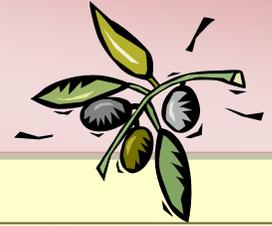


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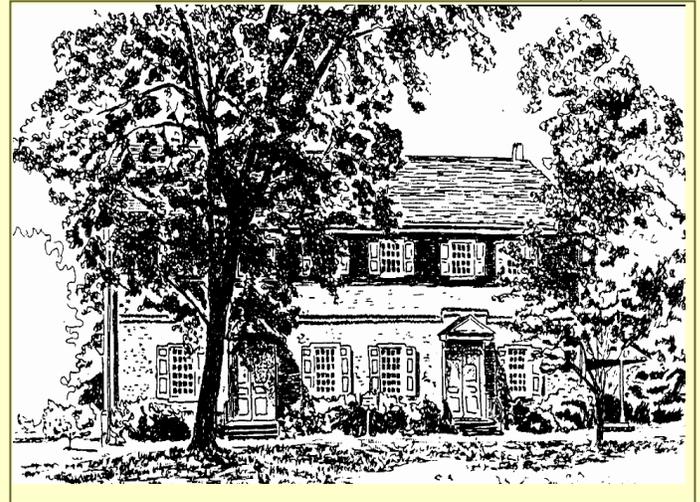
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Art thou in darkness? Mind it not, for if thou dost, it will fill thee more, but stand still and act not, and wait in patience till light arise out of darkness to lead thee.

James Nayler (1616-1660)



Crosswicks Meeting House 1773

Diane Williams

September Calendar

Thursday, September 3	Meals for the Needy	3:00 p.m.	FDS
Sunday, September 6	Meeting for Worship	9:30 a.m.	MH
Sunday, September 13	Assembly Meeting for Worship Meeting for Business	9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	FDS MH MH
Tuesday, September 15	Crafts Night	7-9 p.m.	FDS
Sunday, September 20	Meeting for Worship Quarterly Meeting	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	MH Little Egg Harbor
Sunday, September 27	Assembly Meeting for Worship	9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	FDS MH

Jennifer Elgrim, Clerk

John Andrews, Assistant Clerk

Russell Caldwell, editor

Welcome Back! Fall schedule begins

Despite the continued heat, the summer is nonetheless drawing to a close, and we welcome back those Friends that have spent the warm months away from the Meeting.

The so-called “regular” schedule will begin on **Sunday, September 13th**, with the resumption of Assembly programs beginning at 9:15 a.m. in the First Day School, followed by Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House at 10:00 a.m. Our first monthly Meeting for Business will be held that Sunday after the rise of Meeting, or about 11:00 a.m.

In a departure from previous years, there will be no Assembly on the Sundays when the Burlington Quarterly Meeting is scheduled, namely **September 20th** and **December 13th**. The latter Quarterly Meeting will be held at Crosswicks Friends Meeting.

For a complete overview of the schedule, you can click [here](#) to navigate to the Calendar on our Meeting website. There are several open spots in the Assembly calendar, so if anyone has any ideas for possible topics and/or presentations, please contact Jean Fellow-Johansson at jeanfj@aol.com.

Remember the Needy

As before, the Crosswicks Monthly Meeting is collecting food and clothing for various local charitable organizations, and we ask that you continue to help when you can.

- Unopened boxed cereal
- Non-perishable food items

We are also continuing our own drive to collect old shoes, to benefit the Meeting.

This month in the PYM

September 5: Extended Worship at Chestnut Hill Friends, 9:15 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. Would you like to deepen your experience of worship? Have you wished that worship didn't end when the clock struck the hour? You are invited to experience Extended Worship. Attend just a portion of the day or the full day. And remember to bring your lunch. All are welcome. For more information, click [here](#).

September 9: Investing in Integrity: Webinar 2015. Learn how to build your own carbon-free portfolio in this online seminar. For specific time and to register for the webinar, please email Paula Kline at kline.paula@gmail.com.

September 30: Registration begins for the 2016 Pilgrimage to England, July 11-17. Join trip leaders, Irene McHenry (Chestnut Hill Meeting) and Deborra Sines Pancoe (Abington Meeting), of the Friends Council on Education, to experience the roots of the Religious Society of Friends in England's “1652 Country” with a guide from Britain Yearly Meeting. The group climbs the original Pendle Hill, tours Margaret Fell's Swarthmoor Hall, visits Lancaster Jail and Castle and worships in 17th century meeting houses. Participants gain a broader sense of their faith through developing friendships and shared discussions with fellow travelers. British Quakers in the Lake District help make travelers' exploration of Quaker History vivid and exciting. For more info, click [here](#).

Crafts Nights are back this Fall!

Bring your craft project by the First Day School on the first and third Tuesdays every month, or just come by to enjoy Quaker fellowship.

Only one date in September:

Tuesday, September 15th

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Annual Sessions summary online

For those of you who did not attend this summer's PYM Annual Sessions and would like to find out what happened, there is a day-by-day summary and recap available online at the PYM website. It is in the form of emails that were sent out during the Sessions, and they can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

Sheep & Fiber Festival in Hunterdon County

Jennifer Elgrim, the Meeting Clerk, and her husband, Drew, will be taking part in the 21st Annual Sheep & Fiber Festival on **September 12-13** at the Hunterdon County Fairgrounds in Ringoes, NJ. Their enterprise, Cloudberry Sheep & Wool, will be featured in Barn 4 at the Festival. For more information, please click [here](#).

Queries

Ninth Month

Ministry of Outreach

Outreach

What are we doing as a Meeting to communicate our presence and our principles to the community around us? Does our Meeting's ministry of outreach lead Friends to share their spiritual experiences with others?

What are we doing to invite persons not in membership to attend our meetings for worship and to encourage their continued attendance? How does the Meeting welcome visitors? Are we sensitive to the needs and hesitations of each visitor?

Are we tender to the needs of isolated Friends and Meetings, and to nearby Meetings seeking support?

How do I ground myself in the understandings of my faith? Am I clear about my beliefs? How do I prepare myself to share my faith and beliefs with others?

Does my manner of life as a Friend attract others to our religious society?

Do I seize opportunities to tell others about the Religious Society of Friends and invite them to worship with us?

Is my manner with visitors and attenders to our Meeting one of welcome?

Collaboration

In what ways does our Meeting respond to opportunities to join with other faiths in worship, in social action, and in spiritual dialogue?

How does our Meeting encourage its members to seek opportunities to meet and work with Friends world wide?

What opportunities have I taken to know people from different religious and cultural backgrounds, to worship with them, and to work with them on common concerns?

What opportunities have I taken to know, to work, and to worship with Friends outside of my own Meeting?