



Plymouth Monthly Meeting Newsletter

Meetings for Worship

First Day Plain Worship, no Zoom, 10-11
 First Day Meeting blended worship: 11:15 am
Midweek Meeting for Worship: 7:00 pm on Wednesdays (blended)

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March 2025

Sun	Mar 9	6:00 pm	Worship & Ministry
Sun	Mar 9	After Meeting	Spiritual Conversation Group
Tues	Mar 11	4:30 pm	Land Acknowledgement Committee
Fri/Sat	Mar 14/15	7:00pm – 8:00 pm	PMFS 2025 4th Grade Circus - Steinbright Bldg on campus
Sun	Mar 16	9:00 am	Meeting for Business (blended)
Sun	Mar 23	After Meeting	Friendly Fourth – all are welcome
Sun	Mar 23	2:00 pm	Music Circle

February 2025

Tues	April 1	7:00 pm	Care & Concern online
Thurs	April 10	All day	PMFS PTO Fundraiser at California Pizza Kitchen, PM Mall
Sun	April 13	9:00 am	Meeting for Business <– note date change for Easter
Sun	April 13	After Meeting	Spiritual Conversation Group
Sun	April 13	6:00 pm	Worship and Ministry
Fri	April 18		Good Friday activities
Sat	April 19	Morning	Spring Greening – school grounds beautification event
Sun	April 20	10:00am	Easter Sunday pancake breakfast
Sun	April 27	After Meeting	Friendly Fourth – all are welcome. Palestinian Olive Oil for sale
Sun	April 27	2:00 pm	Music Circle

- All **First Day Meetings for Worship** will begin at 10:00 (Plain worship, no Zoom, no childcare) and 11:15 am (blended worship, childcare/First Day School available).
- **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 Meeting for Worship via Zoom info always available at office@plymouthmeetingquakers.org

Queries for March

Nurturing Our Community: Stewardship of Resources

- 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 Worship and Ministry



Friends, as we engage our world in these times that “are a changing”, let our first motion be love. Consider the words of Thomas Kelly as we talk about people or engage in conversations and actions:

...the grounds of the social responsibility and social sensitivity of Friends, ... is not humanitarianism. It is not in mere pity. It is not in mere obedience to Bible commands. It is not in anything earthly.

The social concern of Friends is grounded in an experience – an experience of the Love of God ... Social concern is the dynamic Life of God at work in the world, made special and emphatic and unique, particularized in each individual or group who is sensitive and tender in the leading-strings of love. Its execution is in peace and power and astounding faith and joy, for in unhurried serenity the Eternal is at work in the midst of time...

- Thomas Kelly, “The Eternal Now and Social Concern” written in the chaotic time leading up to and entering World War II.

Urgent Need for Rental Assistance

The rapid changes occurring in Washington impacts have come to Montgomery County. As a Monthly Meeting and as individuals of our Monthly Meeting, we have been supporting local organizations that help prevent homelessness in our community and help those who are currently unhoused. With the current cutbacks in Federal support, as of March 3rd, Montgomery County has not received the budgeted funding disbursement for January and February. Funding for permanent supportive housing that was supposed to arrive has not. This leaves about 400 currently housed Montgomery County neighbors at risk of eviction including 120 children.



There has been no response from HUD to county officials asking why the funds have not been received, or if they will be sent in the future. With the loss of funding the County program “**Your Way Home**” will not be able to support the nine local nonprofits that provide housing or assist to people who are at risk of losing their housing.

Our county officials are continuing to work with Federal entities to obtain the budgeted funding. However, in the interim there is an urgent need to assist the agencies that help our fellow citizens by raising funds through public donations. If not raised evictions will begin. The importance of maintaining a home for people is shown by this statistic evaluating the effectiveness of the program: **Between 2020 and 2022, 84% of Rapid Rehousing clients have maintained permanent housing stability after exiting the program and have not returned to homelessness.**

Donations can be made directly to **Your Way Home** using this link: <https://yourwayhome.org/donate>
To see the variety of community groups that **Your Way Home** helps to fund go to their website: <https://yourwayhome.org/what-we-do>

Right Relationship Working Group

As part of our Right Relationship Queries this monthly section of the newsletter provides information about our Indigenous neighbors, their history, current affairs and cultural opportunities.

Field trip to Carlisle Bording School - A visit to the Carlisle Bording School and cemetery will occur on Memorial Day weekend. From 1879 until 1918, more than 10,000 Native American children were removed from their families across 140 tribes and sent to Carlisle Boarding school for cultural erasure known as “kill the Indian and save the man (woman)”. Carpooling for the one-day event will occur on Saturday May 34th. This is an early announcement because to visit the school requires entering the US Army War College military base. To enter the base prior registration and paperwork must be filed. More information will be provided next month.

Indigenous news –

Indigenous Tribes and organizations regularly remind those seeking relationship with them to know their history of interface with indigenous peoples and to know the current affairs of both local tribes and tribal events around the country. Our website has a list of books written by Indigenous peoples that will provide a foundational understanding of American Indigenous history up to current times. These books can be found in our Meeting library. If you have had one checked out for a while, please return it so others can read the books.

Current Indigenous affairs can most easily be found on a variety of Indigenous peoples created internet news pages. Examples of current national news are:

- Native News Online <https://nativenewsonline.net/>
 - Osage Minerals Council pushes back on Doge
 - Haskell Indian Nations Univ Track Team requests Meeting with President Trump
 - Luly Gladston’s Oscar Gowns Featured at Smithsonian
- Indian Country Today <https://ictnews.org/news>
 - These are not normal times: Deb Haaland
 - Dakota Access Pipeline Greenpeace SLAP Lawsuit has started
 - News from the Iditarod

For more local tribal news visit tribal websites and read their newsletters. Examples of Lenape newsletters

- Delaware Tribe of Indians OK <https://delawaretribe.org/>
- Delaware Nation OK <https://www.delawarenation-nsn.gov/category/news/>
- Lenape Indian Tribe of Delaware <http://lenapeindiantribeofdelaware.com/>

2025 Multi-Church “Servants At Work” Mission April 4/5, 2025

The first weekend in April, folks from Plymouth will be assisting a group led by Bethel Hill Methodist Church in Lansdale to build a duplex house frame in the parking lot of Bethel Hill. HELP BUILD HOPE is an organization that will coordinate along with “Servants At Work” (SAW) team leaders to provide training, tools, and transportation of a basic frame structure. This structure will be delivered to a location in Reading PA, where teams working through Habitat for Humanity Berks County will complete the building project for needy, deserving families. All lumber and supplies will be provided by SAW team fund raisers, local donations and the members and friends of local congregations.



- ✓ Friday 4/4: afternoon is “Cut, Mark & Carry Session”- approx. 2 hours 5:00 - 7:00 PM.
- ✓ Saturday 4/5 is “Build Day”- approx.. 7 hours – 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- ✓ Saturday Breakfast and lunch will be provided,
- ✓ T-shirts are available for purchase for those who preregister (see below)

Families are encouraged to include children of any age on Saturday for the build day. All ages welcome. No building skills needed. There are many ways to assist.



Wally Kimber and Dave Miller from our Meeting will be participating again this year. **Sign up to help using from their website www.bethelhill.org.** Monetary donations may be made payable to Bethel Hill UMC with SAW in the memo line. 2000 Bethel Road Lansdale, PA 19446. Have additional questions? Contact the Bethel Hill Methodist Church office – 610-584-5936

Property Committee – New A/V System

At the 2nd month Business Meeting the discernment of the Monthly Meeting was to purchase a new audio/visual system for the Meeting House. The property committee will work with Front Row Seat Productions to install the system proposed and presented to the Monthly Meeting. The installation date is proposed to be in April. Grants are being pursued to offset some of the costs. The presentation presented at the Business Meeting is available on the website with the business meeting minutes.

A spring outdoors workday has been scheduled for April 19th with our school. This will be a time to do general spring cleanup of the grounds and buildings: clean the grounds from the broken branches, prepare the flower gardens, trim shrubs, clean gutters etc. Many hands will make light work. Reserve some time on your schedule to enjoy a spring morning caring for our Meeting property.

New Clerk Needed for Plymouth

Our former Clerk of Meeting, Michael Mrozinski, has been approved by the Quarter and is now Clerk of Abington Quarterly Meeting. Congratulations, Mike, and good luck!

This leaves an opening in our own Meeting for a Clerk. Nominating Committee is looking for one or more people willing to serve in this capacity. Please see Rebecca Cratin or Bonnie Miller if interested

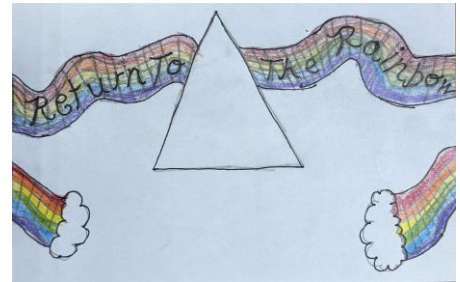
Annual Party April 26 – Save the Date

Although we are still firming up the details, we have scheduled our annual party for Saturday, April 26. Check your mail for an invitation. The number of people who are interested will determine whether we hold it at the Meetinghouse or at people's home – more details to follow.

News from the School

Return of the Rainbow - 4th Grade Circus

This year's circus, *Return to the Rainbow*, marks the 22nd annual incarnation of the beloved PMFS event. The show is a very loose interpretation of the classic Wizard of Oz in which a modern day Dorothy and Toto are brought back to save the land they love. Watch the fourth graders juggle, walk the wire, perform magical ariel acts and unicycle!



Tickets still available for the March 15th show at 7:00pm in the Steinbright Auditorium. Tickets are ten dollars and available for purchase [HERE](#).

Plymouth Meeting Friends School News

The Meet and Greet event on March 6th for Matt Bradly, incoming Interim Head of School, was well attended by the school and Meeting community, alums, alum families, past faculty and administration and loving friends. After refreshments and socializing, we gathered in the meetinghouse for a chance to listen to Matt's introduction and opportunities for Q&A. Well done School Committee and those who volunteered their time in planning this lovely event.

The **PTO** has a **fundraiser** scheduled on **April 10th at California Pizza Kitchen** at the Plymouth Meeting Mall. The restaurant will give PMFS 20% of our sales for all day and evening, dining in or take-out. A coupon will be coming soon.

Spring Greening is scheduled for Saturday, April 19th to do some planting, cleanup and general beautifying the grounds.

Our traveling 5th grade students are having a wonderful time in **Mexico** with their exchange families and at the Colegio Williams School. They are enjoying warm weather, music, culture and visiting local sites.

New Way to Donate to the School

The most impactful way you can support the Plymouth Meeting Friends School and its mission is participation in the PA tax credit program on behalf of PMFS. It is also hugely satisfying for people who are involved, since it is a way of helping more students be able to attend Plymouth.

This program would require you to check in with your accountant or tax advisor, if you use one, or look up what your annual PA tax liability is, which is the starting point for the program. It's not as straightforward as making an Annual Fund gift. Helpfully, there are two upcoming Zoom informational sessions for The Friends Collaborative (**3/12 – 6:30 pm, 3/13- 11:00 am [RSVP HERE](#). **Flyer attached.****). For more information, contact Linda Metzler in the Development department of Plymouth Meeting Friends School. She can be reached anytime by phone (610.613.9717).

News from Yearly Meeting

Yearly Meeting Thread Gathering on Climate Witness

Saturday, March 22, 2025

Friends Center | 1501 Cherry St. Philadelphia, PA

Zoom Worship at 9, Event 9:30 – 4:00

On **March 22**, you are invited to gather with others who share your commitment—or curiosity—about climate action. [This gathering](#) will offer an opportunity to discuss practical next steps for your meeting, household, or community, and to hear from those already taking bold, faithful steps toward climate justice. Together, we will reflect on how we can more deeply answer the call to care for our planet. This day is not only an invitation to act, but also to listen, reflect, and deepen our spiritual grounding. We will explore how we might respond to the urgency of the climate crisis, together, as a community grounded in faith, love, and creativity.

Worship. We will begin the day in worship, centering our hearts and minds in silence, opening ourselves to Divine guidance as we reflect on how to walk faithfully in these uncertain times.

Plenary. We'll hear from a panel of Friends who are deeply involved in climate activism, education, and witness. Their stories will provide both spiritual and practical grounding as we explore the current climate crisis and our collective response.

Workshops. You will have the opportunity to participate in two workshops, where you'll engage with five climate-focused Quaker organizations connected to PYM. These groups have been at the forefront of our witness on climate change, and the Friends who lead them will share their insights and experiences throughout the day. [Register for Thread Gathering](#)

There will also be youth programming during the workshop blocks, ensuring that children and young people can participate and engage with the day's themes.