

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



**Volume Twelve, Number Three
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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), 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 Ephesians during Bible Study.

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

Ministry and Oversight 1:00 PM

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?

First Day, Third Month 21

[Sunday, March 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 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.

First Day, Third Month 28

[Sunday, March 28, 2010]

[known to the world as Palm Sunday]

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 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.

Fourth Month

First Day, Fourth Month 04

[Sunday, April 04, 2010]

[known to much of the world as Easter Sunday]

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 10: Carefully maintain truthfulness and sincerity in your conduct, and encourage the same in your families. In your style of living, in your dress, and in the furniture of your houses, choose what is simple, useful, and good.

First Day, Fourth Month 11

[Sunday, April 11, 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 11: In view of the evils arising from the use of tobacco and intoxicating drinks, we urge all to abstain from using them, from offering them to others, and from having any part in their production, manufacture, or sale. Do not let claims of "good fellowship" or the fear of seeming peculiar prevent you from standing by principles which you have conscientiously adopted.

***Representative Meeting will take place on 04-17-2010
at 1:00 PM, at Salem Monthly Meeting***

First Day, Fourth Month 18

[Sunday, April 18, 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 12: Members are affectionately reminded of the importance of keeping correct and clear accounts pertaining to all outward affairs. It is important to make wills, or revisions of them, while still in health of mind and body, and free from any feeling of resentment. Delay, or neglect to secure competent legal advice, may cause some unexpected hindrance in the proper execution of one's bequests.

First Day, Fourth Month 25

[Sunday, April 25, 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 13: Make it your aim to promote the cause of truth and righteousness, and to spread the Kingdom of God at home and abroad. Be ready to take your part fearlessly in declaring His message and in witnessing to His power.

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Conservative - Christian - Unprogrammed Worship

**Unprogrammed, waiting worship in the Name of Jesus Christ
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First Days at 11:00 AM

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Crossroads Monthly Meeting of Friends
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
02-14-2010

The meeting for worship with a concern for business held by Crossroads Friends Meeting opened at 1:15 PM on First Day 02-14-2010 with waiting worship and the reading of Romans 5:1-5.

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

Sharon Helms presented the Treasurer's Report showing a balance of \$1,626.78. There is a discrepancy of \$25.13. She will present a more complete report, resolving this discrepancy, next month. At that time the trustees will audit the report. Friends approved the interim report and expressed continuing appreciation for Sharon's willingness to undertake this office.

The Overseers reported: We sent our answers to the second M & O Query to the Quarterly Meeting M & O, emphasizing our prayerful concern for New City Friends' request to come under our care. We will hold the second Clearness Committee meeting with New City Friends on 02-28-2010, following fellowship. The Overseers proposed to purchase washable cushions which would tie onto the chairs in the meeting room (seats only), at an estimated \$5.00 each. After a lively discussion, Friends were able to unite in approving the purchase of 20 cushions at an estimated cost of \$100.00. Ministry and Oversight will meet following fellowship on 03-07-2010. Members of the Clearness Committee who are not members of M & O are urged to attend and take part in this meeting.

Jim Drummond reported for the Peace and Human Relations Committee. He sent a contribution to Haitian Relief, as have some other Friends.

Wendy Laswell reported for the Christian Education Committee. John Laswell reported that it is possible to set up a FaceBook page which does not allow interaction, which would avoid any untoward comments on the "wall," etc. John has volunteered to set up the page, and Jim Drummond will assist with content. Friends approved this idea. Friends considered the question of whether to continue to schedule First Day School, when it is not actually in use most weeks. Friends united in modifying our offering to: "We have a room available for First Day School," and explaining to those who inquire that at present our young Friends remain for meeting for worship. Emily Laswell is willing to serve as First Day School teacher for younger Friends should the need arise.

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?

Crossroads Friends Response: We live in the life and power which takes away the occasion of all wars. We are clear of direct participation in the war system. One of us present is a conscientious objector and performed alternative, civilian service. Only one of us has served in the military (as a cadet, not active duty). However, we are troubled by friends and relatives who have participated directly in the military, and by those who participate at one remove, working in defense related industries. We are also painfully aware that in paying our taxes, we all passively participate in the war system (about half of federal income taxes go for current and past military expenditures). With this in mind, the group has united in supporting the Peace Tax Fund bill, which would provide for conscientious objection to payment of war taxes. We have placed links to the National Campaign for a Peace Tax Fund (www.peacetaxfund.org) on our website.

None of us are currently actively involved in peace work *per se*, but we are all involved in work which seeks to remove the causes of war, and which contributes to the effort to cultivate good will, mutual understanding, and equal opportunities. One Friend, a retiree, serves long hours without compensation for community nonprofits.

Some Friends have participated in peaceful demonstrations against war and in support of peace. We have made Friends aware of the need to make a record of their peace convictions and opposition to war, and have placed the suggested form on our website. We have begun to participate in FCNL's priorities process, with an emphasis on peace issues.

Friends have for several years contributed to the Heifer Project, individually and collectively, and now to Haitian Earthquake Relief, and this year Friends have given particular support to the Food Bank for Eastern Michigan, attempting to help meet the needs of those among our neighbors who suffer as a result of the depressed economy and lack of jobs in this area. We seek thereby to cultivate good will, mutual understanding, and equal opportunities for all people.

We also exercise great care in selecting investments and products, to assure that our dollars do not support the military or defense industries.

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

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<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>
02/28 Flint Clearness	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Flint M & O	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Flint Business	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Flint	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Flint	29	30	31	04/01	04/02	04/03