



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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April 2022

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	Friendly Fourth & Quaker Speak: topic TBD

May 2022

Sun	May 1	9:00 am	Abington Quarterly Meeting at Gwynedd. Zoom & in person
Tues	May 3	7:00 pm	Care & Concern
Fri	May 6	7:00 pm	Peace & Social concerns
Sun	May 8	6:00 pm	Worship & Ministry via Zoom
Sun	May 15	9:00 am	Meeting for Business In-person and via Zoom
Sun	May 22		Friendly Fourth – Book Talk - Margeurite Kern's An Unfinished Revolution: Edna Buckman Kearns and the Struggle for Women's Rights
Sun	May 22	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). Masks are not required but we will continue to social distance. **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 April

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?

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, 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. More at: [Articles/631303/HIAS PA Presentation.aspx](https://www.hiaspa.org/Articles/631303/HIAS_PA_Presentation.aspx)

HIAS Meeting Friday, April 8th at 7pm

April Peace and Social Concerns will include 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.

Carol Corson *In Memoriam*

March 31, 2022

Dear Friends,

It is with a tremendously heavy heart that I write to inform you that Carol Corson passed away on Wednesday, March 30. When I arrived at PMFS in July of 2019, Carol met with me and shared her Plymouth story. She proudly claimed that she attended her first PMFS Strawberry Festival in utero; and she grew up in Journey's End. Over the years, Carol's "commute" across campus took her into classrooms as a PMFS student (Class of 1951) and eventually as a beloved teacher during the '60's and '70s. Though her teaching path continued at GFS, Carol remained closely connected to Plymouth Meeting Friends School, serving on the School Committee and consistently offering her care and support of the school and our teachers over the years.

Carol's commitment to PMFS was unparalleled. In the fall of 2019, Carol joined me at the Conshohocken Street Fair to represent the school and inform the community about Plymouth. Decked out in her red PMFS t-shirt, Carol greeted passersby and shared pieces of her Plymouth story. Despite the 90 degree heat and the blazing sun, Carol was determined to do her part to spread the news about PMFS! In June of 2020, Carol returned to an empty campus to assist with connecting students to their belongings left behind during the mandated closure due to COVID. She brought that same determination and her love of Plymouth to help us on that sad day of farewells. As always, she recognized an opportunity to help and stepped in to do so. Carol's longtime connection to Plymouth Monthly Meeting and her experience and expertise as an educator enriched her service on the PMFS School Committee. A fierce advocate for teachers, Carol always articulated the need to provide faculty with support of all kinds. She understood the responsibilities of teaching and the unique gifts that a PMFS education offers; and she frequently volunteered to help wherever and whenever needed. As a trustee, Carol masterfully offered a voice of reason and challenged us to hold on to the rich history of Plymouth while working toward the vision of the school's future. She focused on the success and growth of PMFS and claimed her role in lifting up our Plymouth story. Since that first meeting with Carol, I have been in awe of her kindness, sincerity and persistence. She was unflinching in her love of PMFS and unwavering in her support of our school community. She had a strong desire to be of service to our school: Tell me what to do and I'll do it. I'm not sure if you want my help or need my help, but I'll help the teachers any way that I can. Those last few words, "any way that I can", sum up Carol's spirit. She exemplified John Wesley's famous quote, "Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, to all the souls you can, in every place you can, at all the times you can, with all the zeal you can, as long as ever you can." Not many communities can claim the gifts of light and love that Carol Corson brought to Plymouth Monthly Meeting and Plymouth Meeting Friends School. We are grateful for her kindness of heart and generosity of spirit. Please join me in holding Carol, her family and friends in the Light.



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In peace,

Brenda C. Crawley, Head of School

(more at https://plymouthmeetingquakers.org/Articles/632939/Carol_Ann.asp)

Linking to Abington Quarter

Hello Friends,

Last January an email went out asking about your interest in registering for Abington Quarter communications and Website access. Much has happen since then hence I need to ask again if you would like to register. As a member of Plymouth each of us are members of the Quarter and Yearly Meeting. Our membership imparts responsibility to both of these Quaker organizations. It is important that we know what is happening for our benefit and for us to be of service to Friends in our Quarter. If you do want to register please follow the attached procedure. It is simple and only requires a few steps to migrate your information from the Plymouth Meeting website to the Abington Quarter website. Both sites are secure sites. Your information is used to allow communication between the Quarter and yourself.

You will need to have your login name and your password. The login name may be your email or a specific login name. I can help you find your login name and can help reset your password if you need to. Please get in touch with me for help.

Also, let me know if you do not wish to register on the website. Click [here](https://abingtonquarter.churchinsight.com/Groups/376285/WEBSITE_SUPPORT.aspx)
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Follow the attached procedure which has pictures of each step. It is important that the selections on page four of the attachment are filled in as shown so that the Quarter can communicate with you and you can have access on the website.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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As always, we are called to prayer in our personal lives, and corporately as we come together to worship. Prayer that draws us as we center to join with those who are suffering. Across time and distance, we chose to share moments of each day during this conflict with newly homeless families, with the hungry, with those who are grieving. In the quiet of our tendered hearts, we join with the people of Ukraine seeking to know how to respond to this

violent world. Our prayer is a request for peace, for eternal accompaniment for all who are swept up in this madness. Our prayer time is also a time of listening for what is being asked of the one who prays. What are we called to do?

During Business Meeting we came to unity on two actions to do to help people in Ukraine. Since we did not find a AFSC program doing physical relief work in this region the decision was made to donate \$250 to the US Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) for use in Ukrainian relief. MCC was chosen because their service in the world's regions of conflict is grounded in a pacific faith that places peacemaking at its core the same as Friends. Mennonite Service in the Ukrainian and Russian region goes back more than two centuries. MCC is accepting donations to fund their relief efforts in Ukraine. Their regional Mennonite partners are already at work on the ground, providing relief where they can with food, medications, fuel, and other supplies. MCC is also working on developing a response that is a longer-term scale up of existing relief work. It will likely include psychosocial support and trauma healing, temporary emergency housing, emergency distributions of locally purchased emergency supplies such as blankets and distribution of food packages. MCC also plans to resume shipments of material resources once the in-country conditions are stable enough to do so.

If you would like to add to the donation that is being sent by our Meeting, please send a check to Linda White our Treasurer, or use the online donation link for Ukraine. You will find Linda's address and the link at the bottom of our Meeting's web site donation page. Click [here](#) to go to the donation web page.

Click [here](#) and [here](#) to read one of the MCC blog posts from Ukraine.

We also agreed to collect the nine items needed to create MCC Relief Kits for refugees. Last year MCC shipped more than 21,000 kits to regions of conflict. MCC is very experienced in what is needed and have specific recommendations. Click here for more information. Boxes to receive each of these items will be placed in the Annie H Wilson room and will remain there until April 17th. It is hoped that those who are local to our Meeting and/or a part of our school community will contribute as they can to the collection of these items. Please take the time to read the list of needed items and consider if you can contribute to this effort. We will take the items to the MCC collection center where they will be assembled into kits and placed in a pail with a lid that can be used for washing.



Collection of Items for Refugee Relief Kits March 27th to April 17th

Help us collect the following items to create relief kits for refugees. With help from the many members of our community we will be able to collect enough items to assemble kits to be sent out to refugees in need. Read the list of items needed below. Do you know where you can get multiple sets of one or several of these items at a good cost or donation from a store or vendor? When added together all of us collecting a little of this item or a little of that item many kits can be assembled, like loafs and fishes.

Boxes are in the Annie H Wilson room for each of the items. Place them in the appropriate box. **Please purchase the items as described on the list below, no substitutes in size or additional types of items are appropriate.** Once the items are collected, we will obtain the appropriate number of clean 5-gallon pails with lids to assemble the kits. Items left over after making up kits will also be taken to MCC where they will add them to what they have in their stores to make complete kits.

Each relief kit includes:

- 4 large bars bath soap: (leave in wrapper)
- Shampoo (1 or 2 bottles, totaling more than 20 oz; [place in resealable plastic bag](#))
- 4 large bars laundry soap (such as Fels Naptha®, Sunlight® or Zote® brands)
- 4 adult-size toothbrushes (in manufacturer's packaging)
- 4 new bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright colors; [approx. 29 in x 60 in](#))
- 2 wide-toothed combs (6–8 in)
- 1 nail clipper (good quality)
- 1 box adhesive bandages (minimum 40, assorted)
- Sanitary pads (THIN; 1 or 2 packages, minimum 28 pads total)

More at https://plymouthmeetingquakers.org/Articles/632442/ Plymouth_Monthly.aspx


Website News

The calendar on our Meeting Website is found in the Events + News tab. When an item is added to the calendar it becomes a click able link which opens a box with information about the event. Example: Meeting for Worship at 10am , when the event is clicked, is shown on the right.



Plain Meeting for Worship

10:00am - 10:00pm, Sun 27 Mar

 **Plymouth Friends Meeting (Church), 2150 Butler Pike, 19462** 

10:00 am est. Plain worship, (no online connection to offsite worshipers)Worship will continue at 11:15 as blended worship with those online via a Zoom conference.

Or, when the 11:15 worship is clicked



Blended Meeting for Worship

11:15am - 12:00pm, Sun 27 Mar

Zoom Conference

At 11:15 am est. Worship blends with offsite worshipers via computer conferencing

If you are a registered user of the Monthly Meeting Website click [here](#) for Worship login

If you are not a registered user (attender, visitor...) request the login information by clicking [here](#)

Note the two links.

If you are a registered user you can click on the first link to open the zoom worship directly from the calendar. If you are not a registered user the second link will open a email for you to fill out and request the link for the Zoom worship on line.

If you have any questions please contact Dave Miller or Carolee Duckworth

PYM News Annual Sessions are Coming

As we look ahead to Annual Sessions, please save the following dates, [consider leading a workshop](#), and fill out our [inclusive timing of business survey](#):

- Saturday June 25 for Workshops
- Saturday July 23 for Affinity Groups
- Tuesday July 26 to Sunday July 31 for spiritual formation, worship, business, and keynotes.