



Plymouth Monthly Meeting Newsletter

Meetings for Worship

First Day Plain worship, no Zoom, 10-11
 First Day Meeting blended worship: 11:15 am
Fourth Day Meeting: 7:00 pm (blended)

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February 2022

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February 2022

Fri	Feb 4	7:00 pm	Peace & Social Concerns -blended- Contact Dave Miller for more information
Sat	Feb 5	9:00 am -3:00 pm	Thread Gathering – Restorative Racial Justice: From the Personal to the Systemic
Sun	Feb 6	9:00 am	AQM Business meeting at Horsham Meeting and online
Sun	Feb 13	6:00 pm	Worship & Ministry via Zoom
Sun	Feb 20	9:00 am	Meeting for Business In-person and via Zoom
Sun	Feb 27	12:30 pm	Video about Marguerite Kearns book (see page 4)

March 2022

Tues	Mar 1	7:00 pm	Care & Concern via Zoom
Fri	Mar 4	7:00 pm	Peace & Social Concerns-Blended
Sun	Mar 13	6:00 pm	Worship & Ministry via Zoom
Sun	Mar 20	9:00 am	Meeting for Business In-person and via Zoom
Sun	Mar 27	12:30 pm	Quaker Speak video sponsored by Worship & Ministry

- All First Day Meetings for Worship will begin at 10:00 (Plain worship, no Zoom) and 11:15 am (blended worship). If joining in person, wear a mask. Masks must be worn on campus for in-person Meeting for worship. **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 in the Meetinghouse (blended)*.

PMM Zoom information always available at plymouthmonthlymeeting@gmail.com or contact Dave Miller

Queries for February

Deepening Our Faith: Meeting for Worship

- Are our meetings for worship held in stilled, expectant waiting upon God?
- As we worship in the living silence, are we drawn together by the power of God in our midst? Do we experience a deep reverence for the integrity of creation?
- How does our worship nurture all worshipers, creating a deeper sense of community?
- How does our meeting encourage vocal ministry that spiritually nurtures the worshipping community?

Do I faithfully attend meeting with heart and mind prepared for worship, clear of any predetermination to speak or not to speak, expecting that worship will be a source of strength and guidance?

Does worship deepen my relationship with God, increase my faithfulness and refresh and renew my daily life, both inwardly and in my relationships with other persons and with all of creation?

Does worship enhance my capacity for attentive, non-judgmental listening to others?

How does participation in meeting for worship contribute to my life-long spiritual journey?

News from the Meeting

A reminder that currently, First Day Meeting is held at two times and in two ways: There is **First Day Plain worship**, with no Zoom, at **10 am -11 am**. Folks from Plain Worship are welcome to stay for the second, **blended worship at 11:15**, which joins folks at the Meetinghouse, masked and spaced out with minimal contact, with folks joining via Zoom. We encourage those who do attend the 11:15 Meeting to gather after meeting for worship to greet fellow worshipers via Zoom.

Guidelines for In-Person Meetings During Covid

As Covid-19 cases continue to be a concern please continue to be vigilant. Here are guidelines you must follow regarding in-person meeting for worship:

- Wear a mask inside the meetinghouse; N95 or KN95 masks are recommended and can be purchased at the following places: Lowe's, Home Depot, Staples, and possibly at local pharmacies like CVS and Rite Aid. Some N95 or KN95 masks will be available at the meeting
- Social distance in the meetinghouse, during meeting for worship, and while socializing afterward. Inside, keep a six-foot distance between yourself and others. Outdoors, that distance may be reduced to three feet.
- If you come to the meetinghouse or the school during school hours, including before and after care (6:00 AM – 6:00 PM), you must check in at the school office and show your up-to-date vaccine card AND wear a mask.
- If you have had an exposure or even a near-exposure to the virus, please use an abundance of caution and attend meeting for worship on Zoom.

The Risk Assessment Committee

Annual Meeting Letter from the Clerk

Good day, Friend:

Friends gathered at Plymouth at the appointed time on 1m 16d 2022. Some were present at the Meeting house while others joined virtually. Friends settled into worship to reflect on the past year at Plymouth. Three queries had been shared with the community a few days earlier and were read again at this time. These were

1. What have we learned about what is fundamental to Plymouth as a religious society? Why do we continue to worship as we do?
2. What of our spirituality has changed? What has grown and what has dimmed? What can we do better?
3. What is Plymouth's role in the world - beyond what Plymouth is for us as individuals? Is this what it should be?

Friends centered and then lifted up these reflections: Worship is deep and wide. There was opportunity for personal spirituality to be communicated and reaffirmed. Friends' spirituality was limited when not in community. Throughout the year, there was a seeking of balance between individual and communal spirituality. Friends found that worship extends into our lives outside of Meeting and that there was direct contact with God which we take into the world. Our spirituality was fulfilling and there is no need to question teachings.

Friends further offered that our current opportunity to worship for two hours on First Day was enjoyable and that they experienced replenishment. Otherwise, Friends found dimmed spirituality in that we missed previous shared experience of being with former Friends and attenders. There is a desire to find ways to share more. There are too few opportunities for serendipity and lightness especially for young people. Friends missed in-person presence and food sharing. Perhaps we could use outside venues, with a desire to feel safe. We have lost the fun events.

These reflections suggest that Friends at Plymouth value the community provided in our modified forms of worship and that while we long for aspects of the past in which we were physically together, our personal and communal spirituality is being maintained and nourished. Not knowing of the future and recognizing that our practice has permanently changed from our fond memories, our sharing of community is of fundamental importance to us.

Thank thee.

Mike Mrozinski
Clerk

Abington Quarterly Business Meeting

AQM Business Meeting will occur on February 6th at Horsham Meeting and on Zoom. Opening worship 9 am, Business meeting will follow opening worship and end at 10:30am

Worship

Horsham meeting for worship starts at 10:30 Horsham's worship is in person only, no Zoom capabilities. Zoom attenders of Quarterly Meeting can worship at the same time as Horsham on zoom.

Business meeting will resume at 11:30. If there is no more Quarterly business to attend to we will enjoy fellowship amongst Friends after worship.

Agenda

- Minutes from prior Meeting
- Treasurer's report
- Annual AQM Worship & Ministry report.
- Incorporation update Robert Reiff
- Communications committee updates
- PYM's Shoemaker Quarterly Meetings Grant
- Nominating committee report
- Annual state of the quarter Report

Login for Zoom Meeting

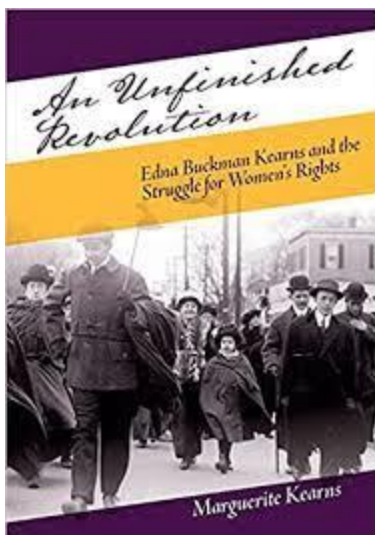
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Book corner: An Unfinished Revolution

Film February 27, 12:30pm

Discussion in May



The story of the suffrage movement and the ongoing struggle for women's rights through the lens of one family's history.

Through the lens of one family's history, *An Unfinished Revolution* tells the story of the suffrage movement and the ongoing struggle for women's rights in the United States. The book opens with ten-year-old Marguerite Kearns listening to her grandfather Wilmer's stories about how he met her grandmother Edna, a ninth-generation Quaker and ardent suffrage campaigner, and how he fell in love with her. Wilmer, who became a male suffrage activist himself, also shares the story of the "Spirit of 1776" suffrage campaign wagon that Edna and others used while organizing in New York State in 1913. After sitting for years in a Kearns family garage, the wagon is currently housed in the permanent collection of the New York State Museum as a prime artifact in the national suffrage movement.

As Marguerite grows older, she draws on a wide variety of sources—from family stories and photographs to archives and scholarly histories—to piece together the real-life narrative of her family. Profoundly changed in the process, she becomes an activist herself, and when she marches in a present-day women’s march, she carries a photo of her grandparents participating in a 1914 women’s march in New York. With the women’s suffrage movement as the backdrop, this memoir and family history illuminates how activism passes from one generation to another—and how a horse-drawn suffrage campaign wagon became a symbol of freedom and equality.

Marguerite Kearns grew up in the Philadelphia area learning about her family history. A former journalist and teacher, her award-winning writing has contributed to a support base for her storytelling. She lives in Northern New Mexico

We will be seeing a film about Marguerite and the book after Meeting (12:30 pm) this month; we will be having a discussion about the book in May.



February 2022 Events

[PYM Thread Gathering: Restorative Racial Justice: From the Personal to the Systemic](#)

February 5, 2022, 9-3 on Zoom

Our faith calls us to racial justice and to healing the wounds of racism. Every day we see the realities of inequality and injustice.

Morning Session: .O of Central Philly Meeting, will examine some of the ways that centuries of trauma shape our personal patterns of emotional response and interpersonal interaction.

Afternoon Session: The Middle East, Eco-Justice, and First Contact Reconciliation Collaboratives, will share how systemic racism shows itself within the areas of their focus.

[Vigil for Racial Justice, Every Sunday](#)

We gather to center, then hold signs for one hour.

[February 6](#) [February 13](#)

[Pendle Hill’s February Reading Group Hosted by Janaki Spickard Keeler](#)

February 9 @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

The focus of our February reading group is Marcelle Martin’s *Invitation to a Deeper Communion*. It is being co-sponsored by the PYM Extended Worship group, who are offering Friends the chance to experience extended worship in a hybrid meeting for worship hosted by Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting in Philadelphia.

One Book, One Community, First-Contact Reconciliation Collaborative

February 16. Finding the Mother Tree: Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest by Suzanne Simard

Clerking Skills! – A Governance & Stewardship Thread Gathering, PYM

February 19. Clerking when You Have Limited Time. Kathleen Karhnak-Glasby, Clerk of Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting Business Meeting from the Perspective of the Participant. Pat McBee, former Clerk of Central Philly Meeting and former Executive Director of Friends Center.

Winter Family Overnight for Children & Families, Camp Onas

February 19-20. YM Family Overnights are a one-night sleepover for families with kids K-5th grade, an intentional village for the purpose of being a Family of Friends. The Winter Family Overnight at Camp Onas is dedicated to getting cozy: hot chocolate, stories by the fire, and with a little luck, a high-velocity snowball exchange.

GIANT Children's Meeting on 3rd Sundays

February 20: Following Dreams. Each 30-45 minute program is for preschool and elementary-age children and their families.

March 2022 Events

Opening to the Heart of Worship with Christopher Sammond

Friday at 4:30pm through Sunday at noon: A weekend workshop with Christopher Sammond focused on practical skills that will enhance our ability to enter into deep, transformative worship.

2022 Spring Continuing Sessions

March 25, 7pm: Friends are invited to come together for worship, fellowship, and business! Join our wider Yearly Meeting community for events in Philadelphia, online, and at your home meeting! Friday's fellowship will happen both in-person and be live streamed, creating the opportunity to gather remotely with friends for a "viewing party." On Saturday, the morning worship and program and afternoon business session will all be on Zoom, and Friends are encouraged to consider the idea of gathering in local meetings to join the PYM body for our work and witness. Sunday is a time to gather together in local meetings — see news story for ideas how to share this time and tell the PYM community about it!