



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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June/Summer 2023

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June 2023

Sat	June 10 & 24	10:30 – 12:00 pm	The Quaker City: Walking tours of Old City starting at Arch Street Meeting House (see PYM website for more details)
Sun	June 11	6:00 pm	Worship & Ministry via Zoom
Tues	June 13	6:30 – 8:30	PMFS Graduation
Sun	June 18	9:00 am	Meeting for Business (blended)
Sun	18-23		Junior Friends Conference at Camp Innabah
Sun	June 25	After Meeting	Friendly Fourth/Annual picnic – All are welcome!

Summer 2023

Sun - Sat	July 2 - 8		Friends General Conference at Western Oregon University in Monmouth Oregon
Wed - Sun	July 26-30		Annual Sessions (hybrid) at College of New Jersey
Sun	Aug 6	9:00 am	Quarterly Meeting and Picnic at Richland Meeting (Meeting will be blended)
Sun	Aug 27	9:00 am	AQM Representative Committee at Plymouth
Tues	Sept 5	7:00 pm	Care & Concern
Sun	Sept 10	1:00 – 3:00	PMM + PMFS picnic – Quaker Life Committee

- 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. 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 office@plymouthmeetingquakers.org

Queries for June

Witnessing in the World: Ministry of Outreach

- How does our meeting communicate Friends' presence and principles to the wider community?
- How does our meeting join with other faith communities in worship, in spiritual dialogue and in social action?
- What are we doing to invite persons to attend our meetings for worship, to welcome them when they come, to listen sensitively to their needs and hesitations and to encourage their continued attendance?
 - *How do I share my spiritual life and experience with others?*
 - *Does my life as a Friend attract others to our religious society?*
 - *What opportunities have I taken to worship with people from other religious and cultural backgrounds and work with them on common concerns?*

News from the Meeting

Friendly Fourth/Annual picnic – All are Welcome Sunday, June 25

After Meeting for Worship on June 25, the Meeting is sponsoring a picnic on the back patio. Please join us! We are providing the usual cook-out fare (meat and vegetarian), and everyone is welcome. Please bring salads, fruit or dessert to share.

Planting Event a Success

On Sunday, May 7th Journeyworks and Meeting volunteers led by Paige Menton continued the process of developing a "Woodland Meadow" to reduce the amount of grass cutting on our property. The group planted plants and shrubs in front of the meetinghouse. More plants will be added in the fall as they become available. Check out the meadow and new signs identifying the area.

Opportunity to Help Refugees and Immigrants

During the 5th Month Business Meeting, the Monthly Meeting was in unity about providing a \$500 donation to a refugee organization to help them minister to the daily needs of refugees and immigrants that are currently suffering.

Friends considered four organizations as possible recipients, two here in Philadelphia and two that work on both sides of the border. Friends had differing opinions about whether to send the donation to a local or a border organization. So that the donation was not delayed, a decision was made to divide the donation and send it to the two organizations below, one local and one on the border. Friends were encouraged to send a personal donation to one of the organizations or to send it to the Monthly Meeting to increase the Monthly Meeting donation.

At this time, an additional \$200 has been received by the Monthly Meeting. We will hold off on sending the donation until June 13th to receive any additional donations. You may bring them on Firstday to Meeting or, better yet, send them directly to Linda White at the address below. Give her a call to tell her the check is in the mail.

Linda White, Treasurer
Phone 215-641-4564

Address:

519 Fort Washington Avenue
Fort Washington, Pa 19034

Local organization

Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society

<https://hiaspa.org/about-us/mission/>

Helps immigrants navigate the complexities of American society and its legal system. Work spans legal, social support (housing, food etc), and citizenship services. To make a check donation, please mail a check made out to HIAS Pennsylvania.

Organization on the border

Kino Border Initiative

<https://www.kinoborderinitiative.org/what-we-do/>

Promote humane, just, and workable migration through:

- Direct humanitarian assistance and holistic accompaniment of migrants (food, shelter, clothing, and medical attention)
- Education and encounter between migrants and others that transforms people and communities towards solidarity with migrants.
- Policy advocacy in Mexico and the US

News from the School

Strawberry Festival, Graduation and Scholarship Fund

The Strawberry Festival on June 3rd was wonderful! Many attended and the weather was beautiful. Lots of fun, food, and many familiar faces reunited after not being public for three years. And the strawberry shortcakes were the best! Thank you to Meeting members who volunteered their time hulling strawberries on the Friday before and to those who helped make the festival a success with your time and energy!

6th grade graduation will be June 13th in school at 9:30-10:30 am and graduation and reception in the Meetinghouse 6:30-8:30 pm. Congratulations to the graduates and their families. The last day of school is also June 13th

Reminder: Please consider donating toward the Anne Javsis Community Scholarship Fund. Designate your gift using the "I want to support" selection at: <https://www.pmfs1780.org/giving/make-a-gift>

Save the date PMM + PMFS Picnic

Sunday, September 10

Following Meeting for Worship until 3 PM, the PMFS PTO, Quaker Life Committee and the Meeting are sponsoring a picnic to welcome back school parents. Meeting members will be asked to provide desserts.

(Thanks to our School Reporter, Sally Bishop)

News from the Quarter

Abington Quarter will meet for a short Meeting for Business at 9:00 am August 6 at Richland MM, followed by worship and the Annual brown bag picnic. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend. It's a good time to meet Friends from other meetings in our Quarter. Bring a bag lunch and a dish or dessert to share. For more information contact: Rebecca Cratin, 215-542-8738 or rhcratin@cratin.com.

Junior Friends Conference/Camps

Junior Friends Conference (JFC) is a Quaker sleep-over program for children who are now in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. JFC is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with children from your Meeting and from other Friends Meetings. It is a place to have fun and learn more about being a Friend/Quaker.

<https://www.abingtonquarterlymeeting.org/Publisher/File.aspx?ID=326141>

Middle School Friends Conference (MSFC) is a Quaker residential program for people who are now in 7th and 8th grades. MSFC is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with people from your meeting and from other meetings. It is a place to have fun and learn more about being a Friend/Quaker. <https://www.abingtonquarterlymeeting.org/Publisher/File.aspx?ID=326139>