



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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Fri	Oct 7	7:00 pm	Peace and Social Concerns –
Sun	Oct 9	6:00 pm	Worship & Ministry via Zoom
Sun	Oct 16	9:00 am	Meeting for Business (blended)
Sun	Oct 23	12:30 pm	Friendly Fourth – Armelle Richard presentation

Nov 2022

Tues	Nov 1	7:00 pm	Care and Concern
Fri	Nov 4	7:00 pm	Peace and Social Concerns (blended)
Sat	Nov 5	10:30 am	Jack McGovern tree ceremony: PMFS play yard
Sun	Nov 13	6:00 pm	Worship & Ministry via Zoom
Sun	Nov 20	9:00 am	Meeting for Business (blended)
Sun	Nov 20	5:00 pm	Colonial Ministerium Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
Thurs	Nov 24	10:00 am	Meeting for Worship for Thanksgiving
Sun	Nov 27	12:30 pm	Friendly Fourth – Oliva Hartshorn Kimber Myles presentation

- 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 October

Nurturing Our Community: Religious Education in the Home & Meeting

- How does our meeting accommodate ecological, economic and social justice in its uses of property and money?
- Does our meeting engage its members in supporting the meeting's work, its ministry and the upkeep of its property?
- Does our meeting encourage its members to support with their time, energy and finances the quarterly and yearly meetings and other Quaker organizations?
- To what extent does our meeting rely on current members and attenders for financial support and to what extent on other sources?

How do I demonstrate in my own decision making a concern for ecological, economic and social justice?

How do I simplify my needs, making choices that balance self-sufficiency and fair sharing of resources?

Do I balance my work-life and other activities with the time and energy needed for my spiritual growth and service?

Do I contribute to the work of Friends in my meeting, in the quarterly and yearly meetings and in the wider world of Friends?

News from the Meeting

October Peace and Social Concerns - Oct 23 12:30

Join us for this month's Friendly Fourth with Sally Bishop and Armelle Richard. Together we will explore the intersection between Art and Quakerism by looking at some works from their portfolios. Armelle will do a small mindfulness exercise with one of Sally's pieces. All are invited to join over Zoom or in-person. **Zoom attendees, please have a pen/pencil & some paper available. Some will be provided to the in-person group.**

News from Dave Miller

Jack McGovern

Celebration of Life Nov 5, 10:30 am

Please join us for a tree dedication ceremony to celebrate the life of Dr. Jack McGovern Head of Plymouth Meeting Friends School in the 1980's. If you did not know Jack, go to the Meeting website (News & Events) to read numerous remembrances by our teachers, alumni and others who were changed by his presence among us.

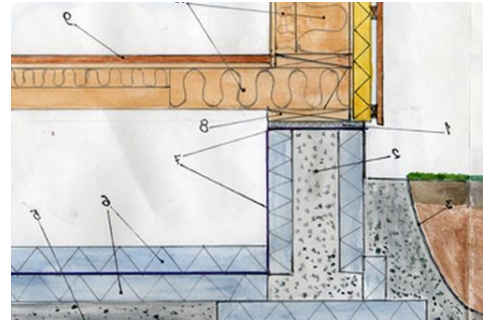
The celebration will be on Saturday, November 5th at 10:30am in the play yard next to the Meeting House. A tree will be planted near the location of the one he sat under reading his latest favorite book to the students.



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Crawlspace update

This spring and summer people experienced a strong odor of cat urine in the Annie H Wilson room and musky odor in the Meeting House. The intensity of the odor went up and down with the humidity. The odor at times was so strong that it precluded from people from using the building even when fans were placed in the windows. Investigation determined that the odor was coming from the crawlspaces below the floors. These spaces are stone walls and dirt floors. Moisture in this area in the form of high humidity (60 to 85%) during the summer is causing mold to grow in the soil and on the wood. Additional moisture is coming from the basement where water comes in through the front wall after rain.



At a called Meeting in August the Monthly Meeting agreed to proceed with a project to address the moisture issues that are enabling mold to grow and odors to come into the buildings. In September the property committee evaluated contractor proposals. In a called Meeting on September 2nd, the Monthly Meeting agreed to sign a contract with Basement Waterproof Specialist to do the work. The cost of the project will be approximately \$53,000. It is hoped that the job can be done before Thanksgiving. A more complete record about the crawlspace and reasons for choice of contractor can be found on the website in the news and events section. Contributions towards the cost of this project can be sent to treasurer Linda White or use the website donation page.

Support of community Bail Fund

At 9th Month business meeting the Peace and Social Concerns Committee brought the request to the Monthly Meeting to send a \$1,000 donation to Montgomery County Reuniting Family Bail Fund.



Vincent O'Grady and John Schatz have been active members of this organization that advocates for abolition of bail for non-violent offenders and provides bail to those who are currently incarcerated and waiting for their hearing. The average bond is \$200 or less. The Monthly Meeting held over the request for one month so that those who have not attend prior meeting on bail bond issues can speak with Vincent or John to learn more. John will be attending this month's Peace and Social Concerns meeting on the first Friday of the month at 7pm. There is also information available on the organization's webs site.


<https://www.bailfundmontco.org/>

Land Acknowledgement

During 8th month Quarterly Meeting Abington Quarterly Meeting minuted its unity in requesting Monthly Meetings in Abington Quarter consider adding a land acknowledgement to their websites. At Plymouth's 9th month business meeting the Monthly Meeting minuted its approval to begin the process of developing a meaningful land acknowledgment of the Lenape people who lived on the land where the Meeting House is located and on which we have our homes. Participation in a recent Pendle Hill conference presented by representative of several indigenous tribes has provided an outline for what is needed to make a Land Acknowledgement meaningful and relevant to the life of the Monthly Meeting. If you are interested in participating in this effort, contact David Miller.



News from the Quarter



Mark your calendars
AFSC Holiday Sale – December 3
Leaf Raking - December 5

Volunteers Wanted Volunteers are wanted to help with the AFSC (American Friends Service Committee) Holiday sale at Gwynedd Meeting. Volunteers will help with pricing, sorting, moving, displaying items, and assisting shoppers. We ask that you do a minimum of four hours during the week of the sale which is on December 3rd. Please note this doesn't need to be done in one single four-hour period. Contact Chris Mrozinski if you are able to help at christophermrozinski@gmail.com . (Gwynedd MM AFSC Fundraising Committee Member)

Leaf raking is scheduled at the Meetinghouse for December 5 – details to follow.

News from Annual Meeting & Beyond

Colonial Ministerium Interfaith Service for Thanksgiving
Sunday, November 20 5pm Conshohocken United Methodist Church

There will be a ministerium interfaith service on Sunday, November 20, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the Conshohocken United Methodist Church, 6th. Avenue and Fayette Street in Conshohocken. Friends and their families (and friends) are invited to participate.