciting Financial Support for the Meeting. Saturday, 10 am-Noon** with guided meditation 8:30 am-9:30 am and 12:30 pm-1:30 pm. This workshop will share best practices from PYM monthly meetings and concrete ideas on how to write an appeal letter, help Friends discern what to give, and thank Friends for their gifts. For more details, please click [here](#).

## 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.

**May 5<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

## 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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

### Fifth Month

#### Education

What is our Meeting's role in the life and support of Friends' education? If supporting or maintaining a Friends school, have we developed an appropriate relationship of Meeting and school? What is our role in the spiritual life of the school and its maintenance of Friends' principles?

What does our Meeting do to support education in the wider community?

What help do we provide for the children and adults in our Meeting to pursue the education they seek, whether academic, technical, or vocational? Do we make provision for children in our Meeting to attend a Friends school?

*How do I show my concern for the improvement of public education in my community and in the world?*

*Am I aware of what Friends schools are doing and of their plans for the future? How do I show encouragement and support?*