

# 2019 HOLIDAY NEWSLETTER

## MIAMI MONTHLY MEETING

Our 215<sup>th</sup> Year

### MIAMI MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

169 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Waynesville, OH 45068



### GREETINGS

The Friends of Miami Monthly Meeting are late sending out our greetings for the holiday season. We wish you peace and joy for the new year and the new decade.

### 2019 CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

December 22<sup>nd</sup>, we gathered at Quaker Heights to sing Christmas Carols and share readings at 10am. Our Meeting for Worship followed at 10:45 with an 11:30 light Carry-In Luncheon.

### FIRST DAY SCHOOL

Adult First Day School continues to be active and lively with a variety of topics. Discussions included the new Queries each month, and revisions to sections the new OVYM Faith and Practice. At times the Friends spoke of their faith and other religions and faith groups. In January Kaia Jackson, the OVYM Youth Secretary, visited the Meeting as part of her visitation to Meetings. Members of the OVYM Nurture Committee joined us for a First Day School and Meeting for Worship. In November Milton Cook brought forward information and facilitated in several discussions on Food and Sustainability. On the third Sunday every other month, we gather at Quaker Heights to sing and share short readings and poems. The old time Hymns are most meaningful to those attending.

### MEETING NOTES

In our August Meeting for Business, Lonny Burger shared with us that his job would be moving him to Georgia. He resigned as Recording Clerk as well as his other duties to our Meeting. As a small Meeting Lonny's move is felt in many ways. We could always depend on him in First Day School for guidance and information about Quakers – historical and current. We are still filling the gaps in what he was doing as Recording Clerk. (This Newsletter for one!) Lonny is greatly missed. We wish him well in Georgia.

In the December Meeting for Business we received a transfer letter from Cleveland Monthly Meeting regarding Tom Nowel. Tom will continue to serve at CMM. CMM also asked that MMM accept and support Tom's ministry. We look forward to seeing him occasionally. A letter was received from Rhonda and Reid Pfaltzgraff-Carlson requesting transfer of membership to Eastern Hills Friends Meeting. Friends approved Rhonda's and Reid's transfer. Friends stated they would be missed and acknowledged their service to the meeting.

## **HOUSE AND GROUNDS**

There are always maintenance and repair projects going for our 2 buildings. As repairs are made to the White Brick, we are always mindful of the historic value of the building. Our largest repair projects for the Red Brick in 2019 were the repair of the fire escape from the second-floor apartment, and rerouting the drain from the building to the street. Our 2 apartments are rented in the Red Brick. Groups are welcome to use the main room and kitchen for a donation. During the colder months, Meeting is held in the main room of the Red Brick as the heating cost is not as high. Annually it takes at least \$100.00 from each member to keep up the meetinghouses. We contribute \$160.00 to maintain each member in the OVYM.

## **FORT ANCIENT ANNUAL WORSHIP AND PICNIC**

We gathered for our annual Fort Ancient Meeting for Worship and Picnic with Friends from other neighboring Meetings on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Meeting for Worship was deeply centered and vocal ministry flowed freely. Following worship, the picnic provided opportunities for great fellowship and conversation with good food in abundance. You are invited to join with us in 2020 on July 12<sup>th</sup> for this annual get-together. Look for the announcement on the Website as we get closer to the date.

## **Visit the Miami Meeting Website**

Please visit our website at <http://miami.quaker.org> to keep abreast of the news, upcoming events on the calendar, information on Quakers, our beliefs, and our history.

Our new mailing address is:

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