



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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Fifth Month 2021

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May 2021

Friday	May 7	4:00 pm	Helping Paige plant the pollinator garden at Meetinghouse
Sun	May 9	9:30 am	Worship & Ministry
Sun	May 16	9:00 pm	Meeting for Business
Sun	May 23	6:00 pm	Virtual Friendly Fourth

June 2021

Tues	June 1	7:00 pm	Care and Concern via Zoom
Sun	June 13	9:30 am	Worship & Ministry
Sun	June 20	9:00 am	Meeting for Business
Sun	June 27	After Meeting	Annual Picnic on the patio – mark your calendar

- All meetings unless noted will be conducted via Zoom
- All First Day Meetings for Worship will begin at 11:15 am. You may join us on Zoom or **join us live on the patio** any time after 11am and settle in. If joining in person, bring your own chair & mask (**see attachments for safe practices for meeting**) If it's actively raining, check the website for updates
- Wednesday evening Meeting for Worship begins at 7:00pm and will also be held via Zoom as well as **in person on the patio.**

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 April

Ground for Transformed Lives: Peace & Alternatives to Violence

How do we help each other face conflicts with patience, forbearance and openness to healing?

To what extent does our meeting ignore differences in order to avoid possible conflicts?

What are we doing as a Friends meeting within our communities:

- 1) To recognize and correct the causes of violence?
- 2) To understand the impact of the global military-industrial complex on all aspects of life?
- 3) To increase the understanding and use of alternatives to violence?
- 4) To work toward overcoming separations and restoring wholeness?
- 5) To support the constructive use of authority?
- 6) To promote the sustainability of the earth?

- *Do I “live in the virtue [power] of that Life and Spirit that took [takes] away the occasion of all wars”?*
- *How do I maintain Friends’ testimony that participation in war and its preparation is inconsistent with the teaching of Jesus?*
- *Do I treat personal conflict as an opportunity for growth?*
- *How do I face my differences with others and reaffirm in action and attitude my love for those with whom I am in conflict?*

News from the Clerk

Following worship on April 25, Friends were able to relax into a beautiful guided imagery presentation of PRAYER OF THE WORLD by Maia Tapp. Through her expressive poetry and her husband’s extraordinary photography, Maia offered us an opportunity to feel the profound connection human beings have with all life on our planet. Friends agreed that it was a meaningful presentation. Maia will have the presentation published as a book in June and we hope to obtain a copy for our library collection. Maia is a member of Abington Monthly Meeting.

Rebecca Cratin is ready to step down as Clerk of Plymouth Monthly Meeting after 6 years of service. Friends are encouraged to think about their gifts and abilities and consider sharing them with the Meeting as Clerk. It is good to have a rotation of clerking within the Meeting Community so that we remain alive and vital as we go forward. It also provides Friends the opportunity to share their gifts with the whole community. Nominating committee will be seeking Friends who may feel led to serve. Please consider sharing your gifts with our Meeting.

News from PMFS

As we near the end of a very challenging school year we would like to take a minute to express our admiration and gratitude for the very hard work and dedication shown by the faculty and staff of the Plymouth Meeting Friends School. Despite the limitations brought on by the COVID-19 virus, PMFS has worked diligently to provide the children with the best possible learning experience. While some traditional activities, such as the Mexico Exchange, have of necessity been cancelled, others have been altered somewhat to fit the current health protocols. The third and fourth-grade circus, the sixth-grade musical and graduation may look a little different this year, but they will definitely happen. Although the children will not travel to Mexico this year, the school is looking forward to celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the Exchange in November. Even the Strawberry Festival gets a nod. We won't be on campus enjoying strawberry shortcake and watching the children perform, but the PTO has seen to it that the children will have some Festival memories, including the popular tee shirt design contest.

Next year is still an unknown, but as the pandemic dwindles we can hope that this year's hard work and care will see the school off to a well-earned, activity-rich 2021-2022 school year.



Runway to Annual Sessions

May 4–July 24, 2021

The Runway to Annual Sessions is filled with virtual workshops, business Q & A's, and a Collaborative Fair

May 4 Threshing: Re-Opening to In-person Gatherings.

May 6 The Roots & Branches of Quaker Advocacy. Workshop Facilitators: Legislative Policy Collaborative and FCNL.

May 11 Gathering: Quarterly Meeting Leadership.

May 13 A Rightly Ordered Life: The Simplicity Testimony, Then & Now. Workshop Facilitator: Claire Hannapel, Quaker Voluntary Service (QVS).

May 18 The Middle East Conflict as a Global Issue of Injustice. Workshop Facilitator: Tony Manasseh.

May 20 Humble Walk Bears Fruit. Workshop Facilitator: sandra boone murphy of the First Reconciliation Collaborative, and Rev. Dr. JR Norwood.

May 25 When the Spirit Calls, Discussion and Reflection. Workshop Facilitator: Jay Marshall.

May 27 F/friends in Unlikely Places: Engaging with Those Who Do Not Agree with You.

For more details, check with: www.pym.org/annual-sessions

Attention All Kids K-9th Grade

One-Day Quaker Camp Experience

Saturday, June 26th, 9am – 3pm at Horsham Friends Meeting

You are invited to a One Day Quaker Camp Experience. If you've never attended Junior Friends Conference (JFC), or Middle School Friends Conference (MSFC)...then you are in for a treat. RSVP BEFORE April 23rd! We are pleased to invite students to a one-day in-person gathering of Abington Quarter's Junior Friends Conference and Middle School Friends Conference! Students currently in kindergarten through 9th grade are invited to attend. Our community will gather to worship, make friends, play, learn, and create. The planned events include a condensed schedule of our typical "camp" events: Worship, arts and crafts, religious education, environmentalism, and active games. Students will be supervised by counselors and teachers during the day.

Cost is \$5 per child; cost includes program tee-shirt. We anticipate that all events will be held outdoors with social distancing measures in place (indoor restrooms available). All participants will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms and wear masks throughout the day. Hand sanitizer will be encouraged frequently. Students will be asked to bring a packed lunch. A rain date may be determined if needed. Contact aqyouthprograms@gmail.com for a pre-registration from before April 22. You may register multiple students on one form. We will provide further details and may request more information as we continue with our planning. Joe, Steph, and Karen of the Junior Friends Conference and Middle School Friends Conference hope to see your family in June (sponsored by Abington Quarter Youth Programs)

Meeting Together Safely

The Risk Assessment committee has been checking with CDC and other reputable health authorities to see when and how to best re-open Plymouth. Please see the attachment with this email for the procedure as of the beginning of May, 2021. The chart below summarizes current recommendations.

Choosing Safer Activities

	Unvaccinated People	Your Activity	Fully Vaccinated People
		Outdoor	
Safest		Walk, run, or bike outdoors with members of your household	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated family and friends	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people	
Less Safe		Dine at an outdoor restaurant with friends from multiple households	
Least Safe		Attend a crowded, outdoor event, like a live performance, parade, or sports event	