



# 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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## March 2022

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## March 2022

Sat`	Mar 12	12:00 pm 1pm, 2pm	Women's History Month tours of Fair Hill burial ground
Sun	Mar 13	6:00 pm	Worship & Ministry via Zoom
Sun	Mar 20	9:00 am	Meeting for Business In-person and via Zoom
Fri, Sat Sun	25, 26, 28		PYM Continuing Sessions ( <a href="#">check website</a> )
Sun	Mar 27	12:30 pm	Quaker Speak video sponsored by Worship & Ministry

## April 2022

Sun	April 3	9:00 am	Special Called Meeting of Abington Quarter. Info on website
Tues	April 5	7:00 pm	Care and Concern via Zoom
Fri	April 8	7:00 pm	Peace & Social Concerns – Topic: HIAS Refugee Assistance
Sun	April 10	6:00 pm	Worship & Ministry via Zoom
Sun	April 17	9:00 am	Meeting for Business In-person and via Zoom
Sun	April 24	12:30 pm	Quaker Speak: topic TBD

- 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](mailto:plymouthmonthlymeeting@gmail.com) or contact Dave Miller**

# Queries for March

## Deepening Our Faith: Meeting for Business

- Is our meeting for business held in worship in which we seek divine guidance?
- How do we sustain prayerful consideration of all aspects of an issue and address difficult problems with a search for truth that is unhurried by the pressures of time?
- Do we recognize that we speak through our inaction as well as our action?

*Do I regularly attend meeting for business? If unable to attend, how do I fulfill the responsibility to understand and embrace the decisions made?*

*How do I affirm and support God's presence in the process of discernment and reaching a decision?*

*Do I remain open to personal transformation as the community arrives at the sense of the meeting?*

## 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*



## Plymouth Monthly Meeting's Peace and Social Concerns Committee (P&SC)

Our Peace and Social Concerns committee has begun meeting regularly on the first Friday of the month at 7pm. All are welcome to attend. Meetings are blended (onsite and online) unless announced otherwise in the monthly announcement sent out the week before the Meeting. The announcement will contain the web

conference link. To have your name added to the monthly announcement email list go to the website P&SC page and click on the email link or send an email to [office@plymouthmeetingquakers.org](mailto:office@plymouthmeetingquakers.org) and request to be added to the mailing list.

Our committee brings members and attenders of our Meeting together to discuss social concerns, share about projects they are individually engaged in and when discerned join together for particular actions or education on an issue.

Topics that are currently being discussed and worked on are:

- Conversion of the Meeting House electricity to fossil free electricity
- Stewardship of the Meeting House Land
- Passage of a Federal Carbon Tax
- Review and possible showing of a HIAS presentation on refugee resettlement
- Responding to FCNL about coming years lobbying priorities
- Developing a Monthly Meeting input for the Germantown Pike improvement project by Montgomery County. Investigating the creation of a Bus shelter and pedestrian path on Meeting property

If you would like to join in with members and attenders of our Meeting to discuss these topics or to share your own work on a particular social concern, please join us on the first Friday evening of the month.

Peace and Social Concerns Committee is developing pages on our website. There is a public section accessed from a tab at the top of the home page and a private registered user section for minutes of the committee and other documents. The public page is in its beginning stages of filling out reference information about three areas of social concern:

1. Immigration / Refugees / Evacuees
2. Peace / Justice / Racial Issues / Native American Issues
3. Stewardship of the Creation / Climate Change

Help in collecting this information is greatly appreciated. Below the table of these three areas of concern is a section of posts notifying readers of current events or actions in which they can participate. Those who are registered users of our Website can be granted access to the Committee minutes and documents. Contact David Miller to help in collecting information for the public page or to request permission to access the committee minutes and documents. See the P&SC page on website for link to send email to David.

**Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** there will be a presentation by HIAS, the organization that has been providing comprehensive assistance to refugees for years, and has been working recently with those who have come from Afghanistan. This presentation was given in January at Gwynedd Meeting and was very informative and inspiring. It will be a blended experience from the Annie H. room and on Zoom. There will be more information on our website, and the Zoom link will be announced there as well as by email.

# News of Members

From Sally Bishop

Christopher Mrozinski began studies at Chestnut Hill College this January in the program of Social Gerontology. He is excited about finding a program nearby that fits his interests. He completed his first class there recently with the best grades in the class.

Ben Kamiya-Miller and Miuke Kamiya-Miller along with Eve, Loxley and Yuna will be moving to the Big Island in Hawaii. Miuke has taken a job that is based in Hawaii and the family expects they will be settled there by this summer in July.

Liz Roland has some very good news to report. She has completed her treatment and her health has significantly improved. And, she is getting married in March with the ceremony in Florida.

## Monthly Meeting Website Update

We are entering our second year with the new (not so new) Meeting Website. The site has two parts to it. A public side that all the world can use to know something about our Monthly Meeting and Quakers in the wider world. It also have a private (protected side) that is slowly becoming our Meeting office. Access to all files stored on this side have access restricted at two levels. First access is limited only to registered users. Registration that are submitted must be approved by the web committee. Approval is granted to all Meeting members and may be offered to long term attenders or other Friends as discerned by the Monthly Meeting. The second level of restriction is at the individual documents. Each folder in the office files has a member restriction which can include all registered users or only member so a specific group such as Trustees or Care and Concern members. For more information about the protection of Meeting Documents speak with David Miller or Carolee Duckworth.

Business Meeting agenda and minutes

The website is providing the Meeting the ability for prepare for business by displaying the agenda and make documents accessible to members. The agenda table is located on the public side of the website under the Events and News section of the home page.



The screenshot shows the website interface for Plymouth Quaker Meeting. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Our Meeting, New to Quaker Worship, Meeting Info, Events + News, Peace + Social Concerns, and Donations. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with Wider Quaker Community, \* MEMBERS ONLY \*, and My Account. The main content area features a large heading for "EVENTS & NEWS" and a note about a new post on the Peace & Social Concerns page. A red arrow points to the "Business Meeting Agenda" link in the right-hand sidebar menu. Below the main content area, there is a section for "News from Fair Hill" with a photo of a group of people outdoors.

## PMFS School News



### Registration for Seedlings Camp NOW OPEN!

Seedlings Camp is back for the summer of 2022. Enjoyed by PMFS and community students, families sign up for 1 or more weeks of outdoor exploration and adventure.

- Just for kids ages 3-7
- 9 weeks of themed Spanish fun
- Daily water play
- **\$375 / week if you sign up by April 1 (Then \$400/week)**

Get more information and register [HERE](#).

## PMFS Collection for ACLAMO

**What?** PMFS students are collecting items for [ACLAMO](#), a Latino service organization in Norristown that PMFS has had a long-standing relationship with. The items are part of a rewards program for positive behaviors; ACLAMO students selected these items, and their input was considered for the buy-in.

**When?** Until March 14

**Where?** Collection boxes will be in each classroom building next week

**How will students know?** 5th & 6th Graders will be introducing the collection to classes the week of Feb 28.

**What is Needed?** ACLAMO students have asked for a variety of items, books and school supplies and toys and more.

**What can you do at home?** We encourage families to use this opportunity for important discussions at home, beyond “What would you like to bring in?” This is a chance to discuss systemic changes needed so that all have access to what they need AND how we can support people with their individual needs until those systems change. Send your child in to school with items so they can feel ownership of this collaboration.

### Wish list:

#### Books

*Naruto* books  
*Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series  
Middle school level books

#### Food

Healthy snack  
Healthy low sugar drinks

#### Games

Connect Four  
Uno  
Other games

### **School and fund Supplies**

Birth pencils  
Invisible ink pens  
Light up ink pens  
Pencil cases  
Folders  
Poster boards

### **Small Items**

Bookmarks  
Fidgets  
Pop its  
Toy cars  
Chapsticks  
Bracelets

### **Balls and more**

Bouncy balls  
Hand balls  
Soccer balls  
Basketballs  
Footballs  
Other sports items

### **Toy & Crafts**

Plush toys  
Minecraft toys  
Roblox toys  
Anime action figures  
Pokemon cards  
Funko Pops  
Slime  
Ply-Doh  
Acrylic Paint

### **Misc**

LED twinkle lights  
Head phones  
Hats

## **PYM EVENTS**

### **Women's History Month Tour of Historic Fair Hill Burial Ground**

*Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm.*

See the murals that depict the struggle for equal rights and the strength of Philadelphia's women yesterday and today. Visit the burial plots of female abolitionists and women's right advocates, including organizers of the Seneca Falls Convention on the Rights of Women.

**Free Tickets Here**

### **Other March 2022 Events**

[Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Response to the Crisis in Ukraine](#)

Quakers from around the world are in anguish and deeply concerned with the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Our hearts are with the people of Ukraine and Quakers in the affected areas in this dark time. As a historic peace church, we join our call for peace in the world to their cries for peace and help.

### **FGC Youth Clerking Workshop**

*March 20 @ 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm*

This training for middle school, high school, and Young Adult Friends strengthens their understanding of the spiritual grounding of Quaker business practices. Friends General Conference has re-envisioned it this year in collaboration with PYM Youth Programs. Two online sessions are combined with an in-person day at Arch Street Meetinghouse and an optional overnight for high school youth under the care of the PYM Young Friends program.

### **Spring Continuing Sessions**

*March 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022*

Friends are invited to come together for worship, fellowship, and business.

### **Registration**

Zoom registration is now available.

### **Annual Sessions Workshop Proposals**

Applications are currently being accepted to present a workshop at Annual Sessions in July 2022.