

**Crossroads Friends  
Meeting (Conservative)  
Ohio Yearly Meeting (Conservative)**



**Volume Twelve, Number Two  
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# Schedule of Meetings for Worship

We shall gather for unprogrammed, waiting worship in the Name of Jesus Christ and in the manner of Friends on the dates and at the times and places specified, usually at our meetinghouse. Visitors and new attenders are always welcome. For those not familiar with unprogrammed worship, a small brochure is available (either at the meeting or on our website [www.michiganquakers.org](http://www.michiganquakers.org)), offering general guidance and tips on “meeting etiquette.” Additional materials on the Religious Society of Friends are also available at rise of meeting (and on the website). Before rise of meeting, the designated meeting closer reads aloud an Advice. This is followed by framing silence before the handshake of fellowship which marks rise of meeting.

The time of fellowship following meeting for worship includes luncheon on most occasions. On the second First Day [Sunday] of each month, following fellowship and lunch, we hold our meeting for business. (*Depending on other events, business meeting may be shifted to another week.*)

*We are currently studying the Epistle to the Galatians during Bible Study.*

## Second Month

### First Day, Second Month 07

[Sunday, February 07, 2010]

Bible Study 10:00 AM

Meeting for Worship 11:00 AM

Children’s First Day School 11:15 AM

Fellowship and Luncheon 12:00 Noon

Crossroads Friends Meeting house, 4108 Menton, Flint MI

**Advice 02:** Be faithful in maintaining your testimony against all war as inconsistent with the Spirit and teaching of Christ. Live in the Life and Power that takes away the occasions of all wars and strife. Seek to take your part in the ministry of reconciliation between individuals, groups, and nations. Let the law of kindness know no limits. Show a loving consideration for all people.

### First Day, Second Month 14

[Sunday, February 14, 2010]

Bible Study 10:00 AM

**Meeting for Worship 11:00 AM**  
**Children's First Day School 11:15 AM**  
**Fellowship and Luncheon 12:00 Noon**  
**Meeting for Business 1:00 PM**

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**Advice 03:** Regard the taking of oaths as contrary to the teachings of Christ, and setting up a double standard of truthfulness; whereas sincerity and truth should be practiced in all walks of life.

**Sixth Query:** Do we live in the life and power which takes away the occasion of all wars? Do we, on Christian principles, refuse to participate in or to cooperate with the military effort? Do we work actively for peace and the removal of the causes of war? Do we endeavor to cultivate good will, mutual understanding, and equal opportunities for all people?

### **First Day, Second Month 21**

**[Sunday, February 21, 2010]**

**Bible Study 10:00 AM**

**Meeting for Worship 11:00 AM**

**Children's First Day School 11:15 AM**

**Fellowship and Luncheon 12:00 Noon**

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**Advice 04:** In your meetings for worship be earnestly concerned to enter reverently into communion with God. Come with minds and hearts prepared. Yield yourselves up to the influence of the Divine Presence so that you may find the evil in you weakening and the good raised up. God calls each one to the service of the meeting. Be obedient and faithful, whether by word or silent prayerful waiting; and be ready to receive the message of others in a tender spirit.

### **First Day, Second Month 28**

**[Sunday, February 28, 2010]**

**Bible Study 10:00 AM**

**Meeting for Worship 11:00 AM**

**Children's First Day School 11:15 AM**

**Fellowship and Luncheon 12:00 Noon**

**Crossroads Friends Meeting house, 4108 Menton, Flint MI**

**Advice 05:** Be on your guard, dear Friends, lest the love of pleasure take too strong a hold upon you. Choose such recreations as are pure and healthful. Let them be in harmony with your service to God and man; and in that service be ready at any time to lay them aside

when called upon.

## **Third Month**

### **First Day, Third Month 07**

**[Sunday, March 07, 2010]**

**Bible Study 10:00 AM**

**Meeting for Worship 11:00 AM**

**Children's First Day School 11:15 AM**

**Fellowship and Luncheon 12:00 Noon**

**Crossroads Friends Meeting house, 4108 Menton, Flint MI**

**Advice 06:** Endeavor to make your home an abiding place of joy and peace where the Presence of God is known and felt. Seek to know an inward retirement, even amid the activities of daily life. Make a quiet place in your daily life, wherein you may learn the full meaning of prayer, and the gladness of communion with your Heavenly Father.

### **First Day, Third Month 14**

**[Sunday, March 14, 2010]**

**Bible Study 10:00 AM**

**Meeting for Worship 11:00 AM**

**Children's First Day School 11:15 AM**

**Fellowship and Luncheon 12:00 Noon**

**Meeting for Business 1:00 PM**

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**Advice 07:** Avoid and discourage any kind of betting or gambling, as well as commercial speculation of a gambling character. Remember how widespread are the temptations to grow rich at the expense of others, and how apparently harmless indulgence leads often by degrees to ruin and crime.

**Seventh Query:** Do we observe simplicity in our manner of living, sincerity in speech, and modesty in apparel? Do we guard against involving ourselves in temporal affairs to the hindrance of spiritual growth? Are we just in our dealings and careful to fulfill our promises? Do we seek to make our Christian faith a part of our daily work?

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**Fellowship and Luncheon 12:00 Noon**  
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**Advice 08:** Watch with Christian tenderness over the opening minds of your children. Help them to understand the teachings of Jesus. Seek to awaken in them the love of Christ, and through example and training in self-control, to bring them to obedience to the law of God in their own hearts, that they may be joyful and willing in his service.

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**Advice 09:** In consideration of marriage, remember that happiness depends on a deep and understanding love. Seek to be joined in a common discipleship of Jesus Christ. Ask guidance of God, desiring above all temporal considerations, that your union may be owned and blest of Him. Consider the precious responsibilities of parenthood, and do not forget the help you may draw from the loving counsel of your own parents.

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**Conservative - Christian - Unprogrammed Worship**

**Unprogrammed, waiting worship in the Name of Jesus Christ  
and in the manner of Friends**

**First Days at 11:00 AM**

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**Crossroads Monthly Meeting of Friends  
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business  
01-10-2010**

The meeting for worship with a concern for business held by Crossroads Friends Meeting opened at 1:15 PM on First Day 01-10-2010 with waiting worship and the reading of Romans 12: 17-21.

Attending: Phil Helms, Sharon Helms, Jim Drummond, John Laswell, Wendy Laswell, Emily Laswell; Associate Members Michael Laswell, Gregory Laswell, Maximilian Laswell, and Alexander Laswell.

Sharon Helms presented the Treasurer's Report for Twelfth Month, showing Income of \$73.82, expenditures of \$280.69, and a balance of \$1,359.78. Sharon will present a corrected year-end report next month. At that time the trustees will audit the report. Friends approved the report and expressed continuing appreciation for Sharon's willingness to undertake this office.

Phil, Sharon, and Jim visited New City Friends on Fifth Day, 12-31-2009, joining them for worship and an evening meal. We will hold an initial Clearness Committee meeting with New City Friends on 01-17-2010, following fellowship.

Jim Drummond reported for the Peace and Human Relations Committee. He has received information and placed it on the literature table, including the FWCC newsletter.

Wendy Laswell reported for the Christian Education Committee. She suggested that we establish a Crossroads FaceBook page. We will contact Rae Hodgson for information, and request John Laswell to help inform us on this service. We will revisit this in meeting for business or in Ministry and Oversight when we have more information.

Ministry and Oversight will meet following fellowship on 01-24-2010. "The Quaker Way" will be rescheduled to a date in Second Month.

**Administrative Queries:**

1. What new meetings have been established? Have any meetings been discontinued?

Response: Crossroads Monthly Meeting was established in 2009. No other new meetings have been established since then. We are currently considering a request by New City Friends to bring their worship group under the care of Crossroads. We have not acted on this request at this

time.

2. Are schools encouraged for the education of our youth under the instruction of teachers in sympathy with us? Do parents take an active interest in the administration and quality of teaching of the schools which their children attend? Do they send their children of high school age to Friends' schools whenever possible? Is each Meeting making effective efforts to aid parents in the suitable religious instruction of their children?

Response: The children in our meeting are chiefly home-schooled by their parents using Christian (Mennonite) curriculum, with the exception of one high-schooler who is currently in a program associated with the local community college. Parents, and grandparents, take an active interest in the education of the children. No Friends' high schools are available in this area; Friends School in Detroit offers Pre-K through Eighth Grades, but is under the care of another yearly meeting not entirely in sympathy with us. We support suitable religious instruction of the children, and attempt to offer age-appropriate materials.

3. Have the General Queries been read and deliberately pondered and answered in all our meetings? Have the Advices been regularly read? Is the best possible time chosen for their reading, suitable for deliberate consideration of them by all Friends and attenders for their individual, spiritual refreshment?

Response: We read and answer the General Queries each year. We typically read each Advice twice during the year, near the end of meeting for worship.

4. Are former minute books, all interment charts and all records of similar importance, stored in a suitable fireproof safe or vault?

Response: Minute books and records are stored in a fireproof strongbox in the meetinghouse. We have no interment charts or burying grounds.

5. Are our meetings for business regularly held; fully, and promptly attended? Are they conducted in a loving and solemn concern to make concerted effort toward unity of spirit?

Response: Meetings for business are held regularly and are well attended by resident members. They are conducted in good order and with a loving and solemn concern toward unity.

Meeting for worship for business closed with a period of waiting worship.

Respectfully submitted,  
Phil Helms, Clerk

## Second Month 2010

<i>First Day</i>	<i>Second Day</i>	<i>Third Day</i>	<i>Fourth Day</i>	<i>Fifth Day</i>	<i>Sixth Day</i>	<i>Seventh Day</i>
<b>01/31</b> Flint	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>7</b> Flint Business	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>14</b> Flint	15	16	17	18	19	20
<b>21</b> Flint	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>28</b> Flint	03/01	03/02	03/03	03/04	03/05	03/06