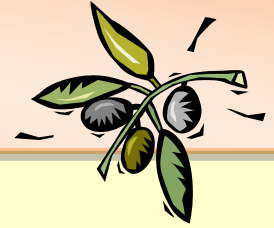


Newsletter

May 2023

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of the Religious Society of Friends



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"The likeness we bear to Jesus is more essential than our notions of him."

Lucretia Mott (1793-1880)



Crosswicks Meeting House 1773

Diane Williams

May Calendar

Sunday, May 7	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, May 11	W&M/RE Meeting	7:00 p.m.	FDS/Zoom
Sunday, May 14	Assembly Meeting for Worship	9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	MH/Zoom MH/Zoom
Wednesday, May 17	Richard Moody talk	7:00 p.m.	FDS/Zoom
Sunday, May 21	Assembly First Day School Meeting for Worship Meeting for Business	9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	FDS/Zoom FDS MH/Zoom MH/Zoom
Sunday, May 28	Assembly Meeting for Worship	9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	MH/Zoom MH/Zoom
Tuesday, May 30	Motel Meals	3:00 p.m.	FDS

Mike Brick, Clerk

Russell Caldwell, editor

This Month in the Meeting

May 6: CTHS Museum Re-Opening. The Chesterfield Township Historical Society will hold an open house commemorating the re-opening of their museum (located in our old Orthodox Meeting House on Ward Avenue) from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

May 7 and 21: First Day School. We will hold our First Day School classes beginning at 10:00 a.m. (during the Meeting for Worship period) in the First Day School building. On May 21, the kids will join us at the rise of Meeting for Worship to collect money for their Save the Children campaign.

May 17: Richard Moody talk. Richard will be giving his talk on “New Jersey and the Revolutionary War” at 7:00 p.m. in the First Day School and on Zoom (with the usual Meeting Zoom link). The is the talk he was scheduled to give in April which had to be postponed.

May 21: Meeting for Business. Our monthly Meeting for Business for May will be held on the **third Sunday**, since the second Sunday (May 14) is Mother’s Day. It will be held as usual following the rise of Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House (about 11:00 a.m.)

May 28: No Assembly. There will be no Assembly today due to the Memorial Day holiday, when many Friends will be elsewhere enjoying the kickoff to the summer season. There will be Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House and on Zoom as usual, beginning at 10:00 a.m.



Easter festivities are a success, in fine weather

The Crosswicks Friends Meeting held their annual Easter events for the second year in a row following a two-year hiatus because of the Covid pandemic. The Easter egg hunt on the Meeting Green drew many local children and was over in a flash as they scurried like rabbits, looking for the colored eggs.

The next day we held our annual Easter Breakfast, where the children from our First Day School, which are now eleven in number, led the prayer and collected money for their Save the Children campaign. The children then sang some songs to start off the Meeting for Worship. John Enz led the congregation in singing several Easter hymns, as part of the Easter program organized by Worship & Ministry clerk Tom Barclay. Many thanks to all those who helped with our Easter weekend festivities.

Meeting to consider FCNL discernment request on 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 takes no side in the debate, and monthly meetings are under no obligation to respond. Our Meeting has agreed to discuss whether to respond or not at the May Meeting for Business. Click [here](#) to view FCNL’s webpage on the subject.

Please consider donating to one of our causes by dropping off items in the First Day School:

1. **Unopened, new boxes of cereal**
2. **Non-perishable grocery items**
3. **Underwear, undershirts and sports socks for adolescents age 14-17.**

Queries

Fifth Month

Nurturing Our Community: Religious Education in the Home and Meeting

How does our meeting prepare its members, attenders and children for worship, for the conduct of its business and for a way of life consistent with the principles of the Religious Society of Friends?

What opportunities do we provide for all in the meeting to learn about Friends' history, practices and testimonies, the Judeo-Christian tradition, the life and teachings of Jesus, and other religious traditions?

How does our meeting's religious education program provide experiential learning that enhances the sense of belonging to our worshipping community?

How do I help create a home where all members of the family receive affection and understanding and where visitors are welcome?

How does my manner of living enrich body, mind and spirit; enable all to learn what it means to live a life of Spirit-led commitment; and demonstrate a high regard for family, community and the integrity of creation?

How do I engage with my family and others who are dear to me regarding such sensitive topics as death, faith, money, sex and drugs?