



Plymouth Monthly Meeting Newsletter

Meetings for Worship

First Day Meeting: 11:15 am
First Day School: 11:30 am
**Fourth Day Meeting: 7:00 pm
still happening via Zoom**
Fifth Day Meeting with PMFS:
8:45 am
Music Circle: 2:00 – 4:00 pm
every Sunday
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First Month 2021

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January 2021

Tues	Jan 5	7:00 pm	Care and Concern via Zoom
Sun	Jan10	9:30 am	Worship & Ministry
Sun	Jan 17	12:30 pm	Annual Meeting for Business
Sat	Jan 23	9:00 am – 2:30 pm	Addressing Anti-Blackness in & Beyond Monthly Meetings
Sun	Jan 24	6:00 pm	Virtual Friendly Fourth

February 2021

Tues	Feb 2	7:00 pm	Care and Concern via Zoom
Sun	Feb 7	9:00 am	Quarterly Meeting “at Norristown” via Zoom
Sun	Feb 14	9:30 am	Worship & Ministry
Sun	Feb 21	9:00 am	Meeting for Business
Sun	Feb 28	6:00 pm	Virtual Friendly Fourth

- Due to a resurgence of Covid in the area, all meetings will be conducted via Zoom again until further notice (see third page for log-in information)
- All First Day Meeting for Worship will begin at 11:15. You may join us any time after 11am and settle in.
- Midweek meeting for Worship will begin Wednesday at 7:00 pm
PMM Zoom information always available at plymouthmonthlymeeting@gmail.com or contact Dave Miller

Music Circle every Sunday from 2:00-4:00 pm until further notice via Zoom (contact Bill Alberts for an invitation) billalberts@verizon.net

Queries for January

Deepening Our Faith: Spiritual Nurture

How does the meeting encourage the use of spiritual practices that deepen our faith, enhance the excitement of shared religious discovery and increase the possibility of spiritual transformation?

What is the nature of our shared experience of the Divine and how do we nurture our collective spiritual growth and transformation?

In what ways do we support each other in our spiritual journeys, in our search for God's will and in our efforts to increase understanding of humanity's relationship to life on earth?

How do we recognize, develop and nurture the spiritual gifts of all in our meeting?

- *How do I incorporate into my personal and family life those daily practices that focus on continued spiritual growth, including worship, reflection and engagement with writings that nurture the soul?*
- *How does my spiritual life integrate an understanding of a well-ordered relationship with the earth and deepen my reverence for the interconnectedness of all life?*

ANNUAL MEETING

The ANNUAL MEETING FOR BUSINESS will be held on Zoom on January 17, 2021. In the past, we have shared a lunch from noon to 1:00 and then moved into the Meeting House for Business Meeting. This year everything will be held on Zoom since we are not able to be back in the Meeting House. The schedule is as follows:

- 11:15: noon, Worship
- 12:30: pm Break to grab lunch and come back to share lunch together virtually.
- 1:00 pm – 3:00: The Annual Business Meeting. The focus of this meeting will be reflecting on how Plymouth Monthly Meeting is experiencing the challenges brought to us by the pandemic, and how we shall go forward in this new year. We shall also address the importance of learning how to use our website. This valuable communication tool can be very important in our Meeting's growth and communication with each other. David Miller will offer a clear tutorial about how to access the features of our website. Please try to attend and share your thoughts and questions about the life of our Monthly Meeting today.

FRIENDLY FOURTH

We all miss the fellowship of Friendly Fourth...the good food and warm conversations. Covid-19 has taken that experience away for now but we have been trying to find opportunities to share virtually with the Friends whose presence means so much to us. On Sunday evening January 24, 2021 we will meet by Zoom at 6:00 p.m. to view a Quaker Speak short video and share our thoughts about it. Bring your dinner if you wish and we can virtually share a meal while we visit one another.

ALL MEETINGS HELD ON THE SAME ZOOM LINK AS WE USE FOR WORSHIP--->

Zoom Meeting Log-in Information

Meetings for Worship log in information - (copy this link and paste it into your browser):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/899967067?pwd=UE5oaajNDdFIZc00raU92KzIXNk9NQTO9>

Meeting ID: 899 967 067

Password: 013830

646 558 8656 US (cell phone)



Website Reminders

Phase one has been completed, our Meeting website is up and running. We now need members and attenders to use the website and then make suggestions for improvements. Just as import are offers to help this new Meeting tool to meet its full potential. It's potential to provide outreach for the Meeting and as a resource to help with the communication, education, administration of our Monthly Meeting community. Each of us is a steward of a part of our Meeting community. How could the Web site be of use to you? Let us know and better yet, let's collaborate to create whatever you are thinking of. The fledgling website committee of David Miller, Carolee with help from Sally Bishop and Linda White, Barbara Hoekje and John Cardina look forward to working with you all to help build the skills to set up committee sites, archive minutes, develop outreach, add history sections, expand virtual library and social witness sections- and who knows what else you all may come up with.

Do you know that you can access:

- Newsletters current and past. Go to the Events and News section of the Website
- Business meeting minutes both the draft of the current unapproved minutes and minutes back to 2017. More years are being added. Go to the Meeting Resource and then the Members only section. You must be a registered member of the website and a member or an attender with access granted to view these Monthly Meeting documents.



- Our Meeting's virtual library in the Meeting Resources section (no login required)
 - Faith and Practice. The library section of the website has an online version of Faith and Practice for quick reference or reading.
 - The monthly Queries are also posted with a quick link to open
 - Friends Journal is available to everyone in the Meeting. Both the most recent edition and past journals. The most recent addition is Quakers in Translation which includes the annual Book issue, a great reference for finding new and interesting books about our Faith, Practice and Witness to the world

From the Treasurer

New way to donate to our Monthly Meeting

As the year ends, our Monthly Meeting will be closing the financial books on another active year at Plymouth despite the COVID epidemic. We have cared for our members and attenders, maintained and improved our buildings, cared for the trees and landscape and our burial grounds, sent donations to our school (PMFS), our Quarterly and Yearly Meeting to support their programs and also to multiple Social Action and Spiritual Nurture organizations. The donations of all our Members and Attenders are much appreciated. This year with the closing of the Annie H Wilson room to outside organizations our Monthly Meeting has lost one source of its income. Your end of the year donations are much appreciated.

This year, in addition to sending a check directly to our Treasurer or setting up an automatic payment from your banking institution, you can also pay by Venmo using your cell phone **@Plymouth-MonthlyMeeting**. For those familiar with Venmo this will be a simple way to make your donations. For those who would like to know more about this option click on the link below to learn more about Venmo or speak with Linda White, our Treasurer, to answer any questions you may have about sending a donation this way.
<https://www.androidauthority.com/what-is-venmo-1118461/>

From the School



MLK Jr Day of Service and Justice,

01/18/2021

All Plymouth Meeting Friends School students, families, faculty, and staff are welcome to join us in this year's virtual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Justice and Service. All the activities are designed to help us CONNECT with one another, SUPPORT our communities, and LEARN more about social justice, racial justice, and equality.

Parent Resources: MLK Jr Day videos by grade & book links

This year, families can participate by watching these videos, selected for your grade group, and then respond on the FlipGrid! Flip through others' responses and pop around to other grades. While watching, consider the following self-reflection questions:

- *What did this video make you think about?*
- *What do you think about social justice?*

(Younger grades may instead enjoy drawing a picture and writing a couple sentences about their observations)

Pre-K & Kindergarten:

Query: What is different about your friends that makes you special? What is different about you that makes you special?

PBS Learning Media- Martin Luther King Jr. Day- PBS Kids

A quick overview of the history behind MLK Jr. Day of Service

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WNnu2cj3-pU>

I am Martin Luther King Jr

A New York Time's bestselling picture book read aloud. The book defines racism (in an age-appropriate format) and discusses Martin Luther King's beliefs that it's better to have more love in your heart than hate.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vxy5oDYP5D0>

The Story of Martin Luther King Jr. by Kid President

An overview of Martin Luther King Jr. as defined by a sweet and smart kiddo!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4xXZhXTFWnE>

How did these videos make you feel? What did Martin Luther King Jr. believe?

What is different about you that makes you special?

Like Martin Luther King Jr., what would you change to make the world a better place?

1st-2nd grade:

Query: To what extent do I avoid differences to avoid conflicts?

The Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by Brain Pop

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p1dlQo3cVBI>

The Story of Martin Luther King Jr. by Kid President

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4xXZhXTFWnE>

Listen to the video that Kid President made about the life of Martin Luther King Jr. Like Martin Luther King Jr., Kid President believes in making the world more awesome. What is your dream for making the world more awesome?

3rd-4th grade:

Query: What am I doing with my talents, time, money, and possessions? Am I sharing them according to the Light I am given?

Should 2020 Be Forgotten? A Birmingham Choir Rings Out The Year With “Auld Lang Syne” | NPR

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCFdKpKLGxs>

MLK Jr. Biography Bio, for kids

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qlllq284u20>

For those Hamilton fans, here is a MLK Jr Bio, done in song and rap

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xAUvvAbzkUk>

How am I persistent in my efforts to promote constructive change?

5th-6th grade:

Query: How do I face conflicts with patience? What does forbearance and openness to healing mean?

The Lorraine Motel, in Memphis, Tennessee, where Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated, is now the National Civil Rights Museum. Students can take a virtual tour of the space.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UWDHj99rGeA&feature=youtu.be>

Videos great for discussion with your families. 26 Mini-Films for Exploring Race, Bias and Identity With Students.

<https://nyti.ms/2nnZQXj>

What are the ways that I act as a true and good Friend to work toward overcoming separations and restoring wholeness?

More resources such as books to read and organizations to support can be found in the attached flyer.