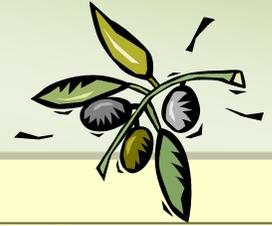


# Newsletter

Summer 2015

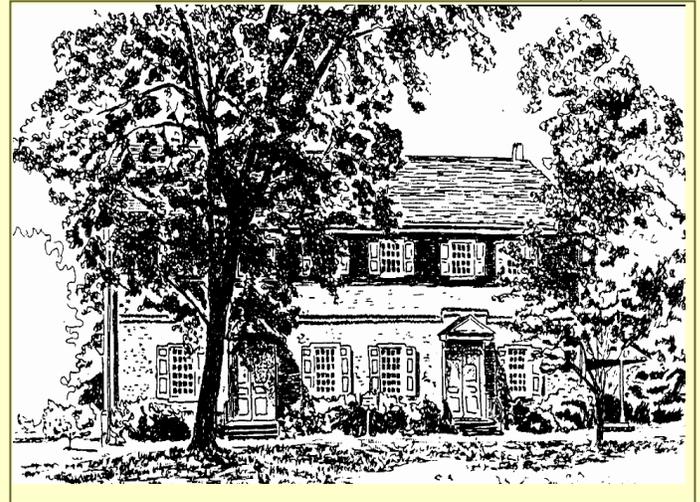
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*To do evil that good may come of it is contrary to the doctrine of Christianity; that when times are so cloudy that we cannot go forward in the way of clearness and purity, it behooves us in the depth of humility to wait on the Lord to know his mind concerning us and our children.*

*John Woolman (1720-1772)*



*Crosswicks Meeting House 1773*

*Diane Williams*

## Summer Calendar

**Meeting for Worship at 9:30 a.m.  
in the Meeting House**

Sunday, July 5

July 12

July 19

July 26

August 2

August 9

August 16

August 23

August 30

September 6

**Other regular events:**

Meals for the Needy  
3:00 p.m. in the First Day School

Thursday, July 9

August 6

September 3

**Special event:**

Crosswicks Croquet Classic  
Saturday, July 11  
on the Quaker Green

Setup at 11:00 a.m.  
Tournament starts at noon

*Jennifer Elgrim, Clerk*

*John Andrews, Assistant Clerk*

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## Croquet Classic July 11 on the Quaker Green

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Crosswicks Croquet Tournament, sponsored by the Crosswicks Community Association, will be held on **Saturday, July 11**, starting at noon on the Quaker Green.

The Crosswicks Monthly Meeting will participate with a tent and table next to the Meeting House, and we will be selling iced tea, pretzels, and baked snacks. We will also have information available about Quakerism and our Meeting, and we hope to have a God Box ready for use as a compelling illustration of “there is that of God in everyone.”

Setup of our tent and table will begin at **11:00 a.m.**, and everything should be in place by noon. If you would like to volunteer or bring baked items to sell, please email us, or contact Jennifer Elgrim at 609-208-1004.

## Annual Sessions registration deadline extended to July 3

The Philadelphia Yearly Meeting has extended the deadline for registering for this year’s Annual Sessions, to be held **July 29 – August 2, 2015**, at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA. You now have until **Friday, July 3**, to register if you need housing, for children or youth programs, or for financial aid. There is no registration necessary if you plan to attend the Sessions on a day trip, or if you have other accommodations in the area.

To register, please visit the PYM site by clicking [here](#). You will also find detailed information about the Sessions. If you have any further questions, or would like directions to Muhlenberg College, please email Tricia Coscia at [sessions@pym.org](mailto:sessions@pym.org).

## Collections continue through the summer

When you attend meeting for worship this summer, please continue to bring donations for our various collections. We need non-perishable food items and new, unopened boxes of cereal, as well as old shoes for our own fundraising drive. We are also now accepting old clothing for Mercer Street Friends and HomeFront. Bins are located in the First Day School vestibule and in the kitchen.

## Burlington Friends to host Peace Jam

The Burlington Meeting House and Center for Conference will be the site for a Peace Jam scheduled for **Wednesday, July 15, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** The motto for the Jam is “Peace through Prose, Poem, Prayers, Quotes, Music and Song,” and the event will presumably feature some of all six items. The purpose of the Jam is to “promote peaceful consciousness throughout Burlington, around our region and the globe.” For more information, please email [burlingtonmh.inc@gmail.com](mailto:burlingtonmh.inc@gmail.com), or visit their website by clicking [here](#).

## Young Adult Friends from Ireland to visit PYM in August

The PYM Young Adult Friends will sponsor a Worship & Hangout with a group of YAFs from Ireland on **Sunday, August 9, 2015, from 10:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.** The hangout portion of the event will also include lunch. Details of the visit haven’t been finalized, but please visit the website page [here](#) during the summer for updates.

## Queries

### Seventh Month

#### Social Responsibility and Witness

How does our Meeting work:

- to overcome social, legal, economic, and political injustices, locally and in the wider world?
- for the funding of community services that does not rely on gaming income?

Does our Meeting serve the community through action on concerns for civic improvement? What actions are we taking to assure everyone equal access to education, health care, legal services, housing, and employment as well as equal opportunities in business and in the professions?

When a member has lifted up a concern, how does our Meeting respond?

Does our Meeting encourage those seeking clearness for their convictions of conscience to hold up such convictions with prayerful openness to the Light?

*Am I mindful of how my lifestyle and my investments can contribute to the improvement of the human condition, or to the exploitation of others?*

*Am I open to seeking clearness on matters of conscience and to assisting others in doing so? How do I respond and support one who acts out of a clear leading when I am under the weight of another?*

*What am I doing to work for the betterment of my community to assure the maintenance of effective public services which do not rely on funding from gaming?*

*Do I fulfill my civic responsibilities when they do not conflict with divine leadings?*

### Eighth Month

#### Peace

How does our Meeting act to advance peace, to oppose violence, and to support the constructive use of authority in our community, our nation, and the world?

What are we doing as a Meeting:

- to free our nation from militarization, so evident in our society and in its economy?
- to understand the causes of war and violence and to work for the development of the attitudes and institutions of peace?
- to recognize and correct the causes of violence within our communities, and to work toward overcoming separations and restoring wholeness?
- to increase the understanding and use of nonviolent approaches for the resolution of conflicts?

*Do I live in the power of that Life and Spirit that takes away the occasion of all wars?*

*How do I maintain Friends' testimony that military training and all participation in war and its preparation are inconsistent with the teaching and the spirit of Christ?*

*Do I work for the establishment of alternative ways of settling disputes? Am I aware that to build a world community requires that we all face our differences honestly, openly, and in trust?*

*Do I treat conflict as an opportunity for growth, and address it with careful attention? Do I seek to recognize and respect the Divine in those with whom I have a basic disagreement? Do I look for ways to reaffirm in action and attitude my love for the one with whom I am in conflict?*